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.

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Anadarko I.T. Dec 30 /

Dear Col:

Your telegram to day to Mr Brown is gratifying to your friends. And as you may not remain to receive this I send it to meet you half way.

I regret to have to report the arrest yesterday of Jesse Jones, by the Dept U.S Marshall, on a warrant charging him with the hanging of two men South of Sill not long ago - He also had a warrant for Son-ka-do-tah and was intending to attempt his arrest when fortunately I learned of the matter just in time to prevent it. The Marshall was here nearly a week, but did not inform me of the contemplated arrests, and I knew nothing of Jones arrest until he sent a note to me stating the fact. Jones had been with the Marshall more or less every day while he was here, but was not arrested until yesterday. He was taken to Sill & Son-ka-do-tah was to have gone there to day - but after all had started, I sent 2 Policemen to overtake Son-ka-do-tah and have him come back to the Agency and remain here, but for

they would not overtake him, I sent the following
to Col. Kenny - "Sou-ka-do-tah, Captain of Ind. Police
"will probably be in Fort Sill to morrow and if neces-
"sary will state what he knows about the Murder
"Case. Do not permit his arrest until you
"know the Condition of affairs here, - He must be
"free to return to this Agency at once after stating
"what he knows. - His arrest if required will
"be made under the direction of the Agent"
to which he replied "All right will see
"that he is not arrested - Let me know what
"time he will be here"

To day I telegraphed Col Kenny - "Sou-ka-do-tah
"started for Sill yesterday, but to day returned
"to the Agency where he will remain under
"orders until More is known of the Murder Case
"Jones was arrested yesterday by U.S. Marshall who
"started with him for Sill there to have as he alleged
"a preliminary Examination to determine whether
"necessary to hold Jones - Have they arrived and

"before whom is the examination to be made
"if made at all" to which he replies as
follows - "Jones is here under arrest of
"Deputy Marshall to be taken to Fort Smith - I know
"of no examination in the matter nor have I authority
"for same - Something should be done to prevent
"Marshalls from Coming into Territory to stir up trouble
" The Agent of Indians should be the one to whom
"Matters should be referred - I hear deputy has
"Warrants for Comanche Jack - Think it is well
"Some one do talk went back as the deputy has a war-
"rant for him - I have no power to stop the
"process of a warrant. You may or ought to
"have - Refer the matter to higher powers".

It seems Col Henry telegraphed Gen Pope
and the three last paragraphs of his dispatch
above quoted were evidently inspired by Gen
Popes reply to him. - There is no legal power
except the Courts to stop the process of a warrant,
known to me, and no one should attempt it unless

to prevent a great public wrong, and to prevent as in this case, a worse calamity than permitting the escape of an alleged murderer.

I agreed with Col Henry that something should be done to prevent Marshall coming into the Indian Territory, excepting at the request of the Agent, and that no arrests should be made or attempted unless Just conferring or advising with the Agent.

There is no apprehension of any trouble unless the Marshall should return and attempt to execute the writ. I will telegraph Marshall this evening, that no arrest or attempt to arrest any Indian must be made, unless the Agent is fully advised, so that he can take such steps as may be necessary to preserve the peace of the Indians.

Very truly yours
H. Kuhn
Clk

Anadarko, I.T. Dec 31 /

Wm J. N. Jones
Dear Sir:

I was expecting to hear from you by last evenings Mail.

If there is any thing you may wish to have done, your friends here will be glad to serve you, at any time you will communicate with them.

Your privilege to do so is clear, and the Marshall no more than a private individual has a legal right to interfere with your mail.

Very Truly yours
H. Kuhn

Anadarko I.T. Jany 4. 2

J. N. Jones Esqr
Fort Sill. I.T.

Dr Sir:

Please send names of Police who are to be charged with the $10.00 expended at Sill for their individual benifit, in order that it may be collected from them out of their last quarters pay -

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Kiowa Com^{nd} Nich
Anadarko I. T. Jan'y 4^{th} 2

J. H. Barnes Esq^{r}
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

Mr J. N. Jones for a long time connected with this Agency has been arrested by Dep^{ty} Marsh Ayres on a Warrant charging him with murder and will be in Ft Smith shortly. As I understand this warrant is upon information, and that before he is held for trial or for the action of the Grand Jury he will be entitled to a preliminary examination before a Commissioner in which case it is believed he will be released, as it is well known that the murder was committed by others — John Mullins a Comanch Indian was also arrested upon the same charge.

Mr Jones desires to retain you and also Mr Mellette to defend himself and Mullins, and of course will inform you of all the circumstances.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Anadarko I.T. Jany 5th 2

Cashier.
1st Nat Bank Leav.
Sir:

I inclose for credit
my Account Check #5037
on Asst Treasurer St Louis.
Mo. endorsed and made
payable to your order for
$150 00/100.

Respty
H. Kuhn

Kansas Land & Trust
Headquarters at Topeka

Rev. J. B. Nicks
Darlington I. T.

