Henry Kuhn collection letterpress books

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Copies of correspondence both received and sent by Captain Henry Kuhn dating from after the Civil War until shortly before his death in 1898. Some of the letters are illegible. Much of the correspondence regards Kuhn's banking and other financial interests, particularly in Leavenworth, as well as other business and personal affairs, including during his time as an Indian agent in the Oklahoma area. Kuhn was county surveyor and township clerk in Atchison County, Indian agent in the Indian territory, publisher of a Marion County newspaper, and was otherwise a prominent Kansas citizen of the nineteenth century.

Creator: Kuhn, Henry, 1830-1900

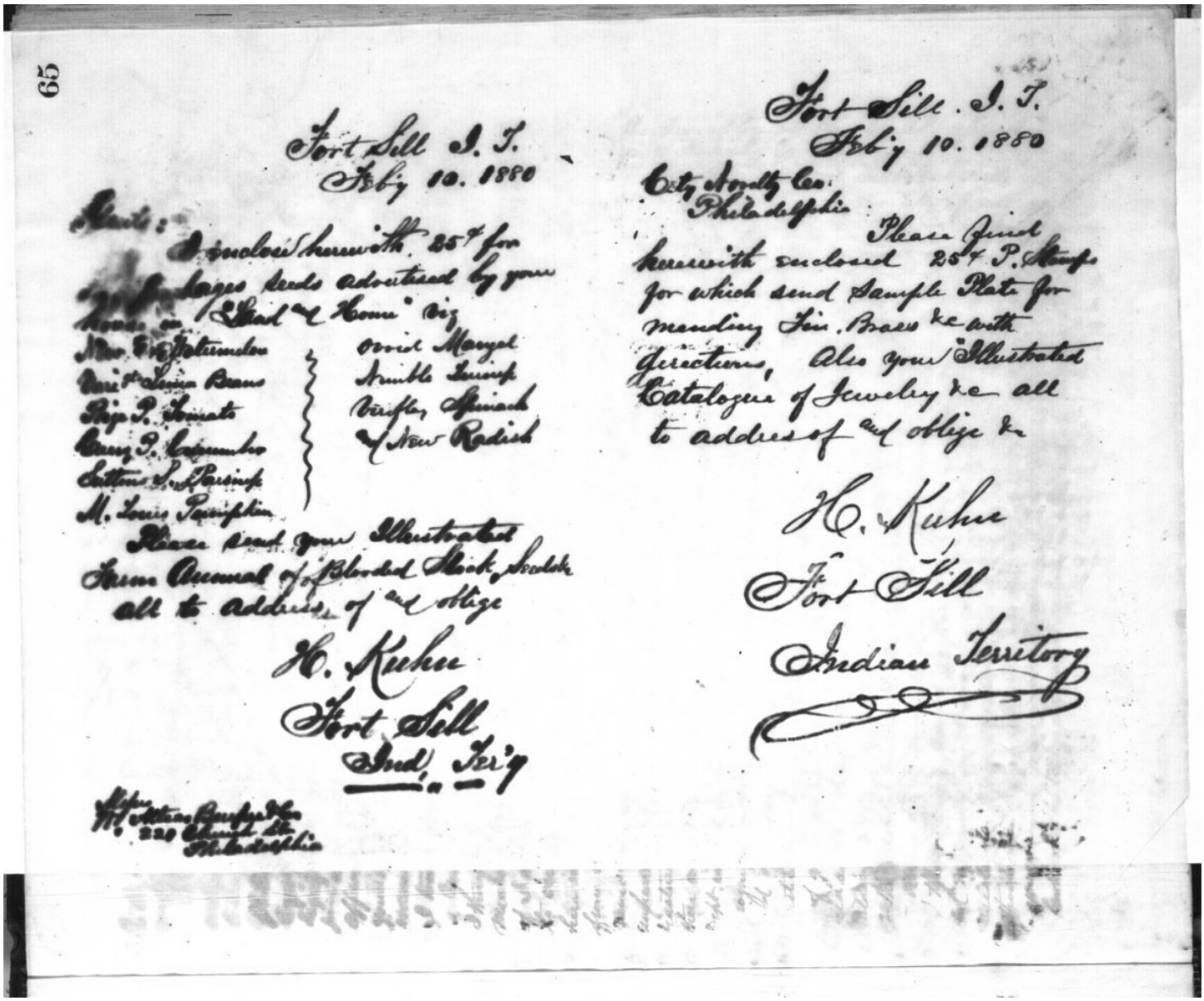
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Fort Sill I. T.
Feby 10. 1880

Sirs:

I enclose herewith 25¢ for
20 packages seeds advertised by you
Send at Home viz
Mex. Gr. Watermelon
Red Lima Beans
Pink P. Tomato
Early P. Watermelon
Cattloup Persimp
M. Louis Pumpkin
Mammoth Long Blood Beet
Drumhead Cabbage
Purple Top Turnip
Yellow Spanish
New Rabbit

Please send your Illustrated
Seed Annual & Plant Catalogue
all to address of and oblige

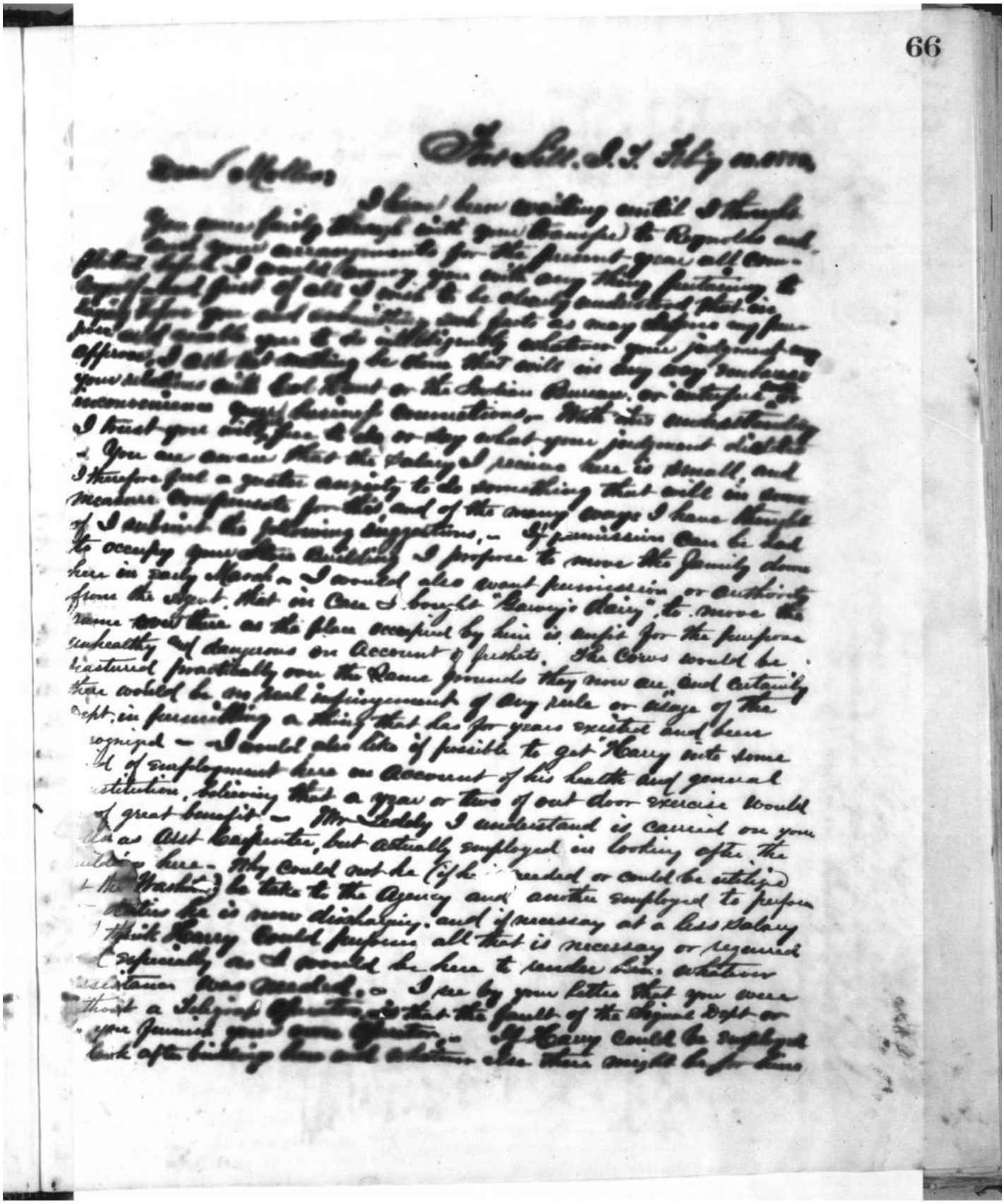
H. Kuhn
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City Novelty Co.
Philadelphia

