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Correspondence forms the bulk of this collection. There are small gaps in this series. The years of 1872, 1873, and 1874 are missing; as are the years 1878 to 1884. However, the years that are available shed light on most of Kuhn's personal and professional dealings both as a civilian and as a military officer. Various correspondents comprise the letters both received and sent by Henry Kuhn, which include both the famous and the common man. The voucher stubs give summary information regarding military meat purchases at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Henry Kuhn was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on February 2nd, 1830. In 1854 he moved his family to Atchison County, Kansas Territory, where he was the first superintendent of public instruction, county surveyor, and helped organize the First National Bank. Kuhn enlisted in the Eighth Kansas Infantry in September 1861. He served under Colonel John A. Martin (Kansas Governor 1885 - 1889) until the end of the war. His last active rank was commissioned Captain. From 1865 to 1891 he resided at Fort Leavenworth where he organized the German Savings Bank, built the city's first railroad, and was chief clerk and acting agent for the Indian agency in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). Then he moved to Marion County where he farmed and raised stock. In 1890 he began publishing the "Marion Times." In February 1899 he moved back to Atchison and published the "Atchison Champion." In the autumn of 1899 he moved to Topeka where he died June 11th, 1900.

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Grothans, L.C.

San Antonio Texas
July. 11. 1875

H. M. Bell Esq.

Leavenworth Ks.

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of 4th Inst. in regard to Genl. Nichol's land in Kendall Co. I can tell you now that it is the tract next below the tract on which Comforth is situated, or rather a part thereof. It is no very valuable land, but might be sold now, if a good title could be made. - From your letter I should suppose, you had an execution against Genl. N.'s heirs.

I am informed that a widow claims the land and I do not think it has been sold for taxes - That widow may be the widow of Genl. N. I can't say, but will investigate the matter and see in whose name the land stands recorded. - Now let me enquire: What title papers have you if any? Who are, if you can ascertain, the heirs of Genl. N. And what is the amount of the

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claim you have against the estate?

Please answer this fully and I will in the mean-time enquire as to the situation ownership &c of the land.

Hoping soon to hear from you I am yours Truly
L. P. Grothaus

Please to address your letters to
Algelt & Portis
San Antonio
Betas Co
Tex.

as I am now connected with that firm, who are most reliable attorneys, and have great facilities in the management of real property especially in that section of the country.

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Thornberg, H.H.

St Louis Mo.

March 4th 1875

Henry Kuhn.

Dr. Sir - While
reading the morning paper
a few minutes ago I read
a notice of your charitable
treatment of some Sassy
traveller. I see by said
Article you are "My Lord"
of the Mansion House -
I have often thought of
you and long to hear from
you and when you receive
this I hope you will write
me a long letter and
tell me of the health & happiness
of you & yours -

I have been here for
the last year - Mr. Fox -

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Purchased the St. Ange
Armoire Living Statues
lost full and I am
keeping them for him -
He is still engaged in
Lead Mining in Madison
& Jefferson Counties -
Mr. & Mrs. Fox & the
Little Boy Fox are
all well - I hope
to see you in St. Louis
before long - When you
come don't forget to
come and see us -
St. Louis is rather dull
and from what I hear
Leavenworth is worse
still - Mrs. Thornberg
& the Children are
in Pennsylvania -
Have you entirely given
up business at the Fort?

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Mr. & Mrs. Willhite
family of your place
are living here - we see
them often - & should there
be any thing in the
City you wish attended
to I am at your
Service

Give my Regards
to Mrs Kuhn and the
Children - I shall be
glad to hear from you
or see you soon

Very Truly
Your Friend

W. H. Thornberg
No 1208 Dillon St

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Altgelt, Portis & Grothaus

San Antonio Texas
March 9. 75

H. N. Bell Esq.

Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir: - Yours of the 5th Inst has just been received and we would now advise that you send us a certified copy of your judgment, upon which, under our law, we must bring suit in our State.

We would then, if this arrangement suits you, request a list of the names of the heirs. Send us also a copy of Genl Nichols will, if he left any. No administration can be opened here, four years after the death of the party. Then the heirs are presumed to own the property and they must be sued. We will have to sue by publication, which manner requires an expenditure of about \$20.- in advance of the case, which we would ask you to remit, provided you approve of our views. Hoping soon to hear from you, we remain very truly Yours

Altgelt, Portis & Grothaus



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Coler, W. N.

W. N. COLER & CO.
MUNICIPAL BONDS.

17 Nassau Street,
New York, Sept 25 1875

H. Kuhn Esq
Chicago,

Yours of 21st inst received
It is impossible to negotiate
a loan in collateral your name
but we can buy \$500,000 Dallas
offered, & \$600,000 more & same
amount of 5 other Counties in
Texas if can buy way down, but
not at 90¢ - same Bds were
offered recently a 60¢ & sold
last week at 70¢ to retail trade,
We can use Municipal Bds & ~~much~~
be glad to confer with R. Road men on
Contracts about same, but we
cannot use Rail Road Bds or Land
Respy Yrs W. N. Coler & Co
p.d.

