

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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Kansas City - Mo.
Aug. 10th 1863

Dear Mother.

Genl. Curing returned from St. Louis yesterday morning. I have not heard from Father but our sister I left home. I received a letter from Sarah dated July 28th all well. Have you sent my photograph to Aunt Eliza? The Union Theatre of Lawrence is now holding forth here. I had quite a good time at Atchison. Lieut. Rasmuth was well acquainted there so we called on several friends among them Mrs. Grace. I went out a horse back ride with Doris Farnis Graham on Sunday. We went to hear Mr. Regan. I really there are some very good people there and I think there are a good many copperheads there. Love to all.

Affectionately your
Cyrus Leland
To Mrs. C. Leland

*Cyrus letter
Aug 10th 1863*



Kansas City Mo.
Aug. 31st 1863.

Dear Mother.

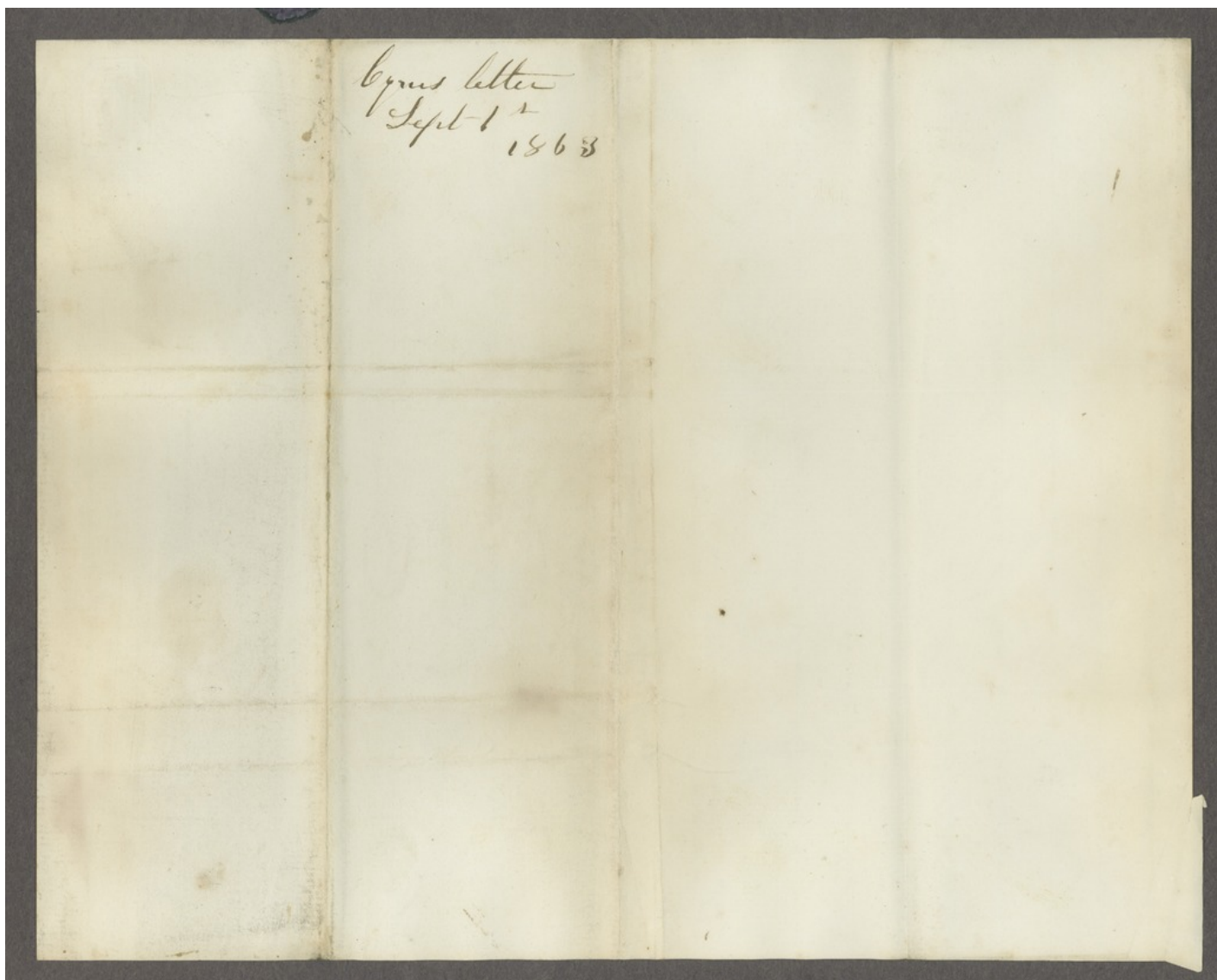
I - sure may
strange that I cannot - hear from you
I have not - heard from you since Sam
- tells said - I received a letter from
Father dated Fort Blunt - Aug. 18th he was
well and he expected that they would move
before long, but did not know which way
Major Hough & John Hyler comes down
here yesterday - they went back to Leaven-
worth this morning - I hear that
the 10th Regt. is on its way up here

I write it may be near the last
of the month before I can come home

To -
Mrs. C. Leland
Troy Kansas

Love & all
Yr Affectionate Son
Cyrus Leland Jr.

