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Kansas Adjutant General general correspondence

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This item is correspondence of the Kansas Adjutant General's Office under Charles Chadwick (1862-1863) and Guilford Dudley (1863-1864), including special orders issued by Governor Thomas Carney to Samuel N. Wood of the Morris County Rangers to detain any organized bands of guerillas near Council Grove and William P. Dutton to equip his company in Miami County. Several letters were received from John B. Gray, Missouri Adjutant General, inquiring about Missouri men that had enlisted in the Kansas militia. Most of the correspondence consists of requests for muster rolls, arms, resignations, and commissions. Other notable correspondents include Stephen A. Cobb and Sidney Clarke. A searchable, full-text version of this correspondence is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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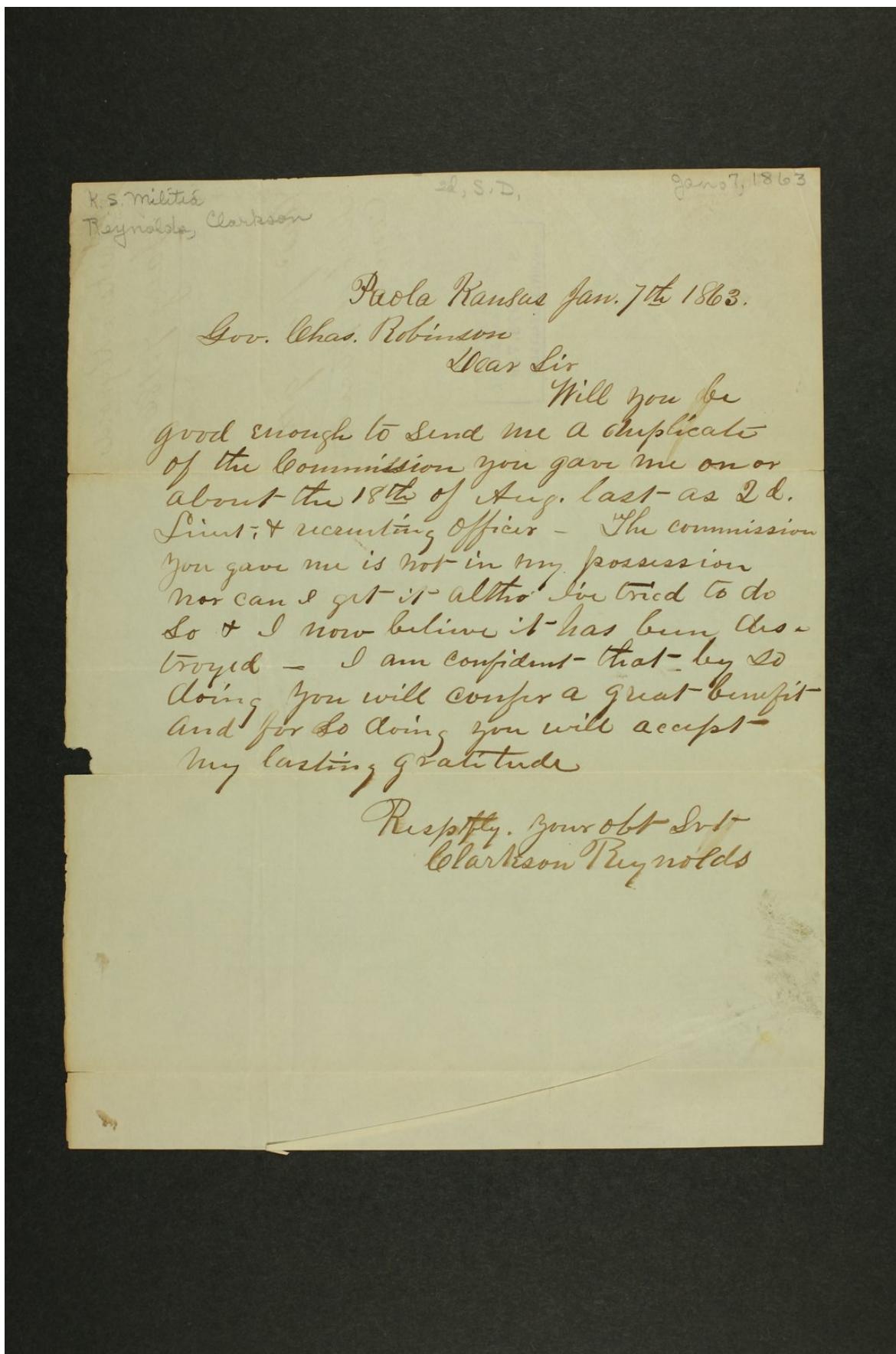
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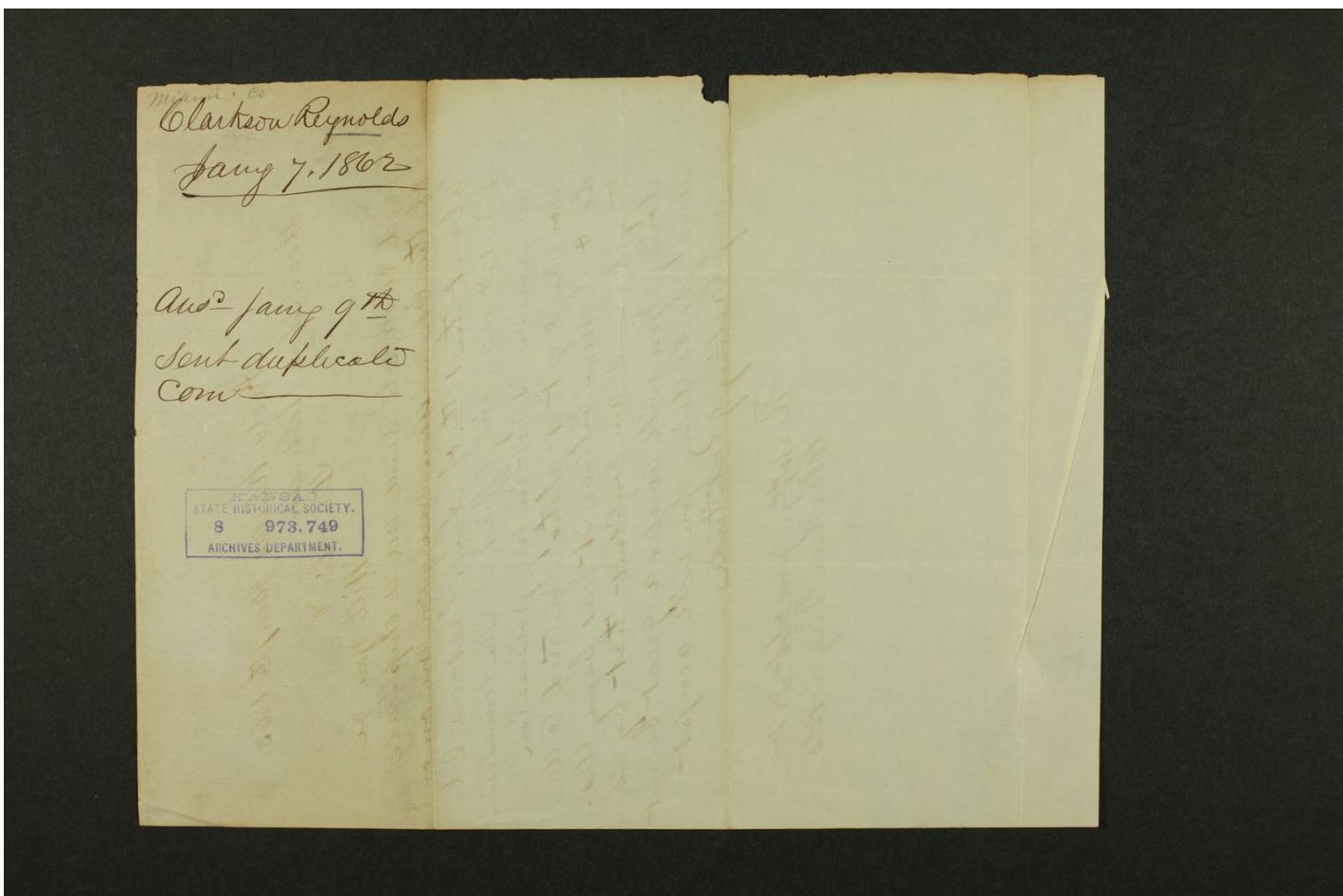
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Attn: James B.
Kemble, J. R.

January 6, 1863

Washington D. C.