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Marcy, Geo. O.



FALMOUTH HOTEL.

L. STEVENS, Manager.

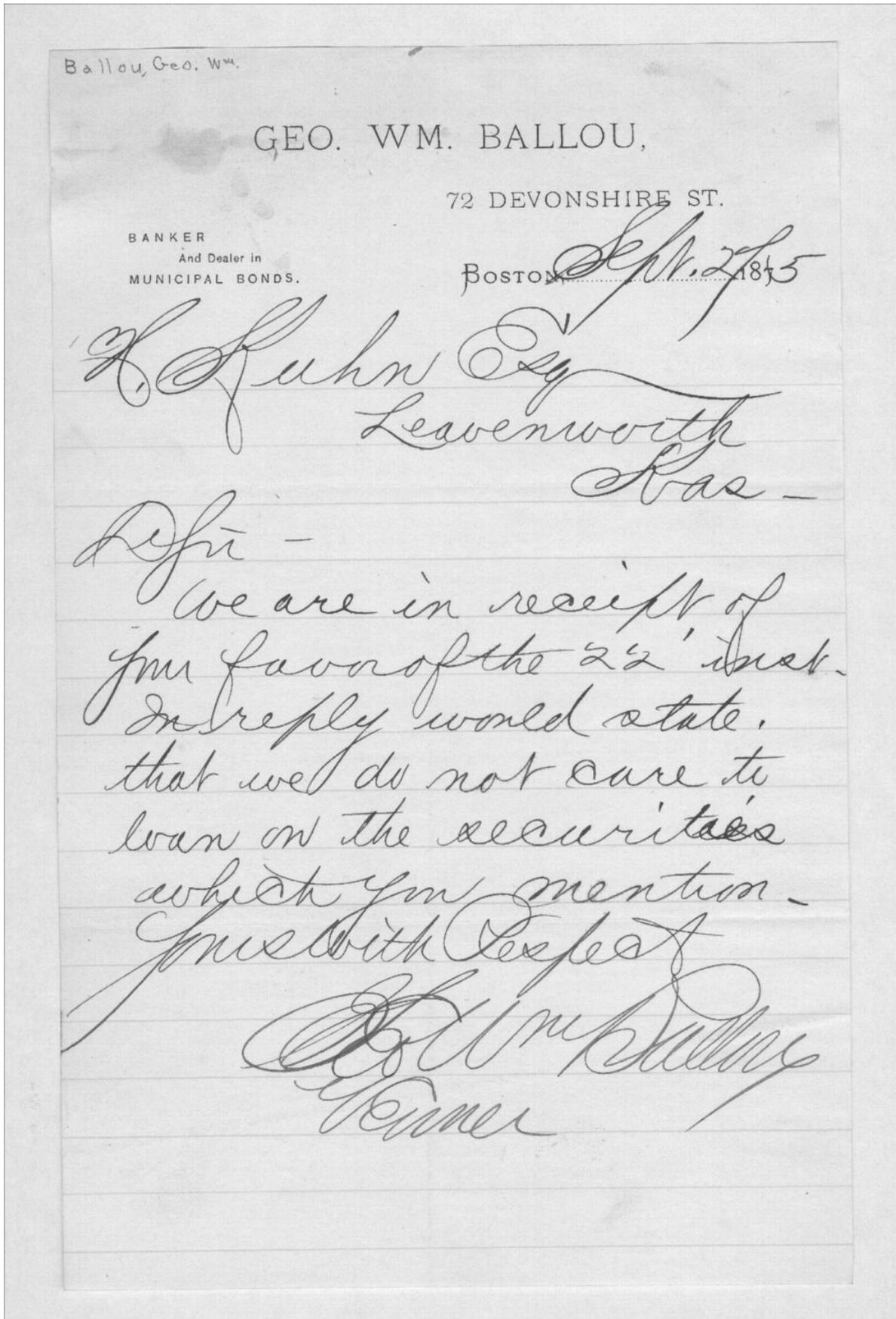
Portland, Me., Sept 26 1875

A. Kuhn Esq
Leavenworth Kansas

Dr Sir,

Your favor
of Sept 21st received and forwarded
to me here. I am taking
a trip around among my
customers and will take
occasion to show your propo-
sition to some extent when
I think may be induced to
take hold of it - I cannot
however offer you much en-
couragement - Can't you man-
age to divide the loan into
lots of \$10. or \$20.00? Yours
Geo. O. Marcy

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Coler, W.W.

Lindell Hotel.

GRISWOLD, CLEMENT & SCUDDER,
PROPRIETORS.