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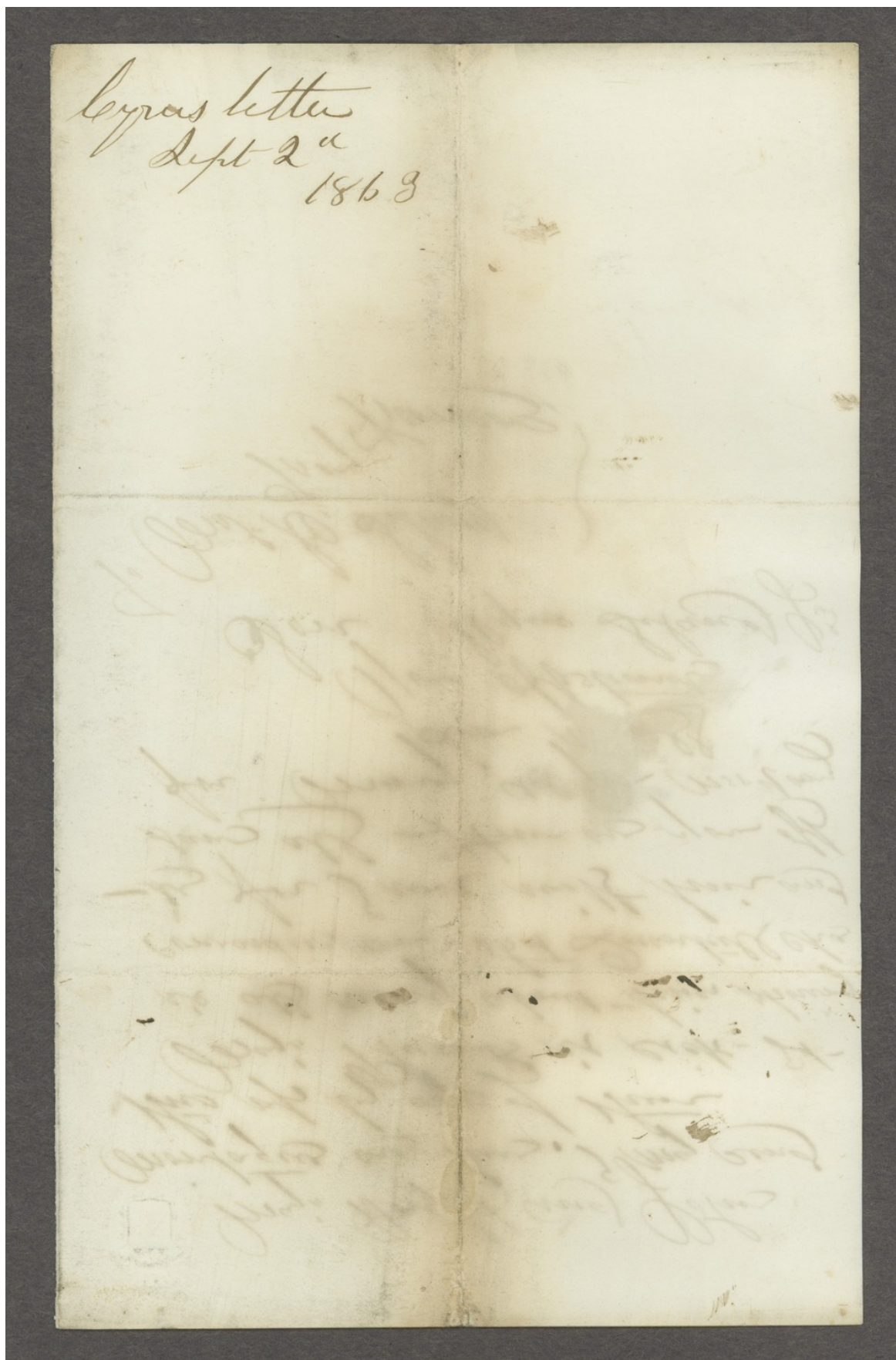
Lawrence City
Sept. 2nd 1863.

Dear Mother.

Genl. Ewing sent
Maj. Phillips and myself up
here yesterday to meet Genl.
Schofield. We went up to the
Fort last night and met Sch-
ofield on the Boat there, at three
o'clock this morning. He comes
down here and will go to
Kansas City to-morrow. The
People here (some of them) are trying
to have Genl. Ewing removed. I
hardly think that they will suc-
-ceed. Yet they may. The Tenth
is expected here to-morrow. I
cannot tell when I can come
home. There is too much going
on down here at present.



Maj: Dough and John
 Montague are here. I may send
 this up by one of them
 Maj: Plumb is sick. It
 is all wrong about him showing
 cowardice on that Quantrell case
 - as for I was with him and
 saw all - How are you off
 for Mary, do you not say
 love to all
 Your affectionate
 Son Cyrus Leland Jr.
 To Wm. C. Leland. }
 Troy Kansas. }





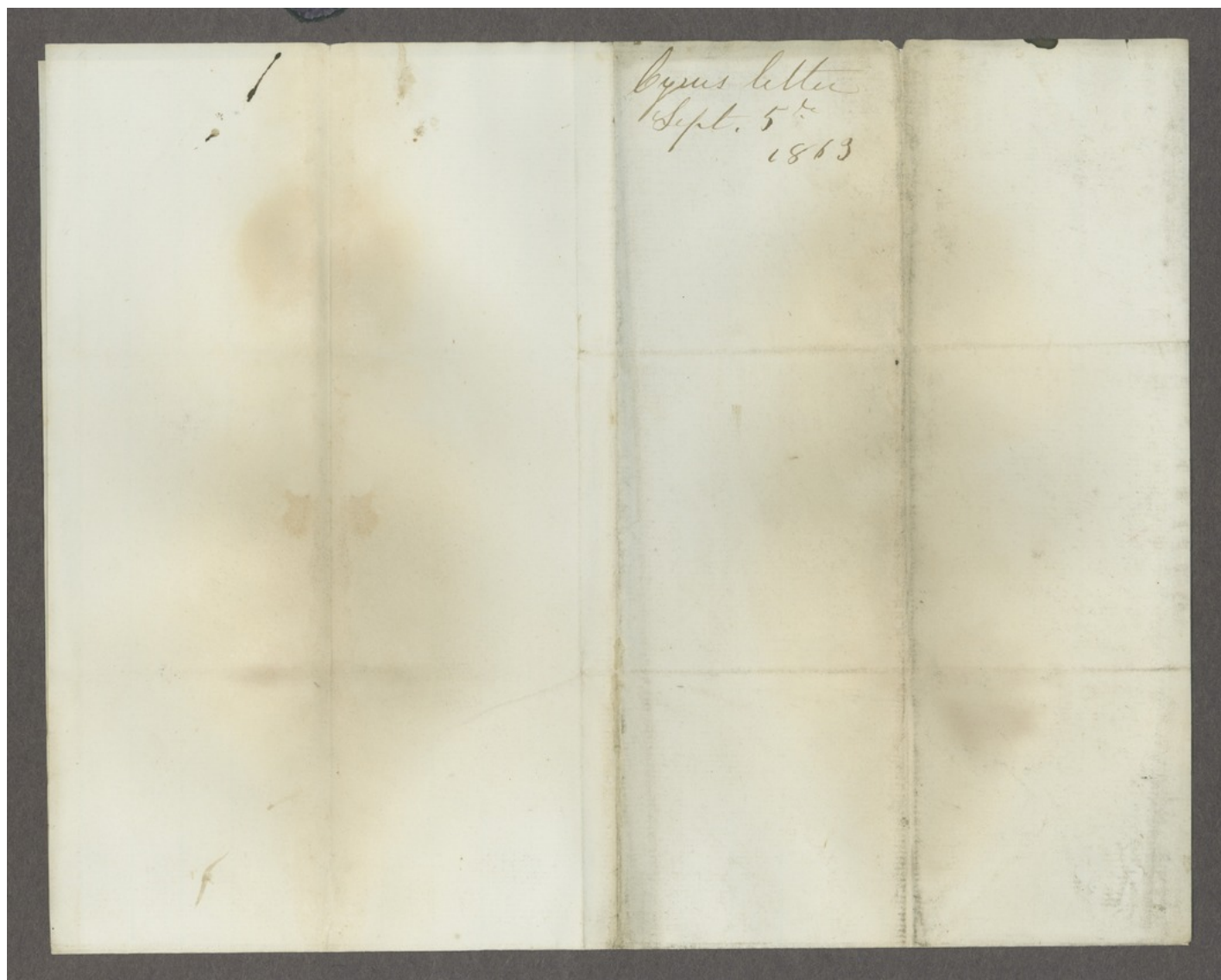
HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE BORDER,

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5th 1863.

