Kansas State Militia miscellaneous papers by unit

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These images are correspondence, commission documents, muster rolls and other items, arranged by militia unit (Regiments 1 through 23) as well several other units. State government correspondents include Governor Charles L. Robinson, Governor Thomas Carney, Adjutant General Charles Chadwick, Adjutant General Guilford Dudley, and Adjutant General Cyrus K. Holliday. State militia correspondents include Maj. Gen. J. C. Stone, Maj. Gen. John A. Halderman, Maj. Gen. J. S. McDowell, Brig. Gen. Samuel N. Wood, Col. Thomas Moonlight, Col. John T. Snoddy, and Major Watson Stuart of the 4th Ballalion, Colored Detachment. Examples of specific materials include a petition from citizens in Doniphan County to have Capt. A. W. Williams stationed in northern Kansas, an enrollment list for a Lawrence volunteer militia under Capt. Francis B. Swift, and a letter written by William Meairs to Gov. Carney suggesting an independent cavalry be organized in Wakarusa township to protect against raids from Missouri.

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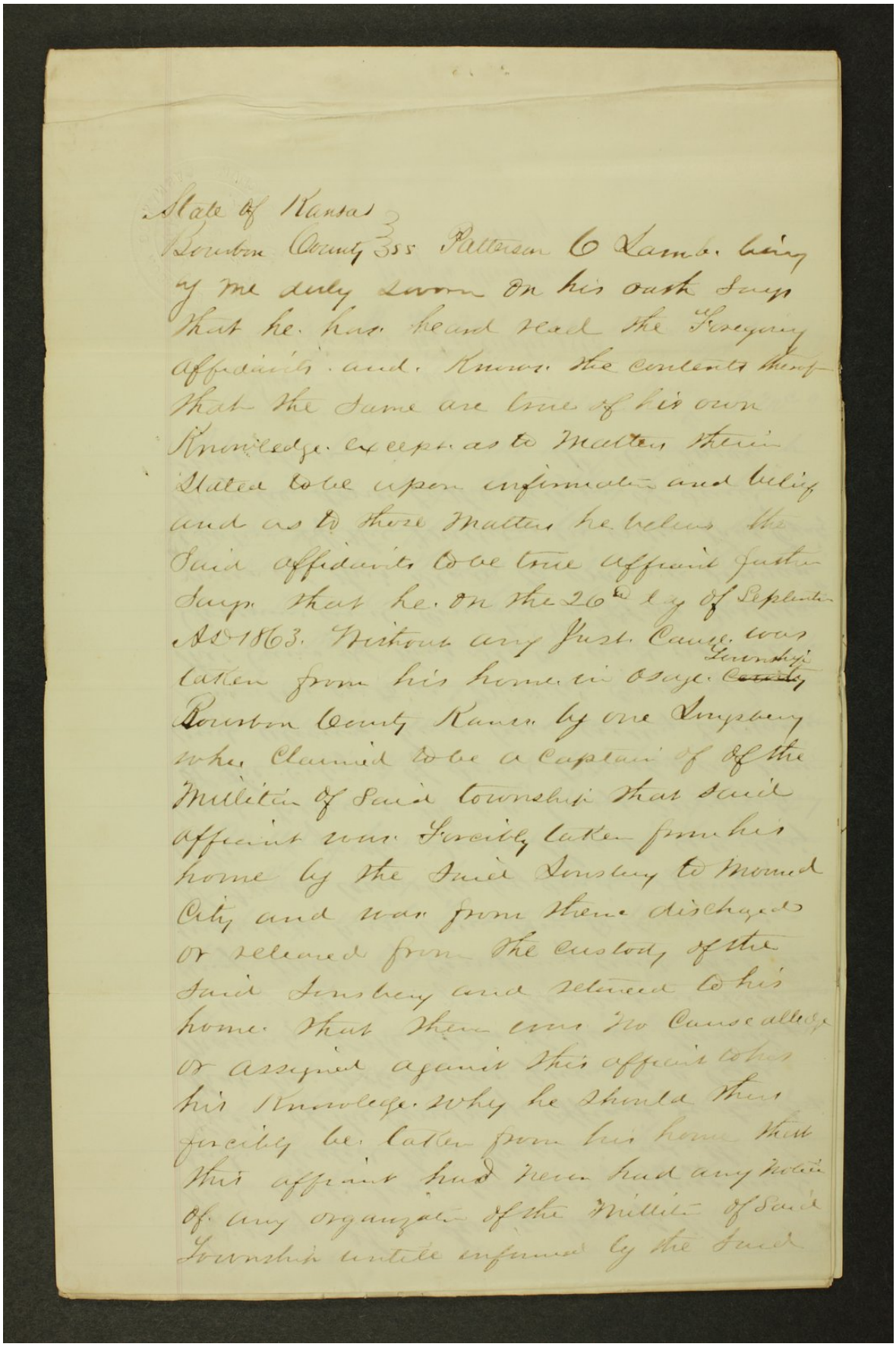
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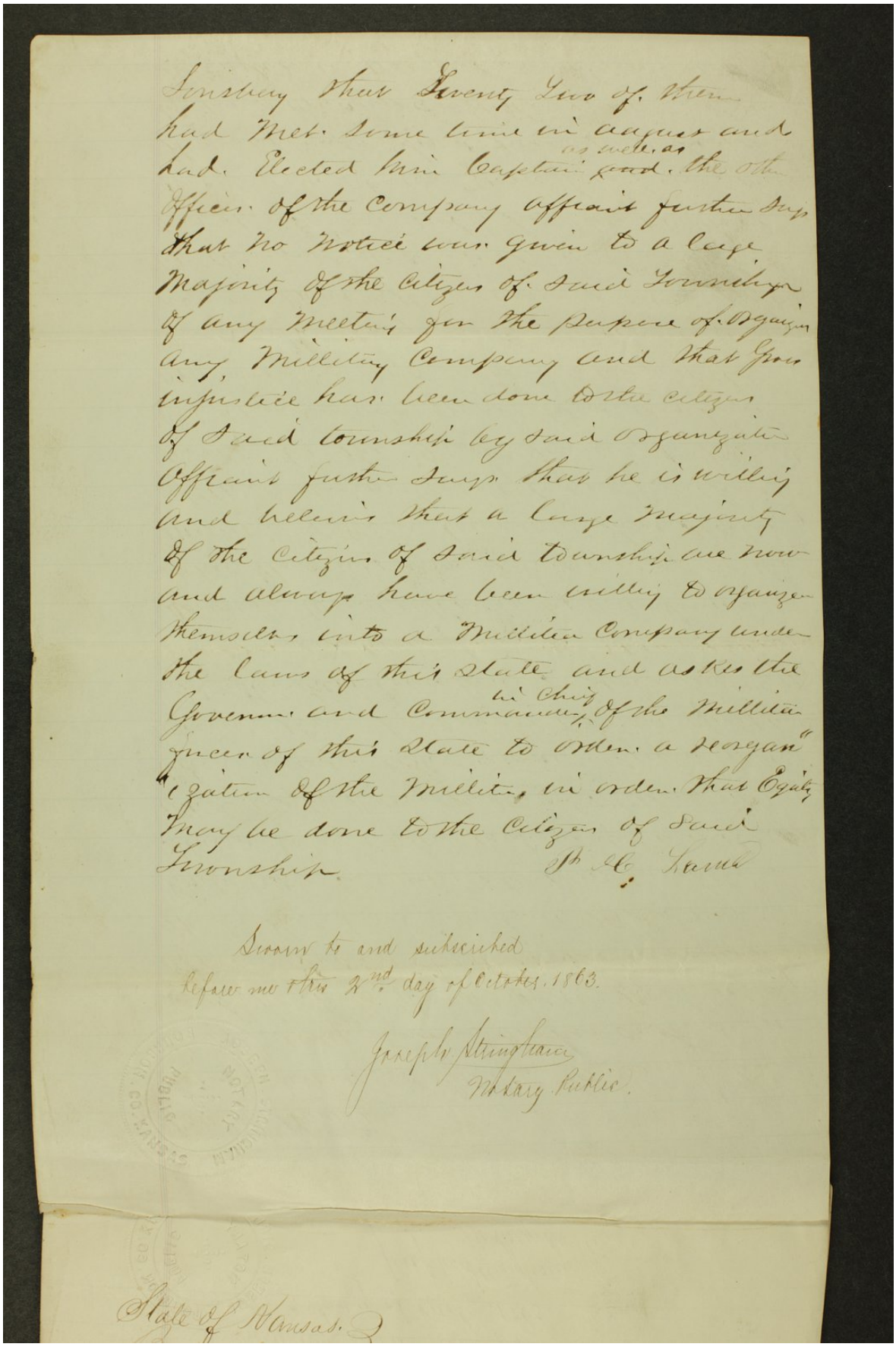
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State of Kansas
Bourbon County ss. Patterson C Lamb being
by me duly sworn on his oath says
that he has heard read the foregoing
affidavit and knows the contents thereof
that the same are true of his own
knowledge except as to matters therein
stated to be upon information and belief
and as to those matters he believes the
said affidavit to be true affiant further
says that he on the 26th day of September
A.D. 1863. Without any just cause was
taken from his home in Osage Township
Bourbon County Kansas by one Dunlavy
who claimed to be a Captain of the
Militia of said township that said
affiant was forcibly taken from his
home by the said Dunlavy to Mound
City and was from there discharged
or released from the custody of the
said Dunlavy and returned to his
home that there was no Cause alledged
or assigned against this affiant to
his knowledge why he should thus
forcibly be taken from his home that
this affiant had never had any notice
of any organization of the Militia of said
Township until informed by the said

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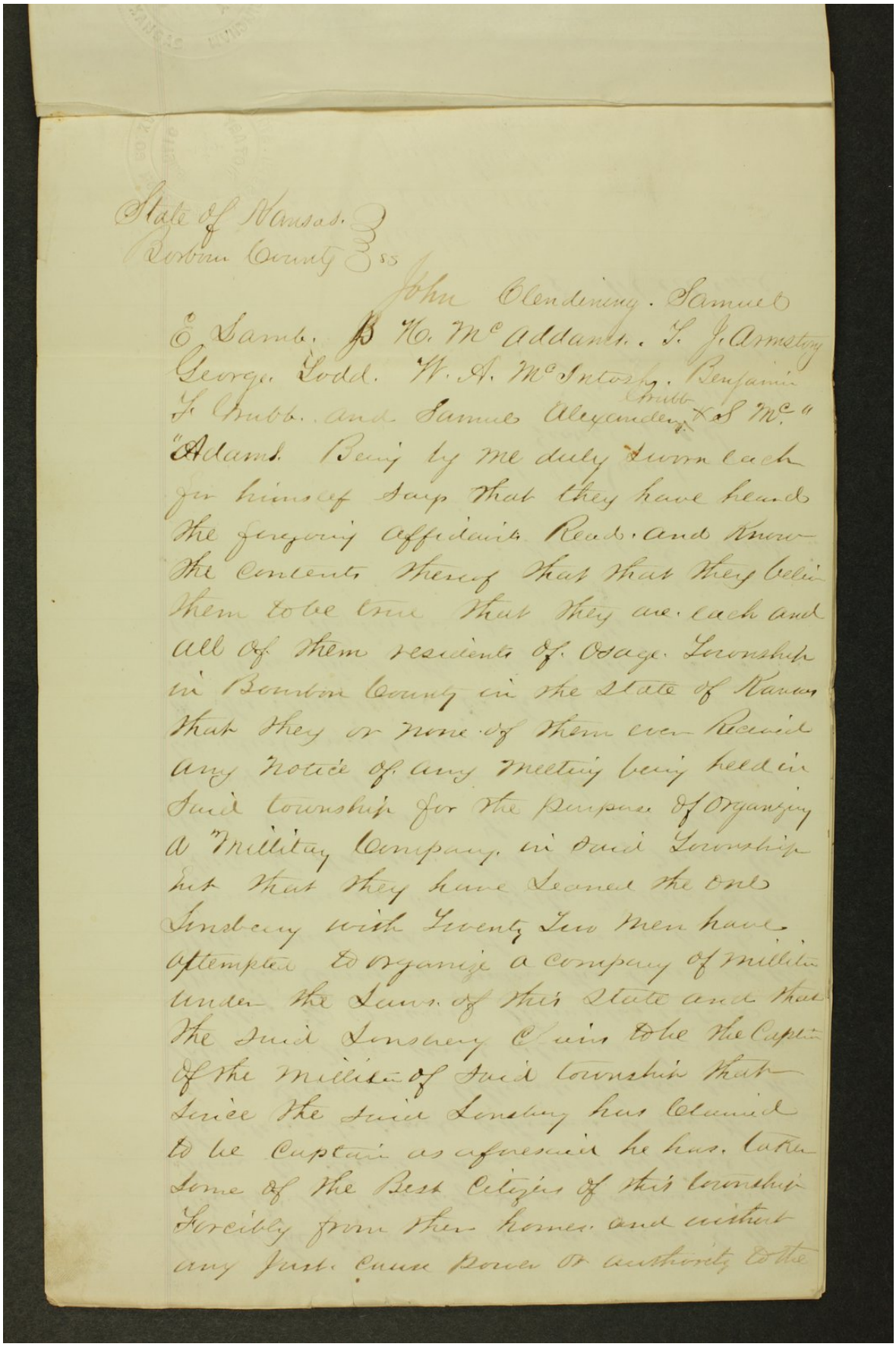
Sinsiney that Seventy Two of them had Met Some time in August and had Elected him Captain as well as good. the other Officers of the Company Affairs Justice Says that no Notice was given to a large Majority of the Citizens of Said Township of any Meeting for the Purpose of Organizing any Military Company and that Gross injustice has been done to the citizens of Said township by said Organization Affiant Justice Says that he is willing and believes that a large Majority of the Citizens of Said Township are now and always have been willing to Organize themselves into a Military Company under the laws of this State and asks the Governor and Commander in Chief of the Military forces of this State to Order a Reorganization of the Militia in order that Equity may be done to the Citizens of Said Township.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 2nd day of October 1863.

Joseph Stringfellow
Notary Public.

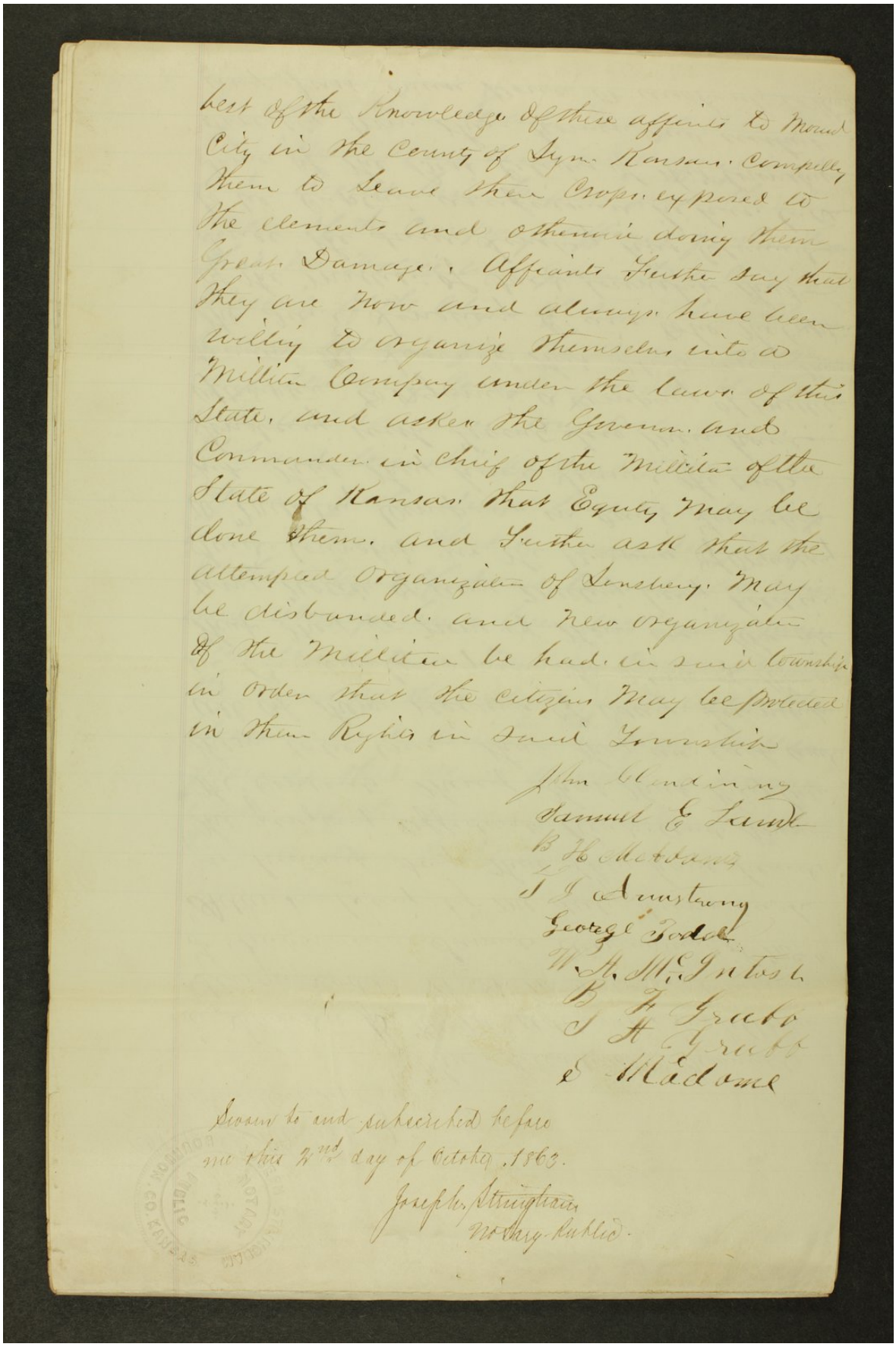
State of Kansas.