St. Louis, Oct 8th 1870

Mr H. Kuhn Esq

Dear Sir

Referring to yours of 21st Sept
we beg to state our Mr
Dillingham is now at the
Lindell Hotel St Louis & if
the owner of 50th St Dallas
City Texas Bonds will call
on him no doubt a trade
might be made for
them should he still
desire to realize on them

Yours

W. W. Coler
for C. A. Dillingham
of 17 Nassau St
N York



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Turner, R. E.
 OFFICE OF
TURNER, FRAZER & CO.
 WHOLESALE GROCERS,
 Nos 7 & 9 THIRD STR.
 ST. JOSEPH, Mo. Oct 12 1875

Mr Kuhn
 Leavenworth Kansas

Dear Sir
 In reply to your favor of
 10/11/75 I will state that our Company
 have in Contemplation building lines
 of Street RR on three Streets not
 now occupied by our tracks early
 next Spring I still the one
 disposed to be liberal and
 would dispose of our franchise
 perhaps in one or more of these
 Routes. If I knew why you
 ask the question. I could answer
 you more definitely and perhaps
 to your advantage provided you
 have any desire to build some
 Street Road in any City
 R. E. Turner President
 Citizens & R.R. Co.

I shall be glad to hear from you again

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Turner, R.E.

OFFICE OF
TURNER, FRAZER & CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
Nos 7 & 9 THIRD STR.
St. JOSEPH MO. Oct 20 1875

Mr H Kuhn
Leavenworth City

Dear Sir

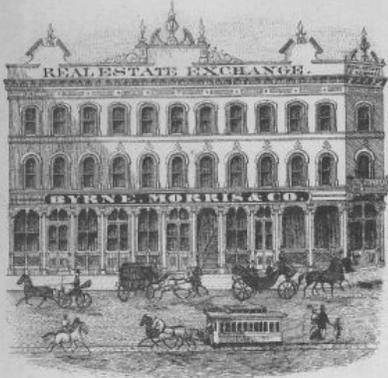
Your favor of Oct 18th is to hand
and Contents noted. The line that you speak
of is certainly a good one also there is a
Line from the terminus of our Road at foot
of Francis Street through the north part of the
City that the People are anxious that we should
build and a line in South St Joseph that is
wanted badly but no Company know build the
latter except ours as it is properly an
extension of our line. The Avenue Line would
be a good one but as the interest are very diverse
there it might meet with some opposition. The
one in a condition to make it work harmoniously
however. Our Company would feel disposed
to meet you in a very liberal spirit as it is
possible that a line that you would build
would enhance the receipts and consequently
the value of our property. and if we could
have a Conference with you here we suppose

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that the details of running arrangements
can be so adjusted that the Council
give you the franchise for one of the Routes
mentioned. and assist you to get it
inaugurated. If upon Consultation the
thoughts our property would be benefited
the third part with our franchise for a
nominal sum. He might also have in
view a Consolidation of lines if thought to be
advisable - Can you not come to St Joseph
and look carefully over the whole matter at
an early day - Say on Saturday or on
Monday next. Please advise me if you
determine to come

Yours Truly
R. E. Turner, Pres
Citizens Street R. W. Co

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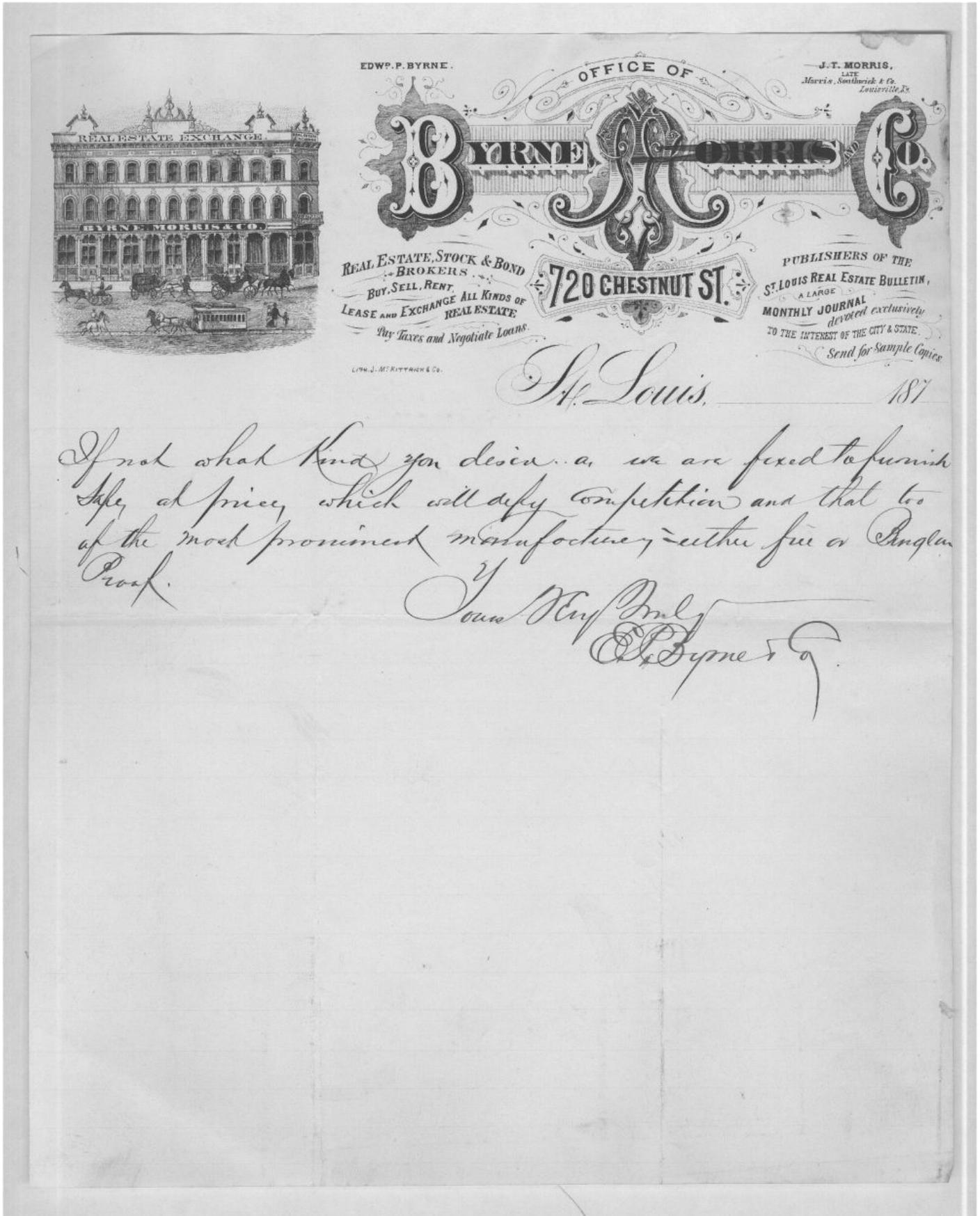
St. Louis, Oct 23rd 1875

