Governor John P. St. John letter press book

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This collection of governor's correspondence comprises letters written by Kansas Governor John St. John and copied into a letter press book. Governor St. John's term of office (1879-1883) embraced the Exoduster movement, prohibition, conflicts with Native Americans, and the growth of the railroad industry in the state. Many of these letters will concern those issues as well as other more mundane activities. This series includes many responses to letters St. John received. Many of those letters are available as "correspondence received" in St. John's gubernatorial records. Some of those letters are available on Kansas Memory as item no. 210296 (Exoduster received correspondence) or item no. 216777 (Prohibition received correspondence). This book is the first in a series of eight letter press books St. John created while governor of Kansas. Due to the inherent difficulties of copying a letter into a press book, many of the letters will be difficult or impossible to read. An alphabetical index of correspondents and subjects begins the volume.

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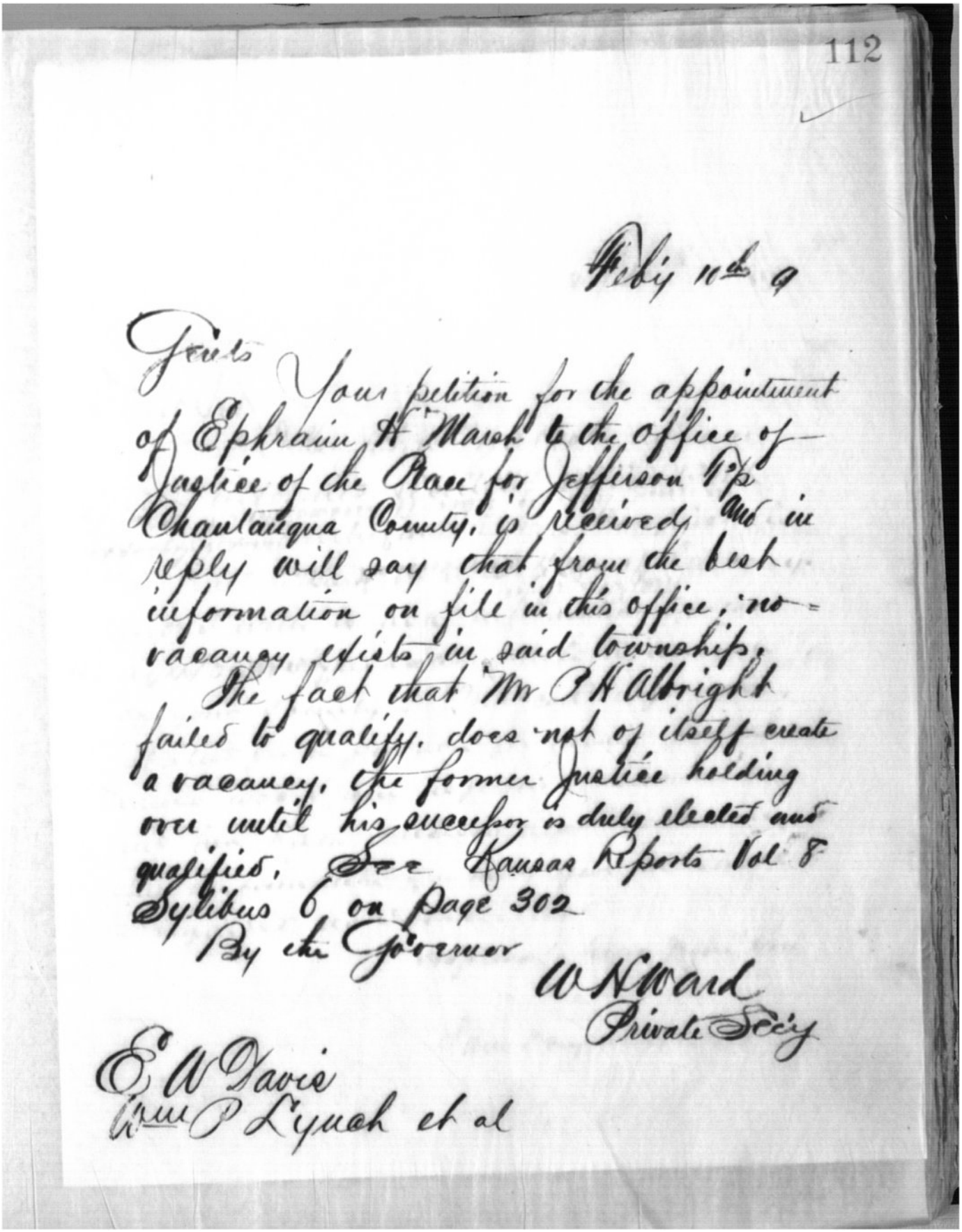
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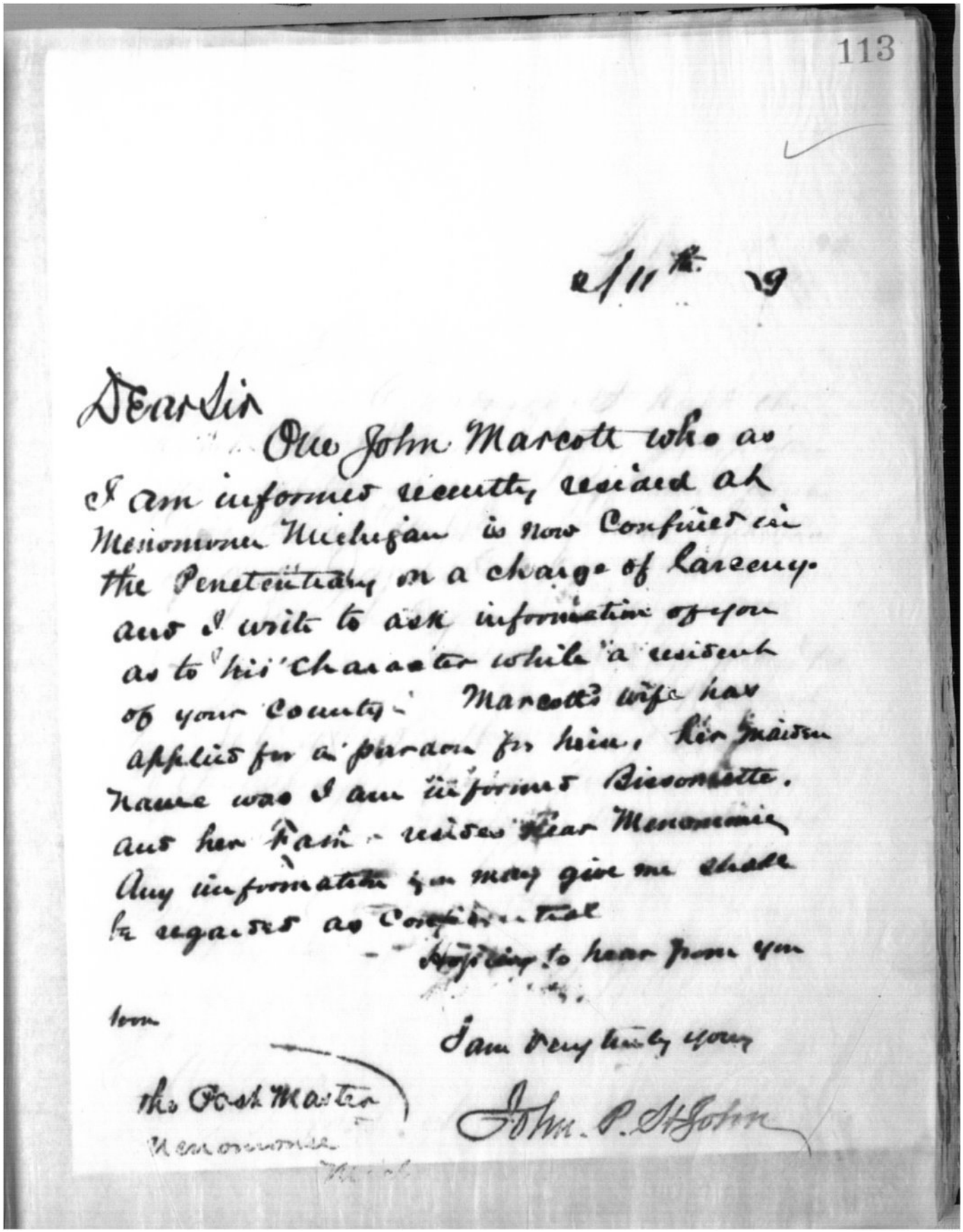
Your petition for the appointment of Ephraim H Marsh to the office of Justice of the Peace for Jefferson Tp Chautauqua County, is received and in reply will say that from the best information on file in this office, no vacancy exists in said township.

The fact that Mr O H Albright failed to qualify, does not of itself create a vacancy, the former justice holding over until his successor is duly elected and qualified. See Kansas Reports Vol 8 Sylibus 6 on Page 302

By the Governor

W N Ward
Private Secy

E W Davis
Wm P Lynch et al



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Dear Sir

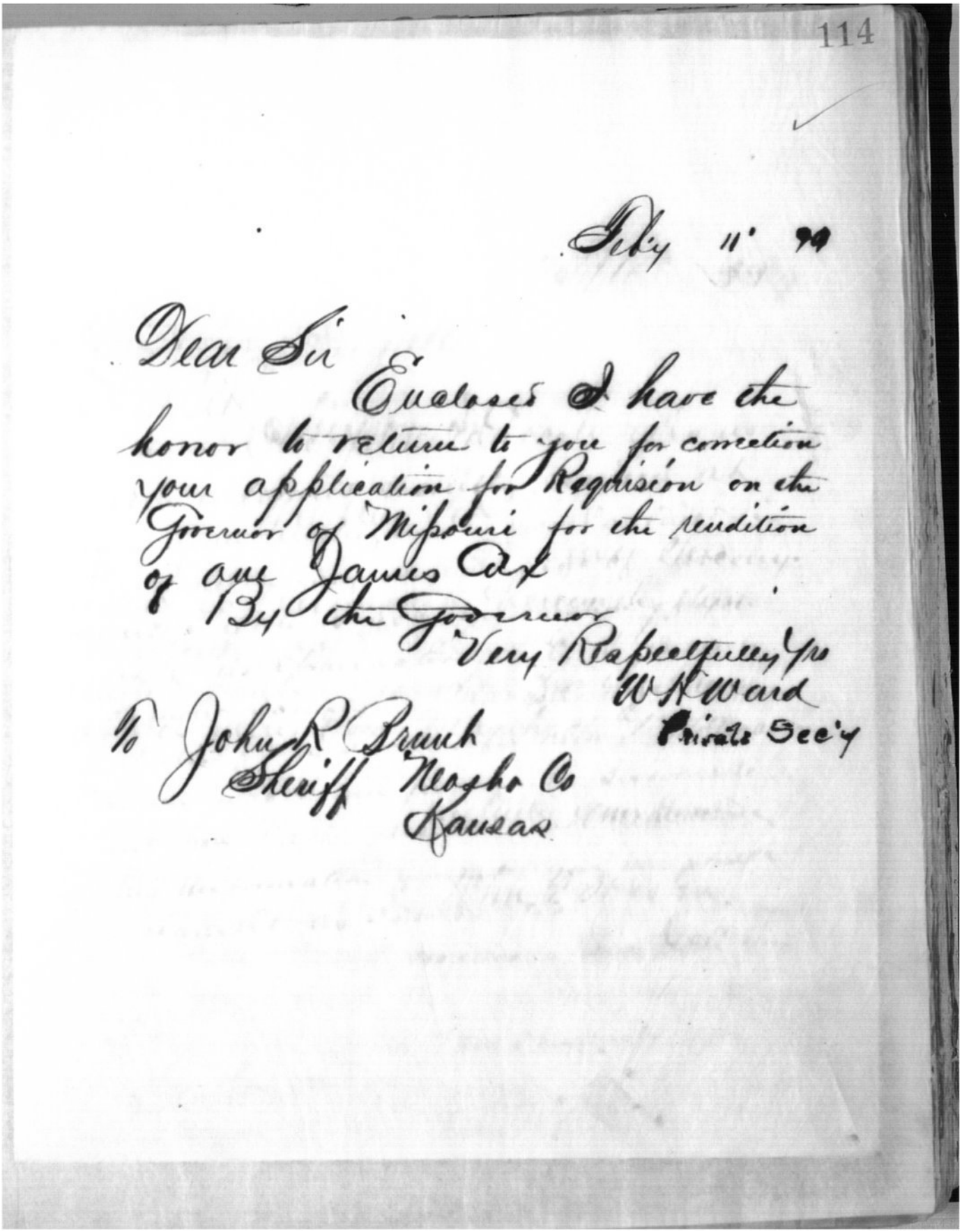
Ole John Marcott who as I am informed recently resided at Menomonee Michigan is now Confined in the Penetentiary on a charge of Larceny. and I write to ask information of you as to his character while a resident of your County. Marcotts wife has applied for a pardon for him. her maiden name was I am informed Bissonette. and her Father resides near Menomonie Any information you may give me shall be regarded as Confidential

