James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 55, Pages 1621 - 1650

This collection includes materials related to all aspects of James Barnes Whitaker's professional life, including his real estate business and his legal career, particularly for the pensioners he helped. He came to Tecumseh, Shawnee County in 1856 and worked there as a surveyor. In 1857, he moved to Topeka where he remained, serving as county sheriff, surveyor, and Topeka city engineer. He owned an abstract and real estate business in Topeka and was an attorney, representing numerous Civil War veterans in obtaining disability pensions, many of whom served in Kansas units. The collection consists of Whitaker's correspondence (arranged chronologically) and Whitaker's 1857 certificate of appointment as a U.S. Deputy Marshal.

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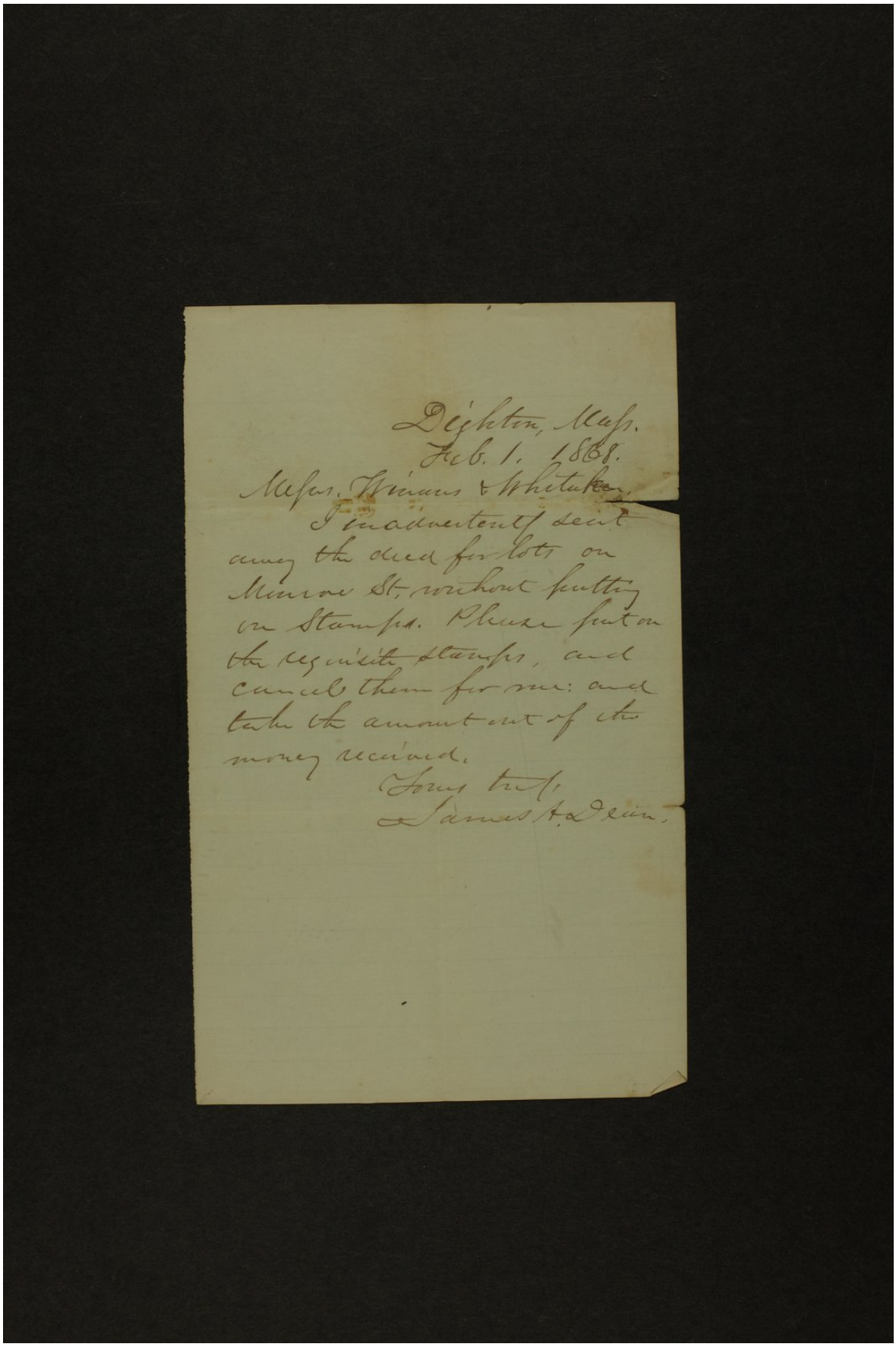
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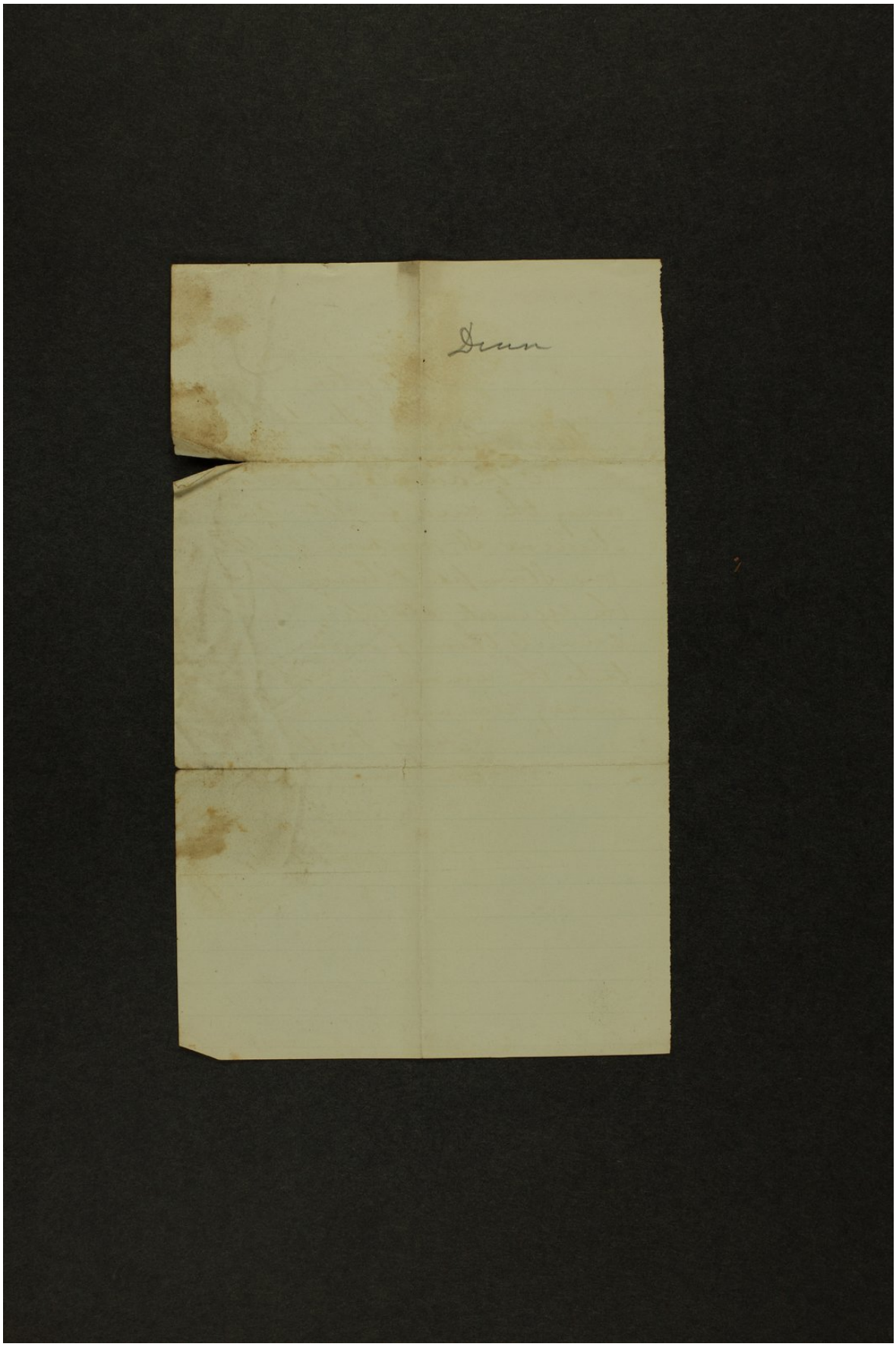