Dear Sir:

Wilson Jones has completed hauling your logs (3000 feet) for which I have paid him $30.00.

The sawing will be done this week but I have not been able to get any of the Shawnees to haul the lumber to Silver Lake with the aid of Paul & Conry I hope to find some one this week who will do it. Jones says it is worth 75¢ per hundred feet but that he will haul it at that rate if [illegible] can not be had.

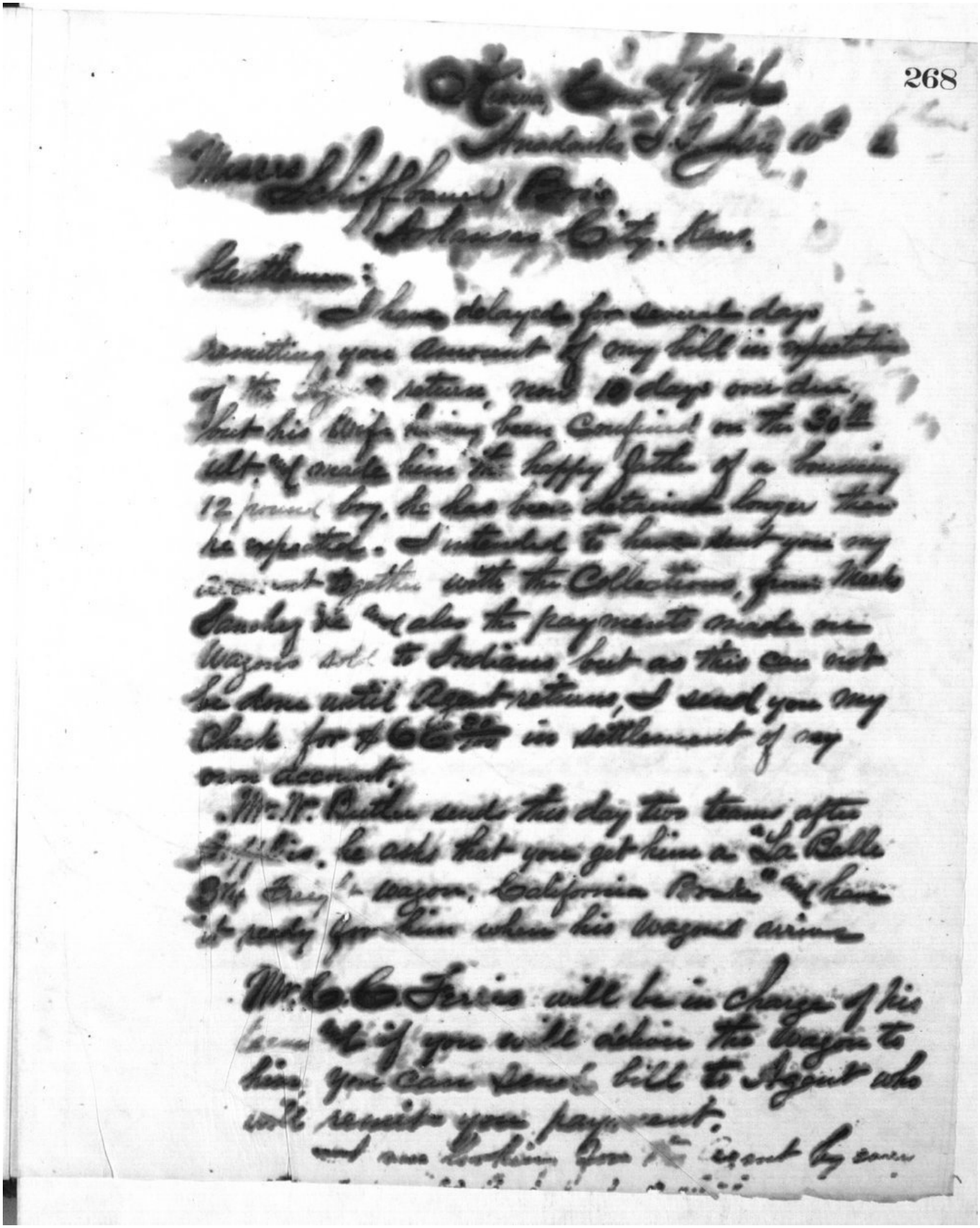
Col K. has not yet returned, & I think he is on a great haste to get himself away from the school boy [illegible] to him &c. The people here continue sceptical regarding [illegible] & hope you can arrange to [illegible] Very much regretted that you [illegible] Yours &c H. Kuhn

Leavenworth Kans.

Sir:

Very Truly Yours

H. Kuhn



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Messrs Shiffman and Bro's
Kansas City. Mo.

Gentlemen;

I have delayed for a couple days remitting you Amount of my bill in expectation of the Boy's return, now 10 days over due, that his Wife having been confined on the 30th ult. & made him the happy father of a booming 12 pound boy, he has been detained longer than he expected. I intended to have sent you my account together with the Collections, from Mark Stanley Esq & also the payments made on Wagons sold to Indians but as this can not be done until Agent returns, I send you my Check for $66.20 in settlement of my own account.