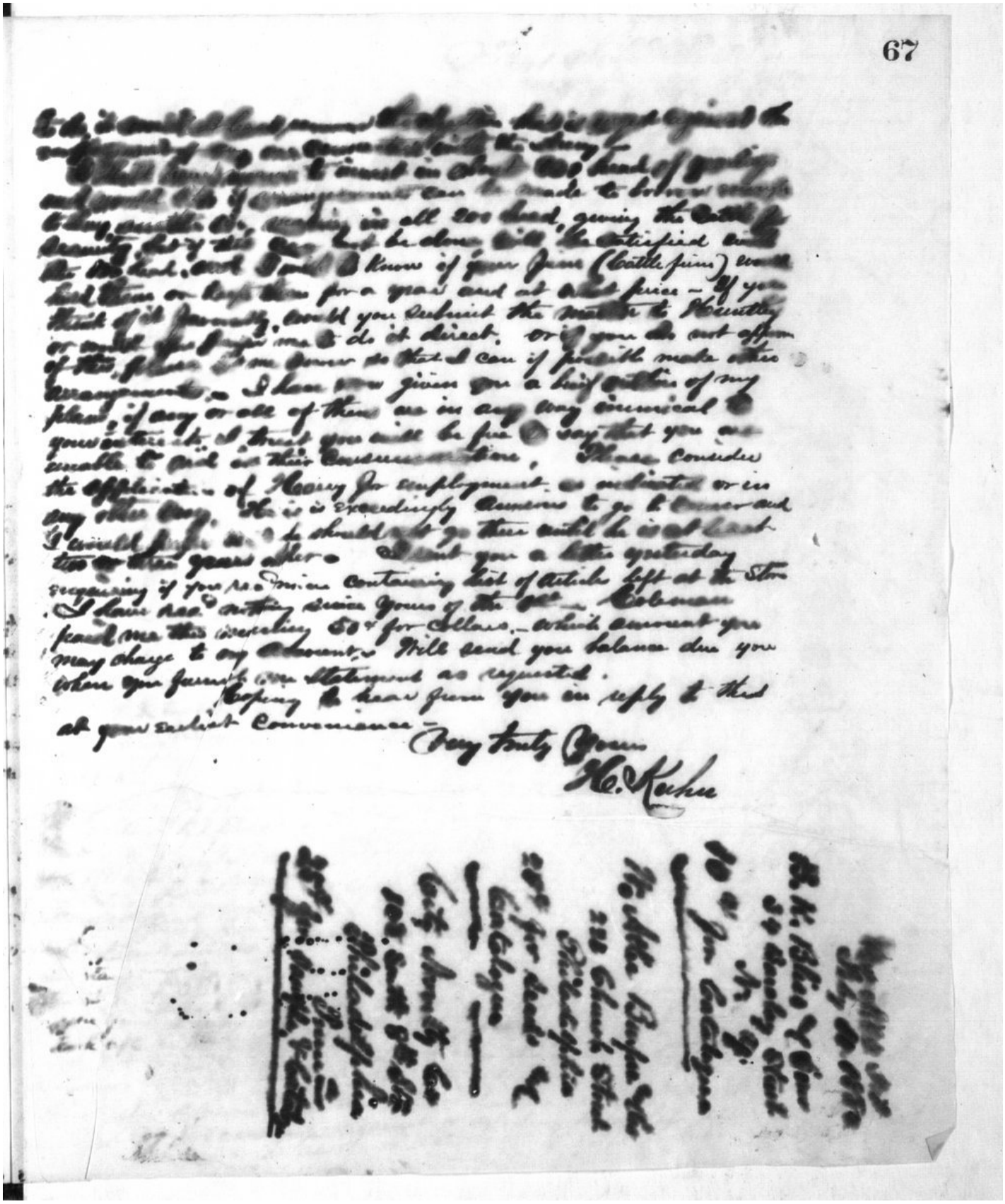
Please send
herewith enclosed 25¢ P. Stamps
for which send Sample Plate for
mending Sew. Brass &c with
directions, Also your Illustrated
Catalogue of Jewelry &c all
to address of and oblige &c

