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## Kansas Adjutant General miscellaneous correspondence

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Correspondence sent to the Adjutant General's Office in Topeka, Kansas. Colonel Hiram Allen was the Adjutant General for two years beginning in 1897. Several letters are inquiries made regarding pension money for military service and certificates of service. Other topics include the reorganization of regiments, requests for clothing for use at the State Normal Battalion in Emporia, and the Independent Colored Company of Leavenworth, also known as the Garfield Rifles. One letter addresses a reported "malicious falsehood" written in the Topeka State Journal regarding a disturbance at the depot in Hutchinson upon the return home of Company E of the Second Regiment.

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Caney, Kans.

Caney Kans Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Adjutant Generals. Office

Topeka Kansas,

Dear Sir. Please examine records and ascertain  
if there is a record of a special order, ordering Co. F.  
35th. regiment into 90 days service.

There was such an order, but as yet it has been  
impossible for me to find a record of same. I served  
under this special order, and will give you, as near  
as possible the time we were enrolled and services  
rendered by said Co. F. 35th regiment.

We were enrolled by Capt. W. J. Hindman at  
Willow Springs Douglas Co Kans. during the Mo  
of June 1864. We were sworn into service by the  
Commander of the Post at Lawrence Kans.

At same time our description was taken, we drew  
our guns ammunition and rations from the  
Government supply at Lawrence Kans.

Said Co. F. & 3 reg. furnished their own horses  
and feed for same.

At the end of 1st month service third Lieu-

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Milton Shephard of said company went to  
Leavenworth Kans where he drew a sufficient  
~~amount~~ of money from State or Government  
to pay each member of company (29<sup>50</sup>) twenty  
nine and 50/100 Dollars. including the allow-  
ance for clothing. Near the expiration of 90 days  
service, Gov. Thomas Carney issued Gen Order  
#53. ordering the State Militia into active service  
concentrating at Olathe. Johnson Co Kans.  
From there we were ordered to Shawnee Towne.  
where we were encamped about 3 weeks.  
On Friday morning, prior to the fight on Sat & Sun  
at Westport we volunteered our services.  
Crossing the state line into Mo we engaged  
in battle fought on Saturday eve and Sunday morn  
On Monday morning following we were ordered  
back to Lawrence Kans. When we were disbanded.  
and never called to gather anymore.  
During Price's Raid I was ruptured and was  
examined by surgeon of the Post at Lawrence. Ks.  
received a certificate of exemption from further

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service as Militiaman on account of said rupture.  
The said certificate I have lost. Please examine  
records of at Topeka, Ks, and ascertain if. Comr. of  
Post and Surgeon of Post, certificates etc are on  
file. I have understood that there was a special  
Act passed by Congress pensioning all Militiamen  
that were wounded or injured during Price Raid.  
If such an act has been passed please let me  
know. During the 90 days service we were  
under the Com- of Commanders of the Post at  
Lawrence Kans. During the Price Raid we were  
subject to the order of Maj. Gen. S.R. Curtis U.S.A.  
See Gen order # 53.

On account of sickness in my family I was  
compelled to move to north Mo. before I had  
drawn my money for 90 days service. Capt  
Hindman drew all except the 29<sup>50</sup> Dollars,  
as has been stated before in this letter.

On Nov. 1-1869. I returned to Kansas and had  
settlement with Capt Hindman. He paid me  
as follows. \*25<sup>00</sup> Dollars in scrip.

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gave me his note for \$39<sup>00</sup> Dollars charged  
me with the gun which I drew as it was  
never returned. Amounting in all. to \$78<sup>00</sup> or \$79<sup>50</sup>  
This amount does not include for services  
during Price's Raid. My letter to you is for the  
purpose of getting all the information as is  
possible. My application has been in the hands  
of our congressman quite a while and it  
seems as if I was never going to have anything  
done that would benefit me. I am getting very  
old and am not able to support myself. and  
am very anxious to get a pension.

I have been sick for about three or 4 weeks  
and am near the door of poverty. Am satisfied  
that if I could get things in the proper shape  
I would soon get a pension.

Please make a thorough search of records  
and if possible find something that will do  
me some good.

Yours Very Truly.

R. S. Carson (per Canfield)

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Caney Ks. Jan 8-1897

Adj. Gen.

Topeka, Kans

Dear Sir. If it is possible to find any  
thing in this old Guilliman. favor,  
please let me know. He has been for  
the past 3 years an object of charity.  
He has an invalid son & Grandson  
that live with him. and they have  
been upon the County for some time.  
I am doing his writing for him.  
Free of all expense to him. and am only  
anxious that he get a pension.

Yours

John L. Canfield

U.S. No 67-40  
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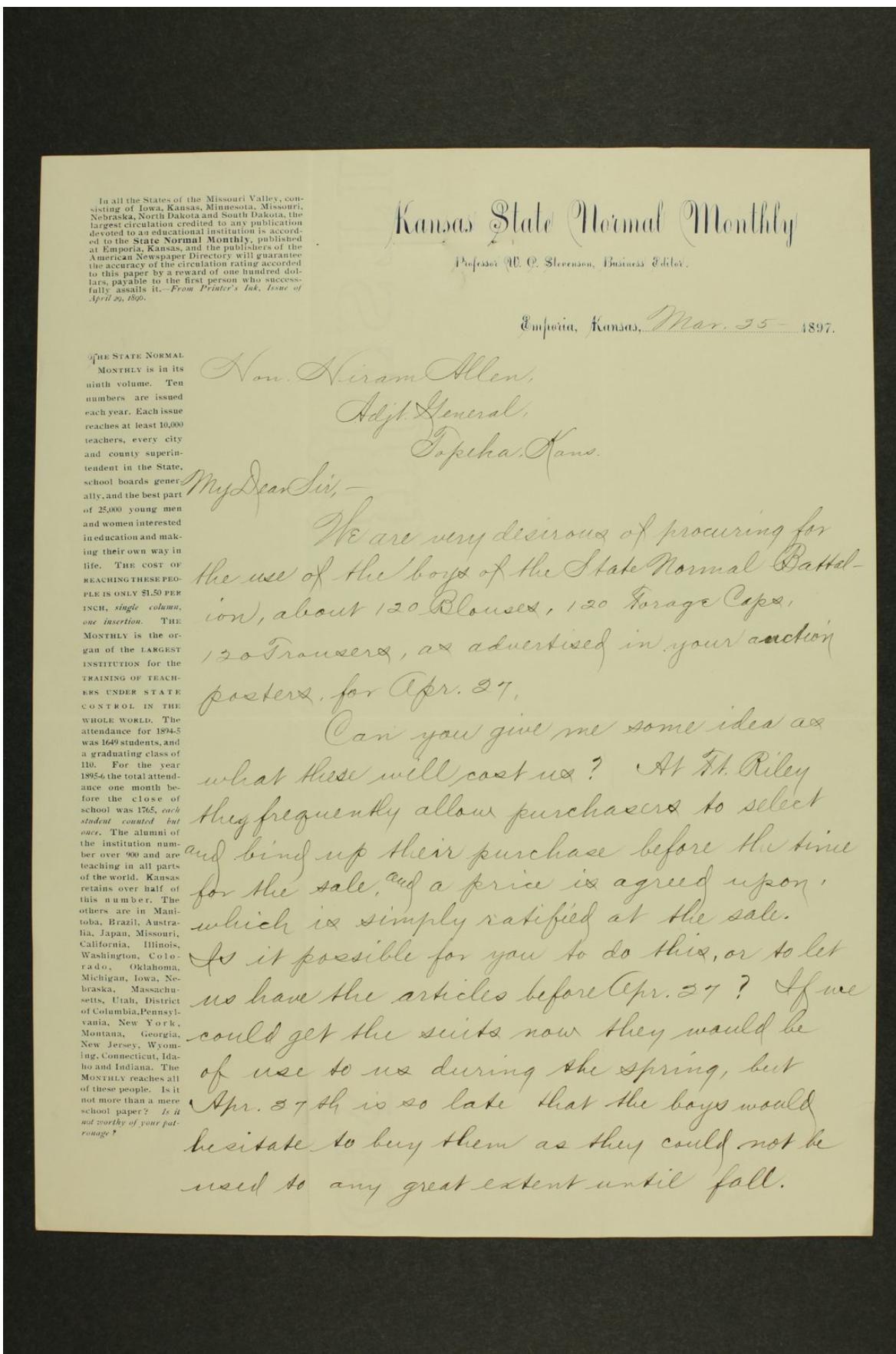
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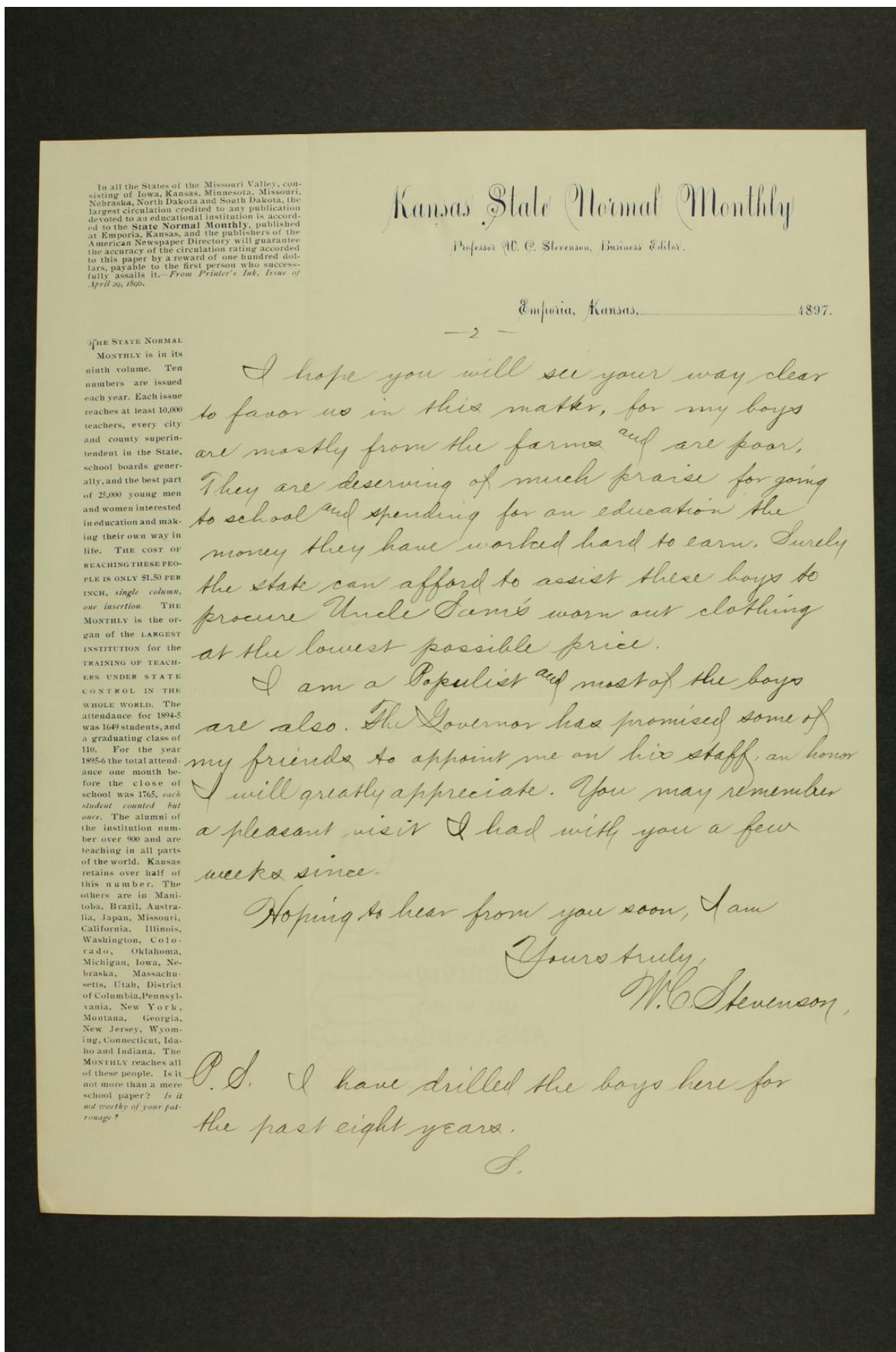