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State of Kansas }
Bourbon County } ss

John Clendinning. Samuel
E Samb. H. H. McAddams. J. J. Armstrong
George Todd. W. A. McIntosh. Benjamin
F Stubb. and Samuel Alexander & S McA
Adams Beng by me duly Sworn each
for himself Says that they have heard
the foregoing affidavits Read and know
the contents thereof that what they Clim
them to be true that they are each and
all of them residents of Osage Township
in Bourbon County in the State of Kansas
that they or none of them ever Recvd
any Notice of any Meeting being held in
said township for the purpose of Organizing
a Military Company in said Township
but that they have learned the one
Ansbery with Twenty Two men have
attempted to Organize a company of Militia
under the Laws of this State and that
the said Ansbery Claims to be the Captain
of the Militia of said township that
since the said Ansbery has Claimed
to be Captain as aforesaid he has taken
some of the Best Citizens of this township
forcibly from their homes and without
any just Cause Power or Authority to the



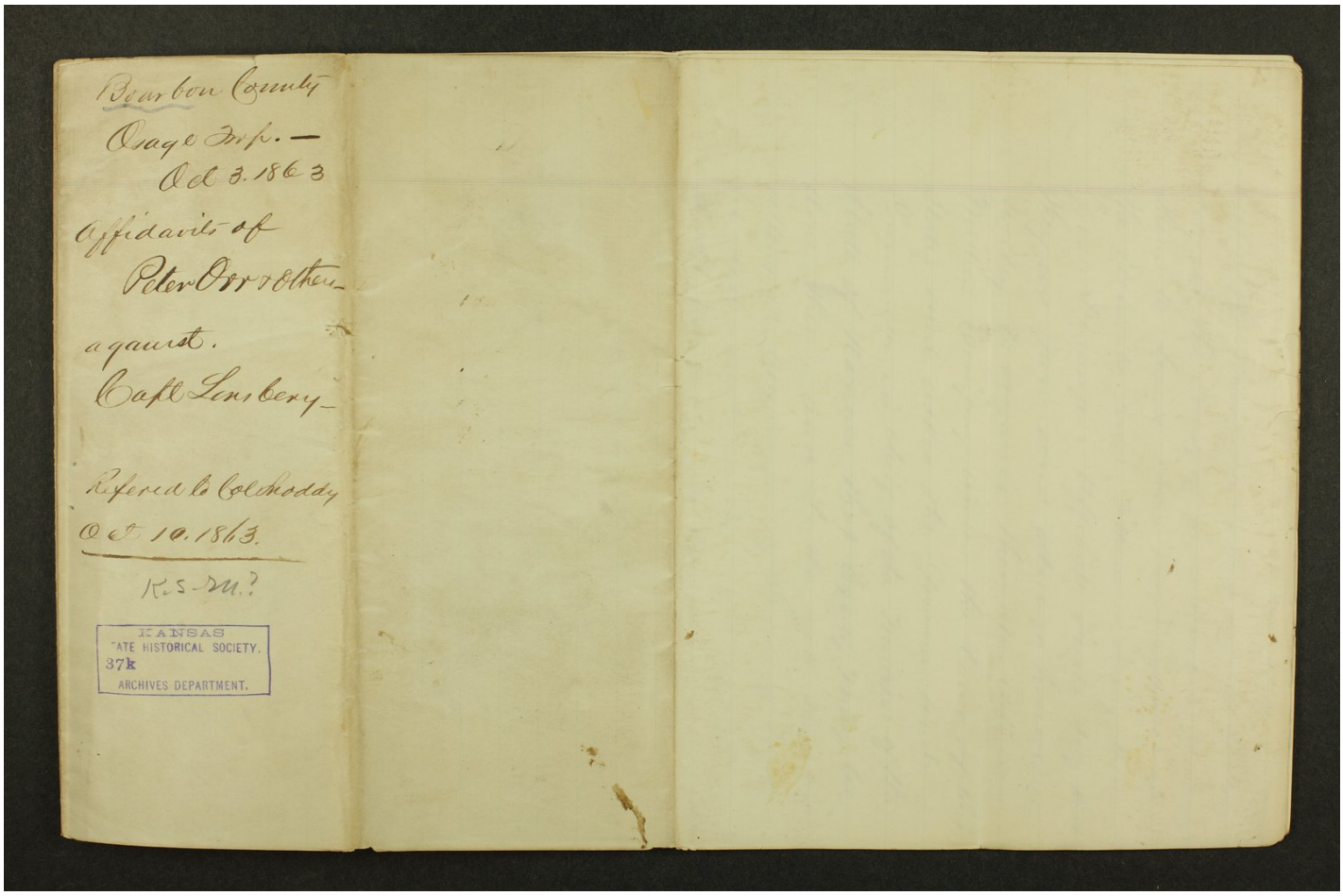
best of the Knowledge of these affiants to Mound City in the County of Lyn Kansas Compelled them to leave their Crops exposed to the elements and otherwise doing them Great Damage. Affiants Further say that they are Now and always have been willing to organize themselves into a Militia Company under the laws of this State, and asken the Govern and Commander in chief of the Militia of the State of Kansas that Equity may be done them, and Further ask that the attempted Organization of Lansberry may be disbanded and new organization of the Militia be had in said township in order that the citizens may be protected in their Rights in said Township

John Manning
Samuel E Lamb
B H Mebane
I J Armstrong
George Bodel
W H McDaniel
B F Grubb
I H Grubb
E Madame

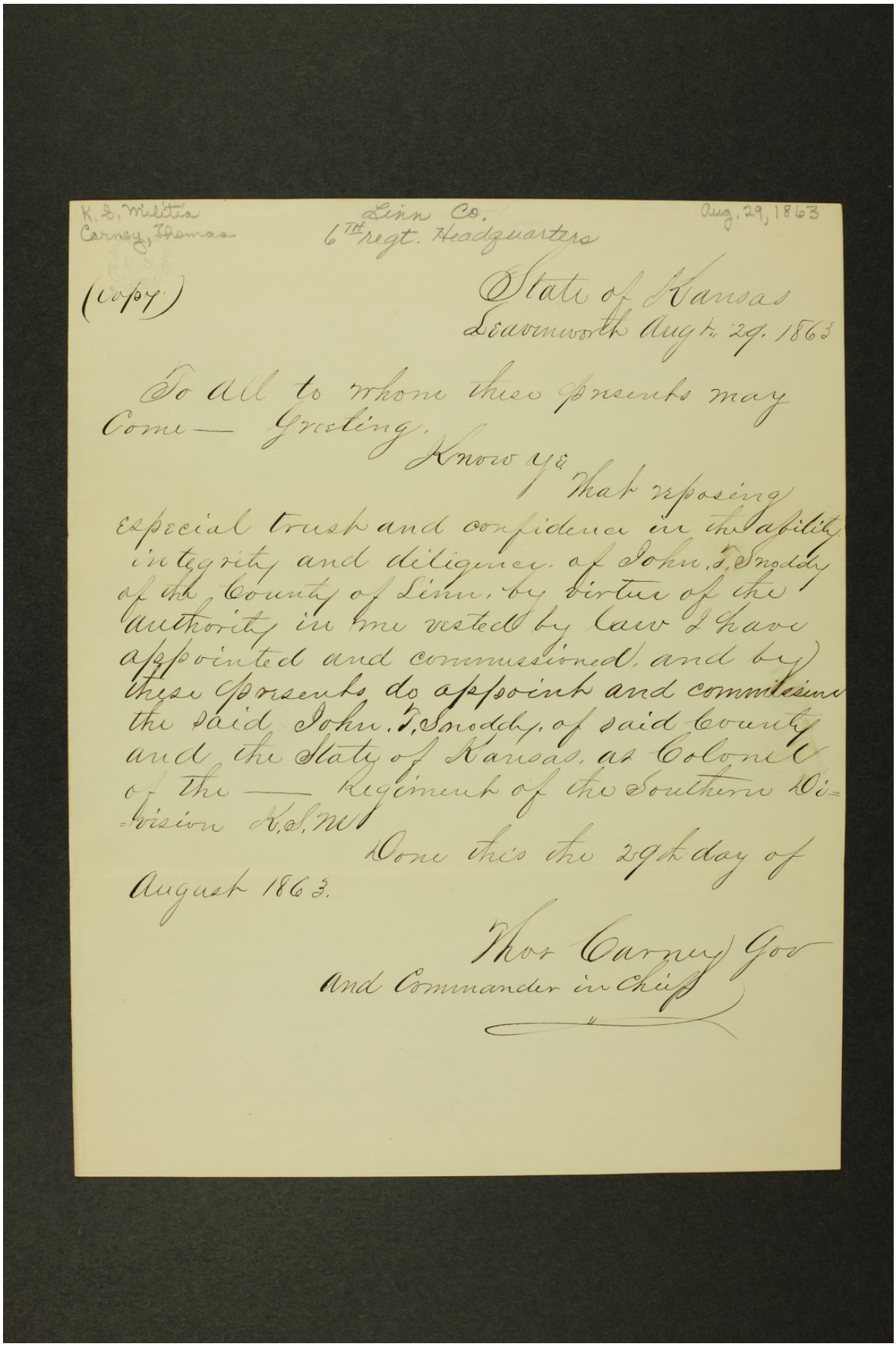
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October 1863.

Joseph Stringham
Notary Public

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K. S. Militia
Carney, Thomas

Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

Aug. 29, 1863

(Copy)

State of Kansas
Leavenworth Augt. 29. 1863

To all to whom these Presents may Come — Greeting.

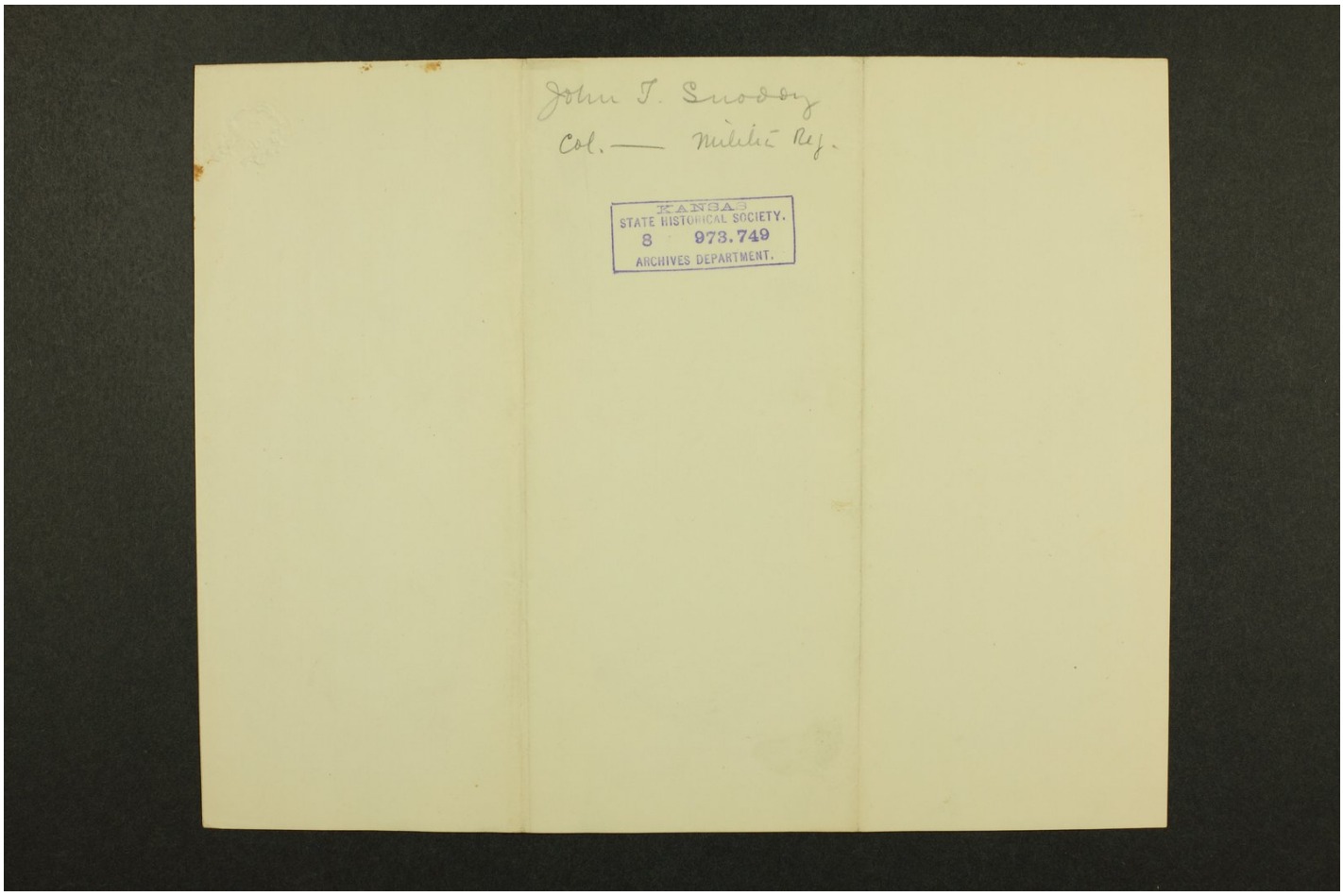
Know ye

That reposing especial trust and confidence in the ability integrity and diligence of John. T. Snoddy of the County of Linn. by virtue of the authority in me vested by law I have appointed and commissioned. and by these Presents do appoint and commission the said John. T. Snoddy. of said County and the State of Kansas. as Colonel of the —— Regiment of the Southern Division K.S.M.

