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Correspondence and miscellaneous documents relating to the capitol building in Lecompton, Kansas Territory. Some of these documents include a letter to Governor Andrew Reeder concerning drawings and specifications for the capitol of Kansas, the appointment of Owen C. Stewart as superintendent of construction of the capitol building, and the contract for construction dated December 27, 1855.

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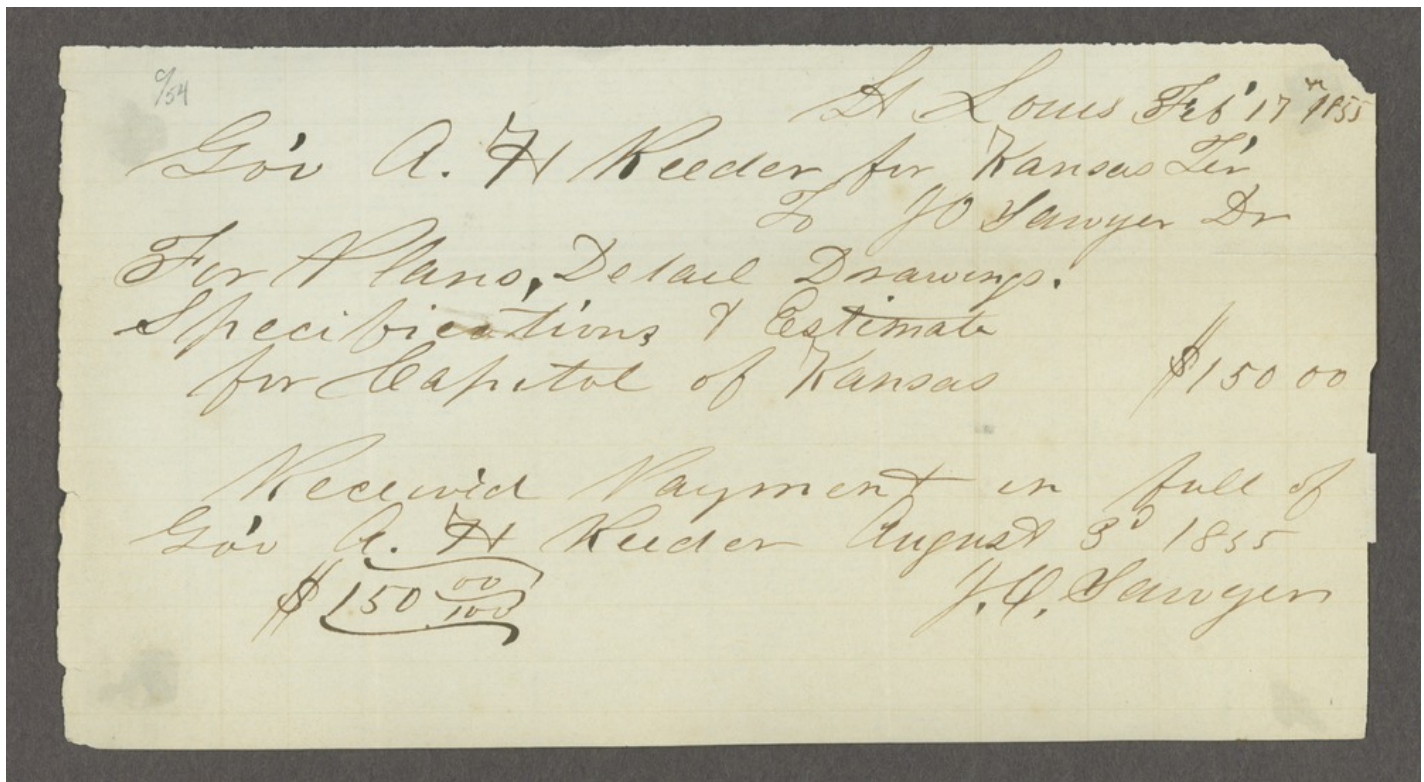
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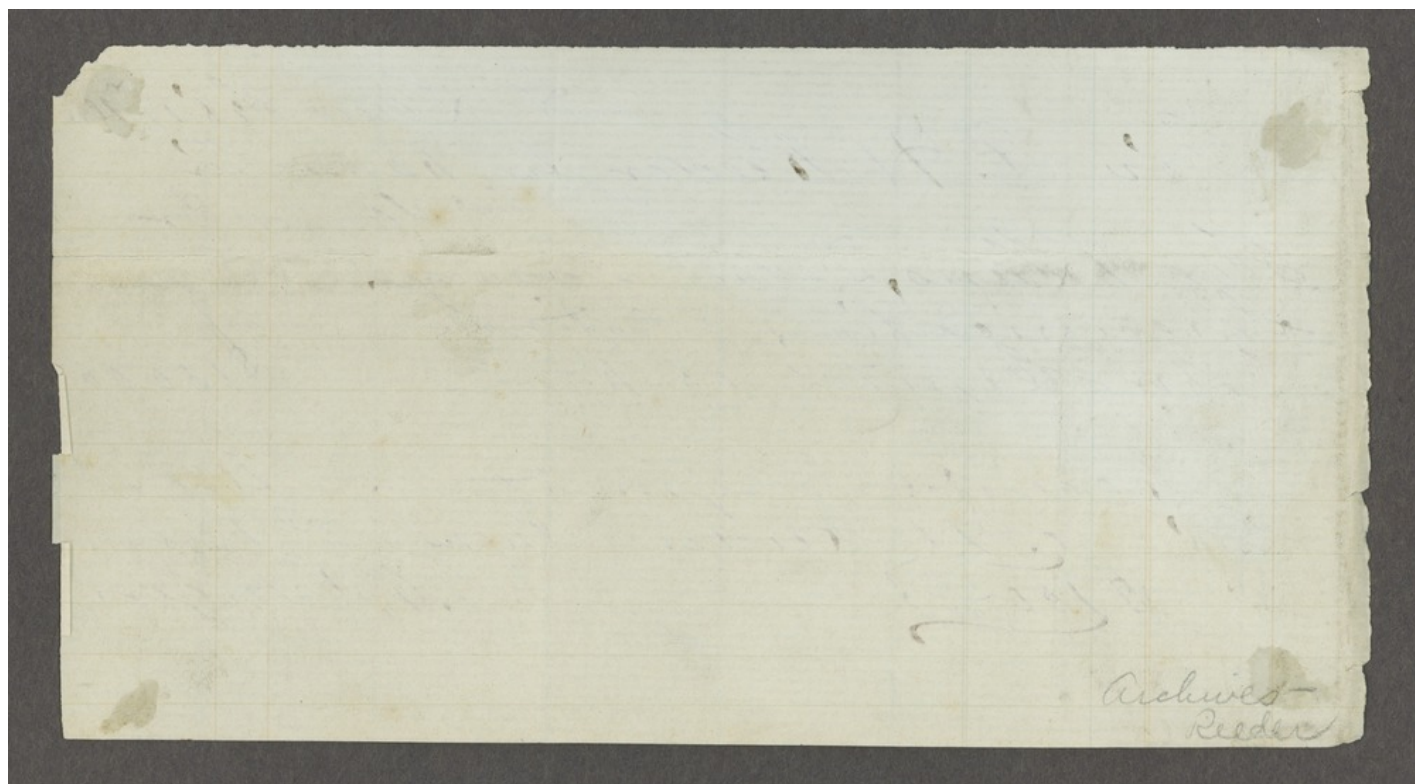