H. Kuhn
Fort Sill
Indian Territory

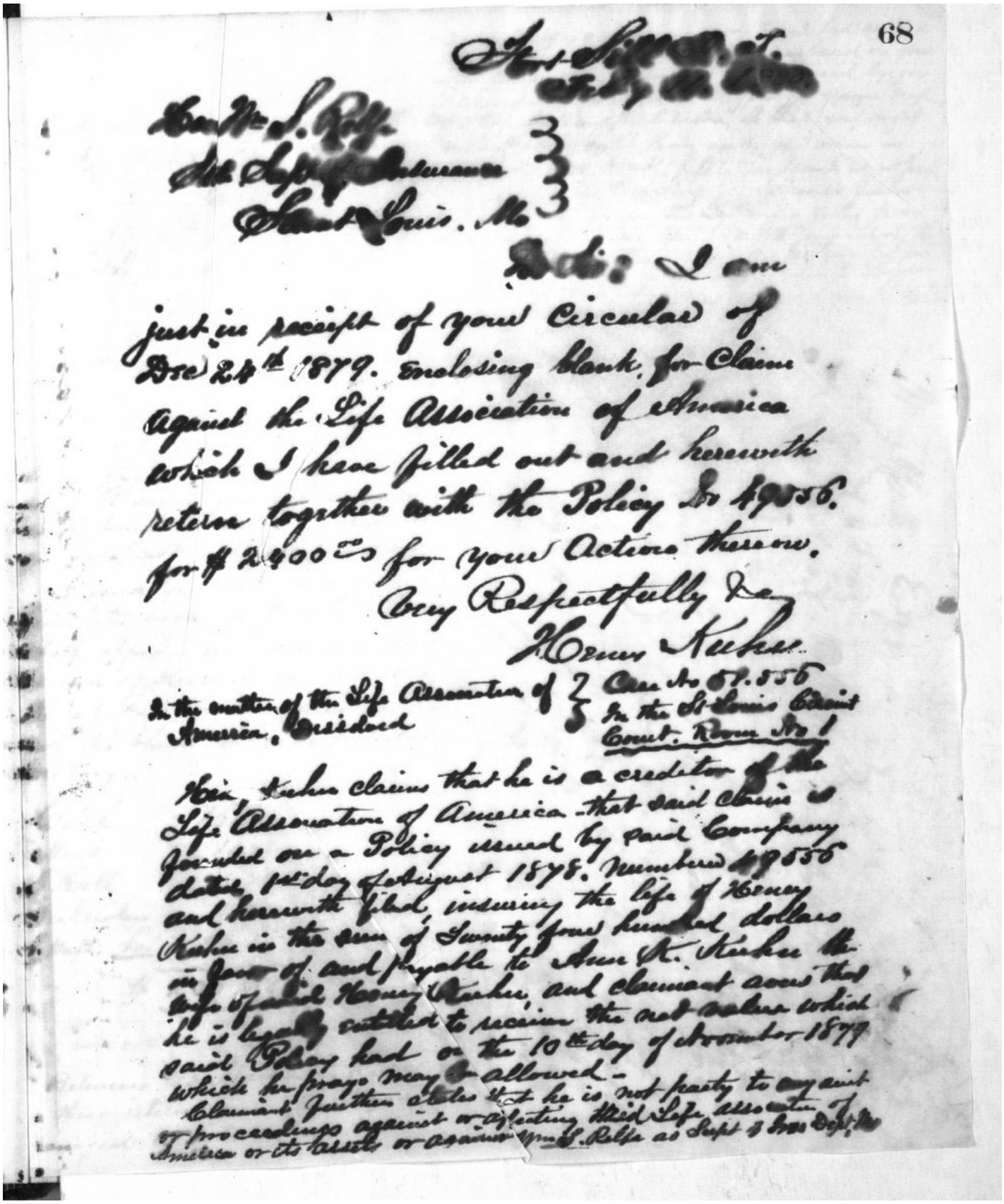


Dear Miller, Fort Lin. D. T. May 20 1870

I have been waiting until I thought you were fairly through with your Councils & Regulations and Estimates for the present year all completed & sent in, & then I would know you with any thing pertaining to Agency affairs. First of all I wish to be clearly understood that in [illegible] and feel as may dictate my pen will guide you & do [illegible] solicitous [illegible] judgment may approve. I ask the nothing be done that will in any way embarrass your relations with Col Hoag or the Indian Bureau, or interfere inconveniences [illegible] business connections. With this understanding I trust you will feel at liberty to say what your judgment dictates. You are aware that the salary I receive here is small, and I therefore feel a gentle anxiety to do something that will increase my means. Confining for this and of the many ways I have thought of I submit the following suggestions. If permission can be had to occupy your [illegible] building I propose to move the family down here in early March. I would also want permission or authority from the Dept. that in case I bought "Barry's dairy", to move the same over here as the place occupied by him is unfit for the purpose unhealthy & dangerous on account of privies. The Cows would be pastured principally on the Reserve grounds they now are, and certainly there would be no real infringement of any rule or usage of the Dept. in permitting a thing that has for years existed and been recognized. I would also like if possible to get Harry into some kind of employment here on account of his health and general constitution, believing that a year or two of out door exercise would be of great benefit. Mr Ladeby I understand is carried on your rolls as Asst Carpenter, but actually employed in looking after the [illegible] here. Why could not he (if he is needed or could be utilized) be taken to the Agency and another employed to perform duties he is now discharging, and if necessary at a less salary. I think Harry could perform all that is necessary or required especially as I would be here to render him [illegible] assistance was needed. I see by your letter that you were short a Subject Question is that the fault of the Signal Dept or your Journal your own Question. If Harry could be employed [illegible] look after [illegible] there might be for [illegible]



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Gen'l Solicitor of
Life Ins. Co.

Gen'l W. L. Ralls
Att'y Life Association
St. Louis, Mo

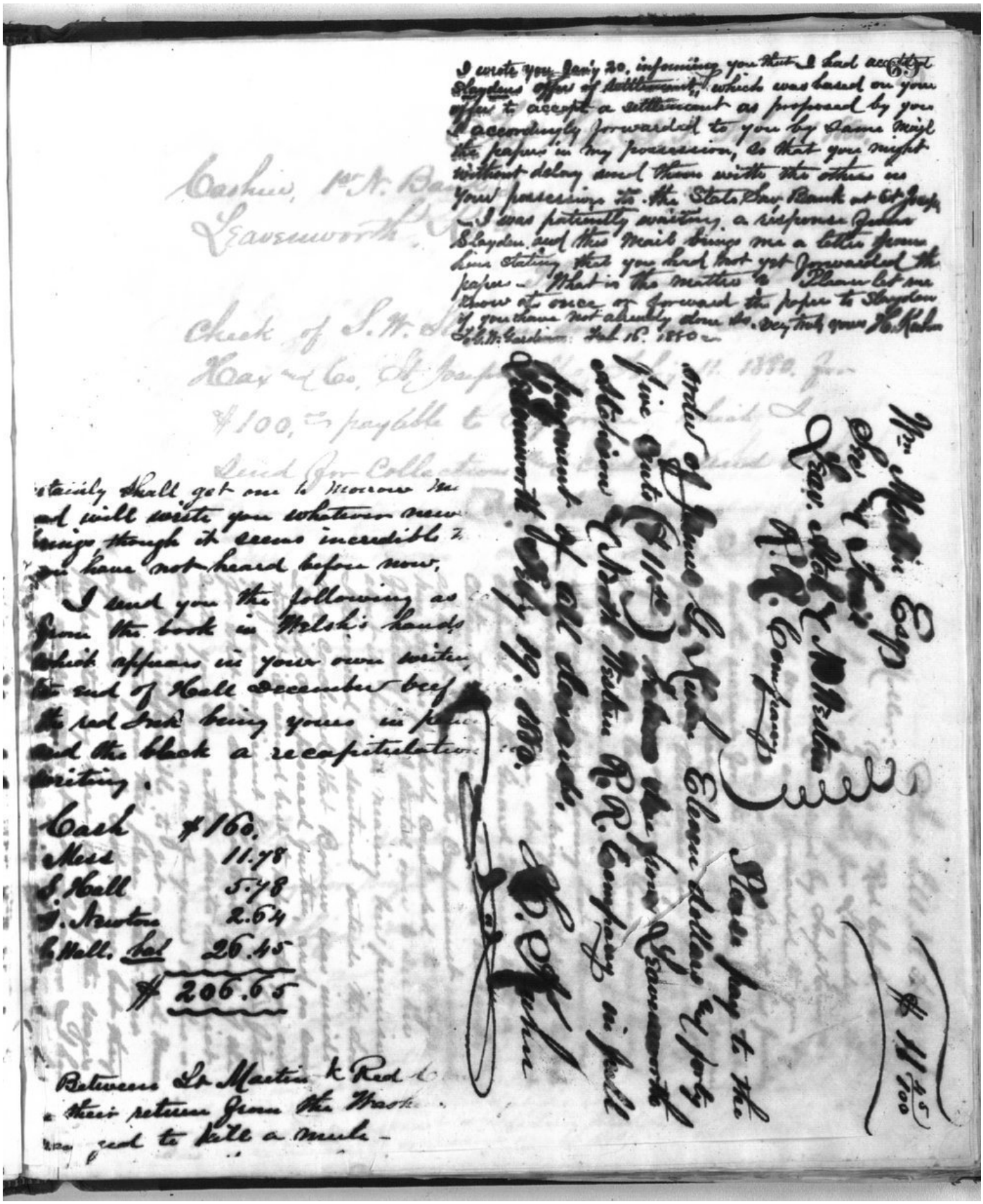
Sir: I am just in receipt of your Circular of Dec 24th 1879. Enclosing blank for Claim against the Life Association of America which I have filled out and herewith return together with the Policy No 19556. for $2400.00 for your Actions thereon.

Very Respectfully Yrs
Henry Kuhn

In the matter of the Life Association of America, Insolvent } Case No 57.856 In the St Louis Circuit Court. Room No 1

Henry Kuhn claims that he is a creditor of the Life Association of America that said Claim is founded on a Policy issued by said Company dated 1st day of August 1878. Numbered 19556 and herewith filed, insuring the life of Henry Kuhn in the sum of Twenty four hundred dollars in favor of and payable to Ann R. Kuhn the wife of said Henry Kuhn, and claimant avers that he is legally entitled to receive the said sum which said Policy had on the 10th day of November 1879 which he prays may be allowed.

Claimant further states that he is not party to any suit proceedings against or affecting said Life Association of America or its assets or against Wm L. Ralls as Supt of Ins. &c.



I wrote you Jan'y 20. informing you that I had accepted Gov. Clayton's offer of settlement, which was based on your offer to accept a settlement as proposed by you. I accordingly forwarded to you by Same Mail the papers in my possession, so that you might without delay send them with the others in your possession to the State Nat. Bank at St. Joseph. I was patiently waiting a response from Gov. Clayton and this Mail brings me a letter from him stating that you had not yet forwarded the papers. What is the matter? Please let me know at once & forward the papers to Clayton if you have not already done so. Very truly yours H. Kuhn

Ft. Wm. Gardiner Feb 16. 1880

Cashier, 1st N. Bank
Leavenworth

Check of S. M. Jo
Kay & Co. St. Jos
$100.00 payable to
Send for Collection

Wm. Martin Esq
Fort Wallace
Kan.

