

Cyrus Leland letters

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These letters were written by Cyrus Leland, primarily, during his time in the Civil War. Leland served in the 4th Kansas and later the 10th Kansas Infantry, after the 3rd and 4th Kansas were consolidated to form the 10th. Many of the letters concern his efforts to be appointed as an aide-de-camp to General Thomas Ewing, Jr, and another mentions Preston Plumb and his actions during a charge by William Quantrill. Leland writes letters from Kansas City, Leavenworth, St. Louis, Rolla, and other places the regiment went. In a letter from Kansas City, MO, dated June 29, 1863, he asks his mother to send him \$25 and to make him two white shirts. He also writes that he is staying at the Union House, along with some female prisoners. On stationery printed with "Headquarters District of the Border," he writes that General Schofield "has issued an order preventing the military of either Missouri or Kansas from crossing the state line without permission." A short letter written in pencil on October 12, 1863, about a military engagement near Booneville, Missouri, presents a contrast of letters written in the field to those written at Headquarters. Another letter written October 18, 1863, from "Camp near Carthage, MO, describes the capture of thirty Confederate troops. The letter written November 14th, 1863, describes an incident at a dance near Neosho, MO, that end with shooting. Leland ejected a soldier from "Blunts scouts" that was "a little more noisy than the rest" but when the soldier returned to Fort Scott, he told people he had been bushwhacked. Leland was from Troy, Doniphan County, KS. After the war, he served several terms in the Kansas House of Representatives.

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Camp Quaw Paw. Near Baxter
Springs on Spring River Aug. 3^d 1862.
Charles Watson

Dear Parents,

A mail came into our camp
last night from Fort Scott but none for me. The
latest news we have is a conservative of the 27th
which mentions Col. Weir. arrived in Lawrence
but says nothing about the arrest. I cannot understand
why Col. Salomon is not ordered to Head Quarters
he is in command here. The two Brigades are about
thirty miles apart. Col. Cloud in command of the
first and Lieut Col. Jewell in command of the
2nd. At present Col. Cloud is down below looking
after the Indians he has the 2nd Kansas and one
section of Kelly's Battery with him. Col. Salomon is
a Brigadier Genl. but he has not received any official
confirmation of it yet. Dr. Scott and I sleep and camp
together we camp near the 2nd Brigade we are the only
two left of Col. Weir's staff. Dr. Scott is senior
Medical Officer of the Expedition. Head Quarters
of the Expedition are with the 1st Brigade.
Last Wednesday Lieut. Reinhold left for
Lawrence & Atchison. I let him have a pony
to ride up. (not my best one) if the pony lasts him
through we will send him to you. Capt. Boyd
is still here but not in command of the Cavalry.

He is waiting to hear whether his resignation
has been accepted he talks of starting to Leavenworth
in a day or two he has been away from his
company for a month without any leave
and that Genl Lane will start the 1st
again I hope it is true if he comes on, very
we would more likely get rid of Salmon
we have no use for sick men at Solomon
in this country not unless he would go back
to Wisconsin a g't making Lager Beer
I am still Ordnance officer although I have
tried to get back to my company he will not
relieve me yet. If we do not get word
from Fort Leavenworth 15 days or 20 more
I shall then give up all hopes of seeing
Leavenworth soon we are some seventy
miles from Fort Scott. Not much news
to write this time but will continue to
write every time I get a chance to write
Love to all
from your son
Nyrus Island Pa

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Who is to be the Republican
candidate for Gov. Crawford
is an old Democrat & cannot very well
run on a Republican ticket. I
Maj^r Wm^m A. Phillips of the 1st
Indian Regiment would stand a good show
if the Officers & men of the Kansas Regt^o
could have a say as in the matter.
he is now Capt of the 3^d Indian Regiment.
He is a good man, very smart
man a man of great energy & what is
most important an honest man.
Cyrus Leland P.



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Lawrence City
Oct 8th 62.

Dear Brother,

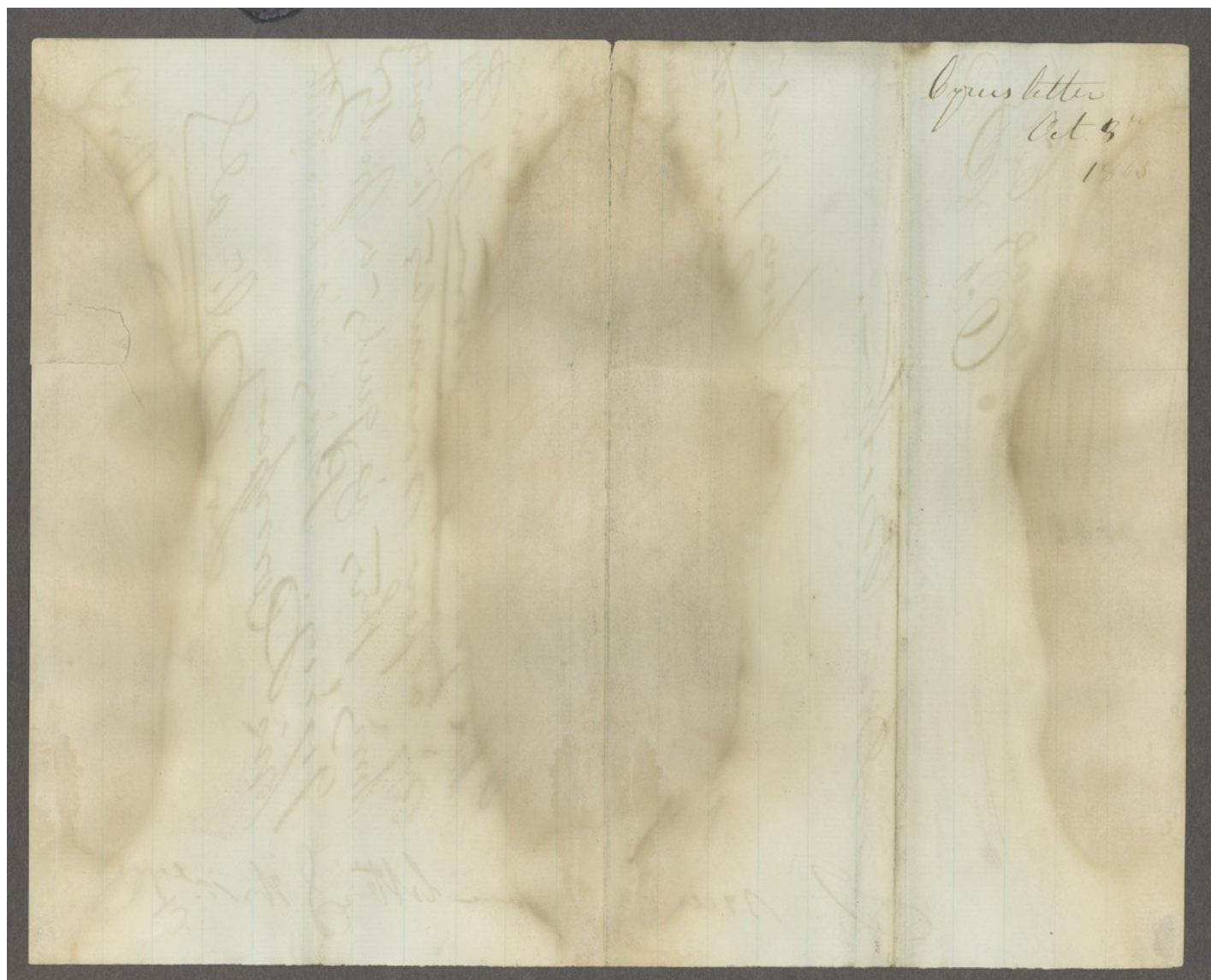
I received your letter of the 10th inst.

