

## Northern division and independent companies, Kansas Territory militia

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Correspondence relating to the militia, Northern division and Independent companies of the Kansas Territory. Some of the companies mentioned are the Kickapoo Rangers, Doniphan Tigers, Palmetto Rifles, Round Prairie Guards, and the Hampden Militia Company.

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WOODSON, GOV.

General order, No. 1.

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LeCompton R. Territory.  
Executive Office, Aug. 21, 1856.

Maj. Genl. Wm. P. Richardson, Northern  
Division Kansas Militia.

Sir:

Your dispatch of the  
20th inst., communicating the fact that you had  
in pursuance of Law <sup>(See Kansas Statutes, ch. 100, sec. 26)</sup> ordered out the militia  
of your Division to repel the present ruthless  
invasion of the Territory by armed mobs from  
distant States, has this moment been received,  
and is approved.

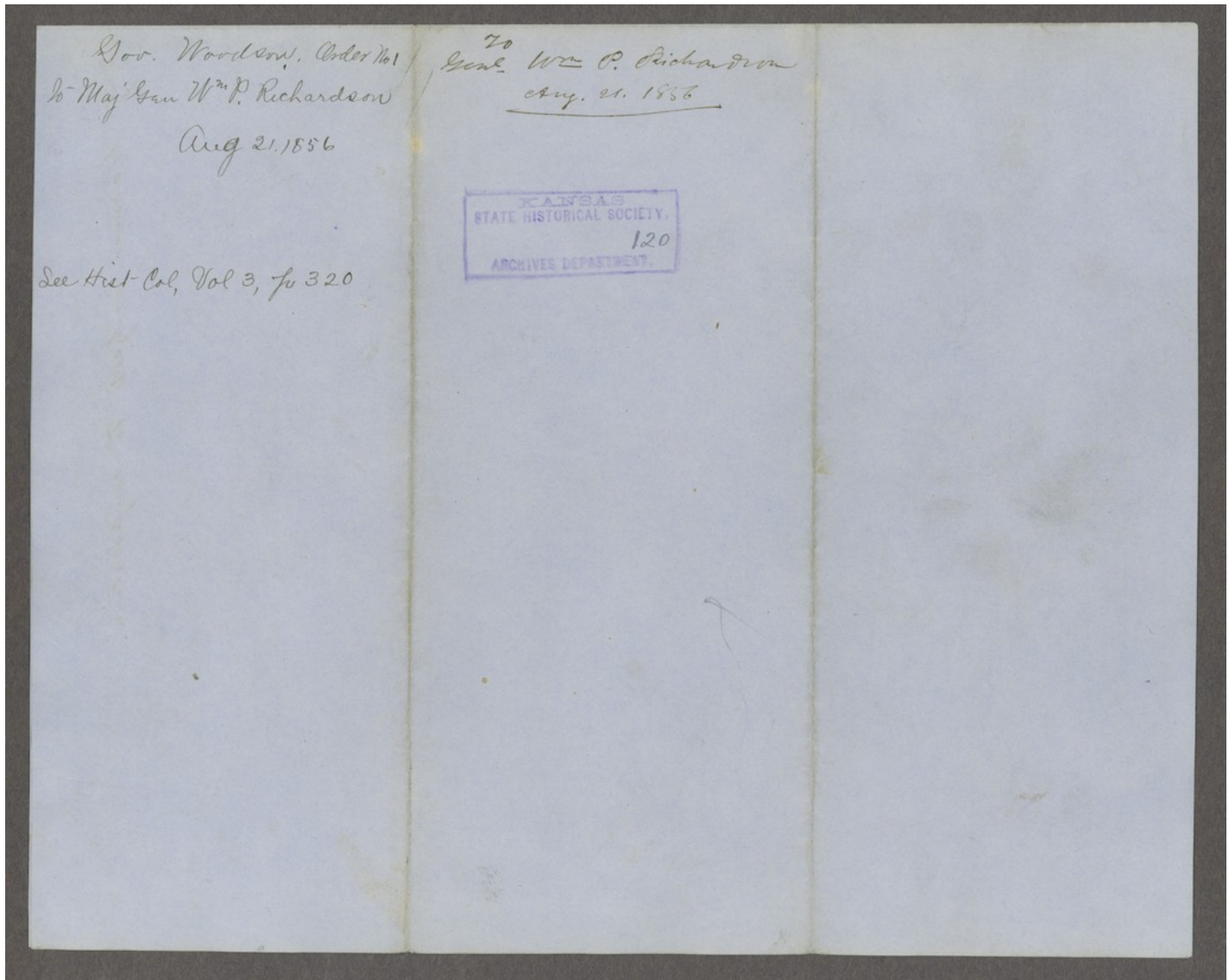
Genl. Marshall of the 1st Brigade should be  
ordered to intercept the invaders coming in  
through Nebraska. He should have a force of  
not less than 300 mounted men, or more if  
you deem it advisable, and one piece of ar-  
tillery, if you can spare it. You will report <sup>in person</sup>  
to this office with the remainder of your  
command, at the earliest practicable day.

In all your orders the most rigid instruc-  
tions should be given to protect the persons  
and property of all peaceable unoffending citi-  
zens regard less of party distinctions or political  
differences of opinion. We are not warring  
against the political sentiments of men, but  
against lawless bands of ruthless invaders, outlaws





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AUG. 30, 1856

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Leavenworth, Kansas Territory.

Executive Office, Aug 30, 1856.

Maj. Genl Wm B Richardson,

N. D. K Militia:

Your Command will proceed to occupy the Country between Lawrence and Leavenworth, approaching at or as near to the Lawrence Ferry as may be deemed advisable, with the view of preventing Lane's escape on the North Side.

Genl Coffey has been directed to proceed without delay to or near to Lawrence.