P.P.C. Company

Pay to the order of Jno. G. Kuhn Eleven dollars & forty five cts ($11.45) Value for transportation of Military Stores from Kansas Pacific R.R. Company in full

Leavenworth Kans. Sept 19. 1869.

P. O'Keefe

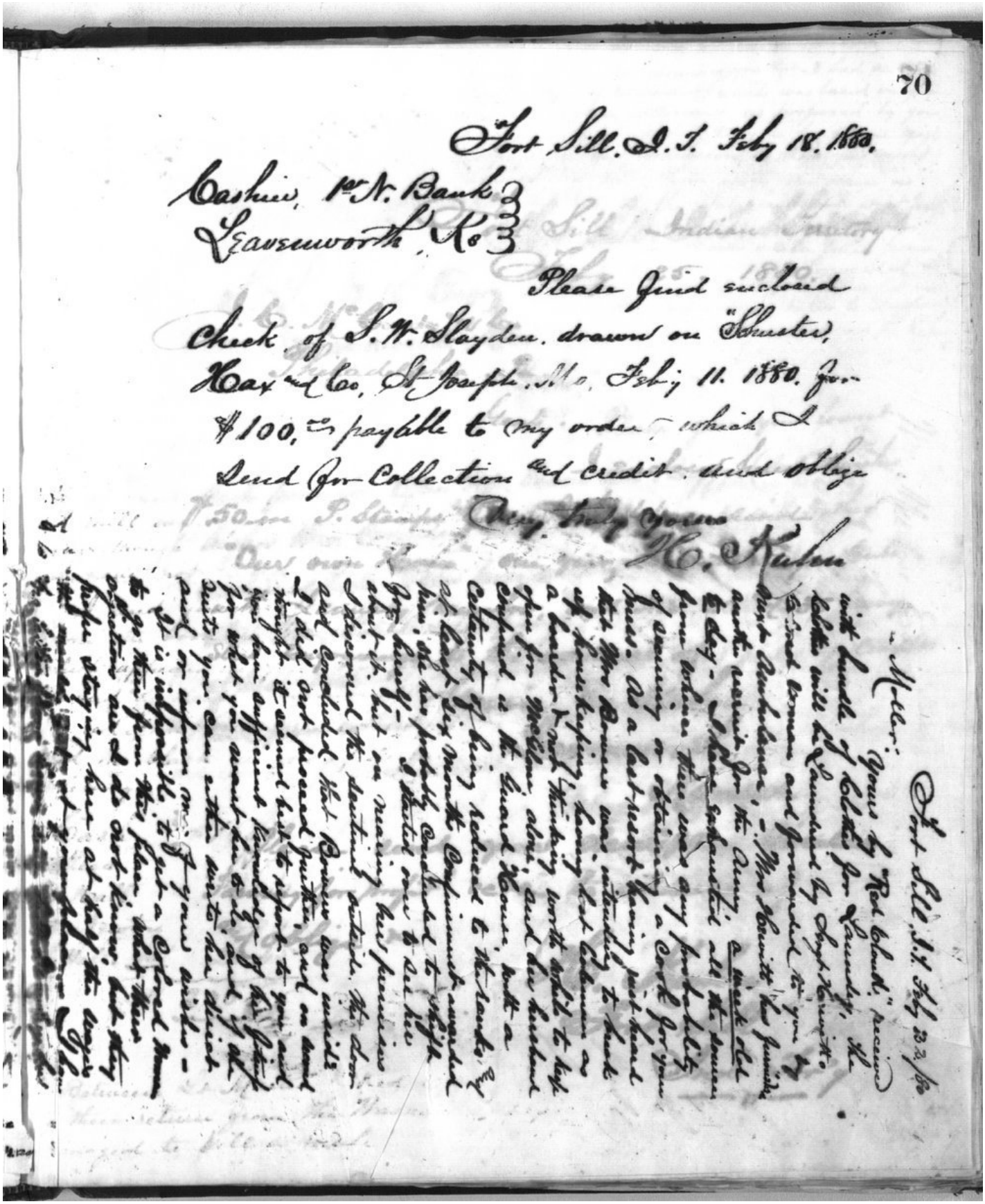
$ 11.45/100

stainly shall get one to Morrow and will write you whatever news I may hear though it seems incredible to you have not heard before now.

I send you the following as from the book in Welsh's hands which appears in your own writing, the end of Hall December beef the last sack being yours in full and the black a recapitulation of writing.

Cash	$160.
Mess	11.78
S. Hall	5.78
J. Newton	2.64
C. Hall. bal	26.45
	$206.65

Between Ft. Martin & Red
their return from the West
used to kill a mule -



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Fort Sill, I. T. Feby 18. 1880.

Cashier, 1st N. Bank
Leavenworth, Ks

Please find enclosed Check of S. W. Slayden, drawn on "Schuster, Hax and Co. St Joseph, Mo. Feby 11. 1880. for $100.00 payable to my order, which I send for Collection and credit, and oblige

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill, I.T. Feby 23/80

Mess: Yours of Feb 18th, "Red Cloud," received with Check of Schuster Hax & Co. for $100.00 which will be credited to your account. Thanking you for your favors and promising to give them prompt attention, I am Yours Truly

Hy Kuhn

a week old & they - Other Sutlers in the Army have come and gone, but I still remain here, where any Merchant can obtain a Contract for Hay. As a Contractor I am willing to treat my Customers as well as any Merchant can do, and as a Merchant I am willing to take a Contractor's risk. Hoping to hear from you soon, and thanking you for favors in the past, I remain

Yours Truly
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill, I.T. Feby 23/80

Messrs. Hax Bro. & Co.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: We duly received your favor of the 11th inst. enclosing draft on Leavenworth for $100.00 which we have placed to your credit. We are pleased to hear that you have secured the Contract for Hay at Fort Sill, and hope you will make a success of it. We have been here now about 3 months, and have had a very fair trade, but have had to contend against many disadvantages. The Post Trader has had the exclusive trade of the Officers and Soldiers, and has had a Contract for Hay, Grain, Flour, Beef, Potatoes, Onions, Coal, Wood, Lumber, Coal Oil, Candles, Soap, Vinegar, Pickles, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Cigars, Boots & Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Overcoats, Blankets, Gloves, Mittens, Socks, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Drawers, Fancy Goods, Notions, Stationery, Groceries, Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, Canned Goods, Crackers, Flour, Meal, Hay, Grain, Potatoes, Onions, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Hams, Lard, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Milk

Fort Sill Indian Territory
Feby 25. 1880.

J. C. McCurdy & Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gents:

I enclose herewith
$1.50 in P. Stamps for which please send
"Our own Home" one year, commencing
with January Number, and Nos 29 & 35
Steel Engravings, to the address of

Gracie E. Kuhn
Leavenworth
Kansas.

Please send your descriptive Circulars
"Farming for profit" &c. &c. to address of
and oblige &c

H. Kuhn
Fort Sill
Ind. Ter'y
—"—

Fort Leb. A. T. July 26th

S. L. North Esq
Leavenworth, Kans.

Sir:

Please give your lowest cash price for Open Top. Piano Box Buggy. (Seat 2 inches higher than Common) Leather Cushion for seat, with Leather cushioned back & also price without back. Set Iron Hubs Skein Axle, Patent Side Springs ~~~~ Medium heavy. of best Material throughout, With Pole (Shafts extra) Complete and price without Pole. Boxed F. O. B.

An early Answer will oblige

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill, Ind. Ter.
July 25. 1880.

Commissioner of Agriculture
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Having facilities for gardening that will afford excellent opportunity to test the merits of any new variety of Vegetable suitable to this latitude and the peculiarities of the soil on the upper tributaries of Red River, will be glad to receive seed or a supply of any on hand for distribution, which will be judiciously planted & the results carefully reported.