H. Kuhn Esq
 Care of
 Farmers Loan & Trust Co.
 Leavenworth Kansas

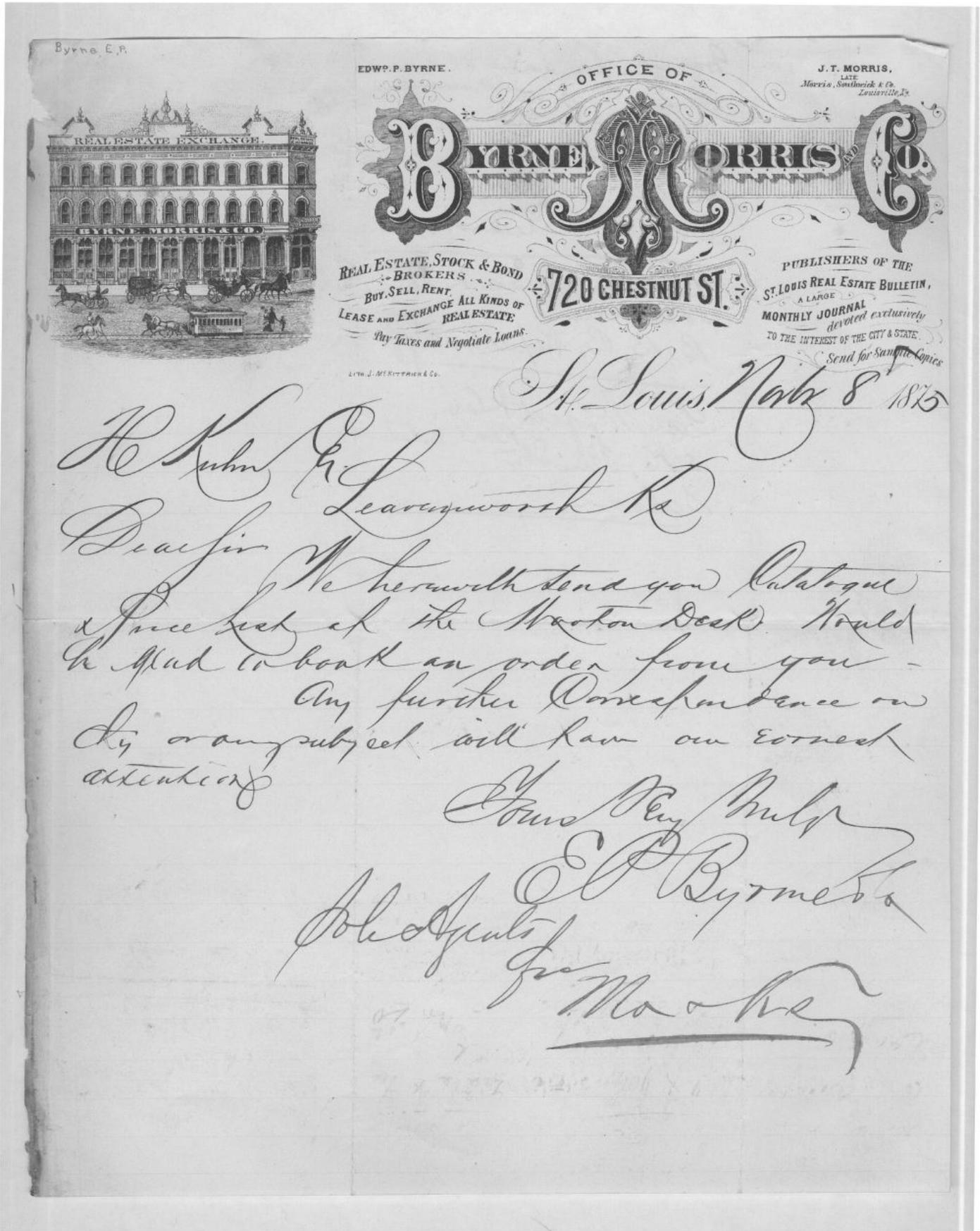
Dear Sir Learning thro the Wooten Desk Co of Indianapolis by a letter written them by you under date the 18th Inst. That you would, under the above entitled Co, open an office on the 1st prox. We desire to say that we have assumed the Agency of the Wooten Desk Co for Mo. and Kansas, and that we will endeavor to make the figures satisfactory for the Desk desired. We are expecting a shipment of Desks from Indianapolis in a few days. when we will be glad to make a shipment to you.