Dear Mother,

I wrote you a letter while I was up at Leavenworth and gave it to Major Phillips to put in the office there, but he forgot to do it - and brought it down here. - Genl Schofield is here - He has issued an order preventing the flight of either Southerners or Kansas from crossing the state line without permission of the Genl Comd^r the District. Genl Schofield & Ewing are going out to Fort Scott this afternoon on a visit of ceremony - I will accompany them. Eight companies of the 10th are here. Co. F is at Fort Leavenworth - Price is in St Louis - The 10th will be scattered all over the district. Have you got another from Wm. C. Leland? Y^r Love to all.
Cyrus Leland

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Kansas City - Mo.
Sept 16th 1863.

Dear Mother.

I staid in Alton
longer than I had expected to. I
stoped at Leavenworth to say my com-
pany - did not reach here until
yesterday -

Mrs. Phillips goes to New
Mexico. I would probably have gone
with him if I had been here when
the details were made.

Col. Tour had a bunch with the
Bushwhackers yesterday. he killed several
and captured forty horses -

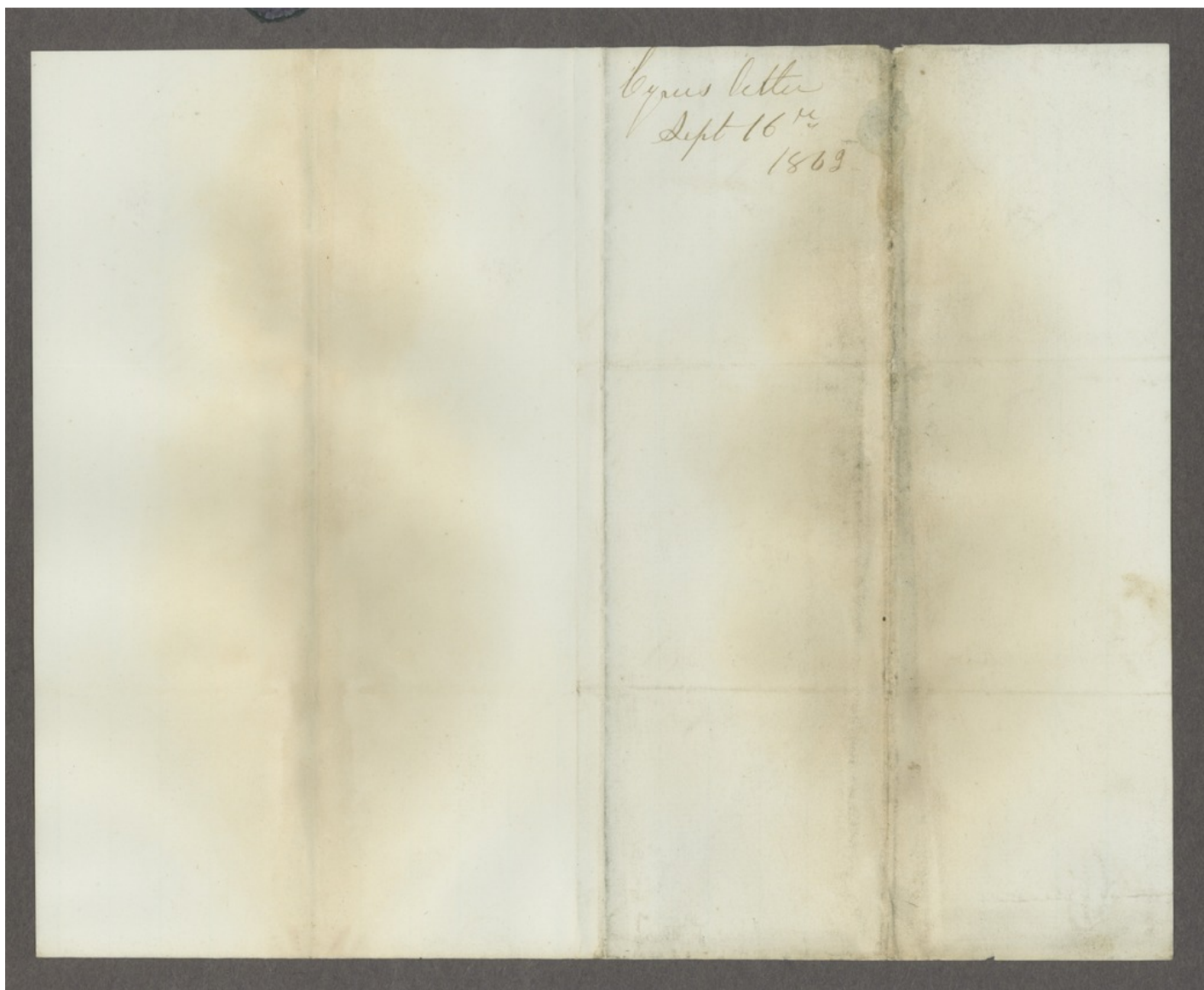
Love to all

Yours Son

Cyrus Leland
Jury Kansas.

Cyrus Leland Jr

Am - Mother's letter. It is at the end of your memory.





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Kansas City - Mo.
Sept. 18th 1863.

Dear Brother.

