Josephine Blakely Martin material

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Material relating to Josephine Blakely Martin and William S. Blakely. Included in this folder are journals, letters, appointments, and a diploma. Several pages of the journal have been skipped or cut out. Some of the letters discuss the Civil War, one noting a fight between troops of the Second Kansas Calvary and William Quantrill's men at David Tate's farm on March 22, 1862.

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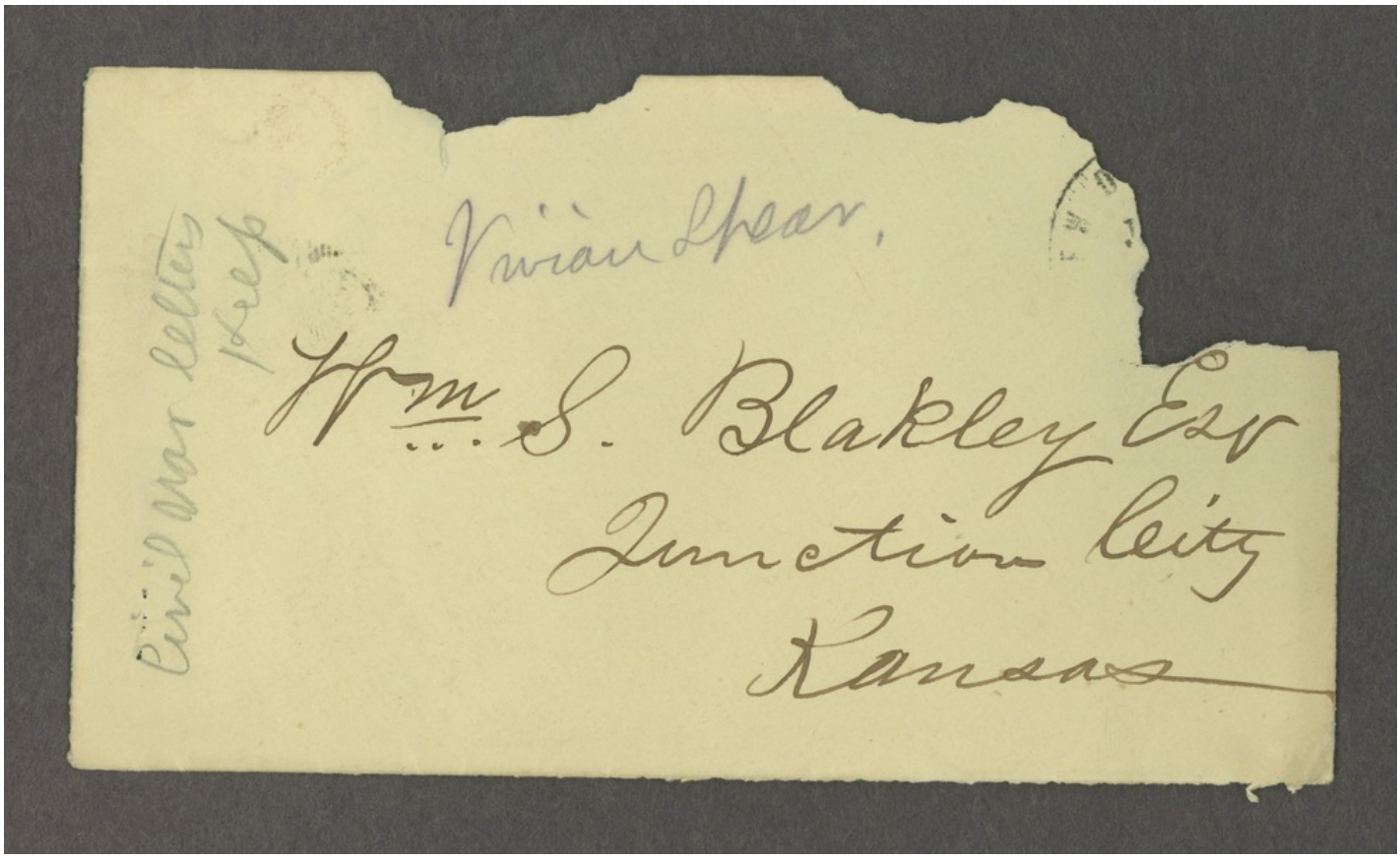
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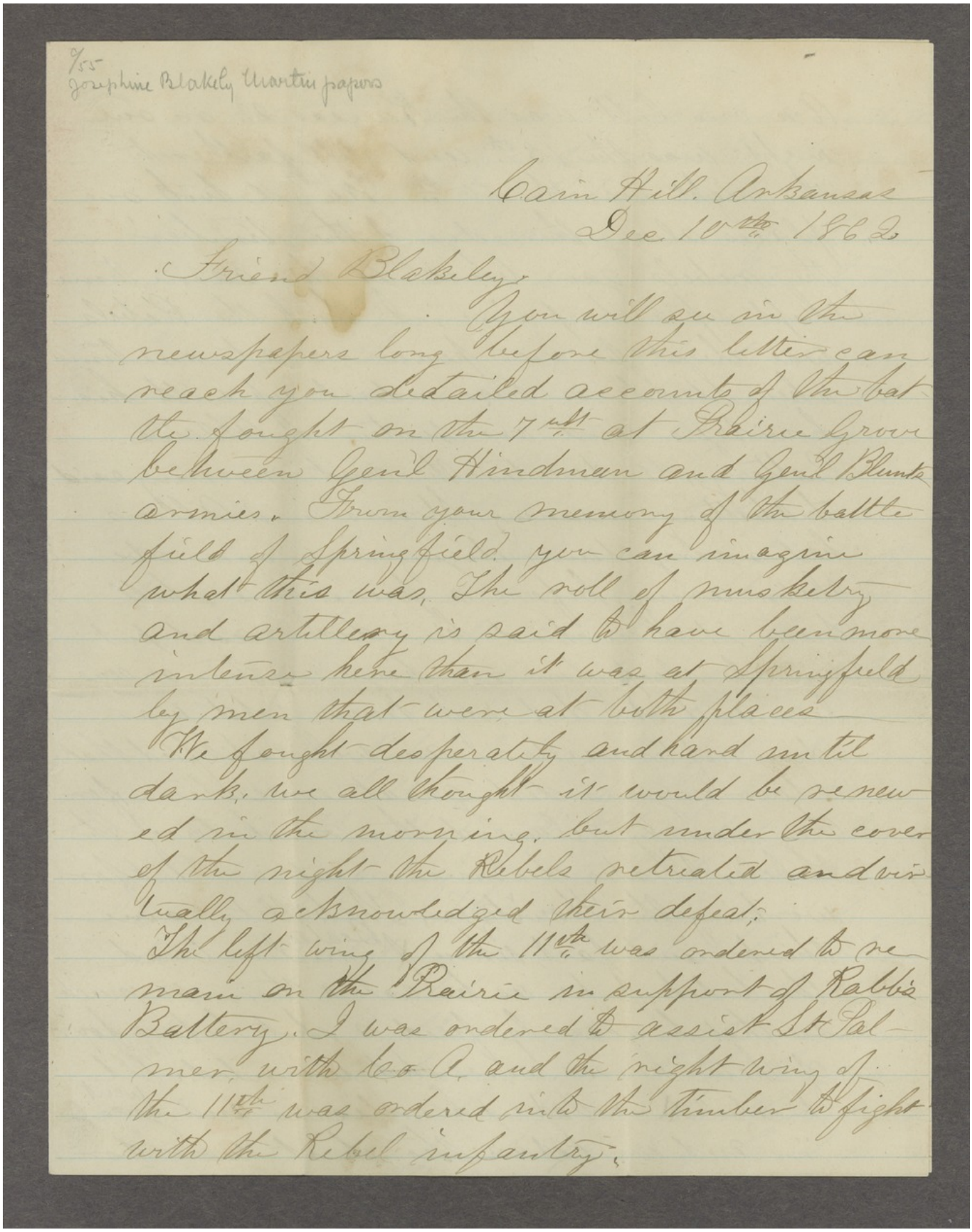
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Cain Hill. Arkansas
Dec 10th 1862

Friend Blakeley.