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am Very truly yours

John P. St John

The Post Master
Menomonie
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July 11 '99

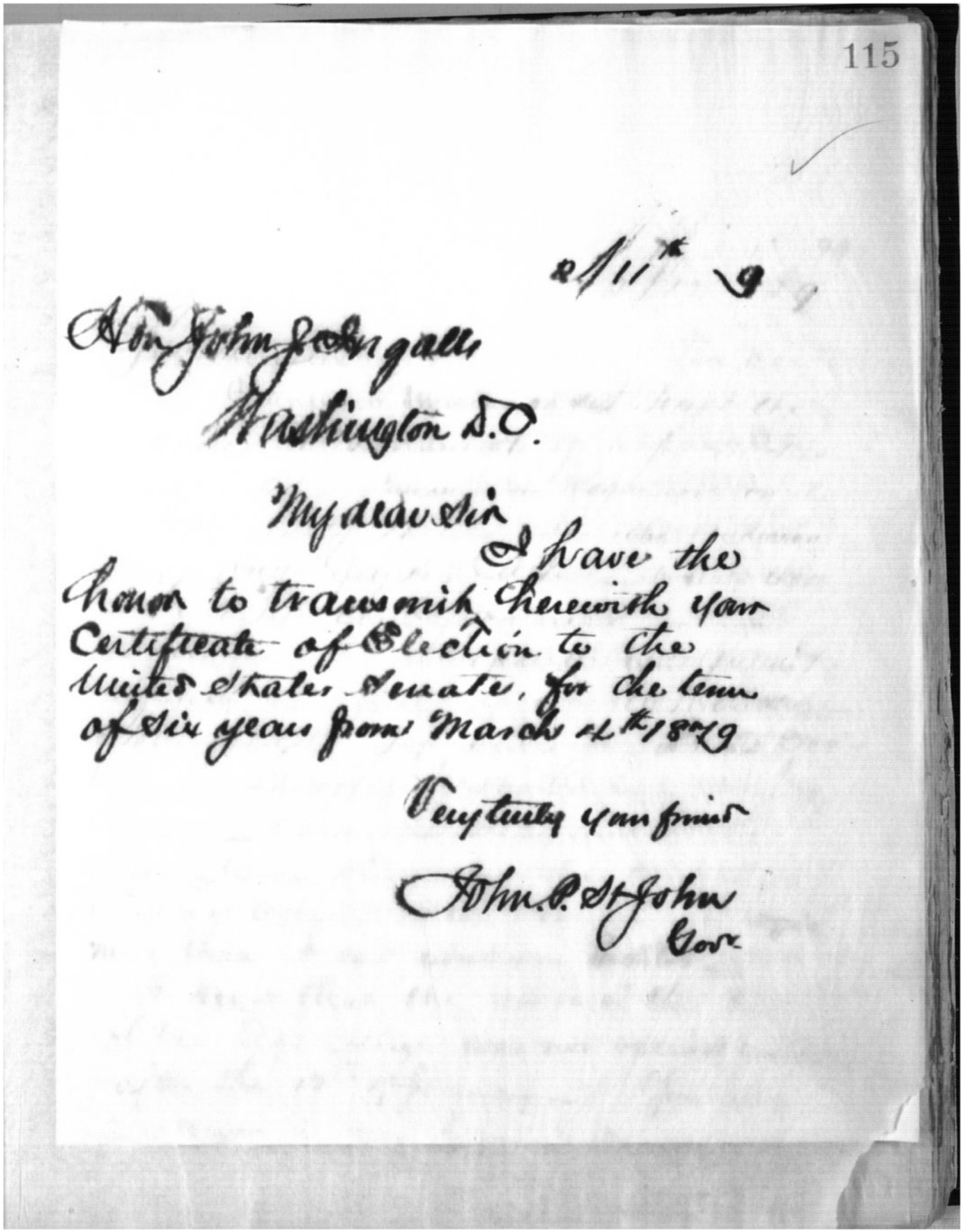
Dear Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to return to you for correction your application for Requisition on the Governor of Missouri for the rendition of one James Cox

By the Governor

Very Respectfully Yrs
W R Ward
Private Sec'y

To John R Brunk
Sheriff Neosho Co
Kansas



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Hon John Sherman

Washington D.C.

My dear Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your Certificate of Election to the United States Senate, for the term of Six years from March 4th 1879

Very truly your friend

John P. St John

Gov.

2/12 9

Jas Marvin
Chancellor University of Ks.
Lawrence Ks

My dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 10th inst I have the honor to state that as will appear from the inclosed note from Prof Lemmon The report from the University did not reach his hands until about the middle of January. I remember very distinctly that I could not get hold of your report until the very Last hour just before sending my Message to the Printer and was by reason of this fact deprived of the opportunity of [illegible] more than I did about your [illegible]

I know that the report of the Board of The Ag.l College was not received until after the 12th of January — Your report was never in my hands for any purpose

except as above stated. The reports of the several Educational Institutions should be printed separately in pamphlet form — and their appearance not be made to depend upon the question as to whether the Secretaries department is in readiness or not — I will expedite the printing of your reports & hope that they will be ready for distribution by December 1st. I do not think such delay does occur in the publication of the several biennial reports.

Very truly Yours

John P. St John

8/12th 9

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 7th inst. I have the honor to append hereto my autograph - as requested.

With assurances of my high regard for yourself

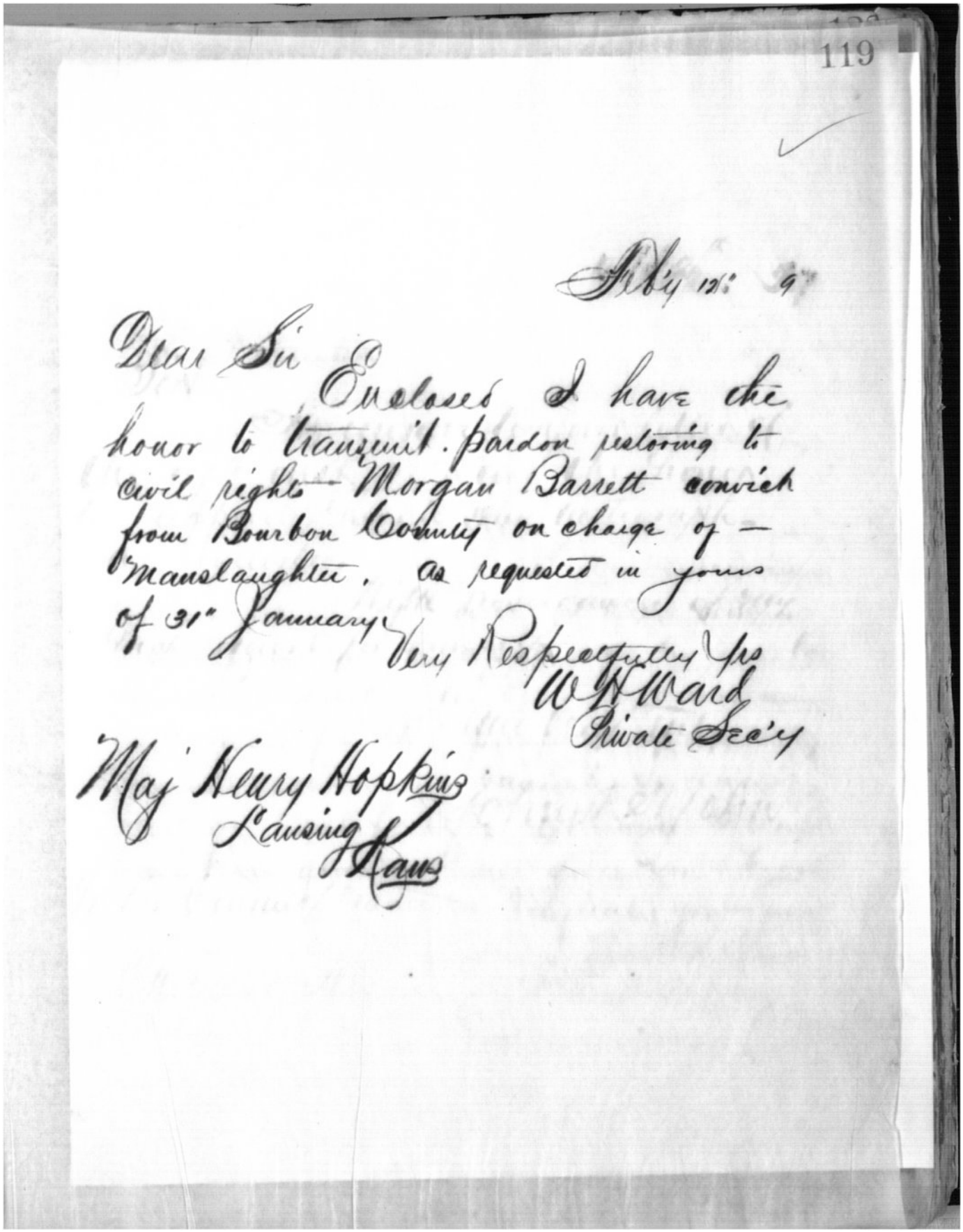
I am very truly

John P. St John

To the Consul of France

Chicago Ills

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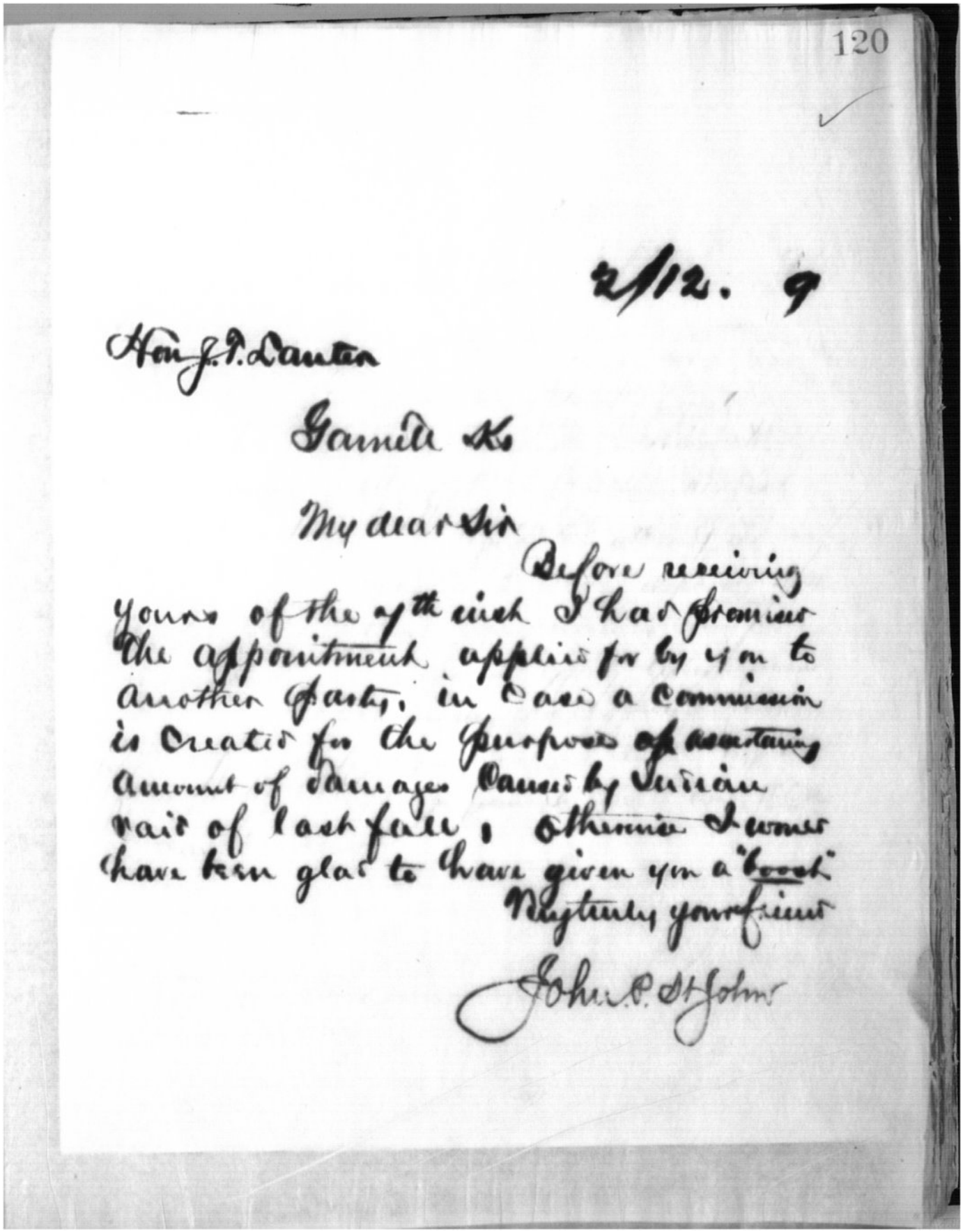
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Dear Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit. pardon relating to civil rights — Morgan Barrett convict from Bourbon County on charge of — Manslaughter. As requested in yours of 31st January

Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Ward
Private Sec'y

Maj Henry Hopkins
Lansing
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Hon J. P. Canton

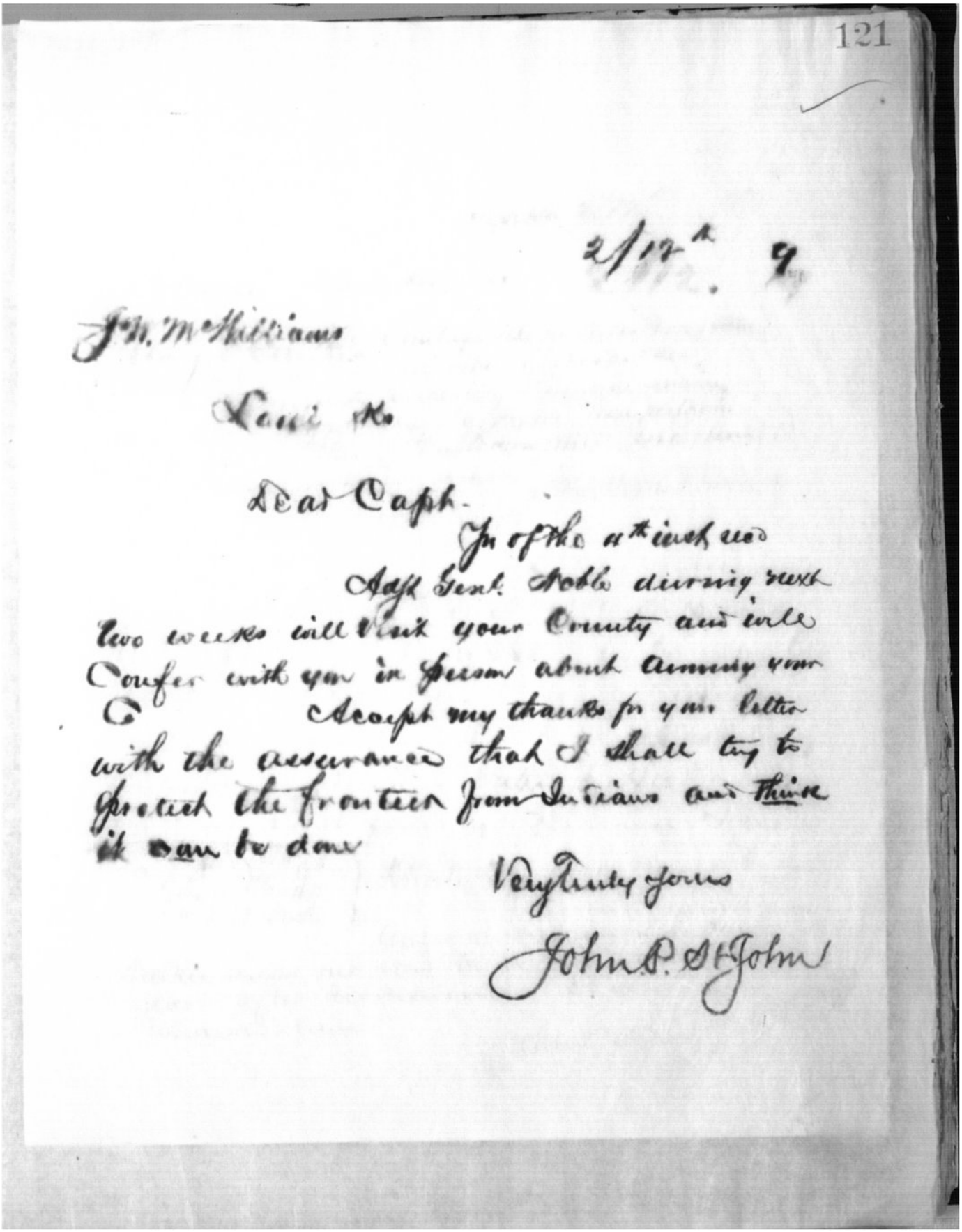
Gamill Ks

My dear Sir

Before receiving yours of the 9th inst I had promised the appointment applied for by you to another party, in case a Commission is created for the purpose of ascertaining amount of damages done by Indian raid of last fall; otherwise I would have been glad to have given you a "boost"

Very truly your friend

John P. St John



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J.N. McWilliams

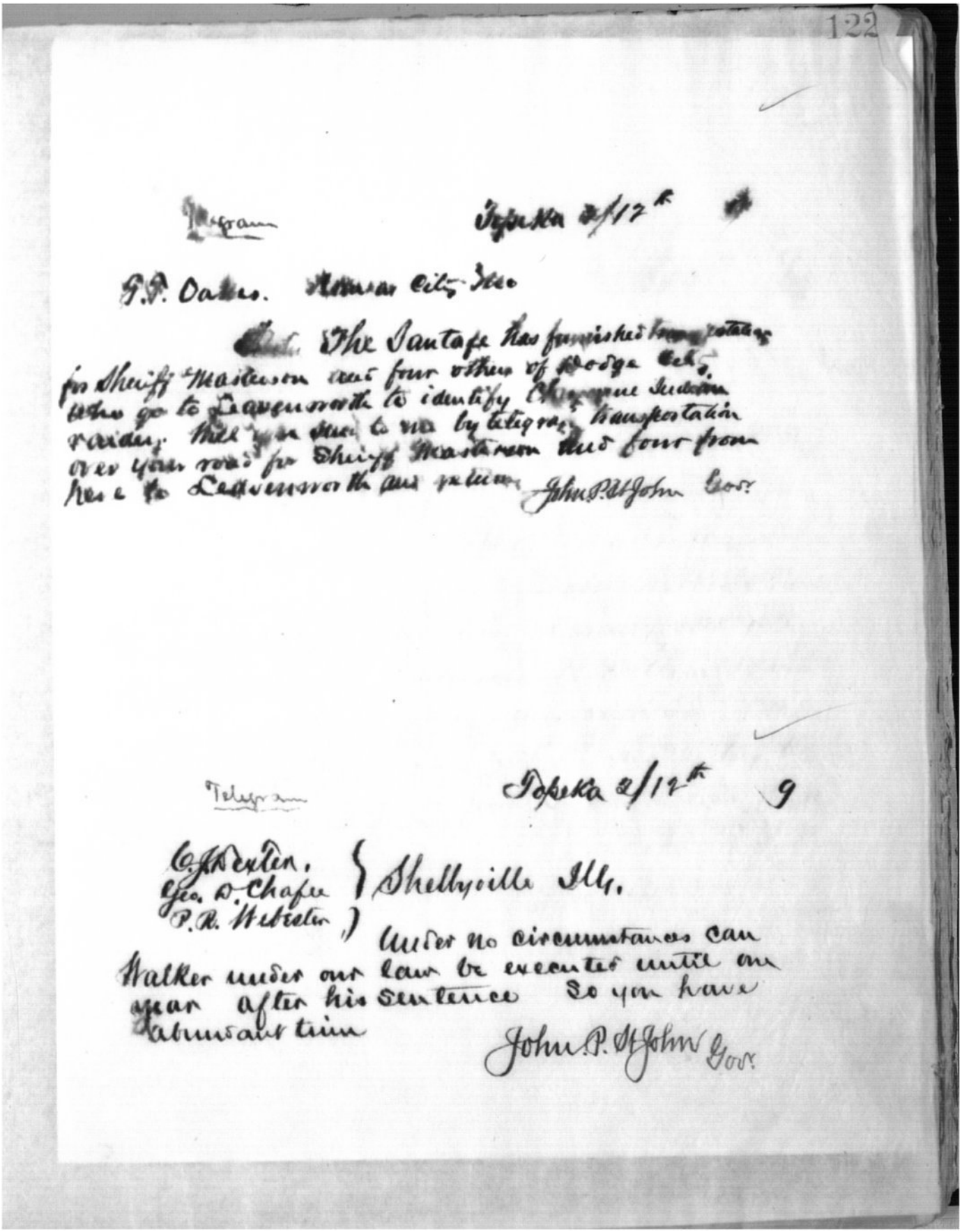
Lane Ks

Dear Capt.

In of the 11th inst we
Asst Genl Noble during next
two weeks will visit your County and will
Confer with you in person about Ammunition
Accept my thanks for your letter
with the assurance that I shall try to
protect the frontier from Indians and thieves
it can be done

Very truly yours

John P. St John



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Telegram Topeka 2/12th

G.P. Oakes. Kansas City Mo

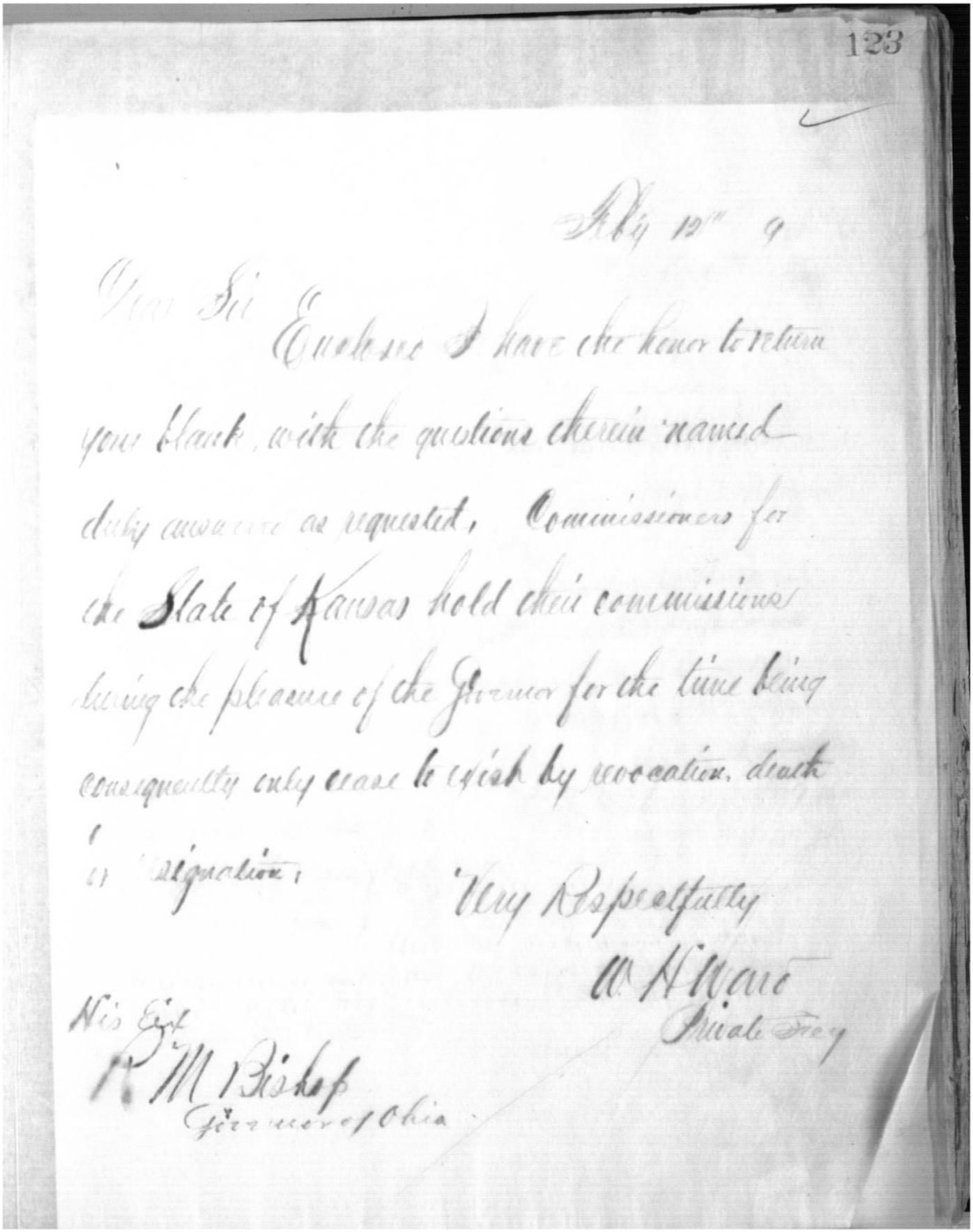
The Santafe has furnished transportation for Sheriff Matheson and four others of Dodge City who go to Leavenworth to identify Cheyenne Indians Friday. Will you due to me by telegraph transportation over your road for Sheriff Matheson and four from here to Leavenworth and return. John P. St John Gov.