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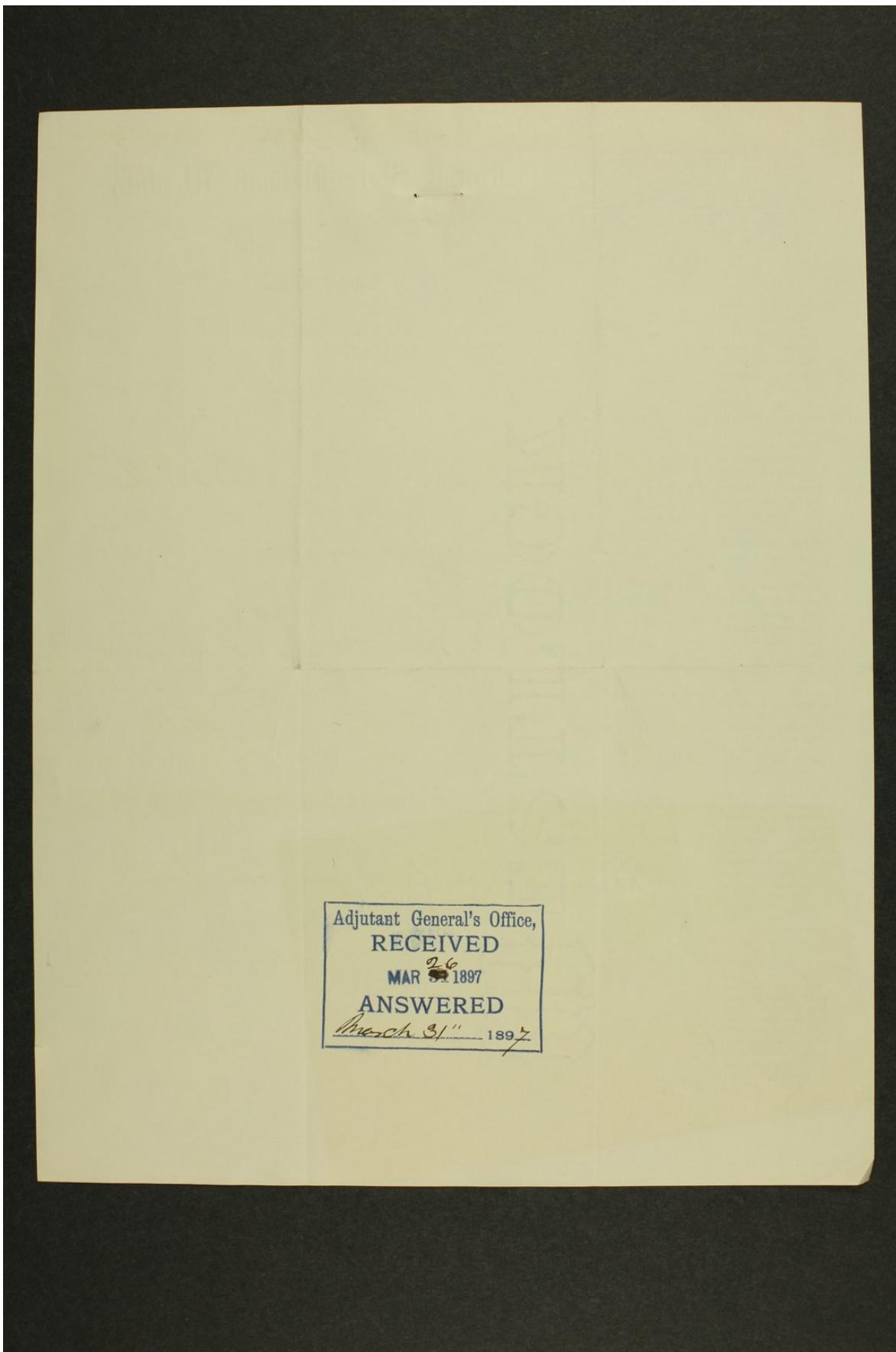


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State of Kansas.

Brigade Headquarters  
First Regiment, Kansas National Guard.