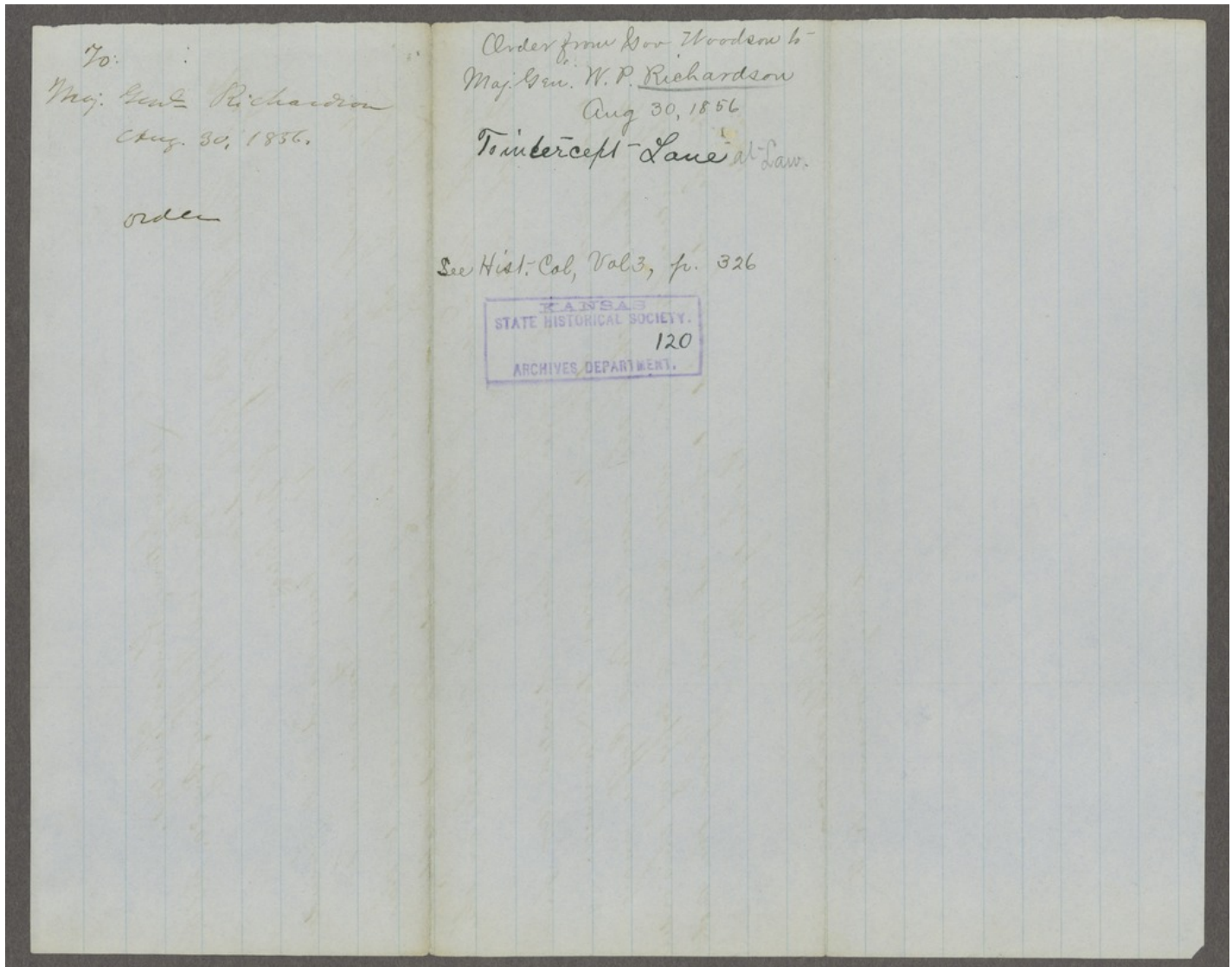
Apprehensive that the order to Genl Coffey may be intercepted, you will cause a copy of this order to be dispatched to him at once, from the North Side.

Respectfully,

Wm. Woodson

Acting Governor K. T.

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JEFFERSON RANGERS

AUG. 30, 1856

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Head Quarters,

Neckers Point Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1856

Saml. Hordson Esq  
Acting Secy of K. T.

Dear Sir,

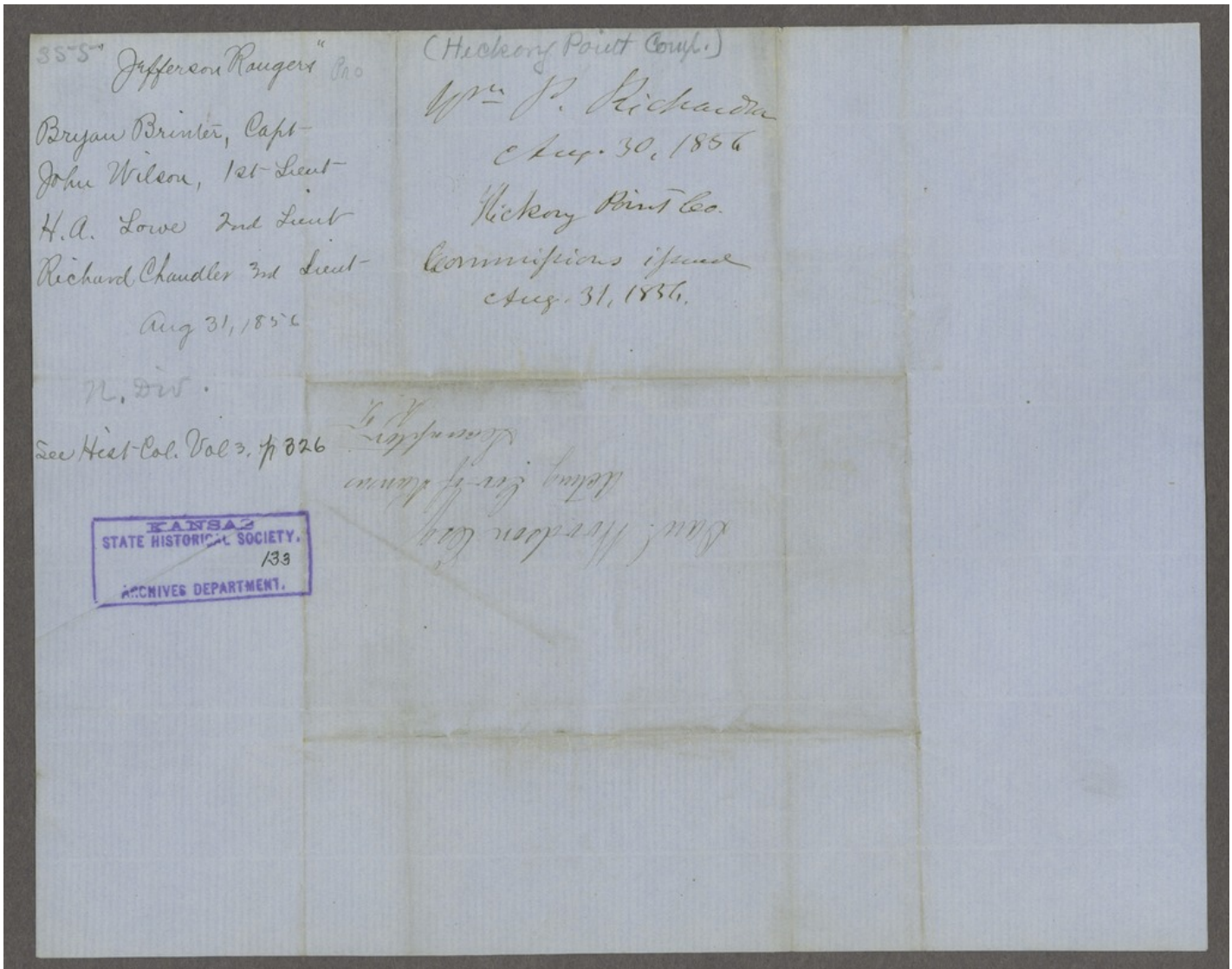
A volunteer company of eighty men has been raised in this neighborhood and elected. Bryan Brinker Captain thereof. John Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> and W. A. Lowe 2<sup>nd</sup> and Richard Chandler 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant. You will please send me eighty muskets for this company and some cartridges if they can be procured in your place. I will take the receipt of the Officers for the guns. The Company will be called the Jefferson Rangers. If you have time you may make out commissions for the Officers for they are good and true men.