Telegram Topeka 2/12th 9

C.J. Dexter, Geo. D. Chase P.A. Metcalf } Shelbyville Ills.

Under no circumstances can Walker under our laws be executed until one year after his sentence So you have abundant time

John P. St John Gov.



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July 19th 9

Gov. Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to return your blank, with the questions therein named duly answered as requested, Commissioners for the State of Kansas hold their commissions during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being consequently only cease to exist by revocation, death or resignation.

Very Respectfully

W H Ware

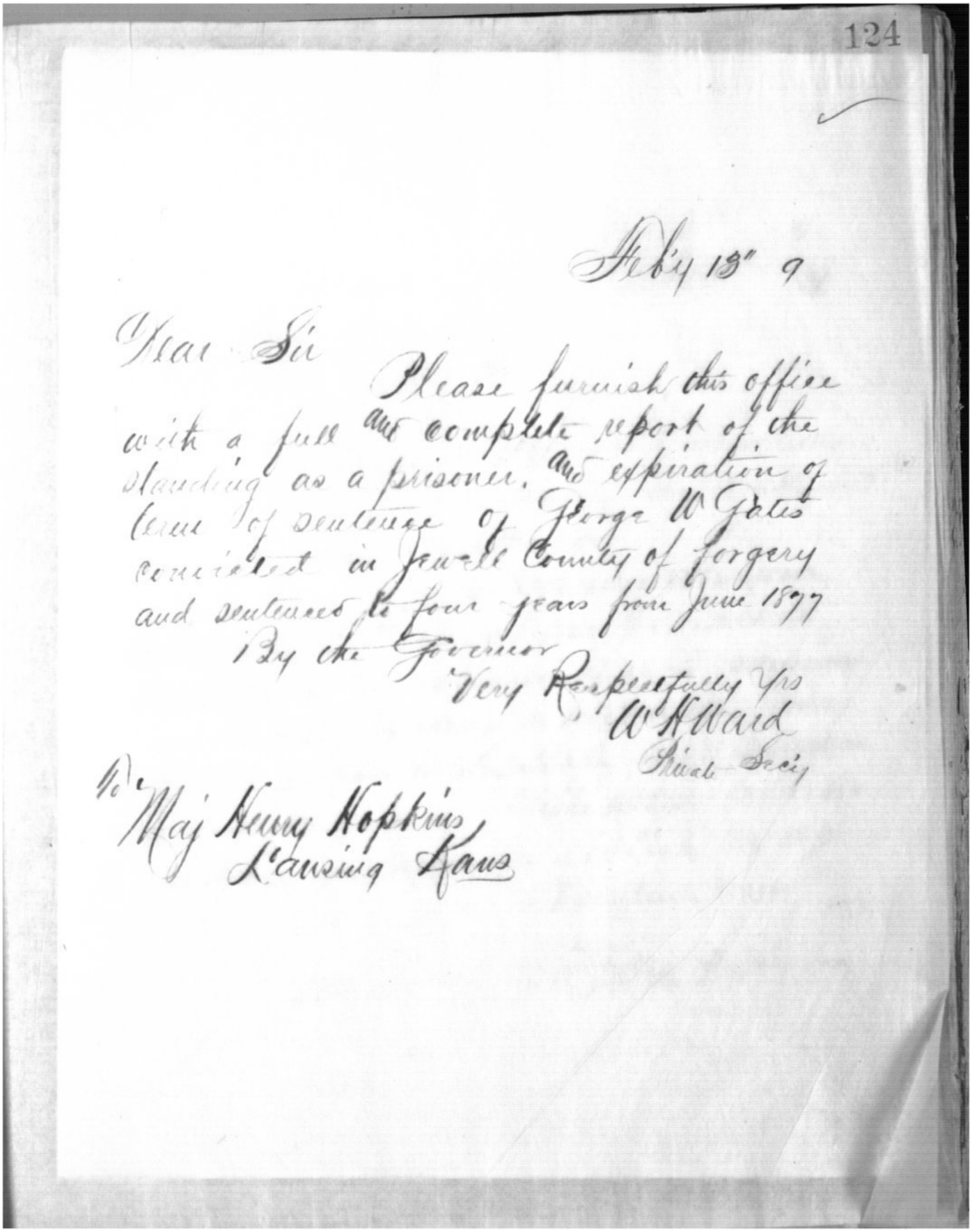
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R M Bishop

Governor of Ohio

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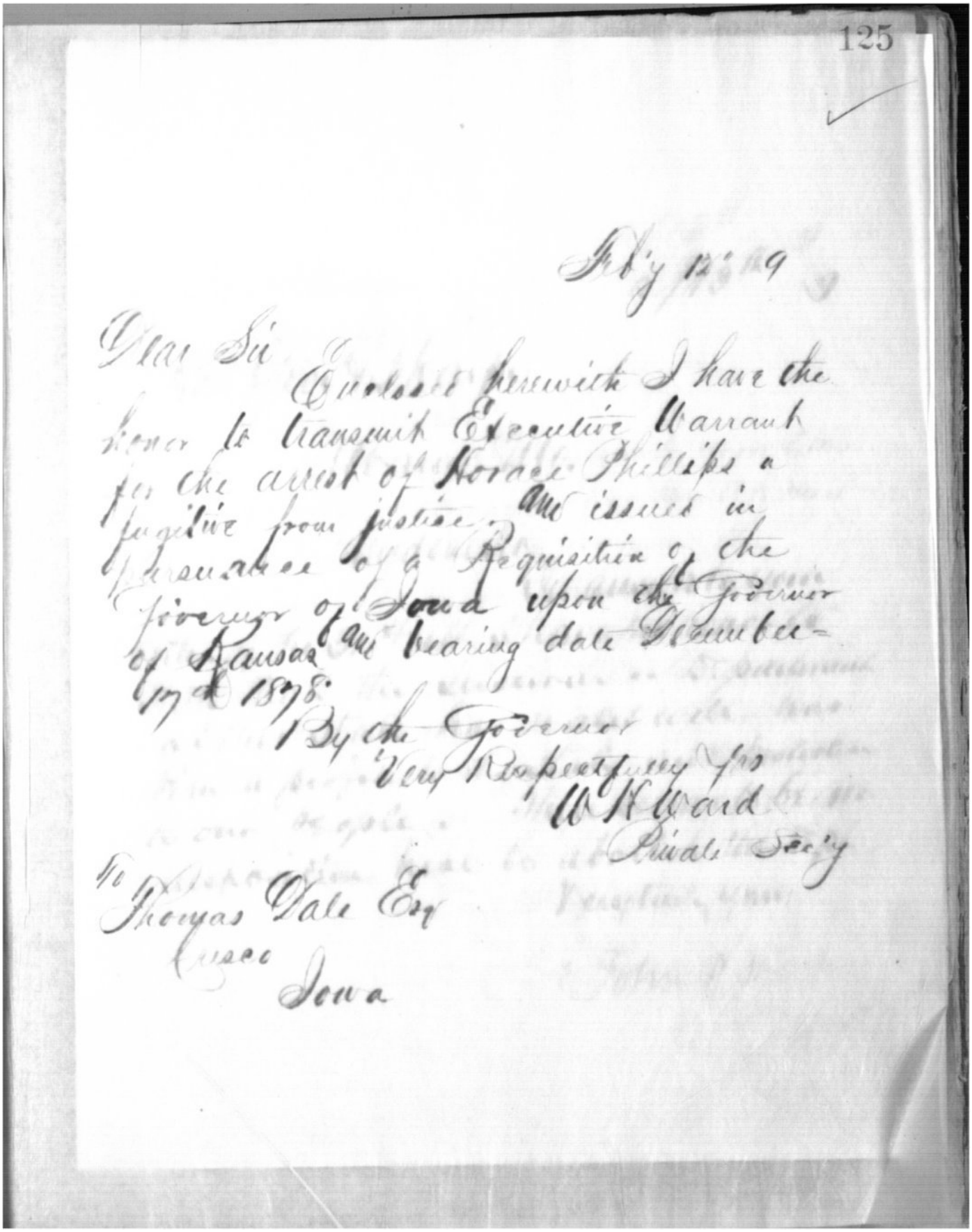
Dear Sir

Please furnish this office with a full and complete report of the standing as a prisoner, and expiration of term of sentence of George W Gates convicted in Jewell County of forgery and sentenced to four years from June 1877

By the Governor

Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Ward
Privt Secy

To
Maj Henry Hopkins
Lansing Kans



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Feby 12th 79

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit Executive Warrant for the arrest of Horace Phillips a fugitive from justice, and issued in pursuance of a Requisition of the Governor of Iowa upon the Governor of Kansas and bearing date December 17th 1878.