Garnett, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

Colonel -

You will personally call the attention of Company Commanders to the fact that Vouchers must accompany their expense account. for every expenditure of state money and that they must be signed by the parties receiving said money and not by others "and that Vouchers for Company Clerk bills will not be audited" and that every thing purchased by them with State Money <sup>adust</sup> belongs to the state & must be accounted for in property returns. all unnecessary expenditures will be charged back to said Officers & deducted from their next allowance. We do not care how much of a "Balance on hand" is accumulated by Companies for this can be used for encampment purposes by them. but unnecessary expenditures must stop. it is our desire to be as liberal with our Companies as our Appropriation will admit and cover all just expenses we want have the support of the Officers in this

We want to give them an annual Encampment and to do this we must cut close, also that all Military

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Correspondence and matter of whatsoever nature  
Except Property returns, Enlistments and requisitions  
for stationary must go through the channels  
a failure to comply with this will meet with  
a proper rebuke

Yours very truly  
Thos McClellan  
Major General —  
and President Military Board

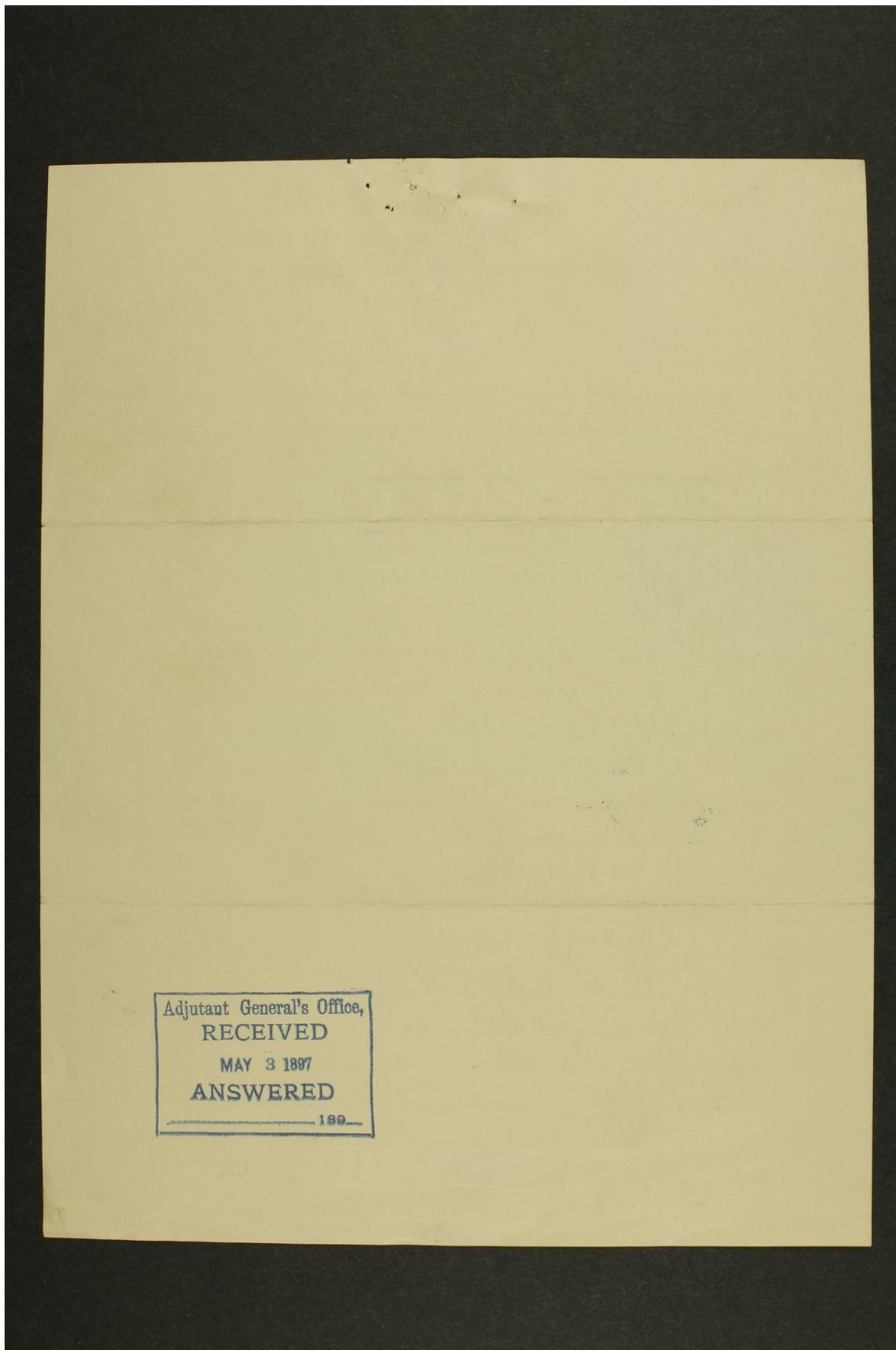
The above was sent to each of the Colonels  
in service in this time of Inspection

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W.H.S.-B.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

May 1, 1897.

Col. H. Allen,  
Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Colonel:

I am in receipt of your General Orders No. 3, accompanied by Circular No. 1, and I note their contents with much interest. I am especially pleased to learn that you have formed the Guard into a one brigade organization, but think if you will immediately disband one regiment, leaving two full regiments of eight companies each, you will find yourself in the possession of money enough for Officers' School this fall and some kind of an encampment saved from armory rent and company expenses. This is worthy of your most serious consideration, as I consider that these things are of vital interest and necessity to the success of the Guard. In the disbanding of a regiment you need not confine yourself to the companies of one regiment, but I would suggest that the poorer companies of each regiment be disbanded and from the remaining companies be organized or re-organized two regiments. I would be glad to hear from you on this matter, as I am deeply interested in the success of the Guard.

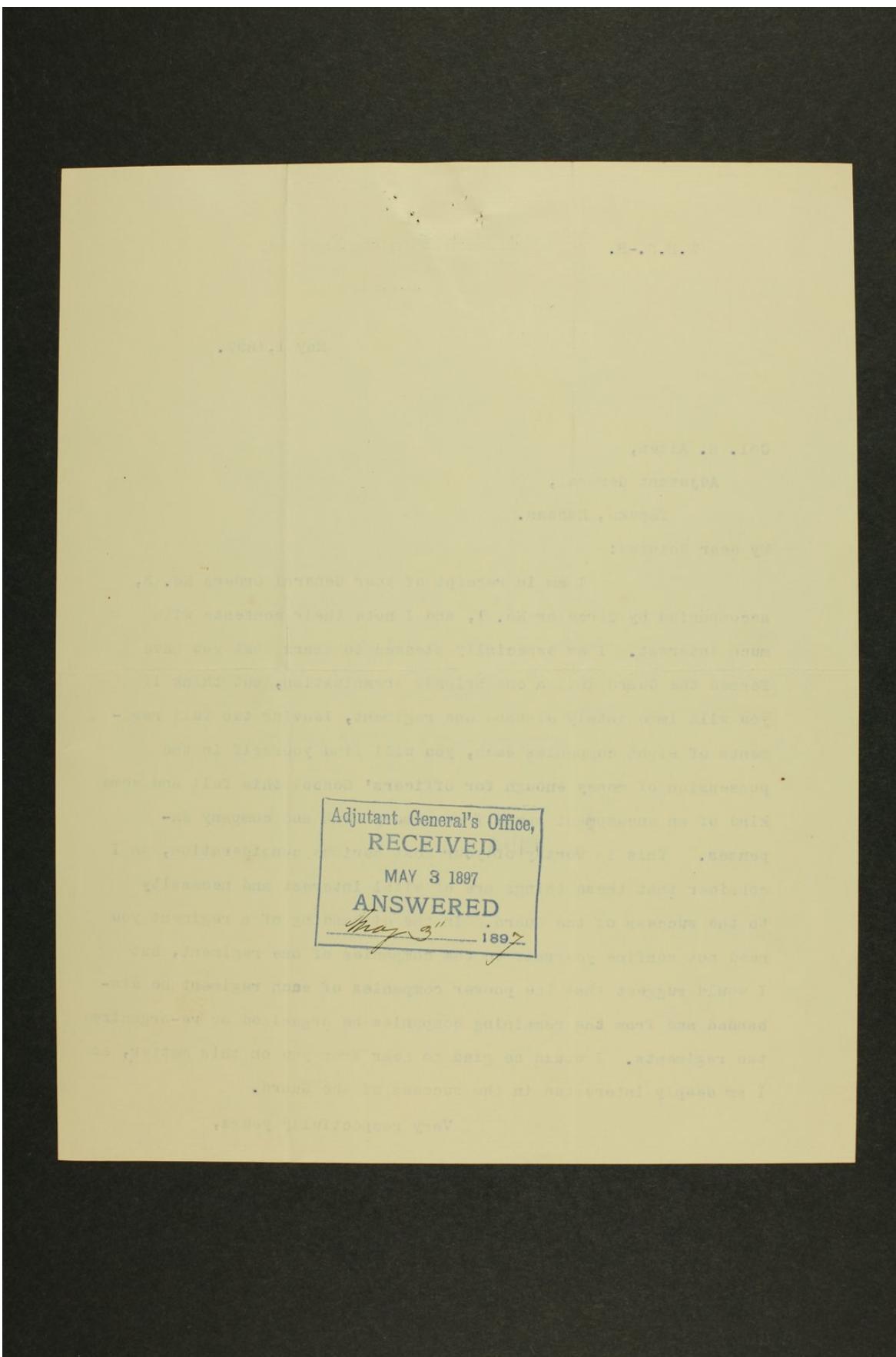
Very respectfully yours,  
*M. H. Sears.*