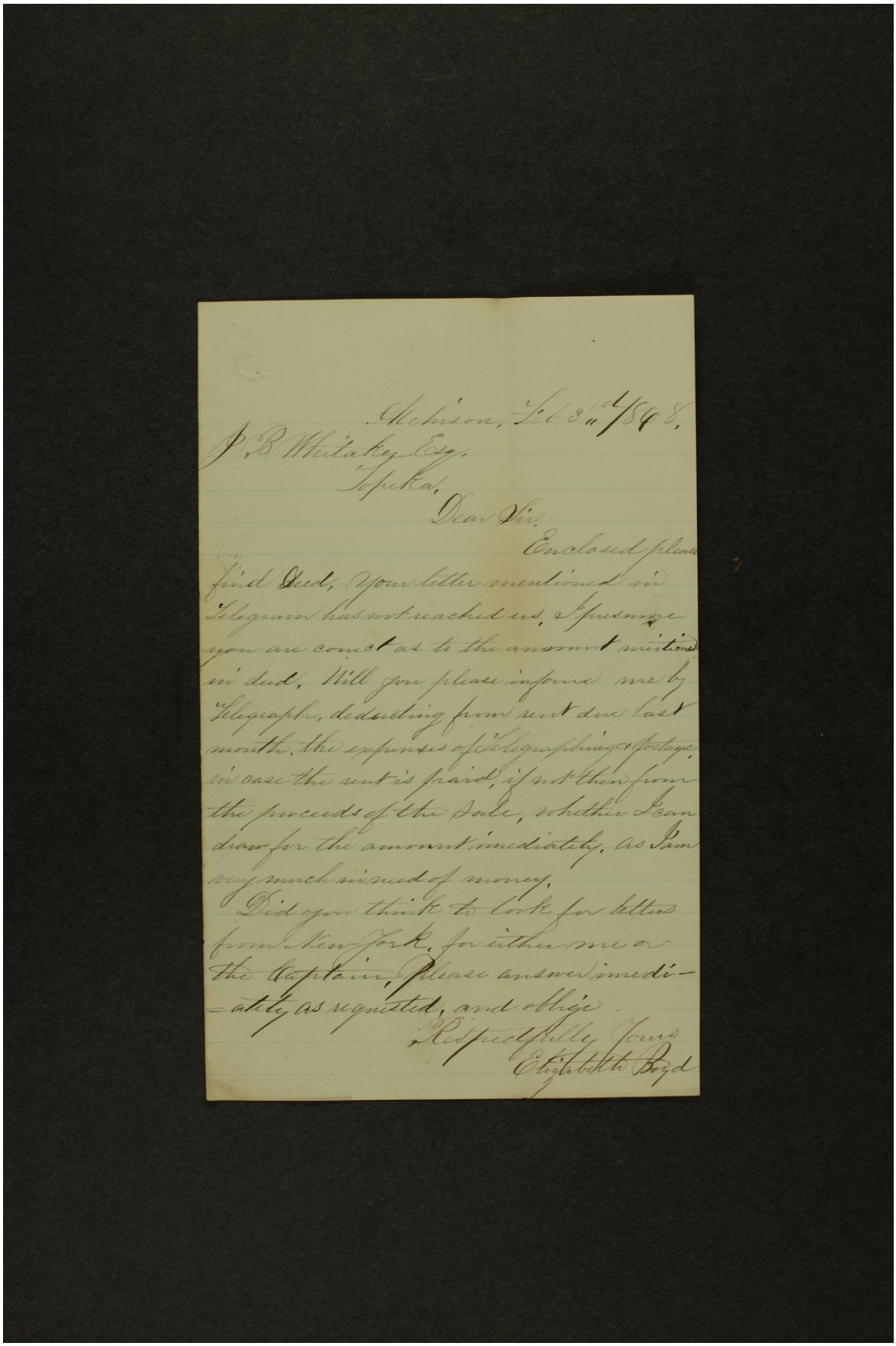
Dighton, Mass.
Feb. 1. 1868.

Messrs. Winans & Whitaker.

I inadvertently sent away the deed for lots on Monroe St. without putting on Stamps. Please put on the requisite stamps, and cancel them for me: and take the amount of the money received.

Yours truly,
James B. Swain.





Atchison, Feb 8th 1858.

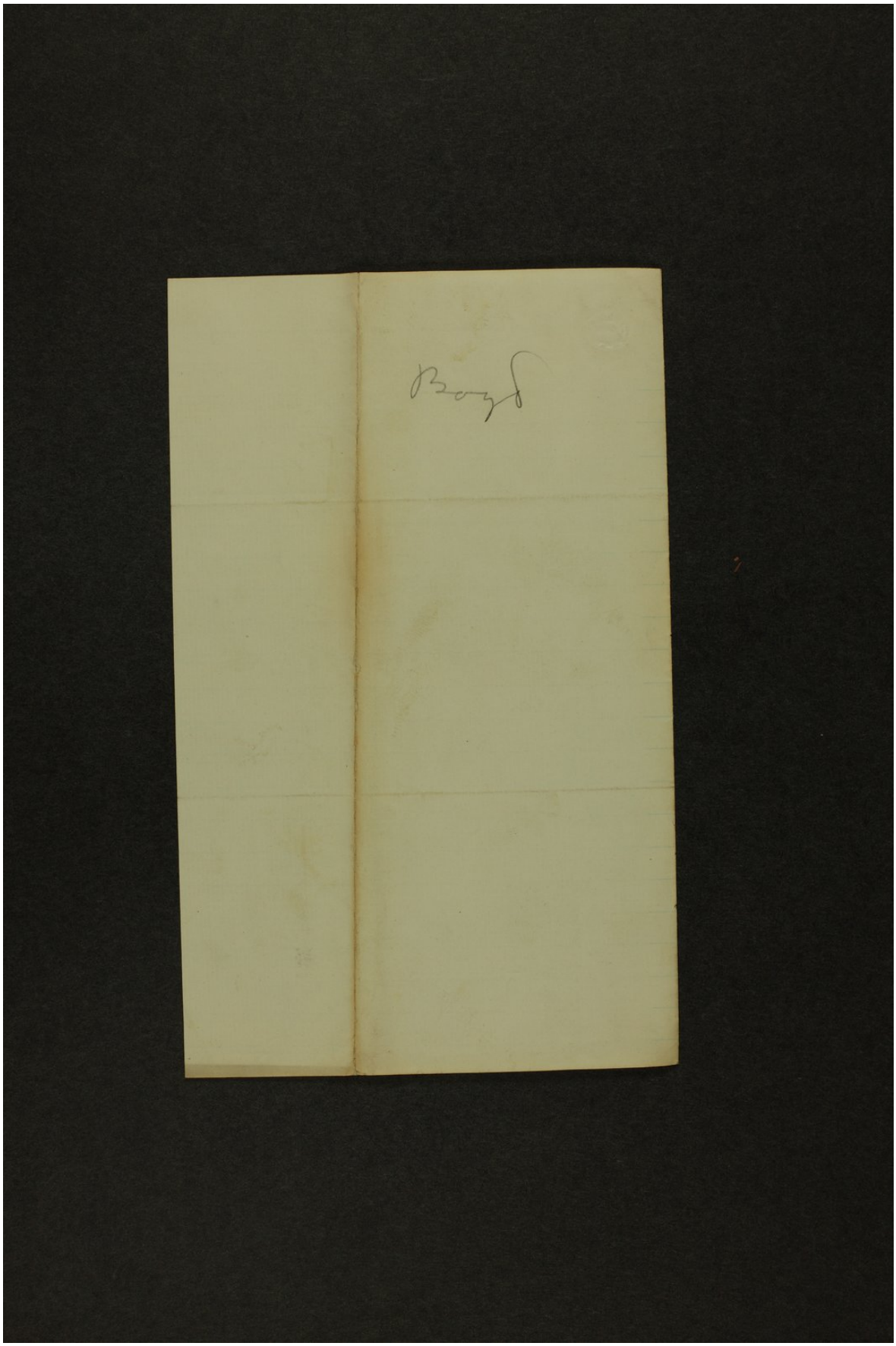
J B Whitaker Esq.
Topeka.