By the Governor

Very Respectfully Yrs

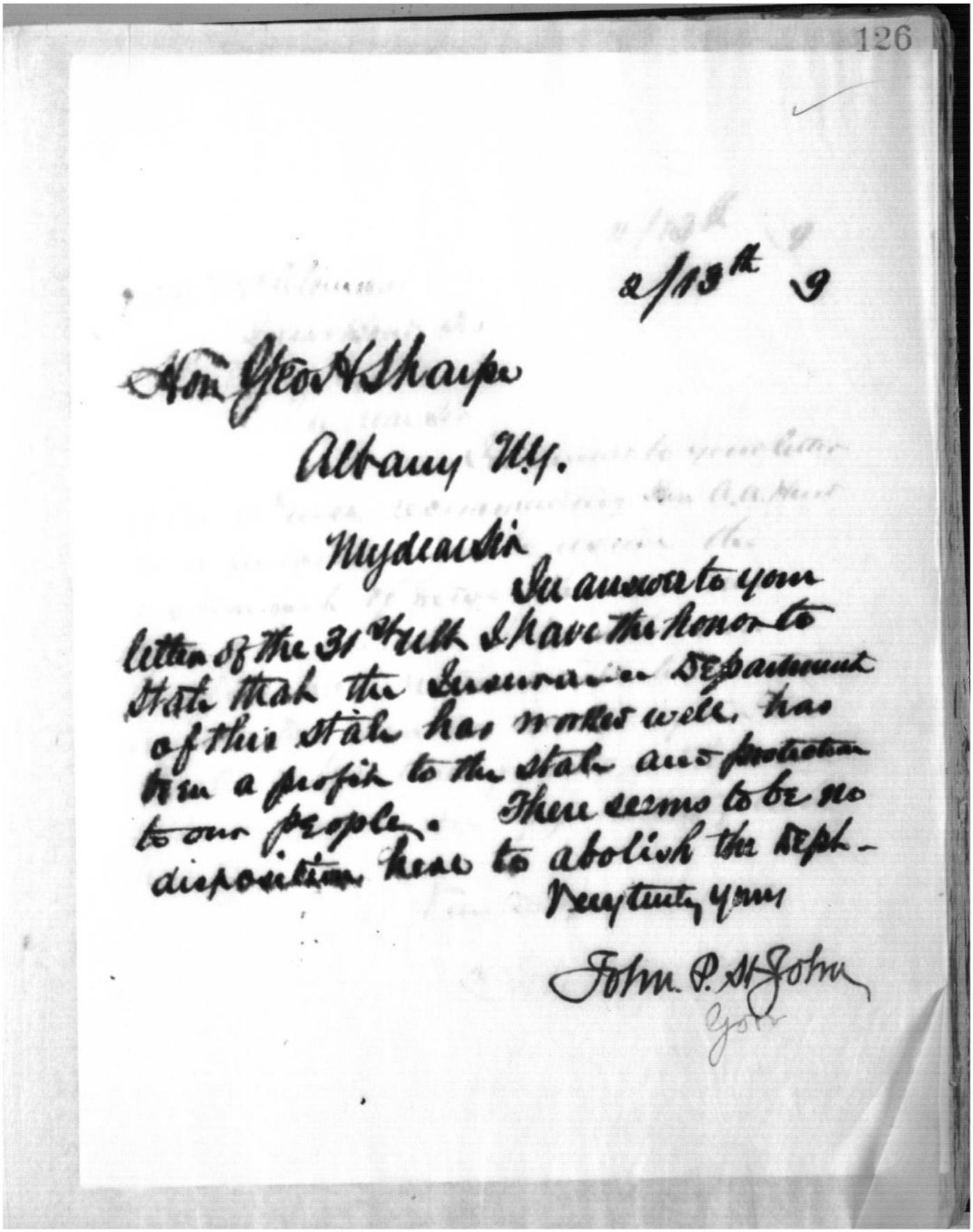
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To Thomas Dale Esq

Logan

Iowa



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Hon Geo A Shaupe

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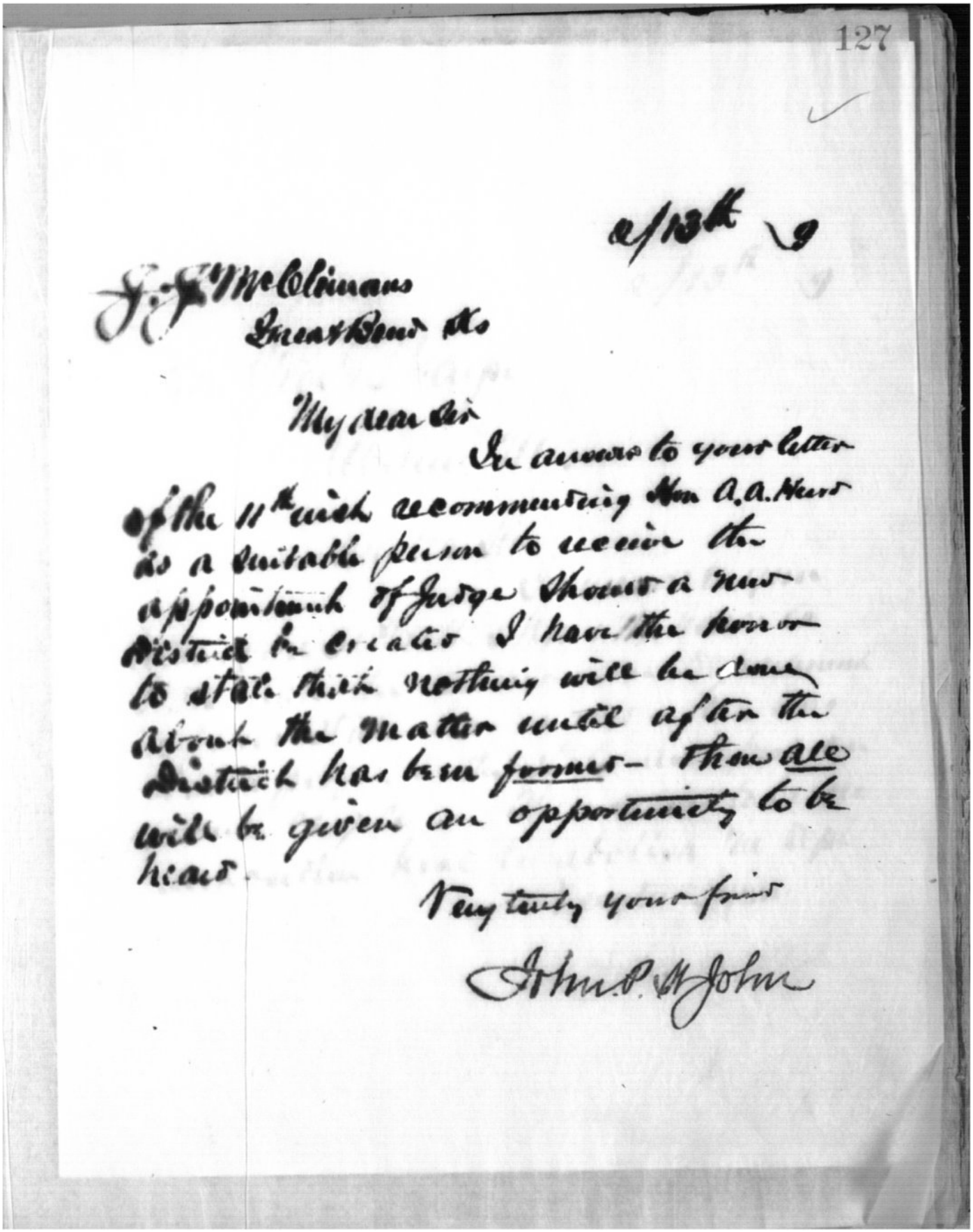
My dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 31st ult I have the honor to state that the Insurance Department of this State has worked well, has been a profit to the state and protection to our people. There seems to be no disposition here to abolish the Dept.

Very truly yours

John P. St John

Gov



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J. F. McClimans
Great Bend Ks

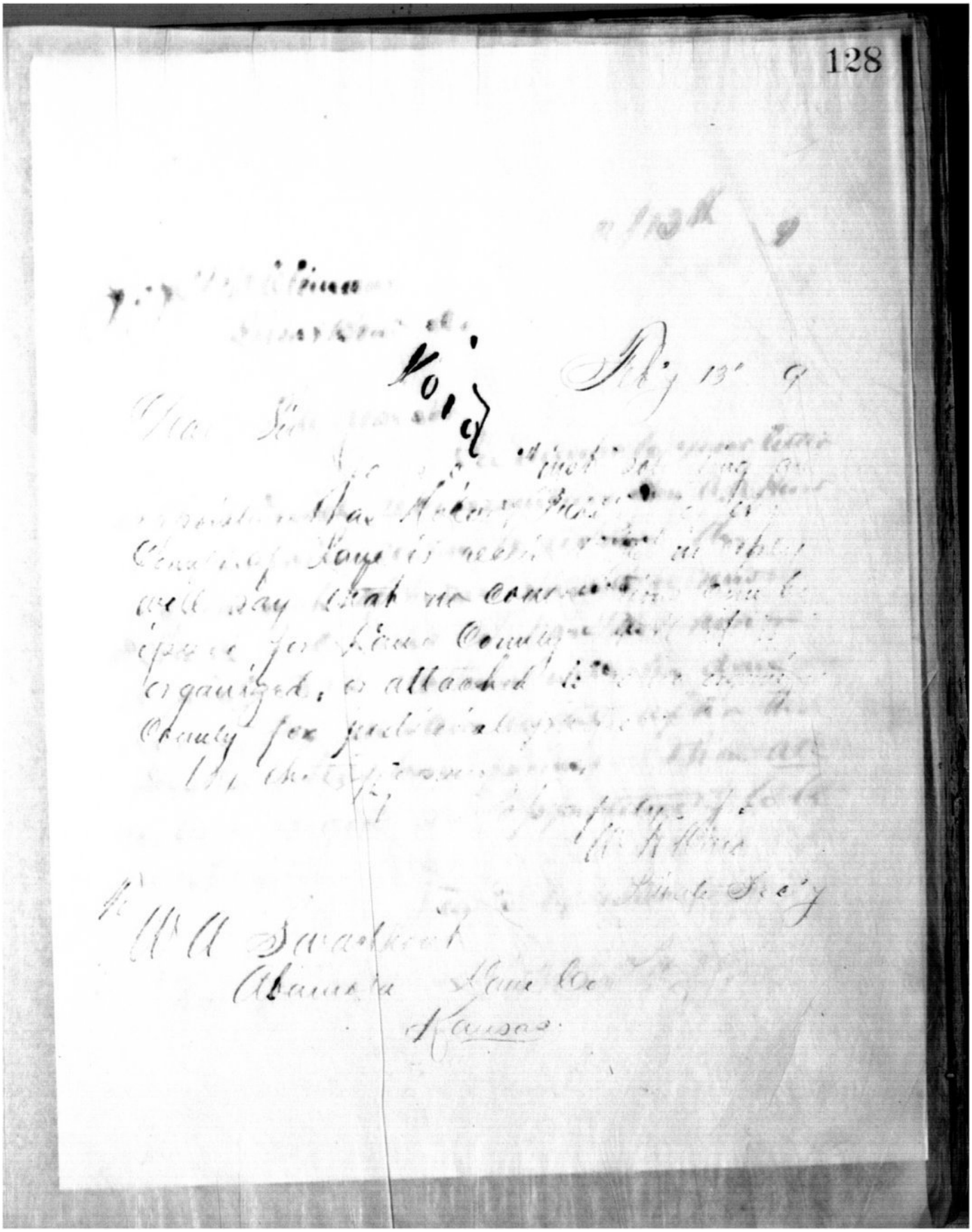
My dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 11th inst recommending Hon A. A. Hurd as a suitable person to receive the appointment of Judge thirty a new district be created I have the honor to state that nothing will be done about the matter until after the district has been formed - then all will be given an opportunity to be heard.

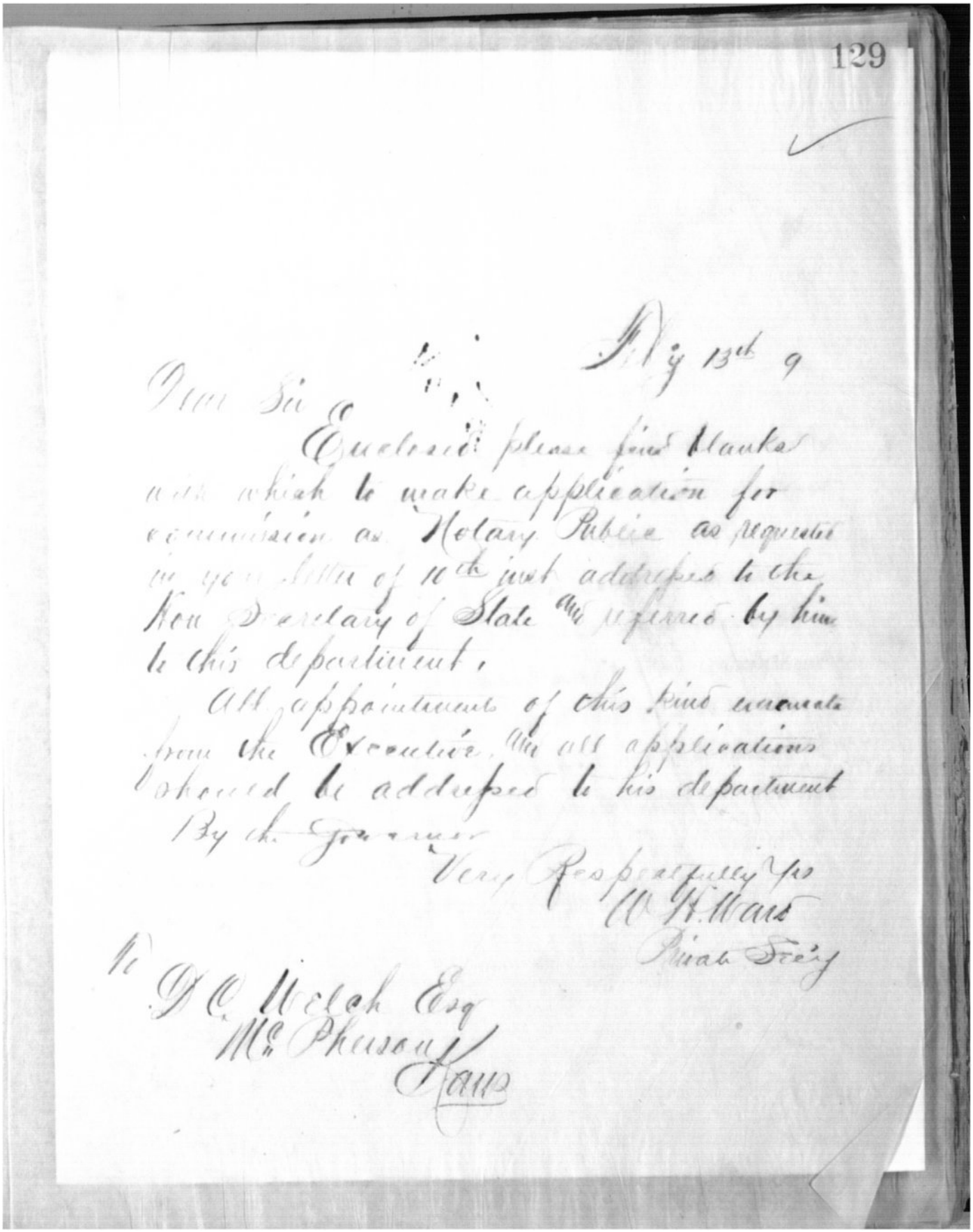
Very truly your friend

John P. St John

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Topeka May 13th 9

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find blanks with which to make application for commission as Notary Public as requested in your letter of 11th inst addressed to the Hon Secretary of State & referred by him to this department.