Very Truly Yours

Wm. P. Beckwith

Major Genl. Northern Division

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[WOODSON, Gov.]

SEPT. 1, 1856

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Le Compton K.C.

Executive Office Sept 1 1856

General Orders No. 2

Maj Genl Wm Richardson

Northern Division Kansas Militia

Sir

Your particular attention is called to the following clause in general Orders No. 1 issued from this Office to you on the 21st August.

In all your orders the most rigid instructions should be given to protect the persons and property of all peaceable unoffending citizens regardless of party distinctions or political differences of opinion.

We are not warring against the political sentiments of men but against lawless bands of ruthless invaders, outlaws and traitors. No ones house should be destroyed unless undoubted evidence exists that it is used as a fort or arsenal for the subversion of the existing Territorial Government or for other lawless purposes, in which event it properly becomes subject to confiscation."

It is absolutely indispensable that this order should be most rigidly enforced, and all violations of it subjected to the severest penalties. Whenever houses are condemned as forts or arsenals orders should be regularly issued for knocking or pulling them down. In no case should the torch be applied.





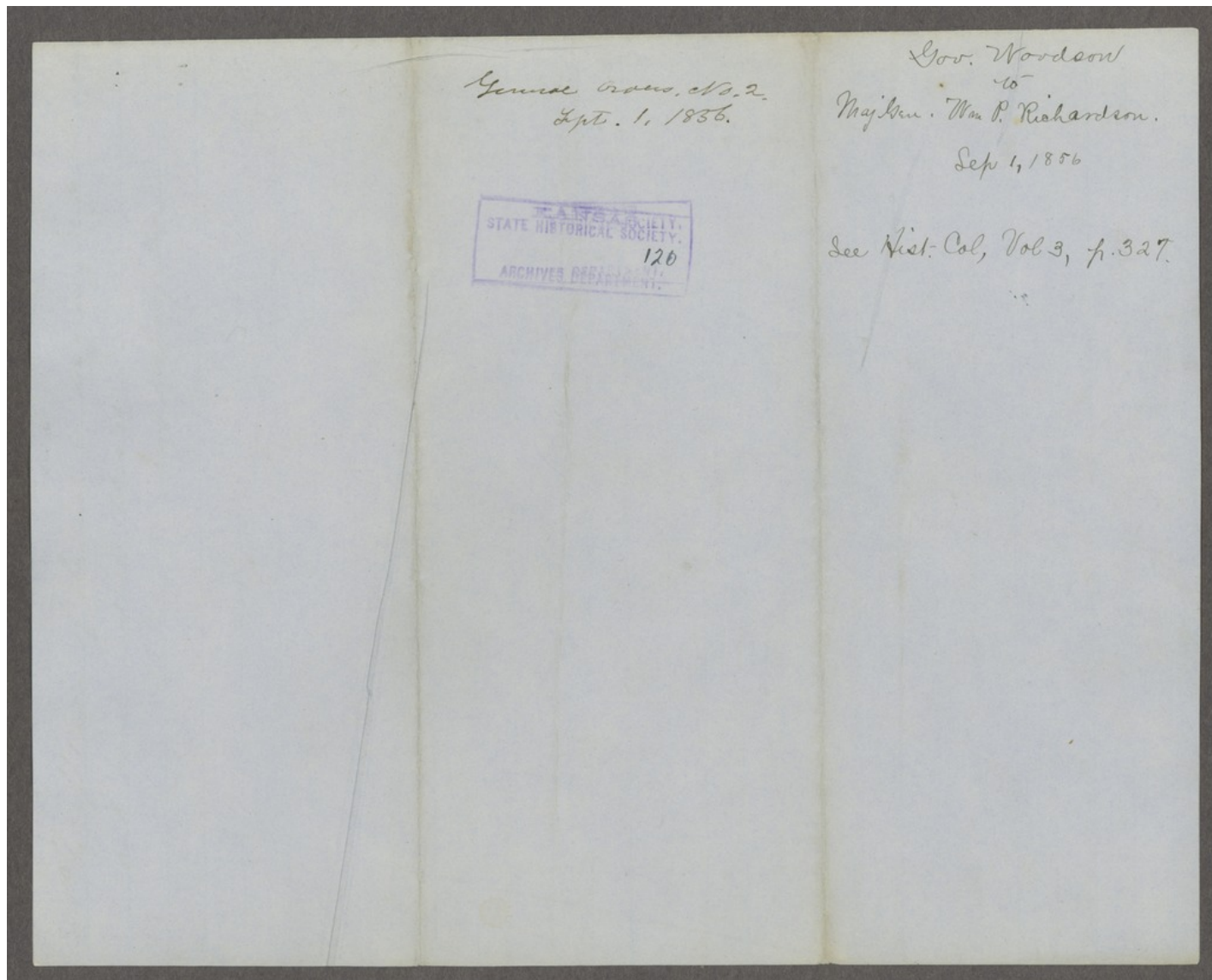
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The application of the torch, is disgraceful to the age,  
and must not be tolerated