Mr. W. Ritter visited this day ten times after his bill. he asks that you get him a "La Belle" Grey wagon, California Bows & have it ready for him when his wagons arrive.

Mr. C. C. Ferris will be in charge of his team & if you will deliver the wagon to him, you can send bill to Agent who will remit you payment.

I am looking for [illegible] by every

Kiowa. Comm[ch] Nich
Anadarko I.T. Jan 13[th]

Dear Harry:

It seems that misfortunes never come singly - I rec[d] your Postal informing me that the Mule was drowned, which shows that she was not properly cared for - that is if she had been watered she would not have gone to the Slough -

Yesterday Andrew Pawnee Came in and told me the Gray Mare was dead, killed by drowning or Choking Caused by Lariat he had brought her to his place intending to bring her in next day and during the night she pulled the picket and was found at the creek next morning dead -

Now I can not help looking back and see how if my suggestions had been followed, these things would not have happened, whatever else might have been - You will recollect I done my utmost the trip before the present one to induce you to take the Mare, that is take Jones in Johns team instead of two - had this been done I can not help but think that both Mules & Mare would have been now on the road

And again if you had taken your trip to Leav. as it was first understood you would it would not now be a matter of doubt whether to make arrangements for farming the present season or not. — Indeed I consider your long contemplated trip quite as unnecessary as your unfortunate trip to Denver against the judgment as well as the wishes of your Mother and Myself. And which taken together the expenses of your going there and about $60.00 paid for your return and the loss of time and last seasons crop and now $50.00 to be expended for which there will be nothing to show, I believe you should consider whether you should not entirely forego this trip (now so late in the season) or whether when you do incur this expense, if it would not be best to see if you could not do better in Kansas City or Elsewhere, in your business, where perhaps you would be better Satisfied, and where you could see at the end of another year if you had done any better than you did the year in Colorado — Should you decide to do so — You can let me know how much is due you at the rate I insured to you when you came here $10 per Mo

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I inclose my check for $700, out of which please
pay Mr Terry $200 which I have charged to Mr
Butler. I have asked Mr Funk to have his
Agent at Caldwell pay Homer & Co. $200 &
ask to get your bro Jim to send it
with Funk's freight first opportunity.
Enclosed to Messrs Schiffmann Bro. my check
for the Bill of Maple Syrup. the only genuine
article I have tasted since I have been here.
You may send by John the following
articles to Messrs Schiffmann Bro and bill
by Mail. or if delivered to you, you can send to
200 # Flour. 1 Barrel Salt
50 # Butter 10 # oat Meal (1 # Package
1 Coffee Boiler. 6 qt. (8 qt preferred)
10 Bushels Millet
3 Bushels Sweet Potatoes.
I think you better start back with 2 Buggies.
Make you ought not to have over 800 # all told
with a new Road wagon. I am - your father

Kuhn, Coon & Nash
Leadville, Col. Jany 13 [illegible]

F. L. Zuck Esq
Leadville Col.

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to ask your Agent at Caldwell to pay Messrs Homes & Co (2) Two hundred dollars, and also to get a box in Express office for H. Kuhn pay charges and send same by first freight out from you, and oblige

Very Truly Yours
H Kuhn

Kiowa, Comanche & Wichita
Anadarko I.T. June 14 [illegible]

Western Electric Manufacturing Co.
220-224 Kinzie St.
Chicago Ill.

Sirs:

I will thank you to be informed of the Cost of a set of Telegraphic instruments for private line, at your convenience. The line will be about 2 miles in length, connecting this Agency with Anadarko, the wire to be used for telephonic Communication also.

Want the best or latest improved instruments.

Will you be kind enough to send me your Manual of Telegraphy and Catalogues of Private line instruments and Relays

Very respectfully Yours

H. Kuhn

Known, Com'l Trad
Anadarko I.T. Jany 19th 2

Dear Moller:

The Col returned last Sunday, without stopping in St Louis. and have been so busy since, that I did not get your check signed until to day- A 12 pound boy Dec 30. the result of his trip.

I inclose Checks #6249 and #6240 on Asst Treas St Louis Mo.

$300 Payment by Rev Wicks for House.
50 Harness and two Cows

Why dont you say what you will take for the old House at the Creek?

All well.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Anadarko I.T.
Janʸ 21. 1882

A. J. Reynolds. Esq
Anadarko I.T.

Sir:

Please find inclosed herewith my check on 1st Nat Bank Leavenworth payable to your order for $67.87/100 in payment of my Account as per your bill rendered to Janʸ 1st 1882.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

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Cashier, 1st Nat Bank.
Leavenworth, Kans

Dr Sir:

I inclose herewith the following Checks on Asst Treasurer St Louis, Mo for credit my Account.