Refer you to Senator Ingalls.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
H. Kuhn

Fort Lill. I. T. Mar 10. 1872

L. M. Hamilty Esq

Dr Sir:

I am intimate with Mr McCarty this morning, I submitted a proposition to have from One to Two hundred yearlings, to feed with your Cattle on the basis of sharing the proposition of loss at the end of the time Contracted for, say one or two years - If you can entertain such an proposition please inform me at your earliest Convenience on what terms you will take them,

I would also, like to make arrangements with you, or some other reliable person to purchase the yearlings, which you could do at the same time you are purchasing for yourself - I understand you are to meet a man in the Valley in a day or two who has cattle for sale, If you deal with him, perhaps you could get the numbers I require, from him - Please inform me at what price 200 yearlings can be delivered there, and oblige Yours truly H. Kuhn

Fort Sill. I. T. Mar 23. 1880

D. H. Carr. Esq
Seymour. Texas

Dr Sir:

I have been recommended to write you for information as to the Market price of Cattle, Yearlings and two year olds, in your County, that is what they could be bought for delivered in Seymour.

If the price is satisfactory, would you be willing to negotiate for the purchase, say of about 300 head of yearlings, to be received and paid for by me or my Agent at Seymour, naming the time when you would probably be able to secure that number, or if a lesser or greater number be more easily available, state about what number you could arrange for.

Will be pleased to hear from you at your earliest Convenience and oblige &c

Very Respectfully Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill. I. T. Mar 23. 1880

D. Auld Esq
Dear Sir:

I wrote Senator Ingalls, Jany 20. since which time I have heard nothing from him.

It may be that the more absorbing questions of the investigation has hindered the progress of less important business, but now that is disposed of I will once more call his attention to the matter of the Appointment of Forage Master at this Post.

I presume you found opportunity to confer with him on the subject, or if you have not done so, would be pleased to have you present whatever views, of the case my former letter to you may suggest. - Should it turn out that there can be no appointment made, of Forage Master, - I will ask him for an Appointment as a Mail Route Agent, and shall be glad to have your Co-operation, and to profit by any suggestion you may make, and respond to whatever conditions may be reasonable and right,

In this will meet your favorable consideration

I remain Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill I.T. March 22. 1880.

V. Langdon Esq
Paul Valley. I.T.
Dear Sir:

At what price & when could you deliver me from One to three hundred head of Yearlings and would you Contract to herd & Care for them for one year & at how much per head. — You Gen. Asher recently at Fort Sill, told me he thought you would be willing to Contract for herding Cattle, & it occurred to me afterwards that you might be willing to undertake the purchase of such Cattle hence I have written you making this enquiry. —

Will be pleased to hear from you on any or all of the enquiries at your earliest Convenience. & oblige

Very truly yours
H. Kuhn

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Chickasaw Nation

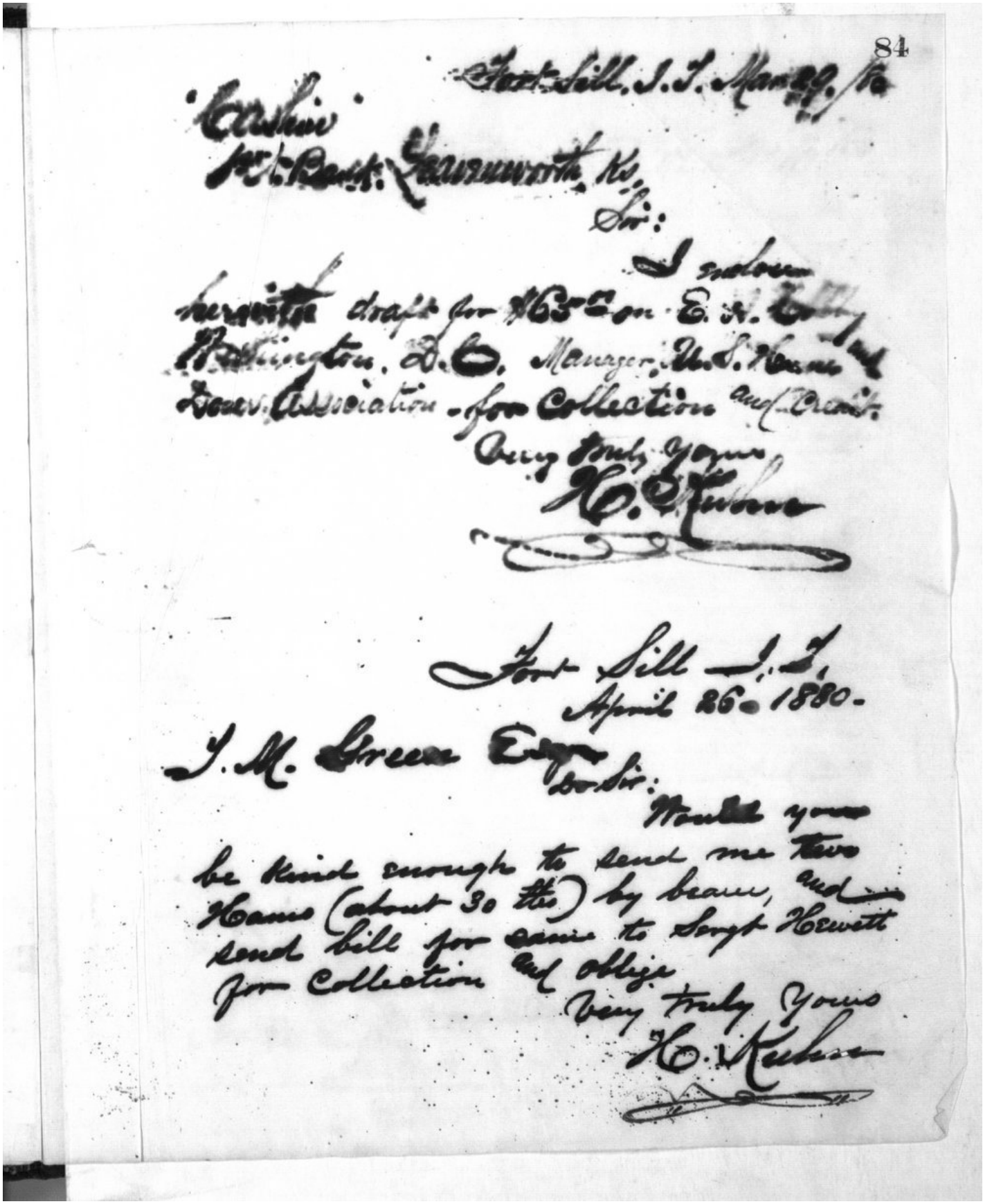
Fort Sill. I. T. March 29/80

E. A. Colby Esq
Manager, U. S. Express Co, Asst.
Washington, D. C:

Dr Sir; March 5th I wrote you, calling your attention to the delay in settling the "Cross" bill according to the terms of your letter of May 24th, expecting at least, you would make some explanation, or remit the amount as agreed upon, but a lapse of 24 days, brings no response of any kind, I take the liberty of drawing on you this day through 1st Nat Bank Leavenworth Kans. for the sum of $35 & 25 cts exchange, trusting that you will honor the draft, and close this transaction, I remain

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Mr Brawner informs me that he has forwarded to you, all the papers,



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Fort Sill I. T. Mar 29 /80

Cashier
1st Nat. Bank Leavenworth Ks.
Sir:

I enclose herewith draft for $63.50 on E. N. Bell 1st Washington D.C. Manager U.S. Horse Rescue Association for collection and credit.

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill I. T.
April 26. 1880.

J. M. Green Esq
Dear Sir:

Would you be kind enough to send me two Hams (about 30 lbs) by bearer, and send bill for same to Lieut Hewett for collection and oblige

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Fort Sill, I. T. April 12, 1880

J. T. McWhirt,

Dear Sir: Intending in May to take a trip from this place to Texas through Clay County and Bayou County, there down the Brazos, on search of a farm or ranch where I can engage in a ranching on the Cattle or Stock business,

I take pleasure to ask you to such information and advice as you may be pleased to give in regard to your County and the Country adjacent, as to soil and quality of land, Schools Ground to the nearest point to Railroad, prospects of any mineral resources in your County &c., and estimate population of your County.

Will be pleased to hear from you at your Earliest Convenience, and any advice or information will be duly appreciated by

Very truly Yours

H. Kuhn

Formerly of Leavenworth Ks

Fort Sill, I. T. Apl 2. 1875

Mr. Walker

Johnsonville, S. C.