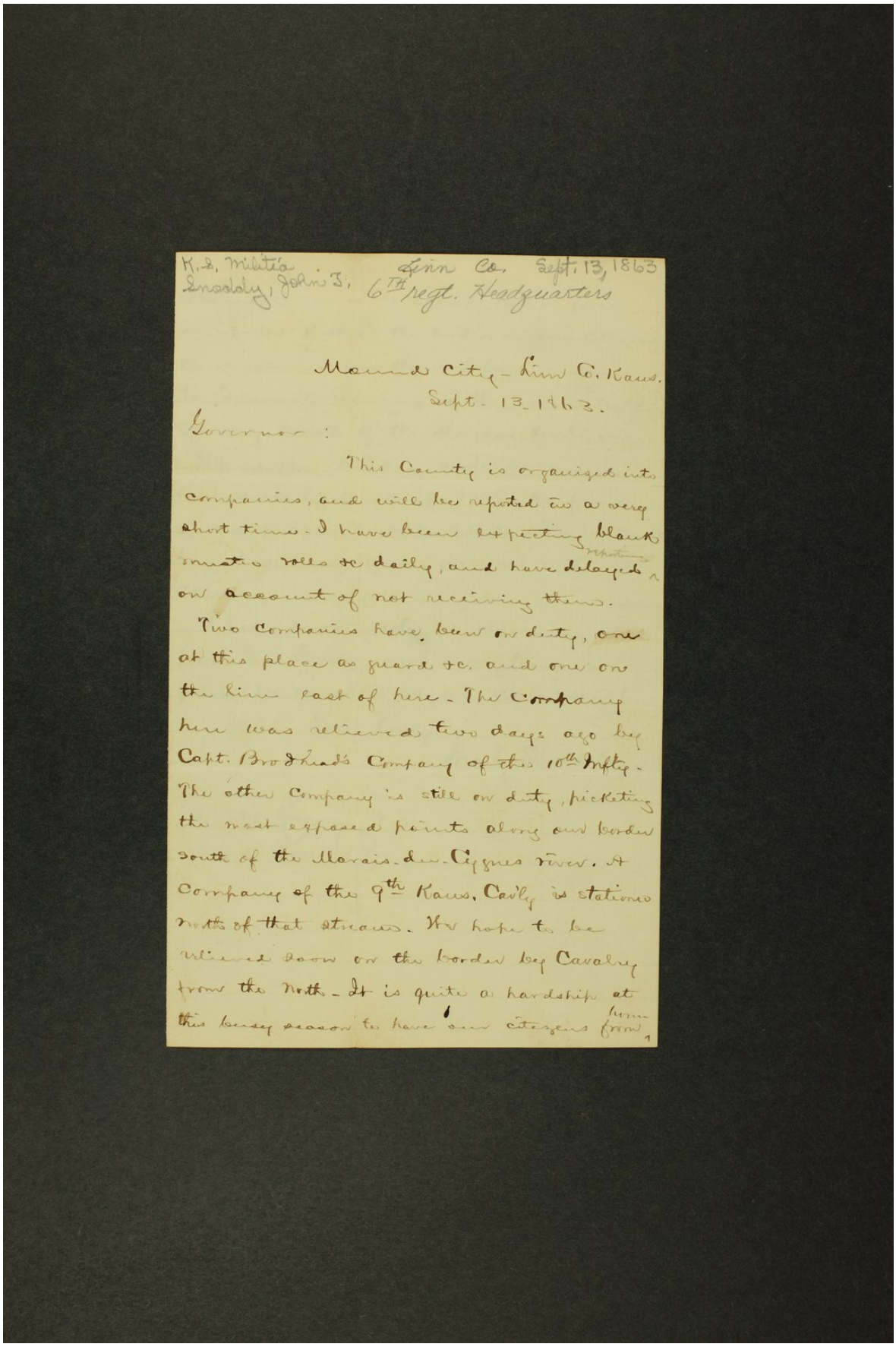
Done this the 29th day of August 1863.

Thos Carney Gov
and Commander in Chief

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K.S. Militia
Snoddy, John T; 6th regt. Headquarters

Linn Co. Sept. 13, 1863

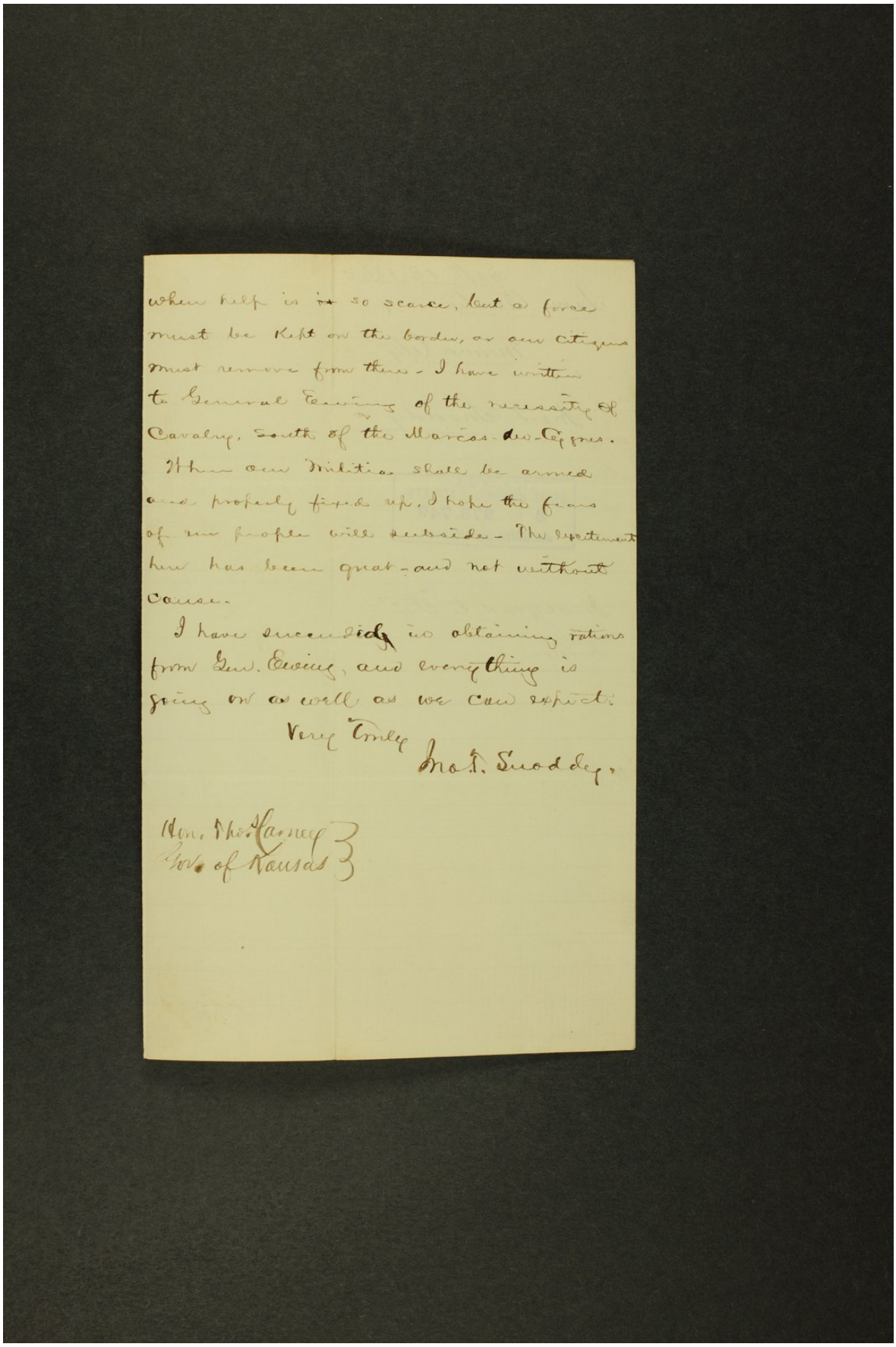
Mound City - Linn Co. Kans.
Sept - 13 - 1863.

Governor:

This County is organized into companies, and will be reported in a very short time. I have been expecting blank muster rolls &c daily, and have delayed on account of not receiving them.

Two Companies have been on duty, one at this place as guard &c. and one on the line east of here. The Company here was relieved two days ago by Capt. Brodhead's Company of the 10th Infty. The other Company is still on duty, picketing the most exposed points along our border south of the Marais des Cignes river. A Company of the 9th Kans. Cavly is stationed north of that stream. We hope to be relieved soon on the border by Cavalry from the North. It is quite a hardship at this busy season to have our citizens from

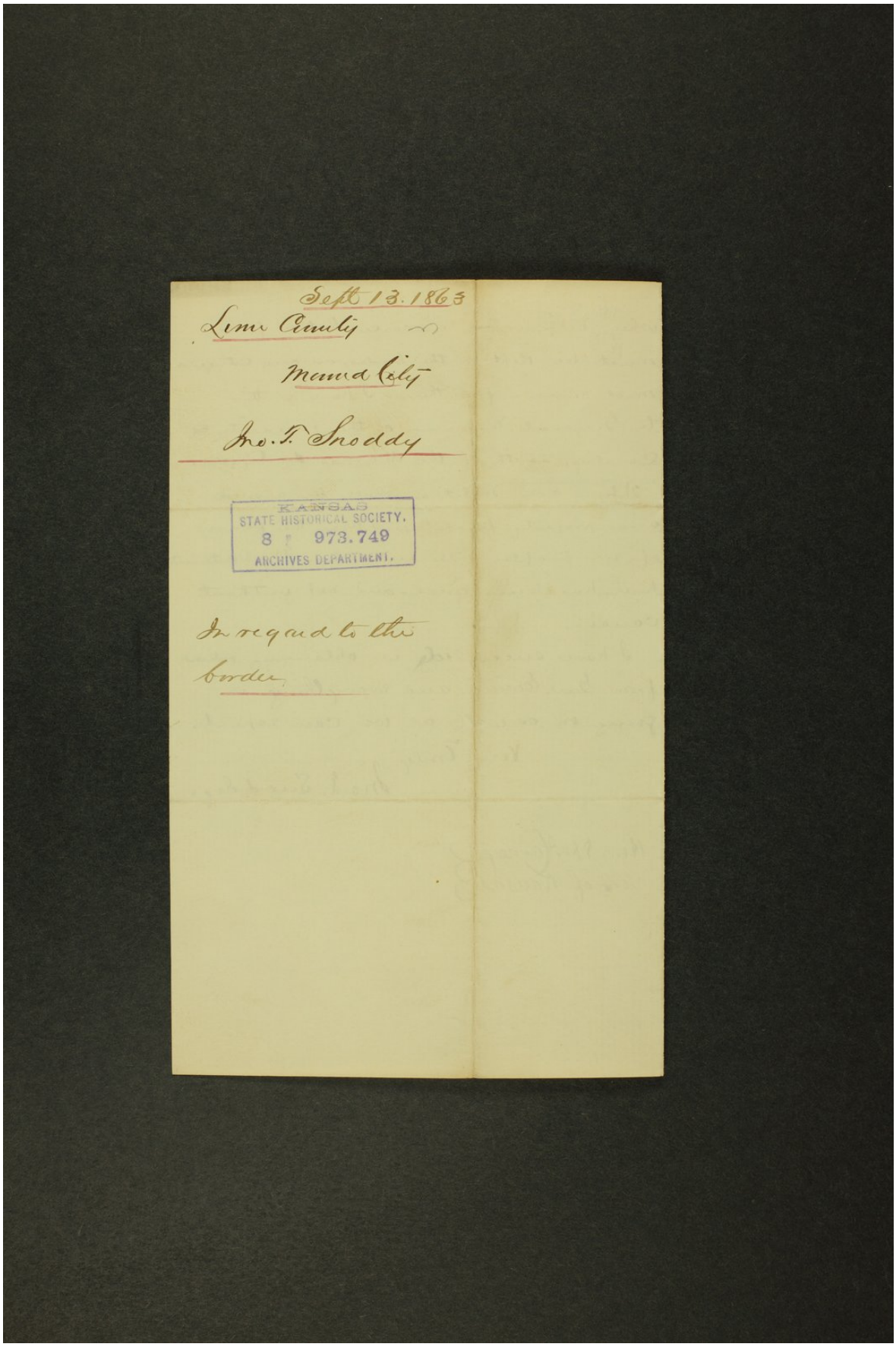
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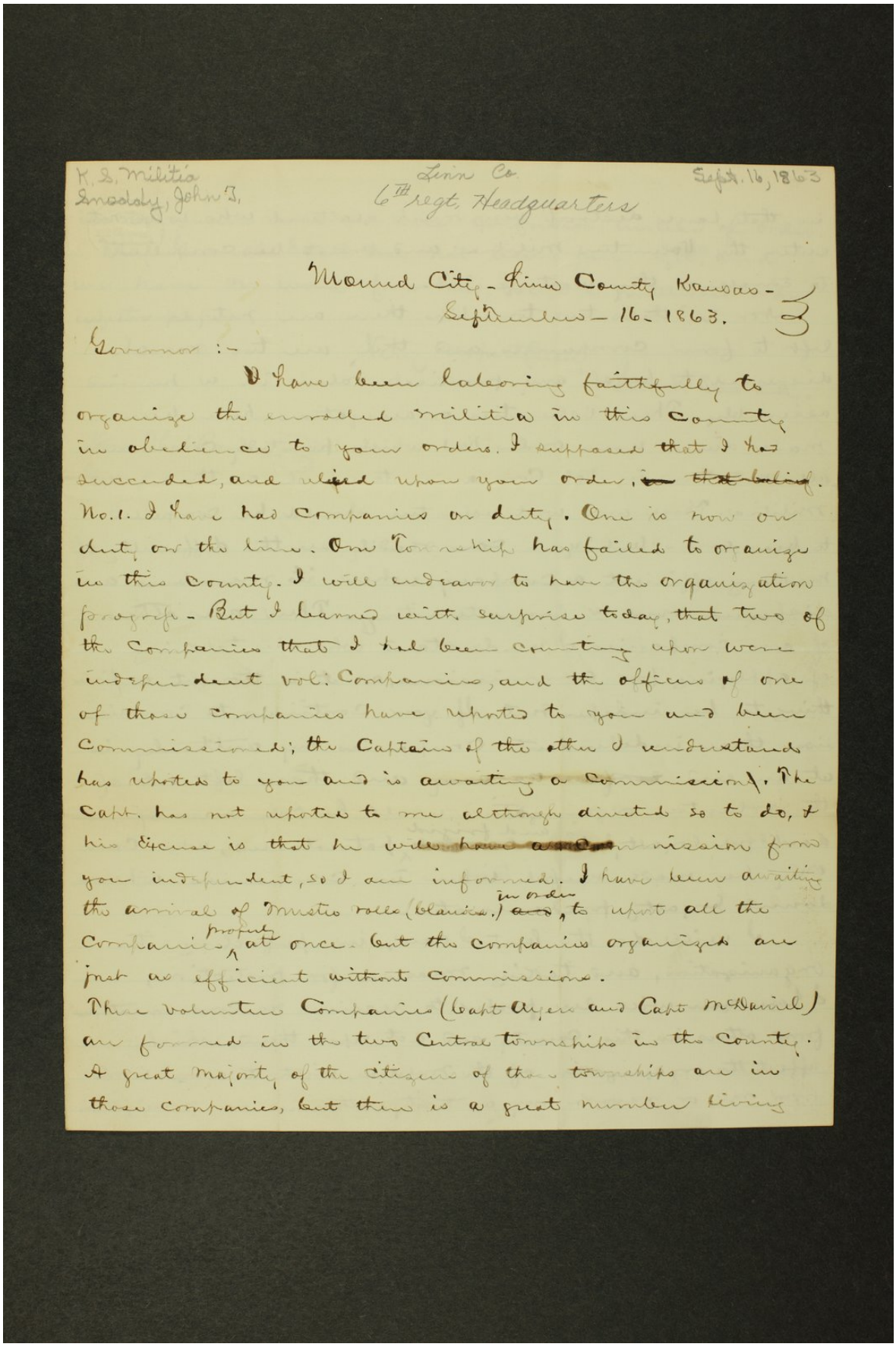


when help is ~~is~~ so scarce, but a force
must be Kept on the border, or our Citizens
must remove from there - I have written
to General Ewing of the necessity of
Cavalry, South of the Marcos de Cyprus.
When our Militia shall be armed
and properly fitted up, I hope the fears
of our people will subside - The excitement
here has been great - and not without
cause.
I have succeeded in obtaining rations
from Gen. Ewing, and everything is
going on as well as we can expect.
Very Truly
Jno. T. Stoddard

Hon. Thos. Ramsey
Gov. of Kansas

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K. S. Militia
Snoddy, John T.

Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

Sept. 16, 1863

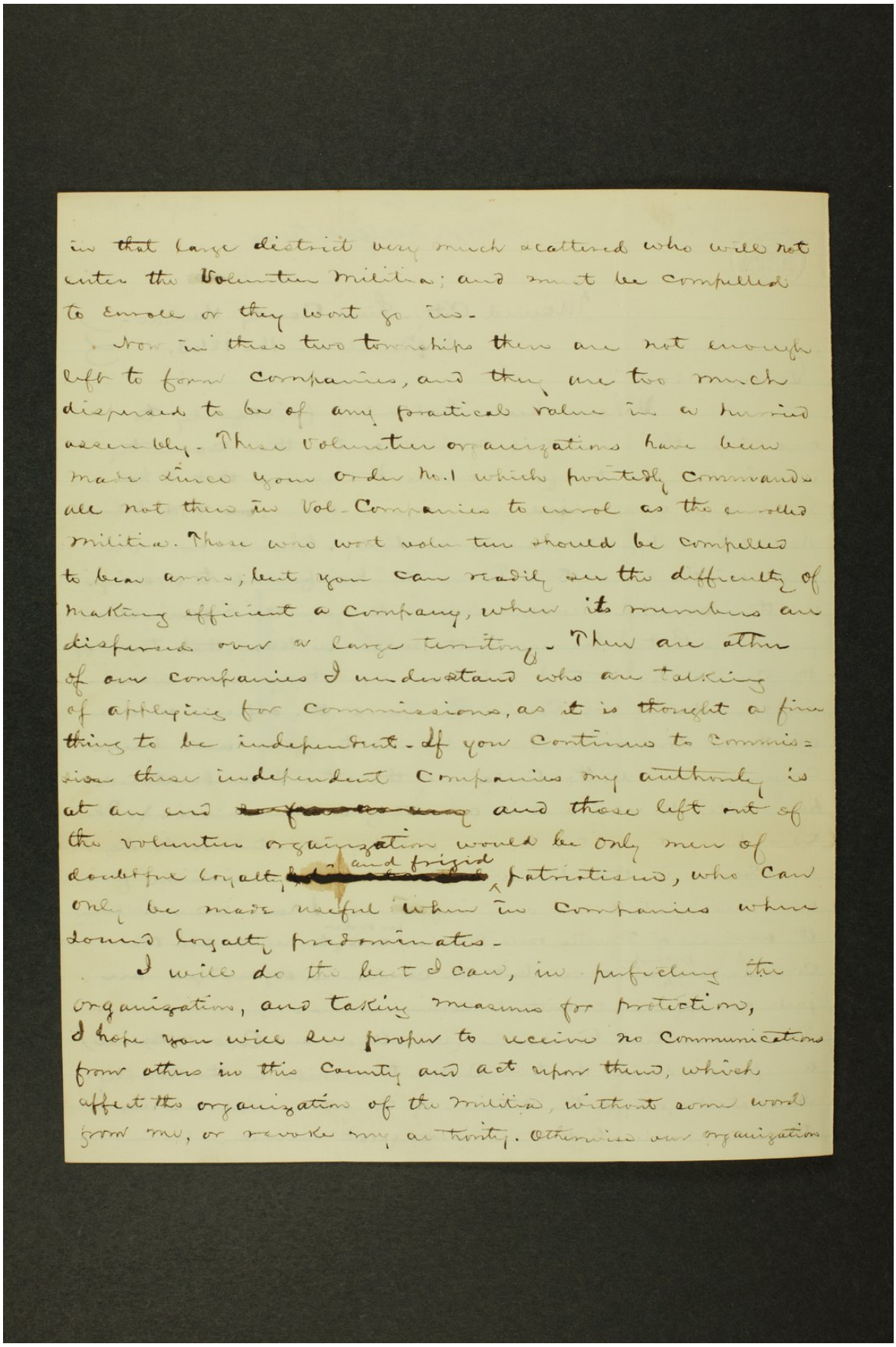
Mound City - Linn County Kansas -
September - 16 - 1863.

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Governor :-

I have been laboring faithfully to organize the enrolled militia in this County in obedience to your orders. I supposed that I had succeeded, and acted upon your order, ~~in that belief~~. No. 1. I have had Companies on duty. One is now on duty on the line. One Township has failed to organize in this County. I will endeavor to have the organization progress - But I learned with surprise today, that two of the Companies that I had been counting upon were independent vol: Companies, and the officers of one of those Companies have reported to you and been Commissioned; the Captains of the other I understand has reported to you and is awaiting a Commission. The Capt. has not reported to me although directed so to do, & his excuse is that he will have a Commission from you independent, so I am informed. I have been awaiting the arrival of Muster rolls (blanks.) ~~and~~ in order, to muster all the Companies properly at once. But the Companies organized are just as efficient without Commissions.

Three volunteer Companies (Capt Ayers and Capt McDaniel) are formed in the two Central townships in the County. A great majority of the citizens of the townships are in those Companies, but there is a great number living

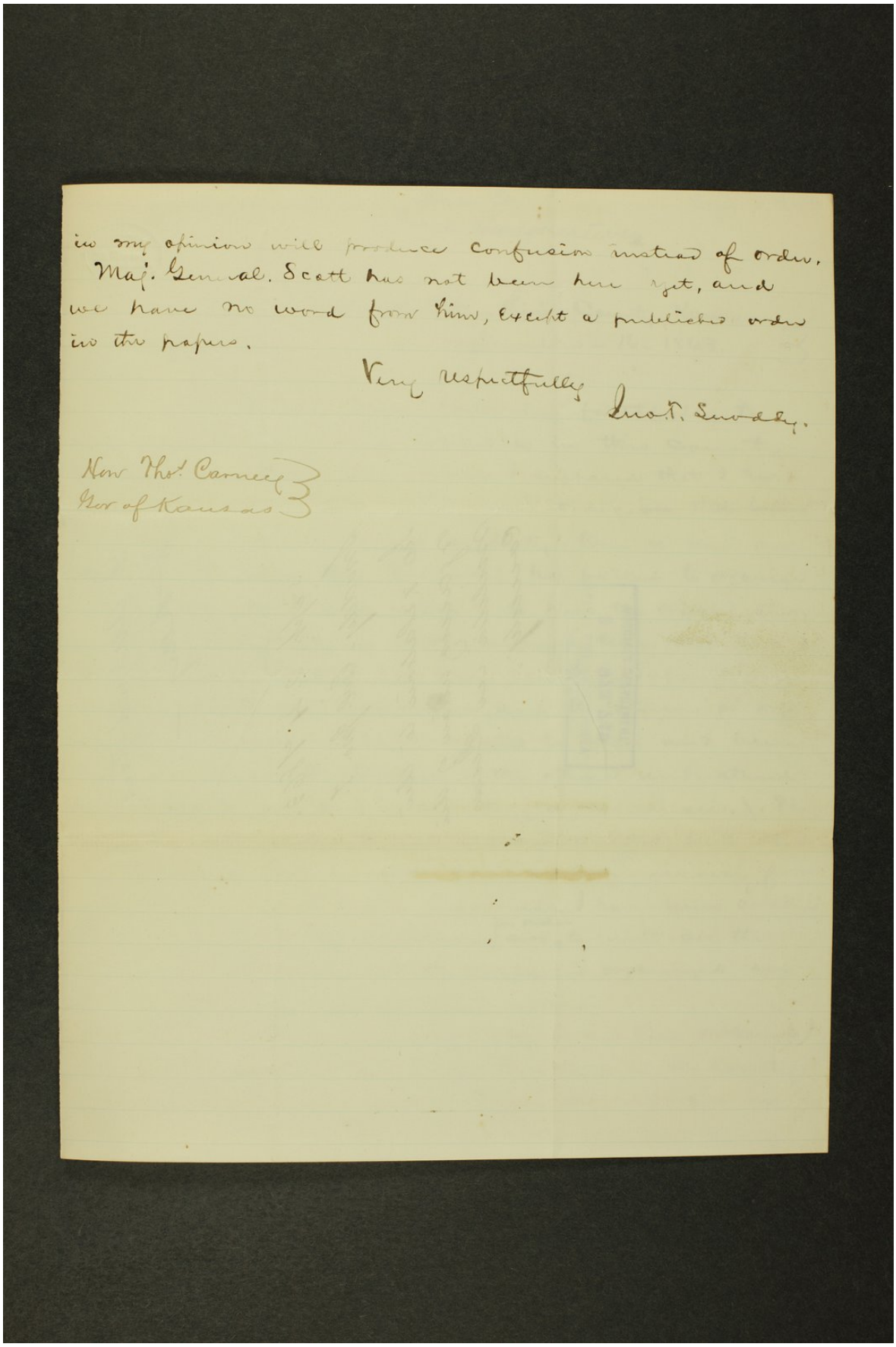


in that large district very much scattered who will not enter the Volunteer Militia; and must be compelled to enroll or they wont go in.

Now in these two townships there are not enough left to form companies, and they are too much dispersed to be of any practical value in a hurried assembly. These Volunteer organizations have been made since your order No. 1 which positively commands all not then in Vol. Companies to enrol as the enrolled militia. Those who wont volunteer should be compelled to bear arms; but you can readily see the difficulty of making efficient a company, when its members are dispersed over a large territory. There are other of our companies I understand who are talking of applying for commissions, as it is thought a fine thing to be independent. If you continue to commission these independent Companies my authority is at an end [redacted] and those left out of the volunteer organization would be only men of doubtful loyalty, [redacted] and frigid patriotism, who can only be made useful when in companies where sound loyalty predominates.

I will do the best I can, in perfecting the organization, and taking measures for protection, I hope you will be prompt to receive no communications from others in this County and act upon them, which affect the organization of the Militia, without some word from me, or revoke my authority. Otherwise our organization

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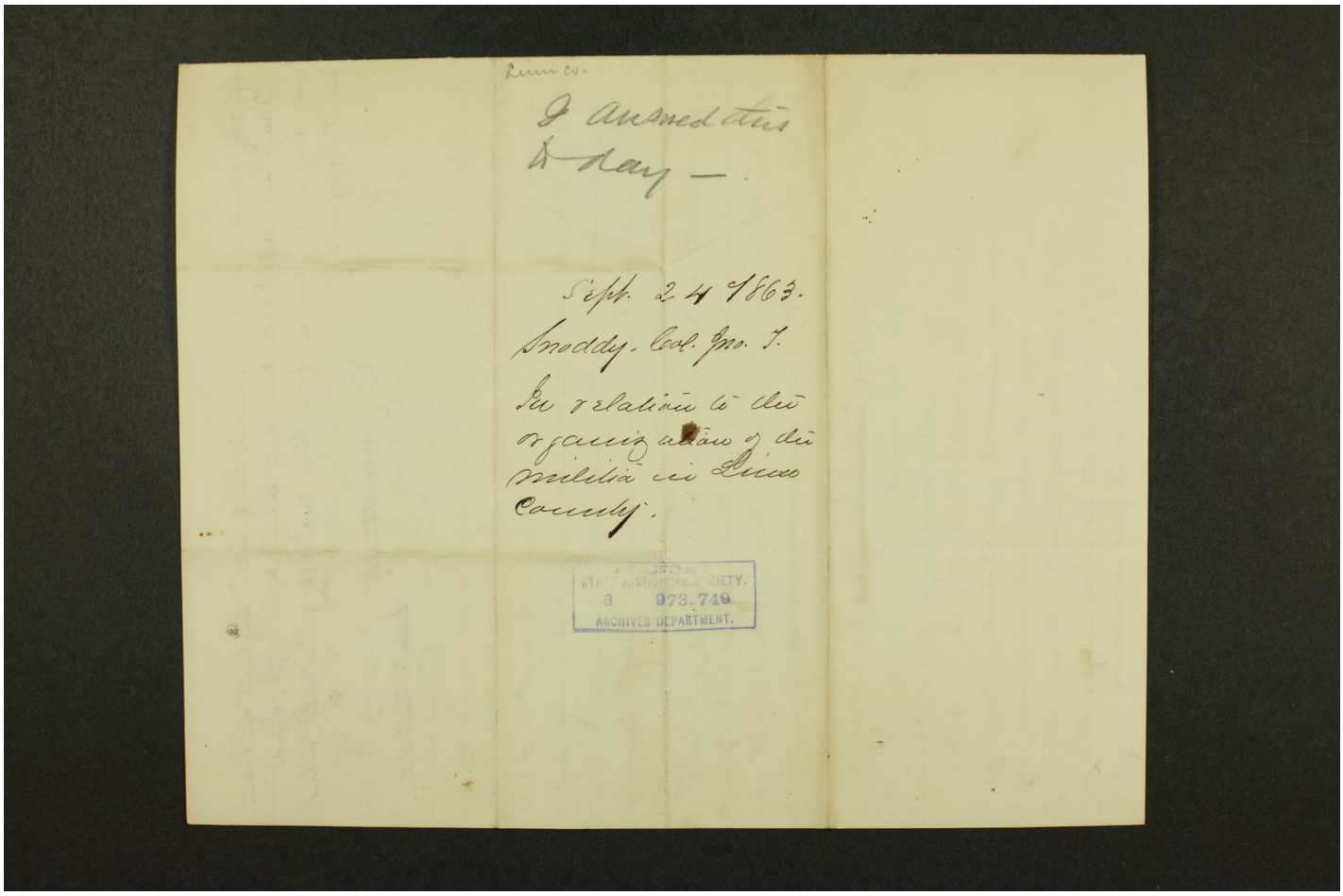


in my opinion will produce confusion instead of order.
Maj. General Scott has not been here yet, and we have no word from him, except a publication order in the papers.

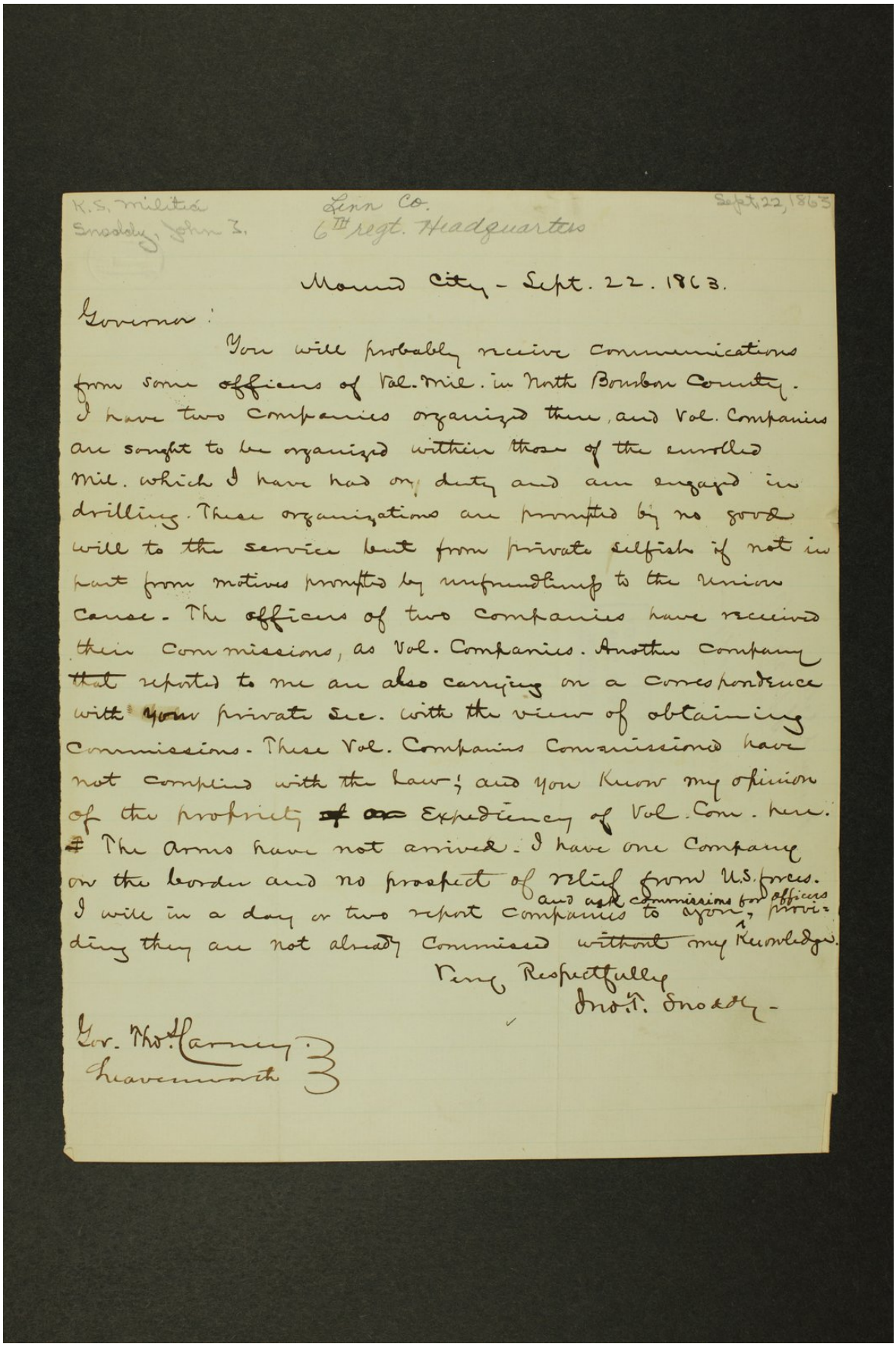
Very respectfully
Jno. T. Sunday.