Dear Sir.

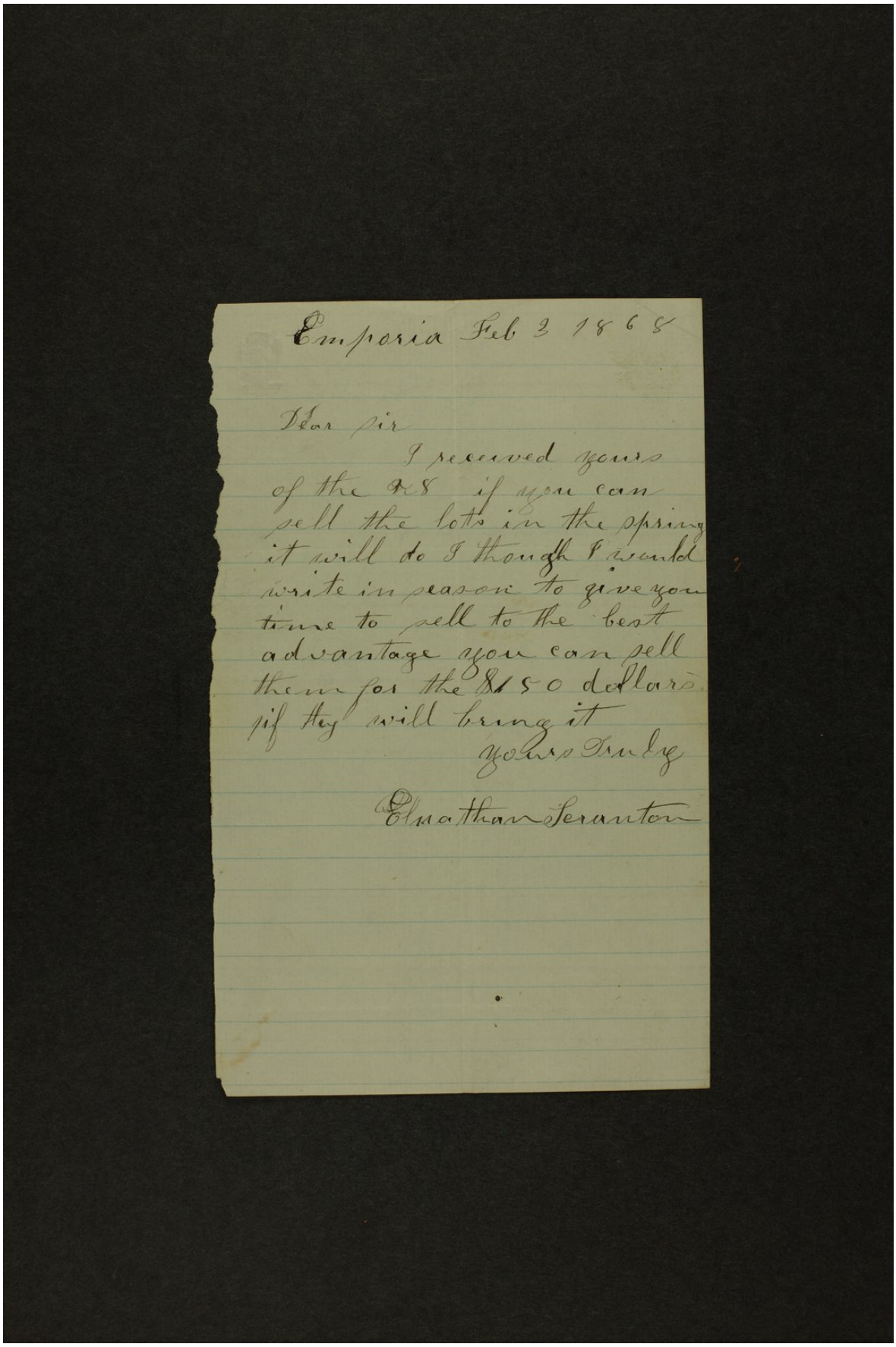
Enclosed please find Deed, Your letter mentioned in Telegram has not reached us, I presume you are correct as to the amount mentioned in deed. Will you please inform me by Telegraph, deducting from rent due last month, the expenses of Telegraphing & postage in case the rent is paid, if not then from the proceeds of the sale, whether I can draw for the amount imediately, as I am very much in need of money.

Did you think to look for letters from New York, for either me or the Captain. Please answer imediately as requested, and oblige