Dr Sir: I desire to buy One, two or three hundred head of Yearling Cattle. (Chickasaw Cattle preferred) and have been referred to you as having facilities to furnish that number or more,

Would you Contract to furnish three hundred head or any less number and at what price and how soon?

An early Answer will oblige

Very truly Yours

H. Kuhn

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Fort Gibson I. T. Apl 2/1860

John Williams Esq

Dr Sir:

Would you Contract to herd and take care of one, two or three hundred head of Yearling Cattle, for one year or less? And if so at what price per head for One hundred, and price for two or three hundred? Can you buy any Yearlings in Your Neighborhood and at what price? Will be pleased to hear from you at Your earliest Convenience and oblige me

Very truly Yours—

H. Kuhn

Fort Gibson I. T.
April 2. 1860

James Rennie Esq
White Bead Hill
C. N. — Dr Sir:

Would you Contract to sell or furnish me (200) two hundred head of Yearling Cattle or any less number at or within twenty

April 13th

The Elkhart Carriage Co.

Gents: Please send price list at which you can deliver F.O.B. Material Complete for one Medium weight Buggy - Axles best Steel - McGuire Carriage bearing - Best Elliptic Springs, Pattern No 1 - Solid Wheels - Pole, Shafts &c Box No 5 D - Pat Leather Dash Boards, -

Also same as above with "Dexter Queen Springs" Clips & all Complete, instead of McGuire Carriage Bearings and Elliptic Springs -

Also prices of best Shifting, Rubber Top, Curtain Fall & Seat Complete -

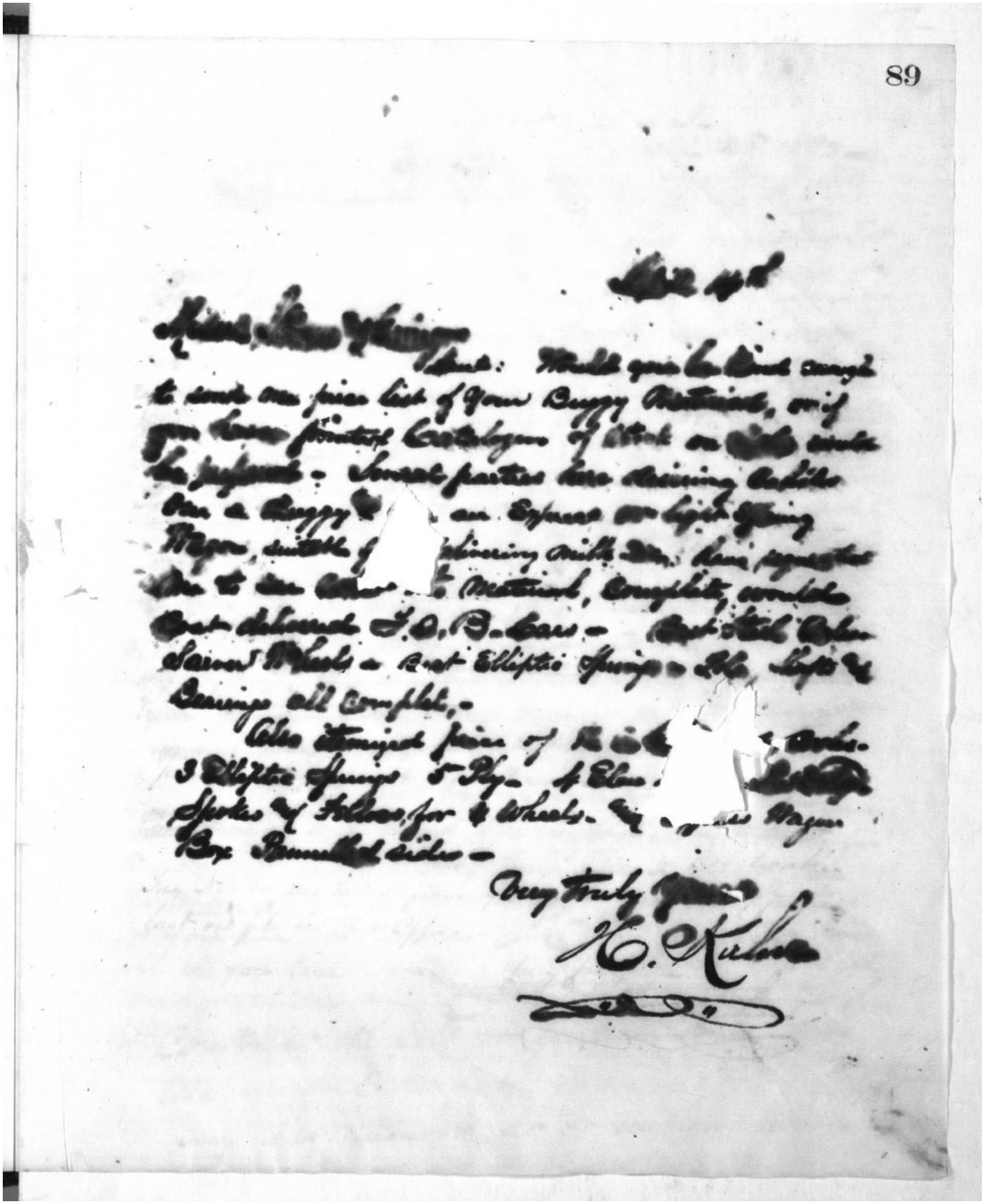
Also prices of Concord & Elliptic Springs 5 Ply - 1/4 Elm Hubs Part Dressed - Spokes and Fellows for 4 Wheels - and Express Wagon Box No 1 -

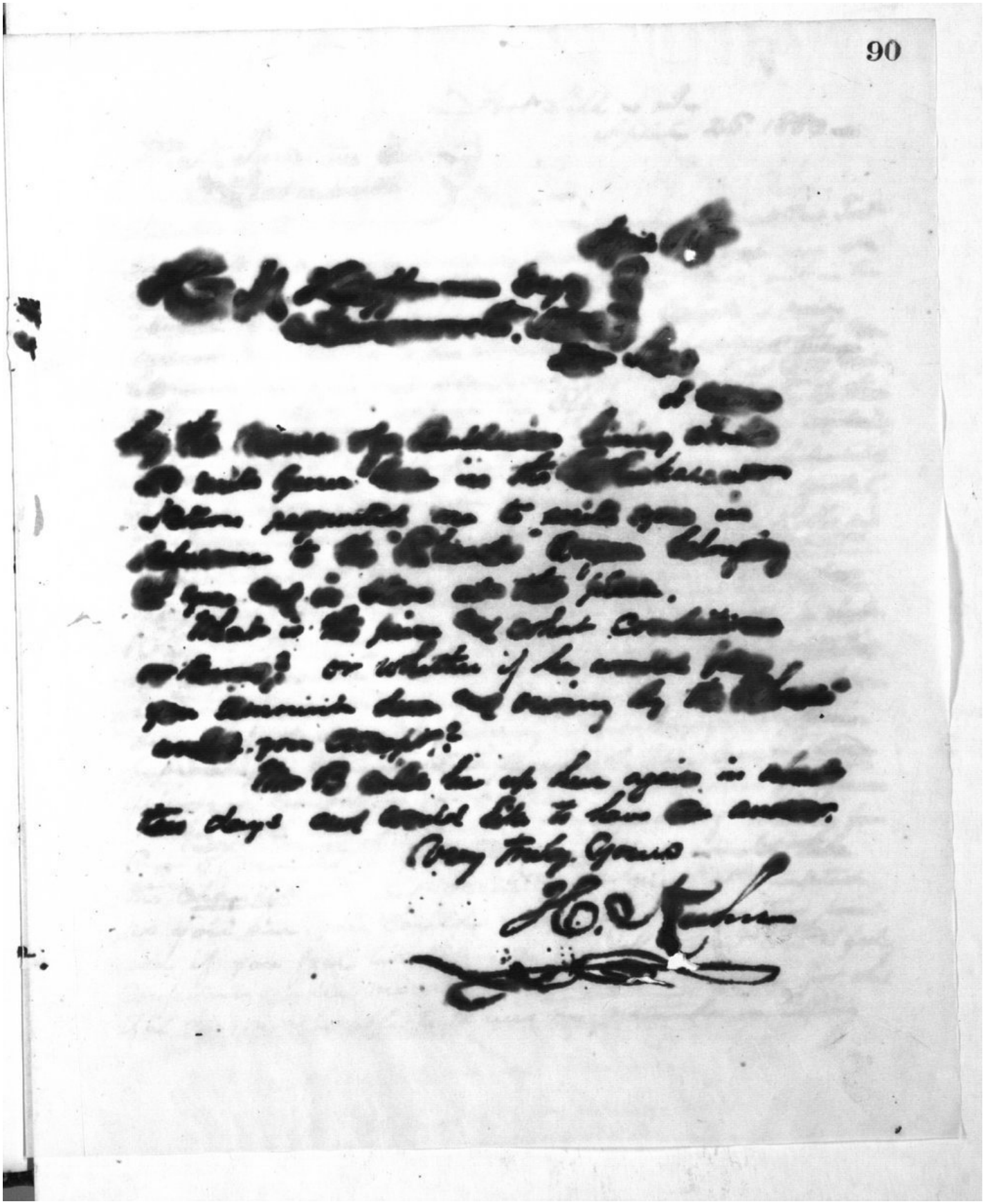
- Please itemize prices as far as practicable.