In the meantime please inform us if you are establishing a bank or R. E. Company. or the nature in fact of your organization and please further inform us if you have yet bought your safe

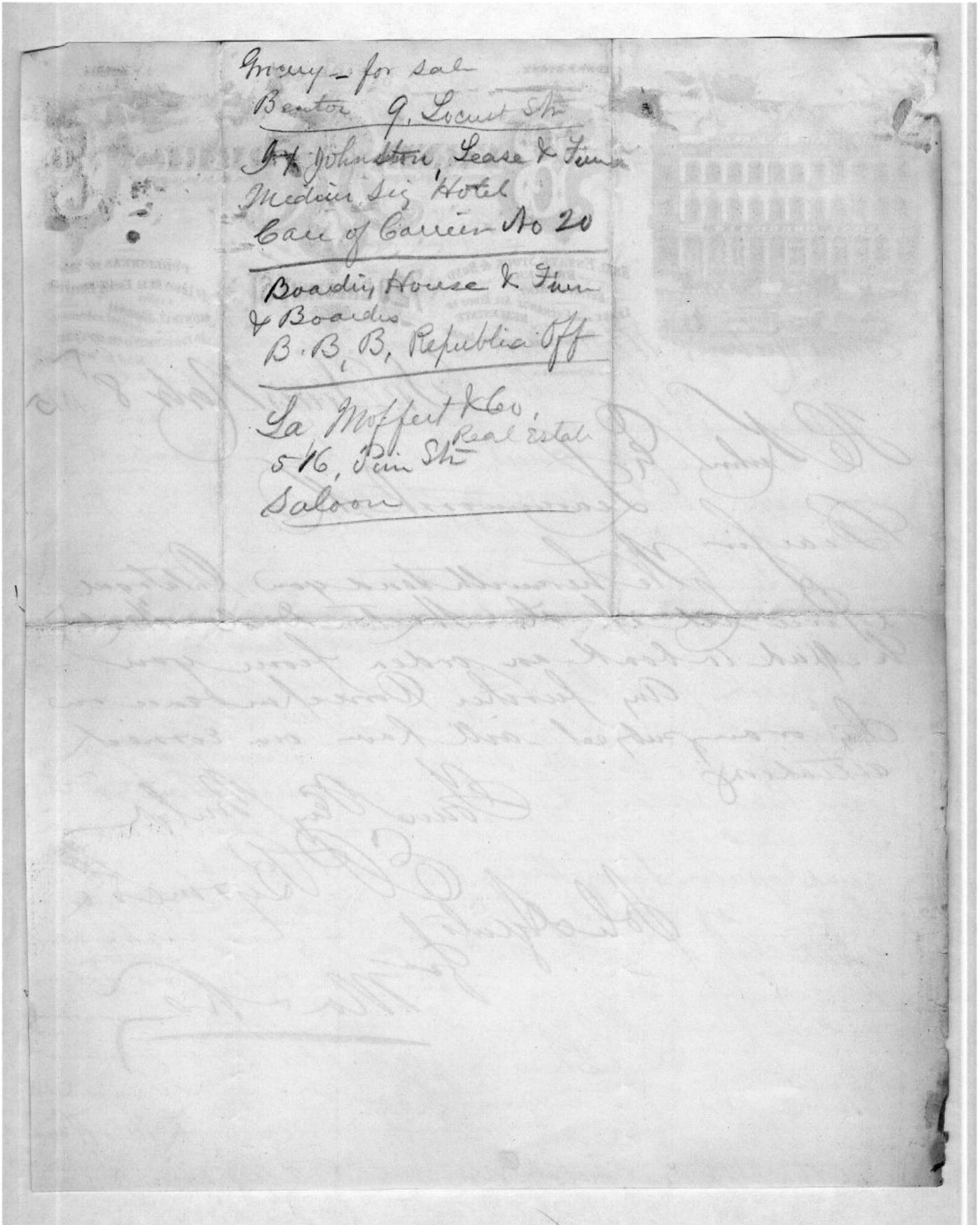
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Robertson, J.B.