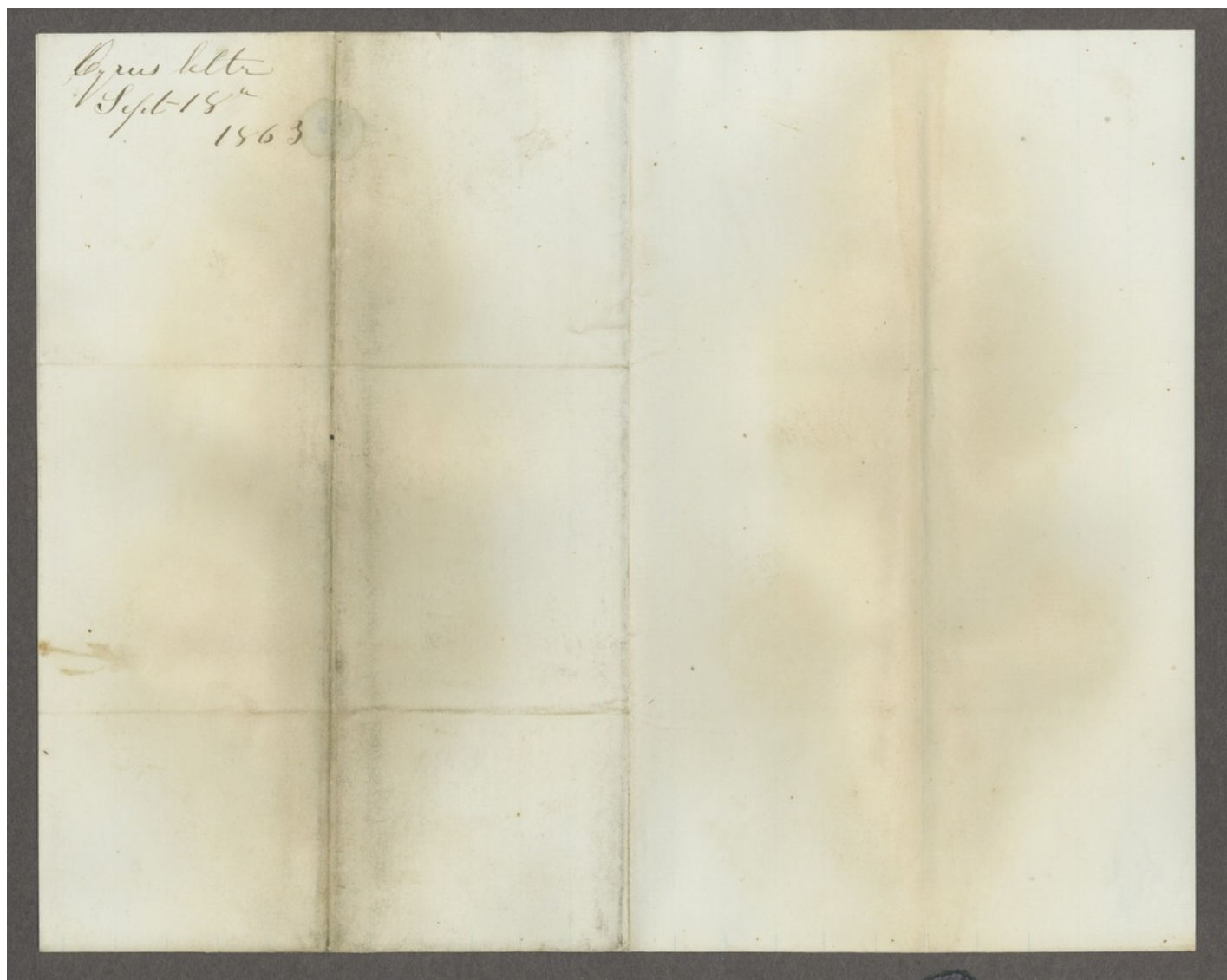
I have just received my order regarding Mrs. M. L. Leland's death and am glad to hear of her recovery. I will write you again in a few days.

It has turned quite cold weather down here. How is it up in
Doniphan. - Tell Mother that I have not
had a chance to buy any such preaching as I
wished to get - but I think that I will find
them in a few days ^{if I do} I will write at-
least two days before I send them
Col. Lee came in last night - he has
had a brush with the bushwhackers - capt-
uring forty horses - besides killing several
of the rebels - write to me often
no matter whether you get any letter from
me - write often any way - Please send me
the Army Patriot of the 10th or 11th inst.

Love to all

Your Brother
Cyrus Leland Jr.

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9.8
I have just received from Father
from Father one dollar & 25 cts.
the other dollar & 25 cts. all well
As is asking for 2.00
& 2.00 - 4.00

Warren City - Mo.
Sept. 23rd 1863.