The Nos we are taken from your Catalogue of 1877 - the last on file in this Office -

Very truly Yours.

H. Kuhn




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Fort Hill I.T.
April 26. 1880

M. L. Gridley Esq
Fayetteville Ark

Dear Sir: I have been at this Post since last Oct. as you probably know — I came here as the assistant of the Chief Q.M. & dor Office Work, but in the change of stations & loss a Civilian Clerk, I was appointed to the office as Storekeeper — Subsequently Mr Coleman came here under Contract with the Chief Q.M. to do Forage Master & perform the Office Work — I was then appointed to the additional duties of Forage Master and duly qualified & Mr Coleman acting in that Capacity — Immediately upon his appointment I was again assigned to the Contract Office, and have since been Carried on the Rolls as Forage Master and a Mr Keirsey is now discharging the actual duties of Forage Master but Carried on the Rolls as "Storekeeper" — Now as this Country is not the most healthy and not in any case the most inviting especially to a man away from his family I have been frequently desiring & planning to get my family here but only a few months since at the time I was filling I decided to undertake the Massive of Affairs Unless there was a reasonable prospect of holding for 6 or 8 Months — beyond that period I considered the Chances — It occurred to me that situated as you are you Could enlighten me on this point and if you feel like taking a friendly interest Can; I feel Confident, render me a most important service, for which if I may not be able to express my gratitude in getting

[illegible] I shall be always ready as I shall be willing to respond to any demands which I can show my [illegible]

If it is possible that a contract could be made or proposals similar to the one made with McClellan & Co from June 1st to July 1st next ensuing - it would suit me, & carry out my plans as indicated. Now if you will address me on this point, and say what you will bring such a wealth about, and what will be required or expected of me I will be under obligations, and Rachel may be able to render you some equivalent service.

Will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and shall regard all in the strictest confidence. And if there is any thing that I can do of interest to you will cheerfully respond to any call for further Correspondence.

With kind regards

Very truly Yours

H. Kuhn

Fort Sill- I. T
April 26- 1880.

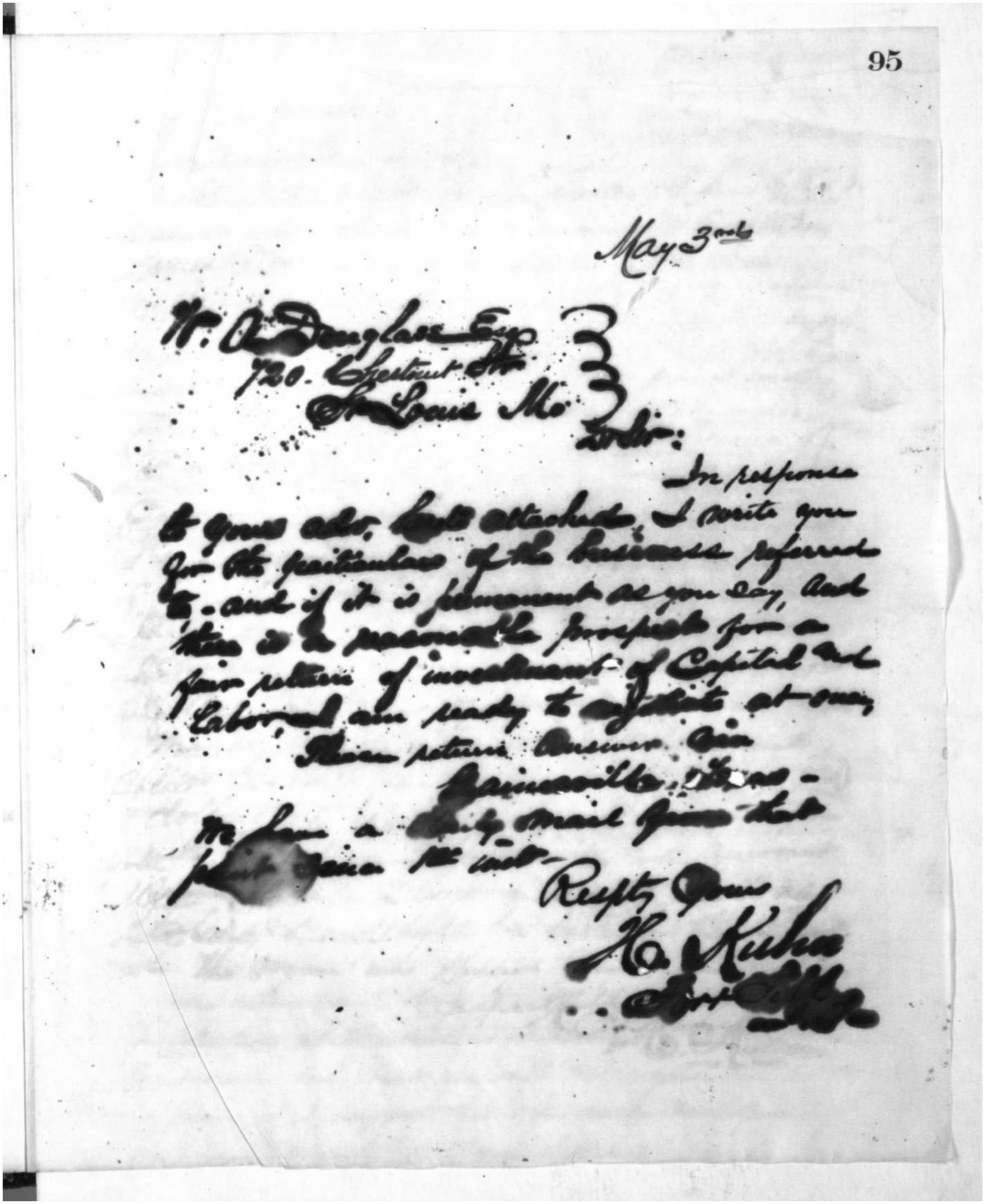
James Rennie Esq
White Bead Hill
I. T — Dear Sir:

April 2nd I wrote you in reference to the purchase of about 200 head of Yearlings, but owing to the suspension of the Cattle Trade at that time, you may have failed to receive the note. Would you Contract to furnish that number, or any less number, to be received or delivered (on payment for same) at the several places which you may name, or from the Farmers from whom you buy — at what price, and within what time?

Would you contract to furnish 50 Cows, with Calves - at what price and how soon.

Would be pleased to hear from you at your earliest Convenience — I refer you to Moller and Cleveland of the firm of J. J. Astor & Co or to any business firm or house in Leavenworth

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn



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May 3rd 66

Mr. A. Douglass Esq
720 Chestnut St
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir:

In response to yours ackg. receipt of Statistics, I write you for the particulars of the business referred to, and if it is favourable as you say, such a line is a reasonable prospect for a fair return of investment of Capital and Labor, and are ready to [illegible] at once, please return answer [illegible] possible. Yours [illegible] by Mail from the [illegible] inst.