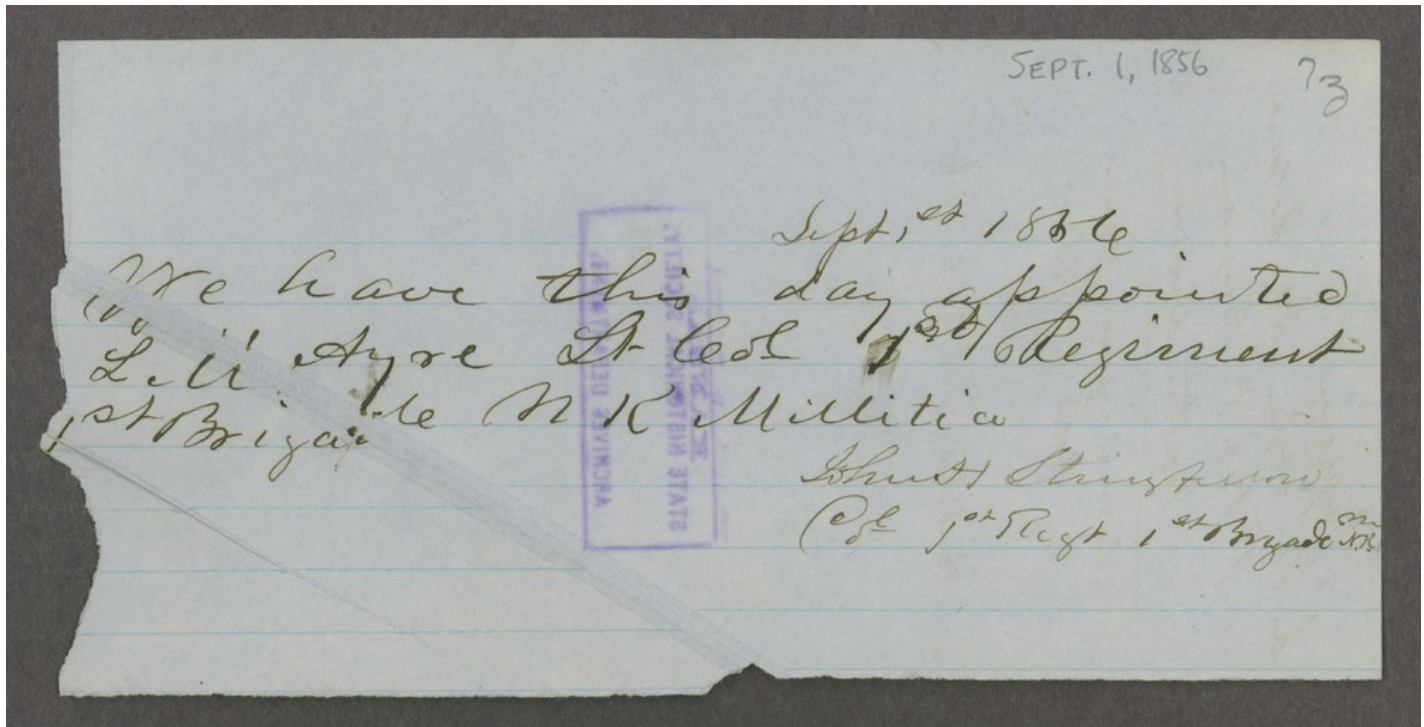
Very respectfully



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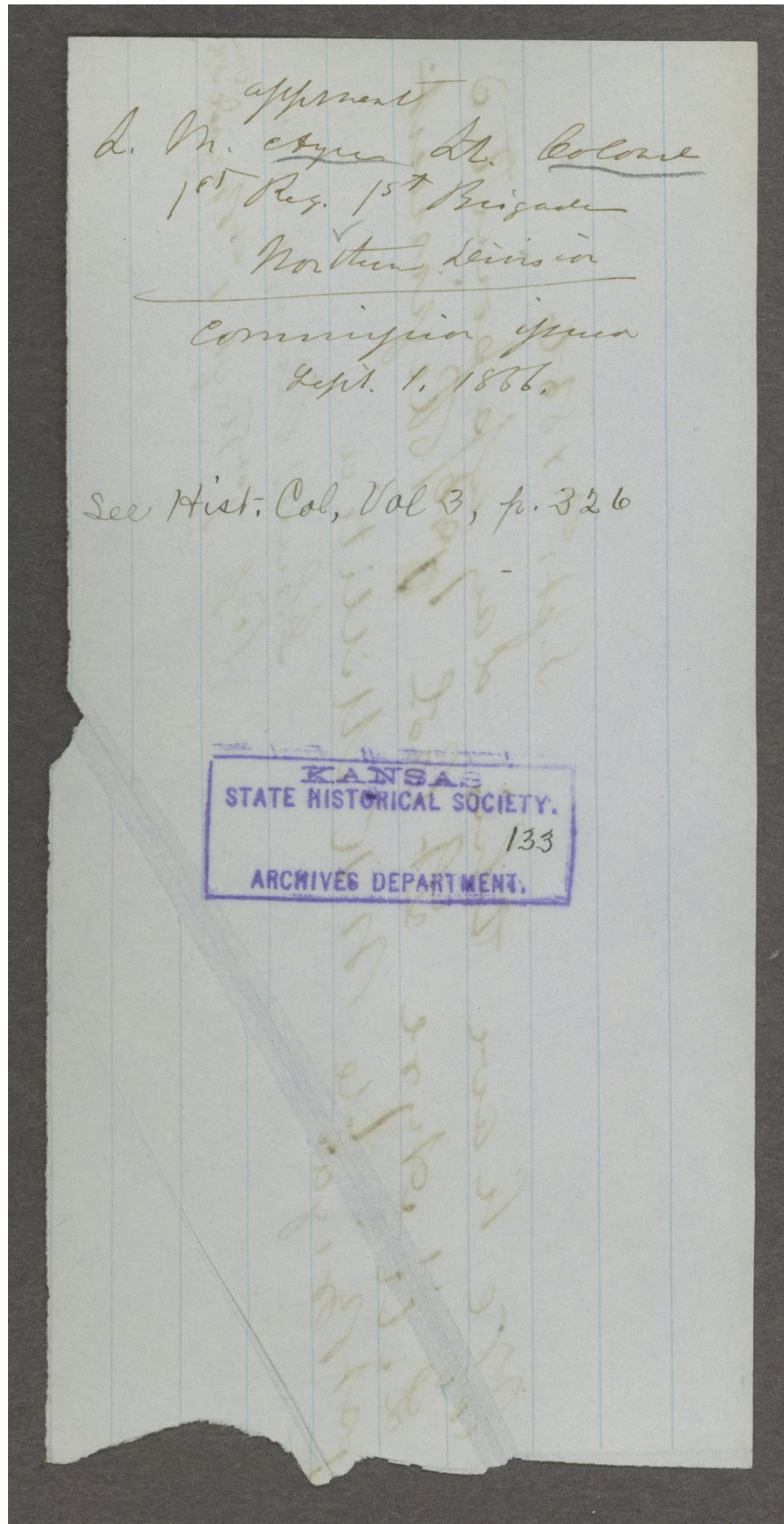


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UNION GUARDS, SOUTHERN RANGERS, ROUND-PRAIRIE GUARDS.

SEPT. 1, 1856.

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Hon John Woodson

Sir in accordance with your order I had an Election held for 4th Reg - N & K M Volunteers. J. C. Lassford was elected to that office - and J. W. Morgan was elected Maj of said Reg - you will please Commission and forward - Commissions to said Gentlemen at once you will also please Commission as Captains - H. C. Lunn of the "Union Guards" A. B. Miller as Captain of the "Southern Rangers" and Jesse Connel as Captain of "Round-Prairie Guards" and forward the same to them at my camp to night if possible Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