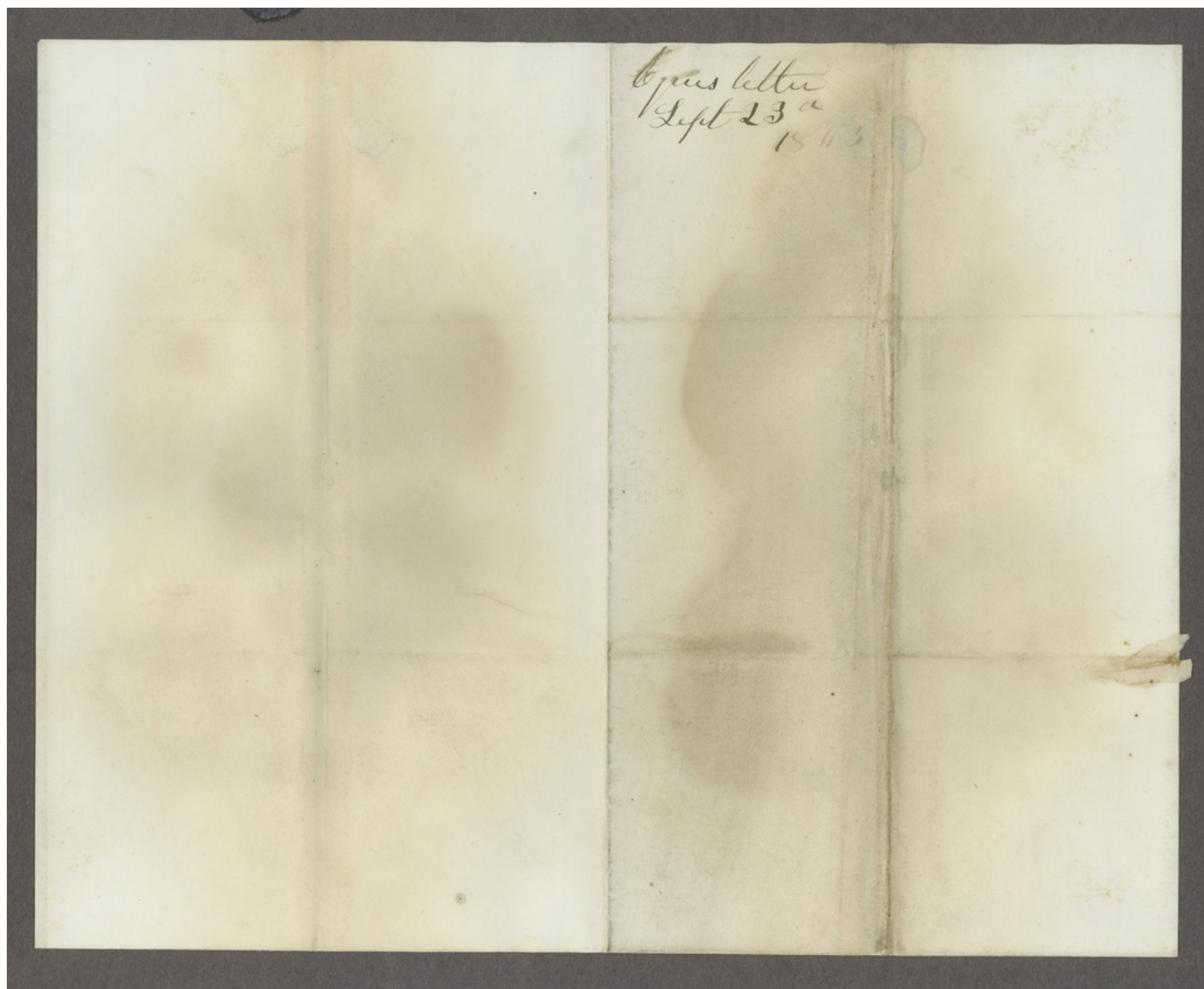
Dear Mother

I have not found
any Prayers that I thought suitable
to ship. There are no country people
back in this country to bring any in to
market. I may find some yet. If
I do I will be sure to get them.

I have not heard from Father
for a long time. He may be ordered up
to Fort Leavenworth for a witness in
Capt. Warren's case. I have more to
do now than I have had. St. Louis
the Act^{extra} Aid has gone to New Mexico.
I have an office to myself - and have
charge for the Clerks - Orderlies - & Prisoners

Love to all - Your Affectionate Son
Cyrus Leland Jr.
P.S. Warren's.

Do you get any money by shipping



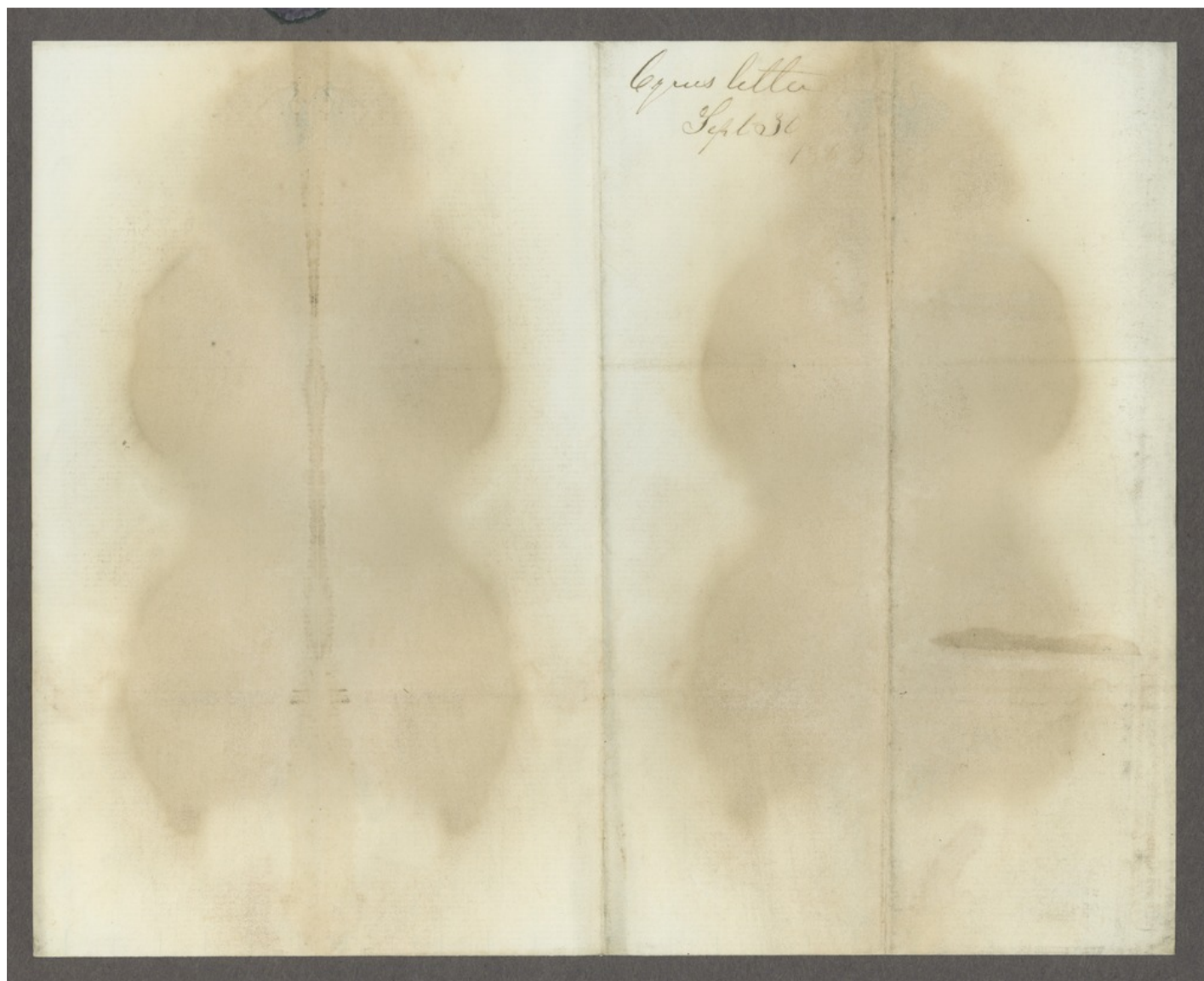
Kansas City - Mo.
Sept. 30th 1863.

Dear Brother

I have just returned from another trip into Kansas. I went out one hundred miles on the Santa Fe road, was gone just three days & nights mostly good riding - I saw but one hare for the whole trip. I went after a drove of stock that had been stolen by two Swedes. I found the stock and started it back for the place. While I was out I saw Capt. Loring by some father on the 14th met. If you wait for me to send you any more I am afraid that you will not get any this year. I saw Capt. Bigby the day. Price is in it I have got nothing new. 11 miles to day. Love to all

To Mrs. Cyrus Leland }
From Kansas.