You will see in the newspapers long before this letter can reach you detailed accounts of the battle fought on the 7th at Prairie Grove between Genl Hindman and Genl Blunts armies. From your memory of the battle field of Springfield you can imagine what this was. The roll of musketry and artillery is said to have been more intense here than it was at Springfield by men that were at both places.

We fought desperately and hard until dark. we all thought it would be renewed in the morning, but under the cover of the night the Rebels retreated and virtually acknowledged their defeat.

The left wing of the 11th was ordered to remain on the Prairie in support of Rabbs Battery. I was ordered to assist Lt Palmer with Co A and the right wing of the 11th was ordered into the timber to fight with the Rebel infantry.

On our left was the Kansas 2d on our right was the 13th and still farther to the right was the 10th We all took our places along the edge of the timber the rebels gave back. At the same time but kept up a sharp fire. I think the Rebels was about to over power us at one time when Lt Stovers was ordered up with his howitzers and one section of Allens Battery, a deserter the next morning said that battery meaning Stovers and Allens had a very demoralizing influence over their army, before a piece of a shell from it knocked him down and put him to sleep for an hour or two, or senseless and he did not know what was done afterwards, I am well satisfied that Stovers guns did great execution for they nearly silenced the musketry of the Rebels, Beates deserves great credit for working the Howitzers, The bullets came thick and fast, when X Beates unlimbered the bitch pups, as he calls them so much so that he scarcely fired a shot before four of their horses were ~~shot~~ wounded. "Old Beates" rolled up his sleaves and went in and worked as though it was for

dear life. I saw him before at Cain Hill he sent the ball and canister thro' after the retreating Rebels with such a force that sent many a one of them to their long home, but to return to the subject. Glover soon left us, with his Howitzers then we had to depend upon our small arms. for our defense until the Kansas 2d and 13th had to give way and the right wing of the 11th was about to be taken prisoners then we had to depend on our legs. I have heard some complain of the conduct of the 2d but I have not a word of fault to find with them. I know the Rebels sent down a tremendious force against them I think it was well we all retreated for we drew the Rebels to the edge of the timber where our batteries could play on them with terrible effect. The Rebels did not follow us out of the timber to ~~speak~~ of any distance. There were nearly a dozen hit with shot in Co A but only four seriously wounded and one man killed that was fighting with us from some other Co. And one man of the Co was taken prisoner. Co A. was farthest advanced in the timber of any Co I saw

and as I did not hear the bel. order a retreat it was the last two ~~three~~ do so but the one. In the right wing of our Reg the loss will not exceed in killed and wounded twenty five.

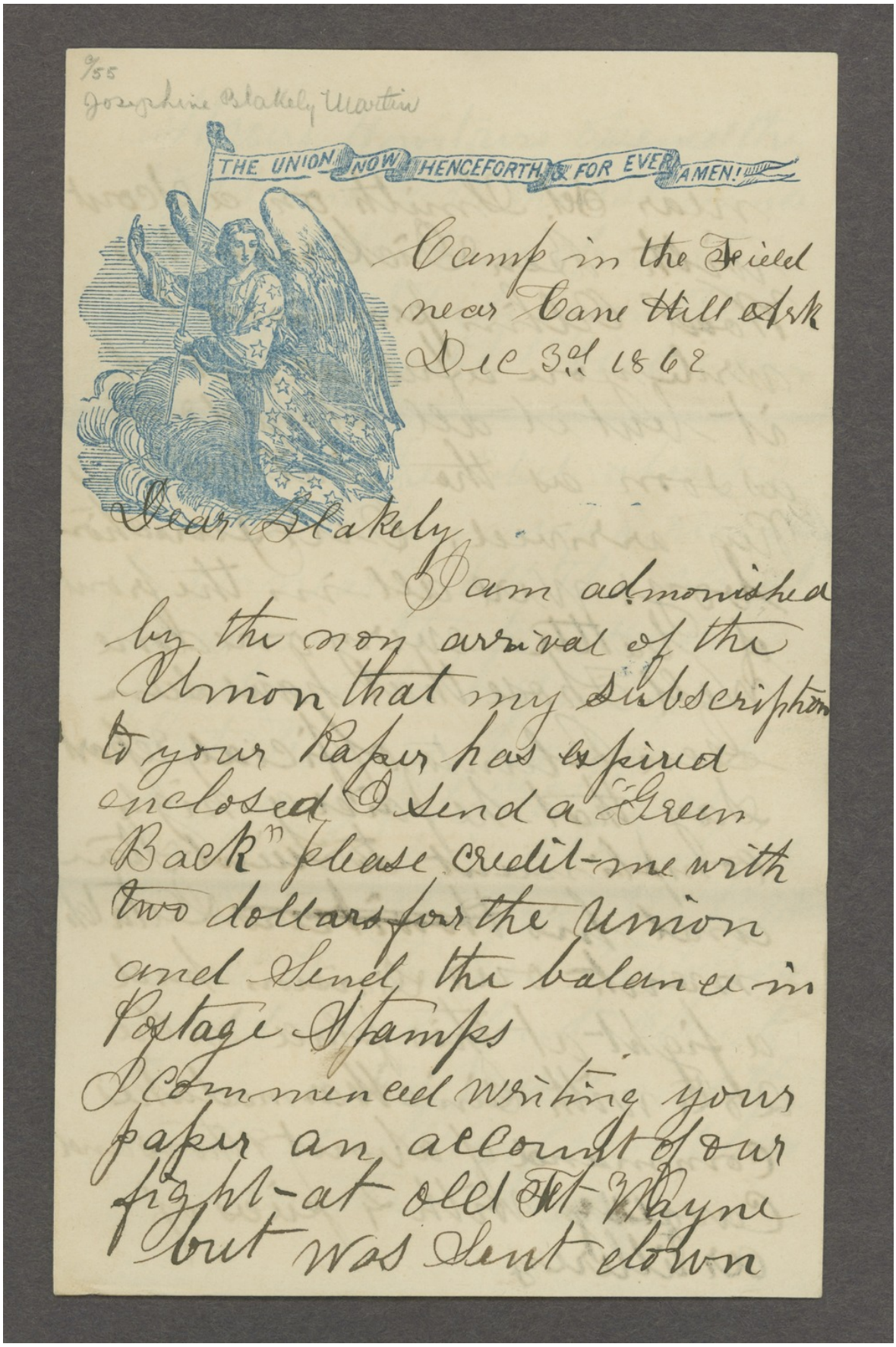
A deserter states the Rebel army to have been about 23 000 strong. Ours I dont think exceeded 13 000. Our loss is now estimated in killed and wounded at about 8 00. The Rebels at two or three times as much.