Respectfully Yours
Elizabeth Boyd



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Emporia Feb 2 1868

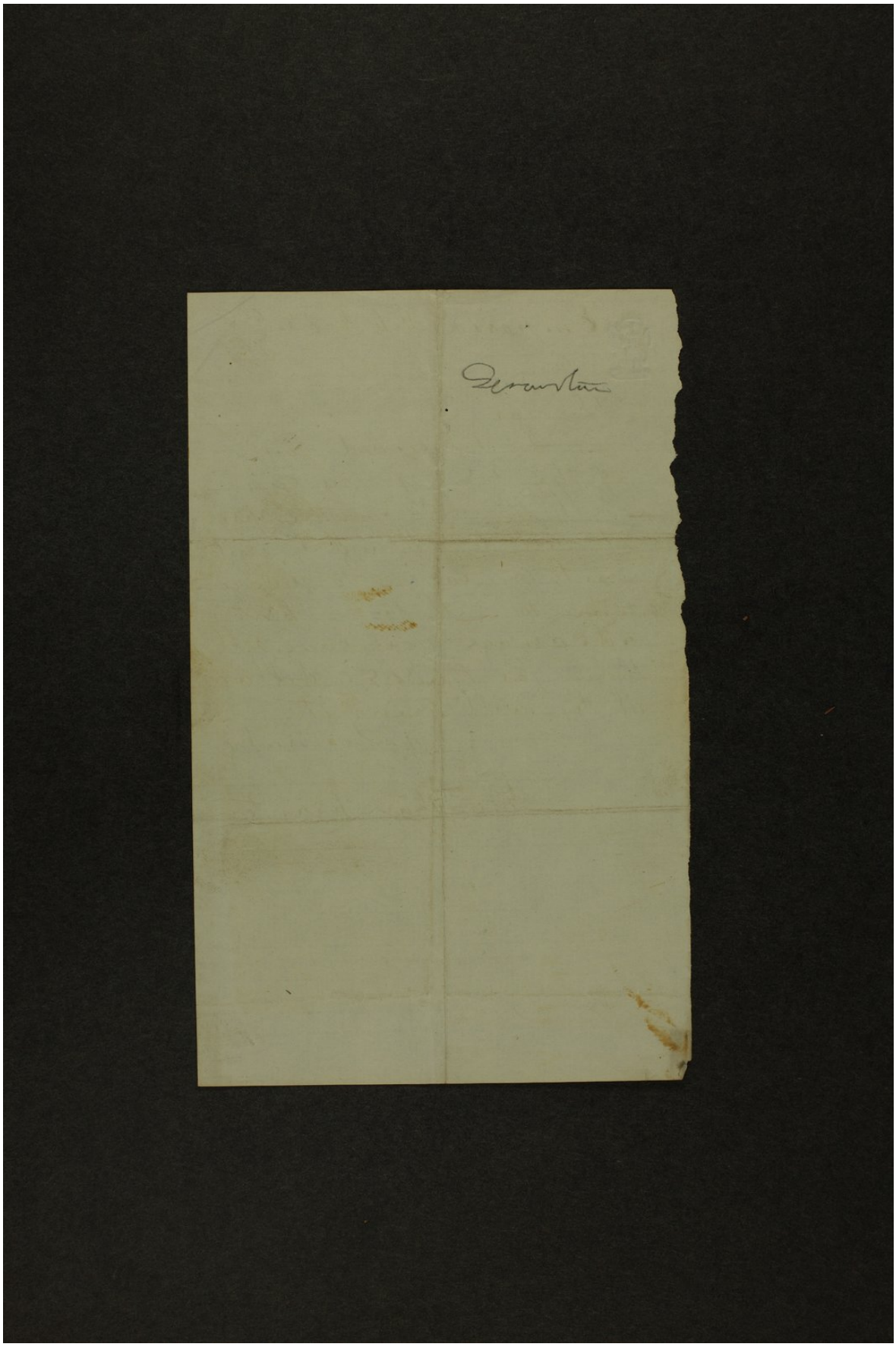
Dear sir

I received yours of the 28 if you can sell the lots in the spring it will do I thought I would write in season to give you time to sell to the best advantage you can sell them for the $150 dollars if they will bring it

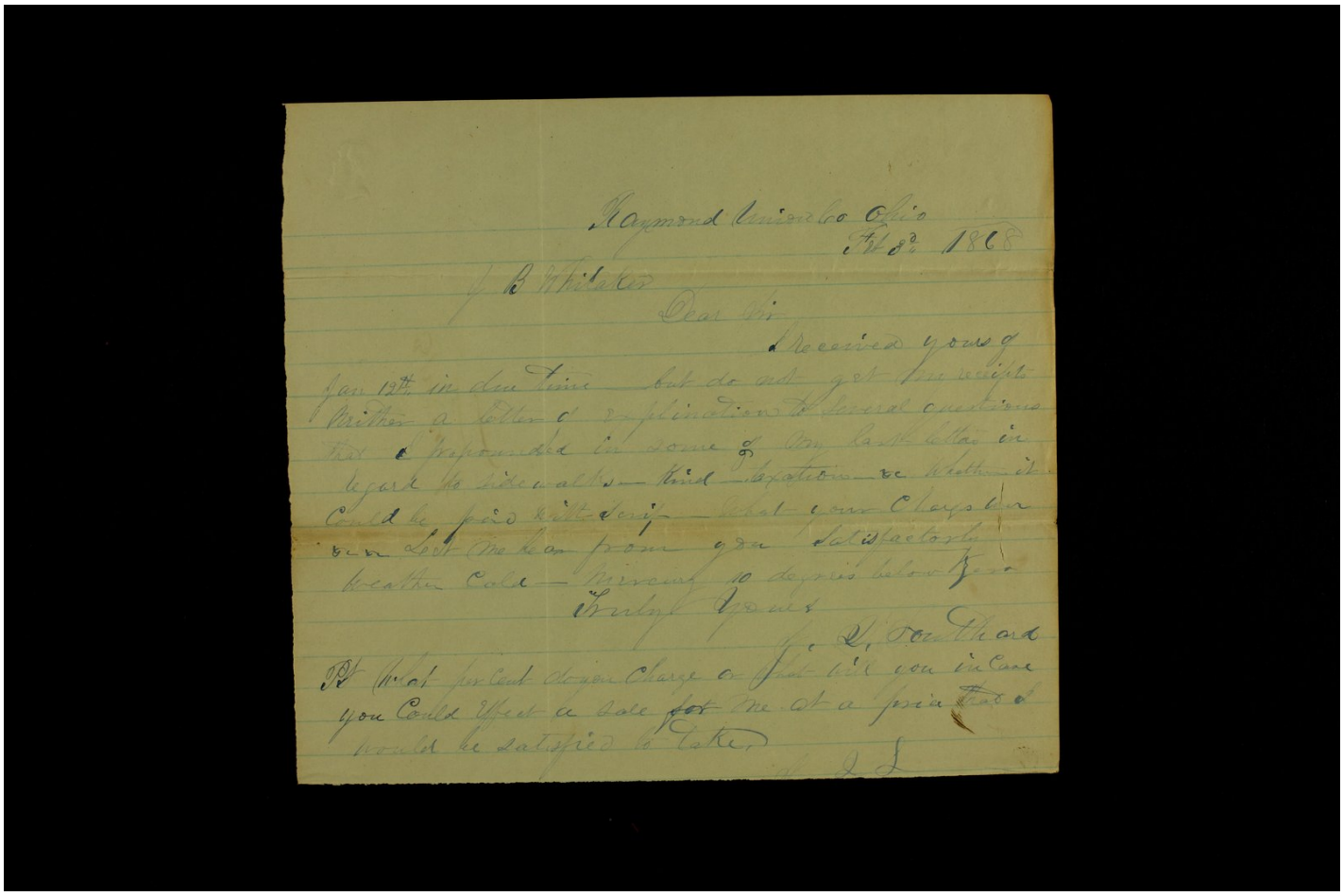
Yours Truly

Jonathan Scranton

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Raymond Union Co Ohio
Feb 2d 1868

J B Whitaker

Dear Sir

I Received yours of Jan 12th in due time but do not get the weight Neither a letter of explination to several questions that I propounded in some of my last letters in regard to sidewalks — Kind Location &c Whether it could be paid Quit Claim — that you Always Can Let me hear from you Satisfactorily Weather Cold — Mercury 10 degrees below Zero