I have just
returned from Lawrence with
got there yesterday was ordered
back immediately. There is
a force of rebels this side
of Fort Scott. Gen. Cuming
has gone for them I shot
in a few minutes to over-
come this is quite a party
going. Price is here with
his Company

Love to all

Cyrus Leland
Lawrence Kansas

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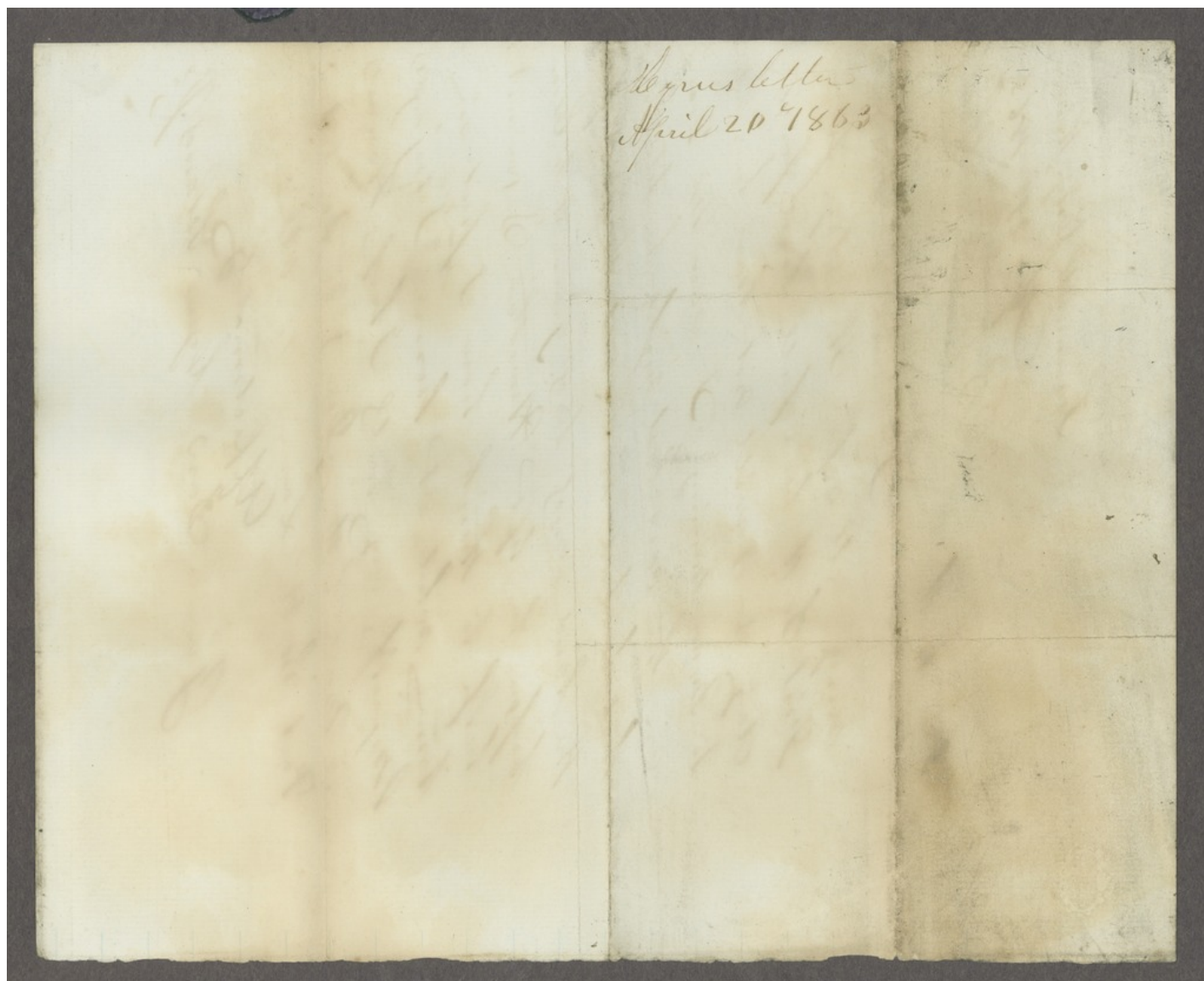


Lavenworth Co., Kansas
Apr. 21st 1863.
Before Breakfast

Dear Mother

I arrived here this morning all safe. The stage for Fort Scott has a full load for today so I will not leave here until tomorrow morning. I saw Mr. Dray on the case last night. He told me that he had made out the deed for the land and had given it to Elias before he left Kawatha. I cannot help to think how I put in time while at home. I enjoyed myself very well. I hope Howard is much better. I must go to bed. Fort Scott. Love to all

Affectionately
Yours, Cyrus Leland Jr.