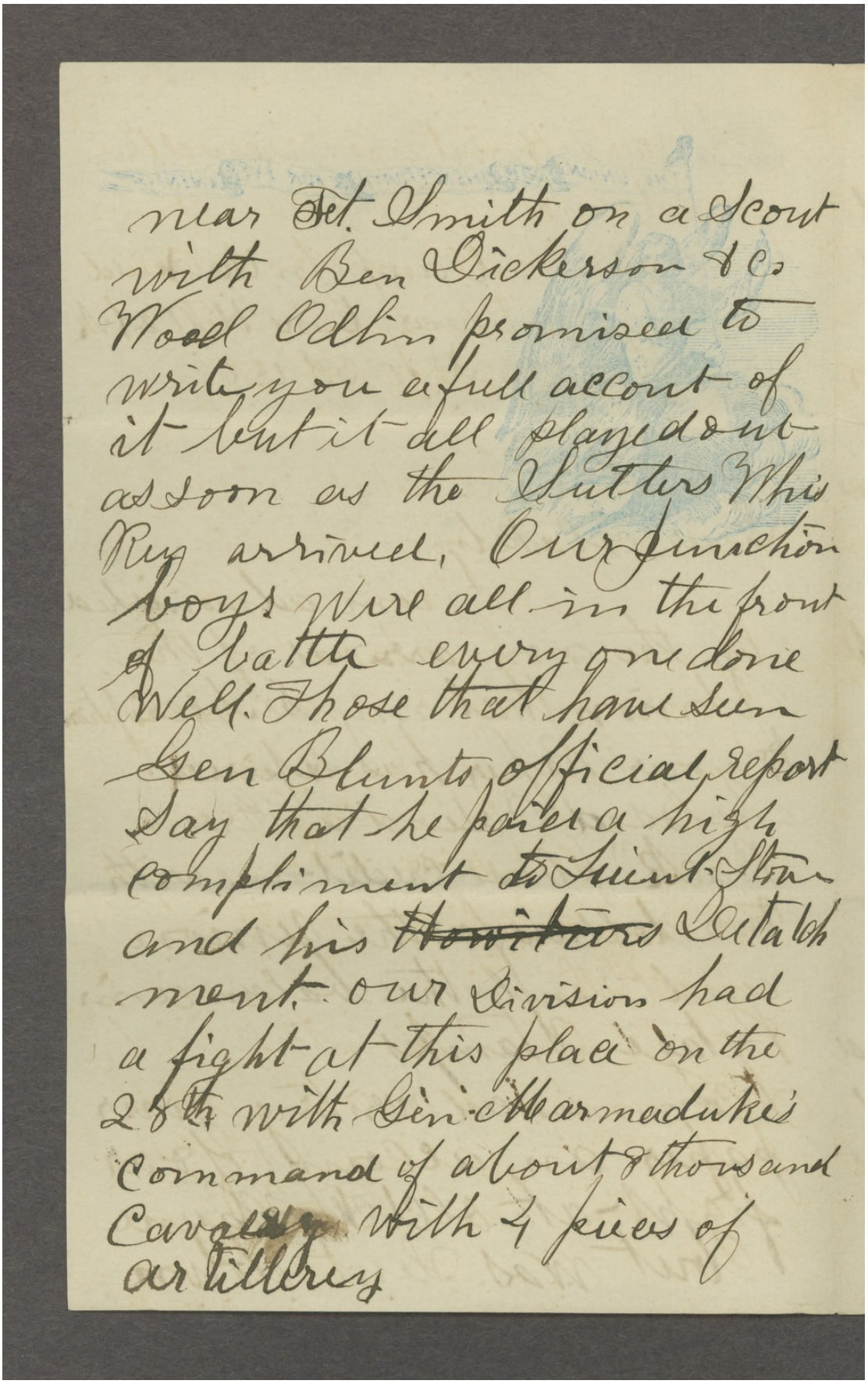
It is now rumored about camp that we shall advance into the Arkansas bally I think Hindmans grand army is demoralized and it is in my opinion doubtful whether he fights us again.

Since I have been writing the report comes in that a Capt. and his Co of 70 men all armed with enfield rifles have just come in and delivered themselves up. Many more are expected to come in.

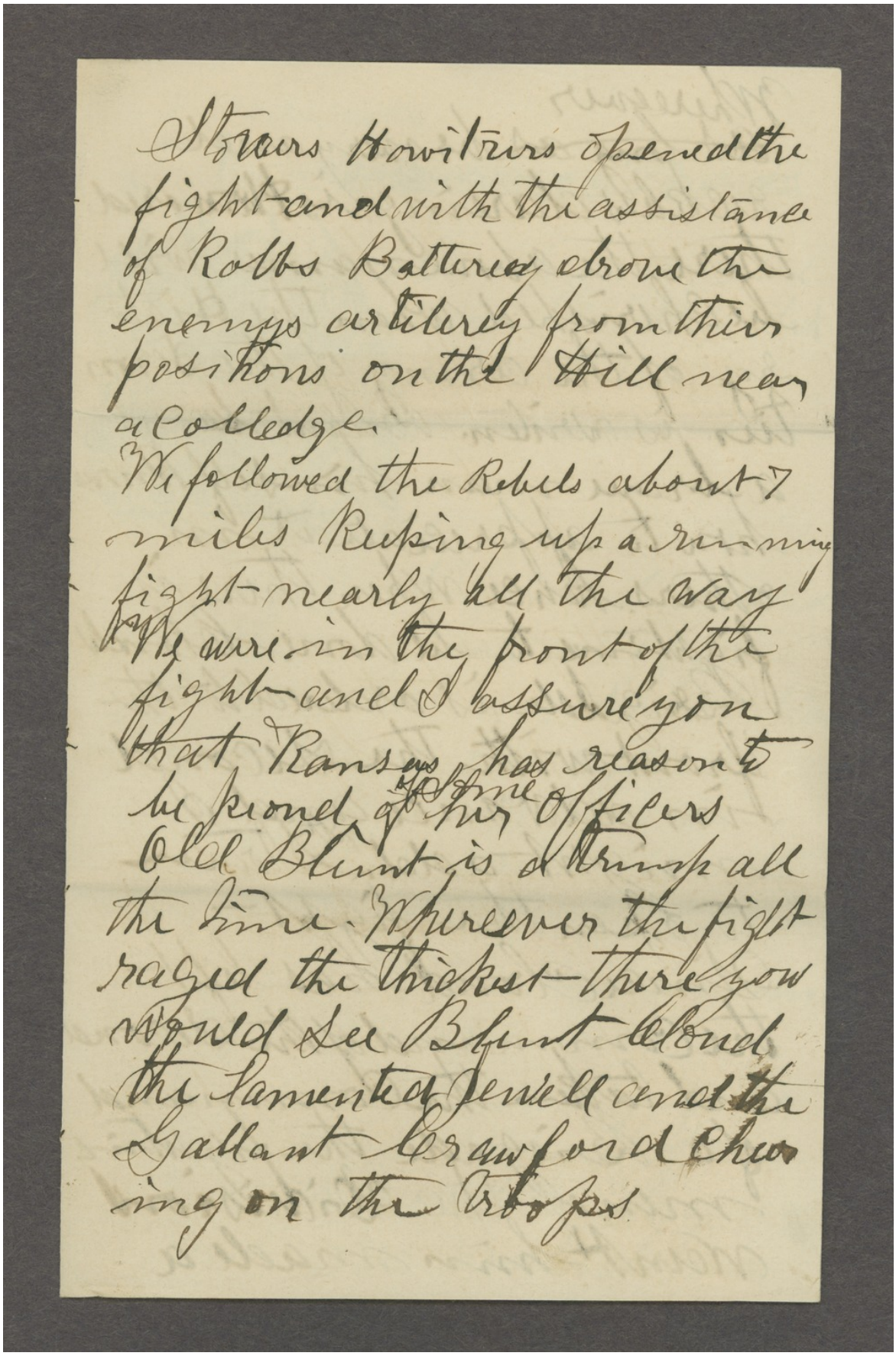
Our letters will go with the train and hence will move very slow and long before this reaches you the news it contains will be old hence I have not prepared it to be made public, and hope you will not do it. My love to Friends I hope to hear from you soon

