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D. L. Starr to Governor John St. John

This letter from D. L. Starr, editor of "The Trumpet" newspaper, sends Kansas Governor St. John a copy of the publication, commenting on the importance of the temperance amendment and comparing the battle of prohibition to the Civil War victory over slavery.

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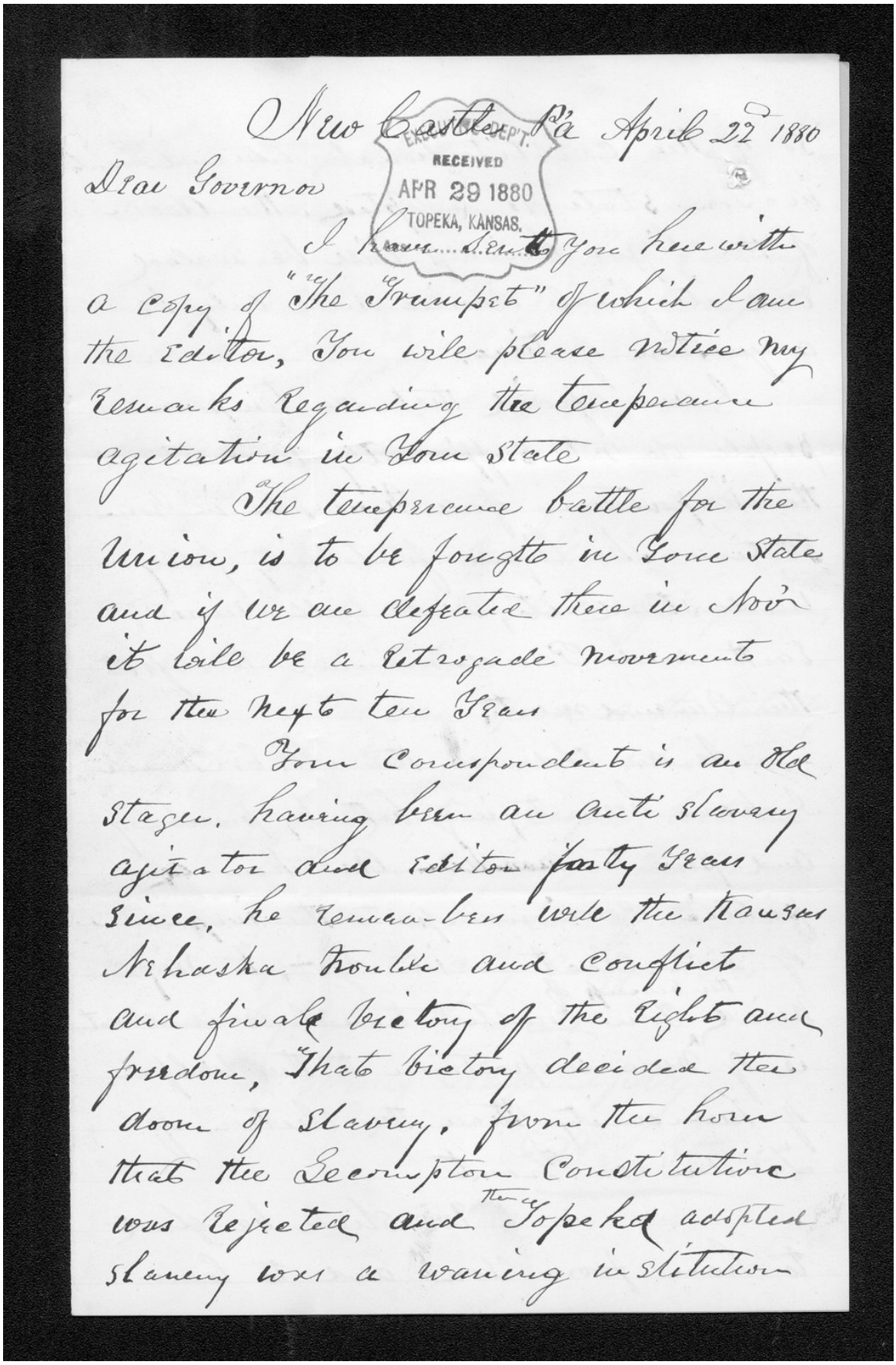
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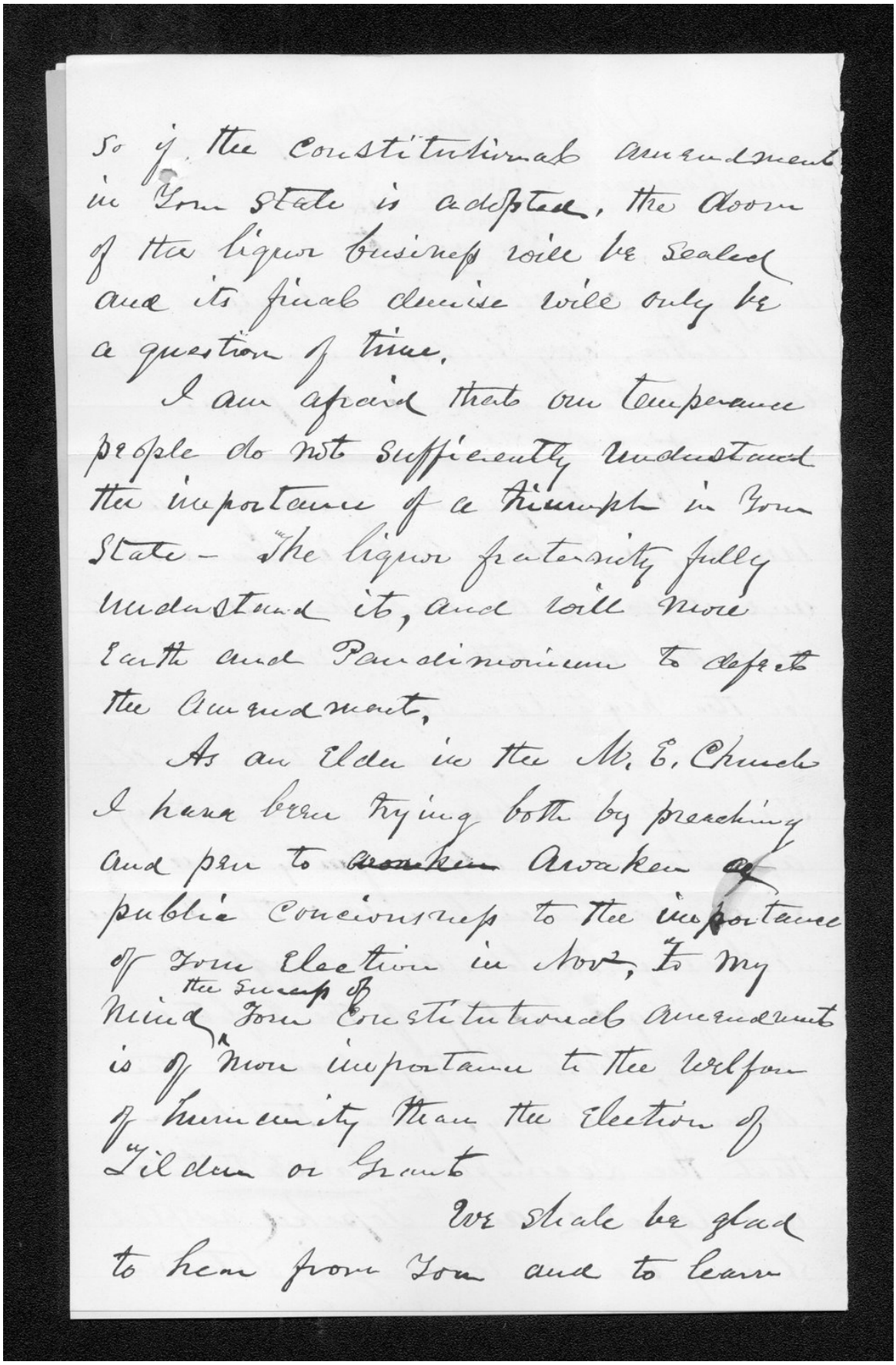
Dear Governor