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Larnworth City Kan.
April 22nd 1863.

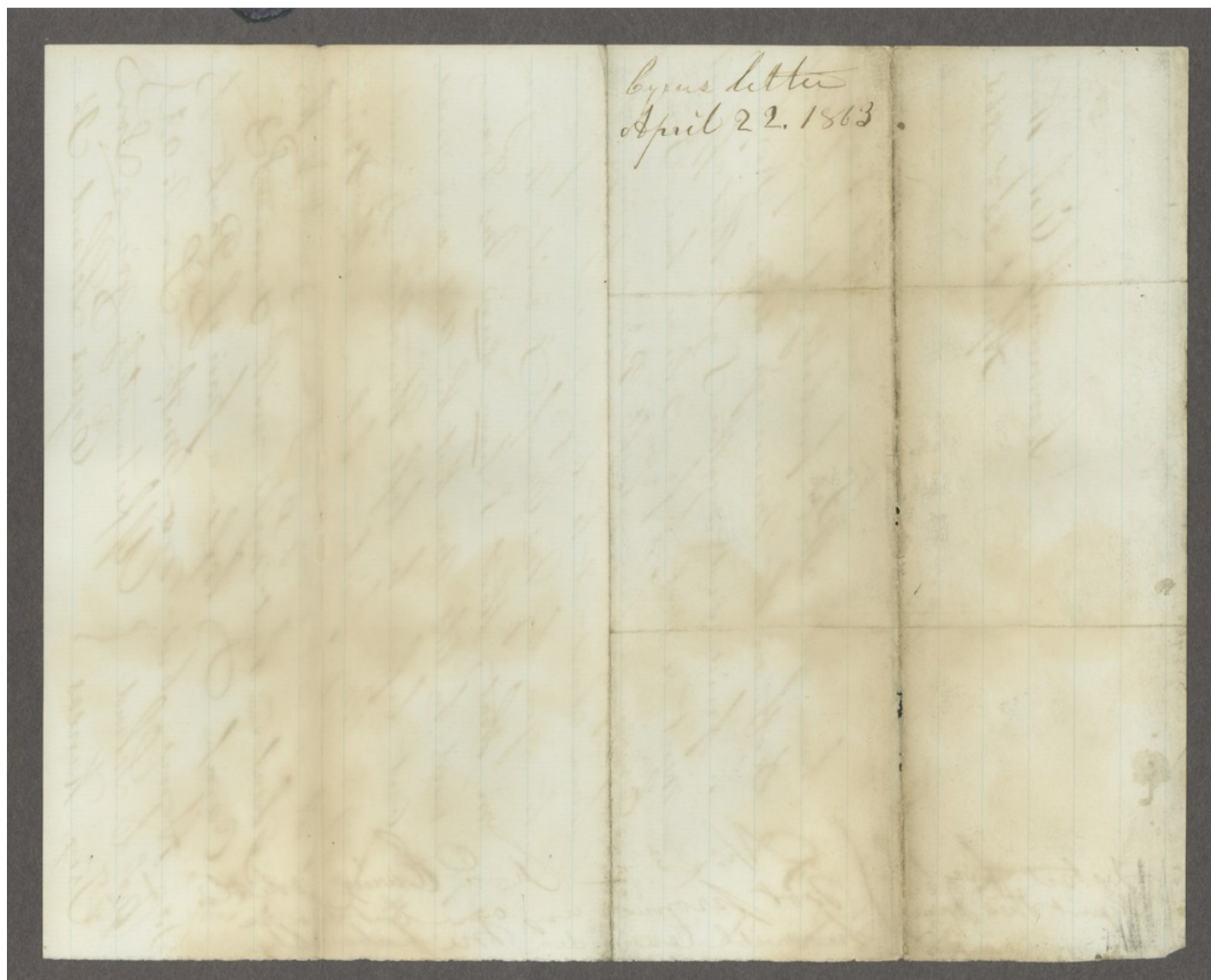
Dear Brother.

You see that I am
here yet. Shall probably start for Fort
Scott in the morning stage. I expect
to find out-whether I get that appoint-
ment or not before I leave here. Genl
Ewing is here. Capt Price is going to see
him about it to day. I sent a few lines
to you by Mr Camp. I write to you
in that, that I have seen Mr Dean
and he told me that the deed was made
out before he left. However I send
you my picture taken with Price.
It is not a very good one. I went to the
Theater last night with General &
Camp. I left a pair of Pants up
Home but no matter. Love to all
Yours
C. Leland
Topeka Kansas

Affectionately yours
Cyrus Leland Jr

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Camp Jewell Mo.
Near Fort Scott Kan.
Apr. 25th 1863.

Dear Mother:

I reached Fort Scott last night and came out to camp to day. The boys will arrive here some time to morrow. The Brigade has orders to march to Houston, Texas Co. Mo. we start Monday morning. Unless we receive other orders we will most likely go near Springfield if we go within a day's ride I shall go and see Father if possible. Genl. Ewing is at Lawrence Mo. he will be ^{here} to morrow or next day. I should not wonder if we were ordered to stay here but then I had rather be with a larger army. I may get that appointment. I will know something about it soon as Genl. Ewing arrives if he does not have command of Kansas troops I don't think that I will get it. If he does I stand a good show for it. I enjoyed my visit home exceedingly well. I don't think that I stay at home enough. I did most too much fussing about. I hope Howard is well before this time. Love to all.

Yours Affectionately, Cyrus
Cyrus Leland, Son
Indy Kansas

P.S. Apr. 26th No further
orders C. L.

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Camp near Chiltonville Mo.
Apr 29th 1863.

Dear Mother,

We are now near thirty miles from Fort Scott. Gen. Bussie commands the Brigade Gen. Leving has not arrived yet. They look for him to Missouri. We make very short marches are rather expect orders from Gen. Blunt for us to return to Kansas if we do not get them to Missouri. I do not believe that we will get them at all. I have not received any letters from home since I came back. We are just across the first county in Wisconsin. We are going nearly east from Fort Scott. I sent you from Lawrence a package of Rice & Mergat's patent to gether did you get it. How does the ferry get along. Has Capt Tennent moved yet. Write me what news you get from Father. I write to him pretty often when we get a little more spring. I will hear from him often.