Hon Thos. Carney
Gov of Kansas

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K.S. Militia
Snoddy, John T.

Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

Sept. 22, 1863

Mound City - Sept. 22. 1863.

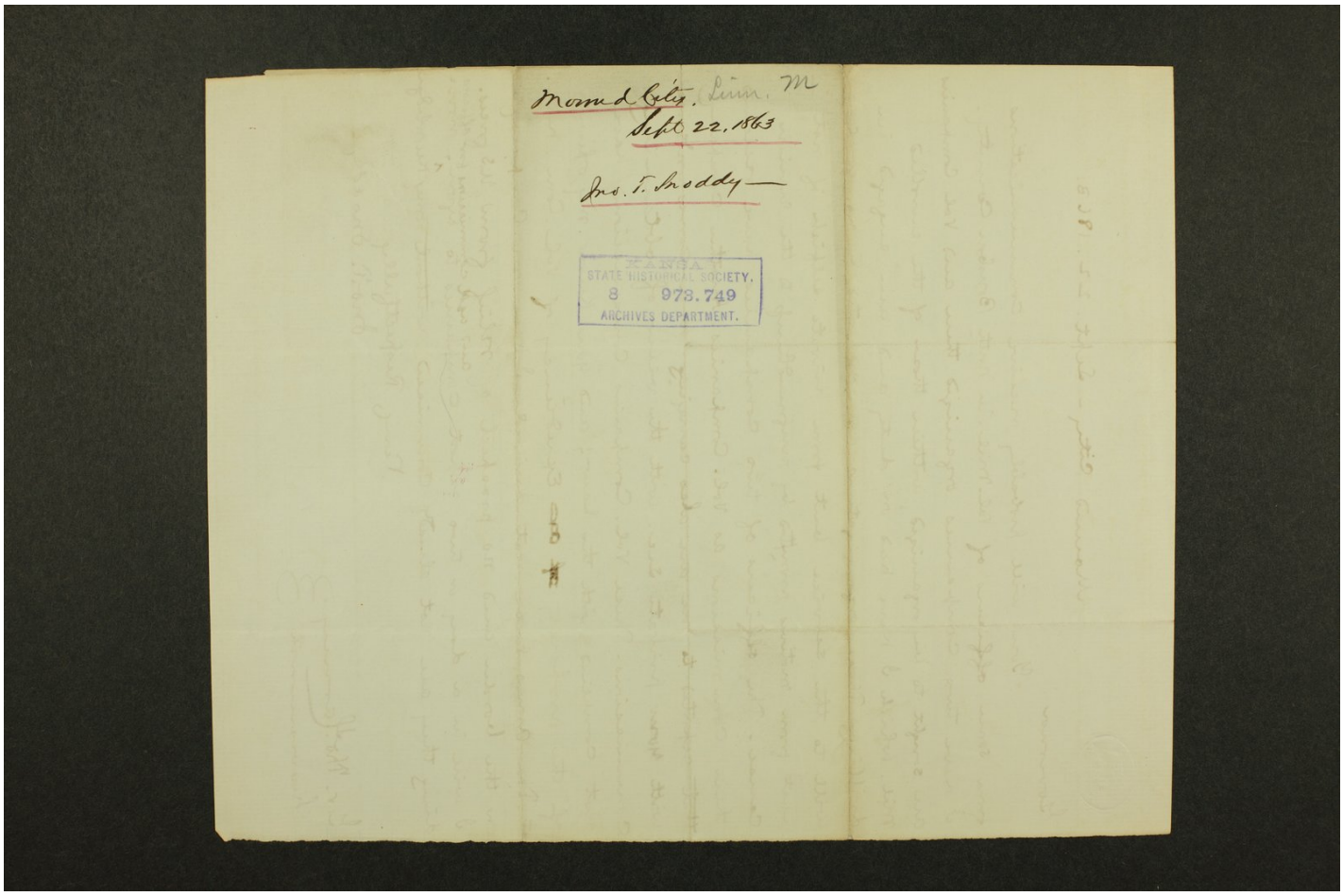
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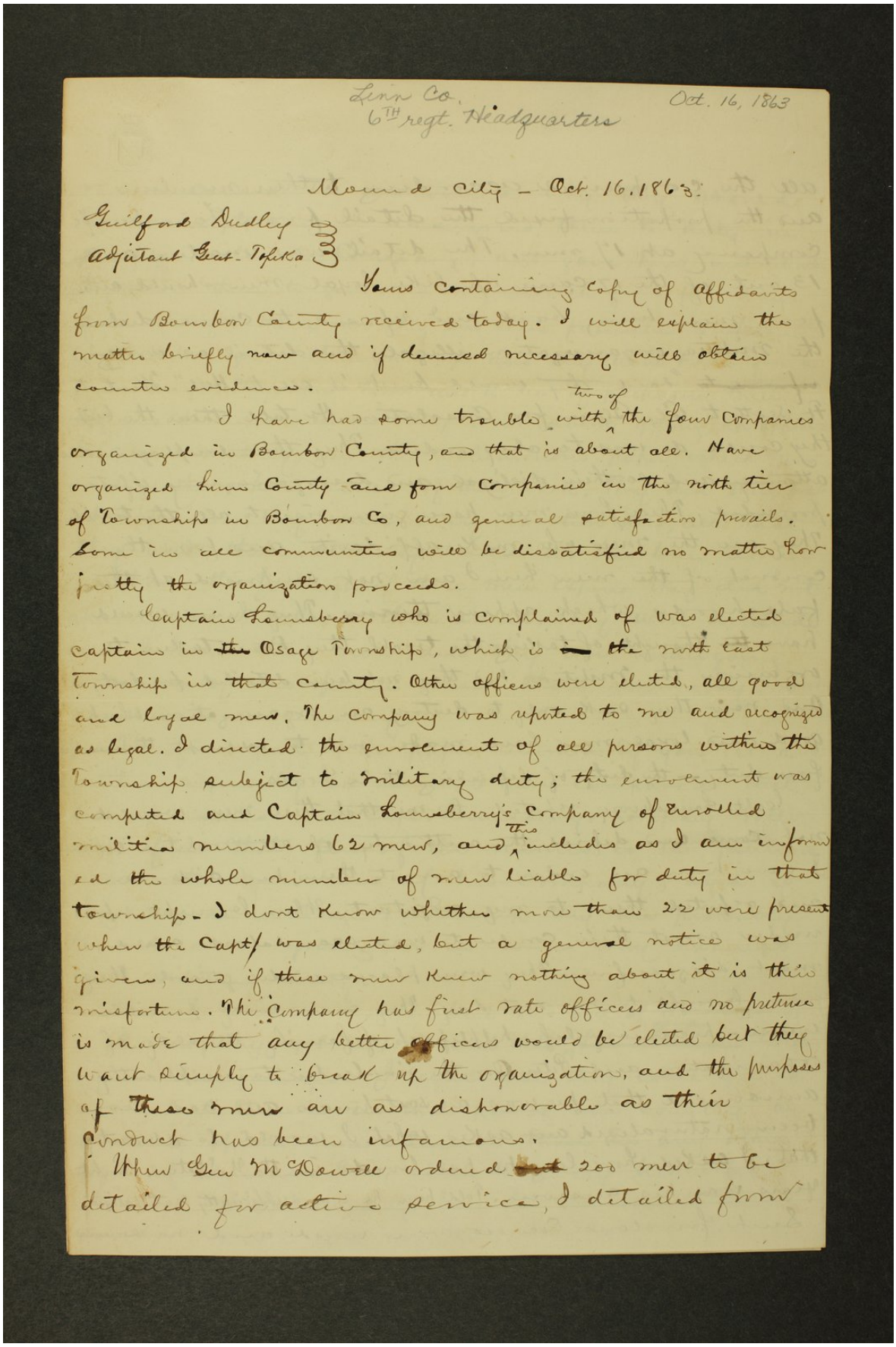
You will probably receive Communications from some officers of Vol. Mil. in North Bourbon County. I have two Companies organized there, and Vol. Companies are sought to be organized within those of the enrolled Mil. which I have had on duty and am engaged in drilling. These organizations are prompted by no good will to the service but from private selfish if not in part from motives prompted by unfriendliness to the Union Cause. The officers of two Companies have received their Commissions, as Vol. Companies. Another Company that reported to me are also carrying on a Correspondence with your private Sec. with the view of obtaining Commissions. These Vol. Companies Commissions have not complied with the law; and you know my opinion of the propriety ~~of~~ or Expediency of Vol. Com. here. The Arms have not arrived. I have one Company on the border and no prospect of relief from U.S. forces. I will in a day or two report Companies to you, and ask Commissions for officers providing they are not already Commissed without my Knowledge.

Very Respectfully
Jno. T. Snoddy -

Gov. Thos. Carney
Leavenworth

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Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

Oct. 16, 1863

Mound City – Oct. 16. 1863.

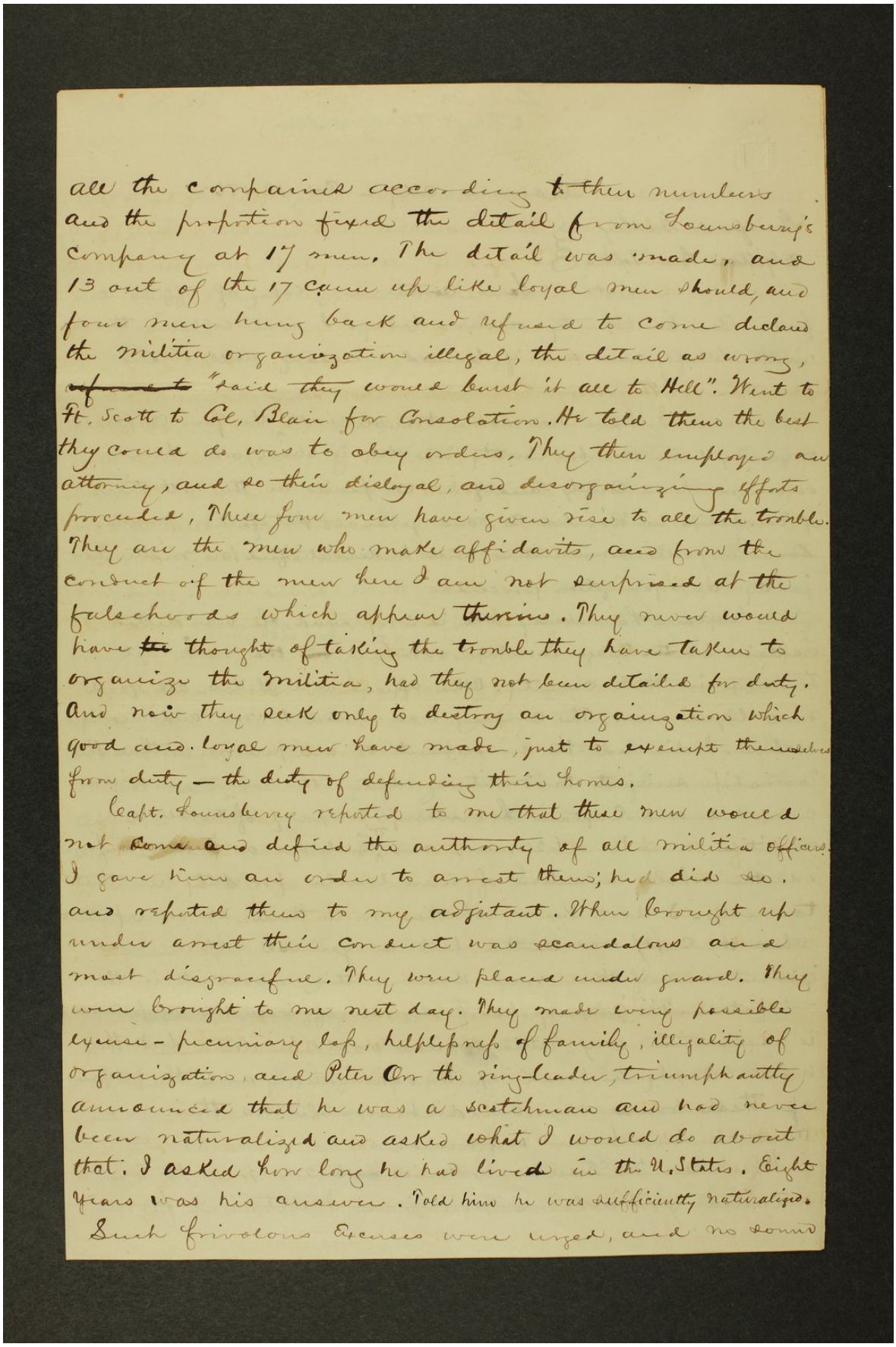
Guilford Dudley
Adjutant Gen. Topeka

Yours containing copy of Affidavits from Bourbon County received today. I will explain the matter briefly now and if deemed necessary will obtain counter evidence.

I have had some trouble with two of the four Companies organized in Bourbon County, and that is about all. Have organized three County and four Companies in the north tier of Townships in Bourbon Co, and general satisfaction prevails. Some in all communities will be dissatisfied no matter how justly the organization proceeds.

Captain Lounsberry who is complained of was elected Captain in the Osage Township, which is in the north east Township in that county. Other officers were elected, all good and loyal men. The Company was reported to me and recognized as legal. I directed the enrolment of all persons within the Township subject to military duty; the enrolment was completed and Captain Lounsberry's Company of enrolled militia numbers 62 men, and this includes as I am informed the whole number of men liable for duty in that township. I dont Know whether more than 22 were present when the Capt/ was elected, but a general notice was given, and if these men Knew nothing about it is their misfortune. The Company has first rate officers and no pretence is made that any better officers would be elected but they want simply to break up the organization, and the purposes of these men are as dishonorable as their conduct has been infamous.

When Gen McDowell ordered out 200 men to be detailed for active service, I detailed from



all the companies according to their numbers and the proportion fixed the detail from Lounsbury's company at 17 men. The detail was made, and 13 out of the 17 came up like loyal men should, and four men hung back and refused to come declared the militia organization illegal, the detail as wrong, ~~of course~~ "said they would bust it all to Hell". Went to Ft. Scott to Col. Blair for Consolation. He told them the best they could do was to obey orders. They then employed an attorney, and so their disloyal, and disorganizing efforts proceeded. These four men have given rise to all the trouble. They are the men who make affidavits, and from the conduct of the men here I am not surprised at the falsehoods which appear therein. They never would have ~~the~~ thought of taking the trouble they have taken to organize the Militia, had they not been detailed for duty. And now they seek only to destroy an organization which good and loyal men have made, just to exempt themselves from duty — the duty of defending their homes.

Capt. Lounsbery reported to me that these men would not come and defied the authority of all militia officers. I gave him an order to arrest them; he did so. and reported them to my adjutant. When brought up under arrest their conduct was scandalous and most disgraceful. They were placed under guard. They were brought to me next day. They made every possible excuse - pecuniary loss, helplessness of family, illegality of organization, and Peter Orr the ring-leader, triumphantly announced that he was a scotchman and had never been naturalized and asked what I would do about that. I asked how long he had lived in the U. States. Eight years was his answer. Told him he was sufficiently naturalized.