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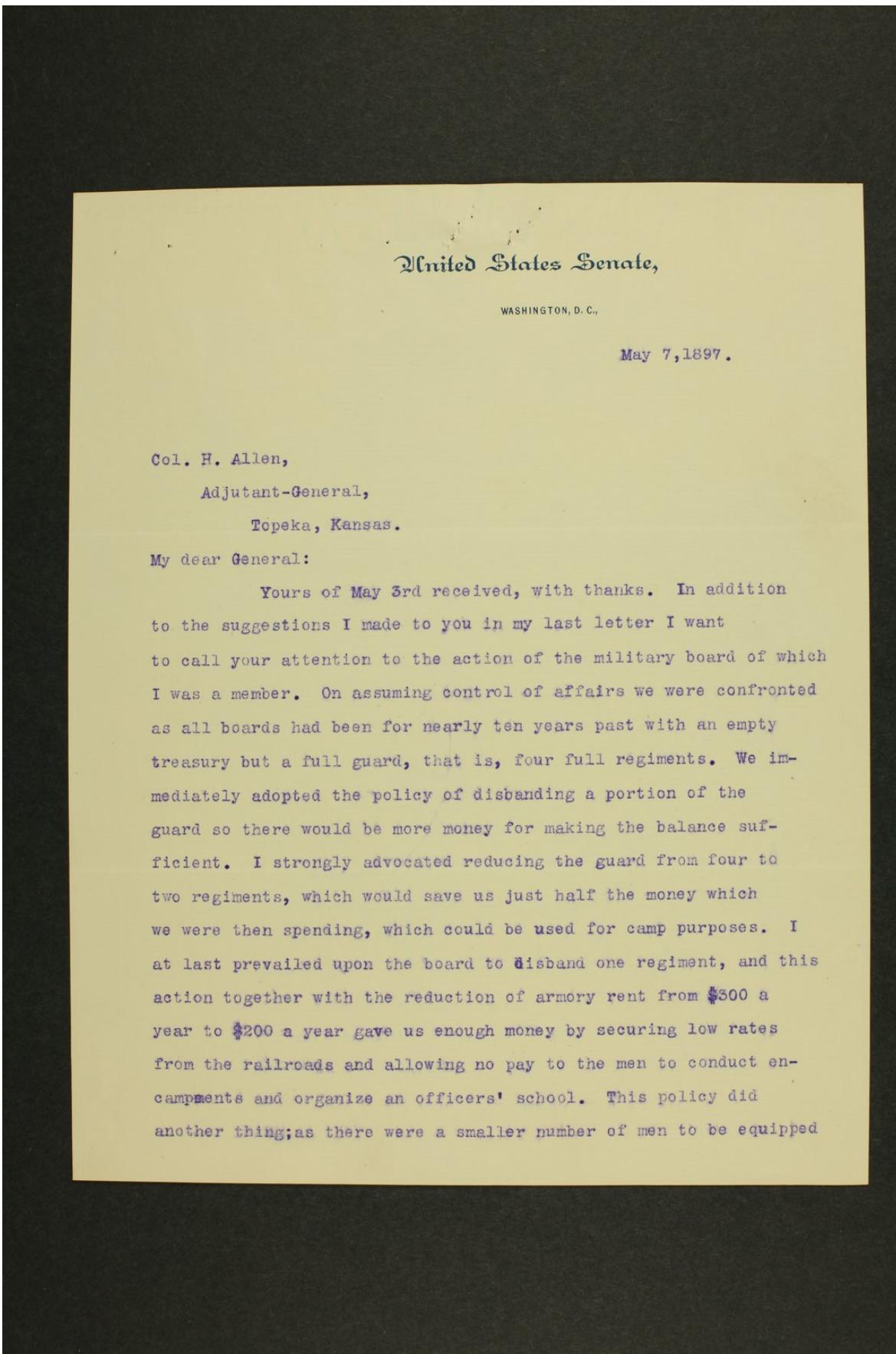
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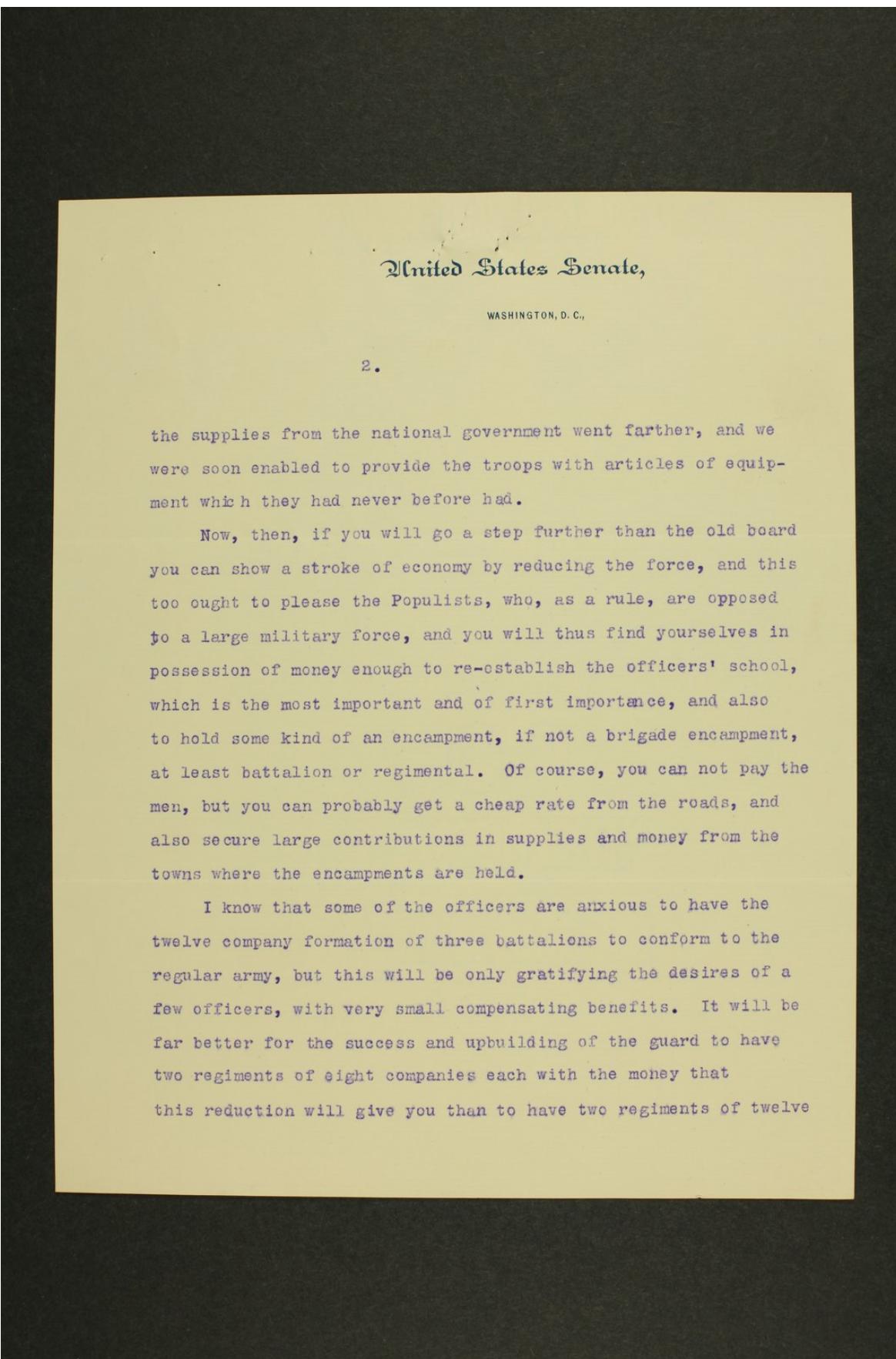