6243- $300.00
6254- 125.00
6260- 105.00
Total $525.00 made payable to your order.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Kiowa, Comanche & Wichita
Anadarko I.T. Jany 20 [illegible]

W. D. McCoun Esq.
Arkansas City, Kans.

Dear Sir:

About 6 weeks ago Mr O. G. Brown of this Agency ordered from St Louis about 300. feet of steel Wire Rope, to be shipped to care R. C. Haywood, Arkansas City.

Please inform me if the wire has arrived and if so, send by first train,

The $9.00 for credit Mr Haywood in last remittance, has not been collected from the party who received the Money or Mdse from Mr. H. as I do not find it on any of my Statements, and the Memorandum has been mislaid - please state to which of the Indians this [illegible] charged. Obliged Very truly yours H Kuhn

Kiowa, Com[anche] & Wich[ita]
Anadarko. I. T. Jany 24 [18]92

Messrs
D. M. Ferry & Co.
Detroit. Michigan

Gentlemen:

I inclose herewith $5.32 for which please send to my address, by Express, via Caldwell, Kansas (two packages in one)

— Package No 1 —

1 oz	Melon	Gr. Nutmeg	05
1 oz	Cucumber	E. Green	15
1 Paper	Cabbage	Winningstadt	05
1 "	"	Flat Dutch	05
1 "	Water Melon	Good	10
1 "	Radish	Early Turnip	05
1 "	"	Ferry's Market	10
1 "	"	Long Nobby	05
1 "	Tomato	Ferry's Early	05
1 "	"	Conqueror	05
1 "	Parsnip	Best	05
2 "	Beets	Red Turnip	20
1 "	Onion	Yellow Globe	15
1 "	"	White	05
1 Pint	Peas	Ferry's Imp. Hunt	25
1 "	Beans	" Prize	25
1 "	"	Pole	25
			$1.90
2 Packs	—	—	.50
			2.40
Total			7.10
25% off			1.78
			$5.32

Package No 2

½ lbs	Bus	Oats Russian White	1.25
½ lbs		Alfalfa	20
1 Quart		Cabin Lackawaxen	20
1 "		" Pole	40
1 oz	Cucumber	Early W. Spine	10
1 "	"	Long Green	15
4 "	Squash	Hubbard	40
1 "	"	Crookneck	10
4 "	Sun Flower	Russian —	15
1 Paper	Tobacco	Maryland	10
1 Pound	Pumpkin	Large yellow	40
½ "	Radish	Long Scarlet	25
1 Paper	"	Early	05
1 "	Tomato	Livingston Perfection	10
1 "	"	Trophy	05
1 "	"	" Golden	05
1 "	"	" Ferry's Early Ruby	05
1 "	Cabbage	" " York	05
1 "	"	" Drumhead	05
1 "	Pepper	Long Red	05
1 "	"	Chili	05
1 oz	Water Melon	Ferry's Rattlesnake	15
1 "	"	" Cuban Queen	15
1 oz	Beet	Early Bassano	10
1 "	"	Ferry's Imp. Long Red	10
			$4.70

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn.

Anadarko I.T. Jany 28 2

Messrs Schiffbauer Bro's

Sirs:

Yours of 23rd inst inclosing bill for Mdse sold to my Store on 21st Came to hand yesterday & I inclose herewith my check on 1st Nat'l B. Leavenworth Kans. payable to your order for $125 75/100 in payment of same.

His team has not yet arrived, but if the snow which is now on the ground dont delay, it ought to be in by Tuesday or Wednesday —

Please send me by Mr Cusha Wagons which will be in Arkansas City in a few days, 4 Bu Seed Oats and Millet enough to fill 2 Seamless Sacks.

Respty Your H. Kuhn

Anadarko, I.T.
Feb'y 2nd 1882

Cashier 1st Nat Bank
Leavenworth Kan's

Dr Sir:

I inclose for credit my account.

Chks #6256. Asst Treas. St Louis $80.00
6276- " " " 50.00
6271- " " " 75.00
$205.00

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Thanks for correcting total, last remittance.
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Anadarko I.T. Feb 16 2

John Conger Esq
Leavenworth Kans.

Dr Sir:

Four Indians of this Agency are making their arrangements to visit Washington, and will pay their own fare.