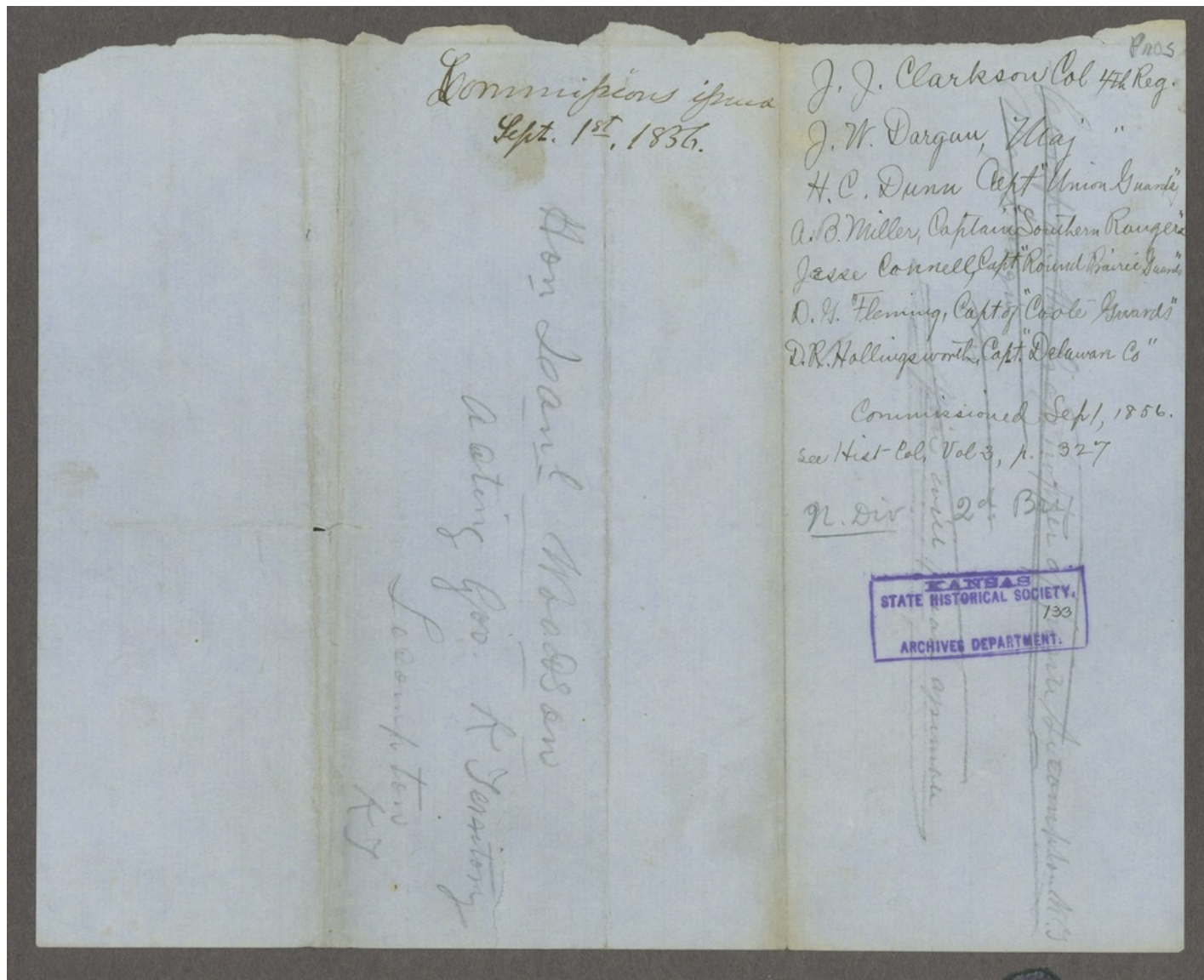
A. Payne. Col

Com'g 2<sup>nd</sup> Bdy. N & K M  
Also D. G. Permitt as Capt of the  
"Coste Guards" L. M. Hal-  
lingsworth Capt Seal army com-  
pany