Yours of May 3rd received, with thanks. In addition to the suggestions I made to you in my last letter I want to call your attention to the action of the military board of which I was a member. On assuming control of affairs we were confronted as all boards had been for nearly ten years past with an empty treasury but a full guard, that is, four full regiments. We immediately adopted the policy of disbanding a portion of the guard so there would be more money for making the balance sufficient. I strongly advocated reducing the guard from four to two regiments, which would save us just half the money which we were then spending, which could be used for camp purposes. I at last prevailed upon the board to disband one regiment, and this action together with the reduction of armory rent from \$300 a year to \$200 a year gave us enough money by securing low rates from the railroads and allowing no pay to the men to conduct encampments and organize an officers' school. This policy did another thing; as there were a smaller number of men to be equipped

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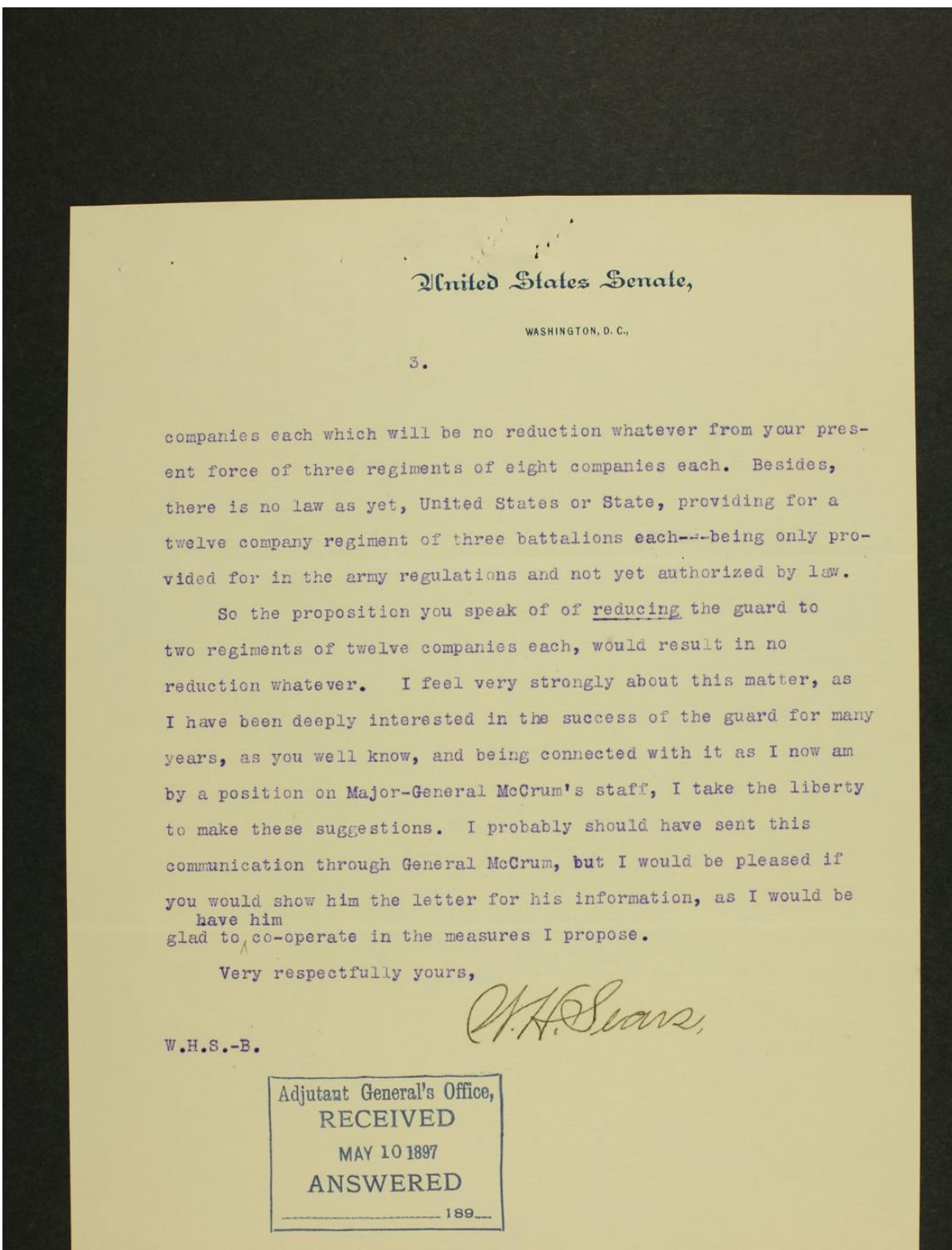
I know that some of the officers are anxious to have the twelve company formation of three battalions to conform to the regular army, but this will be only gratifying the desires of a few officers, with very small compensating benefits. It will be far better for the success and upbuilding of the guard to have two regiments of eight companies each with the money that this reduction will give you than to have two regiments of twelve

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The suggestions of Gen Sears as herein set forth were presented to and discussed at length by the Military Board at the meeting in May and also in June 1887.

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Dayton Columbia Co. Washington May 28<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Mr. H. Allen. adjt Genl. Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir

Your communication of May 24<sup>th</sup> 97 received enclosing certificate of service during the Price raid and that you fail to find record of service for the years 1862 & 1863. and you ask if I cannot give more information in regard to this matter.

In December 1863. part of Co K. and part of Co M. and part of Co N formed one company under command of Capt. W. Mc Daniels and were for some time at Fort Snider and from there went to and camped on farm of Jacob Stoddard of this Co. Elias Snoddy was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut and A. W. Long acted as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut and were guarding on the border close to line between Kansas & Mo.

In April 1864. Co K. was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Dist comprised of the Counties of Johnson Miami Linn, Bourbon Cherokee Franklin & Anderson County and placed under command of Brig Genl John. T. Snoddy. and after the decease of John. T. Snoddy. about May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864. Brig Genl Hitchcock was appointed to fill vacancy. In June 1864. James. D. Snoddy was appointed Col of the 6. Regt K. I. M. by Thomas Seely Gov of the State of Kansas. and Co K. was in service July. Aug. and Sept and up to Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1864 and were discharged at Mound City. total service in 1864. 118 days while on duty I got thrown from my horse and badly ruptured. and am now almost unable to do any work

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and I am trying to get a pension for disability  
this is the reason why I wrote you for certificate of  
service. Do you know of any of those persons who were  
in the K. S. M service getting a pension  
and how must I proceed in order to obtain a pension  
I wish you would tell me.

I went to Kansas when it was a Territory and helped  
to make it a Free State. and lived in Scott Township  
Linn County 23 years

Co K. was under the command of Major Genl. James G. Blunt  
and comprised the right wing, on the 19 oct we fought  
Genl Price at Lexington Mo. and on the 21<sup>st</sup> was at Big Blue  
and the regt was under the command of Col Blair  
and the Regt was at Hickman's Mill in Mo. Here Col  
J. D. Mosby started with the regt to leave Hickman Mill  
contrary to orders of Genl Blunt, and the Genls aide camp  
reported to Genl Blunt that the 6<sup>th</sup> Kans ~~regt~~ was marching  
over the hill and Genl Blunt ordered the 15<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Kans cov  
and 4 pieces of artillery to bring the regt back  
Co K. being in the rear looked back and seen the 15 & 11 coming  
after us on the gallop. we thought a fight was on hand  
and when they overtook us our regt opened ranks and the  
two regts passed through with Genl Blunt at their head  
and we were ordered back, and on the 23 day of October 1864  
we fought Price force again south of Westport. The regt here was  
under command of Col James Montgomery

please let me hear from you as soon as convenient  
Thanking you for the certificate I remain yours truly

Adjutant General's Office,  
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ANSWERED  
June 1 1897