Your Friend A to Pierce

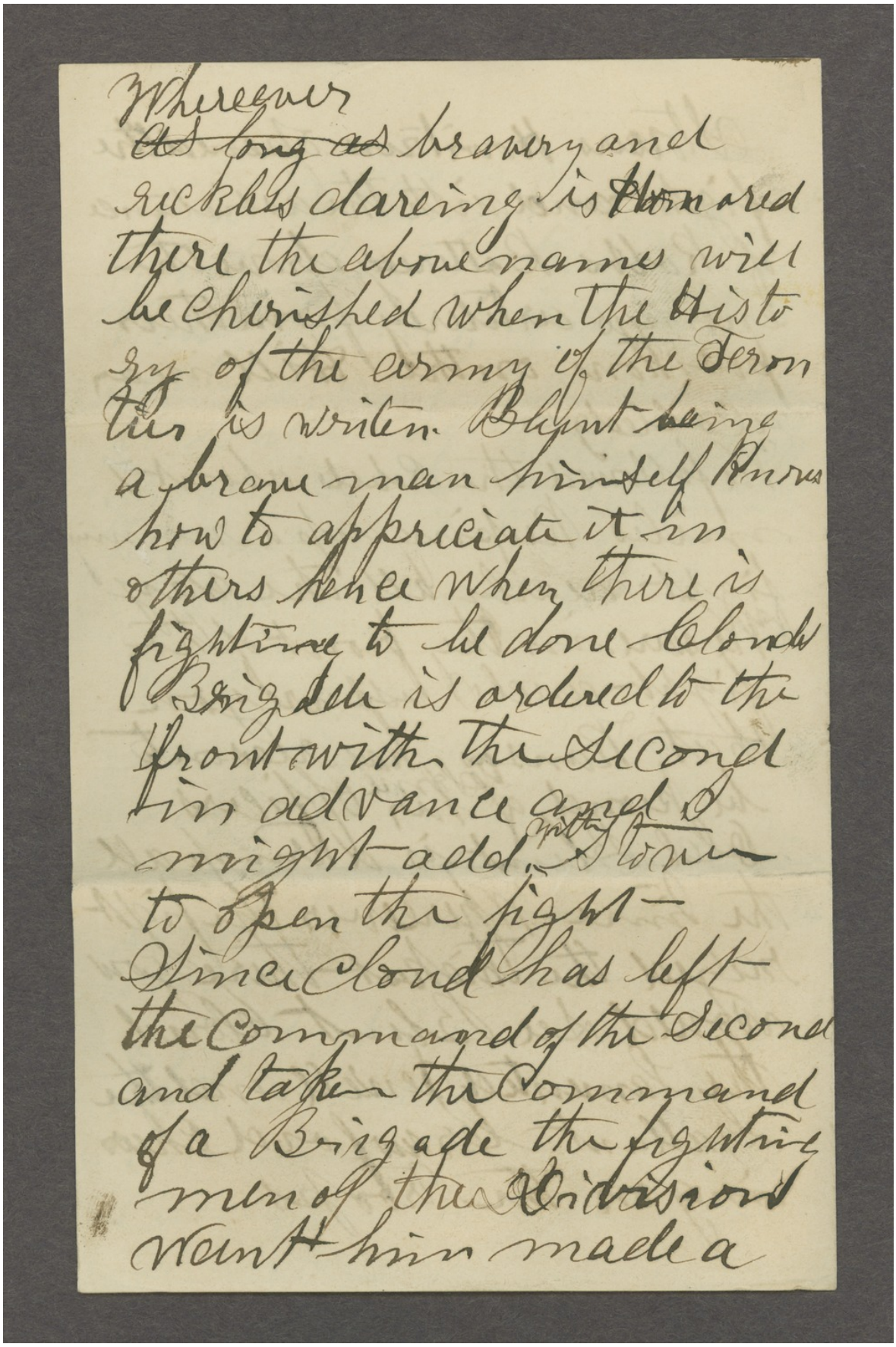

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Josephine Blakely Martin
THE UNION NOW HENCEFORTH & FOR EVER AMEN!
Camp in the Field
near Cane Hill Ark
Dec 3d 1862
Dear Blakely
I am admonished
by the non arrival of the
Union that my Subscription
to your Paper has expired
enclosed I send a "Green
Back" please credit me with
two dollars for the Union
and send the balance in
Postage Stamps
I Commenced writing your
paper an account of our
fight at old Ft Wayne
but was sent down



near Ft. Smith on a Scout
with Ben Dickerson & Co
Wood Odlin promised to
write you a full account of
it but it all played out
as soon as the Shutters Whis
Ry arrived. Our Junction
boys were all in the front
& battle every one done
Well. Those that have seen
Gen Blunts official report
say that he paid a high
compliment ~~to~~ Lieut. Stone
and his ~~Howitzers~~ Detach
ment. our Division had
a fight at this place on the
28th with Gen. Marmaduke's
Command of about 8 thousand
Cavalry with 4 pieces of
artillery



Stowers Howitzers opened the fight and with the assistance of Robbs Battery drove the enemys artilery from their positions on the Hill near a College.
We followed the Rebels about 7 miles Reping up a running fight nearly all the way We were in the front of the fight and I assure you that Kansas has reason to be proud of her officers Old Blunt is a trump all the time. Wherever the fight raged the thickest there you would see Blunt Blount the lamented Jewell and the Gallant Crawford Cheering on the troops