Respty Yours
H. Kuhn

[redacted] Hoffman & May 3

[redacted] Hoffman Esq

Leavenworth, Ks

Dear Sir:

Yours of 21st ult was duly rec'd. Mr Baldwin came in May 1st and would have taken the Rhode Organ at the price named in your letter, but it was shipped by the Q.M. on Gov train to Caddo, to Mrs Rhodes, ex Pennsylvania — A friend of Mrs Rhodes. "Mr Frank Lawrence" desires me to ask whether you will credit Mrs R. with a payment of twenty ($20) dollars, on balance due as agreed upon with her, if he will remit that amount from here. Lawrence is with the train to Caddo and will be back by the 15th inst. — The Organ was shipped from here April 30.

Respectfully Yours

H. C. Kuhn

Maj H. C. Dunlap
Gainesville, Tex

Dear Sir: I intended to have called on you Sunday afternoon, but my duties were delayed until a late hour, & until it was too late to do so.

I wrote mention about a special pass from Gainesville to Dallas for my family, whom I anxiously desire to come through about the 20th or 25th of the present month. The expenses of the trip must conform to my means & it is therefore for that purpose that I ask you to do what you can in this direction, so far as it may not conflict with your interest. I will occupy the buildings recently vacated by the Indian Traders J. J. Fisher & Co, who have again secured the Wood & Beef Contracts for another year. This place has large & ample accommodations as a Hotel or as a "Ranche" - with stabling & enclosures - would be the best & most convenient place (about 2 miles from the Post on the Gainesville Road) as a stopping for your trains either before or after unloading - Especially in the Winter time when hay will be required. Of this you can determine, after an examination when you return.

You intimated to Sergt Hewett of this Office, that you intended (which indeed is a necessity) to have an Agent here. I trust you will not regard this as officious, if I suggest that you make no definite arrangements with any one else until you see him

Again - I beg the following to the [illegible] Quartermaster as well as to the interest of the public service to have an Agent here, familiar with all the details of the business pertaining, both to the freight & passenger transportation of the Army - thereby facilitating & learning prompt, settlement of Accounts, & effecting a saving of delays that follow the action of a Board of Survey when such action becomes necessary - And then there is the satisfaction to myself, in having your business flow smoothly & without interruption, by efficient management - a question of no little consideration in itself -

I have endeavored to procure through the Gov Press a trip pass over the M.K.&T. for my family but am just informed that it can not be had at present - and am [illegible] instead, a trip pass over the A.T. & S.F. road to Wellington - this makes the stage route about 100 miles longer than via Gainesville thus it would considerably reduce the expense - I would prefer they should travel over the Gainesville route.

Two families - one of three persons - the other of two - discharged Soldiers, desire to leave here on the 18th & 29th respectively for Gainesville & beyond - who rather than wait for Gov transportation would be willing to pay a reduced Stage fare - I have reason to believe that if such indulgence was held out the effort would secure these for you -

- Would be glad to render you any service in this line - procuring patronage - for whatever you may feel inclined to do in my behalf & in addition will as gladly fully reciprocate any favors as I shall as fully be under obligations to do so - — If you desire me

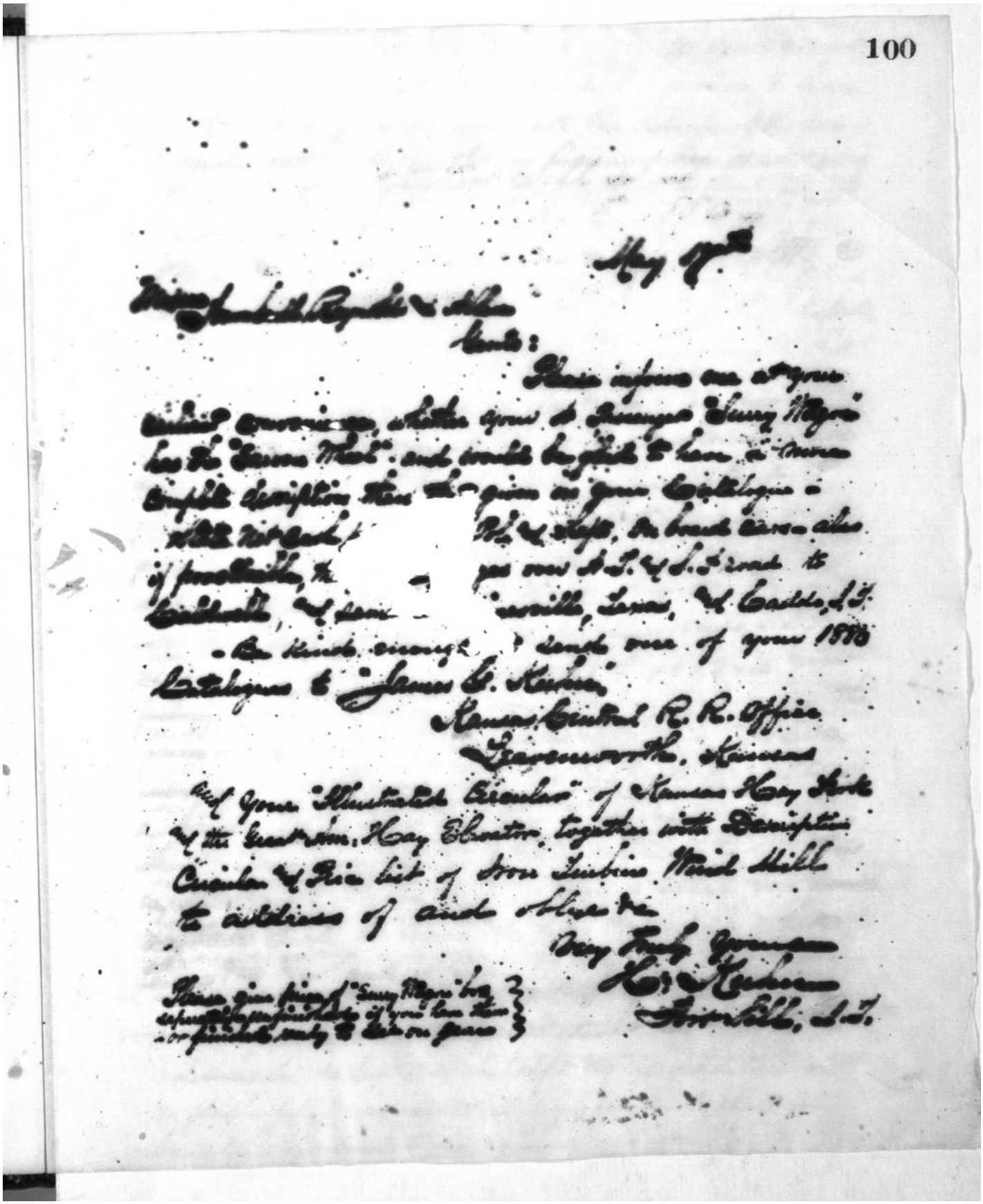
Fort Sill I T.
May 6. 1880.

Capt. John Pitman Asst Adj Gen
Leavenworth Kans

Sir:

I enclose herewith for collection and credit - Draft of U. S. Indian Agent P. B. Hunt on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Saint Louis Mo - No. 2673. payable to the order of Geo W. Hunt for $128 ⁴⁄₁₀₀ - and by him endorsed dated March 31st 1880 -

Respectfully your
H. Kuhn



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May 9th

Dear Sir:

Please inform me if you
received my letter of January 7th in which I
left for Kansas Mail, and would be glad to have a
complete description that you can give in your Catalogue -
with Price List, &
of Smith Mill, &
Cockrell, of Lawrence, Kansas, of Cadle, & J.
Please send me
Catalogues & James G. Kuhn,
Kansas Central R. R. Office
Leavenworth, Kansas
and your "Illustrated Circular" of Kansas Hay Rake
& the Kansas Hay Elevator, together with Descriptive
Circular & Price List of Iron Jacking Mail Mill
& oblige
Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn
Atchison, Kan.

Please give price of "Iron Mail Mill"
with [illegible]