Your Affectionate Son
Cyrus Leland Jr.



Kansas City - D⁵
Oct. 5th 1863.

Dear Brother

It has been several days since I received any letters from home, and I don't get the Patriot more than once or twice a month. I should not wonder if this was as change made in this Department before long, even if there is it may not affect this District. Should Gen. Ewing be assigned to some of the commands I would probably go with him. We are getting every thing fixed so well for winter that it would be rather hard to leave. I have not heard from Father since the 14th of last month. Then he was well and in good spirits.

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We have a dance at the Union House
to night.

I may go up, to Lawrence
to morrow. If I do I can
only stay a day or two.

If you want any money write
me I can send you some ^{all} any
time. Love to all

Yours affectionately Son
Cyrus Leland Jr.

To
Mr. Cyrus Leland
Pray. Doniphan County
Kansas.

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Dear Brother

Sedalia Mo.
Oct. 12th 1863.

We are at Sedalia
& hear that Genl. Brown is at
Brownville & is fighting them
we march again to night
in the direction of Brownville
Col. Weir has joined us
I am Adft. for the Genl.
It keeps going being

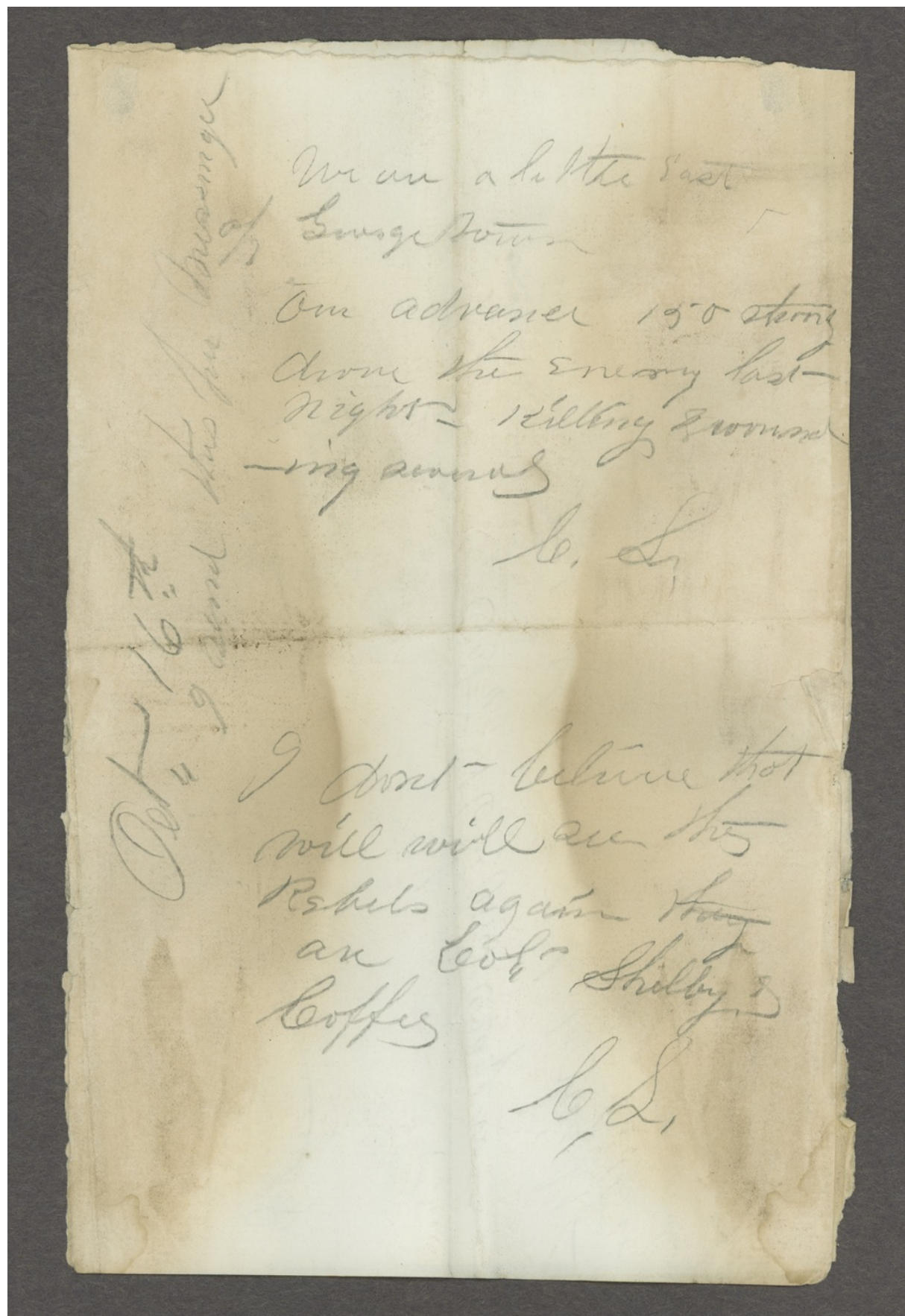
To
Mrs. Cyrus Leland
Topeka Kansas

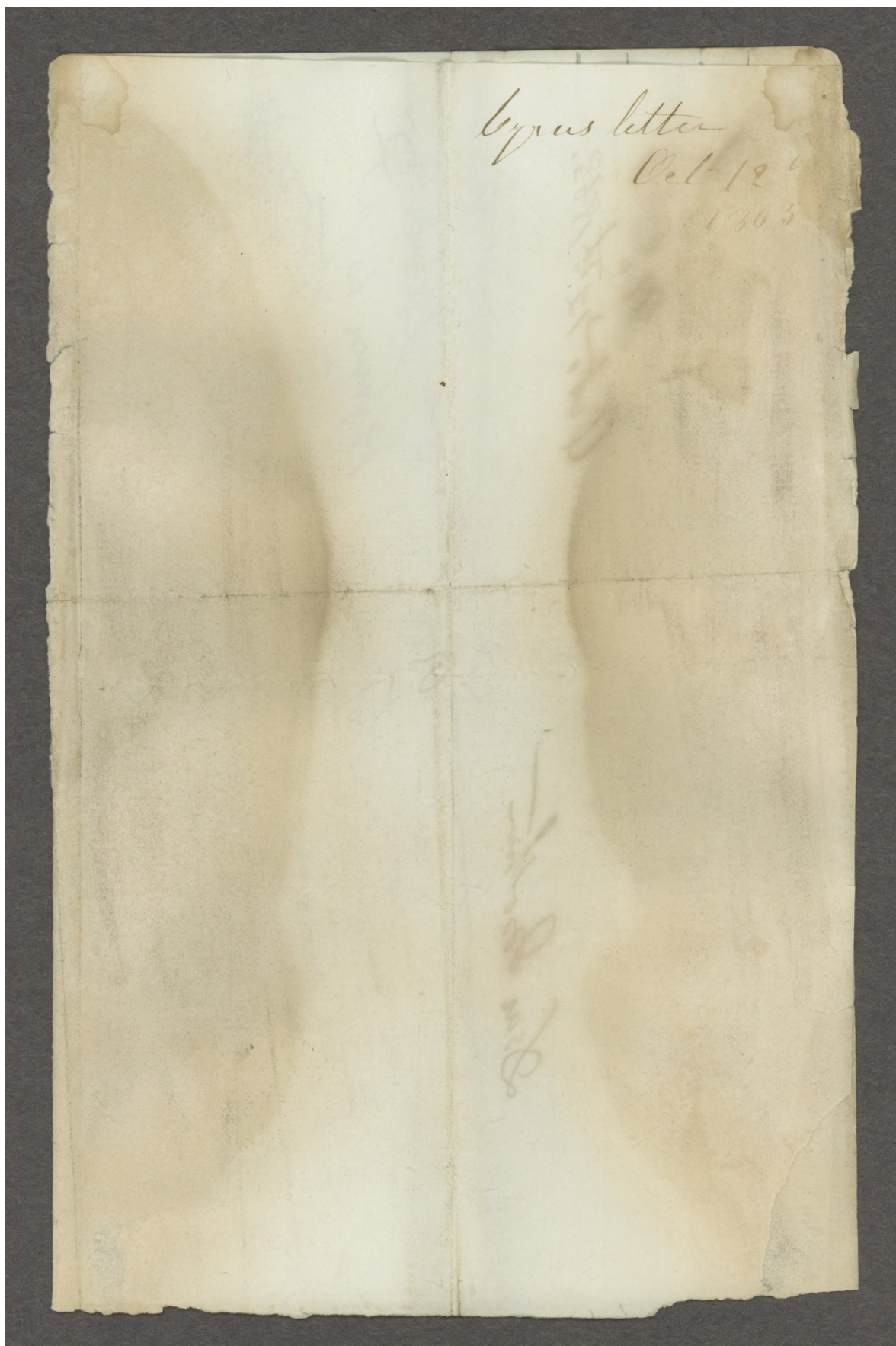
Love to all
Cyrus Leland

P. S.

Oct. 16th near Geary river

We overtook the enemy last night
and had a brush with them & drove them