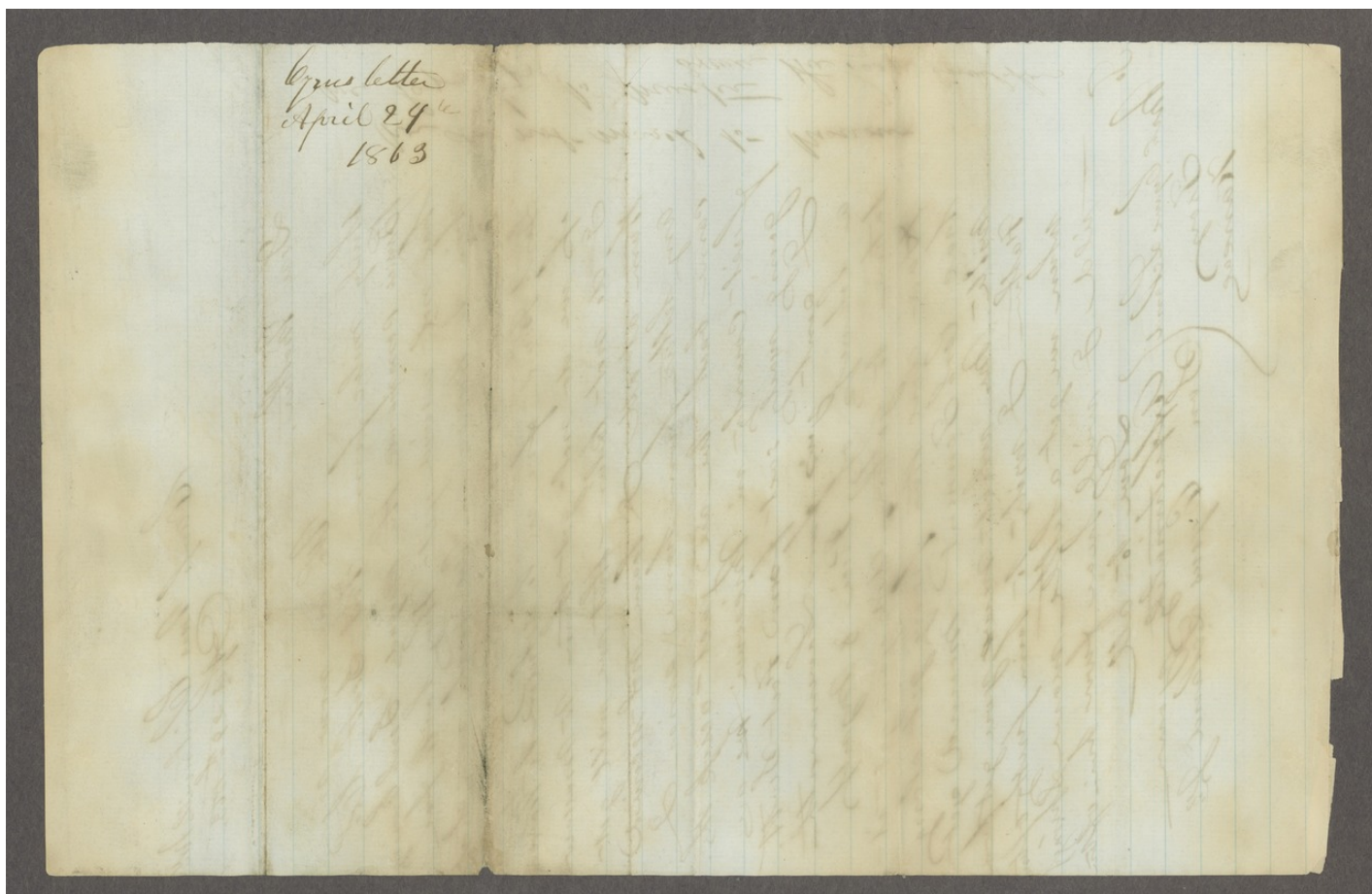
Love to all

Yours affectionately
Cyrus Leland Jr.