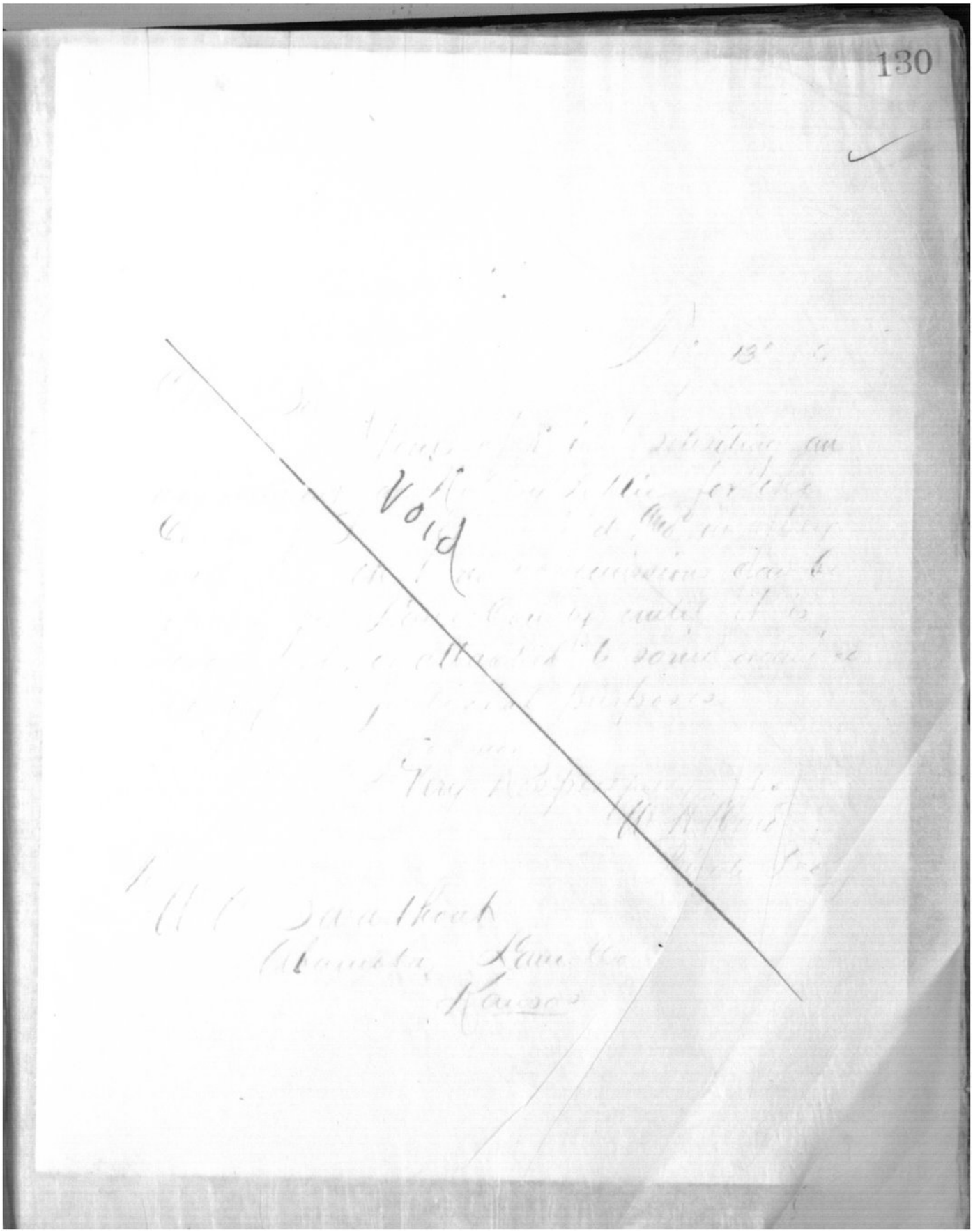
All appointments of this kind emanate from the Executive, & all applications should be addressed to his department

By the Governor

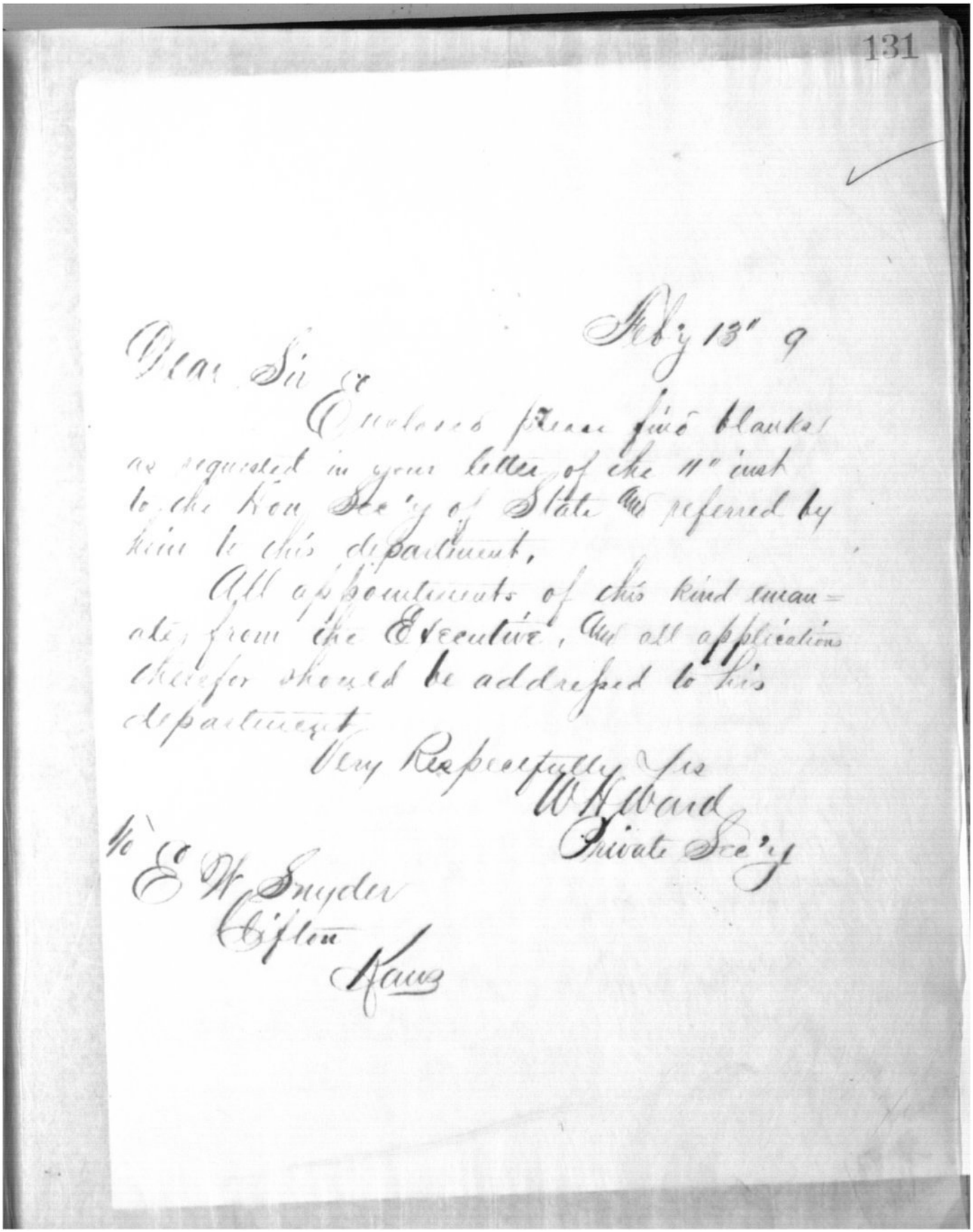
Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Wans
Privat Secty

To D C Welch Esq
McPherson
Kans

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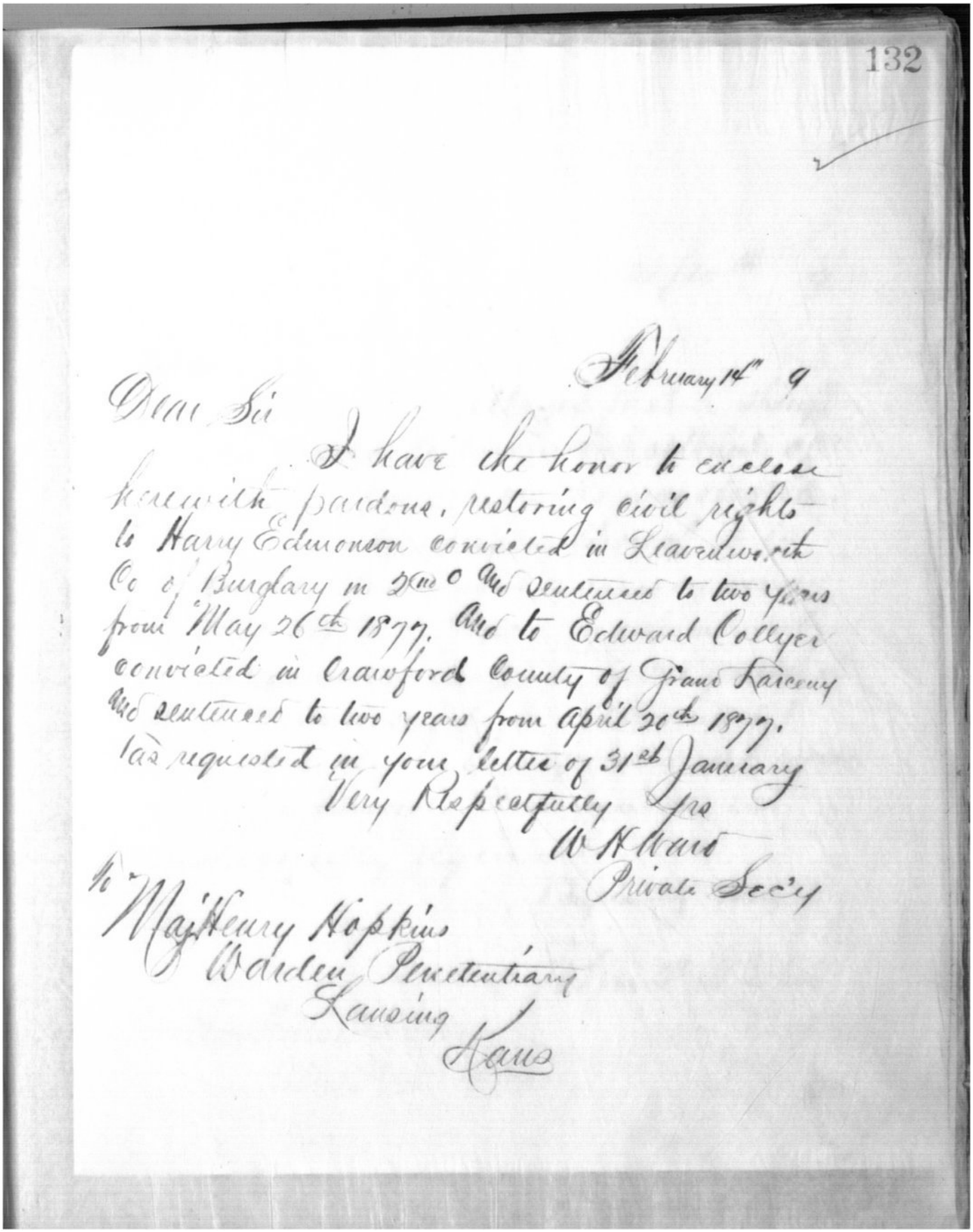
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find blanks as requested in your letter of the 11th inst to the Hon Sec'y of State & referred by him to this department.