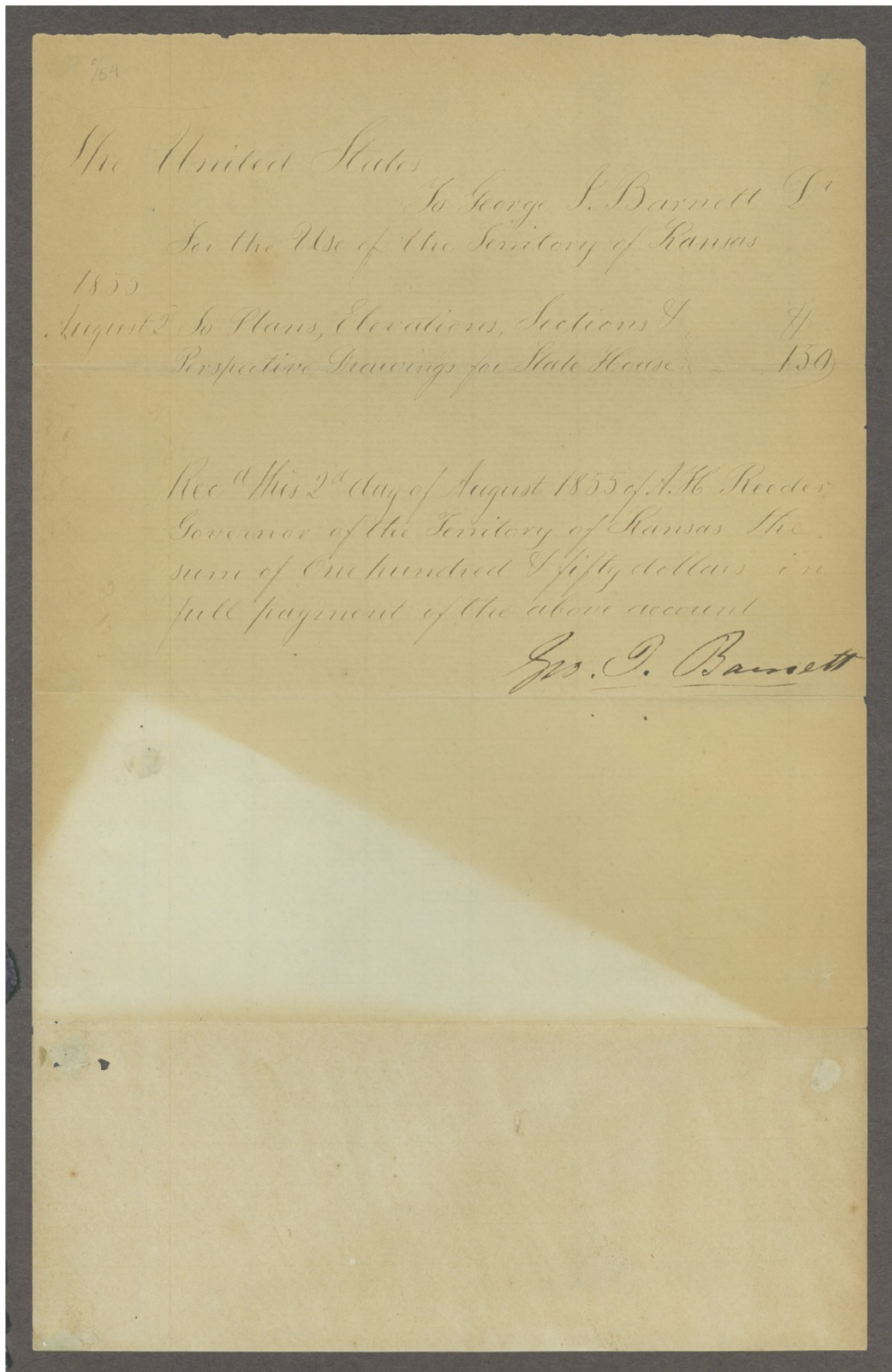
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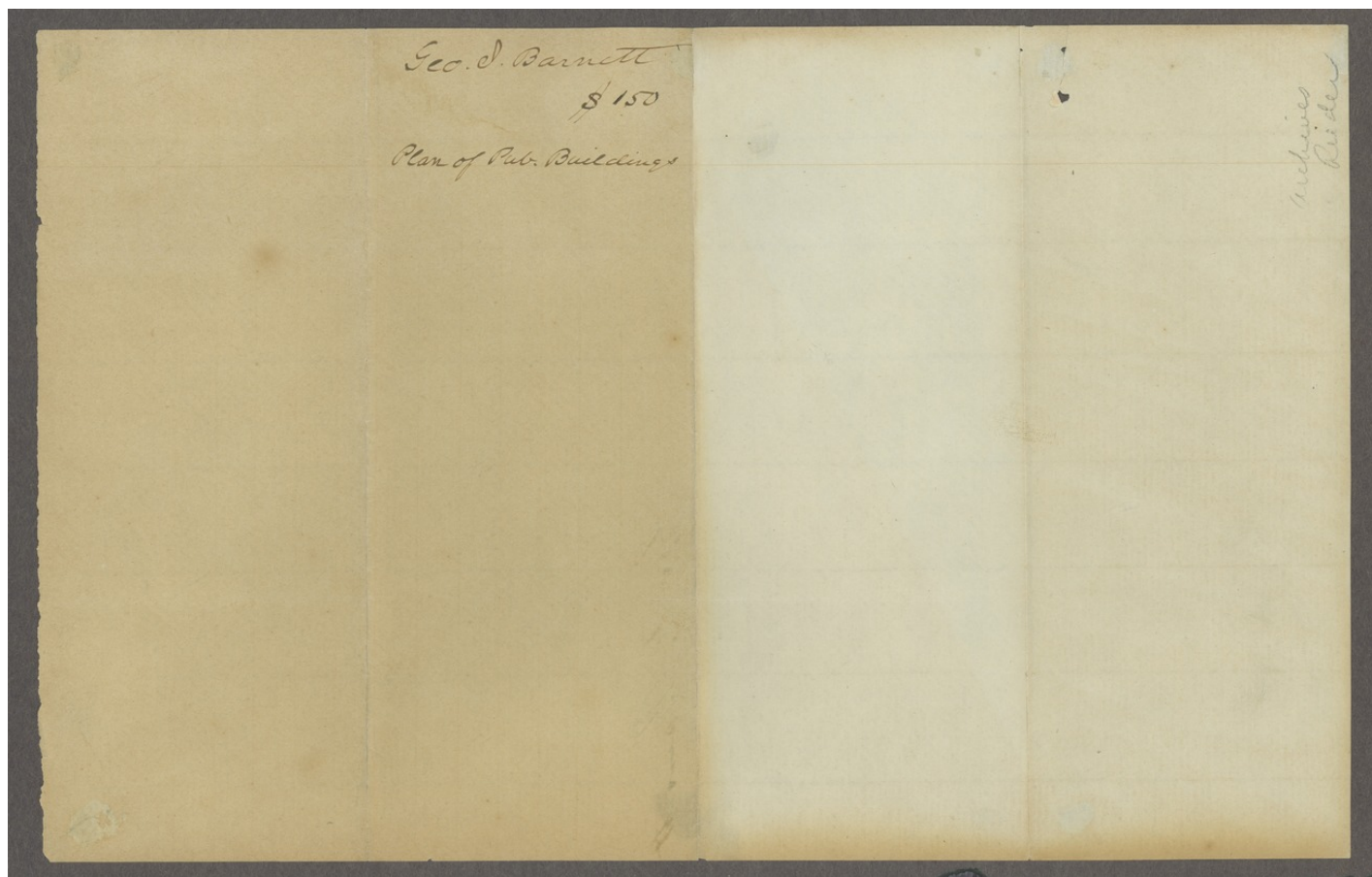
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STEWART, OWEN C.