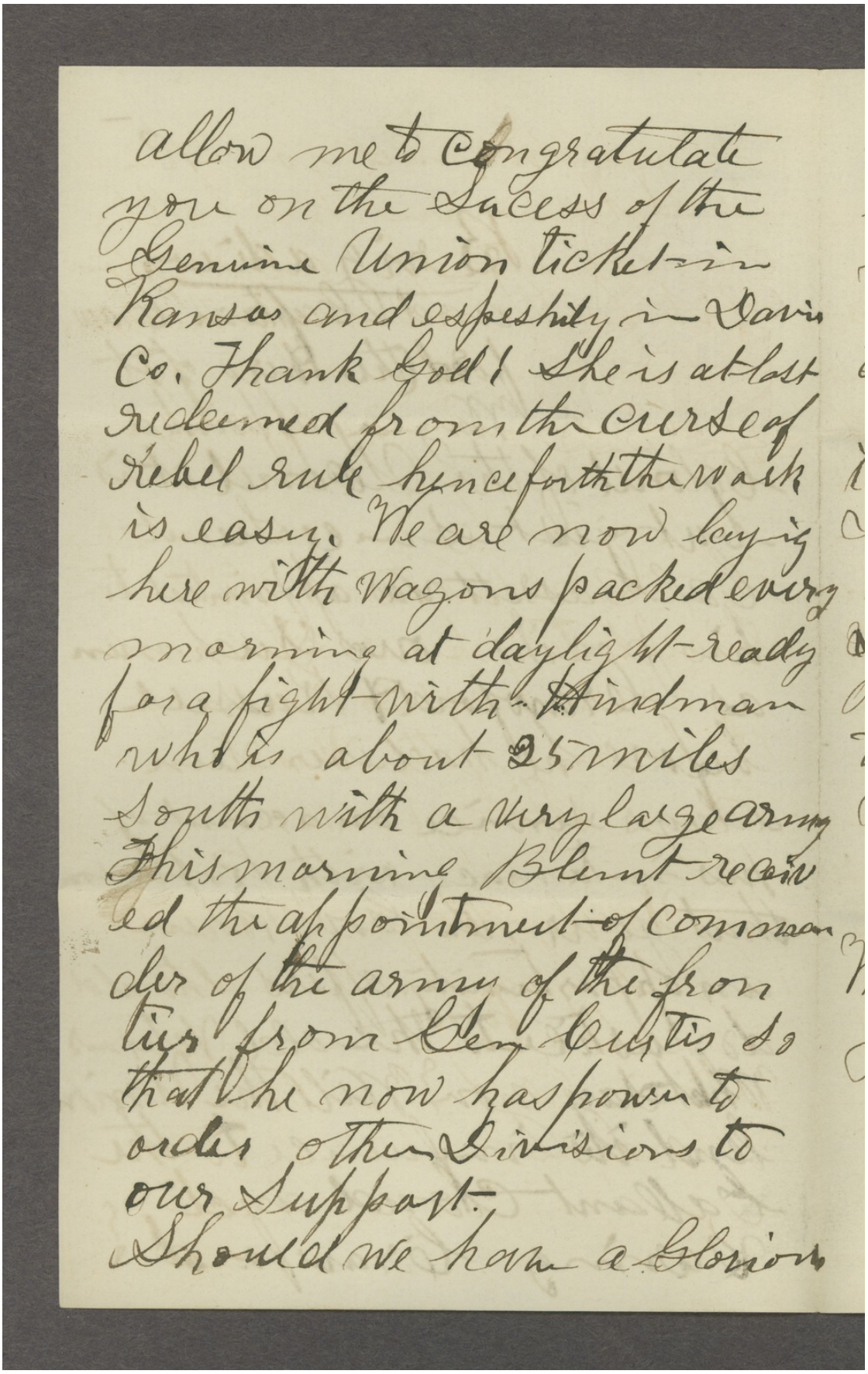


Wherever
~~As long as~~ bravery and
reckless dareing is ~~honored~~
there the above names will
be cherished when the Histo
ry of the army of the Fron
tier is writen. Blunt being
a brave man himself knows
how to appreciate it in
others hence when there is
fighting to be done Cloud's
Brigade is ordered to the
front with the Second
in advance and I
might add, ~~I~~ [illegible] Slower
to open the fight—
Since Cloud has left
the Command of the Second
and taken the Command
of a Brigade the fighting
men of the Division
want him made a

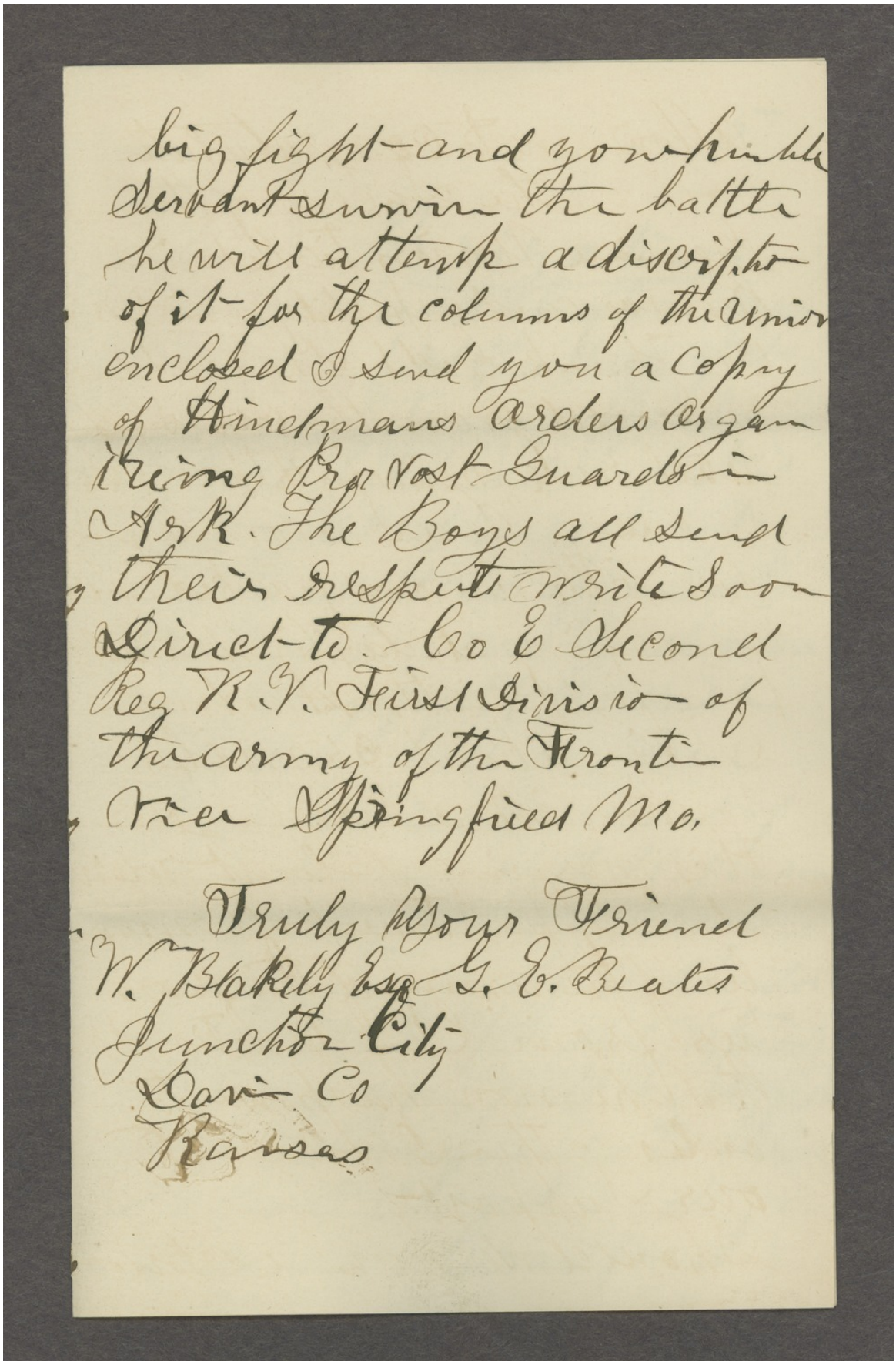
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Brigadier and Captain Crawford the Hero of Ft Wayne appointed Colonel of the Second it is but just since Lieut Col Bassett was appointed to his position over such men as Crawford & Russell before he had ever seen a days service on account of his intimacy with Robinson that your new Gov. When an opportunity offers should do justice to the old Veterans What say you? Will the Union lend its influence to the Gallant Cloud and Daring Crawford?