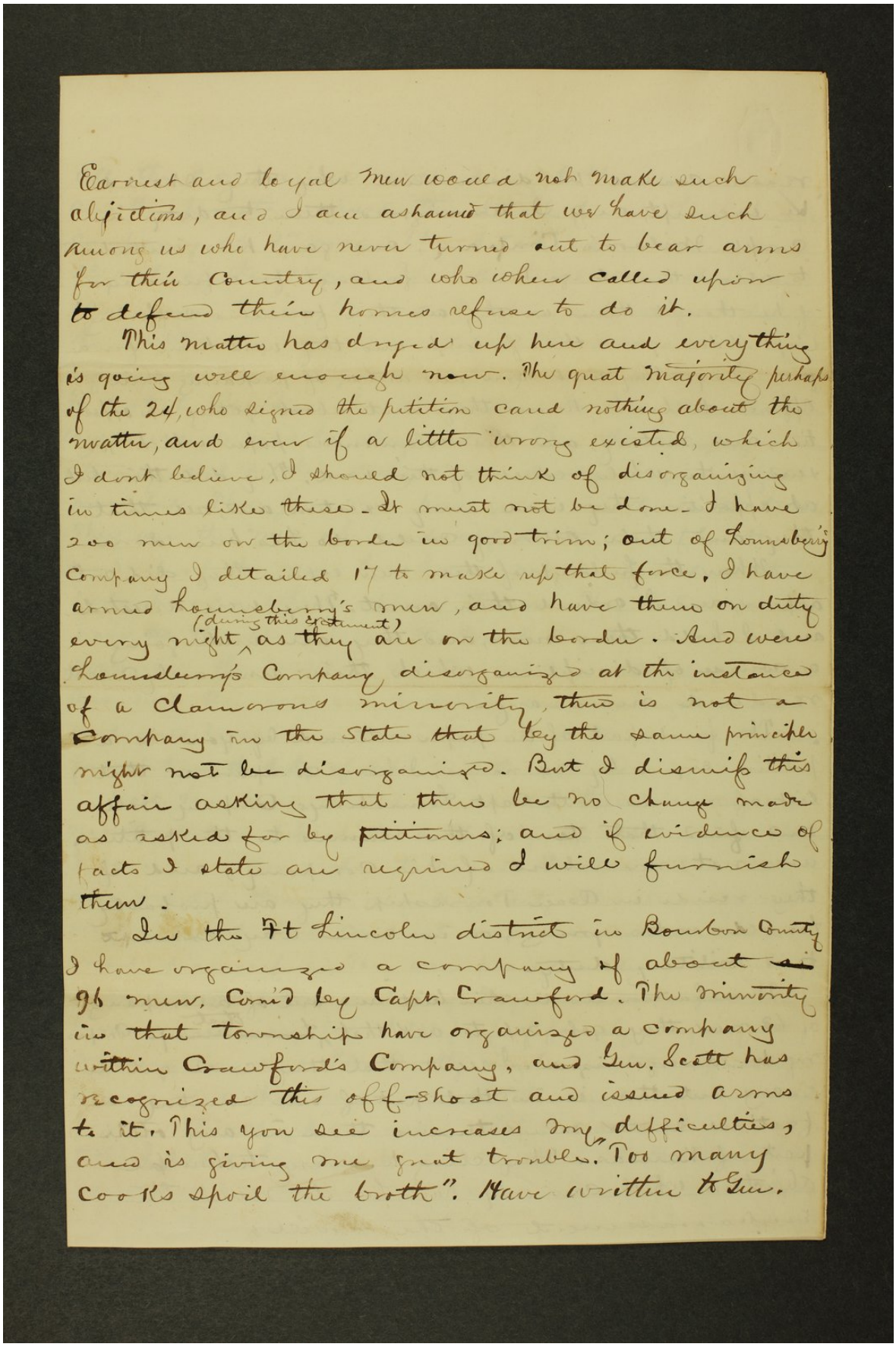
Such frivolous Excuses were urged, and no sound

reason could be discovered why they should be exempt, and I assigned them to duty in Capt. Wilson's Company, and gave him instructions to allow them to go home on furlough for a few days if he thought them worthy and their families suffering. Capt. Wilson gave them furlough and they went home for a few days. They went home and instead of preparing their Affairs to leave home they went about getting up opposition, and mutiny, and this voluminous paper which you send is the whole result of their work. They did their best at opposition, they used every exertion and, all that they and their attorney could do has been done.

When the furlough of these men expired they did not appear, and I ordered their arrest. They were arrested and I hold them now, and they are undergoing a course of discipline which their unmanly conduct rendered necessary.

The first part of the paper returned by you is a petition signed by 34 names, I have compared that list of names with Capt. Lounsberry's Company roll and find that ten of the names to the petition are not members of his Company, and if they reside in Osage Township they are probably too old or too young, or in some way exempt from military duty.

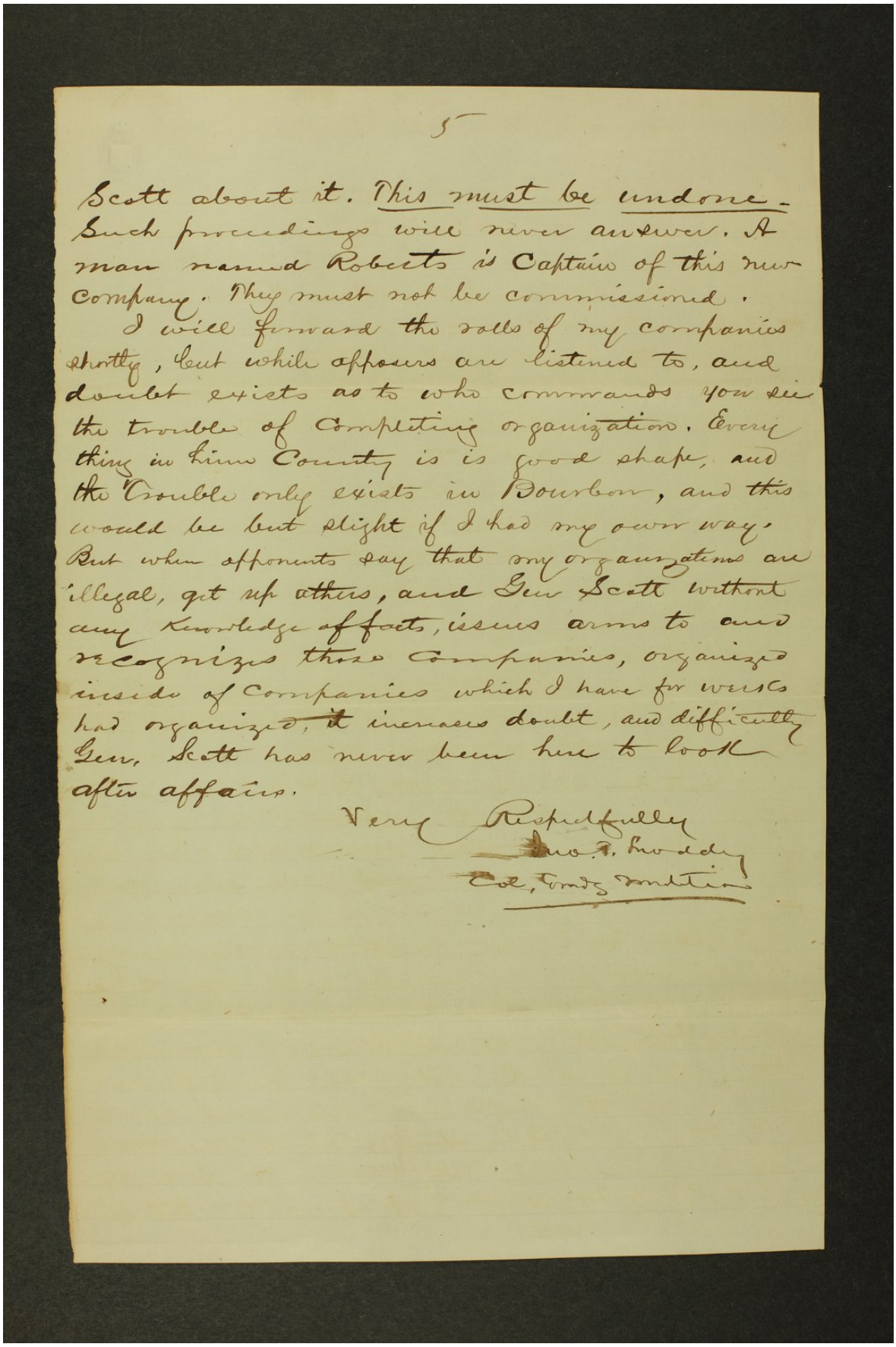
These factionists did their best and out of a company of 62 men they got 24 to ask that, that Lounsberry's Company be disorganized. I regret that they could get so many but there is in that part of our country a factious spirit more extensive than in any other part of Kansas. They cling to every technical objection which can only have for its result the Embarrassment of the service.



Earnest and loyal men would not make such objections, and I am ashamed that we have such among us who have never turned out to bear arms for their Country, and who when called upon to defend their homes refuse to do it.

This matter has dryed up here and everything is going well enough now. The great Majority perhaps of the 24, who signed the petition cared nothing about the matter, and even if a little wrong existed, which I dont believe, I should not think of disorganising in times like these. It must not be done. I have 200 men on the border in good trim; out of Lounsbery's Company I detailed 17 to make up that force. I have armed Lounsbery's men, and have them on duty every night (during this excitement) as they are on the border. And were Lounsbery's Company disorganized at the instance of a clamorous minority, there is not a Company in the State that by the same principle might not be disorganized. But I dismiss this affair asking that there be no change made as asked for by petitioners; and if evidence of facts I state are required I will furnish them.

In the Ft Lincoln district in Bourbon County I have organized a company of about 96 men, Comd by Capt. Crawford. The minority in that township have organized a company within Crawford's Company, and Gen. Scott has recognized this off-shoot and issued arms to it. This you see increases my difficulties, and is giving me great trouble. Too many Cooks spoil the broth". Have written to Gen.



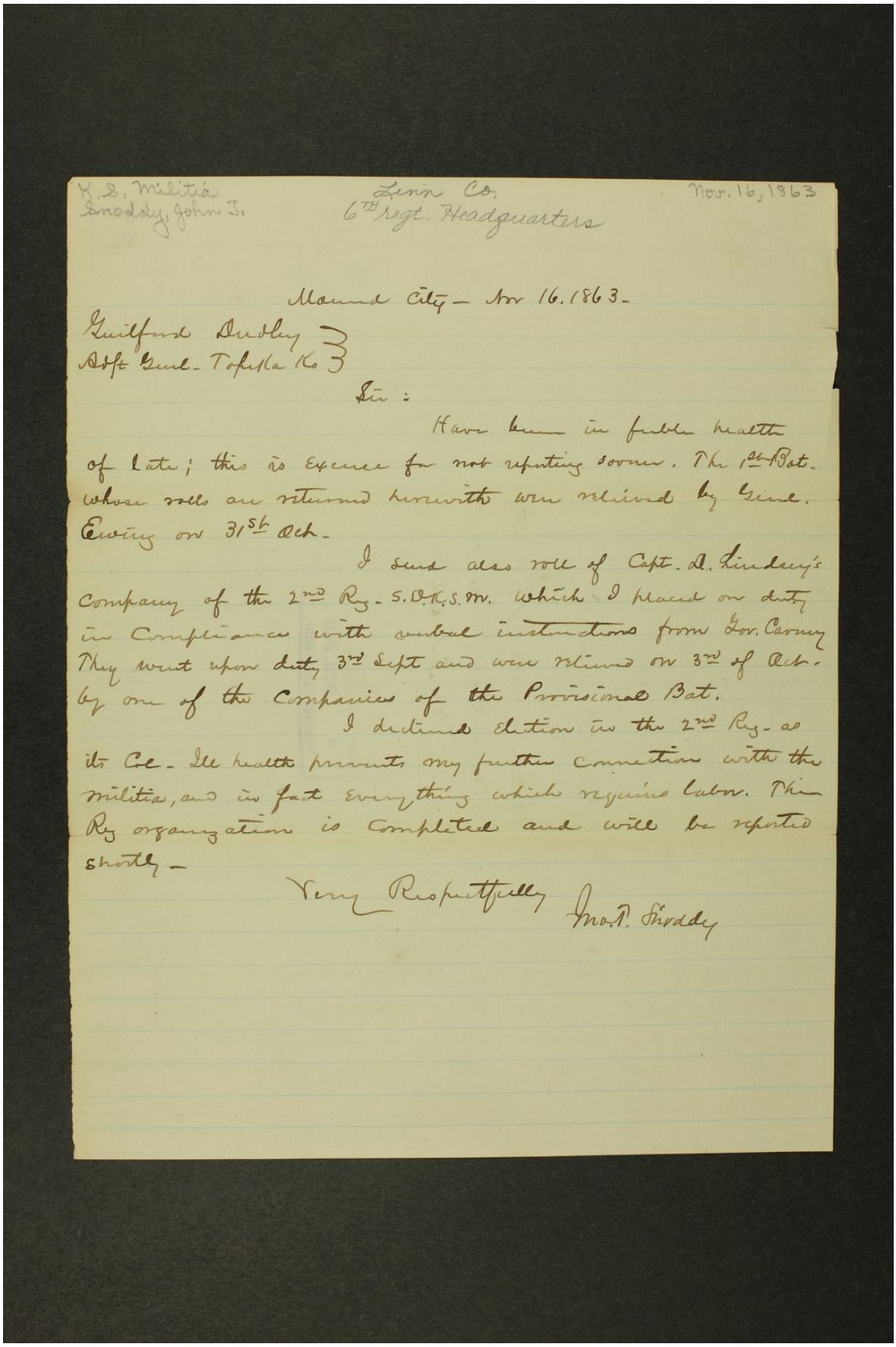
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Scott about it. This must be undone. Such proceedings will never answer. A man named Roberts is Captain of this new company. They must not be commissioned.

I will forward the rolls of my companies shortly, but while opposers are listened to, and doubt exists as to who commands you see the trouble of completing organization. Every thing in Linn County is in good shape, and the trouble only exists in Bourbon, and this would be but slight if I had my own way. But when opponents say that my organizations are illegal, get up others, and Gen Scott without any knowledge of facts, issues arms to and recognizes these Companies, organized inside of Companies which I have for weeks had organized, it increases doubt, and difficulty Gen. Scott has never been here to look after affairs.

Very Respectfully
Jno. T. Hoddy
Col, Comdg Militia

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K. S. Militia
Snoddy, John T.

Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

Nov. 16, 1863

Mound City – Nov 16. 1863.

Guilford Dudley
Asst Genl – Topeka Ks

Sir:

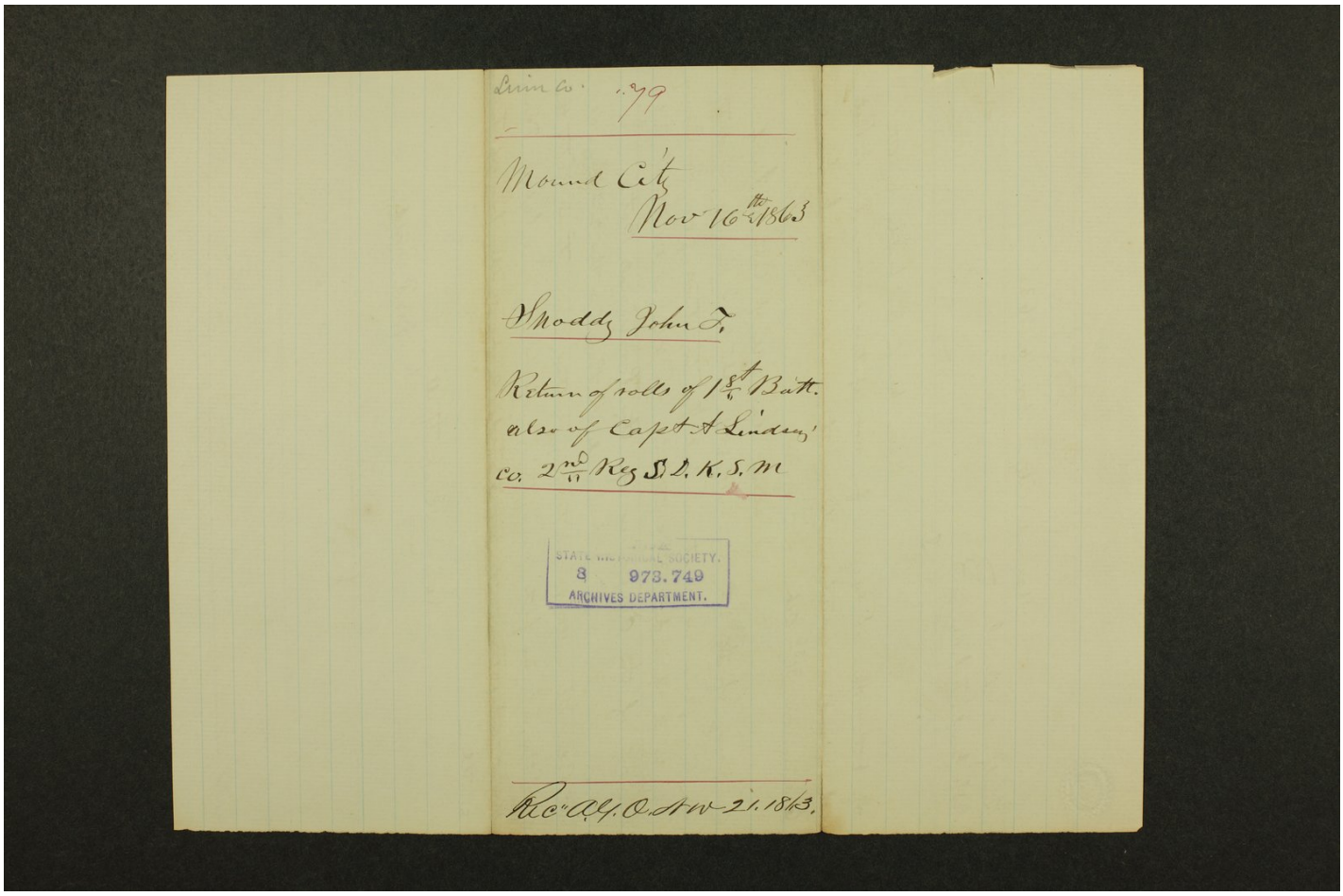
Have been in feeble health of late; this is Excuse for not reporting sooner. The 1st Bat. whose rolls are returned herewith were relieved by Genl. Ewing on 31st Oct.