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION,



Office of SUPERINTENDENT

Austin, Texas, Nov^r 15. 1875-

H. Kuhn Esqr
Siemmensville

Dear Sir

Your letter of 26th Oct^r to the commissioner of the Genl Land office has been referd to this Bureau for answer. I have no maps of the country that I could furnish you nor would the maps be of much service to you in ascertaining the vacant lands. as Locations are being made all the time & a map might be sent you showing the vacant land at the time it was made & by the time the map could reach you half or it might be all of the vacant land might be taken up. a personal visit to the vacant lands wherever they may be found & locations made as you would find tracts to suit you would

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be the best plan. He is I am sure
large bodies of fine farming &
grazing lands that a vacant &
the Paul Herrells section of the state
& there are also large tracts of the
same that can be bought in
the northwestern & south western
portions of the state from priv-
ate owners on perhaps as
good terms considering the
advantages of market &c as
those that can be located or
preempted.

I am Respectfully
Yours
J. B. Robertson



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Varnum, J.M.

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J. M. VARNUM, Sec'y and Treas.

St. Joseph, Mo. Nov 23^d 1875.

Mr. H. Kuhn.

Leavenworth Kansas.

Dr. Sir.

Mr Turner of Turner & Co
has referred to me your correspondence &
requested that I go to Leavenworth to con-
fer with you. I take occasion however to
write first in order to ascertain whether
you are now at home. I am prepared to
make some proposals which I think would
be very advantageous to you. A company
was partly formed to build this road out
Savannah Avenue last Spring and I think
some of the individuals could be got to
take stock in a similar enterprise.

I wish you would come up here, for a
talk with Mr Turner & others would very
shortly enable you to come to a definite
conclusion in this matter. I will arrange
matters if you say you will come.

Very truly Yours J. M. Varnum

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Challis, L.C.

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you of L. Challis in 1875

Atchison, Kan. Nov 27 1875

H. Kuhn Esq

My dear Sir -

We will have our shares and all printed matter for agents, in about one week - If you will come up I think we can arrange for you to make a good deal of money on Commission.

Respectfully yours

L.C. Challis

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Morse, C.F.

Atchison, Topeka and
Santa Fe Railroad. }

Superintendent's Office,

Topeka, Kansas, Nov 29th 1875

H. Kuhn Esq.

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th inst,
in regard to dining cars on
the west end of this road,
has been received.

In reply would say,
that I should be glad to
have a proposition from
you, and will see you
here at any time —

Yours truly

C. F. Morse
Genl Supt



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W. G. POWERS,
From R. Winans & Co.,

W. C. POWERS,
From Frost, Kreider & Co.

Office of POWERS & CO.,

177 MADISON ST., (Room 2,)

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

Chicago, 17/3 1875

H. Kuhn
Levensworth

Dear Sir
Yours of 30th Rec^d in reply
will say we will send you
our pamphlet and after you
review it you will see that
it nearly acts as an insurance
against loss.

Should be pleased to make
arrangements with you if we
could so as to work together
We do a regular option business
also a receiving business Will
handle any thing in it as
best of references given
Should be pleased to hear
further from you
Respectfully
W. C. Powers



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Handwritten calculations on lined paper:

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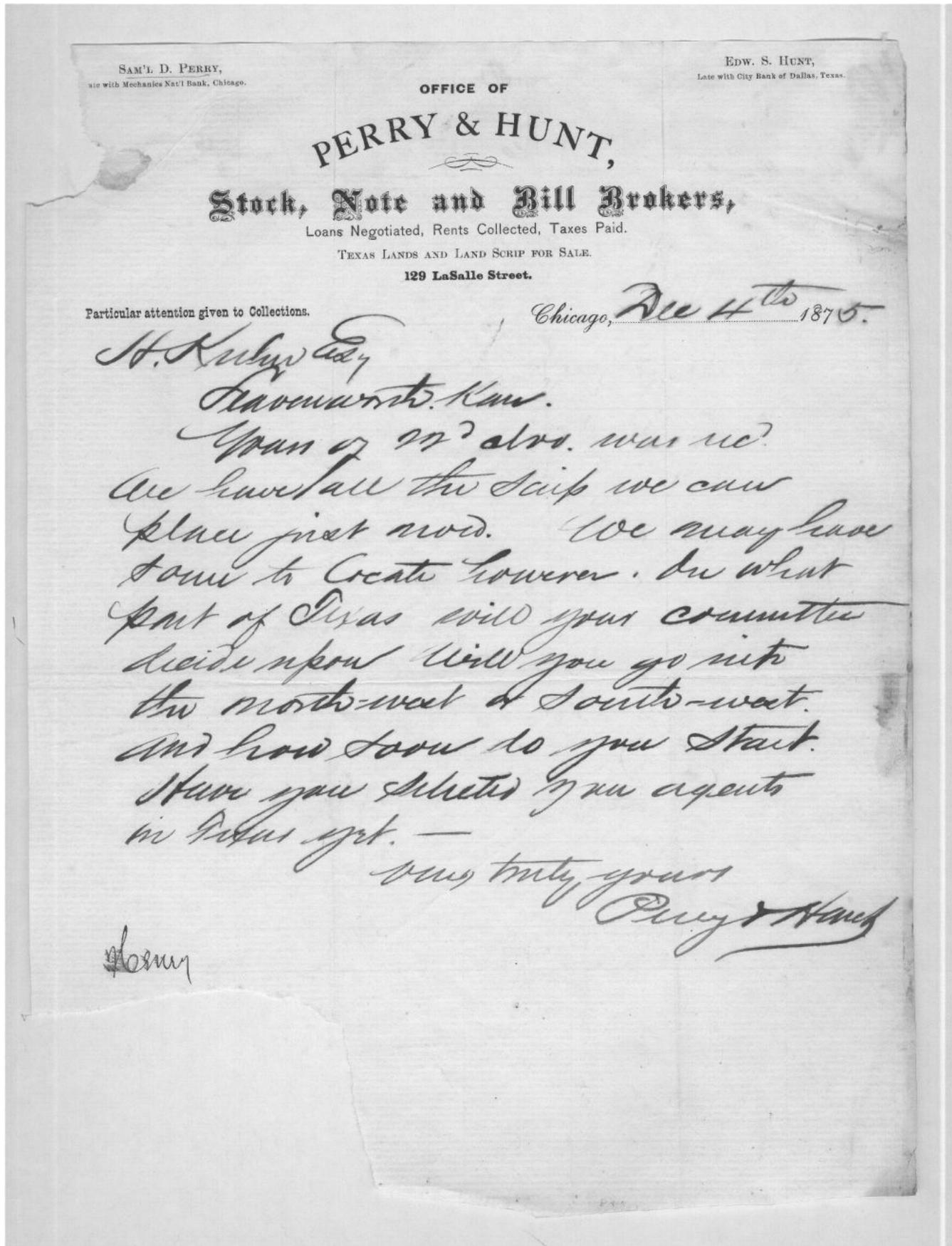
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Chicago, Dec 4th 1875.