January 6th 1863

To Genl. J. R. Steele

Rebels will be credited to the localities from which they receive local bounties provided the muster-in rolls show them enlisted and mustered-in as of the said localities— The muster-in rolls must show the facts of the case and will be the evidence for awarding the credits—

Voluntary enlisting will be credited to the localities to which reenlistments and muster-in rolls show them as belonging therefore until volunteers have been mustered it can't be determined what particular localities they will be credited— The foregoing is in answer to many inquiries received by the department—

I enclose the Governor with a copy of this

James B. Fry
J. R. Steele

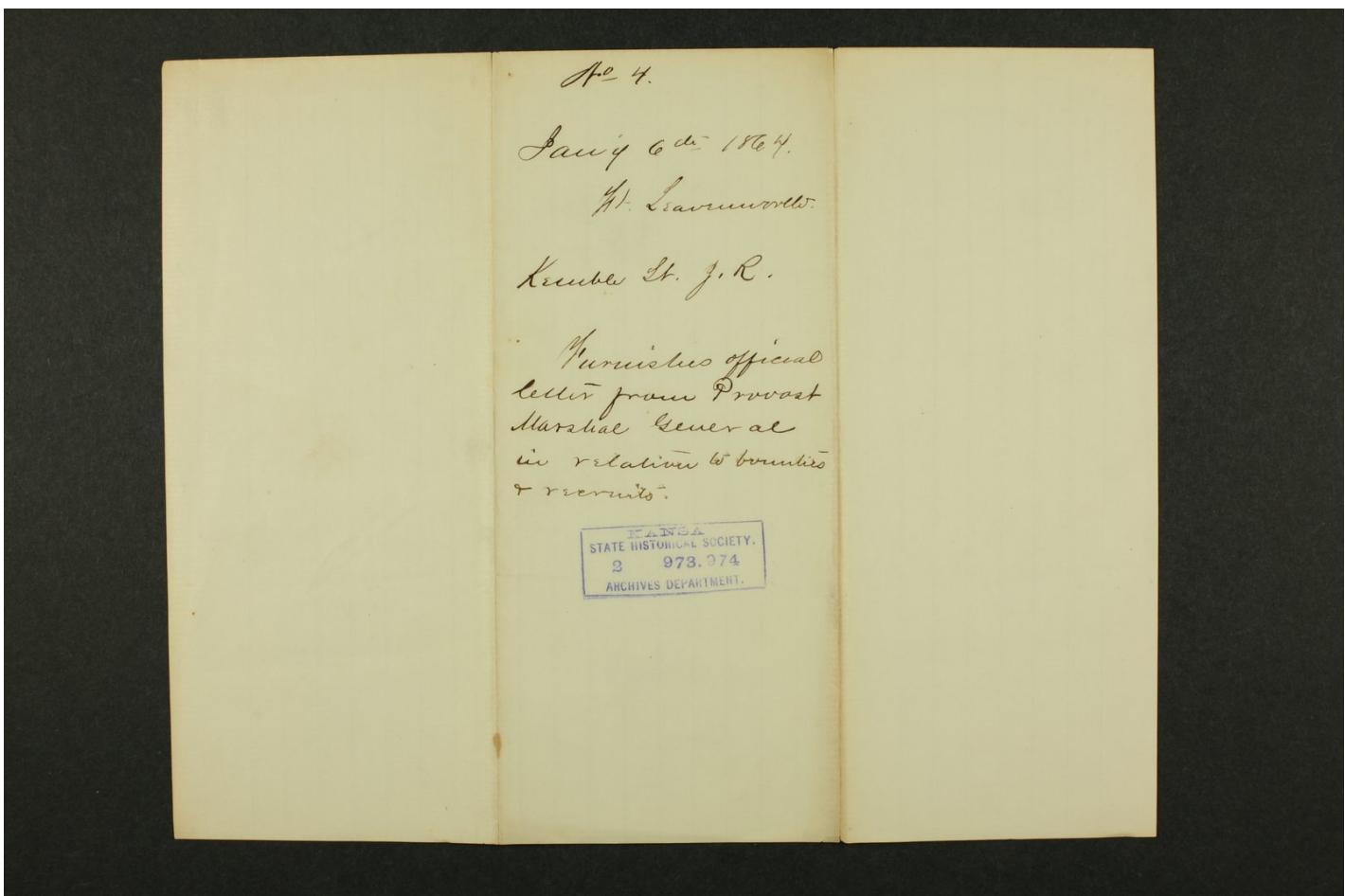
Official Copy Respectfully furnished
The Governor of Kansas

J. R. Kemble
1st Lieut. 3rd U. S. Cavalry
Mustering & Paymaster Officer

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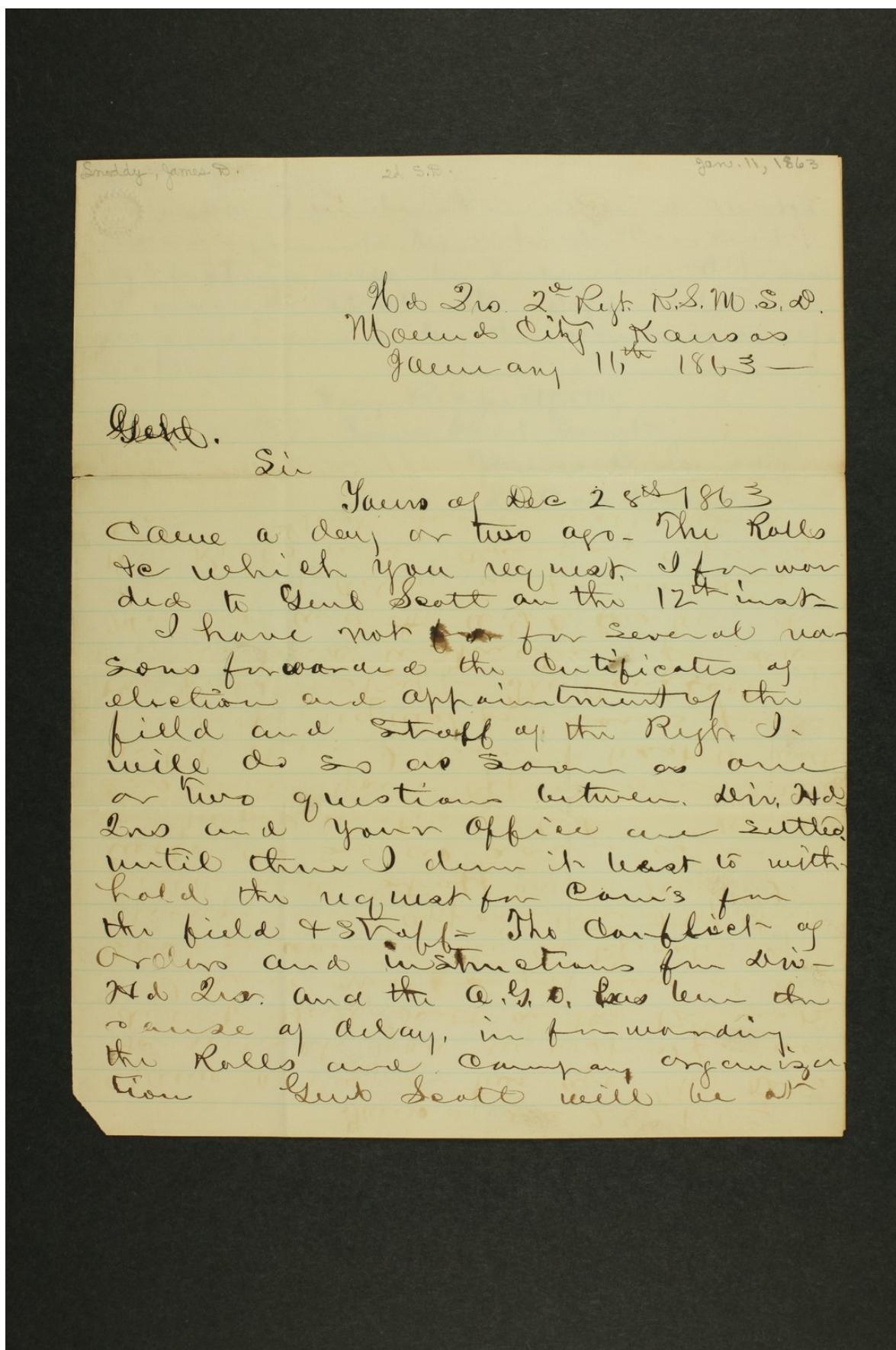


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Topeka I understand a, and make arrangements by which concert of action will be secured - Otherwise I would stulte the difficulties associated by the want of such action