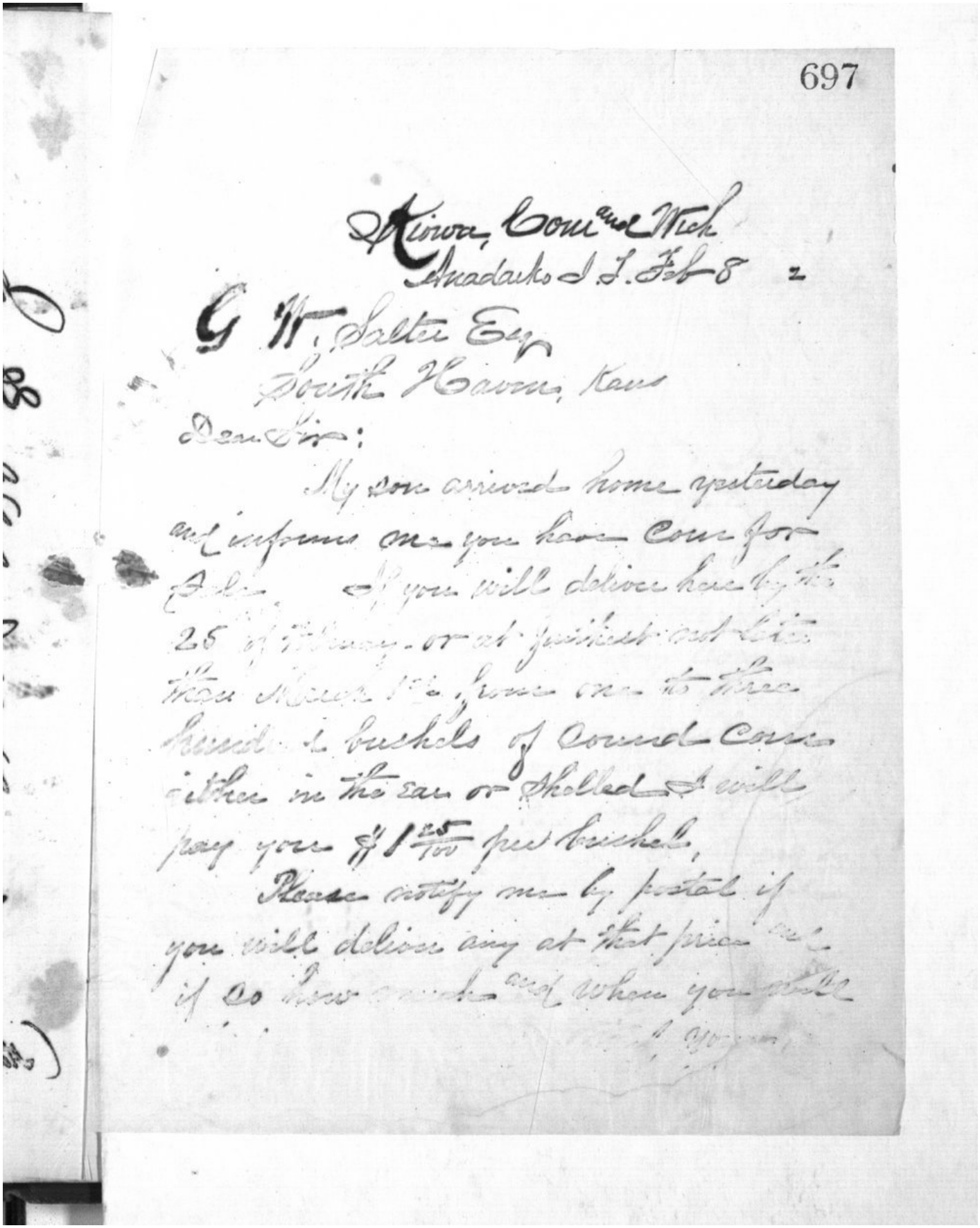
At request of their head men I write to learn if any commutation of rates can be had for them and what would be the lowest rates from Caldwell or Arkansas City Kans to Washington and return.

If you have no advantages to offer as to rates perhaps Jno. Lyon can.

Please answer at your earliest convenience & oblige

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

(State rate)