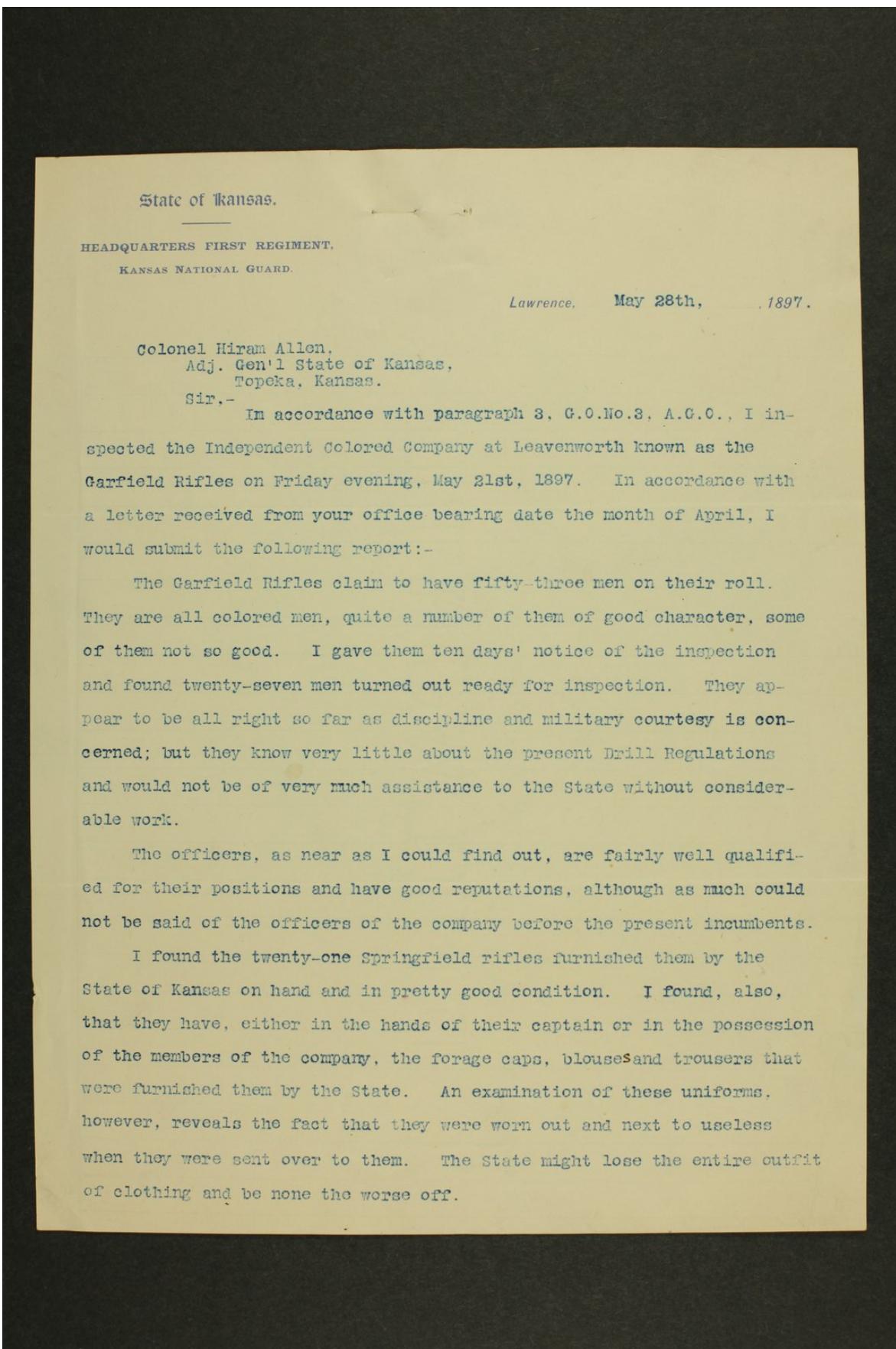
Richard Hill

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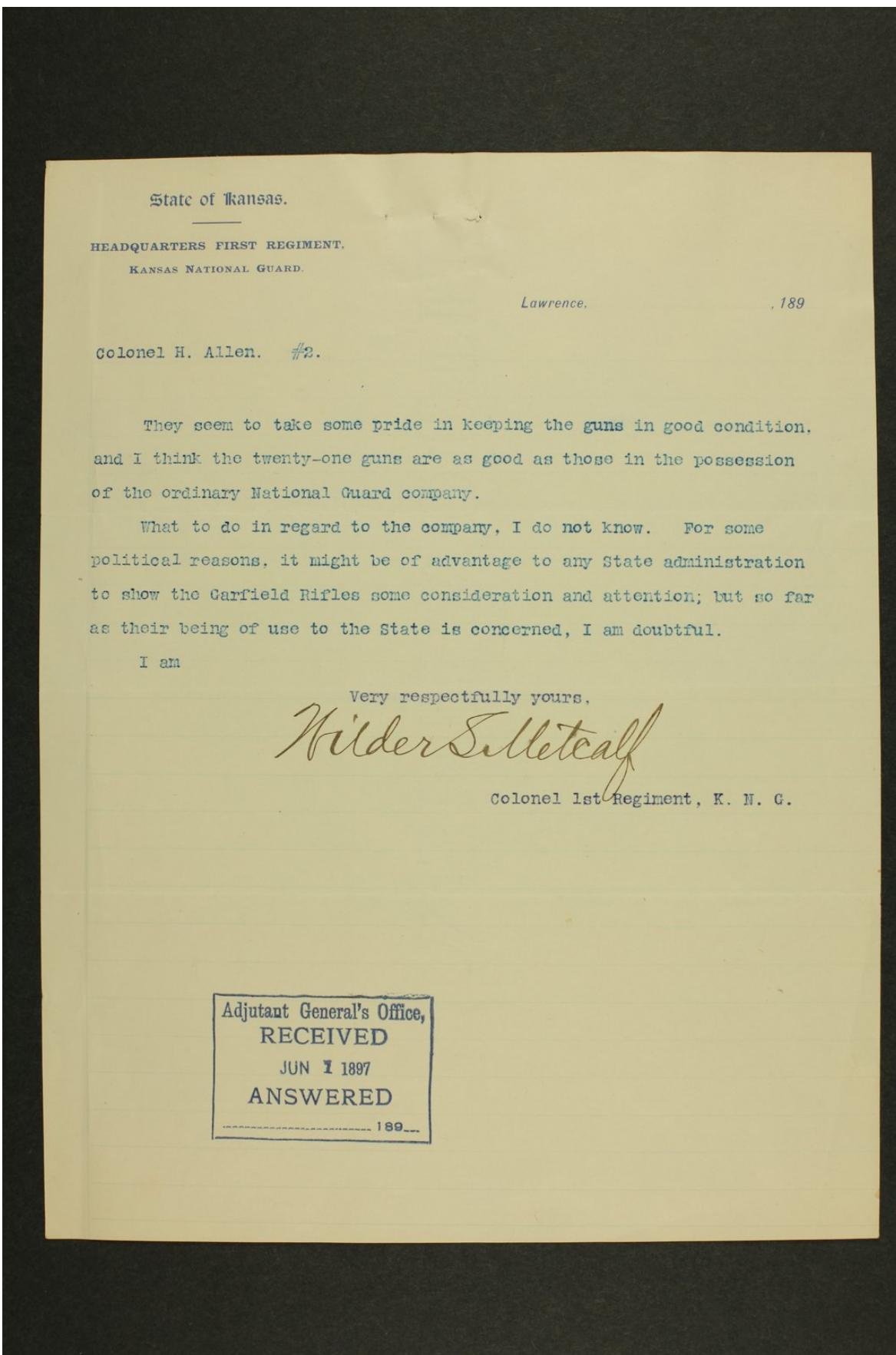


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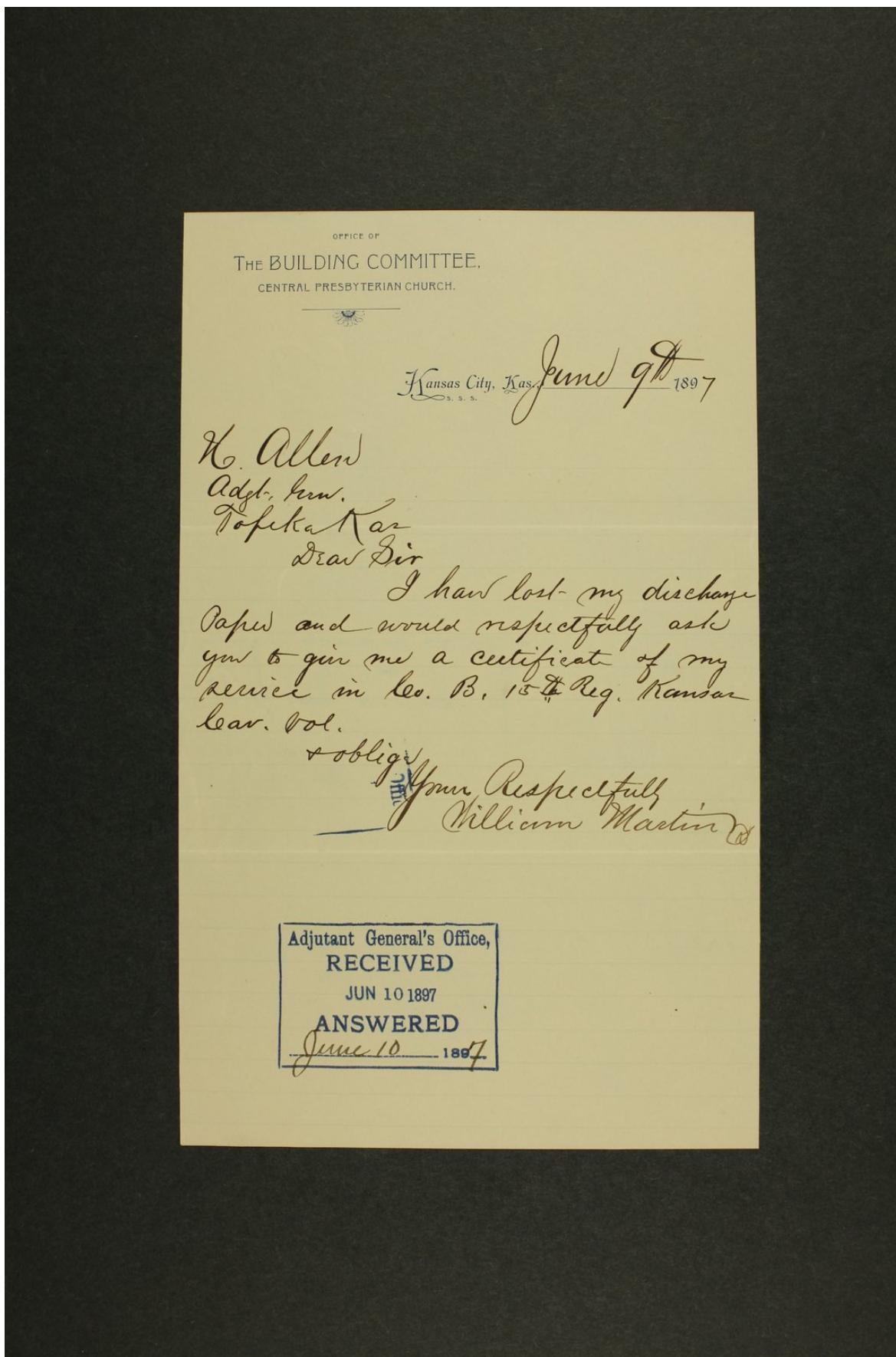