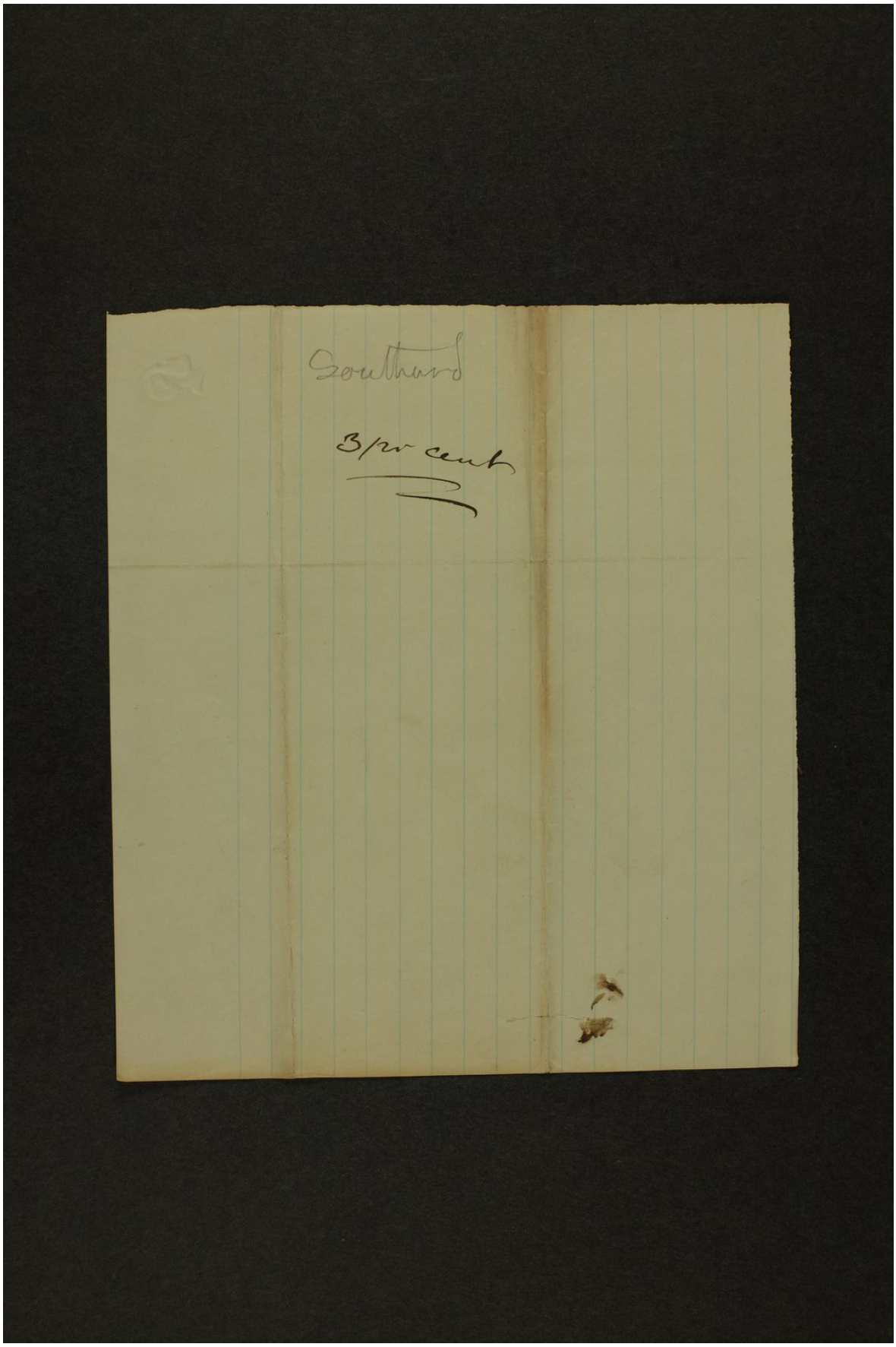
Truly Yours

J. L. Southard

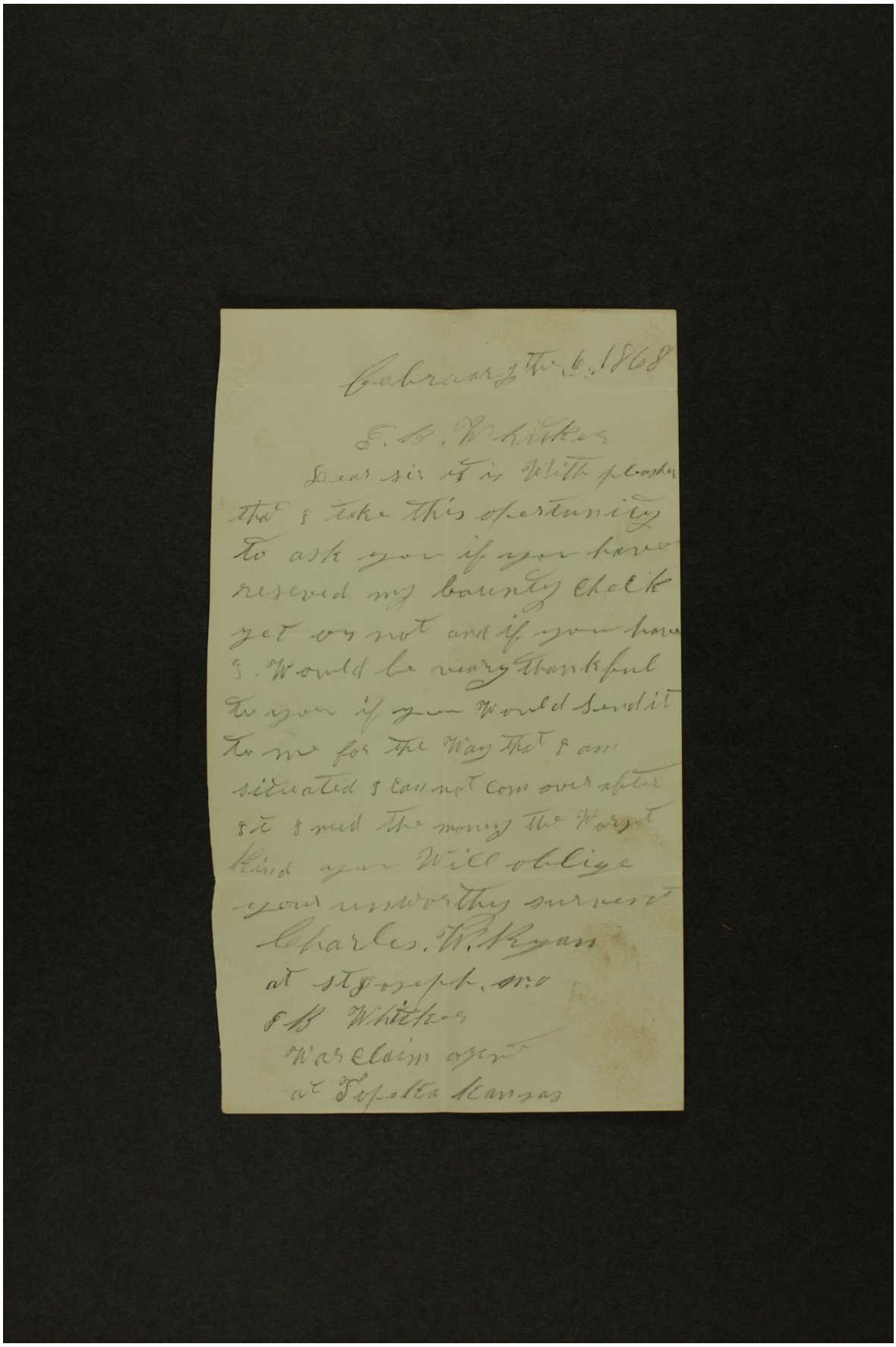
P.S. What per Cent down Charge or Fee will you in Case you Could Effect a Sale for me at a price that I would be satisfied to take

J L

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February 6th 1868

S. B. Whitaker

Dear sir it is with pleasure that I take this opertunity to ask you if you have reseved my bounty check yet or not and if you have I would be very thankful to you if you would send it to me for the Way that I am situated I can not com over after it I need the money the worst kind you will oblige your unworthy surveyor