A. P.

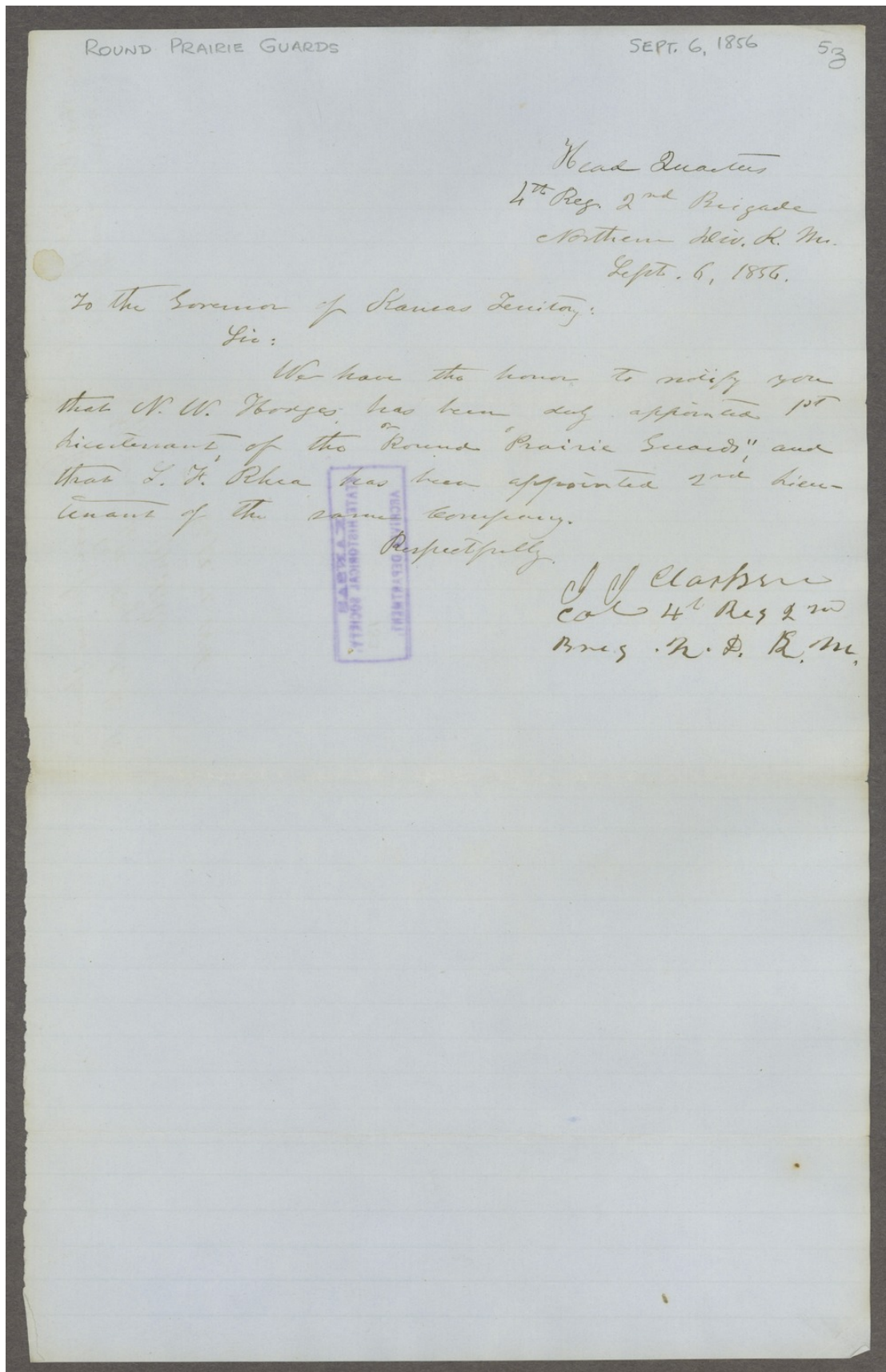


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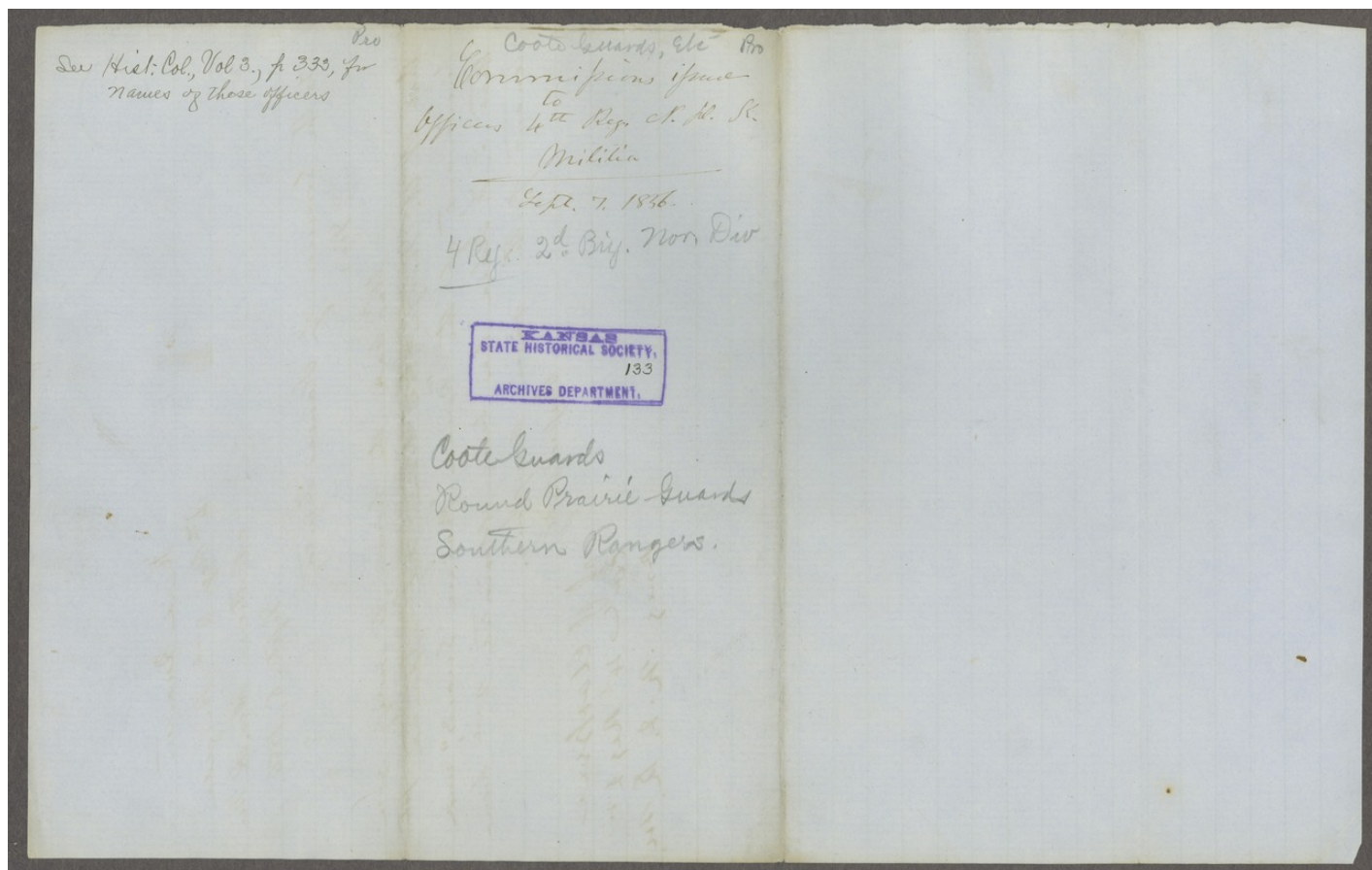


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SOUTHERN RANGERS, COOTE GUARDS

SEPT. 6, 1856

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Head Quarters  
4<sup>th</sup> Regt 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade  
Northern Division K.M.  
Sept 6. 1856

To The Gov. of Kansas Territory;  
Sir;

We have the honor to  
inform you that the following appointments  
have been made - Wm Irving 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
and A. Rucker 2<sup>d</sup> Lt of the "Southern Rangers";  
A. Rucker 2<sup>d</sup> Lt.; Greenlee Butler 1<sup>st</sup> and H. E. Hardy 2<sup>d</sup>  
Lieutenant of the "Coote Guards"; and  
Dr J. E. Bennett Surgeon of the Regt.

Respectfully



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HAMPDEN MILITIA CO.

SEPT. 27, 1856

Hampden H. T. Sept 27 to 1856 <sup>14</sup>

At a meeting of the citizens of  
Hampden & vicinity on the 27th of Sept  
1856 to take into consideration certain  
interests pertaining to the welfare  
of this community Mr Charles  
Morse was appointed Chairman &  
W. A. Elia Secretary

It <sup>was</sup> voted that in accordance  
with the Proclamation of the Governor  
of this Territory we enroll our names  
as Militia and form a Company known  
as the Hampden Militia Company  
and agreeable to said vote the  
Hampden Company was organized  
by the choice of our much esteemed  
fellow citizen Allen Crocker Esq  
formerly an efficient Lieutenant in  
the Indiana Volunteers in Mexico  
as Captain

L P Hams Esq Lieutenant

A B Sampson &

Wm B Farnsworth Sargeants

W A Elia &

Chs Morse

Corporals

Chs Morse, chm.

W A Elia Secy

(W. A. Elia)

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Since Captain Crocker handed  
me the accompanying return  
it occurred to me there was  
something in this vicinity that  
had not signed our roll as ones  
is a voluntary company I thought  
I would state the fact and if  
it was desired that the whole  
liable to do duty should be enrolled  
you would signify it in  
your answer. M. A. La.



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HAMPDEN MILITIA Co.

SEPT. 27, 1856. 2M

Hampden Co., Sept 27/56

Sir

The Hampden Company of Militia having made choice of me as Captain, I take this early opportunity to make return to Your Excellency the names of those who have enrolled themselves in said Company, and also to make such statement of the circumstances of this community as may seem proper.

Your Excellency may be thus be informed that certain members of this Company were recently robbed at St Scott of 6,000 lbs of flour, and the owners sent away with their teams on promising to leave the Territory, also more recently a robbery and murder was committed 20 miles above here upon peaceable citizens—also a robbery of horses 20 miles South of us. The Citizens previous to your coming into the Territory, volunteered and left their homes with such arms as they had to repel such invasions, and I would inform your Excellency that there is a deficiency of arms, and if you deem it expedient we would like you would furnish us with arms and ammunition, that the company may act promptly when called out. On another page you will find the Co. Roll.



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I now await further instructions.  
Very respectfully your obt. Servt.,  
Allen Crocker Capt  
Hampden Co. Militia

W. His Excellency  
John W. Geary  
Gov. Kansas Territory.



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### Roll of the Hampden Militia.