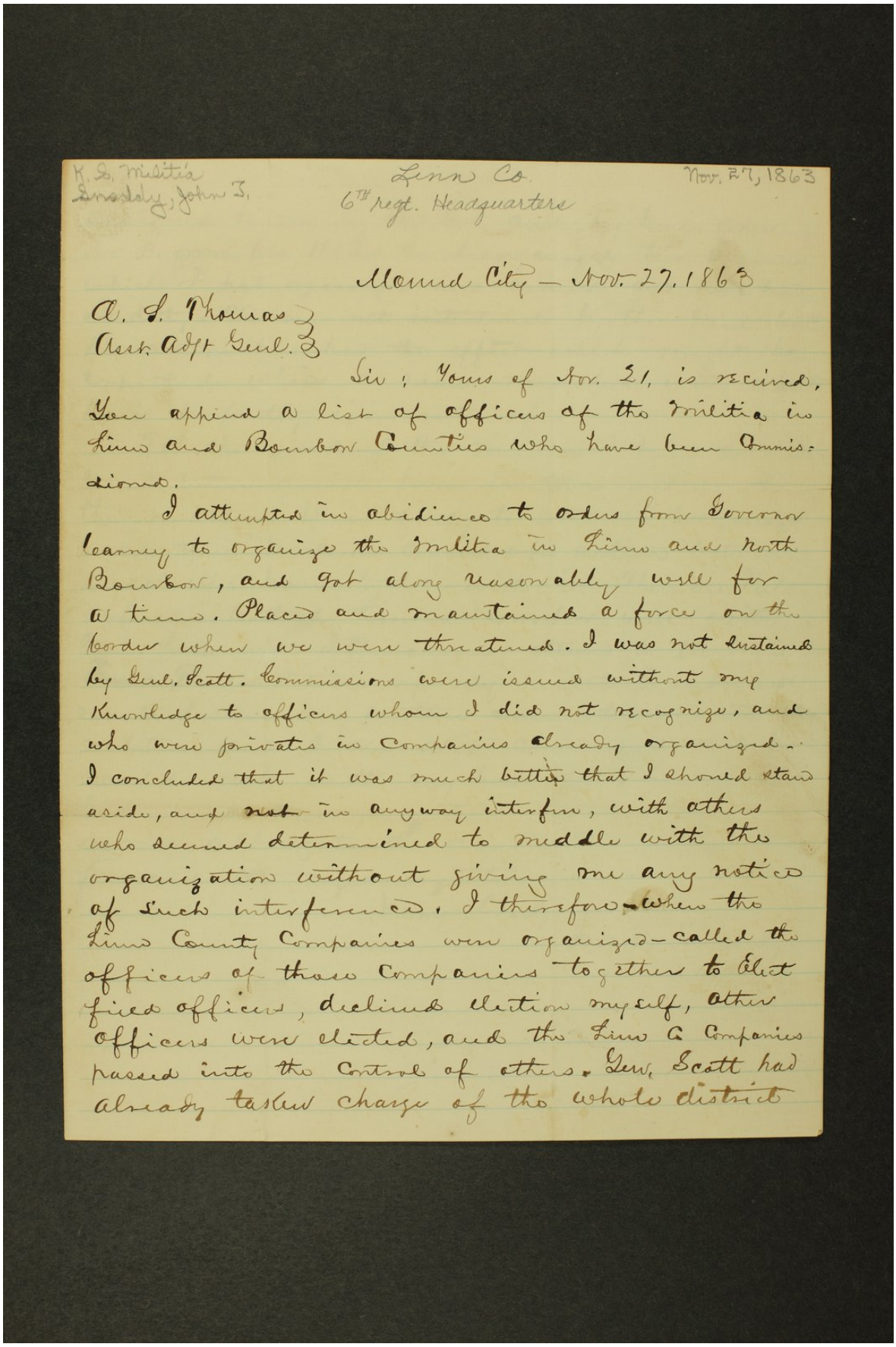
I send also roll of Capt. A. Lindsey's Company of the 2nd Reg. S.D.K.S.M. which I placed on duty in Compliance with verbal instructions from Gov. Carney They went upon duty 3rd Sept and were relieved on 3rd of Oct. by one of the Companies of the Provisional Bat.

I declined Election in the 2nd Reg. as its Col. Ill health prevents my further connection with the militia, and in fact Everything which requires labor. The Reg organization is Completed and will be reported shortly –

Very Respectfully
Jno T. Snoddy

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K. S. Militia
Crosby, John S.

Linn Co.
6th regt. Headquarters

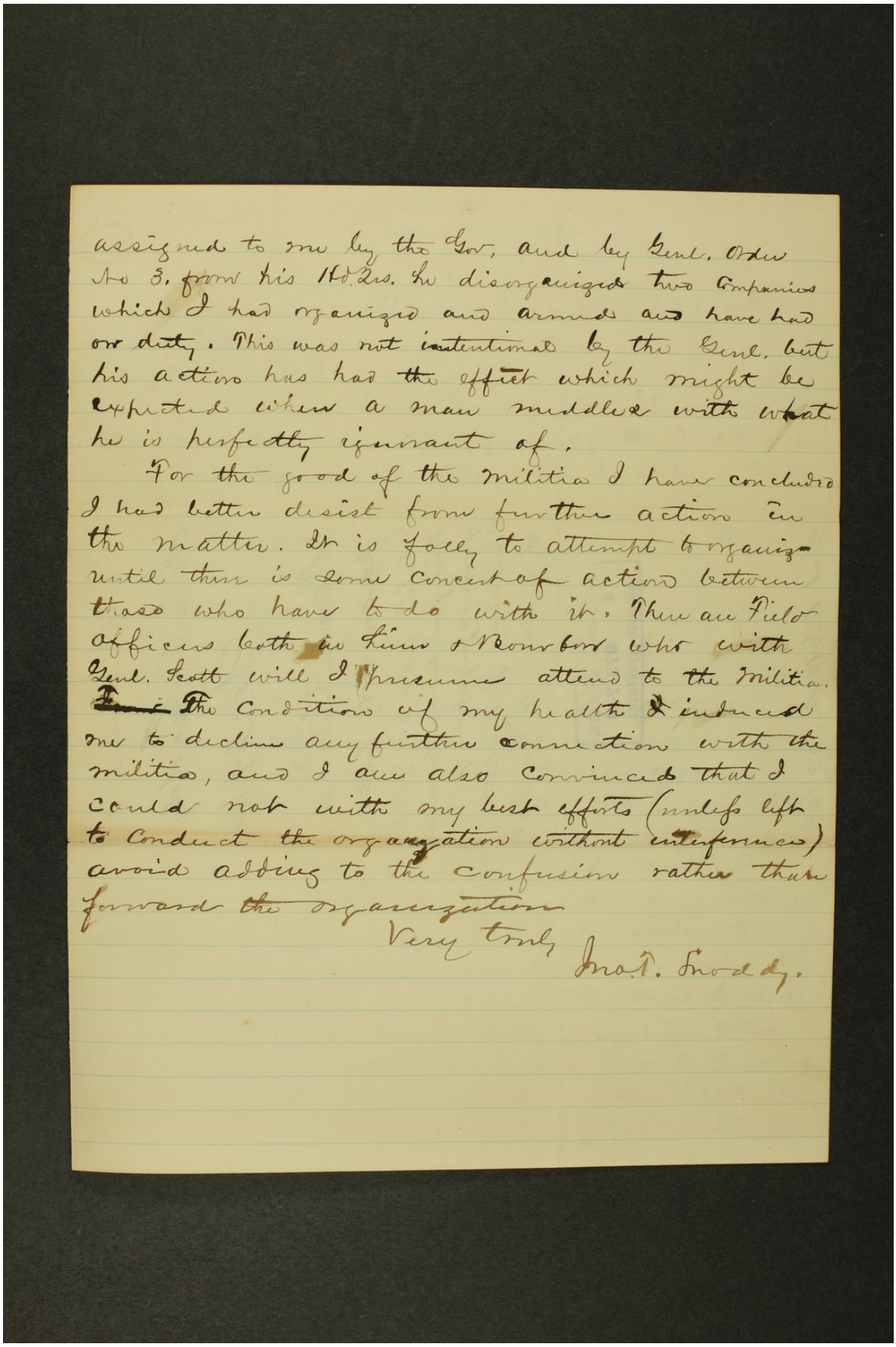
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Mound City — Nov. 27. 1863

A. S. Thomas
Asst. Adjt Genl.

Sir; Yours of Nov. 21, is received, You append a list of officers of the Militia in Linn and Bourbon Counties who have been Commissioned.

I attempted in obidience to orders from Governor Carney to organize the Militia in Linn and North Bourbon, and got along reasonably well for a time. Placed and maintained a force on the border when we were threatened. I was not sustained by Genl. Scott. Commissions were issued without my knowledge to officers whom I did not recognize, and who were privates in Companies already organized. I concluded that it was much better that I should stand aside, and not in anyway interfere, with others who seemed determined to meddle with the organization without giving me any notice of such interference. I therefore when the Linn County Companies were organized — called the officers of those Companies together to elect field officers, declined election myself, other officers were elected, and the Linn Co Companies passed into the Control of others. Gen. Scott had already taken charge of the whole district

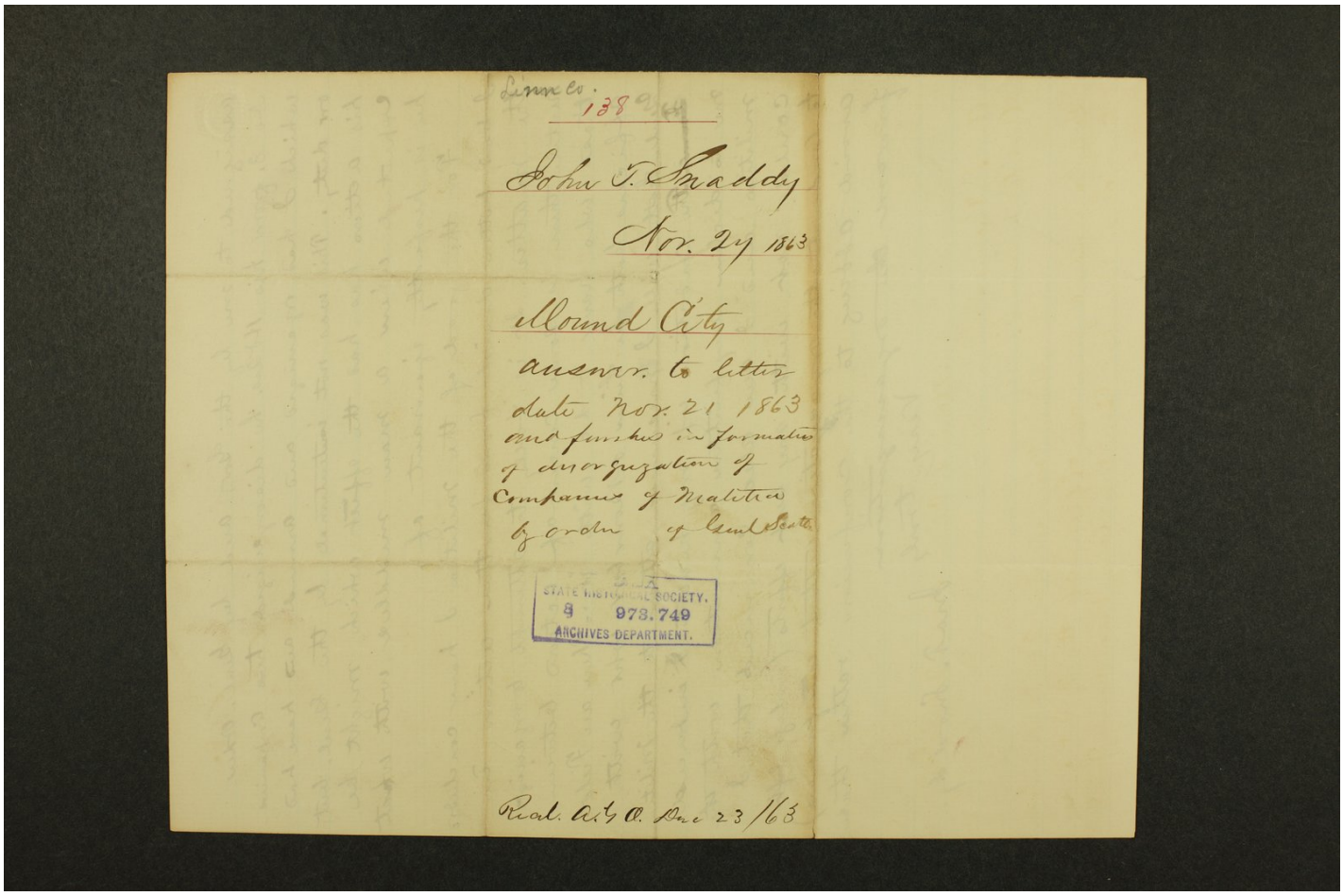


assigned to me by the Gov, and by Genl. Order No 3, from his Hd Qrs. he disorganized two Companies which I had organized and armed and have had on duty. This was not intentional by the Genl, but his action has had the effect which might be expected when a man meddles with what he is perfectly ignorant of.

For the good of the militia I have concluded I had better desist from further action in the matter. It is folly to attempt to organize until there is some concert of action between those who have to do with it. There are Field officers both in Linn & Bourbon who with Genl. Scott will I presume attend to the Militia. The condition of my health & induced me to decline any further connection with the militia, and I am also convinced that I could not with my best efforts (unless left to conduct the organization without interference) avoid adding to the confusion rather than forward the organization

Very truly
Jno. T. Snoddy.