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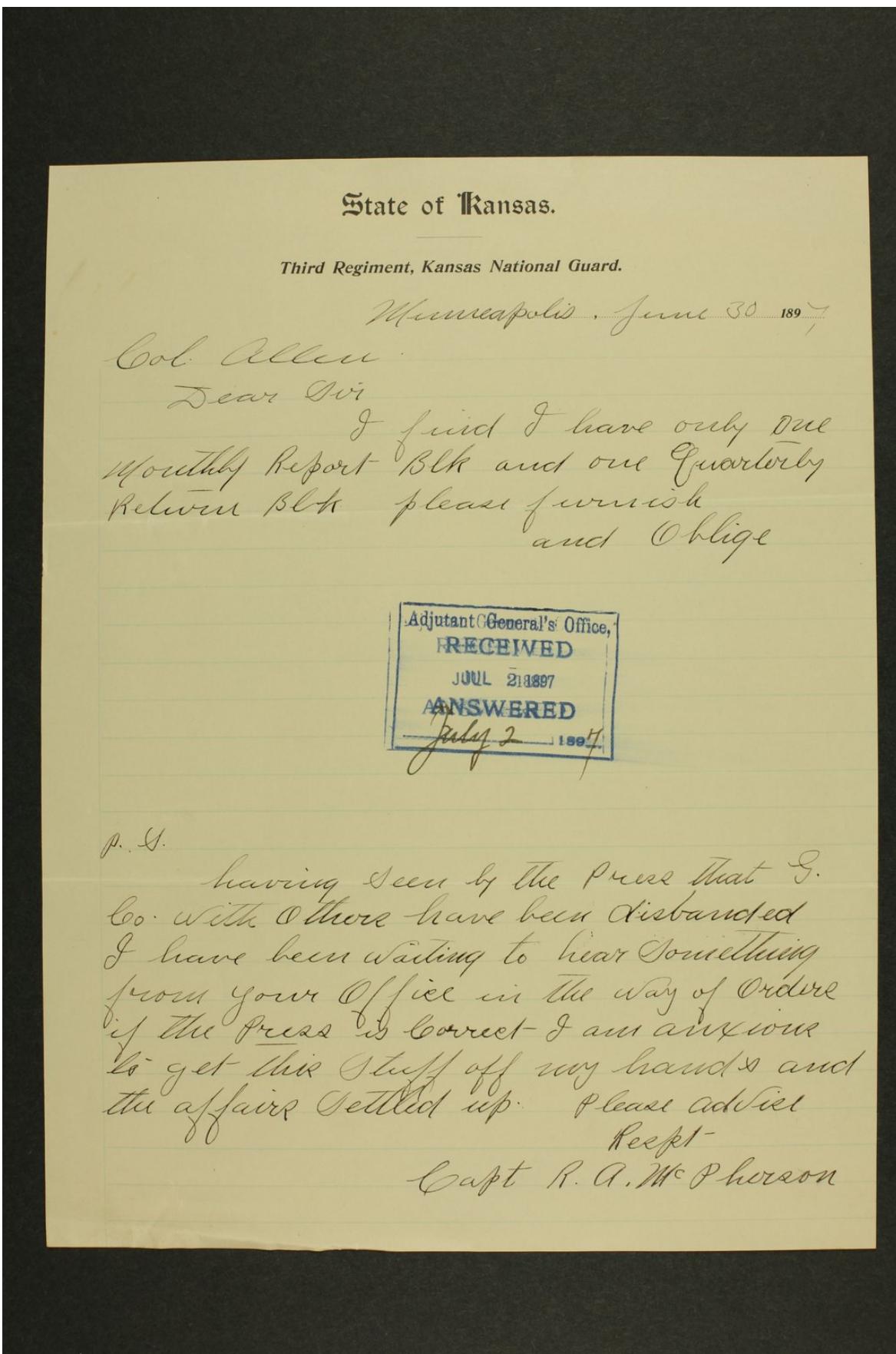


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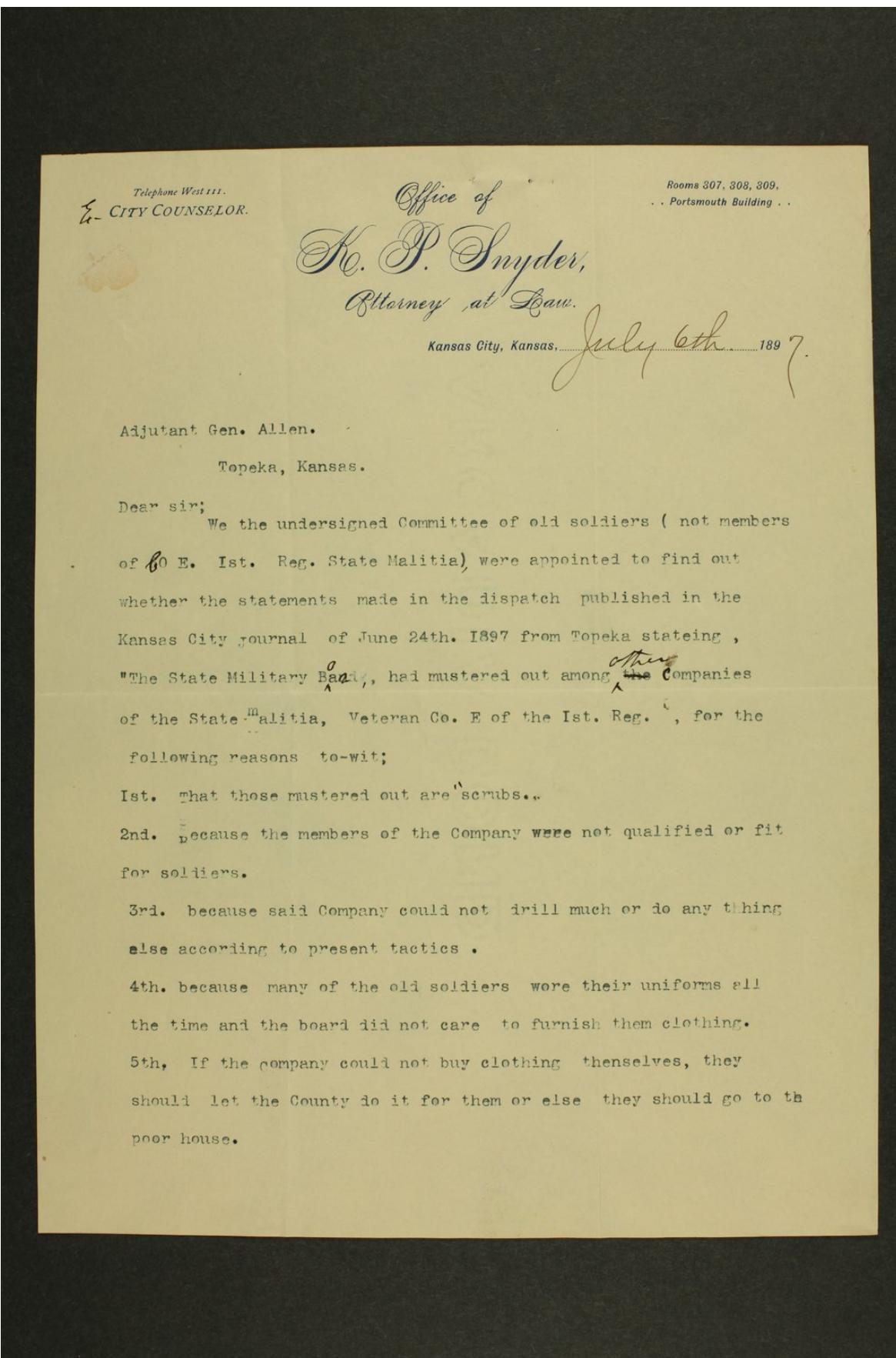