All appointments of this kind emanate from the Executive, & all applications therefor should be addressed to this department.

Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Ward
Private Sec'y

Wm E W Snyder
Clifton
Kans



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February 14th 9

Dear Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith pardons, restoring civil rights to Harry Edmonson convicted in Leavenworth Co of Burglary in 2nd D and sentenced to two years from May 26th 1877. And to Edward Collyer convicted in Crawford County of Grand Larceny and sentenced to two years from April 20th 1877. As requested in your letter of 31st January

Very Respectfully Yrs

W H Hunt

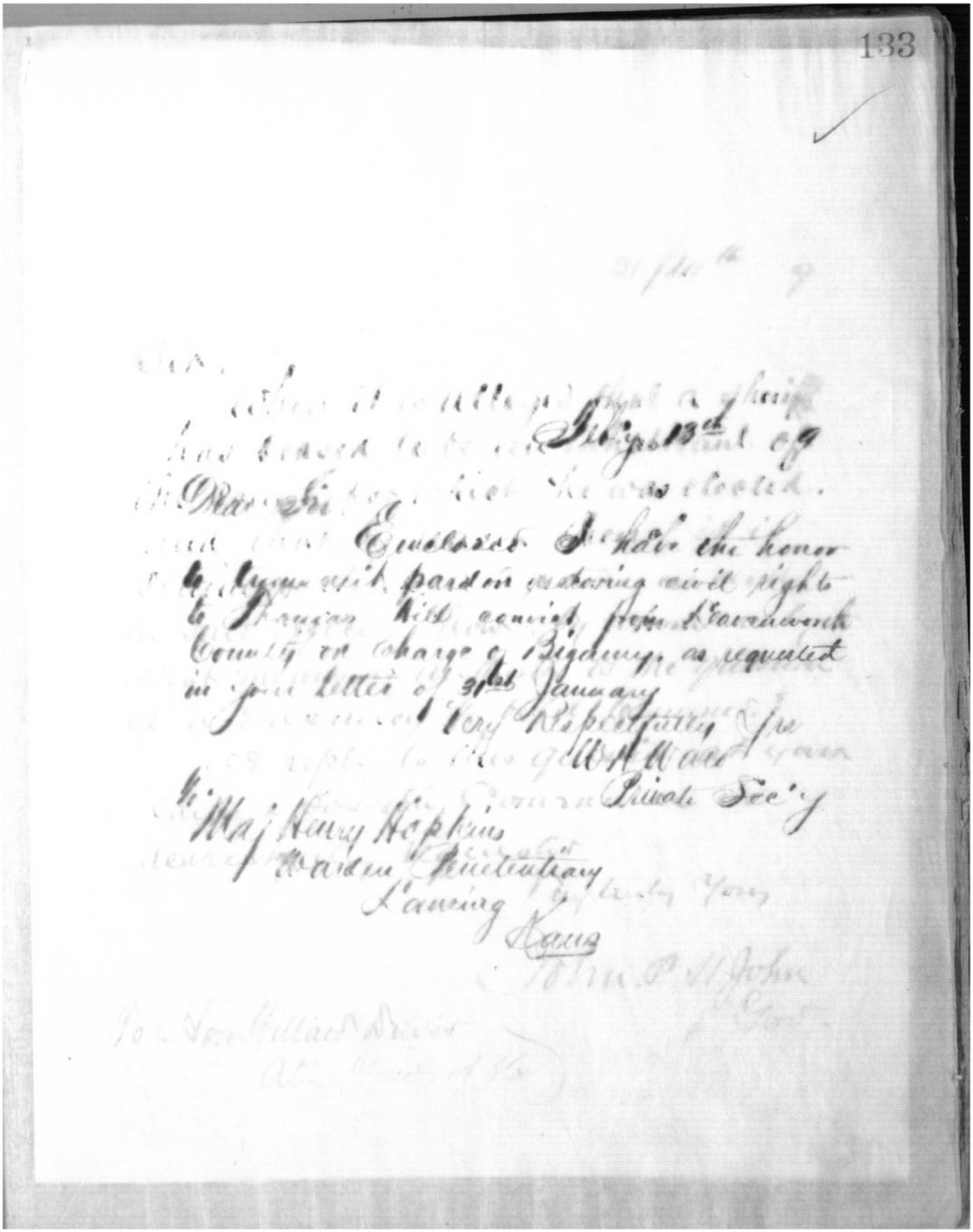
Private Sec'y

To Maj Henry Hopkins

Warden Penitentiary

Lansing

Kans



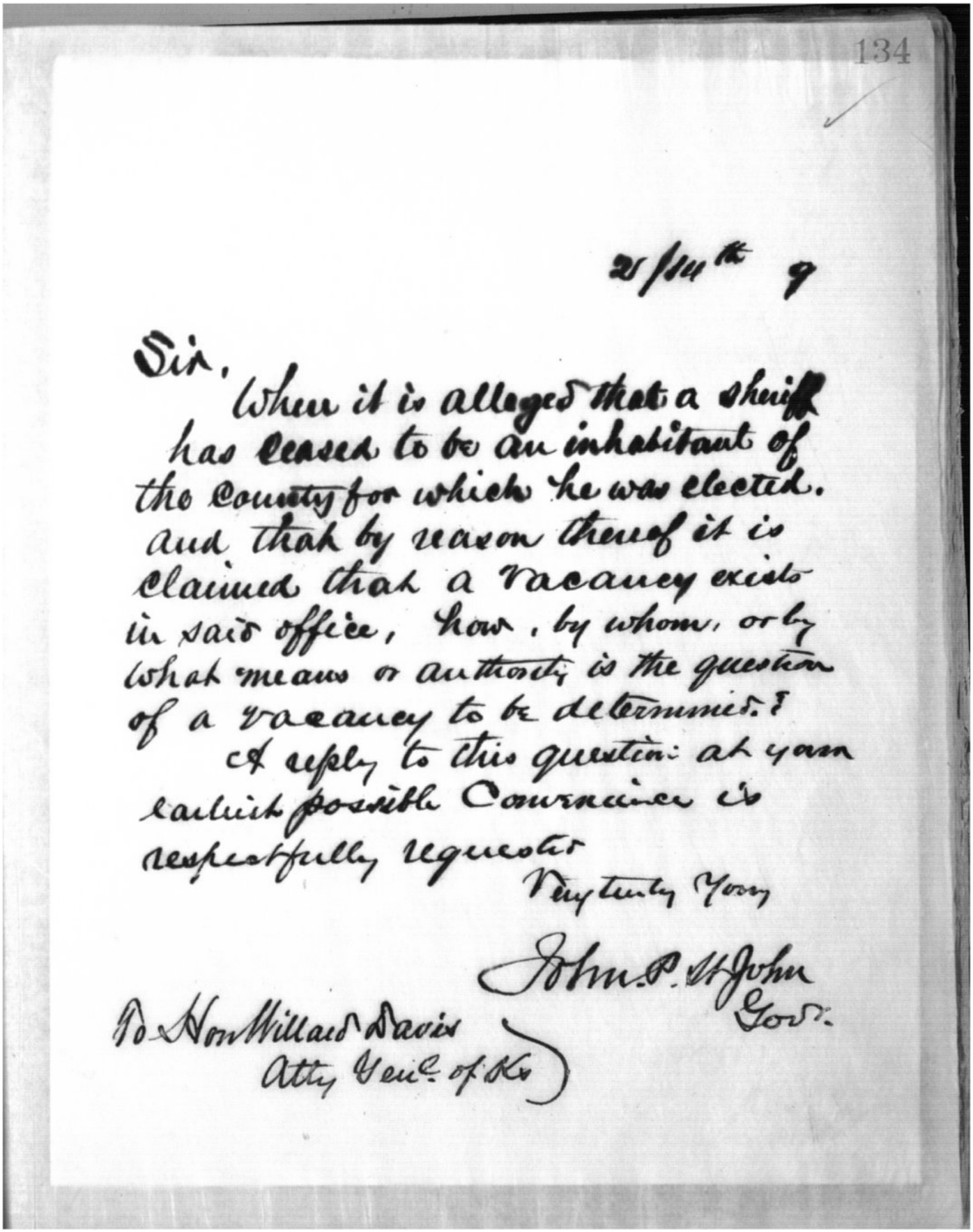
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Topeka 13th Feby 89

Maj Henry Hopkins
Warden Penitentiary
Lansing
Kans

Enclosed I hand the honorable Governor with pardon restoring civil rights to Morgan Hill convict from Leavenworth County on charge of Bigamy, as requested in your letter of 30th January

Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Ware
Private Sec'y



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25 Jan'y 9

Sir.

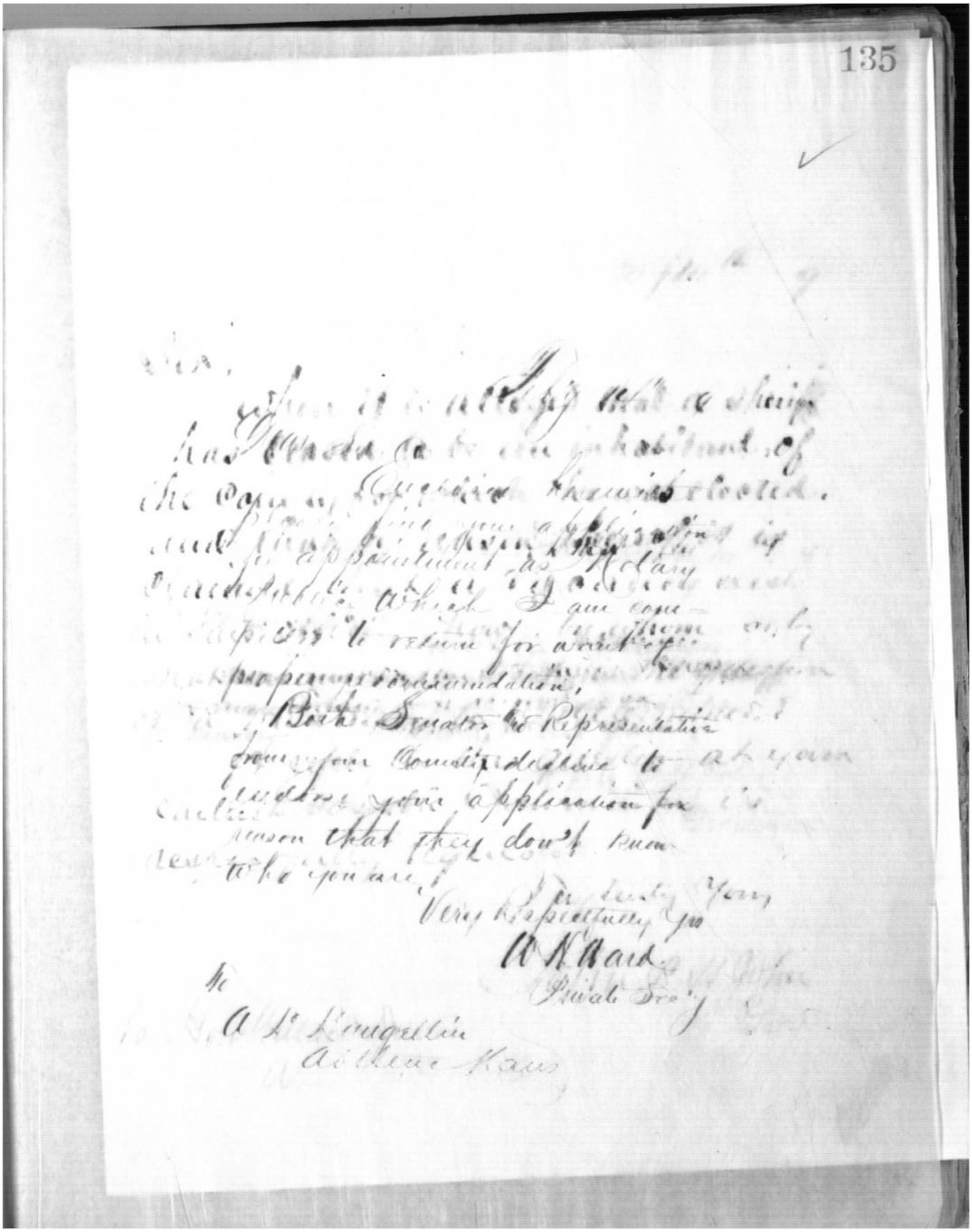
When it is alleged that a sheriff has ceased to be an inhabitant of the County for which he was elected. and that by reason thereof it is claimed that a vacancy exists in said office, how, by whom, or by what means or authority is the question of a vacancy to be determined?