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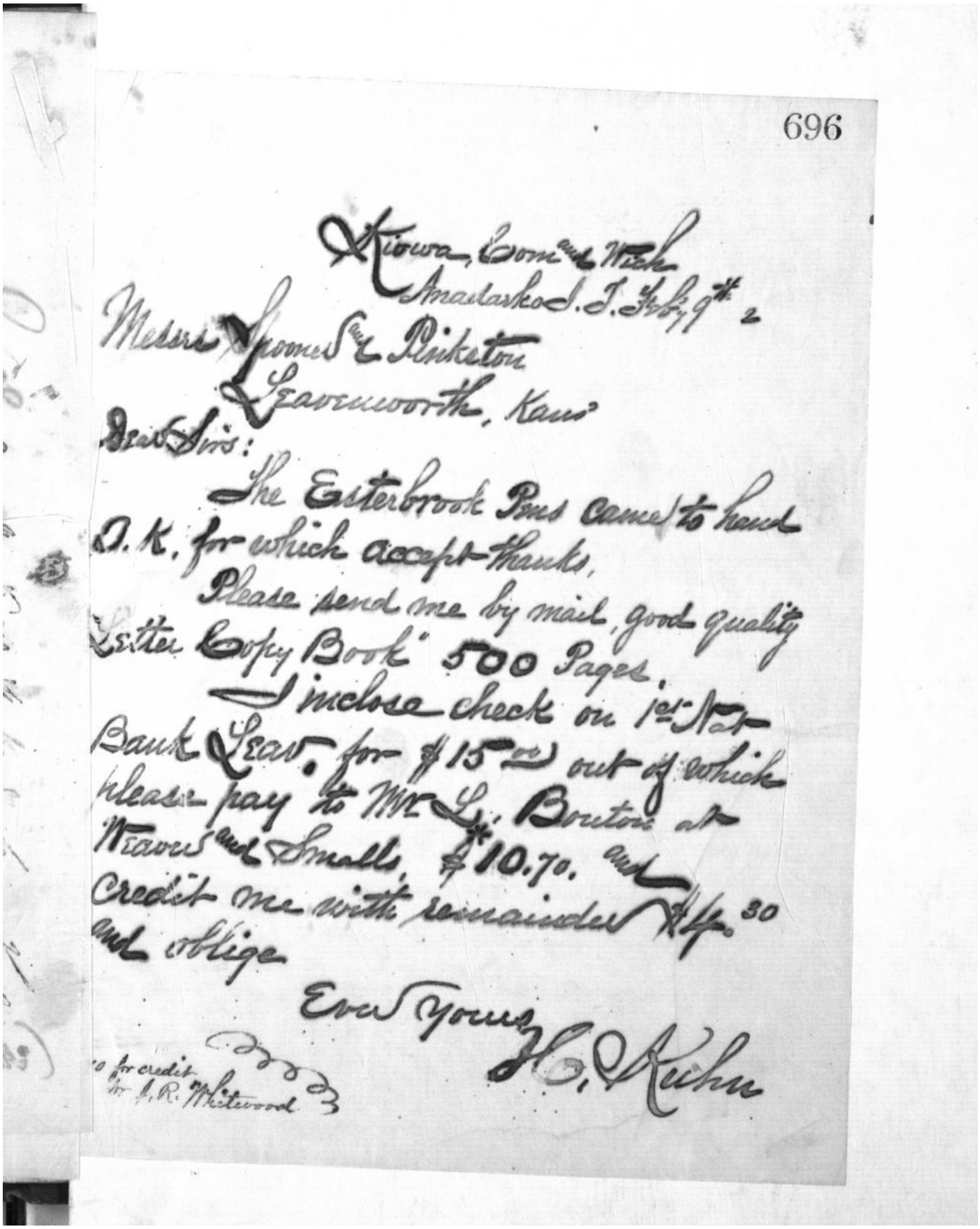
G. W. Salter Esq
South Haven, Kans

Dear Sir:

My son arrived home yesterday and informs me you have Corn for Sale. If you will deliver here by the 25 of March or at furthest out Lite from March 1st, from one to three hundred bushels of Sound Corn either in the ear or Shelled I will pay you $1.25/100 per bushel.

Please notify me by postal if you will deliver any at that price and if so how much and when you will

Yours



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Kiowa, Com. and Wich.
Anadarko I. T. Feby 9th 2

Messrs Spooner & Pinkerton
Leavenworth, Kans

Dear Sirs:

The Esterbrook Pens came to hand O. K. for which accept thanks.

Please send me by mail, good quality Letter Copy Book 500 Pages.

I inclose check on 1st Nat Bank Leav. for $15.00 out of which please pay to Mr L. Bouton at Weaver and Smalls, $10.70. and Credit me with remainder $4.30 and oblige

Ever Yours H. Kuhn

10 for credit Mr. J. R. Whitewood

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Anadarko. I. T.
Feb'y 11. 1882

Dr. G. C. Shoyer
Leavenworth, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Your bill for $22.00 for medical services rendered my family was handed to me to day by Col. Hunt Indian Agent at this place.

I am at a loss to know what may have been your object in sending this claim through Agent Hunt, certainly not because you are in any pressing need for money, nor with any intentions to reflect upon my honesty or integ- or in any other way to injure me in his estimation. I answered your first letter but as your second was in no sense a reply I did not answer that, I have some business in Mr. Bakers hands. and I will write him to settle your account, against me.