We do not mind to Missouri
are for by to Missouri
since the long crossing

To
Mrs Cyrus Leland
Iowa
Kansas

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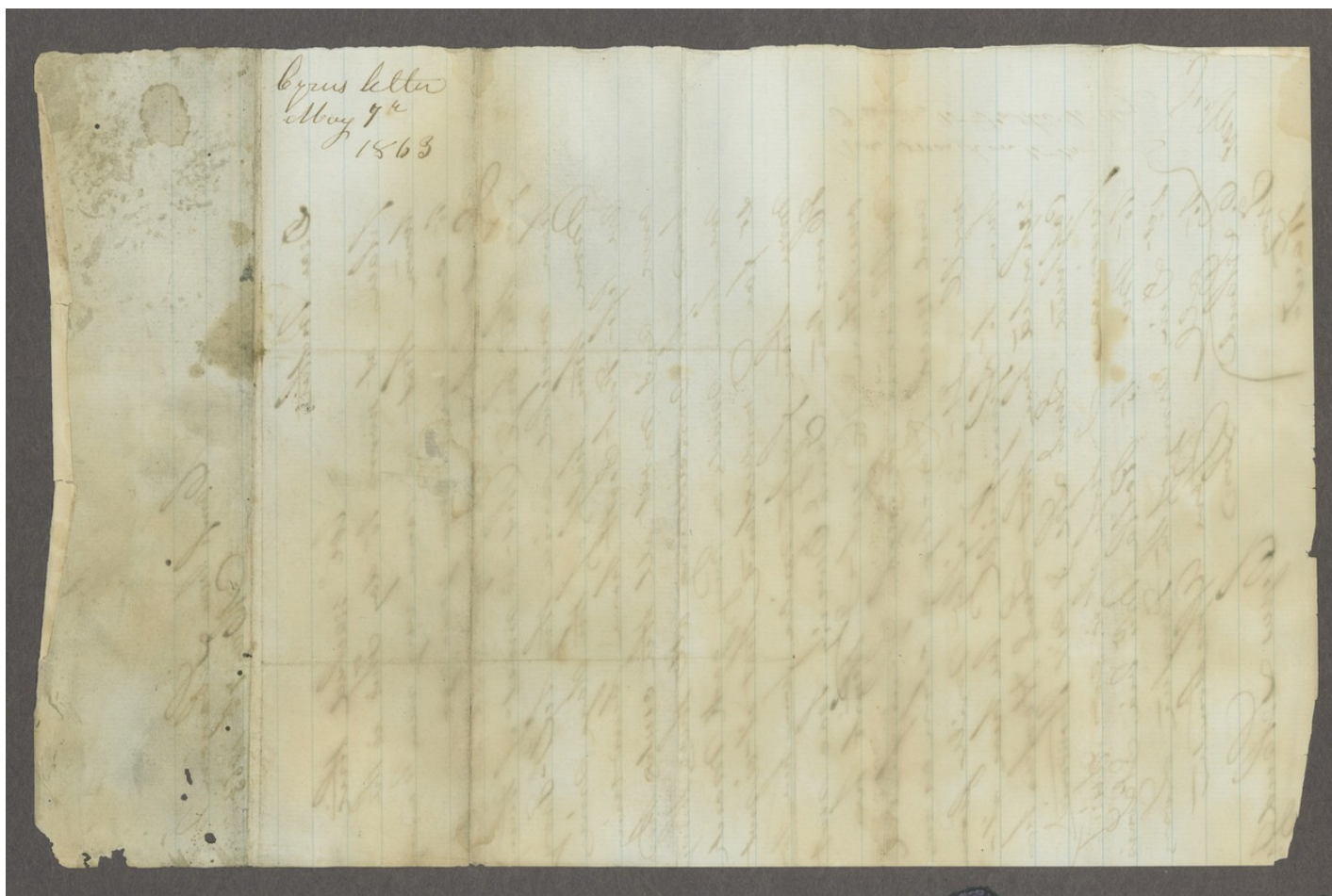
Camp near Lebanon Mo.
May 7th 1863.

Dear Mother.

We reached this place at noon to day This is the town that we came very near reaching to some six or seven years ago. Just look on the map and see how far the boys (that is most of them) have marched since they left Troy. More than half of the day since we left Fort Scott have been raining and most all the creeks have been up. Considering all these things we have made a very good march so far. I understand that it is not more than forty miles from here to Houlston. Genl. Coving has not over taken us yet. I think he will come through Springfield and reach Houlston as soon as we will. It is fifty miles from here to Springfield. We hear it reported here that Genl. Hooker has captured Genl. Lee & six thousand prisoners. I hope it is so direct to me to Rolla Mo. via St. Louis. 1st Div. Army of the Frontier. Love to all. Yours Affectionately
Cyrus Leland Jr.

We march on to Houlston
I wish to father to day
Mr. C. Leland
Troy
Kant.

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Confidential

Rolla Mo.
May 24th 1863.

Dear Mother.

I received your letter
yesterday before yesterday I was much
pleased to get both of them I have heard
that the 15th started for Fort Scott
since Dr. Hatter may be at home
before this time. Some or four days ago
Genl. Curing resigned his position
with my company and ordered me to
stay at his Headquarters. He has not
announced his staff yet but will in
a few days. If he does not appoint
my an Aid I. Camp I guess I'll go
back to the Regiment. Our camp is twenty
seven miles south of this place. The
Paymaster is there he commences paying
to morrow. I think I'll go back to morrow
providing the Genl. goes I am the only
officer he has with him we are expecting
as the Watch I serve with him. I will
now tell you how I happened to come up
here. Day before yesterday while at our camp
Genl. received notice that Genl. Salomon & Genl.
Henson & Orme would be there by Friday
or about. Genl. Henson wished him to know

I go with Genl. Curing this evening to call on Genl. Henson

A man. when ever more Genl Cwing
started to meet the Gov. & Genl. taking with
him there as four officers (his adjutant & staff)
I included. Well we met them about
a mile from camp. Well the service passed
off all right. Genl. gave a large dinner
well speaking (missing the Genl. (Cwing) assumption)
the Gov. & Genl. up here. About five minutes
before we started Genl. Cwing says B. Mrs.
Leland I want you to go up with me
to see. I don't ~~know~~ a fine horse
we will be up to the 10th of May
I write confidentially as the head of this
letter if I should not get the place
that I want on the staff. I don't want
any body to know it. I don't say
anything about me being detailed yet
except to Howard & Guesin. I guess the Genl.
would not have detailed me at all if
he did not intend to keep me.
I will write to you in a day or two
again, excuse this & I will write better.

Affectionately your

Son

Cyrus Leland Jr.