Alben Crocker Capt  
 Levi P. Heddens Lieut  
 A. B. Sampson 1<sup>st</sup> Surg.  
 W. B. Farnsworth 2<sup>nd</sup> "  
 W. A. Cla... 1<sup>st</sup> Corp  
 Chas. Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> "

E. C. Weatherby  
 W. H. Cla...

Stephen Herrington  
 Ephraim Wild

J. A. D. Clarke  
 George E. Grimes

David Grimes  
 A. E. Heddens

Milton Short

Augustus Holland

William Payne

Lucius Morse

James Heddens

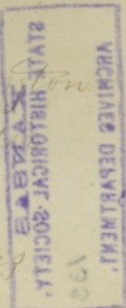
Alfred Crocker

Michael Hughes

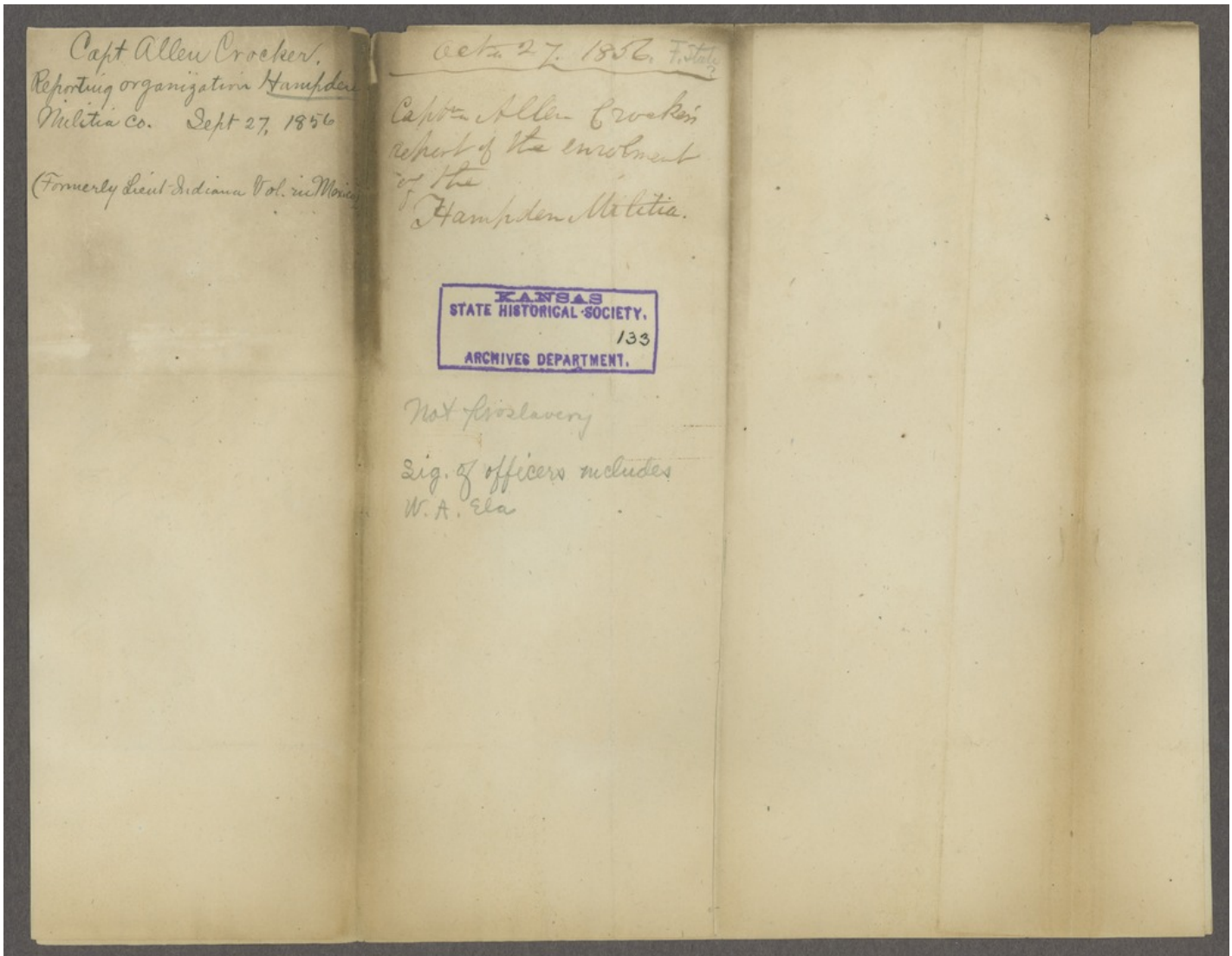
Leopold Reuter

Martin Runnels

H. M. Robbins



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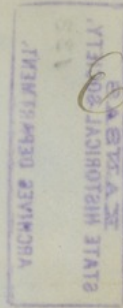


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Gov. GEARY

Oct. 4, 1856.

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Executive Department  
LeCompton K. T.  
October 4<sup>th</sup> 1856

To Captain  
Hamilton Smith  
of Bonville, K. T.  
Dear Sir,

I have received your communication of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult. enclosing me the enrolment of your citizens as Territorial Militia, which I hope may be filed.

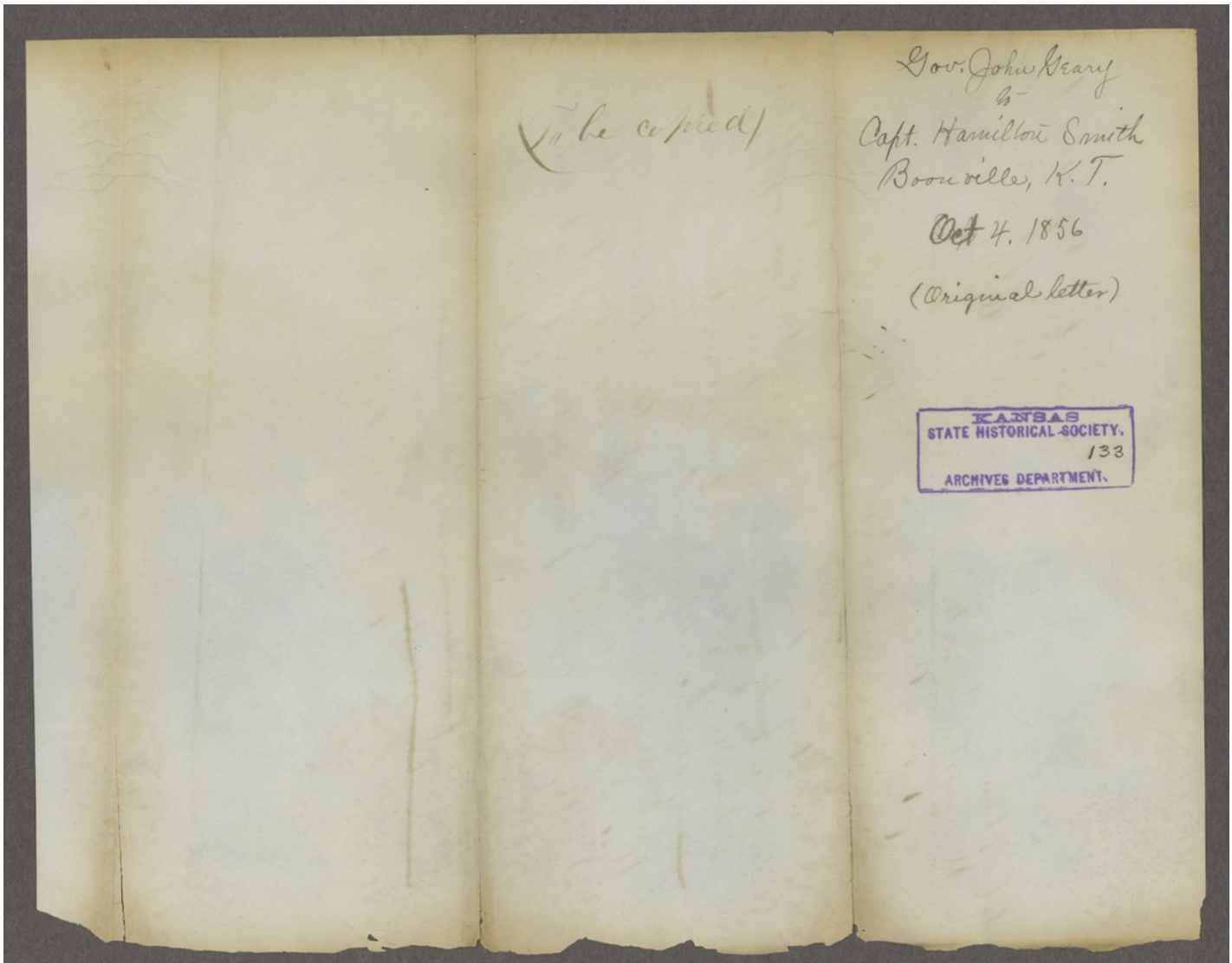
I thank you Sir, for your promptness and for your patriotic determination to sustain me in my efforts to restore peace and order to this Territory. In case I have occasion for the services of your Company, I will with great pleasure, call you into active service being well assured that you are all reliable men.