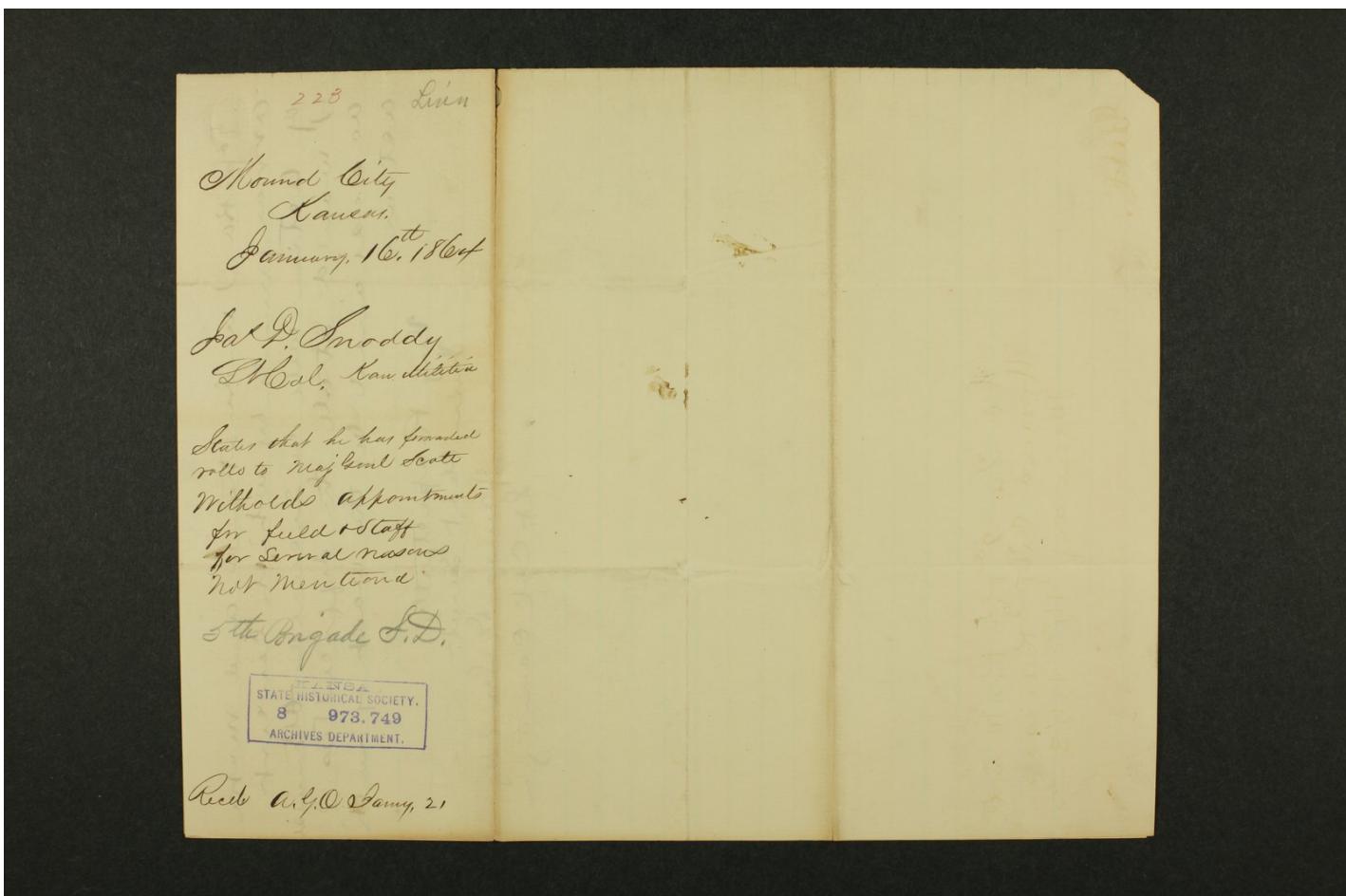
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt-

James D. Snoddy
Lt. Col Commandg-

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Head Quarters Kansas Militia
Office of Adjutant General
Topeka February 7. 1863

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th ult. requesting a list of the regiments from this state, giving the proper number at the present time, and any other number by which a regiment has gone, its designation &c.

The regiments of Kansas Volunteers now in the service, as at present numbered and designated, are as follows. viz.

1st Regt. K. V. Infantry Col Geo W. Dietzler

2^d " " Cavalry " Dan A. Bassett

5th " " Cavalry " Powell Clayton

6th " " Cavalry " Wm R. Judson

7th " " Cavalry " A. S. Lee

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8th Regt. K. V. Infantry. Col. John W. Martin

9th " " Cavalry " Ed. Lynde

10th " " Infantry " W^m F. Cloud

11th " " Infantry " Thos Cushing Jr

12th " " Infantry " Chas Adams

13th " " Infantry

The 2^d Regt. was organized in June 1861, as an Infantry Regt. but reorganized in Febry 62, & mounted as Cavalry. The 7th Regt. styled itself 1st Cavalry, but was never so numbered, nor designated, by any order or authority, outside of the Regt. -

The 8th Regt. was originally organized and designated as "Home Guards," went by that designation for some time, when it was numbered 8th K. V.

The 10th Regt. was formed ^{March 27th 1862} by the consolidation of the 3^d & 4th Regiments - & numbered 10th K. V.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt

Chas L. Hadwick

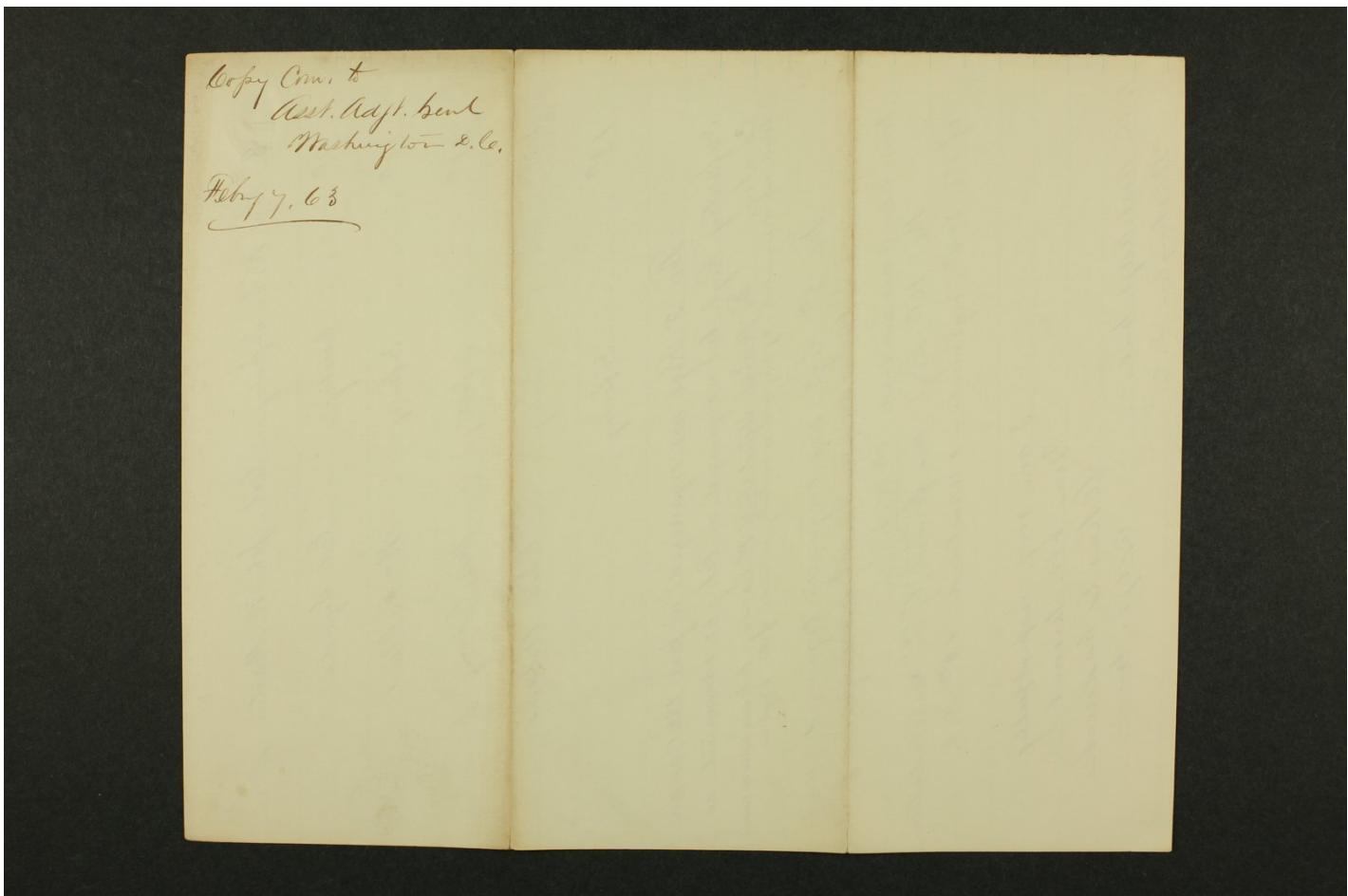
To the Ass't. Adj't. Genl. 3
Washington D. C.

Adj't. Genl.

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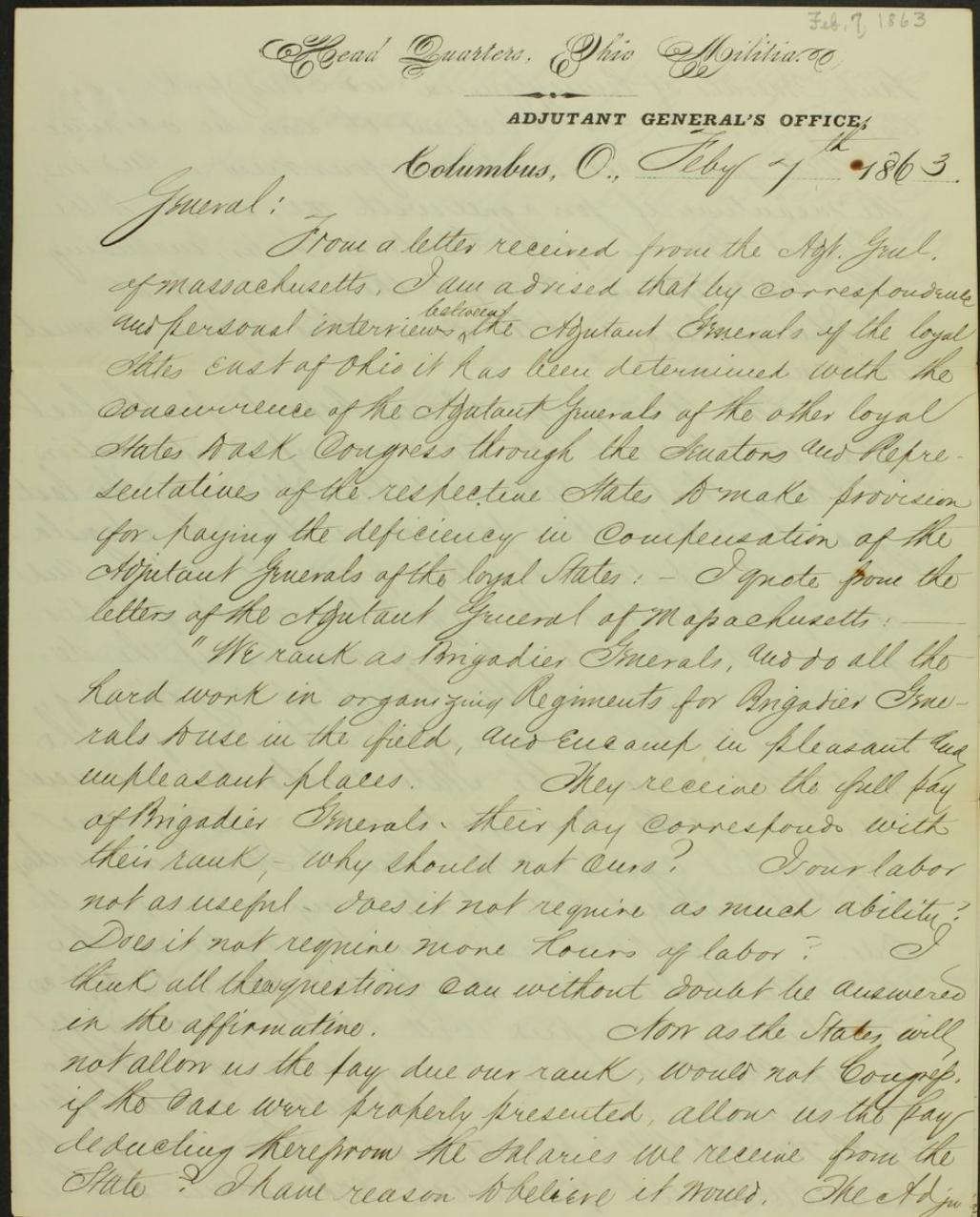