Charles W. Bryan

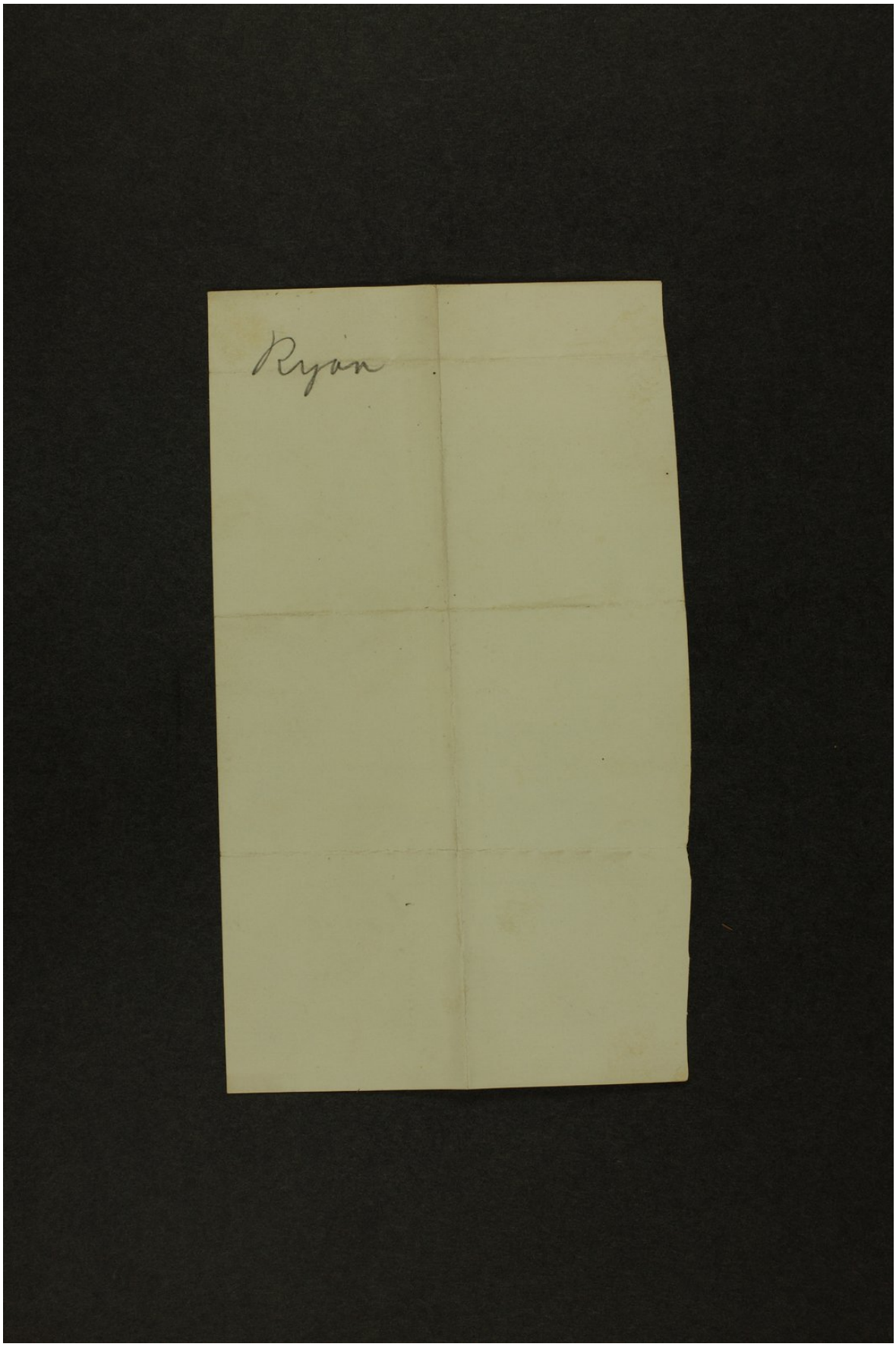
at St Joseph Mo

S B Whitaker

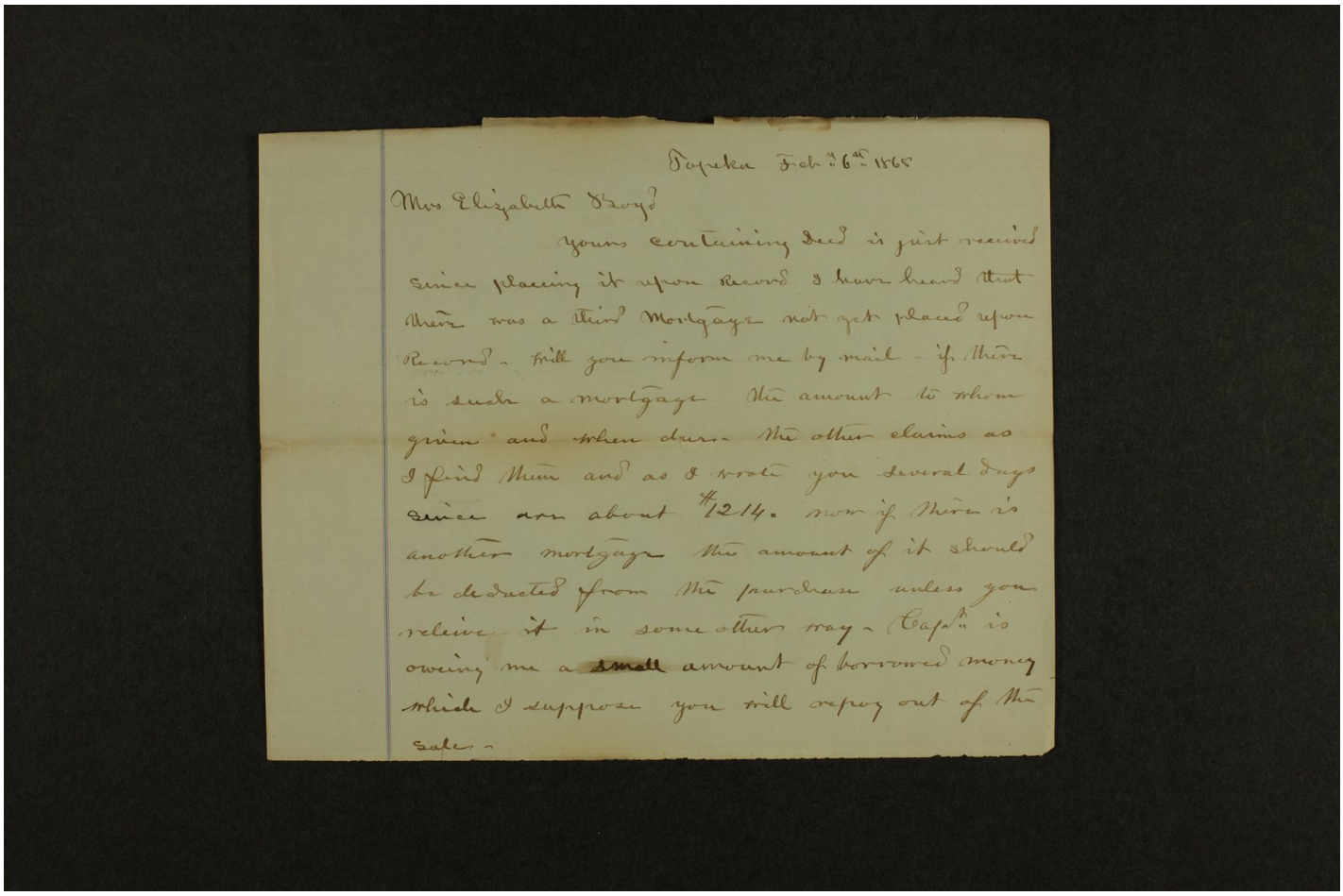
War claim agent

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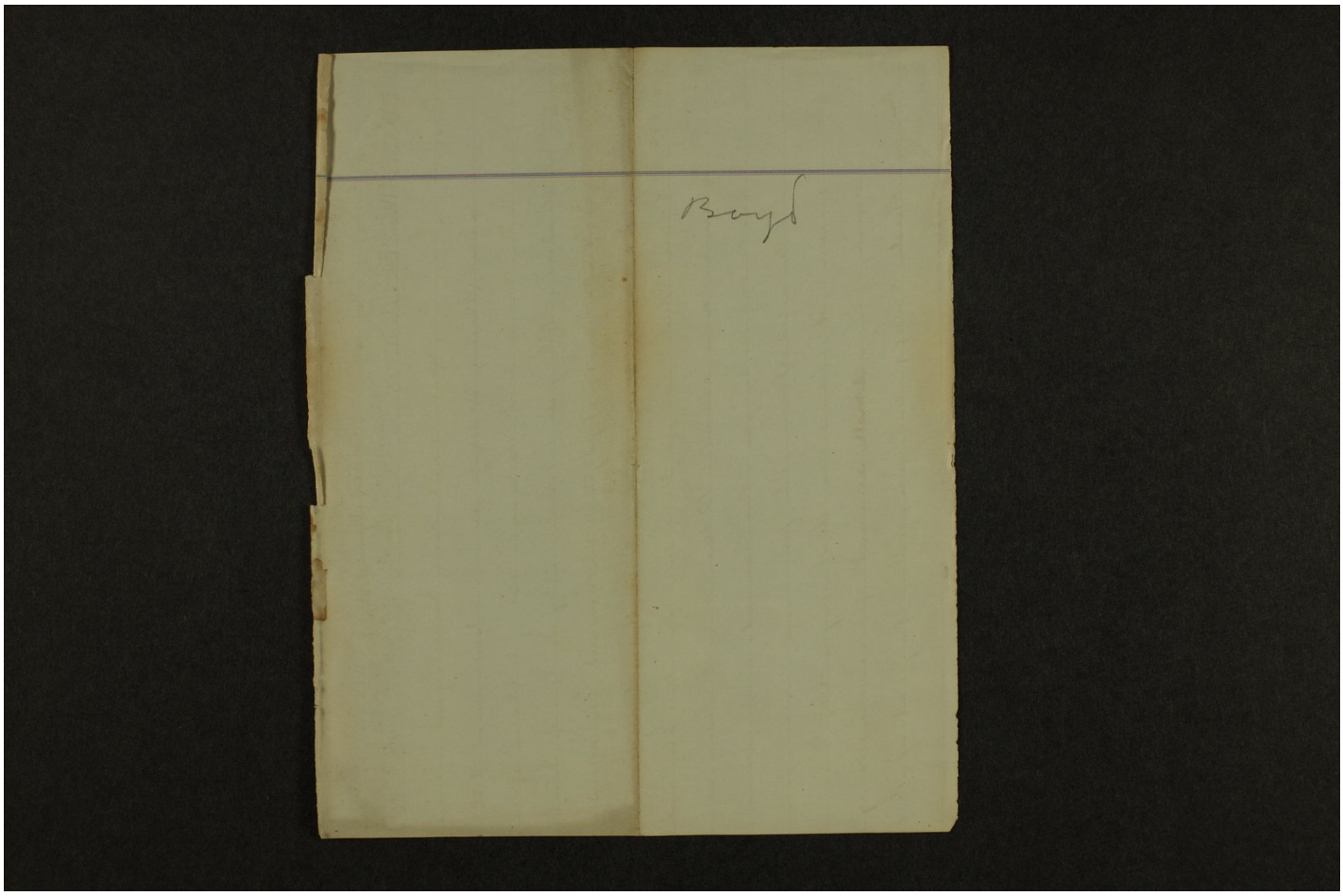


Topeka Feb 6th 1868

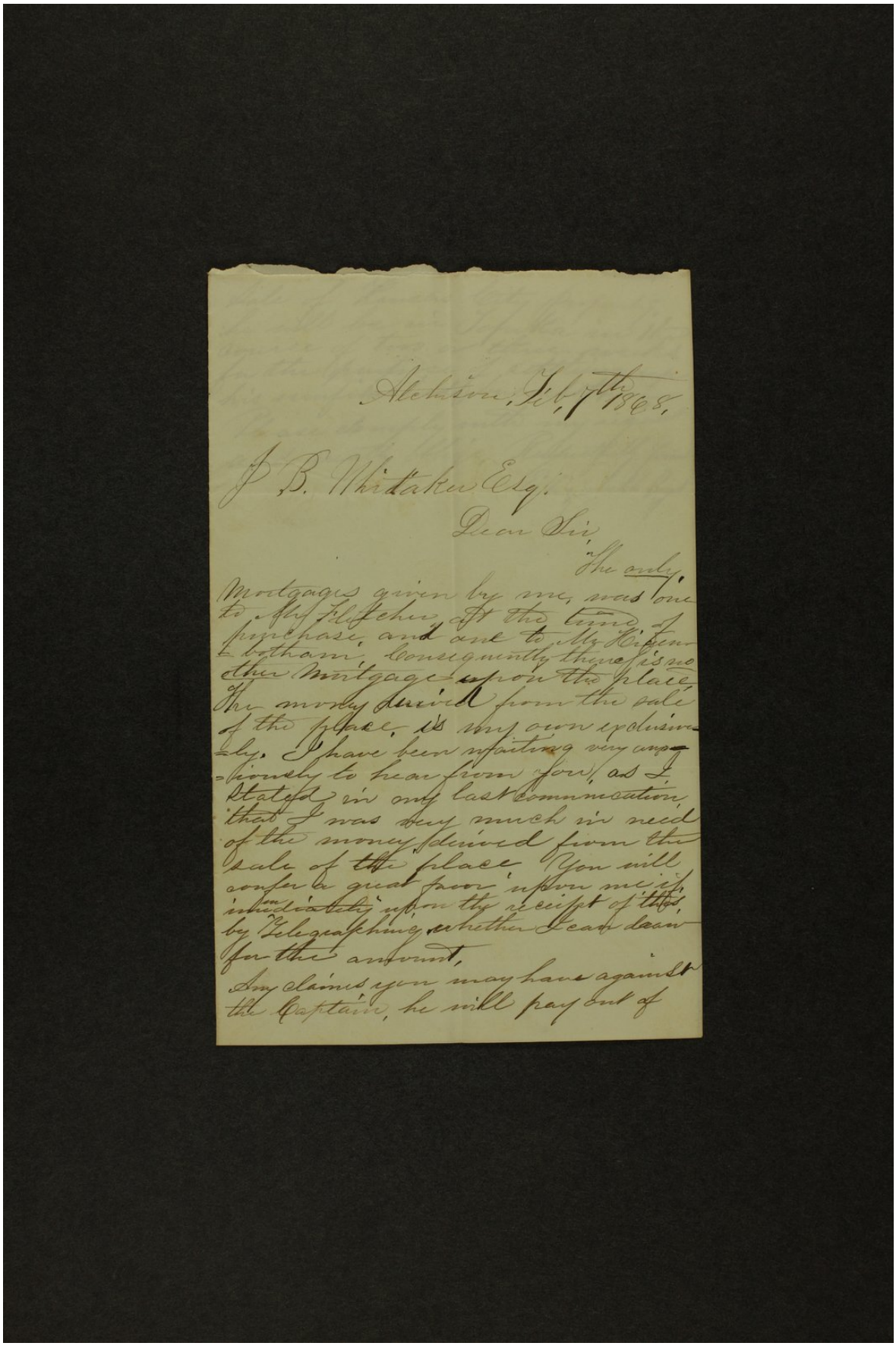
Mrs Elizabeth Boyd

Yours containing Deed is just received since placing it upon Record I have heard that there was a third Mortgage not yet placed upon Record - Will you inform me by mail - if there is such a mortgage the amount to whom given and when due - The other claims as I find them and as I wrote you several days since are about $1214. now if there is another mortgage the amount of it should be deducted from the purchase unless you relieve it in some other way - Capt. is owing me a small amount of borrowed money which I suppose you will repay out of the sales -

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Atchison, Feb. 7th 1868.