H. Kuhn Esq
Lawrence, Kans.

Yours of 27th ult. was rec.
We have all the scrip we can
place just now. We may have
some to create however. In what
part of Texas will your committee
decide upon will you go into
the north-west or south-west.
and how soon do you start.
Have you selected any agents
in Texas yet. —

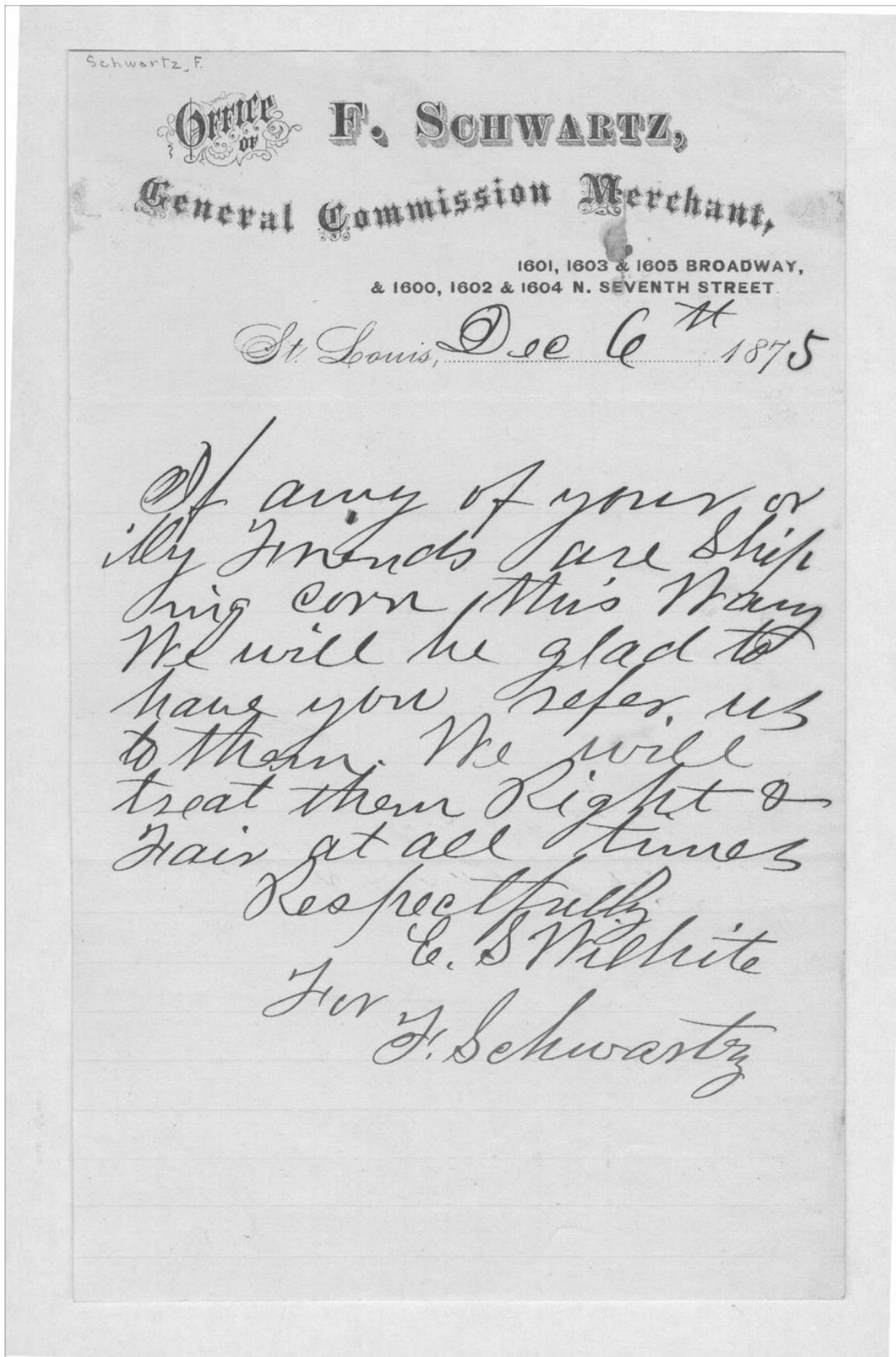
Very truly yours

Perry & Hunt

H. Kuhn



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Winkler, E.S.



OFFICE OF **F. SCHWARTZ,**
General Commission Merchant
1601, 1603 & 1605 BROADWAY,
And 1600, 1602 & 1604 N. SEVENTH STREET,
St. Louis, Dec 6th 1875

Mr H. Kuhn -

Leavenworth Kan. Dr Sir yours
of Late date at hand. Contrary to what I
glad to hear from you. I have seen & talked
with J. X. Johnson. He is Proptr of the Park
Hotell. cor 12 & Olive St. a verry good 4 story
Hotell. about 65 Rooms. all in good order.
centrally located. on same Street of the new
Union Depot. 6 blocks north of same. Rent
is \$250.⁰⁰ pr month to march next then \$300.⁰⁰
pr month & out of this he rents a nice Bar
at 100.⁰⁰. Leasing 150.⁰⁰ & then 200.⁰⁰ pr month. Says
the House will clear 6 to 7 thousand easy pr
Annum. He wants \$10,000.⁰⁰ for it. Can
let part of money remain unpaid till Feb
says all his expenses are about 18.00 pr day
He has an offer to take a new Hotell
in Philadelphia. is his reason for selling
Its a verry nice little House & no doubt is
doing a verry snug business. But I don't
think you want it. - then there is the Star
Hotell on the European Plaw. cor 6. & Market



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Belongs to C. H. Sewell. Was about 30 Rooms
 Furnished its only a Sleeping House Beds
 & Rooms 40^c to 1.00 per night & then one Room
 with 18 Beds. at 25^c each. They don't Eat
 any Body - Takes in 12 to 15 dollars per
 night says He makes on an average \$7 to 10⁰⁰
 per day. or \$250⁰⁰ per month - He pays \$166⁰⁰/₄
 month rent & rents out a Store House
 under Hotel for 100⁰⁰ per month. which
 makes His rent very light. Several of His
 Rooms are Plainly but neatly furnished
 He wants \$5,500⁰⁰/₄. or says He will take a
 good Party at 3,000⁰⁰ He has invented
 some Calcium Signs &c & wants to devote His
 time to that. yet there is several similar
 concerns here & I think they make money &