allow me to congratulate
you on the Sucess of the
Genuine Union ticket in
Kansas and especially in Davis
Co. Thank God! She is at last
redeemed from the curse of
Rebel rule hencefourth the walk
is easy. We are now laying
here with Wagons packed every
morning at daylight ready
for a fight with Hindman
who is about 25 miles
South with a very large army
This morning Blunt rec'd
the appointment of Comman-
der of the army of the fron-
tier from Gen Curtis so
that he now has power to
order other Divisions to
our support.
Should we have a Glorious



big fight—and your humble
Servant survive the battle
he will attempt a discription
of it—for the columns of the Union
enclosed I send you a copy
of Hindmans Orders Organ
izing Prg Post Guards in
Ark. The Boys all send
their respects Write Soon
Direct to Co E Second
Reg K.V. First Division of
the army of the Frontier
Via Springfield Mo.

Truly Your Friend
W. Blakely
W. Blakely Esq
Junction City
Davis Co
Kansas

Camp 121st N.Y. Vols.
Near Wilfords Ford Va.
April 22d 1864

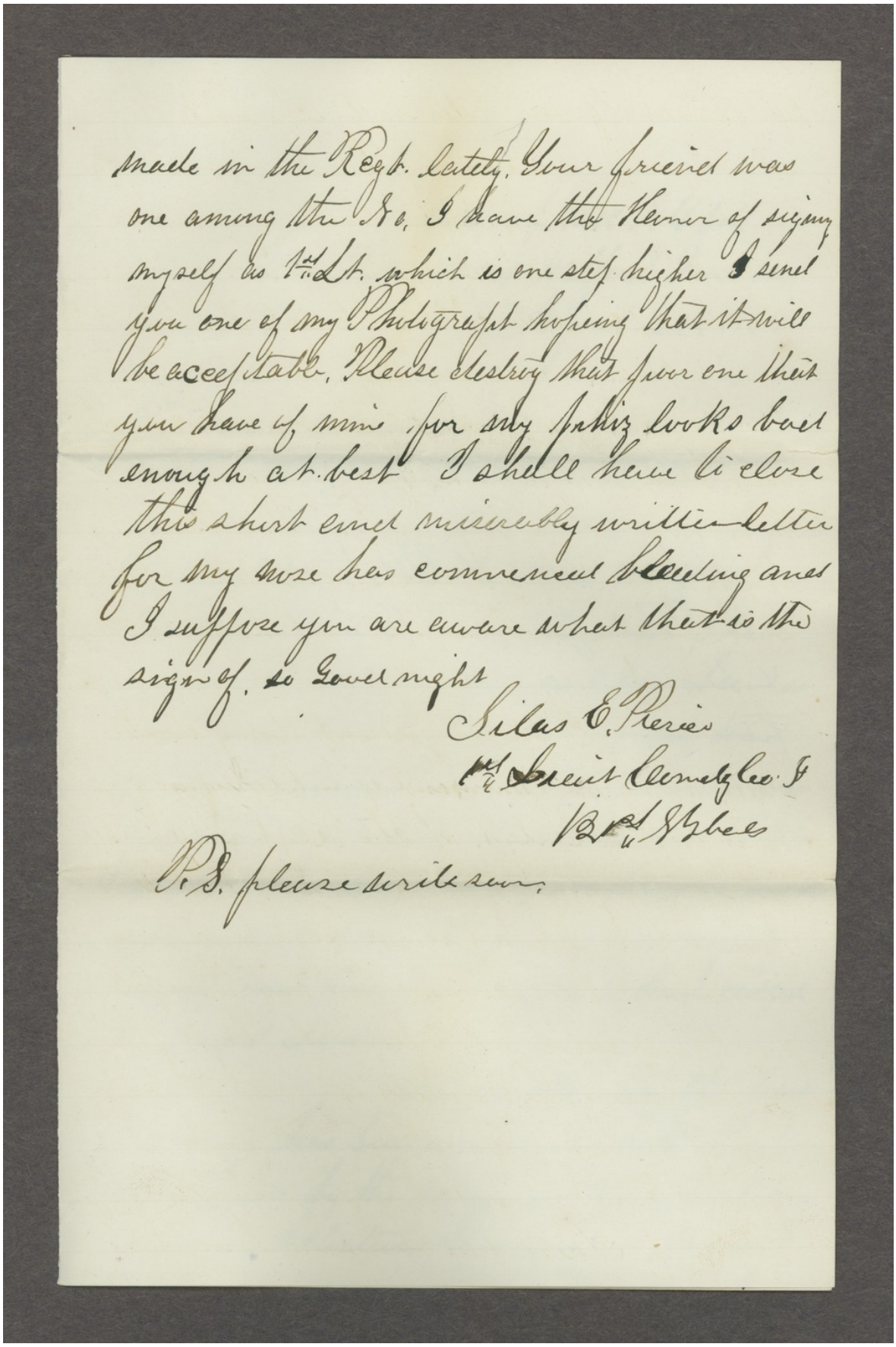
Friend Jennie

I suppose by this time you have began to think that you are forgotten by your Army Correspondent but I can assure you such is not the case. The reason I have not written sooner is because I have been so busy lately that I have had scarcely time to think much less to write. I had a very pleasant visit home this winter but it was so short that I did not have time to make you a visit although Marcia and myself would have been very happy to have called on friend Jennie.

The weather for the past few days has been very fine. The 6th Corps was reviewed by the renowned Hero of Vicksburg Universal Salvation Grant last Monday

It passed off very pleasantly. The whole Corps was formed in column by Division consisting of two Companies and it took one hour and twenty minutes to pass by the Reviewing Officers. I had a fair view of Genl Grant. I think he is a very unassuming man. especially for one that so much responsibility on his mind as he must have. I hope he may be as successful in the future as he has been in the past. I think that if we are successful this Spring that the war will soon cease. I hope so. What say you!