they leaving one man killed on the field
It is hardly daylight yet we follow on
to day
C. Leland





Camp near Parthage Mo.
Oct. 18th 1863, 9 P.M.

Dear Mother

I have another chance
to send you a few lines - A messenger
starts for Fort Scott at 3 o'clock in
the morning. We marched yesterday
and all last night - in all seventy three
miles, reached here at daybreak this morning.
We charged into the town and captured
thirty of Coffey's Men. The enemy now
scattered. I hardly know which way
we will move from here, but -
do not think it will be long before
we will reach Ft. Scott. I have not
written to Father for a long time
when you write to him tell him for
me. The men we captured this morning
had shoes & arms - we are pretty well
worn out - Love to all

Your Son Cyrus Leland

To Mr. Cyrus Leland
Fort Scott

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Cyrus letter
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Camp on Center Creek Br.
Eight miles south of Carthage
Oct. 21st 1863.

Dear Mother.

I think I write
to you from near Carthage telling you
about me capturing thirty prisoners.

To day we sent back to Fort Scott
our sick & the prisoners. we also sent
for rations. We march this afternoon
in the direction of Pra. Ridge the enemy
are in force near there.

I was in hopes that I could be
at home on election day.

The prospect of going north very
soon is not very good. Well I hope
we will do some good down in this
country while we are here.

Love to all

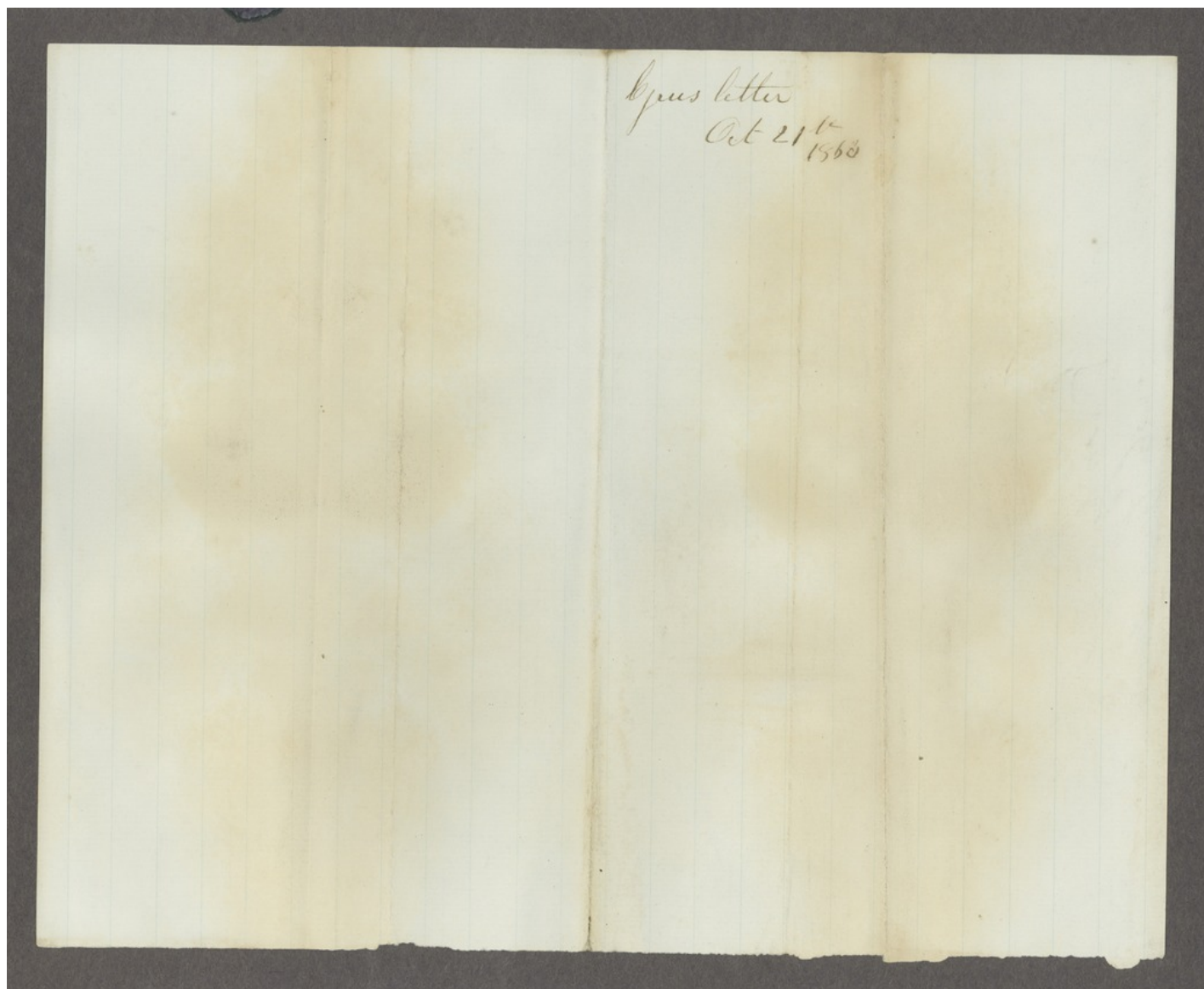
Yr.