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Sixt Generals of Pennsylvania and New York say
Congress would, and I believe it can be obtained.

Will you please write me your views, and in
the meantime, if you agree with me, write to the
Adjutant Generals of the Western States, including
Illinoi and Missouri, and get them to cooperate.

If anything is to be done this session it must
be done at once."

The third page of my Report for the last
year will present the Ohio rule of Compensation.

I know that the labors of this Office for the last
year have been three times more than the Legisla-
ture anticipated when they fixed the salary, and
it is possible that the Legislature might feel dis-
posed to do something towards making up the de-
ficiency. But in the business of organizing, affi-
cering and taking care of the volunteers for the
United States army, the State authorities are mere
branches of the War Department. They are
nothing but agents of the General Government, without
which it could not keep up its army or carry on the
war.

I know not how it may be in the
other States, but in Ohio the Adjutant General's office
is exclusively occupied with all its force in get-
ting up and maintaining organizations for the Gen-
eral Government. In settling up the affairs
of the war of 1812, the War Dept. provided for the
reimbursement of all such expenditures to the

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different States, What is paid to us now is
only an advancement to the General Govern-
ment, for service in its behalf. As to the
relative amount of responsibility and labor, I
can speak experientially - I have had a Brig-
adier General's Command in the field in the present
War, where I am confident the amount of care
and labors was as much as devolves upon any of
ficer of that rank, but I am equally confident that
the labor performed by me in this office for the
last eight months is in excess of what would de-
volve upon the same rank in the field.

Whether we have many new organizations
to raise or not, the forces from the different States
in the field are so large and require so much care,
and the records of the volunteer organizations require
so much labor to keep them up as they should be, that
there is no reasonable ground to expect any consid-
erable diminution of labor, so long as the War lasts.

Labor however much we may, our position gives
us hardly any ground to hope for appointment in the
field or promotion of any kind.

I heartily concur therefore in the proposition coming
thus from the East, asking for a fair compensation -
the deficiency to be made up by Congress.

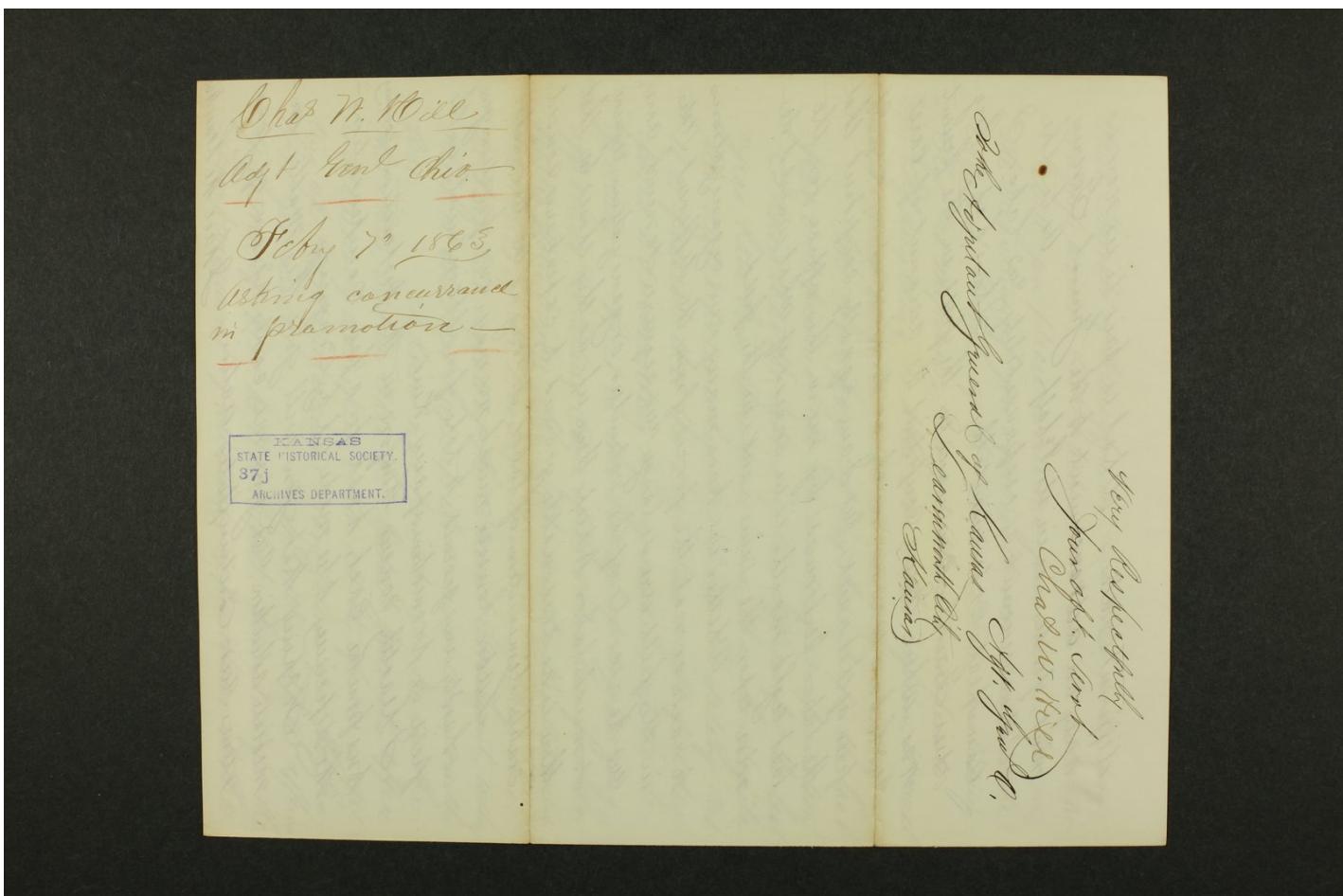
Hoping that you will give this matter im-
mediate attention and give me early advice of your
views and contemplated action, I have the honor to be