Nov. 3, 1856

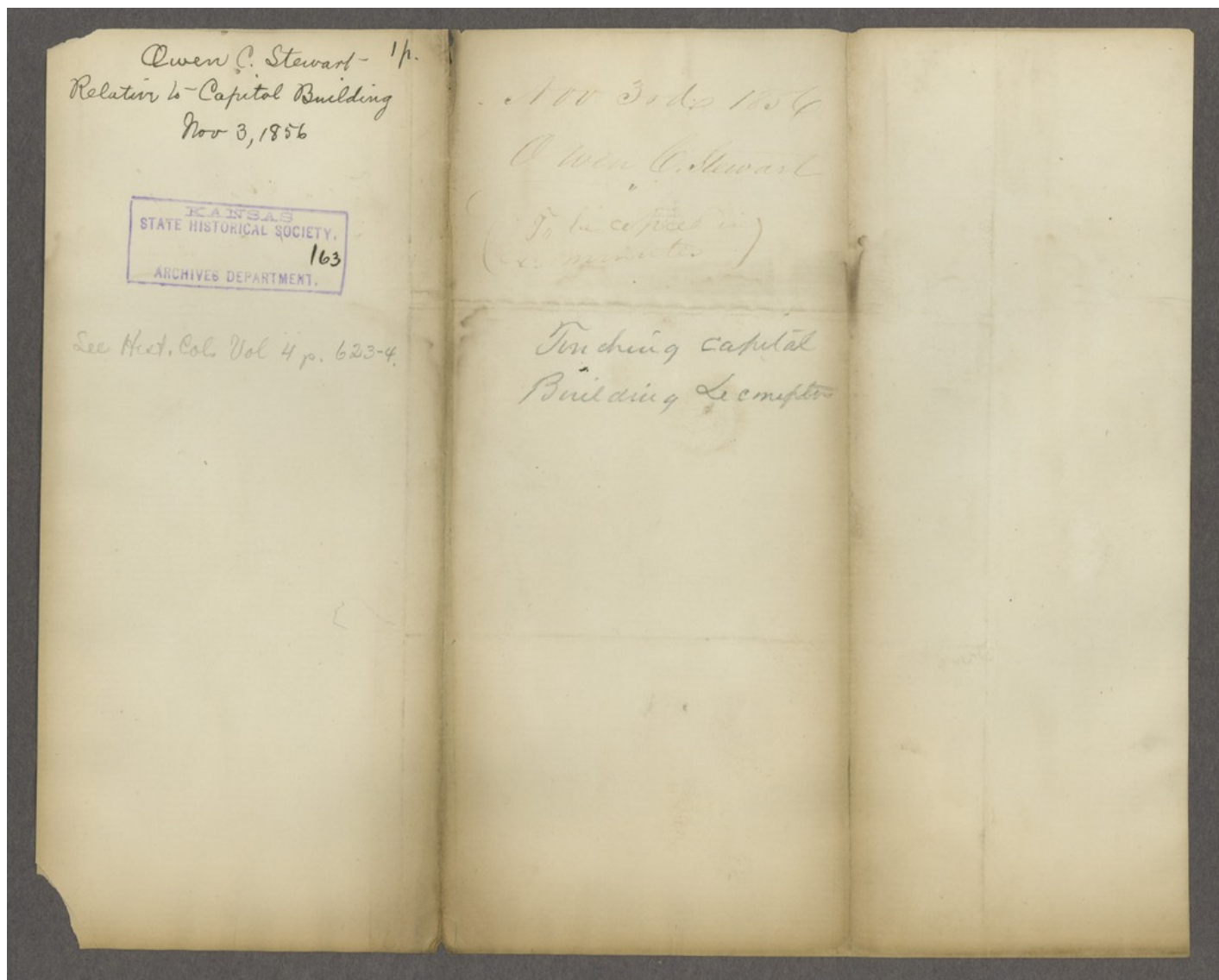
Lecompton A. T. Nov. 3, 1856
To His Excellency John W. Geary
Sir

As I
shall be absent a short time you
will please delay taking any action
upon any subject touching the
Capitol Building until my return
which will be by the middle of
next week and oblige yours

Respt. & Obedt Servt.
Owen C. Stewart

Supl.

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CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF CAPITOL BUILDING AT LECOMPTON,
DEC. 27, 1855.