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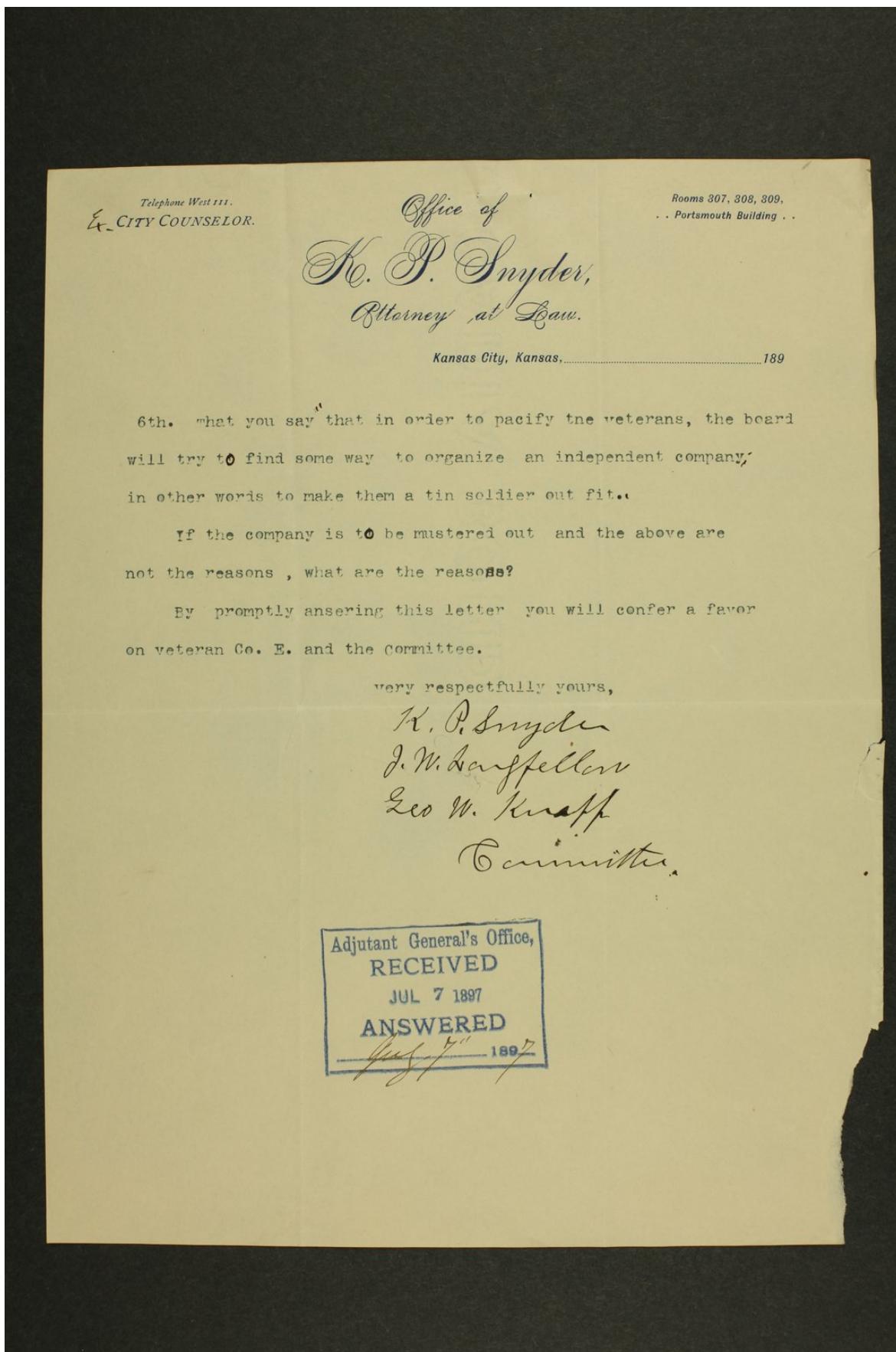


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William Smith.	

L. C. WELDY, Colonel Commanding.

Baxter Springs, Kansas, *July 27* 1897.

*H. H. McMichael Esq*

Dear Sir & Comrade yours of  
the 24<sup>th</sup> with its enclosure Rec'd in answer will say  
there cannot be much trouble about your works  
Tents your Reun begins on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept our closer on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> as we changed our date one week earlier & can  
ship the tents here on the 3<sup>d</sup> of Sept over to you by  
Rail quicker than you can get them from Topeka  
I think this will be satisfactory to your folks you had  
better send one of the Comrades over here to get them  
I hardly go to the different points and hustle the tents  
here. we are in a fix - of a fix there is now  
over 1700 tents asked for here now and it is 5 weeks off  
one thing helps us out we get the U.S. tents that is to  
be in use at the Wilson creek Reun agst 12 then we  
have some 200 of our own we are doing the best we  
can  
*yours*  
*R. P. McGreger*



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### Hall of Phil Harvey Post, No. 98,

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, G. A. R.

J. G. BEASLEY, Commander.

L. BIRLEW, Sen. V. C.

C. FREDRICKSON, Jr. V. C.

J. M. BUCK, O. D.

B. F. FOWLER, Adjutant.

B. DORNBBLASER, Q. M.

Fredonia, Kans., July 29<sup>th</sup> 1897

Am H. Allen

Adj't Gen'l

Leavenworth Kansas

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> inst was referred to R. P. McNeer. I send him with his reply. This insures the tents (20) for us from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1897. I will send a Man to Baxter to take charge of the twenty tents and bring them through to Benedict. If you will send blank Bond I will have it executed promptly. Also notify me how much cash to send to guarantee freight charges &c.

Very Respectfully &c

H. H. McMichaels

Col 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Kans. in Detachment

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William Smith.

Baxter Springs, Kansas, July 30 1897.

Inter-State  
Reunion  
Association.

*H Allen &*

Dear Sir yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> Recd  
and in answer will say our date is changed on  
that I Notified your office over 6 Weeks ago  
Also Mr Cooper the President called on you about  
4 Weeks ago and informed you and at the same  
time tried to get some information in this matter  
up to this date we Recvd 2100 Tents as the  
Reporters from the diffrent Posts show the Comrades  
in this Part of the State are asking for double the  
No of Tents they had last year and this is the  
condition things are in here we only get 350 Tents from  
Uncle Sam this is the No to be in use at Wilson Creek  
& they come from there, Star, So you See it will require  
every tent we can get all the tents that is in this  
part of the state like Cheyenne Chetopa Etc can be shipped  
direct here as we fill our Bond before any other  
date when made and our change was made and we  
Notified you in time it could have been so arranged that  
there would have been no conflict of dates Look this matter  
up and send us all the tents it is possible for you  
to do this  
R. M. Greer



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No of Tents asked for by Posts & in a few  
Large place to see Small Posts left out this gives you  
Some idea of what will be Regd

Weir City 23	Pittsburg 60	Erie 14	Altamont 15
Columba 30	Fort Scott 75	Hobart 12	Paola 15
Birdwood 40	Mc cum 25	Wadesha 17	MKE 100
Galeton 60	Mulberry 15	Wheaton 15	Lafayette 30
			Leavenworth 40
<u>153</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>200</u>
200			
58			
<u>175</u>			

586 Tents for those. Now there 73 Kansas Post Posts in  
all asking for Tents and the Comrades is Yoder, Barton in demand  
Co in mo are only fitly for nearly 900 Tents so this will  
give you an idea M