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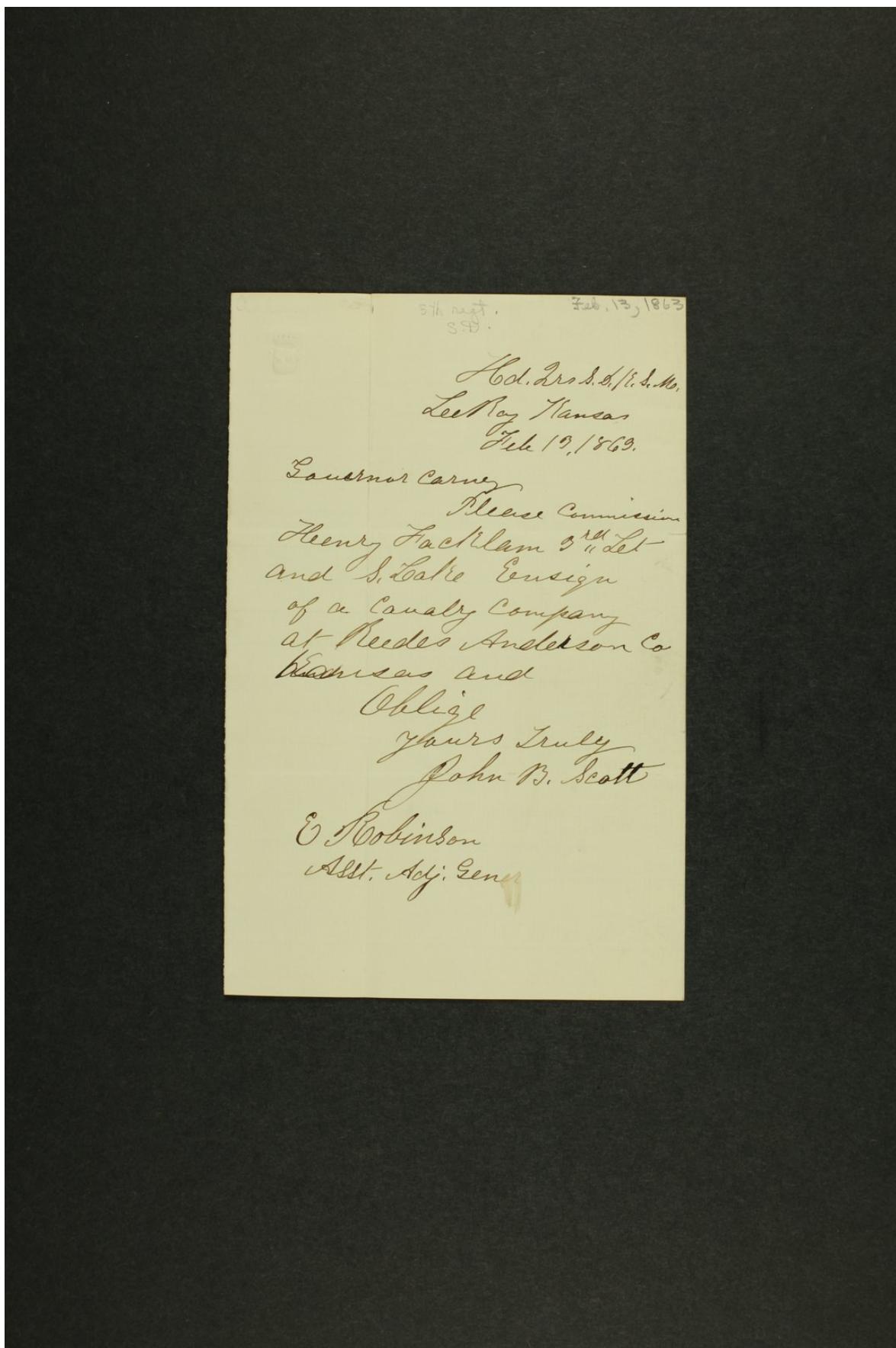


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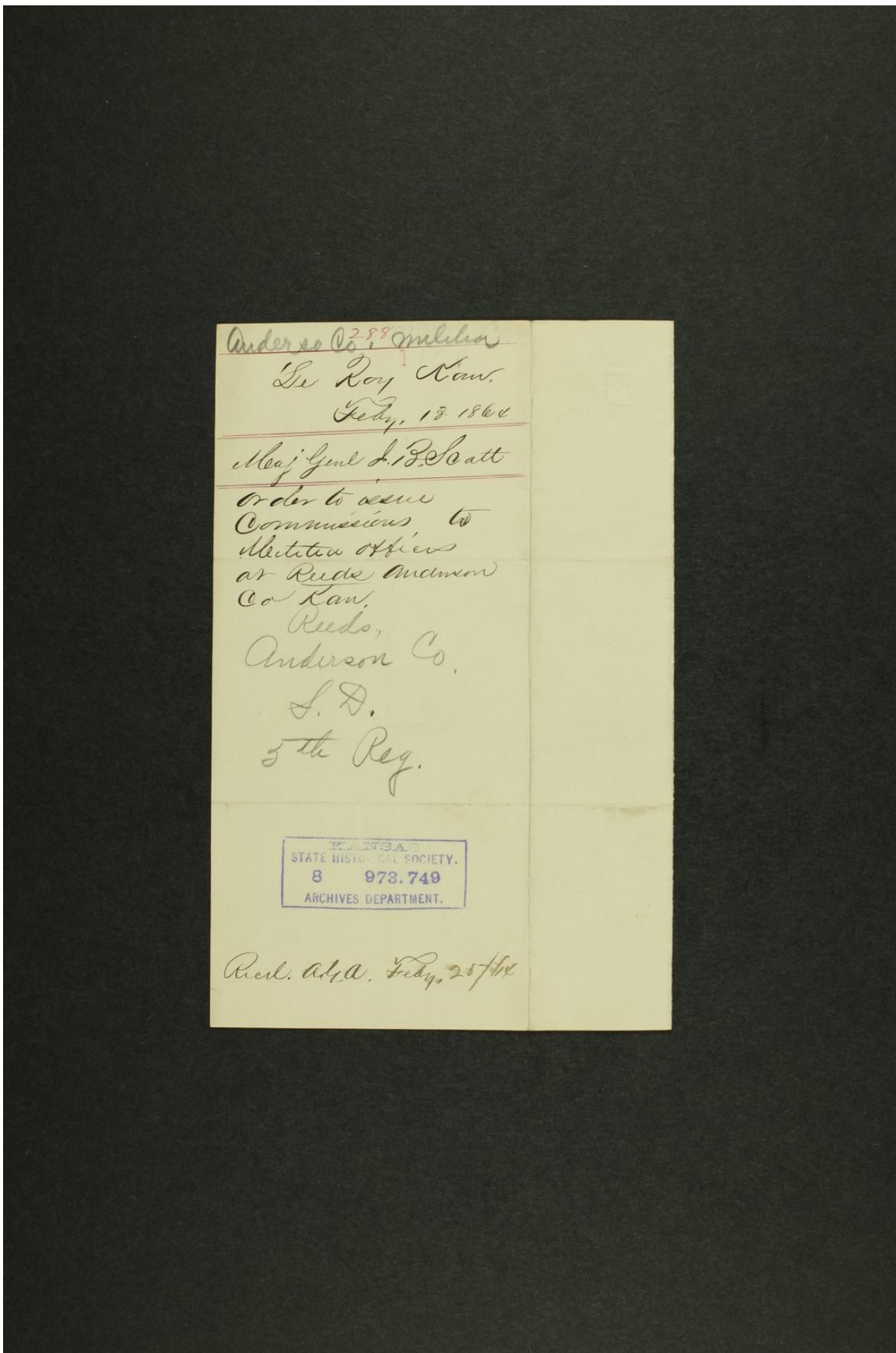


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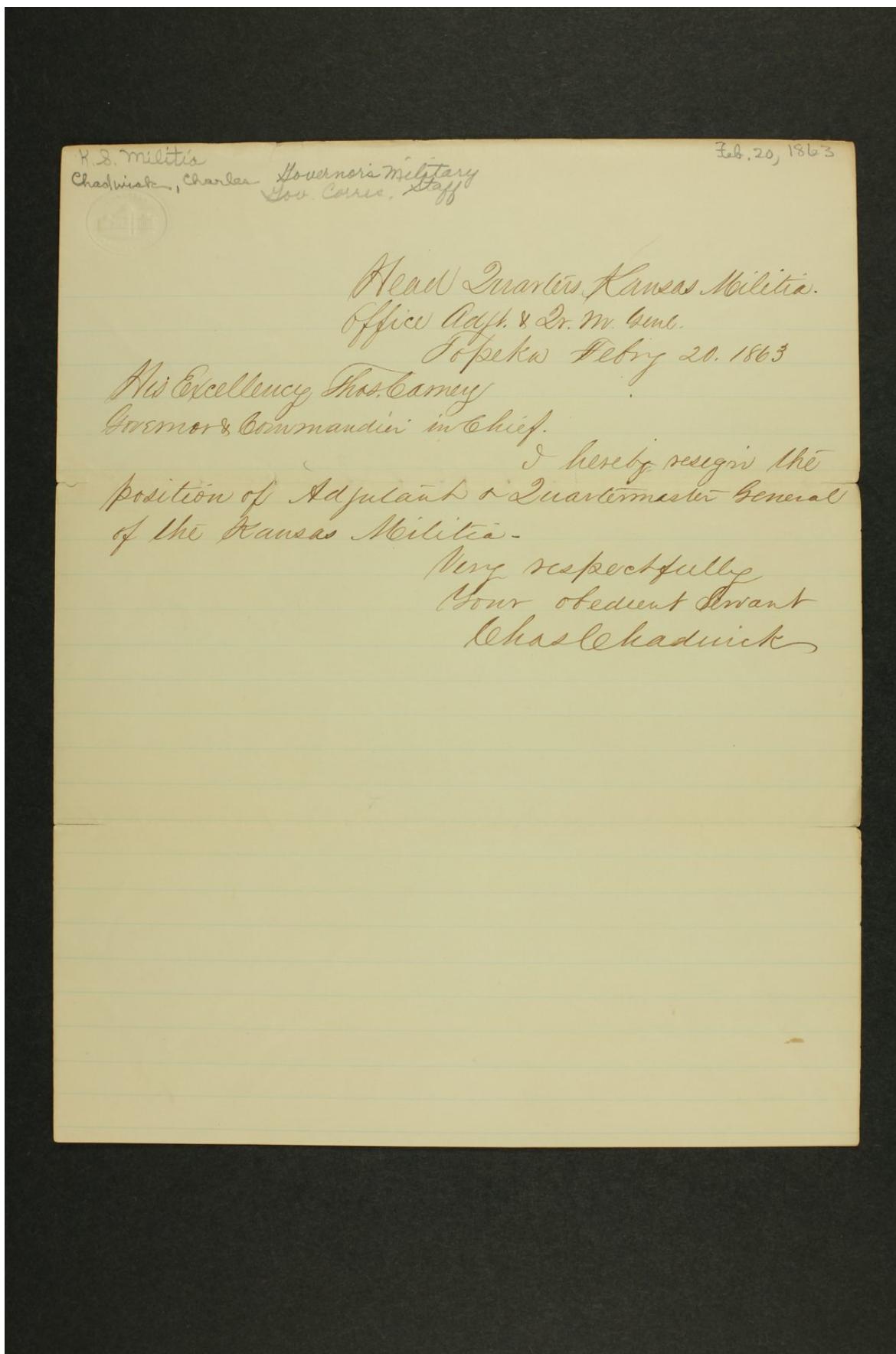