Articles of an agreement made and entered into this 27th day of December 1855 by and between Wilson Shannon Governor of the Territory of Kansas of the first part and Aristide Rodrigue of the said Territory of the second part. Witnesseth that the said A. Rodrigue on his part doth covenant and agree with the said Wilson Shannon governor of said Territory that he will do and perform all and singular all the work in and about the building and erection of the capitol on the Capitol Square at the City of Lecompton for the prices and at the time hereinafter specified and according to the specifications hereunto annexed and made part of this agreement and the said A. Rodrigue doth further covenant that he will furnish the lumber and other material for building said capitol as required and according to bills furnished by the Superintendant having charge of the construction of said capitol at and for the prices hereinafter mentioned. All the material to be furnished and work to be done by the said Rodrigue is to be done and performed to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendant of the construction of said capitol, and the lumber and other materials by him furnished are to be according to bills furnished by the said Superintendant. The work which the said A. Rodrigue agrees to perform and the lumber and materials he agrees to furnish and the prices for each is as follows that is to say---

First the said Rodrigue agrees to do and perform all the necessary excavation for said capitol building according to the said specifications hereto annexed for the following consider-

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ations to-wit---for common excavation such as is seen on the surface, thirty five cents for cubic yard. For the excavation of loose rock seventy five cents a cubic yard. For the excavation of solid rock one dollar and eighty seven and a half cents a cubic yard. All to be done under the direction of the Superintendant of the capitol building and to his satisfaction. Second---The said Rodrigue agrees to do and perform all the stone work required for said capitol building according to the said specifications hereto annexed and to the satisfaction of the said Superintendant of said capitol for the following consideration. To-wit---Stone work of rubble masonry for the sum of five dollars and fifty cents per perch of twenty two feet. Cut stone for one dollar and seventy five cents per foot lineal measure. All to be put up in the wall according to the annexed specifications and to the satisfaction of said Superintendant. Third---The said Rodrigue agrees to construct and put up the columns of brick including rings mentioned in the said annexed specifications and as mentioned and described in said specifications, and to the satisfaction of the Superintendant of said capitol, for the sum of sixteen dollars per thousand brick laid. Fourth---The said Rodrigue agrees to furnish and put up in the wall the requisite amount of brick required for the construction of said capitol building of the quality and kind mentioned and described in the annexed specifications, and to put up the walls of said building of brick of the thickness material and in the manner specified in the annexed specifications and to the

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satisfaction and acceptance of the Superintendant of said capitol for the sum of twelve dollars and twenty five cents per thousand brick laid in the wall to be measured solid. And whereas the Lecompton Town Company have agreed to furnish to the Territory of Kansas in consideration of the location of the capitol at Lecompton, five hundred thousand brick when required for the purpose of erecting said capitol. Now the said Rodrigue agrees to look to said company for the said five hundred thousand brick and to put them up in the wall of said capitol and to allow the said Shannon or his successor in office upon final settlement for said brick work at the rate of six dollars and fifty cents per thousand for the said five hundred thousand brick to be furnished by said company as aforesaid.

Fifth---The said Rodrigue agrees to furnish the lumber for said capitol as required by said Superintendant and as per bills furnished by said Superintendant for the sum of thirty five dollars per thousand feet board measure.

The said Rodrigue agrees to commence the above work forthwith and to go on with the same as rapidly as possible and to complete the whole work before the first of December next. The said Shannon for himself and his successor in office, in consideration of the covenants of the said Rodrigue agrees to pay the said Rodrigue for the work and materials aforesaid as follows, that is to say the Superintendant of said capitol shall make an estimate at the end of every month of the work done and materials provided by the said Rodrigue, and the said Shannon is to pay the said Rodrigue the amounts of said estimate twenty per cent

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less, and at the completion of said work the said Shannon as Governor as aforesaid or his successor in office is to pay to the said Rodrigue what may be found due to him upon final settlement out of any money that may be in his hands or under his control appropriated for the erection of public buildings at the seat of Government for the Territory of Kansas. But it is understood that said Shannon is only bound to pay out of the monies appropriated for that purpose and which are or may be placed subject to his order or control.

In testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Attest

John Shannon

Wilson Shannon

seal

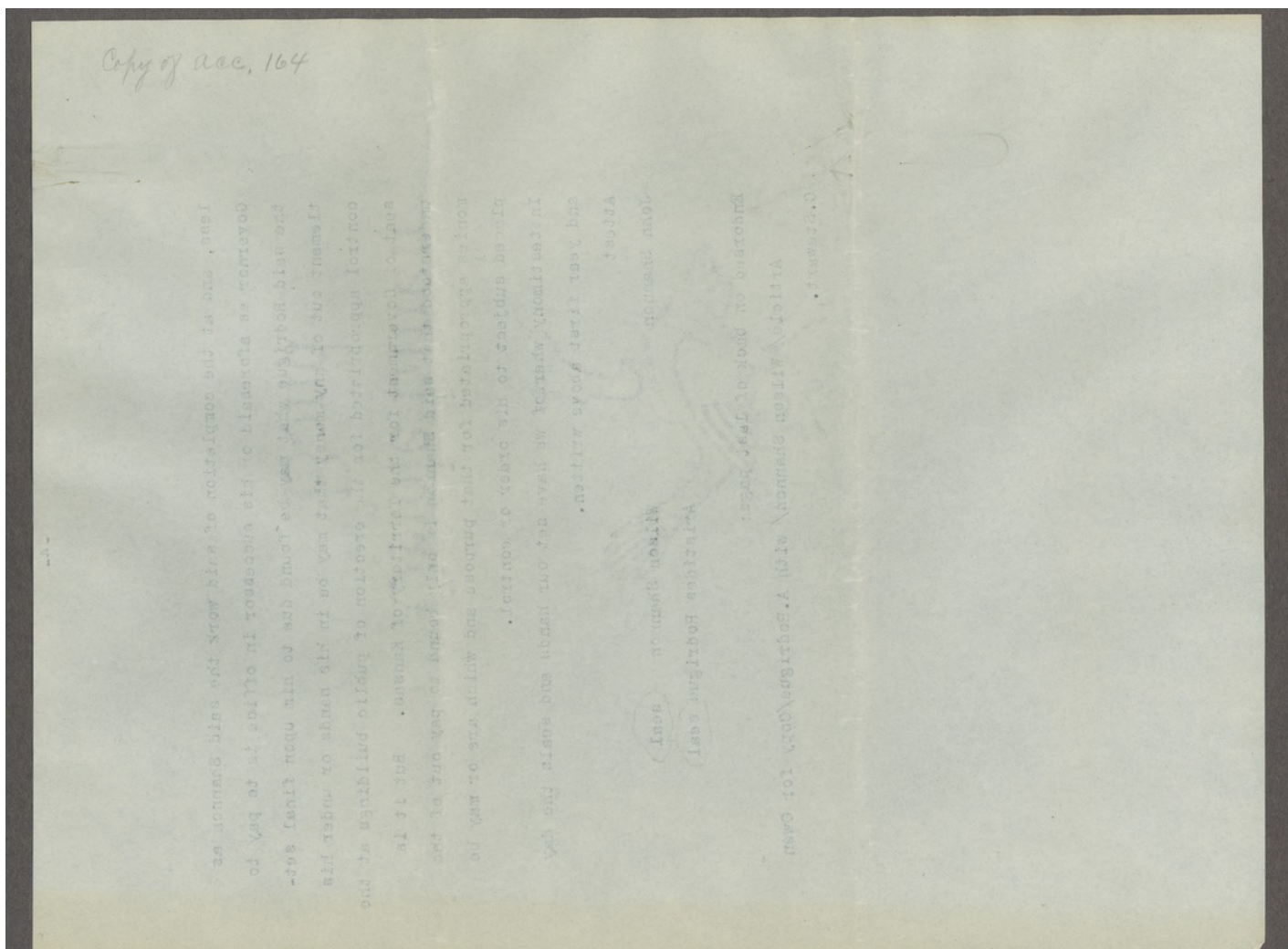
Aristides Rodrigue

seal

Endorsed on back of last page:

Article/ Wilson Shannon/ with A.Rodrigue/Copy for Owen C.Stewart.

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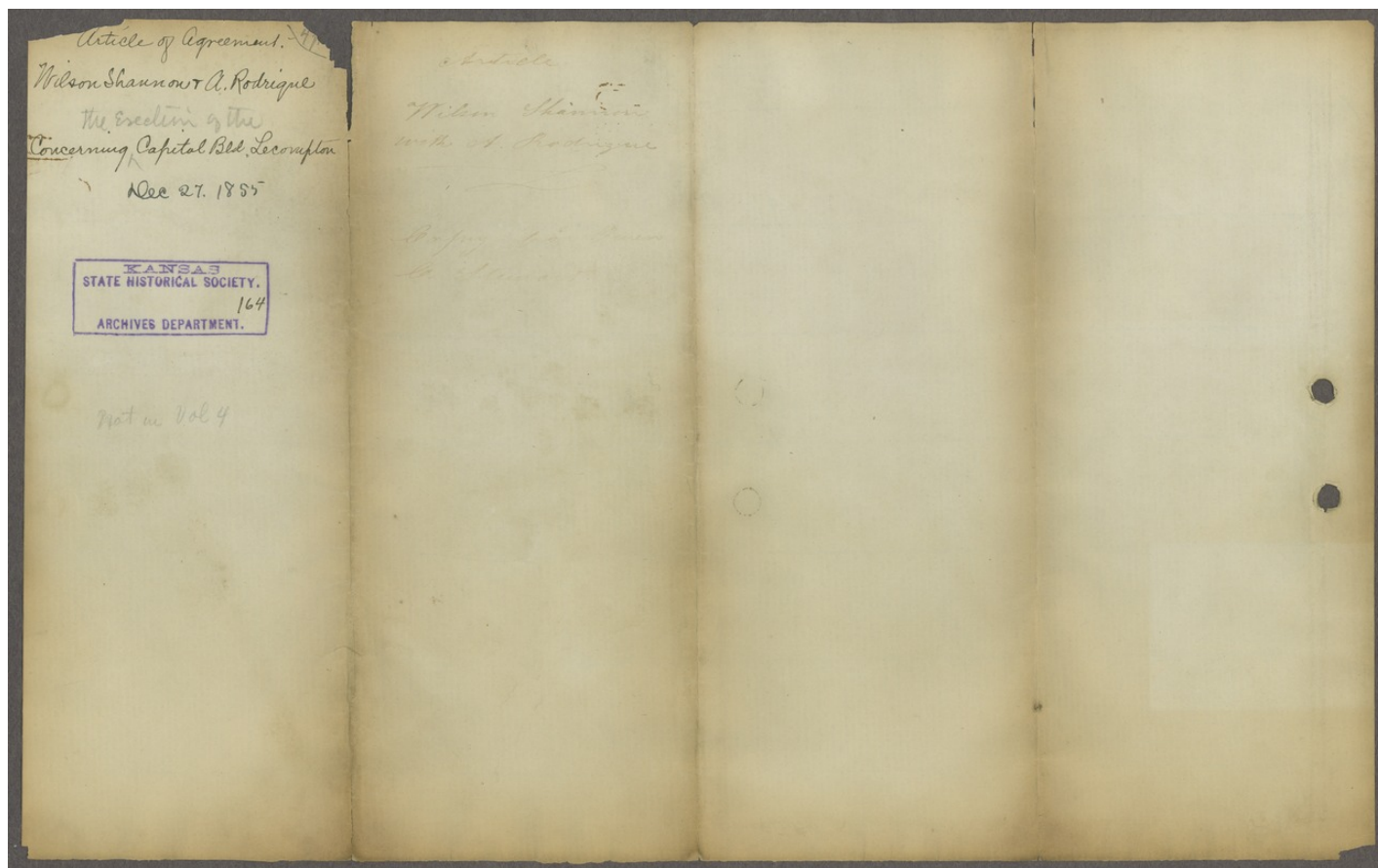
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A copy of an agreement made and entered
 into the 21st day of December 1854 by and between
 William Shannon Governor of the Territory of Kansas
 of the first part and Antonio Rodriguez of the
 same Territory of the second part witnesseth
 that the said A. Rodriguez on his part doth
 covenant and agree with the said William
 Shannon Governor of said Territory that he
 will do and perform all and singular all
 the work in and about the building and
 erection of the capitol on the Capitol square
 at the city of Lecompton for the prices and
 at the same sharemaster specified and according
 to the specifications hereunto annexed and
 made part of this agreement and the said
 A. Rodriguez doth further covenant that
 he will furnish the lumber and other
 materials for building said capitol as required
 and according to bills furnished by the
 Superintendent having charge of the construction
 of said capitol at and for the prices hereinafter
 mentioned all the material to be furnished
 and work to be done by the said Rodriguez
 is to be done and performed to the satisfaction
 of the Superintendent of the construction of said
 capitol and the lumber and other materials
 to be furnished are to be according to all
 furnished by the said Superintendent. The
 work which the said A. Rodriguez agrees to
 perform and the lumber and materials
 to be furnished and the prices for
 each is as follows that is to say
 First the said Rodriguez agrees to do and
 perform all the necessary preparation for said
 capitol building and to the end of the