 do it easy. But If I was going to go into
 such a business I think I would rent some
 good 2, 3 & 4 storys of some good location & fur-
 nish them myself. any of these fellows
 will sell but all want the cash. I told
 them this was all in confidence & should
 hear from you in few days & would then let
 them know so you must write Me as you
 wish. I do not expect now to be absent from
 the City this winter though cannot say certain.
 Should I go I will drop you a line to that effect.
 I would not be surprized if you could not
 do as well here as up there now. We have
 good Schools & Churches here for your children. Its
 dull you know everywhere now I shall be
 most happy to see you any time & the Hospital
 City of My Home are at your family & C. S. Wilkin
 times free to you. Kind regards to all

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H [Hopkins] P. F.



Office of **M. R. Collins,**

Room No. 2,

St. Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company's Building,

Saint Louis, Dec 7th 1875

Friend K
I am just in receipt of yours of the 5th and
having just returned from dinner at the residence of
School Mate Collins in a \$50,000 home, my lower
full of good grub, but no compassion for a man
with a Million, send all mail to care of M.R.C.,
as he has insisted on me making my office, seeing
my stay here with him. I expect to get a good trade
through for land near Redwin next week.
I enclose you letters of Secor Burr, please send ^{an} ~~an~~ write
a note to each one of these delinquents. Here are fellows
and tell them this is one of the requirements of their Matron
yes and they must receive. You might show the list to
Moshon, he will chase the one out of them, and if
he does tell him to place it in Eastern box, as G.H. prefers
them. I notice what you say about Price, don't lose an opportunity
on act of my absence, put Harry in the office until
I come back, and take the offer Price has made you first
expect it is a good one, I will suggest the Price letter
to Manner, ^{if} they will pay for business here I can get it
I cannot express my surprise (on paper) at the great injustice
done Mr. Castle, however, no one man now a days, can
fight 4 Sus Cos, 2 States, and 1 Deacon ^{and} a Printing
Press.