Mrs.

C. Leland Jr.
To my Kansas.

Your Son. Cyrus Leland Jr.

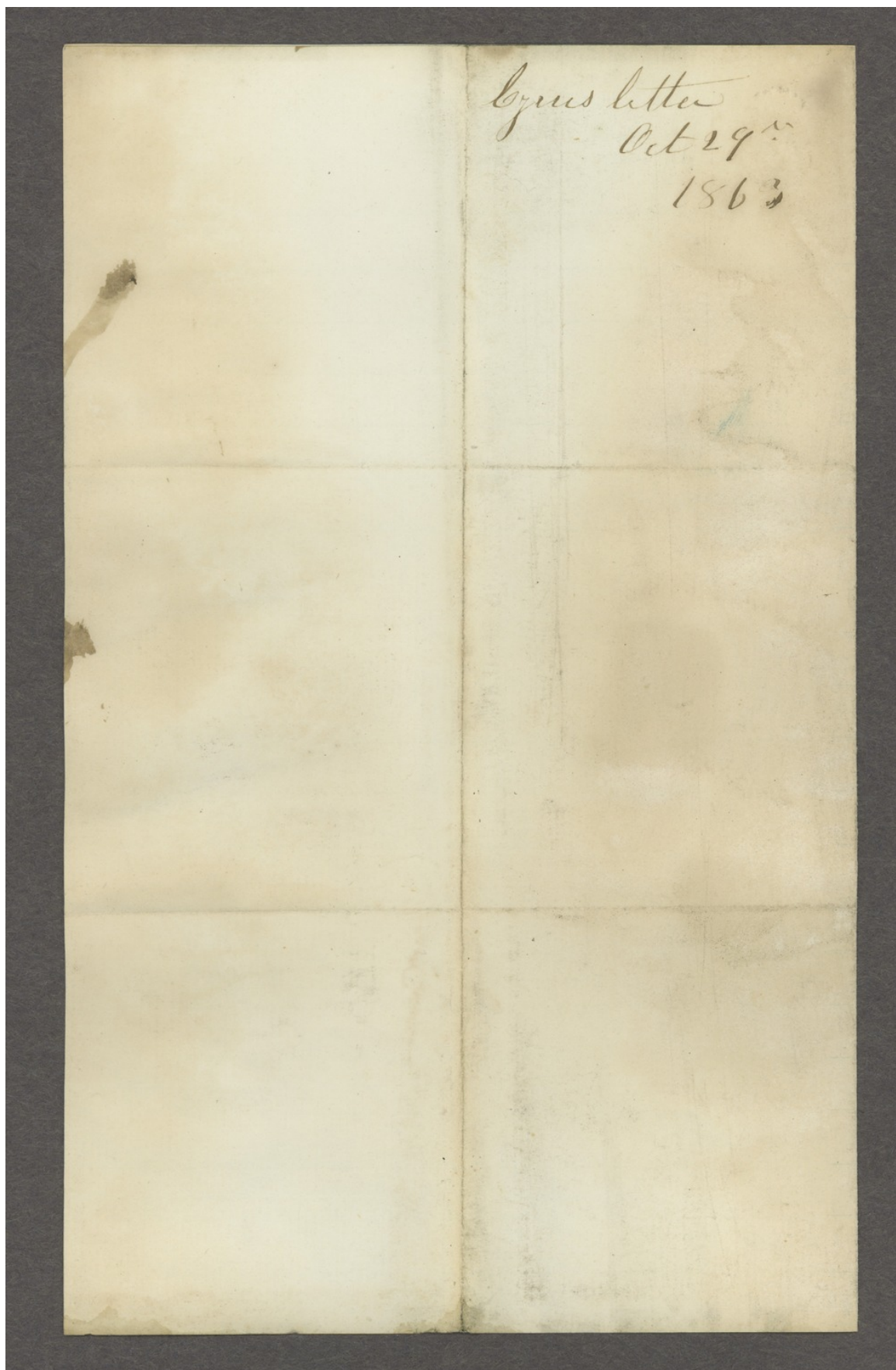
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Fort Scott, Kan.
Oct. 29th 1863.

Dear Mother

It has been
quite a long time since I have
heard from home. I have
written to you while in
Missouri as must every op-
portunity so you must have
heard from me rather often.
I wrote a letter to Father
yesterday - a large train
leave here to day for Fort
Smith. Southern Kansas
has been attached to Ind.
Crawings district. Genl McKill
refuses Genl Blunt's request
for Kan^{ty} left this morning
Cyrus Leland Jr





Kansas City Mo.
Nov. 4th 1863.

Dear Brother

I wrote to you last
from Fort Scott. When I reached
here I found your letter from you
I expect to be paid in a few days
then I will send you some money
as I could before by borrowing it
but I think it will only be a few
days before the paymaster will
be down here. We had a very hard
trip. If I had not been away
I should have come up home
or to have been there election day
Wait for all the election news
I will write again to morrow or next day
I am. C. Leland & Love to all from
Loy Kansas. Cyrus Leland Jr.