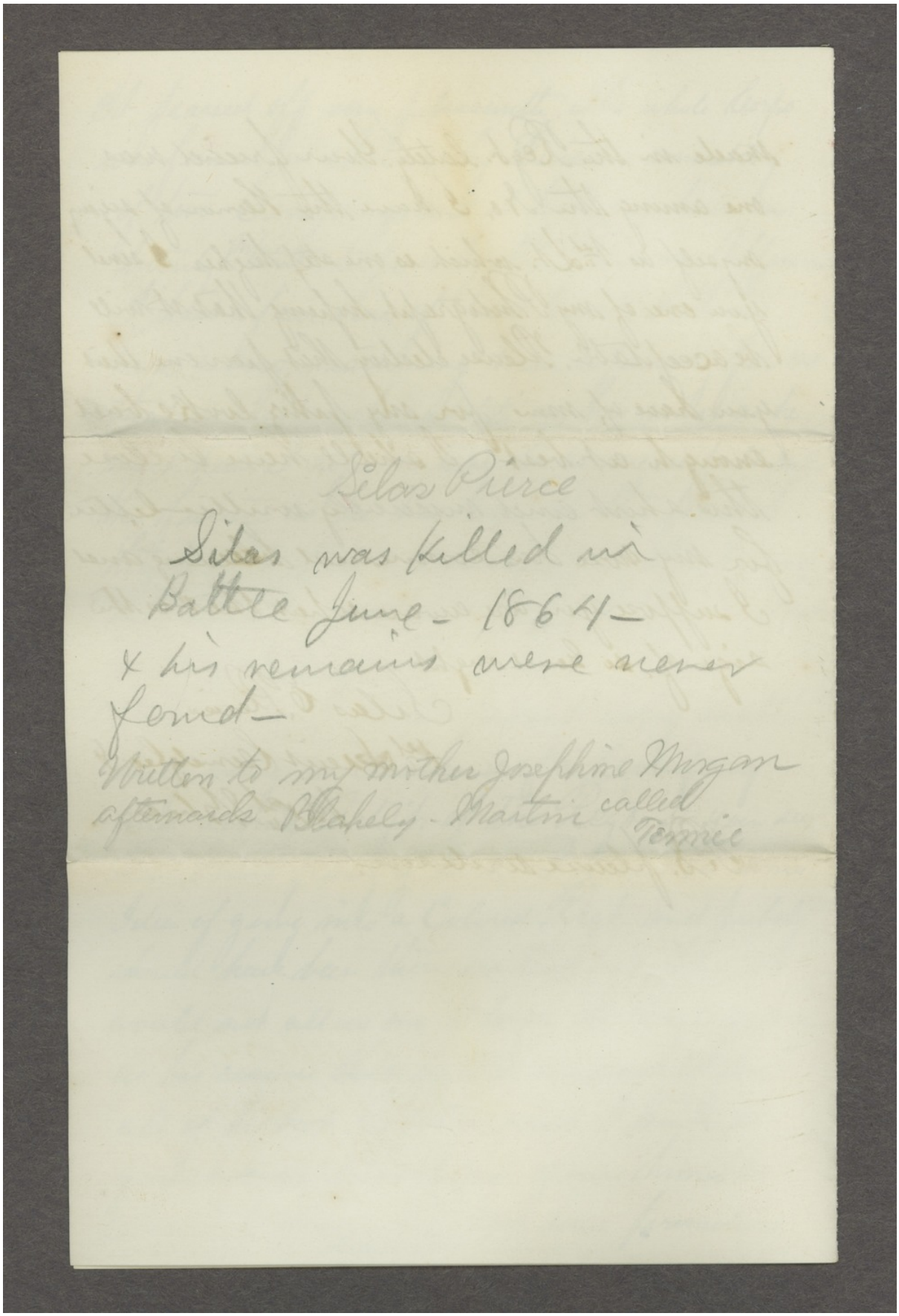
I am at present doing double duty. being in Command of a Company and acting Adjt. of the Regt. So you see that I have plenty of work. I have had some Idea of going into a Colored Regt. and probably should have been there ere this. but the Col would not allow me to leave the Regt. giving as his reasons that he did not want to lose all of his best Officers. which I think is quite a compliment for your humble Servant. There has been some promotions



made in the Regt. lately. Your servant was one among the No. I have the Honor of signing myself as 1st Lt. which is one step higher I send you one of my Photograph hoping that it will be accepttable. Please destroy that poor one that you have of mine, for why Pattie looks bad enough at best I shall here to close this short and miserably written letter for my nose has commenced bleeding and I suppose you are aware what that is the sign of. So Good night

Silas E. Pierce
1st Lieut Comdg Co. F
2nd Regt Colored

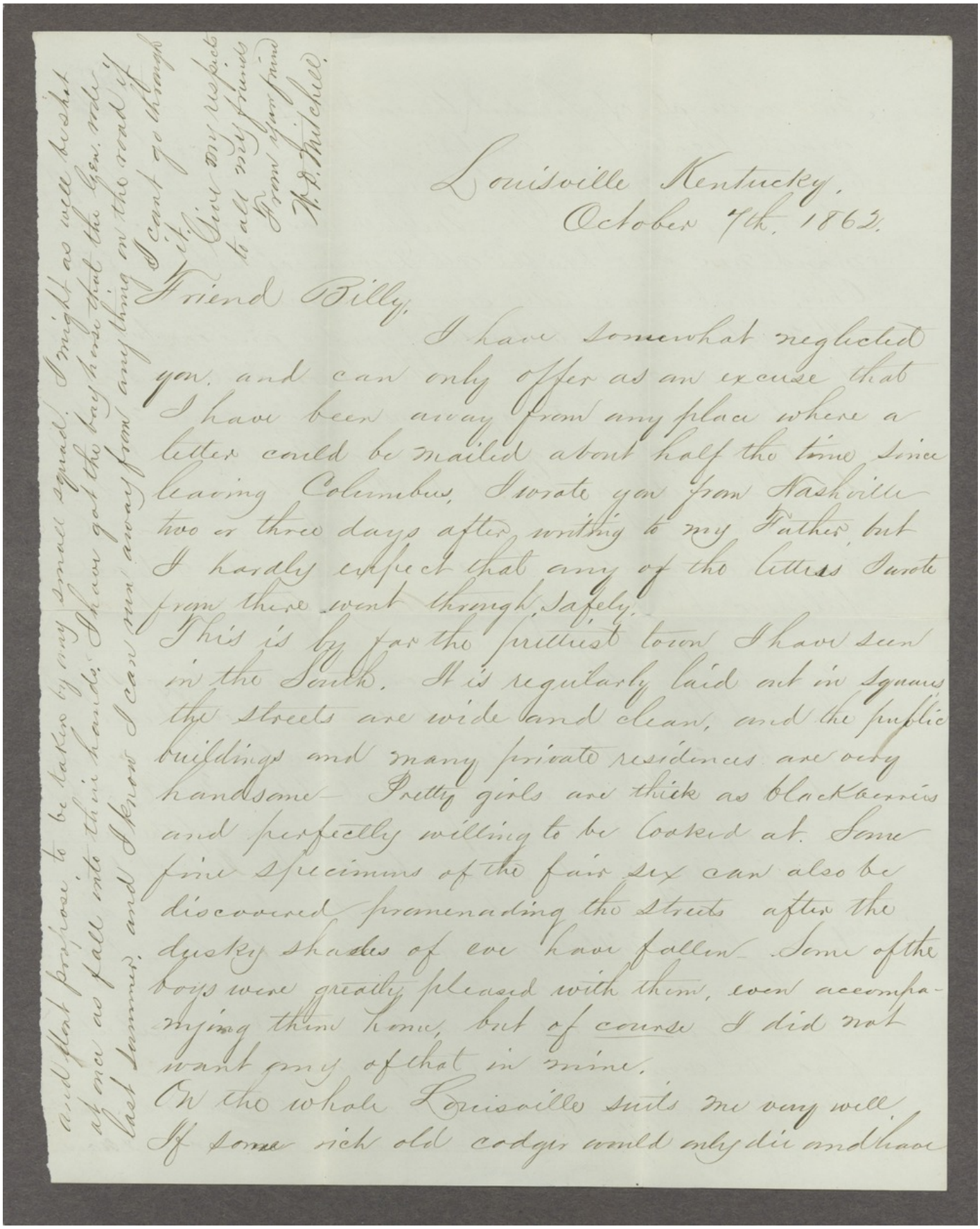
P.S. please write soon.