I have sent you herewith a copy of "The Trumpet" of which I am the editor, You will please notice my remarks regarding the temperance agitation in Your State

The temprance battle for the Union, is to be fought in Your State and if we are defeated there in Nov it will be a Retrogade movement for the next ten Years

Your Correspondent is an Old Stager, having been an Anti Slavery agitator and editor forty Years since, he remembers well the Kansas Nebraska trouble and conflict and finale victory of the right and freedom, That victory decided the doom of Slavery, from the hour that the Lecompton Constitution was Rejected and the Topeka adopted Slavery was a waning institution

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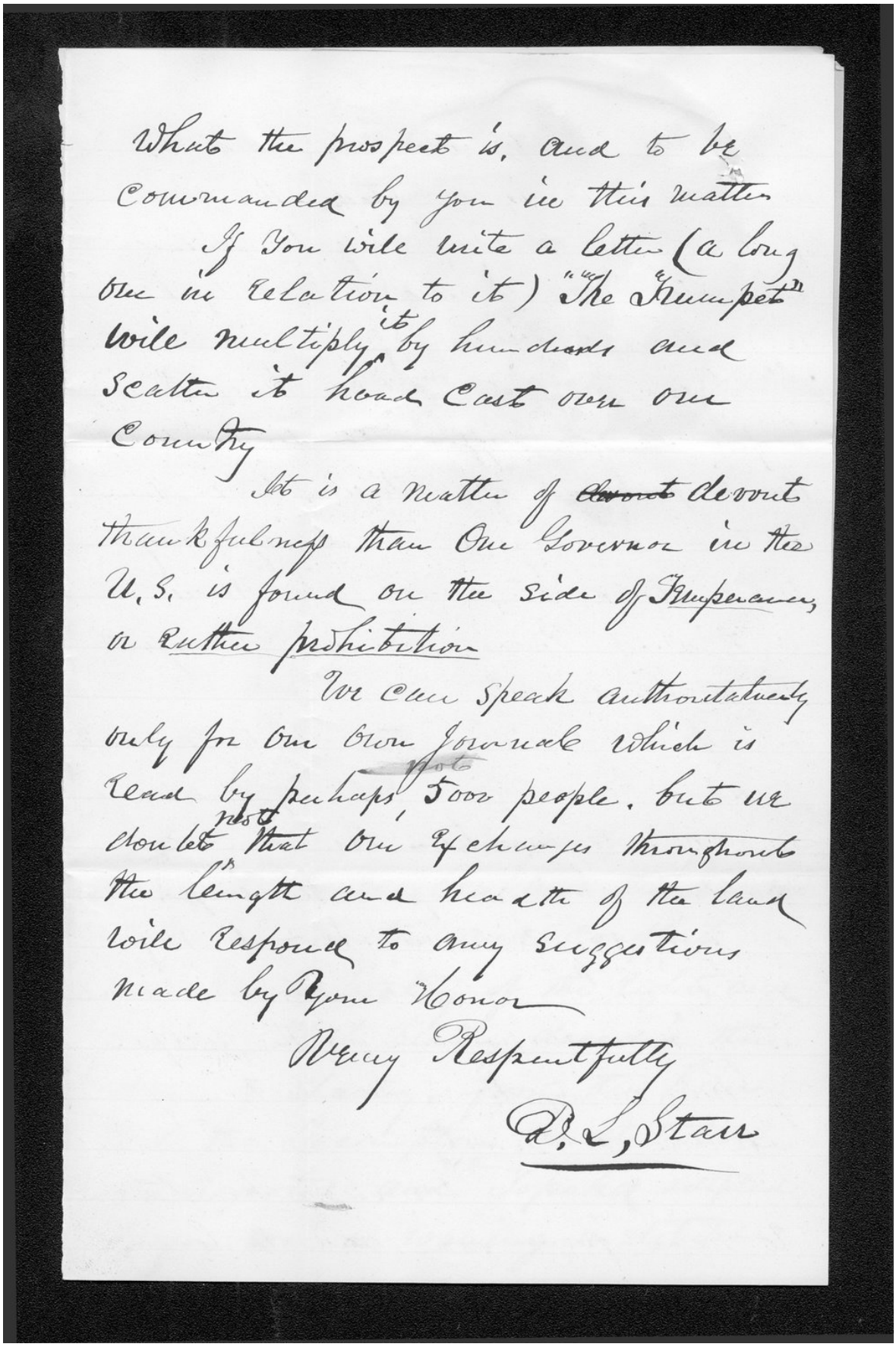
So if the Constitutional amendment in Your State is adopted, the doom of the liquor business will be sealed and its final demise will only be a question of time.

I am afraid that our temperance people do not sufficiently understand the importance of a triumph in Your State - The liquor fraternity fully understand it, and will move Earth and Parsimonium to defeat the Amendment,

As an Elder in the M. E. Church I have been trying both by preaching and pen to ~~awaken~~ Awaken a public conciousness to the importance of Your Election in Nov, To my mind the success of Your Constitutional Amendment is of more importance to the welfare of humanity than the election of Tilden or Grant

We shall be glad to hear from You and to learn

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What the prospect is, and to be
Commanded by you in this matter
If You will write a letter (a long
One in relation to it) "The Trumpet"
will multiply it by hundreds and
Scatter it broad Cast over our
Country
It is a matter of ~~devout~~ devout
thankfulness that Our Governor in the
U. S. is found on the side of Temperance,
or Rather prohibition
We can speak authoritatively
only for Our own Journals which is
Read by perhaps 5000 people, but we
do not doubt that Our Efforts throughout
the length and breadth of the land
will Respond to any Suggestions
made by Your Honor
Very Respectfully
D. L. Starr