~~Your communication is filed and will receive due attention.~~

Very truly yr. obt. Servt.



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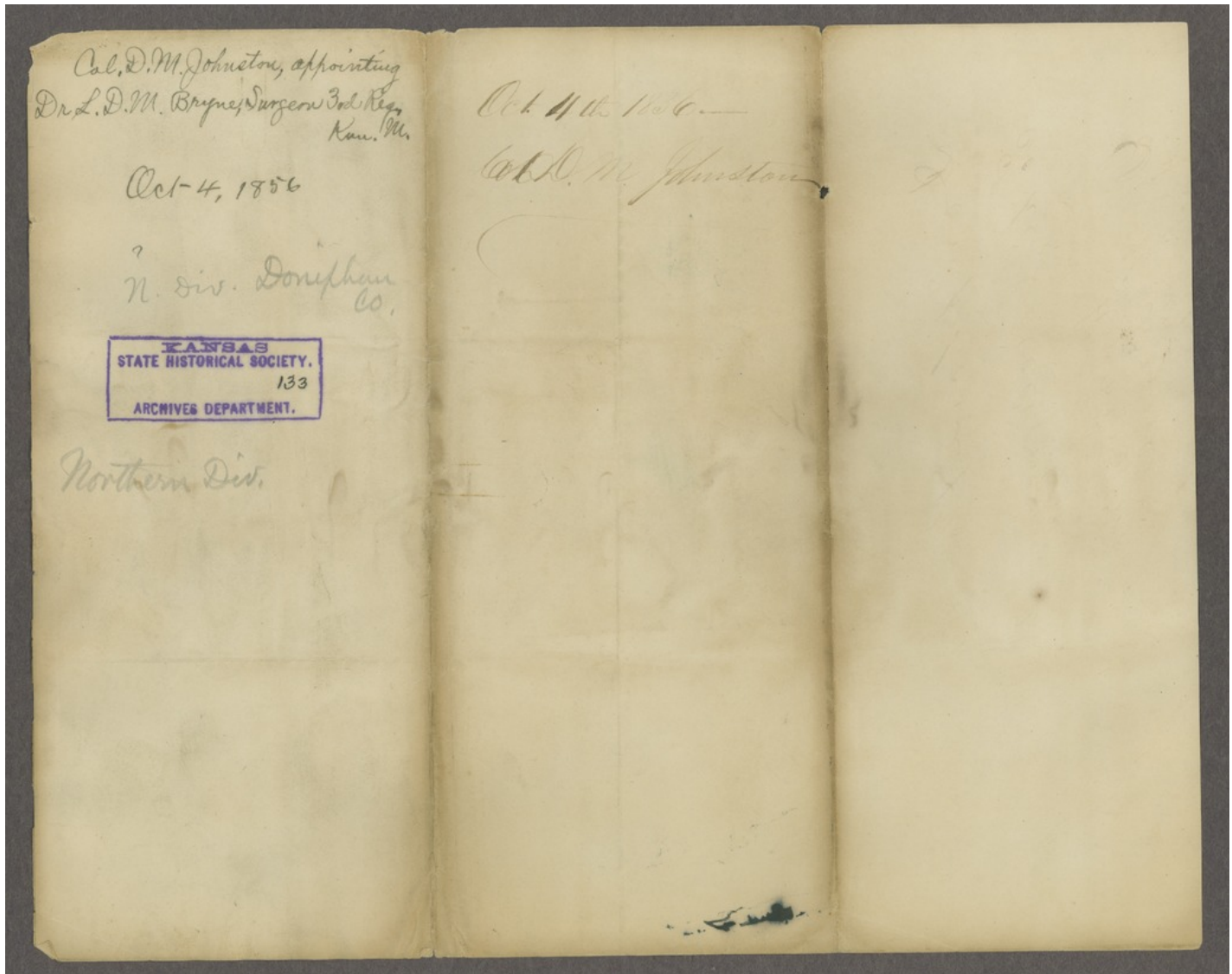
To his Excellency James W. Leary  
Sir

Having appointed J. D.  
D. M. Byrne Surgeon of the  
Third Regiment of Kansas Militia  
I hope it may meet with your  
approbation to send him a Com-  
mission as such

I am Sir with  
great respect  
Yours

J. M. Johnston  
Col of 3d Regiment  
of Kansas Militia

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Secumsep. 4th  
Oct 6th 1856

Yr Excellency  
Gov Geary  
Dear Sir

Gen Grauhall  
has reported one company  
(mounted) of his command  
ready for active service and  
speaks in high terms of <sup>the</sup> efficien-  
cy and discipline of this Comp-  
any and hopes that your  
Excellency will favorably  
consider the claims of this Co.  
The Company is commanded  
Capt Robertson of Atchison  
and numbers sixty one (61)  
rank & file.

Capt Miller of Lawrence with City  
tenders the services of his company  
whenever your Excellency may need them

Very Respectfully  
H. J. Strickler  
Adj. Genl



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Adj. Gen. H. J. Strickler  
tendering service of  
Companies organized  
by Capt. Robertson of  
Atchison, and Capt.  
Miller of Leavenworth.

Oct-6, 1856

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Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1856

H. J. Strickler



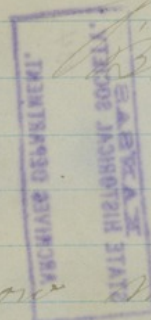
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Camp near Lawrence K.T.  
Oct. 6, 1856.

Capt. Saml. Walker has this  
day with a company of  
Kansas Militia been mus-  
tered into the service of the  
U. States by the undersigned  
Wm. Woods  
1st Lt. U.S.A.



My. Company is now mustered into  
the service and is ready for any duty you  
may wish above is a statement of the  
facts by Wm. Woods as soon as convenient  
I should like to draw our arms yours  
respectfully Saml. Walker  
to his Excellency Governor Geary