

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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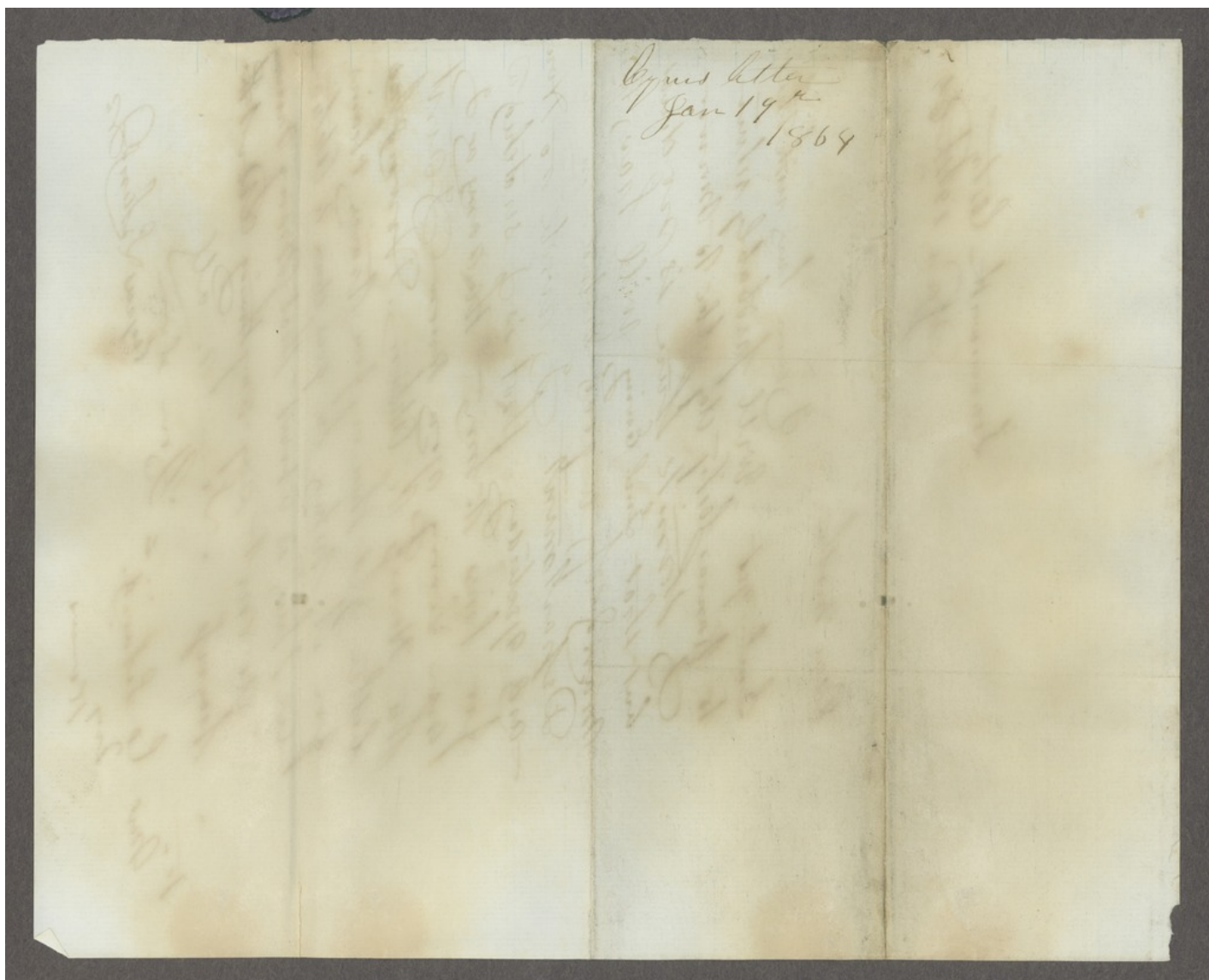
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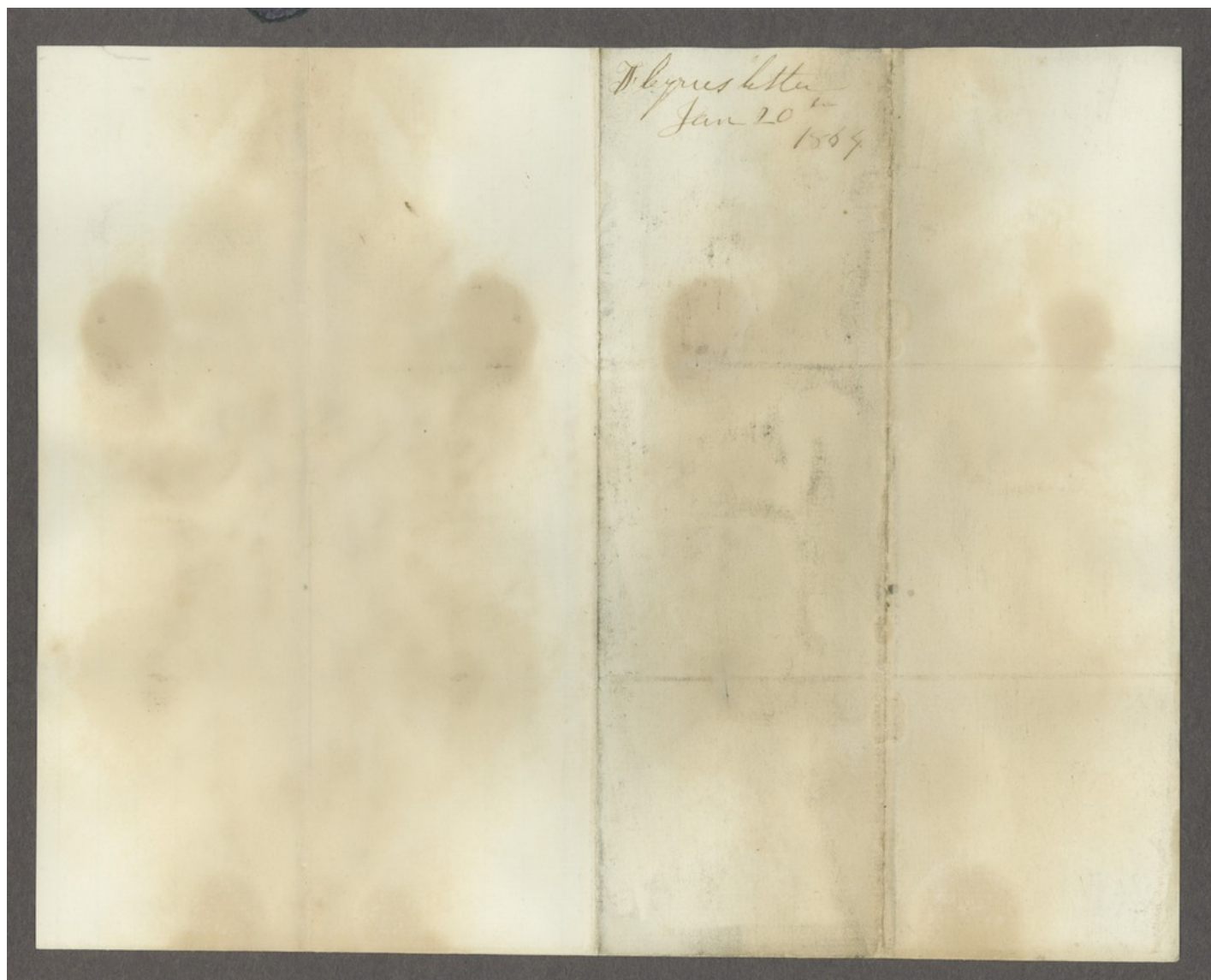
Dear Mother

We start for
Kansas City in the morning
that is the General Staff
what time is here.

Genl. Ewing will have
his report - back here in five
or six days. Then I think he
will be assigned to the command
of some district, & given it
over by this district, with
quarters at Fort Scott. At least
this is the way he thinks about
it. Genl. Blunt will have the
first choice of districts. Say some-
thing about this to any one
you wish.

Yours Affectionately
Cyrus Leland

I may go to Fort Leavenworth in the morning
I am not sure what I can do
I am not sure





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Head-Quarters District of the Border,

Kansas City, Mo.

Jan 24th 1864,

Strictly Confidential

Dear Mother,

I have written to Father to day I received a letter from him dated the 8th. I also received two from you one from Howard Susan & Sarah.

I am making something of an effort to be promoted to Major in the 16th. Price is helping me. he don't care for promotion ^{for himself}. he wrote several letters for me to day. I wrote to Camp about it to day. Genl Ewing has no influence with Gov. Carney, therefore he cannot help me much - if any -

I don't think there is much certainty in my getting it. Yet it may pay to try. Love to all

Yours Son Cyrus Leland Jr.

Mr. Cyrus Leland
Terry Kansas

My report up at Lawrence to the Army
Howard agree H. & S. will not be there
they may be at Wichita or Paola