To
Mrs.
Cyrus Leland
Ivy, Doniphan Co.
Kansas

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Cyrus letter
May 24th
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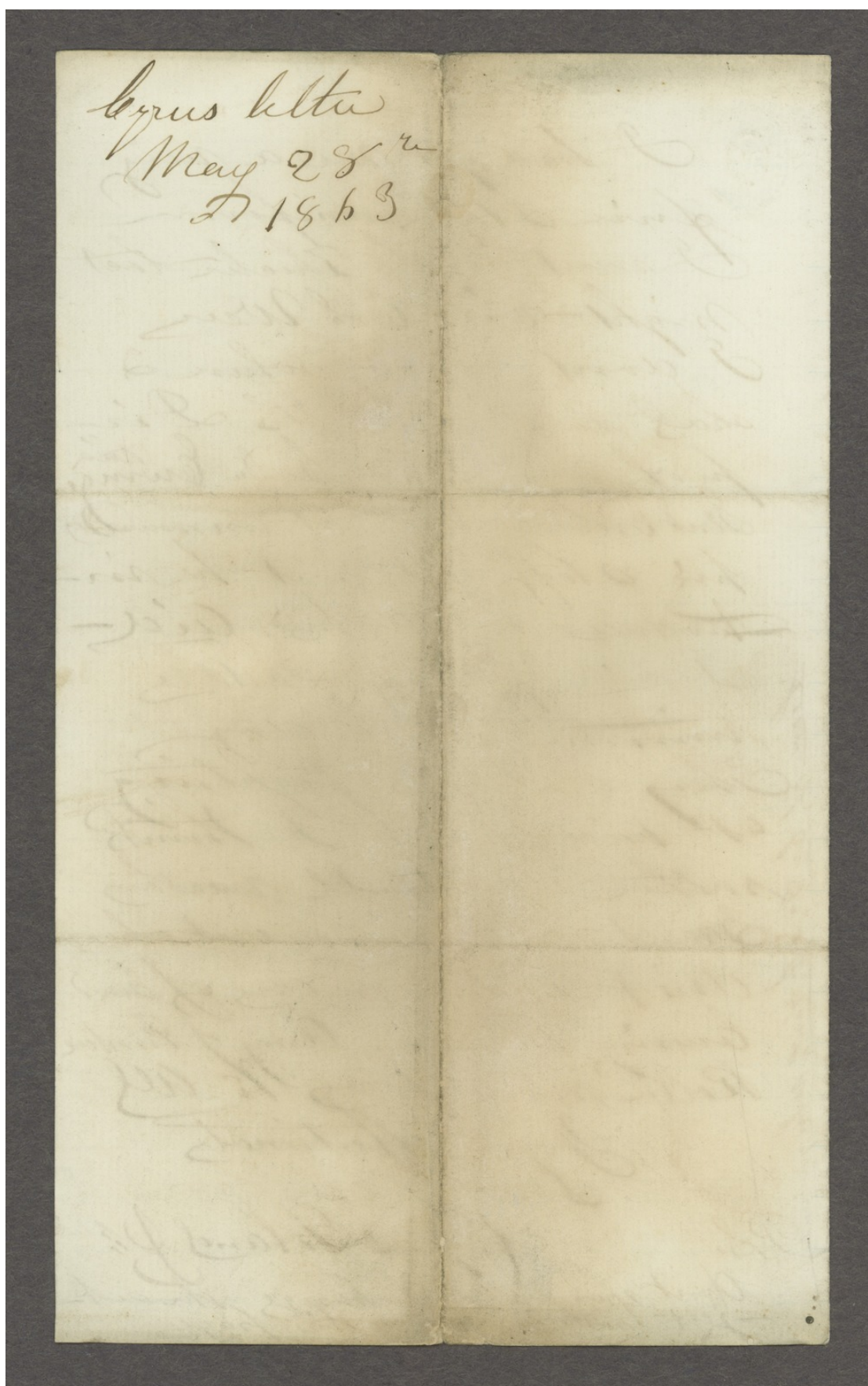
St. Louis Mo.

May 28th 1863.

Dear Mother

I am at
St. Louis as you are for
the first time I reached
here in last evening train
and every one here we have
been paid up to the 1st of
May. I send to you this
morning by St. L. Express
Three hundred \$300.00 Dollars
I send it to Mr. Howard
at Atchison. I also send
\$60.00 to Mr. Cass which you
give me to send to him at
St. Joe please tell Mr.
Cass. (Mr. Baldwin has sent
twenty five to his wife and
thirty to Mr. Maynard)

I have got me a very
fine Staff uniform
I went to the Theatre last
night - with Capt. Weir
I don't know when I
shall return to the Dis-
trict - probably when Genl. Ewing^{has}
sent Ewing has not answered
his staff yet - but he in-
troduces me as his Aid -
I will get my saddle
saddles in a day
They are still fighting
as before - I think
rather doubtful weather
Grant will come out ahead
As to the care of Genl.
Ewing's Army of Frontier
Rolla Mo. Love W. all
Your affectionate
Son
Cyrus Leland Jr.
P.S. Don't you think I change the sub-
ject rather often on this page