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John T. Shaddy

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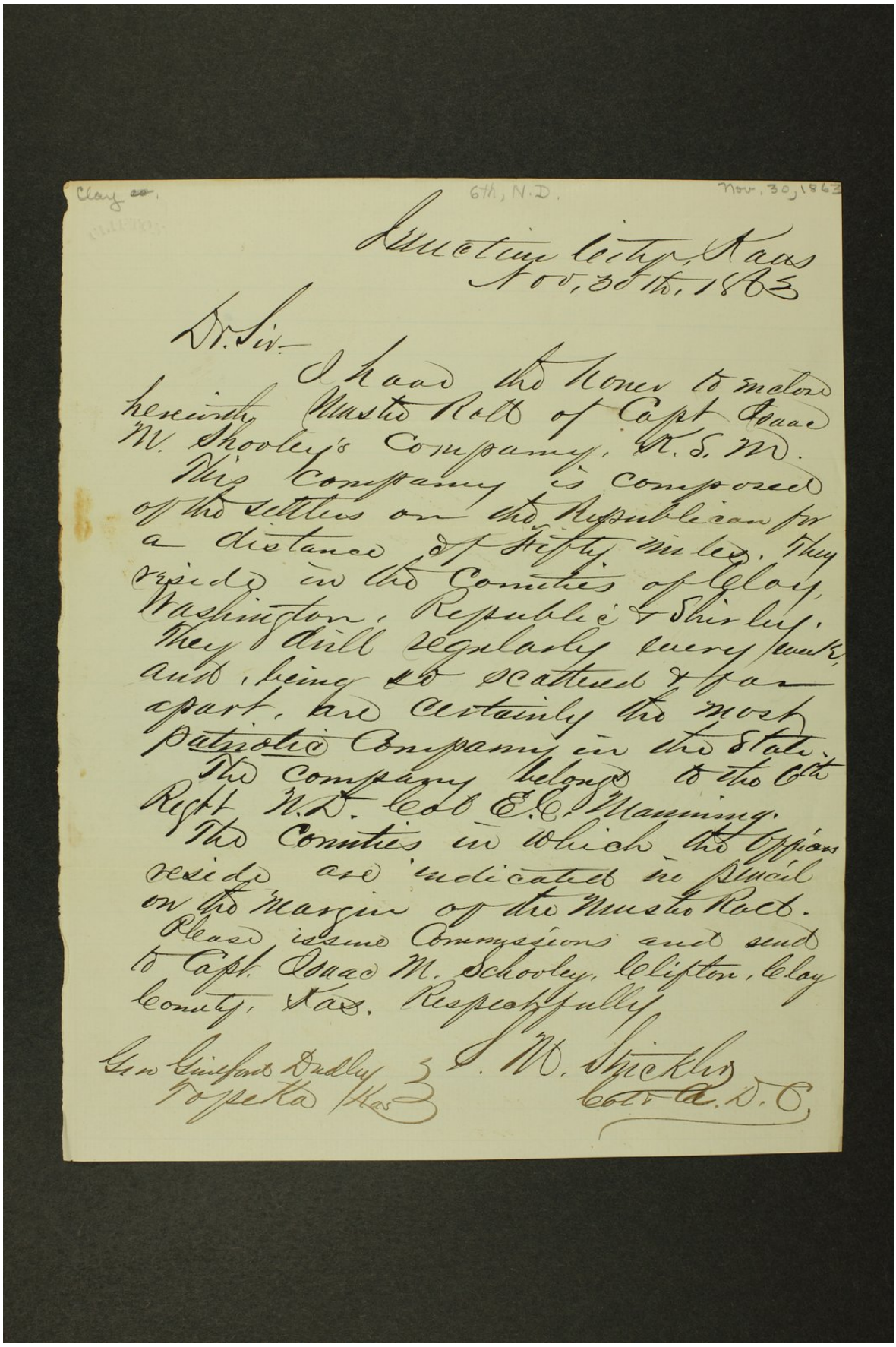
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answer to letter
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Clay co. 6th, N.D. Nov. 30, 1863

Junction City, Kans
Nov. 30th, 1863

Dr. Sir—

I have the honor to make herewith Muster Roll of Capt Isaac M. Shooley's Company, K. S. M.

This Company is composed of the settlers on the Republican for a distance of fifty miles. They reside in the Counties of Clay, Washington, Republic & Shirley. They drill regularly every week, and, being so scattered & far apart, are certainly the most patriotic Company in the State.

The Company belongs to the 6th Regt N.D. Col E.C. Manning.

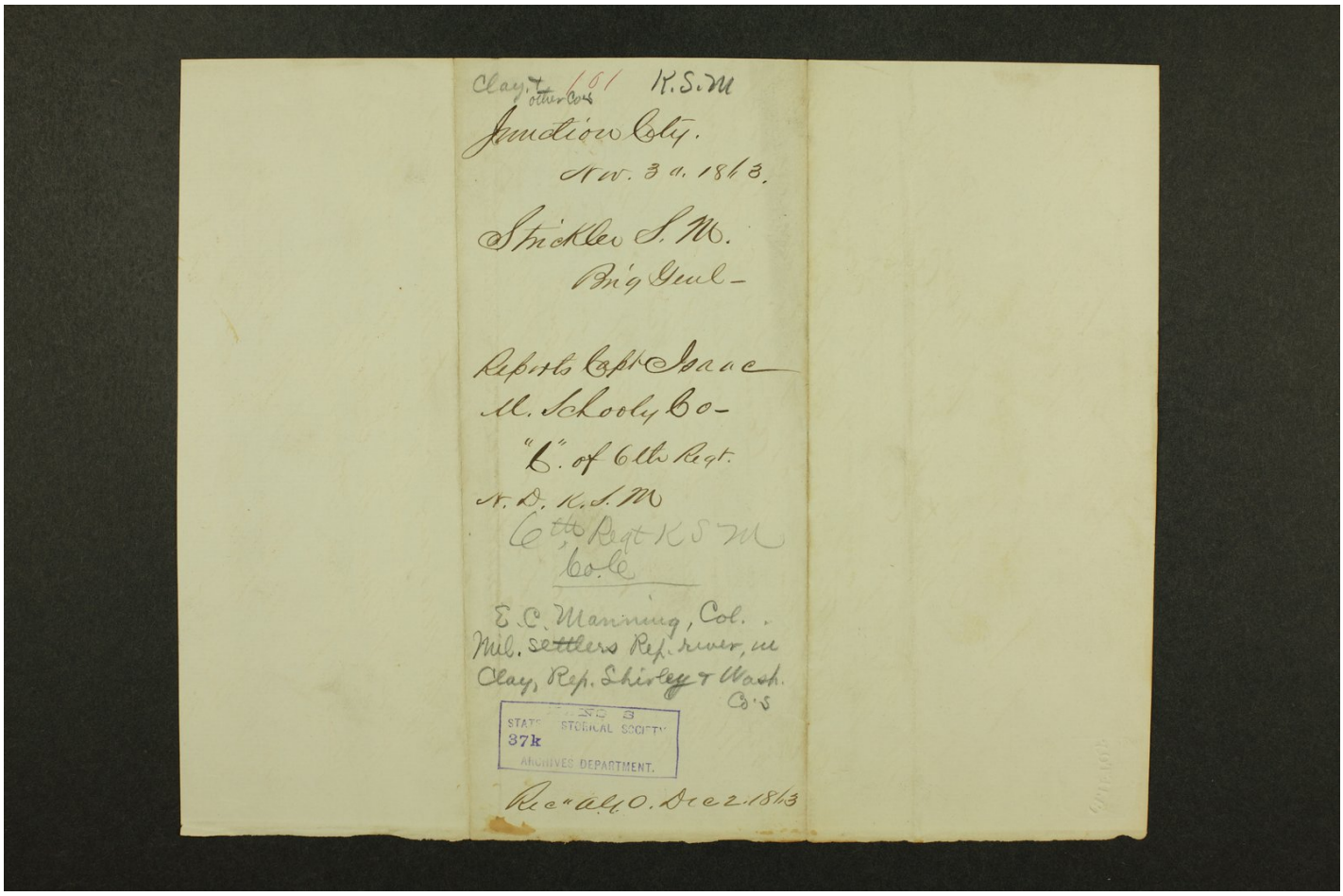
The Counties in which the Officers reside are indicated in pencil on the margin of the Muster Roll.

Please issue Commissions and send to Capt. Isaac M. Shooley, Clifton, Clay County, Kas. Respectfully

Gov Sinclair Dudley
Topeka Kas

S. M. Strickler
Col 6th N.D.C.

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Clay Co 181 K.S.M
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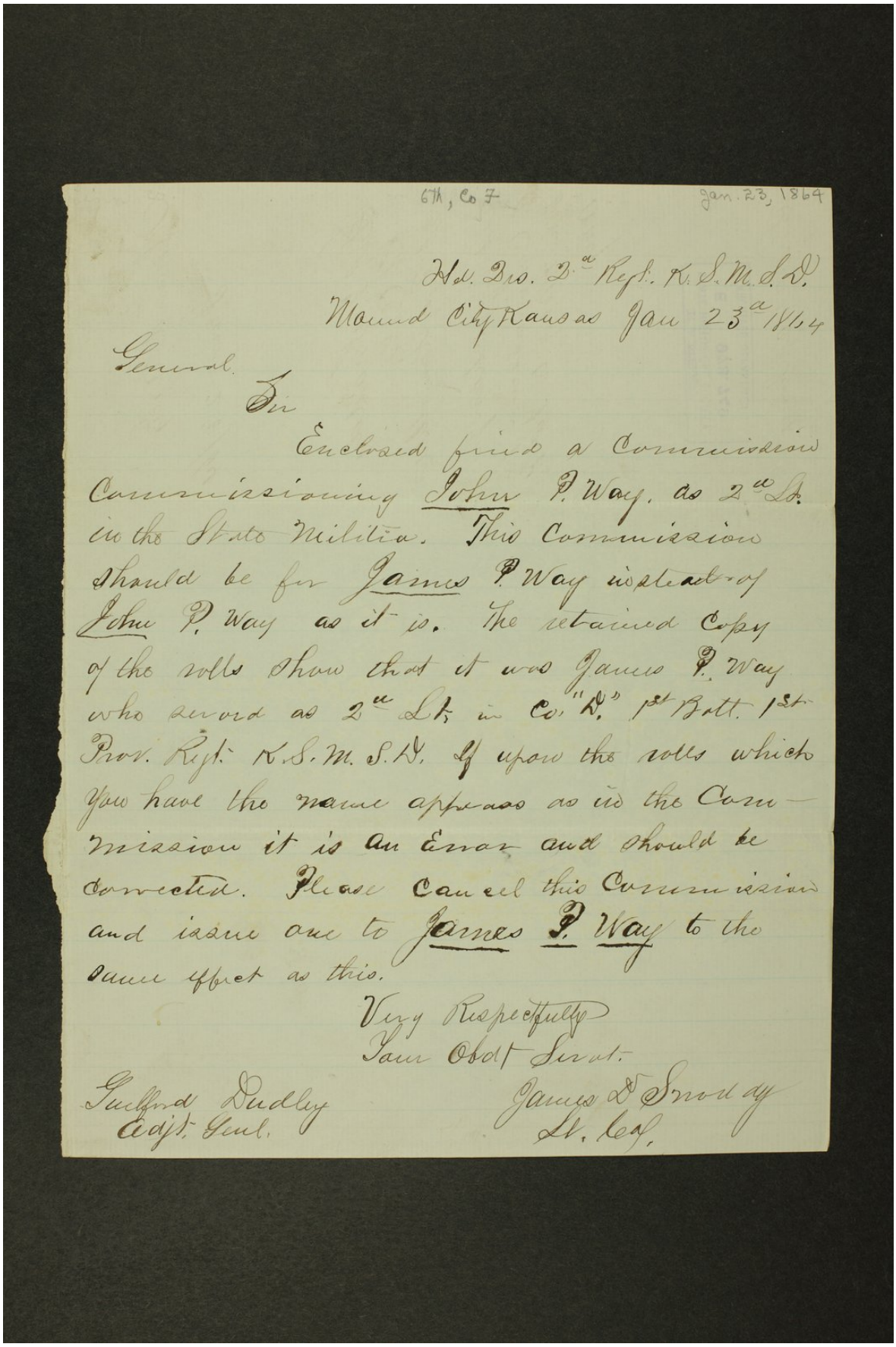
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6th Regt KSM
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E.C. Manning, Col.
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Jan. 23, 1864

Hd. Qrs. 2d Regt. K. S. M. S. D.
Mound City Kansas Jan 23d 1864

General.

Sir

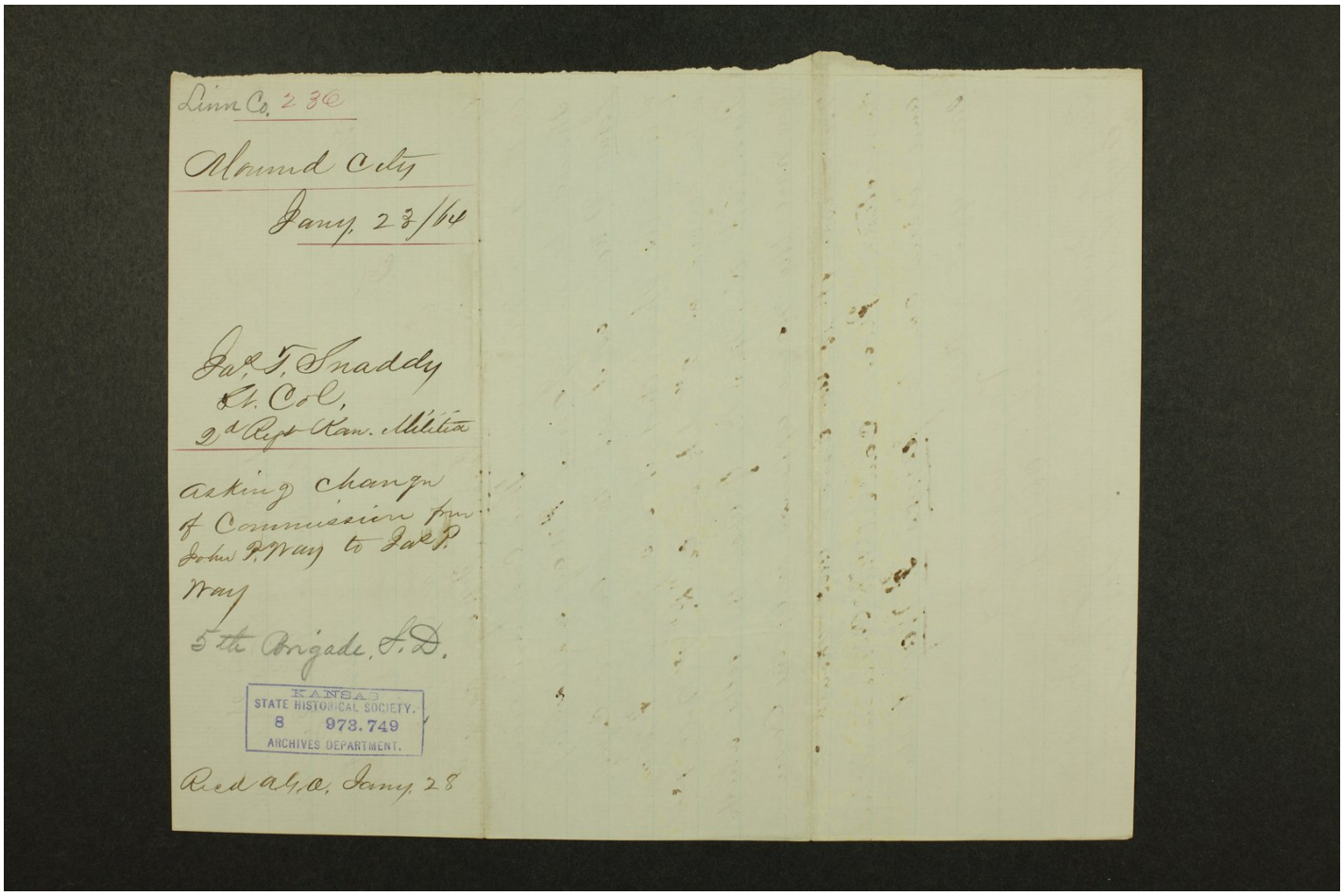
Enclosed find a Commission Commissioning John P. Way. as 2d Lt. in the State Militia. This Commission should be for James P. Way instead of John P. Way as it is. The retained copy of the rolls show that it was James P. Way who served as 2d Lt. in Co. "F." 1st Batt. 1st Prov. Regt. K. S. M. S. D. If upon the rolls which you have the name appears as in the Commission it is an Error and should be corrected. Please Cancel this Commission and issue one to James P. Way to the same effect as this.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.

Guilford Dudley
Adjt. Genl.

James D. Snoddy
Lt. Col.

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Jas. T. Snaddy
Lt. Col,
2d Regt Kan. Militia

asking change
of Commission from
John P. Way to Jas. P.
Way
5th Brigade, S.D.

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