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answered specifications and to put up the
 walls of said building of brick of the
 thickness material and in the manner
 specified in the annexed specifications
 and to the satisfaction and acceptance of the
 Superintendent of said Capitol for the sum
 of thirty dollars and twenty five cents
 per thousand brick laid in the wall
 to be measured solid. And whereas the
 Lecompton Town Company have agreed
 to furnish to the Territory of Kansas in
 consideration of the location of the Capitol
 at Lecompton five hundred thousand brick
 when required for the purpose of erecting
 said Capitol above the said Rodriguez agrees
 to look to said Company for the said
 five hundred thousand brick and to put
 them up in the wall of said Capitol
 and to allow the said Shannon or his suc-
 ceesor in office upon final settlement for
 said brick work at the rate of one dollar
 of fifty cents per thousand for the said
 five hundred thousand brick to be fur-
 nished by said Company as aforesaid -
 Fifth - The said Rodriguez agrees to furnish
 the lumber for said Capitol as required
 by said Superintendent and as per list
 furnished by said Superintendent for the
 sum of thirty four dollars per thousand
 feet board measure.
 The said Rodriguez agrees to commence the
 above work forthwith and to go on with
 the same as rapidly as possible and to
 complete the whole work before the first
 of December next. He said Shannon for

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APPOINTMENT OF OWEN C. STEWART
as SUPT. OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE
CAPITOL BLDG.

OCT. 20, 1855

Article of an agreement made and
entered into this the 20th day of
October A.D. 1855 by and between
Wilson Shannon former of the Territory
of Kansas of the first part and Owen
C. Stewart of said Territory of the second
part the terms of which are as follows:

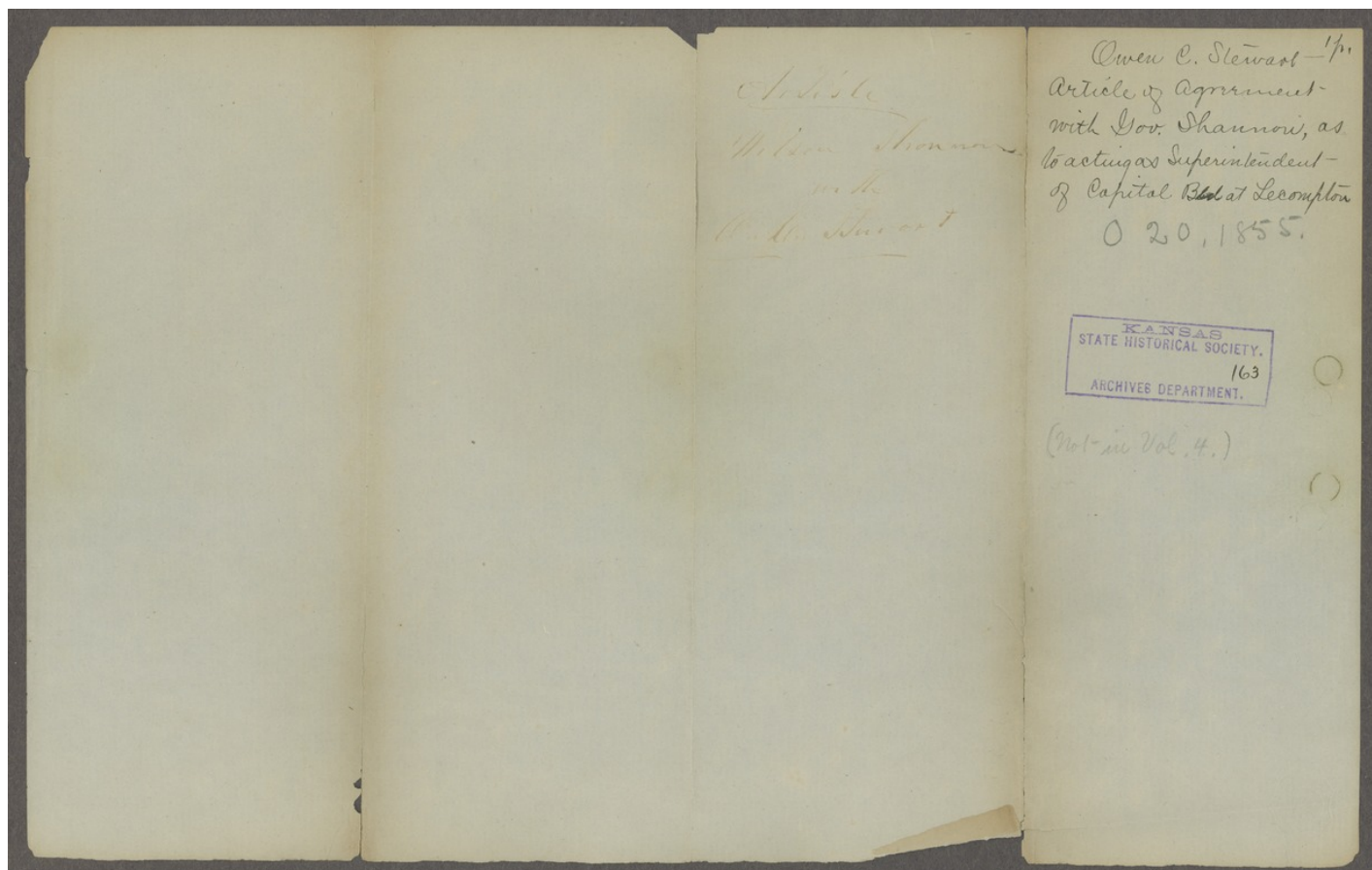
That the said party of the
second part covenants and agrees to act
as Superintendent of the building and
erection of the Capitol at the Seat of
Government established by Law and to
devote his whole time of necessity
to the same and so that the said
Capitol is speedily and constructed
according to the specifications furnished
by William Humbolt the Architect.
In consideration of which the said Shannon
as former of said Territory agrees to pay
the said Owen C. Stewart Twelve hundred
dollars for and payable quarterly out
of any means appropriated for the
erection of public buildings in the
Territory of Kansas subject to his
order or control. In testimony whereof
we have set our hands and seals the
day and year above written.

Wilson Shannon
Presidents Rodriguez

Wilson Shannon (Sgt.)
Owen C. Stewart (Sgt.)



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GEARY, JOHN W.