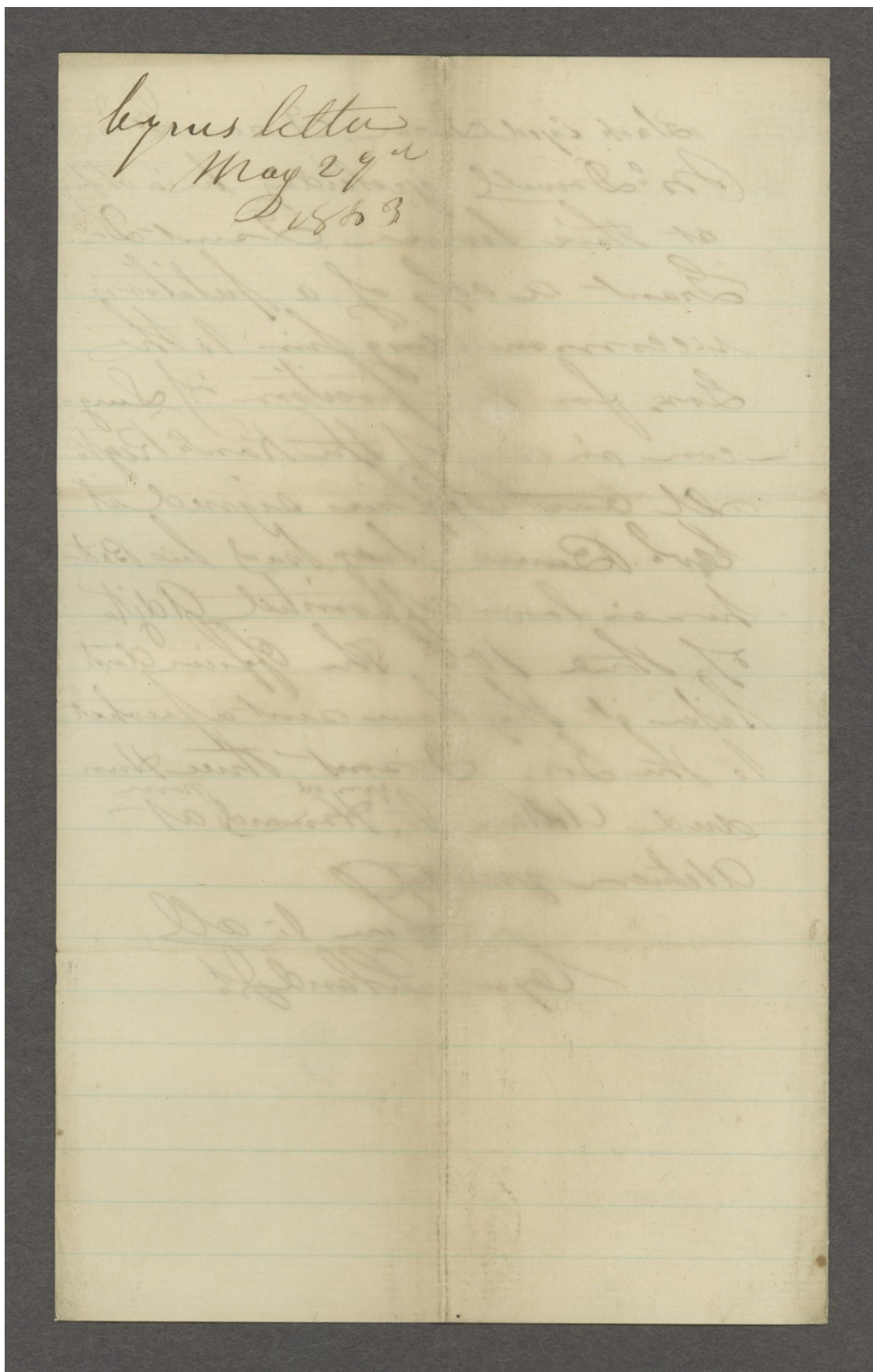
St-Louis Mo.
May 29th/63

Dear Brother.

It is a
sunny day here. Genl. Emory
will probably return to the
Division to-morrow if he
does I will accompany him.
I bought - me a Saddle, Bridle
& Holsters this morning I gave
fifty - three dollars for the
outfit. Col. Wess has a
set of Colours for the 10th
he is getting the names of the
battles that the Regiment has
been in inscribed upon them.
This City - tells me it is quite
a city - I went to the St-Louis
Theatre with Genl. Emory last
night one of the plays was

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Black eyed Susan, I saw Genl.
Dr. Druell yesterday he is staying
at this house. Genl. Dr.
Grant a copy of a petition
recommending him to the
Gov. for the position of Surg-
eon in any of the Kan. Regts.
all our Officers signed it
Gov. Dennis has had his Post-
office law approved Adj't.
of the 10th. The Officer don't
like it they have sent a protest
to the Gov. I sent three Hun-
dred Dollars to ^{you, in} ^{money} Harward at
Atchison yesterday.
Love to all
Cyrus Leland Jr.



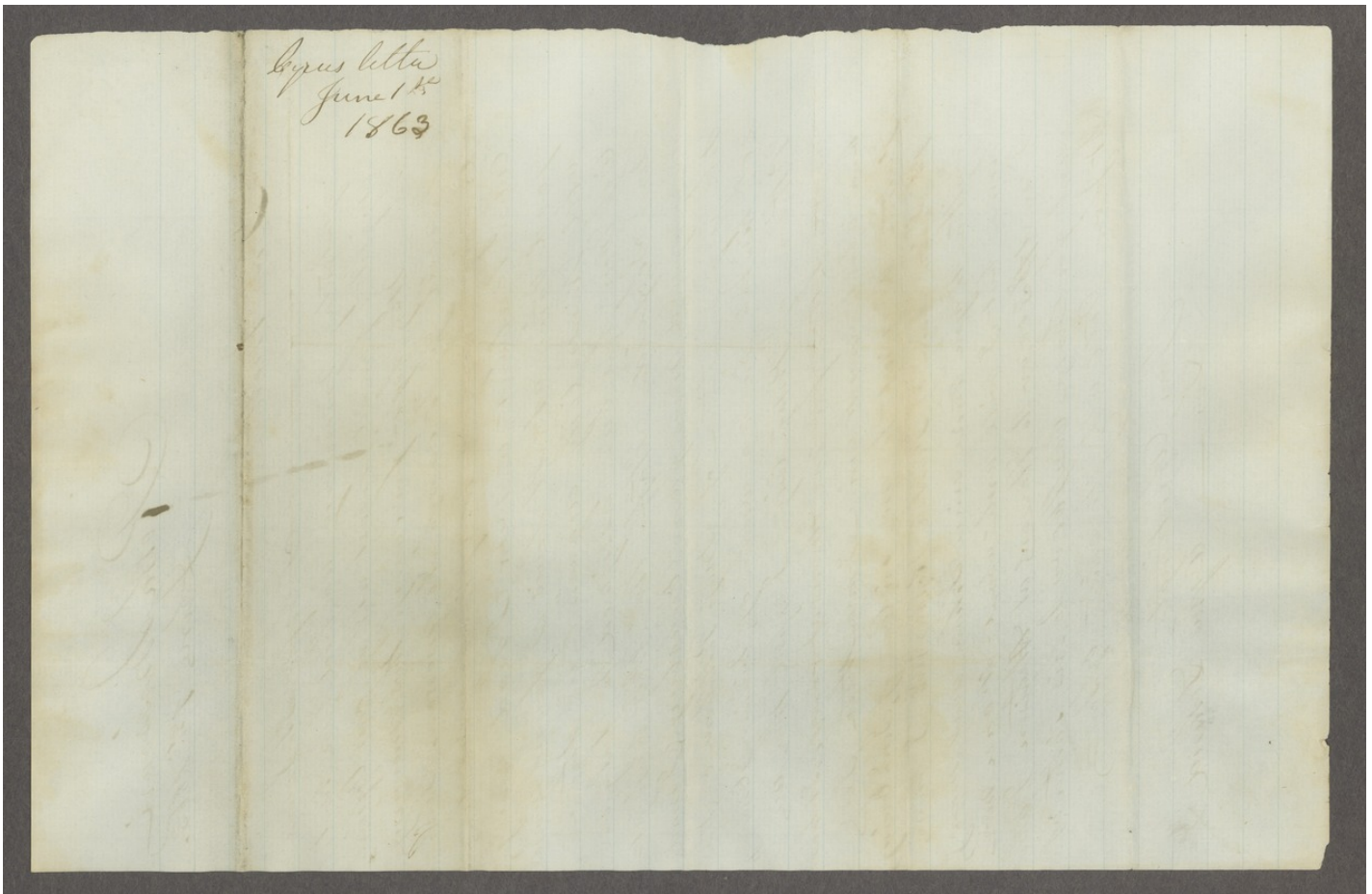
Rolla Missouri
June 1st 1863.