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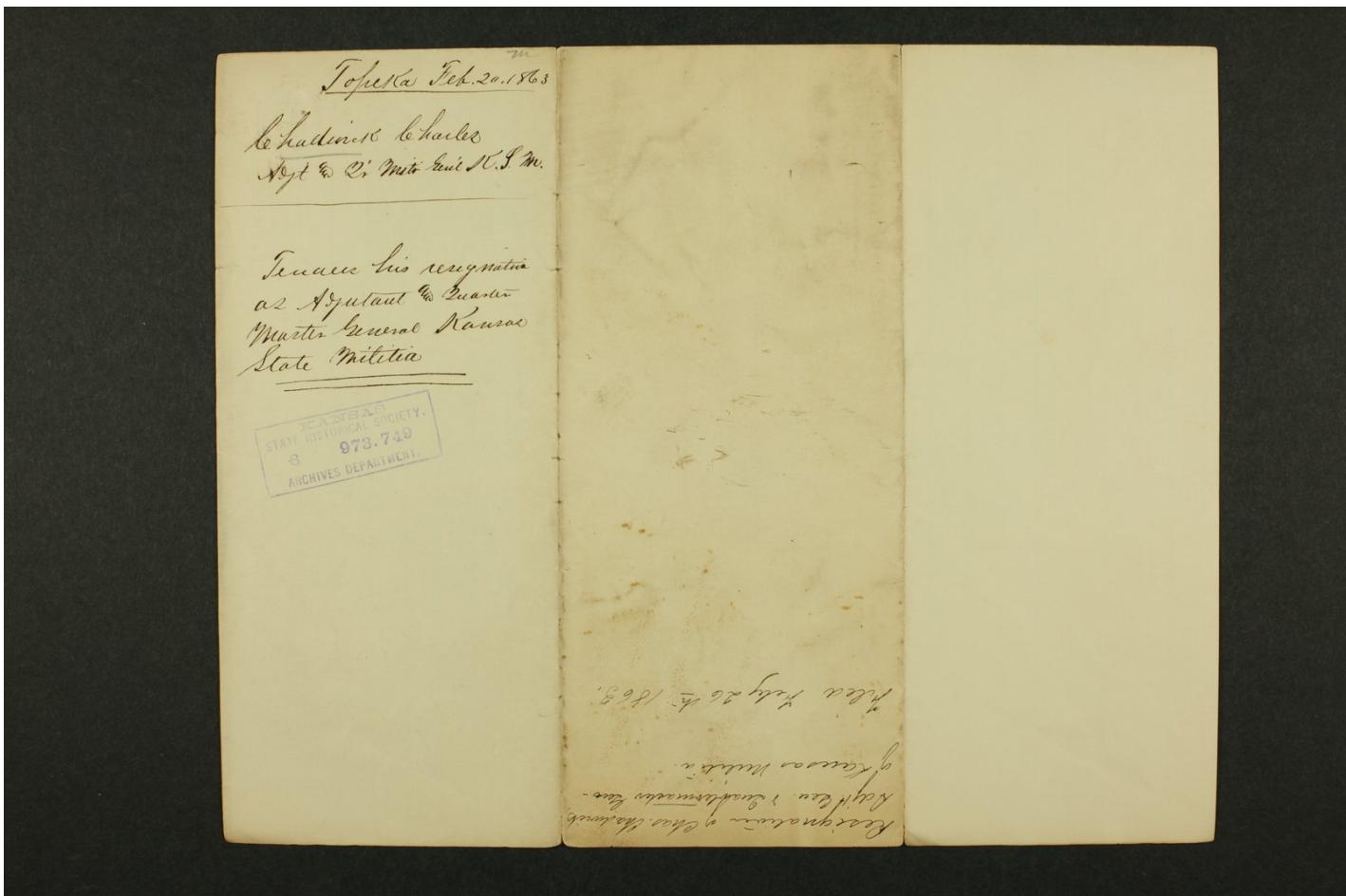


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Head Quarters Department of the Missouri:
St. Louis March 9th 1863

General

In the Case of Lieut. William Woodruff of the 4th Kansas Vols. I am instructed by the General Commanding to give the following directions.

Lieut Woodruff will be mustered out of the Service of the United States, forthwith to date as suggested by you Aug 1. 31st 1862 that being the date of his last service of any kind. You will cause full reports and muster out rolls to be forwarded to the Adjutant Generals Department, at Washington and also duplicates to this office. In the Case of Chaplain Fisk, you will forward to these Hd. Qrs. a Certified Copy of his Muster in when

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he entered upon duty as Chaplain how long he served us such, and by what order he was displaced. There is no record touching his case on file at these Admrs. I am also directed to ask that copies of original Muster in rolls of Kansas Regiments be sent forward soon. We have need daily of these rolls.

Your especial attention is called to this matter. The rolls of the 2d Kansas Cav. 13th Inf'ty and 1st Colored, are the only ones on file.

Send forward the others, as early a day as possible. If necessary, appoint an officer especially for this duty

I am, General
Very Respectfully

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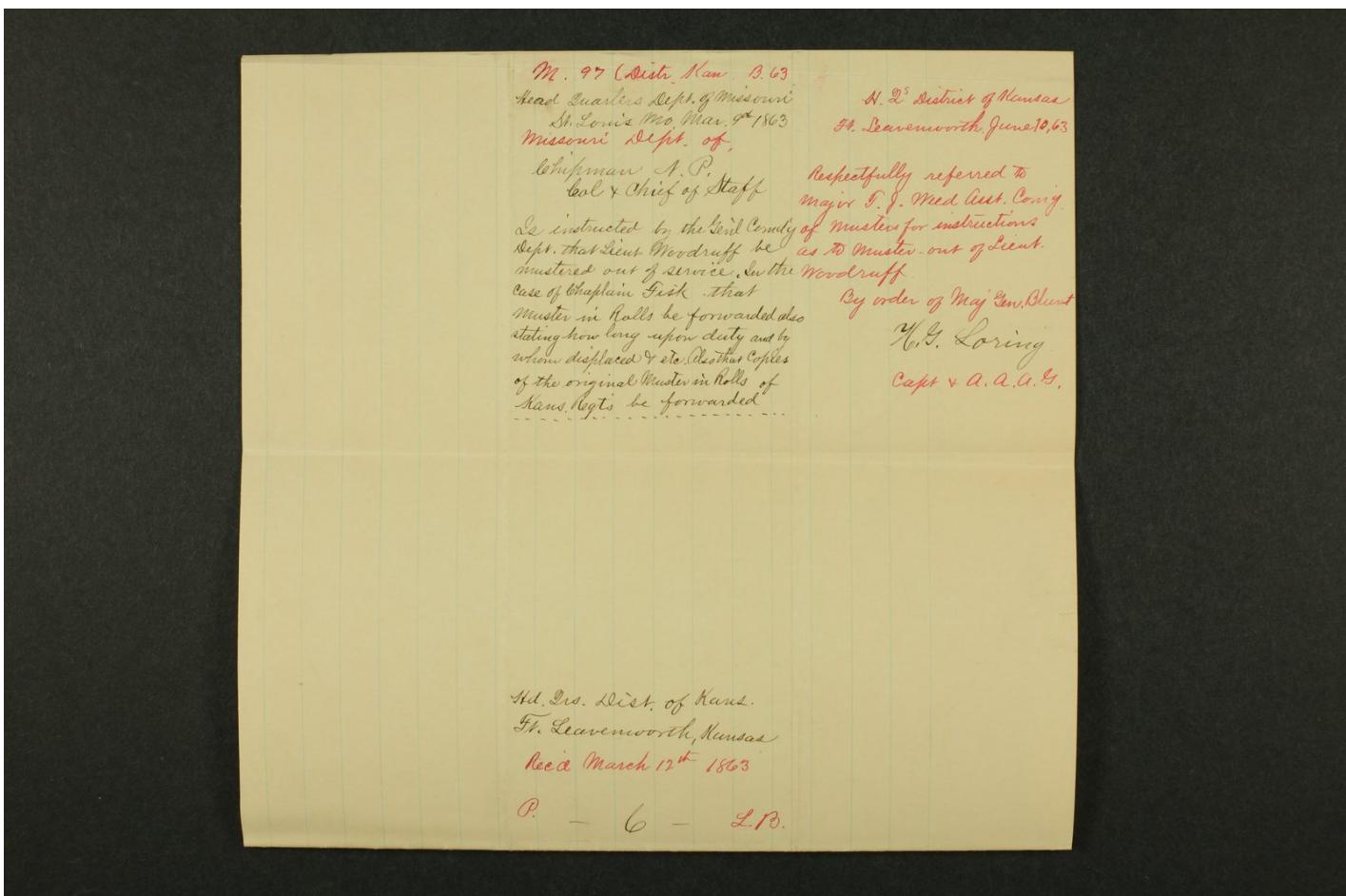
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Your Obt. Ser nt
N.P. Chipman
Col. and Chief of Staff
To
Brig. Genl. J. G. Blunt }
Commanding Dist. of Kansas }
Leavenworth, Kas }

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M. 97 (Dist. Kans. B.63)

Head Quartermaster Dept. of Missouri
St. Louis Mo. Mar. 9th 1863

Missouri Dept. of

Chapman A. P.
Col & Chief of Staff

Is instructed by the Comd^y of Mississ^y for instructions
Dept. that Lieut Woodruff be
mustered out of service. In the
case of Chaplain Fisk that
Muster in Rolls be forwarded also
stating how long upon duty and by
whom displaced &c. Also has Copies
of the original Muster in Rolls of
Kans Regts be forwarded

N. 2^d District of Kansas

Ft. Leavenworth June 10, 63

Respectfully referred to
Major J. J. Med Aut. Comdg

as to Muster out of Lieut.