Nov. 7, 1856

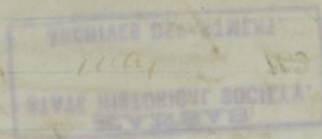
Executive Department
Lecompton, K. T. Nov. 7, 1856

Wm. C. Stewart Esq.
Superintendent of the Public Buildings
Dear Sir,

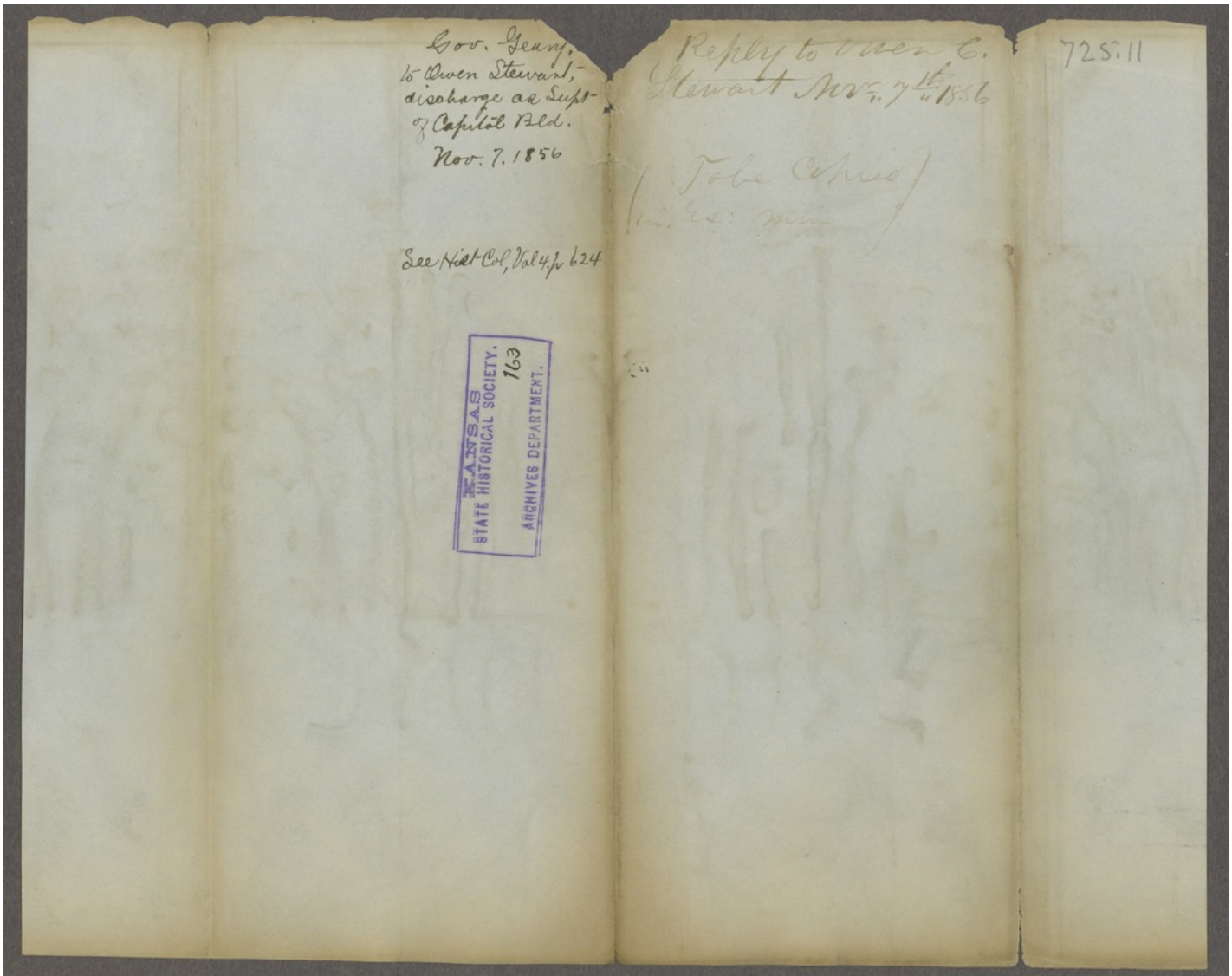
Your note of 3rd inst. was received
by me last night upon my return to this place.
As your services as Superintendent of
Public Buildings are no longer required, you
are hereby notified that your appointment is
revoked from this date.

Respectfully

J. W. Geary
John W. Geary
Gov. of Kansas



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AMBOLD, Wm.