Silas Pierce

Silas was killed in
Battle June - 1864 -
& his remains were never
found -

Written to my mother Josephine Morgan
afterwards Blakely - Martin called
Fannie



Louisville Kentucky,
October 7th. 1862.

Friend Billy,

I have somewhat neglected you, and can only offer as an excuse that I have been away from any place where a letter could be mailed about half the time since leaving Columbus. I wrote you from Nashville two or three days after writing to my Father, but I hardly expect that any of the letters I wrote from there went through safely.

This is by far the prettiest town I have seen in the South. It is regularly laid out in Squares the streets are wide and clean, and the public buildings and many private residences are very handsome. Pretty girls are thick as blackberries and perfectly willing to be looked at. Some fine specimins of the fair sex can also be discovered promenading the streets after the dusky shades of eve have fallen. Some of the boys were greatly pleased with them, even accompanying them home, but of course I did not want any of that in mine.

On the whole Louisville suits me very well. If some rich old codger would only die and have

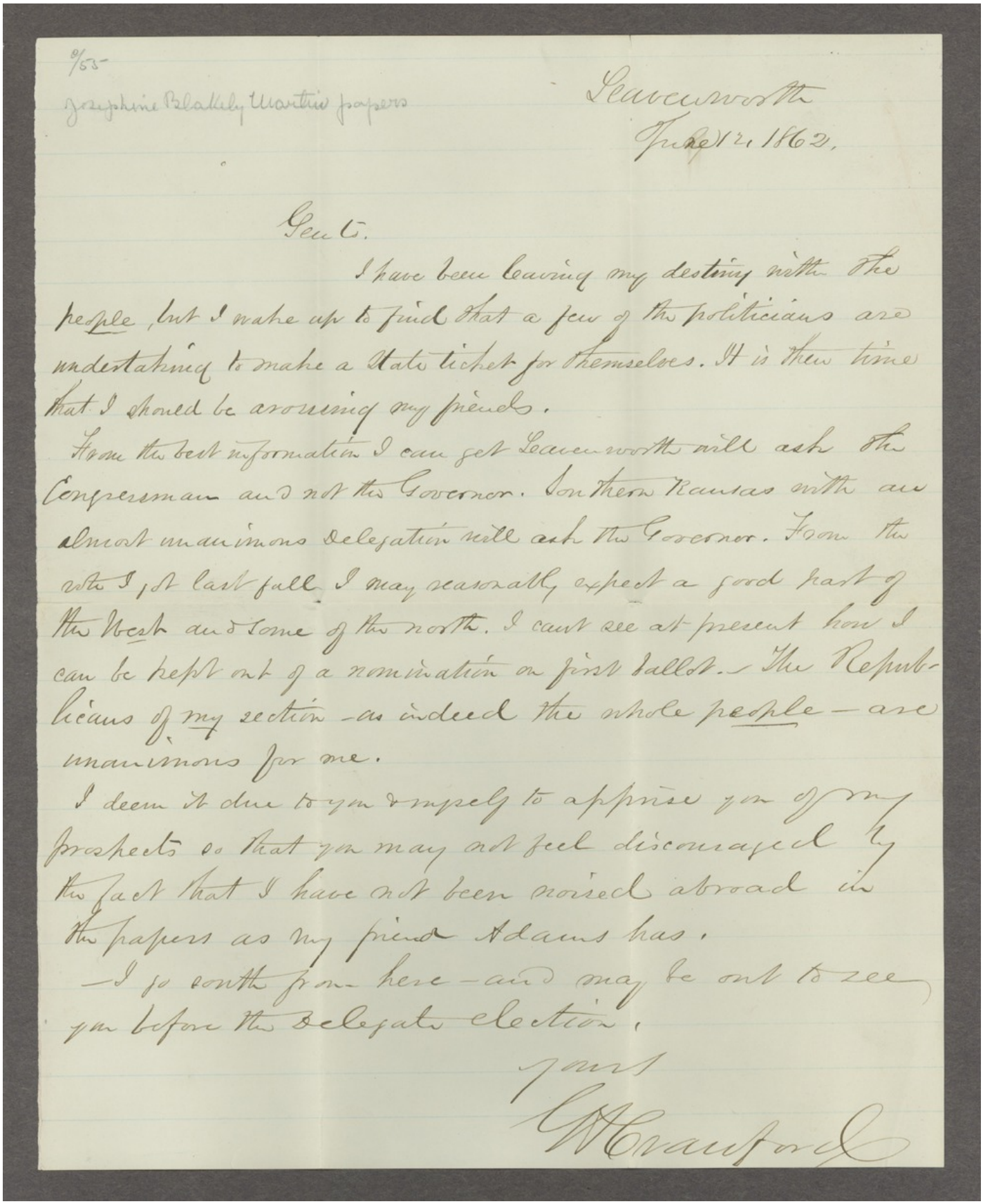
And glad he chose to be taken by my Brave Squad. I might as well desert of me as fall into their hands. I am glad the Lay house that the Gen. rode last Summer, and I know I can run away from any thing on the road if I can't go through it. Give my respects to all my friends from your friend W. P. Mitchell.

me a corps of hundred thousand to spread on, I would locate here. As it is I shall leave here to-morrow or next day to join the Division. It left about a week ago. Gen. Mitchell has a very good command now. He has the 9th Division of the Army of the Ohio, numbering a little over 9,000 men.

It might amount to something under any one but Bull, but we will never see another fight while we stay with him unless Bragg corners him, and makes him fight. I have quit cursing Bull, for I can't do the subject justice, but I am doing some heavy old thinking. I wish you were here to go round and hear the anathemas, curses, bad wishes that are piled on his head by his Army. You can have no idea of it up there.

How is Jim Lane getting on with his Nigger Brigade? I only hope he will have to command whatever number may be raised. I should not envy him at all. Father wrote me that Capt. McClure had been appointed to some position in one of the new Regiments, Quarter Master he thought. Is it white or black? When you write, which I want you to do, direct to Care Gen R.S. Mitchell, 9th Division Army of the Ohio, Louisville Ky. I receive the Union occasionally, that is almost as good as a letter. I go out on the Bardstown Pike, and expect to find the command about sixty miles from here.

Guerrillas are plenty along the route, likewise bush whackers but I have a first rate horse and my sabre & Navy



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Leavenworth
June 12, 1862.

Gen C.

I have been leaving my destiny with the people, but I wake up to find that a few of the politicians are undertaking to make a State ticket for themselves. It is then time that I should be arousing my friends.

From the best information I can get Leavenworth will ask the Congressman and not the Governor. Southern Kansas with an almost unanimous delegation will ask the Governor. From the vote I got last fall I may reasonably expect a good part of the West and some of the north. I can't see at present how I can be kept out of a nomination on first ballot. The Republicans of my section - as indeed the whole people - are unanimous for me.

I deem it due to you & myself to apprise you of my prospects so that you may not feel discouraged by the fact that I have not been noised abroad in the papers as my friend Adams has.

I go south from here - and may be out to see you before the delegate election.

Yours

C W Crawford