By order of Maj Gen Blunt

H. G. Loring

Capt & A.A.O.G.

Ad. Dir. Dist. of Kans.
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
Rec'd March 12th 1863

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Surgeon Generals Office
Washington City, D.C.
March 12th 1863

Sir!

The Surgeon General respectfully requests, that if within your power to give it, a list of the medical officers of the regiments from your state, with the date of the commission and names in the U.S. service of each, may be furnished for the information of this office.

It would be very desirable to have also such special orders that may be issued from time to time, from the Adjt General's Office of your state, affecting the medical staff of these regiments.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

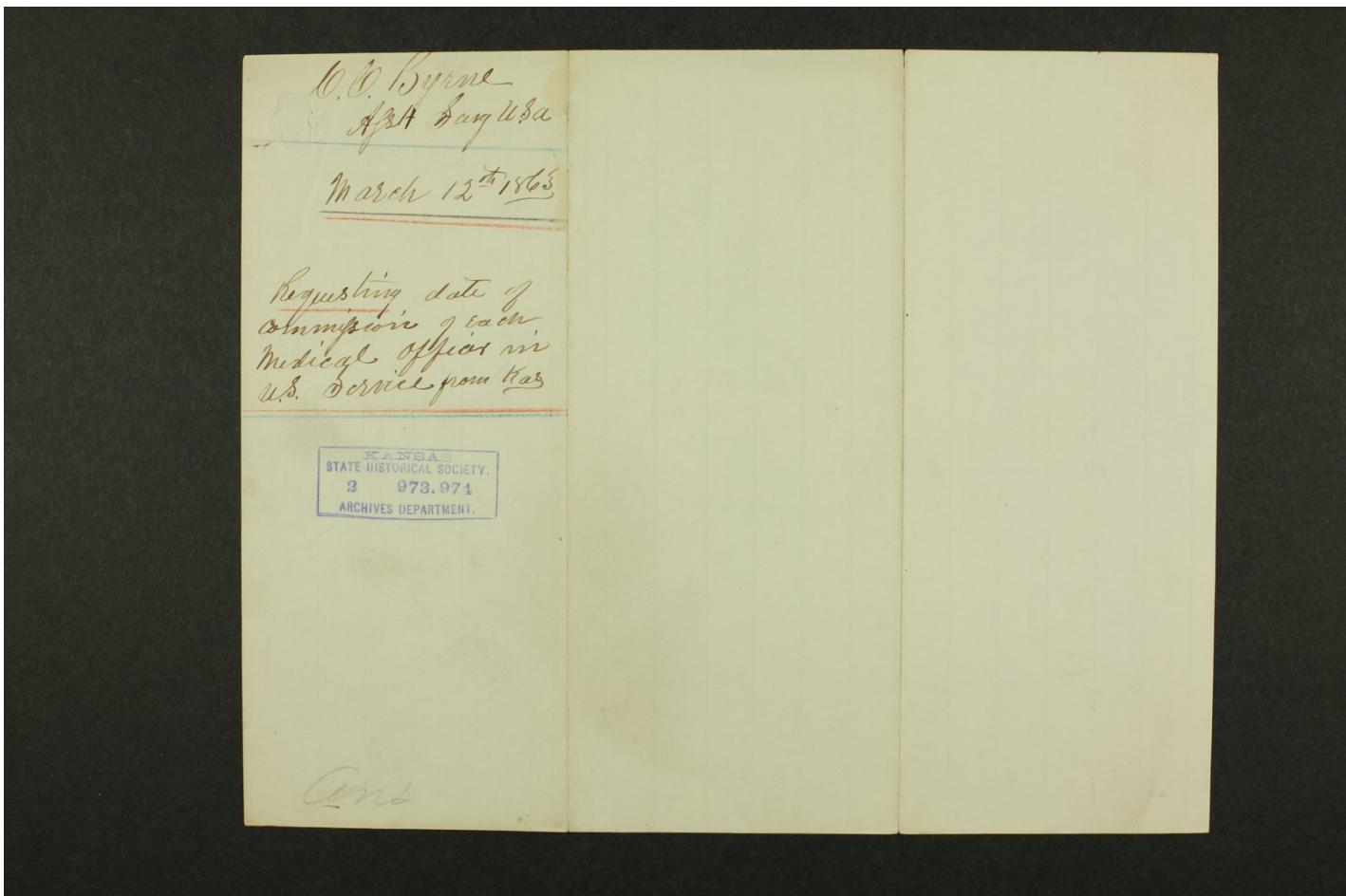
To the By order of the Surgeon General,
Surgeon General of Kansas. C. C. Byrnes
Topeka. Assist Surgeon U.S. Army.
Kansas.

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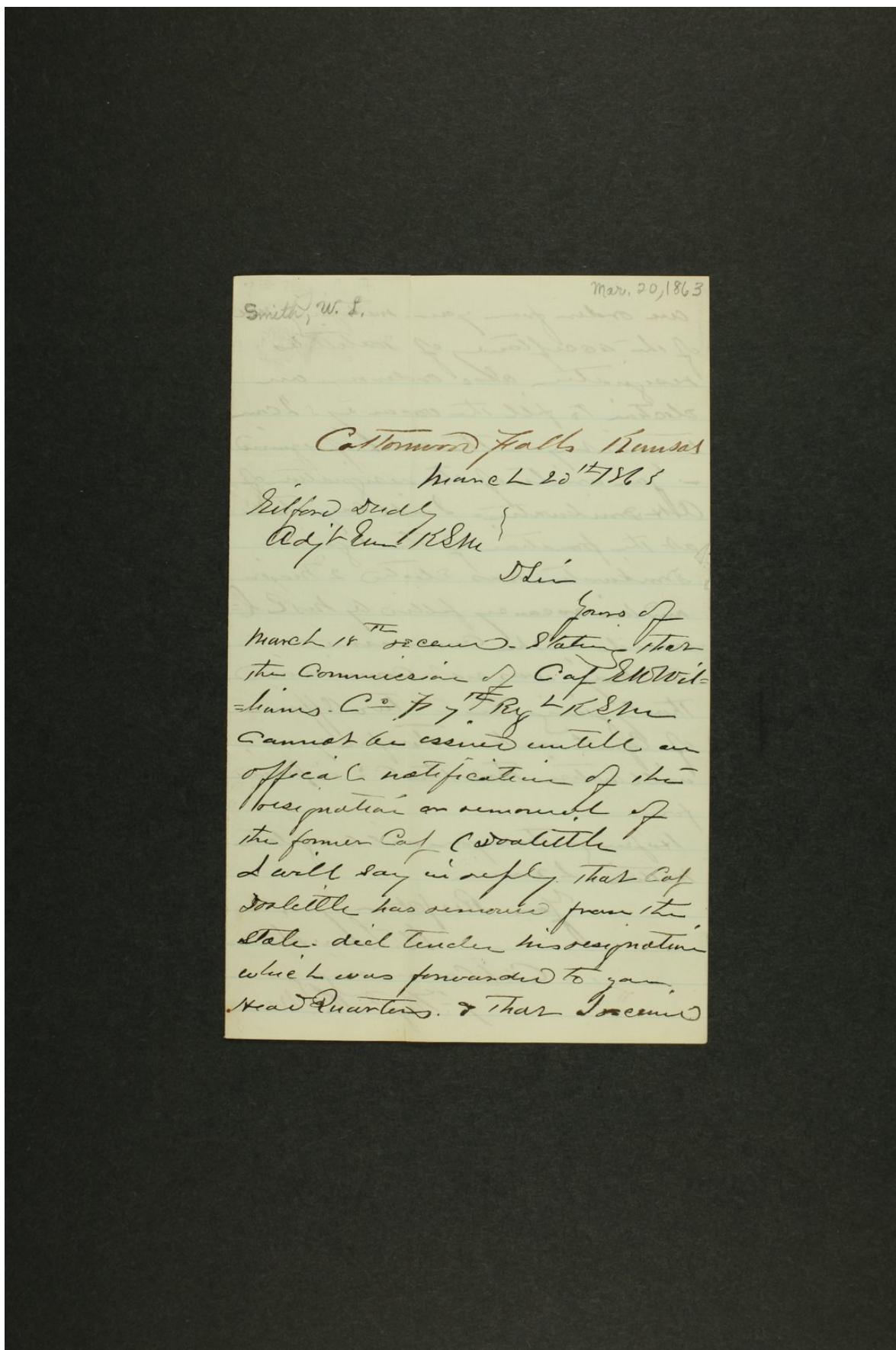