Dear Mother,

I left St. Louis yesterday morning reached here last night found most all of our Officers here they left for camp this morning I will go to camp to-morrow. Gen. Ewing has gone to Cairo he will be absent about a week I had a very good time at St. Louis I found several old Kansas City acquaintances there Col. Weir has been assigned to duty on Gen. Schofield's Staff we still keep getting good news from Vicksburg I made the acquaintance of Major Pettibone of the 20th Wis. Inf. he is a brother of William Chauncy Pettibone of Portage City. I expect there are several letters for me down at camp. It has been about a week since I was there. Tell Father to direct to me in care of Gen. Ewing, 1st Div. Army of Western Rolla Mo. I have written to you twice since I have sent money home but I will write about it once more. I sent \$300.00 to Howard at Atchison I also sent for Swig Case \$60.00 to his Father at St. Joe. Will all be with you.

Love to all
Your Affectionate Son
Cyrus Leland

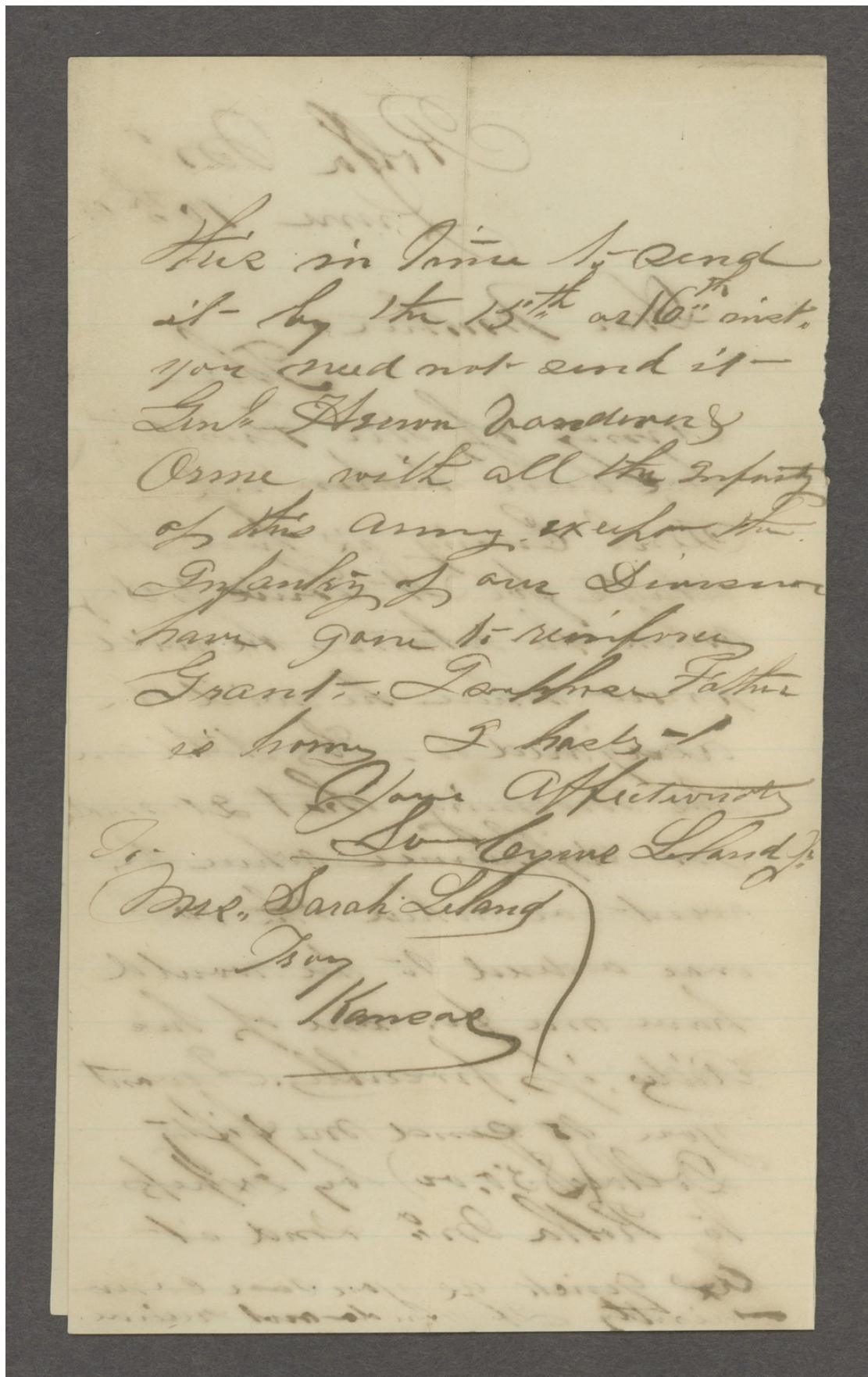
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Polla Dr.
June 10th 63

Dear Mother

The
Army of the Frontier
has been broken up
Genl. Ewing is here he
starts for St. Louis today
when he returns he will
know when he will be
assigned to. He told me
this morning that it made
no difference when he
went or when the 10th
was added to he would
have me for one of his
riders if possible. I want
you to send me fifty
Dollars (\$50.00) by express
to Polla Dr. and it
as quick as you can come
sincerely If you do not receive





*Cyrus letter
June 10th 1863*



Rolla Mo.

June 10th/63

Dear Mother,

I sent a letter to you this morning by Mr. Tucker who went to St. Louis with Genl. Curing. Genl. Curing received a telegram directed from Genl. Schofield ordering him to St. Louis. In the letter I wrote this morning to you I wished you would send me fifty Dollars by D. S. Express to Rolla Mo. providing you can send it from Chicago or St. Joe by the 16th or 17th inst. Genl. Curing told me this morning that whenever he went or the 10th Regiment was ordered that he intended that I should be