A reply to this question at your earliest possible Convenience is respectfully requested

Very truly Yours

John P. St John
Gov.

To Hon Willard Davis
Atty Gen'l of Ks



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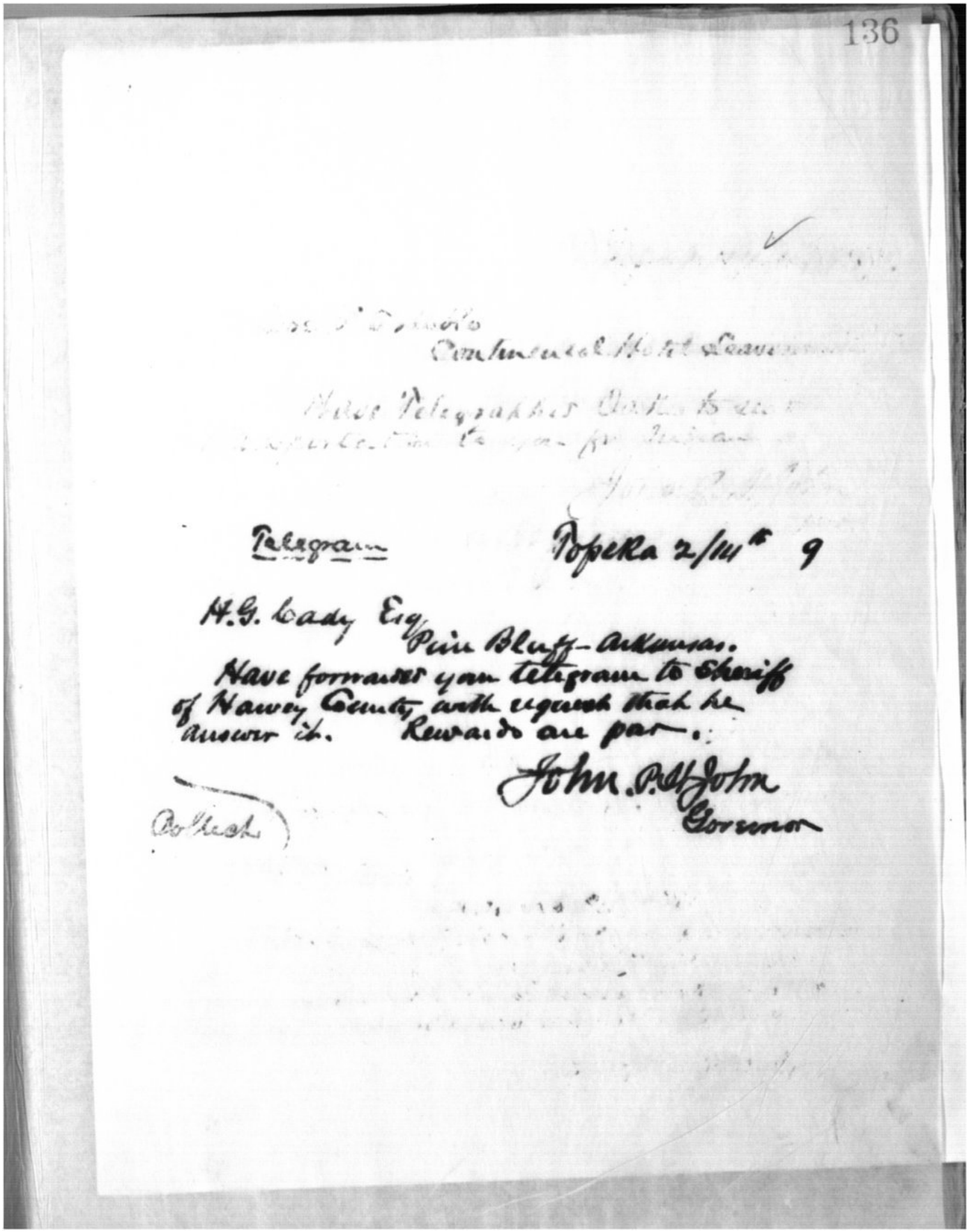
Dear Sir

Please to notify that a Notary Public has been appointed for Ellsworth County, and direct your application to the Governor as Notary Public. Which I am requested to return for your proper consideration,

Both Senate & Representative from your County desire to act upon your application for the reason that they don't know who you are.

Very Respectfully Yours
W H Ward
Privat Sec'y

To
A. L. Engelbin
Ellsworth Kans



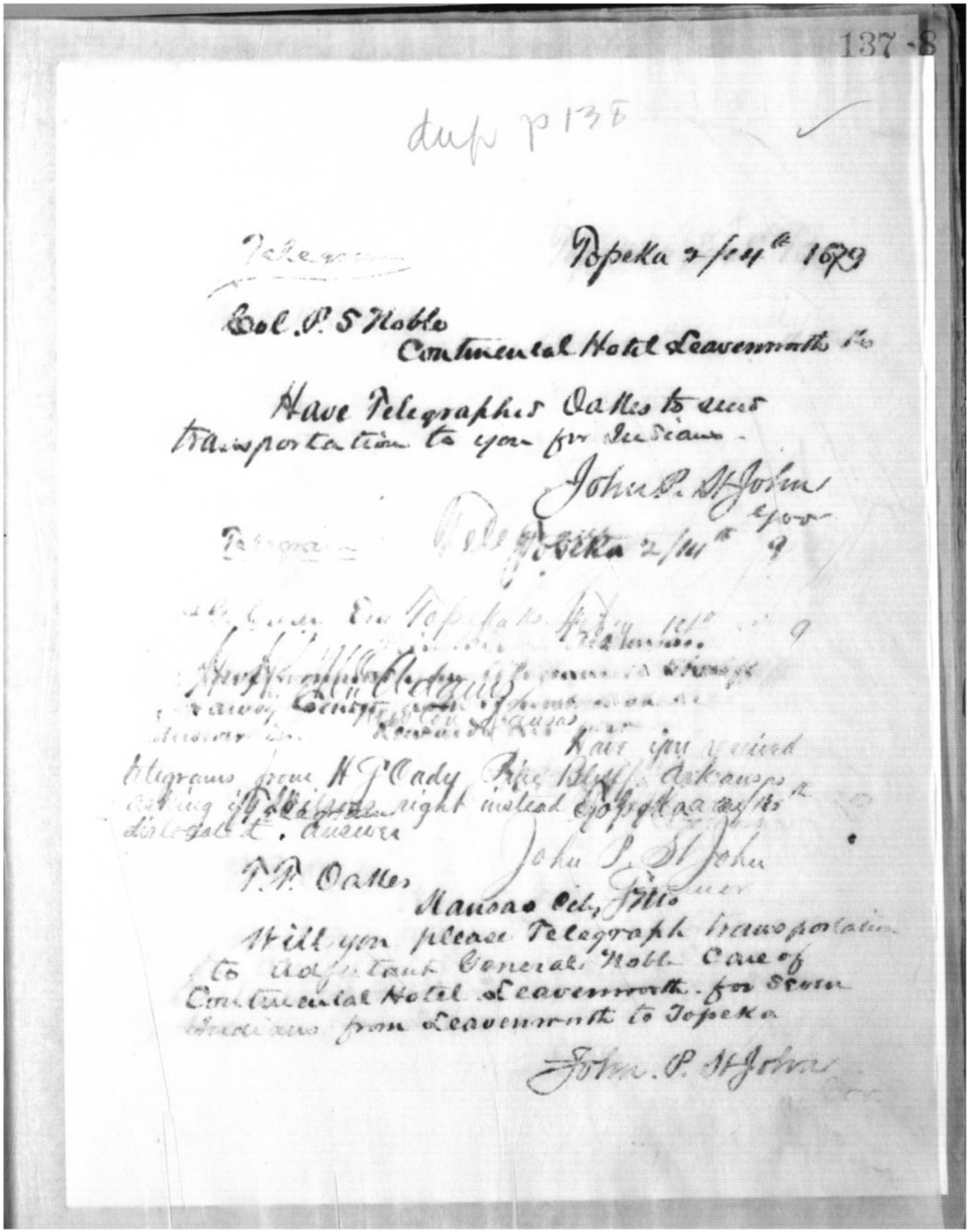
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Telegram Topeka 2/11th 9

H.G. Cady Esq
Pine Bluff - Arkansas.

Have forwarded your telegram to Sheriff of Dawson County with request that he answer it. Rewards are paid.

John P. St John
Governor



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Topeka 2/ [illegible] 1879

Col. P. S Noble
Continental Hotel Leavenworth Ks

Have Telegraphs Oakes to send
transportation to you for Indians.

John P. St John
Gov

Topeka 2/ [illegible]

[illegible]

Have you received
telegrams from N. J. Cady Fort Bluff Arkansas
asking if Indians might instead go to Topeka as
directed. Answer

John P. St John
Gov

P. P. Oakes
Kansas City, Mo

Will you please Telegraph transportation
to Adjutant General Noble Care of
Continental Hotel Leavenworth. for seven
Indians from Leavenworth to Topeka

John. P. St John
Gov

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Telegram Topeka 2/04th 1879

Col. P. S Noble
Continental Hotel Leavenworth Ks

Have Telegraphed Oakes to send transportation to you for Indians.

John P. St John
Gov

Telegram Topeka 2/11th 79

T. P. Oakes
Kansas City Mo

Will you please Telegraph transportation to Adjutant General Noble Care of Continental Hotel Leavenworth. for seven Indians from Leavenworth to Topeka

John. P. St John
Gov.

Feby 15th 9

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst containing certificate of vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace for Cherry Township Montgomery Co caused by resignation of J P Mayo is received. And in reply will say that the resignation of Mr Mayo is not on file in this office And from this cause alone arises the delay in appointing his successor.

Your attention is respectfully called to Sec 177 Page 293 of the Genral Statutes of Kansas, And while it is true that a Justice of the Peace is only a Township Officer. Yet his jurisdiction being co extensive with the County, his resignation should be filed with the authority having power to appoint his Successor

By the Governor
Very Respectfully Yrs
W H Ward
Private Sec'y

John McCullough
Clerk Montgomery Co

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Smith Bradley Esq

Waupaca Wis

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to state in answer to your letter of the 12th inst that a requisition was duly issued from this department on the Governor of Illinois January 9th 1879. for S.B. Lowe and Mitchell charged with disposing of mortgaged property with intent to defraud &c

Very truly yrs

John P. St John

July 15th 9

Dear Sir &c

Enclosed please find blank application for appointment as Notary Public as requested in your letter of 13th inst addressed to the Hon Sec'y of State and referred by him to this office All appointments of this kind emanate from the Executive, and all applications for appointments of this kind should be addressed to his department.

By the Governor

W Hward
Private Sec'y

To
A D. Grover
Hillsdale Kans