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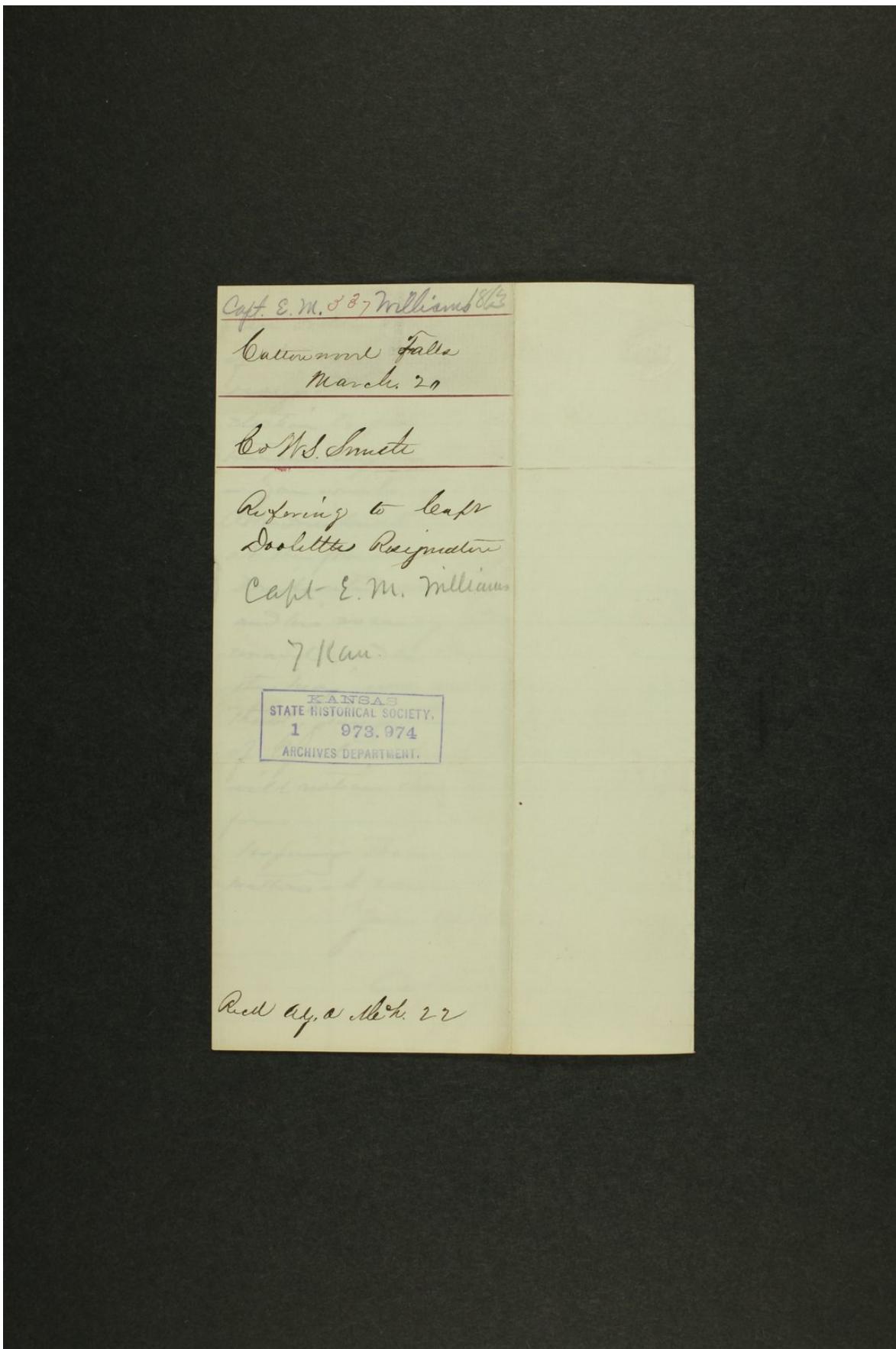
an order from you notifying me
of the acceptance of Dr. M. L.
Dinkwater's resignation also ordering an
election to fill the vacancy. I can
transmit you the order if you wish
- I am aware of the resignation of
Dr. Dinkwater. I will say that
at the formation of the regiment
Dinkwater was elected 2 Major
and his vacancy filled by Mr. E.
Edward and he Commissioned.
The Major was not Commissioned
thereby giving the C^o two officers
of equal rank. Therefore you
will notice that the C^o is provided
for.
Hoping that you will regulate
matters - I remain
Your Respectfully
W. Smith
Col Commanding
1st Regt K. A. M.

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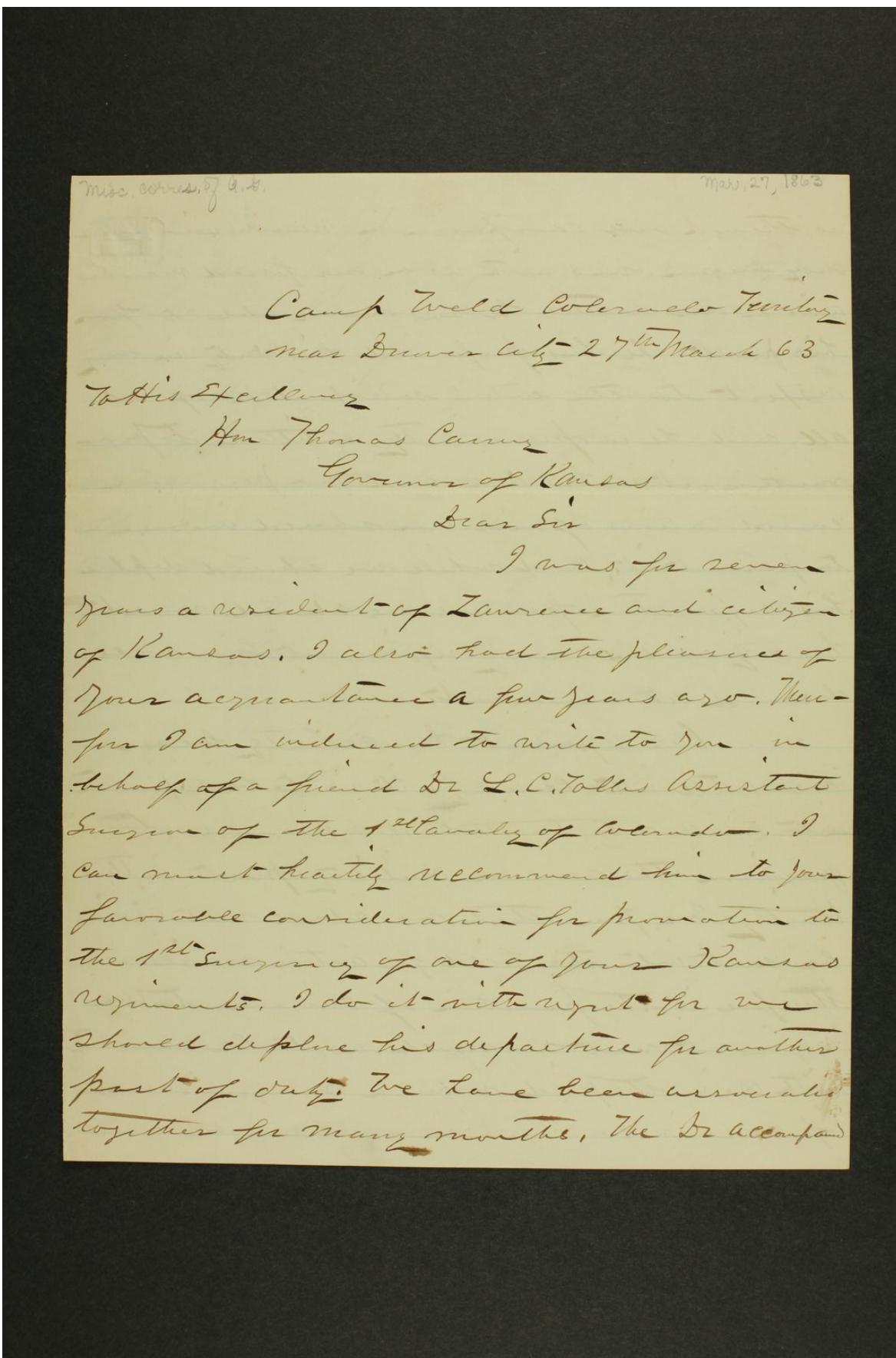


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as though our campaign in New Mexico as ours
only Eugene, was with us on our forced marches
and in our battles. He was never absent from
his post. He has performed his duty in every
respect to the entire satisfaction of us
all, and he is preeminent entitled to pro-
motion, it is his due, and no personal
considerations of our own should induce us
to prevent it, and while we should deplore
his separation from us we should much
heartily and sincerely rejoice at his well
deserved advancement.

Our Regiment has recently been
converted into Cavalry, it is to be separated
into small detachments and assigned to
garrison the several military posts in this
territory. We fear that we shall not again
be sent with the field for active service.
Therefore is the position of surgeon to the
Regiment not so much as to be connected
with one in the field where a surgeon's use
fulness is so much more desired, and

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his services appreciated.

The Dr was for five years a citizen of Lawrence Kansas where he is well and favorably known professionally and socially.

Hoping that you will soon have an opportunity to confer promotion upon Dr Tolles, and thereby reward a meritorious officer, and enable him to devote his talents to the service of his country in a more active field than is offered here.

I have the honor to remain

Your obt svt

Sam F Tappan

Lient Colonel 1st Cavalry of Colored
Commanding Camp