Nov. 11, 1856

Lecompton City Nov 11th / 56

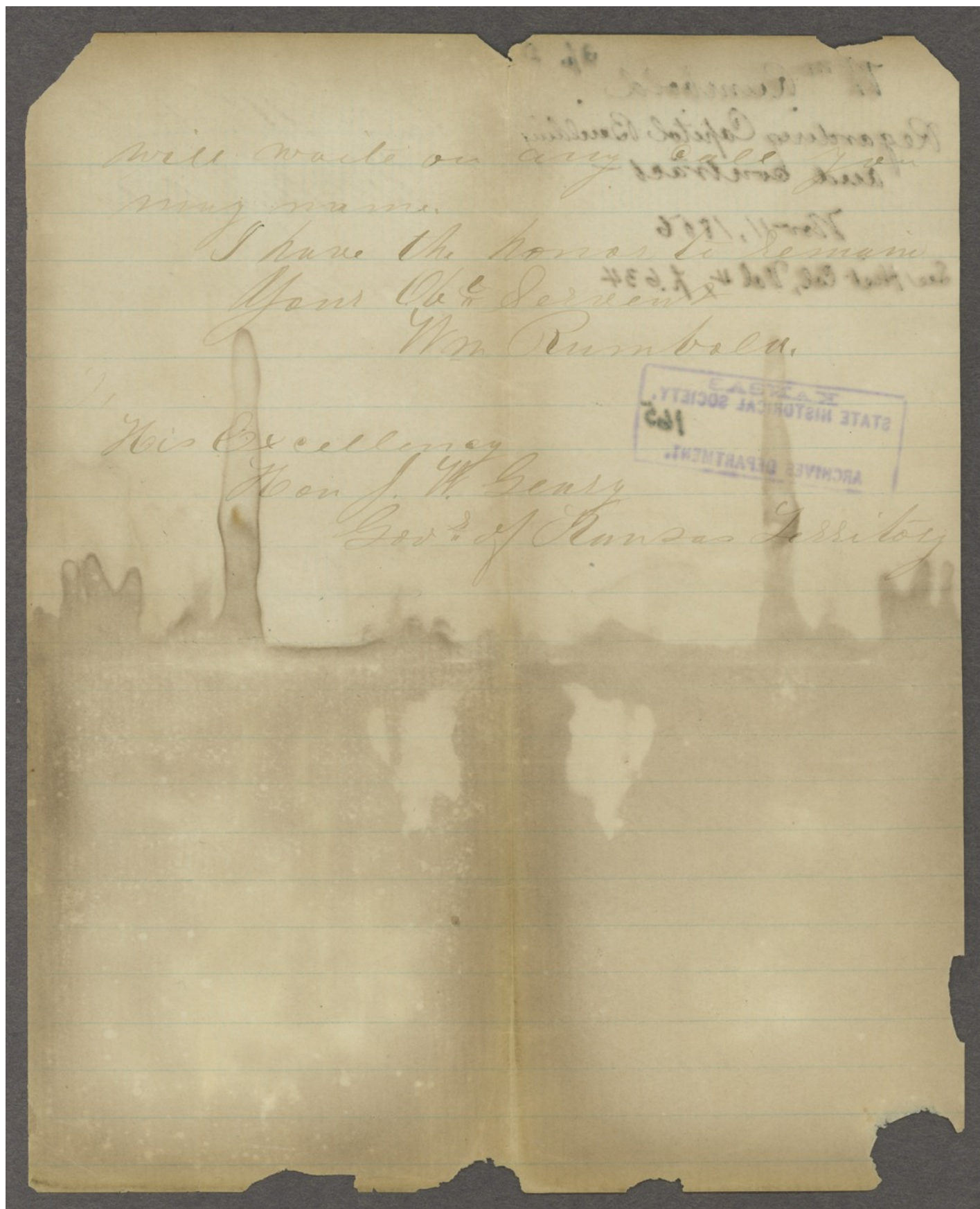
Wm Sir,

I here write you a few lines, to inform your Excellency that I am in this place, and been at your call. I received your letter in Omaha, and would have answered it there and then but not being in possession of the fact required by you and delayed the matter till I should arrive there. But upon arriving at St Louis, I found that Dr A. Rodrigue was very desirous to see me in relation to business of the Capital. I have come and found all things stopped. Now Sir, I am at your disposal. I am returned to Lecompton City to attend the Land Sale. I have been thinking

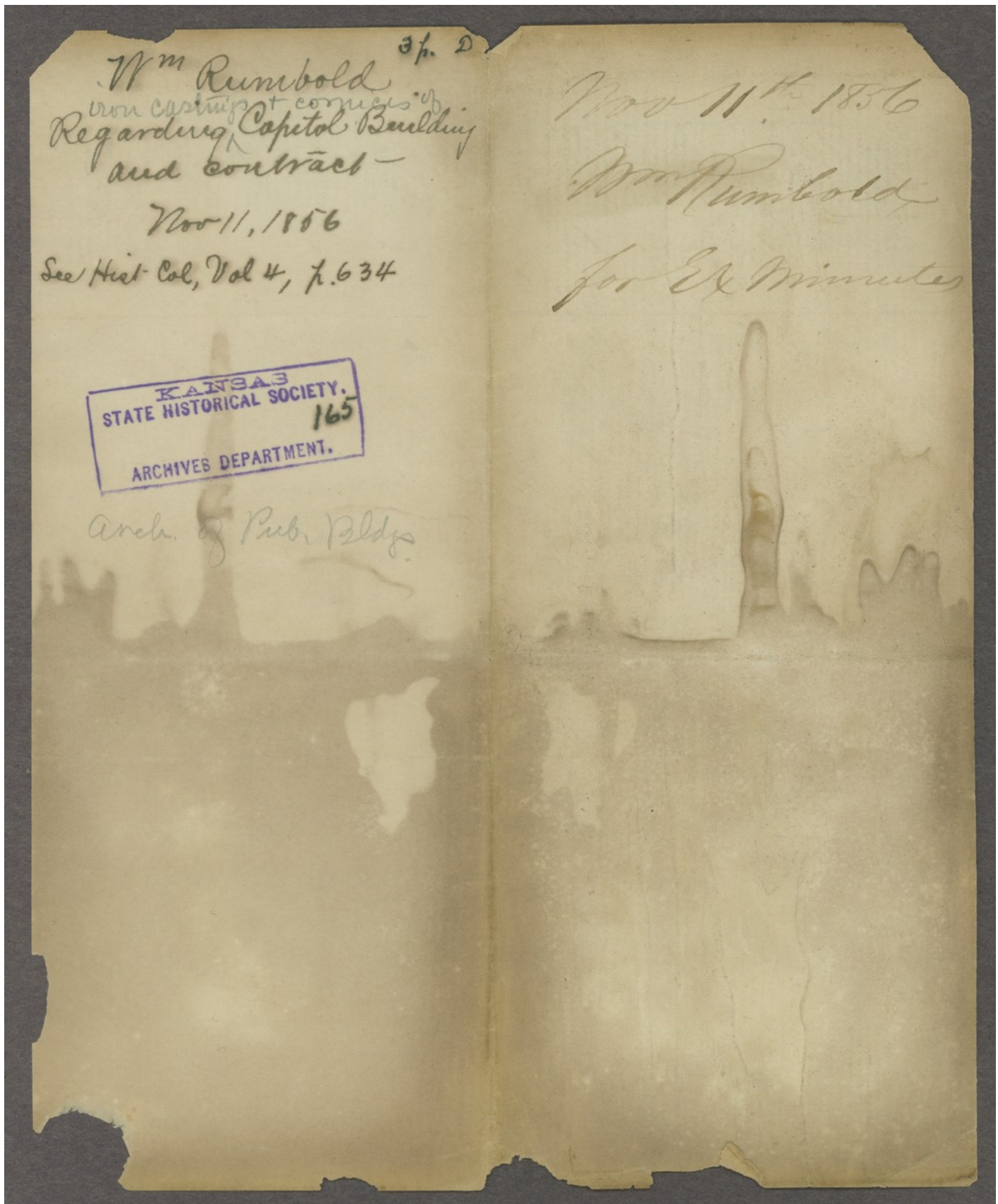
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desire to see before those are
 over, I will appear, but would
 like to see some Land that I
 own close to Lecompton sold
 so that there may be no difficulty.
 The receipts for the Cast Iron
 and Galvanized Iron Cisterns
 I suppose are on file, they come
 to about Seventeen Thousand
 Dollars (\$17,000). What is spent
 here I cannot answer for, having
 no knowledge of the same. My Contract
 with Gov. Johnson I suppose is
 also on file. A demand of me
 to appear before and on the Capitol
 Building whenever you may desire.
 My compensation is Four per
 Cent on cost of building.
 I can be found at Lecompton City
 till after the Land Sales are

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STEWART, OWEN C. DEC. 31, 1856

Independence Dec 31st 1856

His Excellency J. W. Geary

I have this day received a letter from Genl Marshall in which he informs me that it is necessary for me to file with you a statement of the number of pounds of freight he has delivered. This is beyond my power to do for I have never been furnished with any paper or bill of lading by which I could ascertain the number of pounds or the amount of it in the whole although I would like to do so. I would like to know that I might be enabled to receive the freight in a proper manner. I am sure that a portion of it is not delivered also a portion of it is damaged at this time three of my children are sick I shall come up as soon as I can leave and under your best opinion as will be in my power.

Respectfully
Owen C. Stewart

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