Very truly yours

Fort Leavenworth K. T. June 19th 1858

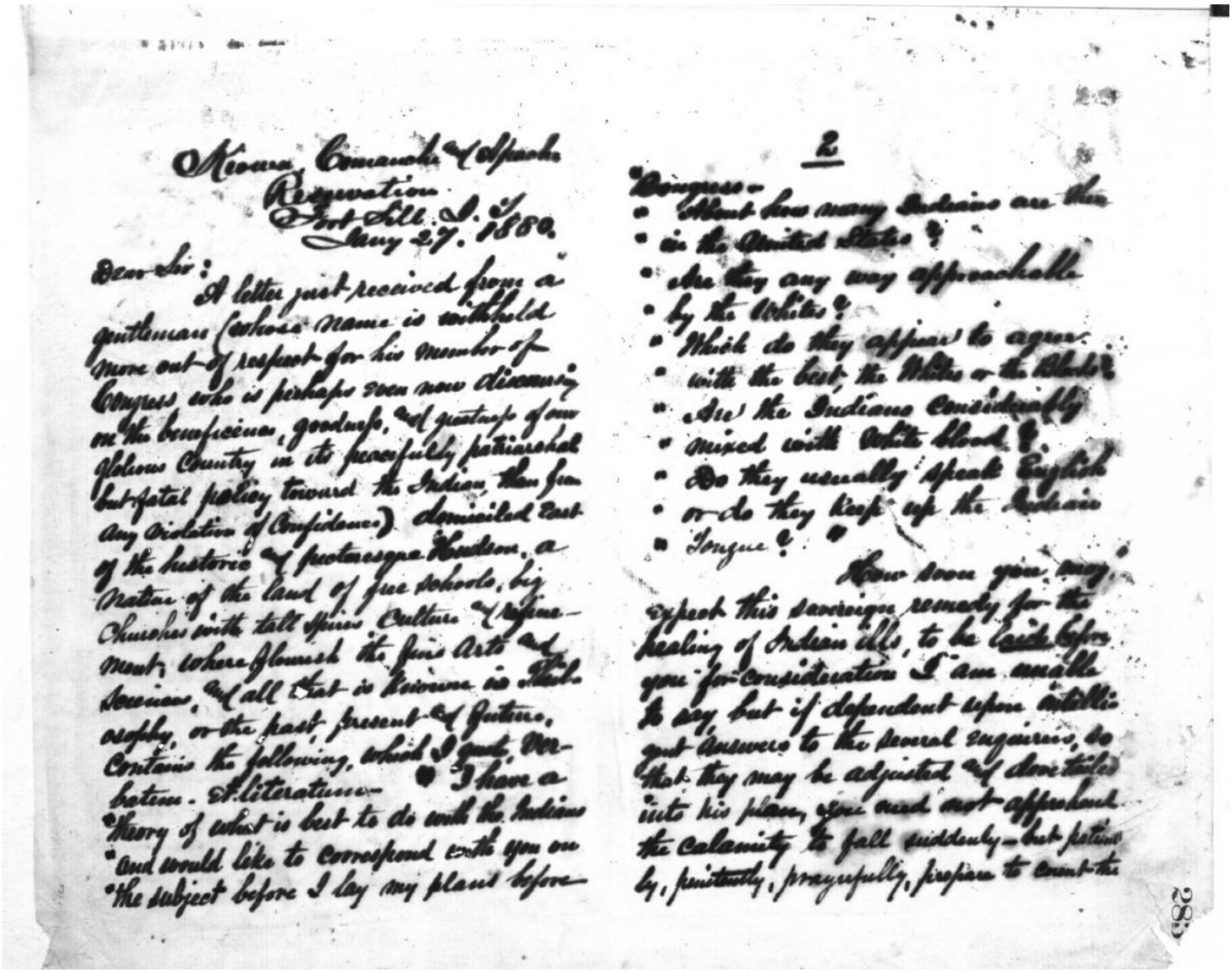
Capt Palmer
A. A. G. M.
Fort Leavenworth K. T.

Sir:

I am ready, if called upon to present a good and sufficient bond to fulfil any Contract which may be awarded me on proposals submitted by me.

If awarded [illegible] only, I would request that I be allowed to deliver the whole Amount required, as soon as I may be able to manufacture them or any within three months.

Respty Your Obt Servt
Nelson Jones



Kiowa, Comanche & Apache
Reservation
Fort Sill I. T.
May 27. 1880.

Dear Sir:

A letter just received from a gentleman (whose name is withheld more out of respect for his member of Congress who is perhaps even now discussing on the beneficence, goodness, and greatness of our glorious Country in its peaceful patriarchal but fatal policy toward the Indian, than for any violation of confidence) dominiled last of the historic & picturesque Kaw, a native of the land of free schools, big Churches with tall spires Culture & refinement, where flourish the fine Arts and Sciences, and all that is feminine in Philosophy, or the past present & future, Contains the following, which I send Verbatim. "Literature—

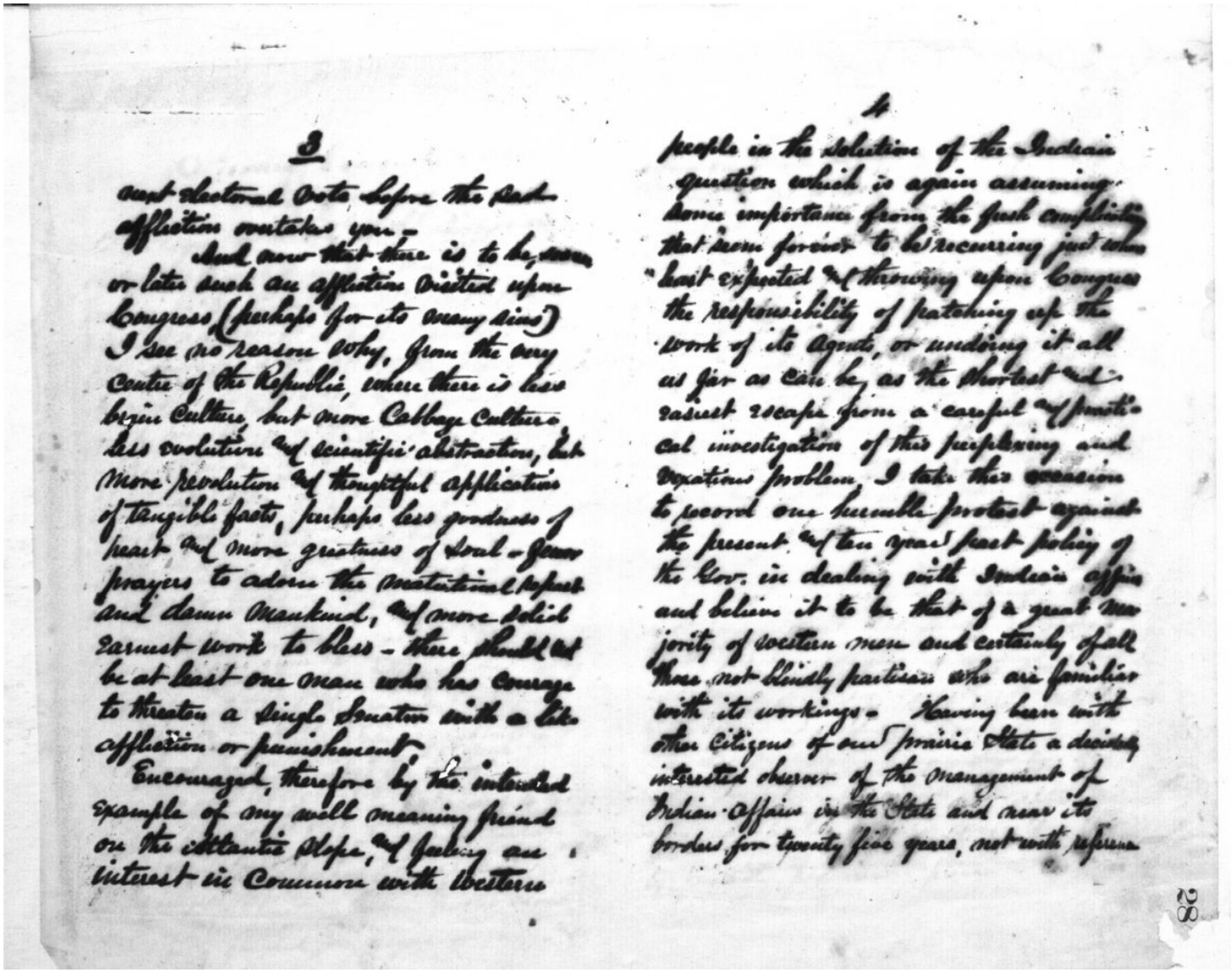
"Henry of what is best to do with the Indians "and would like to correspond with you on "the subject before I lay my plans before

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"Congress—

"What how many Indians are there
"in the United States?
"are they any way approachable
"by the Whites?
"Which do they appear to agree
"with the best, the White or the Black?
"Are the Indians considerably
"mixed with White blood?
"Do they usually speak English
"or do they keep up the Indian
"Tongue?

How soon you may expect this sovereign remedy for the healing of Indian ills, to be laid before you for consideration I am unable to say, but if dependent upon intelligent Answers to the several enquiries, so that they may be adjusted & dovetailed into his plans, you need not apprehend the Calamity to fall suddenly—but patiently, prayerfully, prepare to meet the



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ourt electoral Vote before the last
affliction overtakes you -
And now that there is to be, sooner
or later such an affliction visited upon
Congress (perhaps for its many sins)
I see no reason why, from the very
Centre of the Republic, where there is less
bogus Culture, but more Cabbage Culture,
less evolution of scientific abstraction, but
more revolution of thoughtful application
of tangible facts, perhaps less goodness of
heart but more greatness of soul - some
prayers to adorn the Senatorial Report
and damn Mankind, but more solid
earnest work to bless - there should
be at least one man who has courage
to threaten a single Senator with a like
affliction or punishment.

Encouraged, therefore by the intended
example of my well meaning friend
on the Atlantic Slope, of feeling an
interest in Common with the Western

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people in the solution of the Indian
Question which is again assuming
some importance from the fresh complications
that seem forever to be recurring just when
least expected of throwing upon Congress
the responsibility of patching up the
work of its Agents, or undoing it all
as far as can be, as the shortest and
easiest escape from a careful and politi-
cal investigation of this perplexing and
vexatious problem. I take this occasion
to record one humble protest against
the present of ten years' past policy of
the Govt. in dealing with Indian affairs
and believe it to be that of a great ma-
jority of western men and certainly of all
those not blindly partisan who are familiar
with its workings. Having been with
other Citizens of our prairie State a deeply
interested observer of the management of
Indian Affairs in the State and near its
borders for twenty five years, not with reference

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