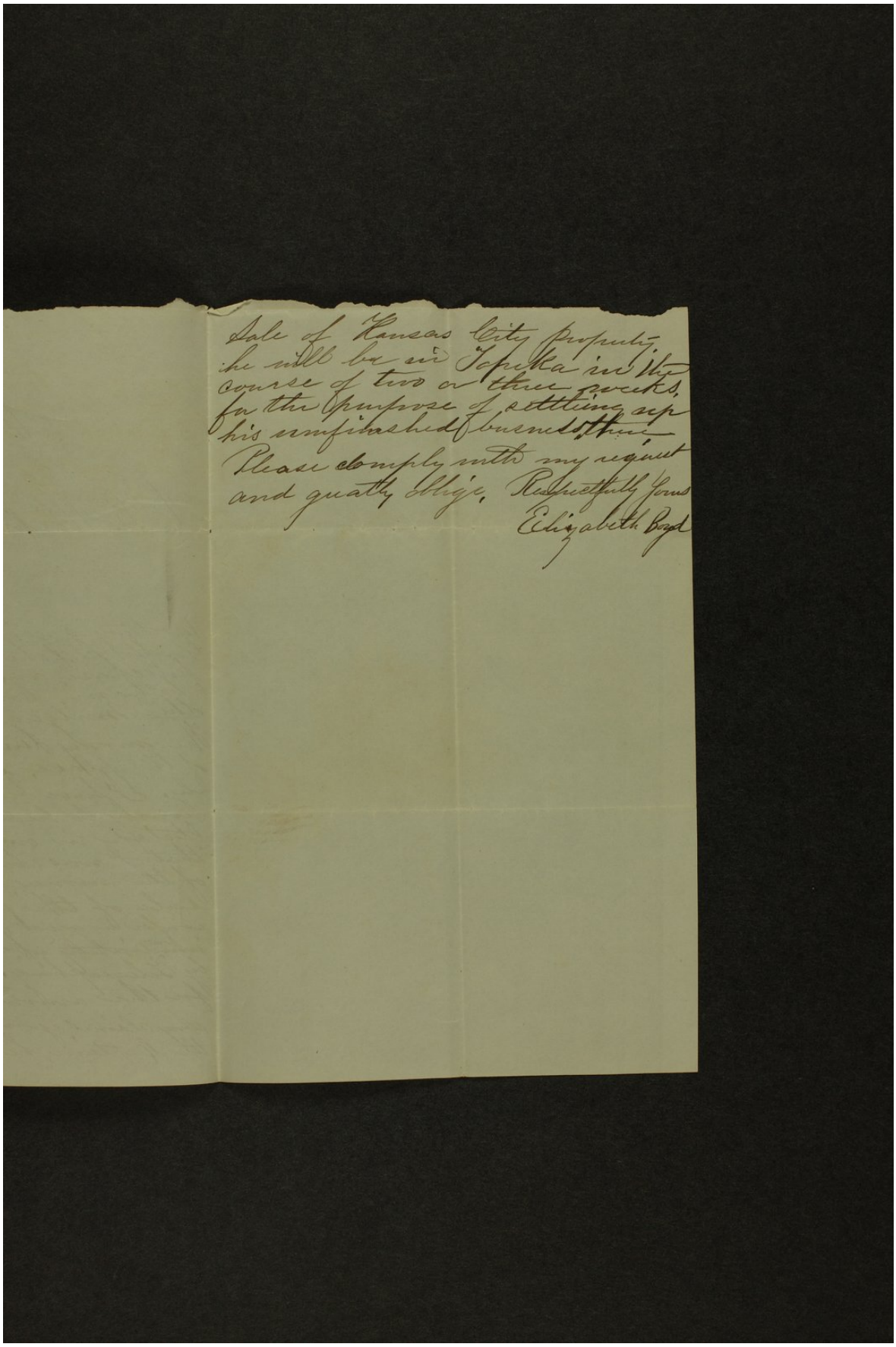
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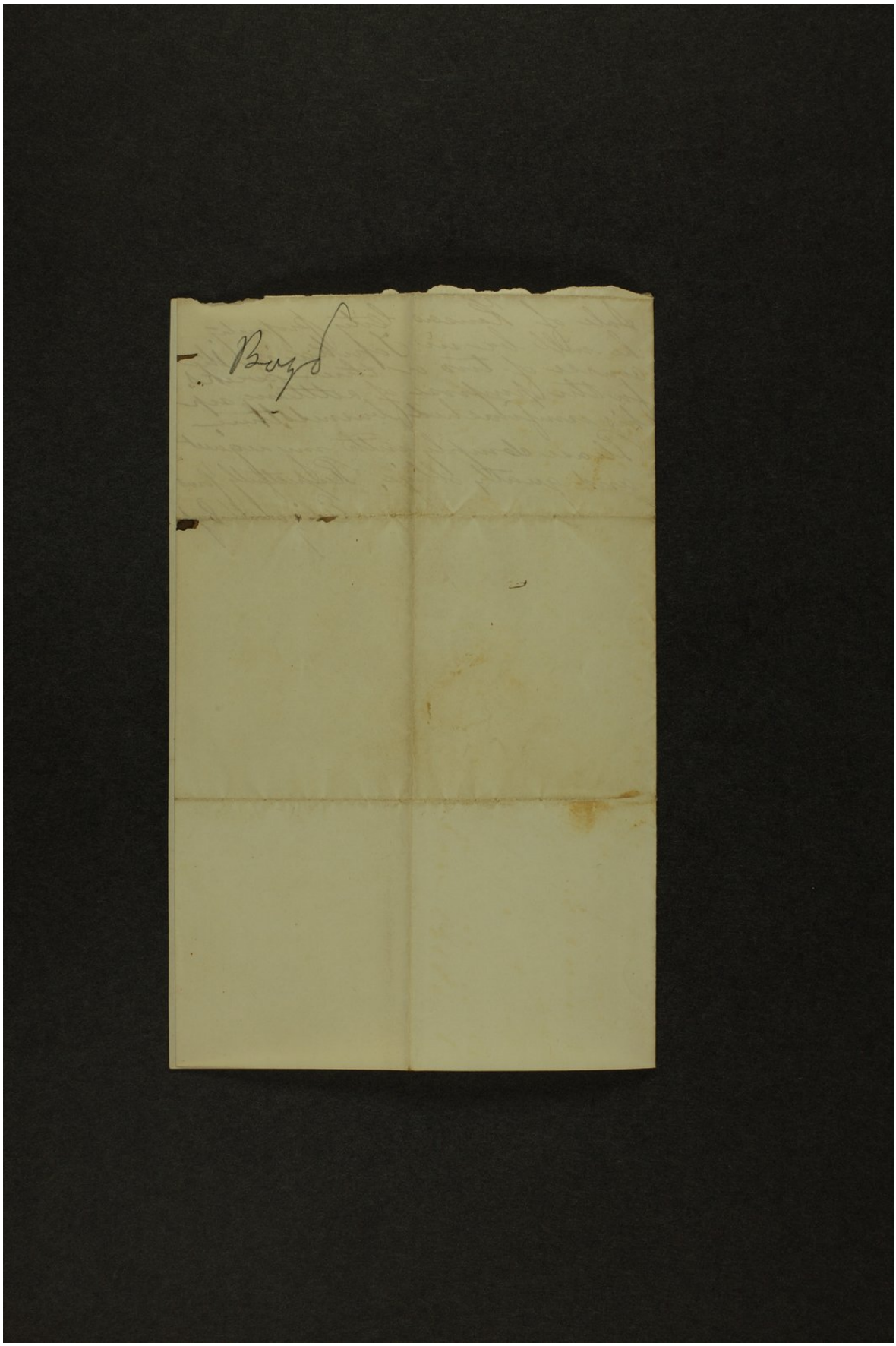
Dear Sir.

The only Mortgages given by me, was one to Mr Fletcher at the time I purchase, and one to Mr Hiseuthan, consequently there is no other Mortgage upon the place. The money derived from the sale of the place is my own exclusively. I have been waiting very anxiously to hear from you, as I stated in my last communication, that I was very much in need of the money derived from the sale of the place. You will confer a great favor upon me if immediately upon the receipt of this by Telegraphing whether I can draw for the amount.

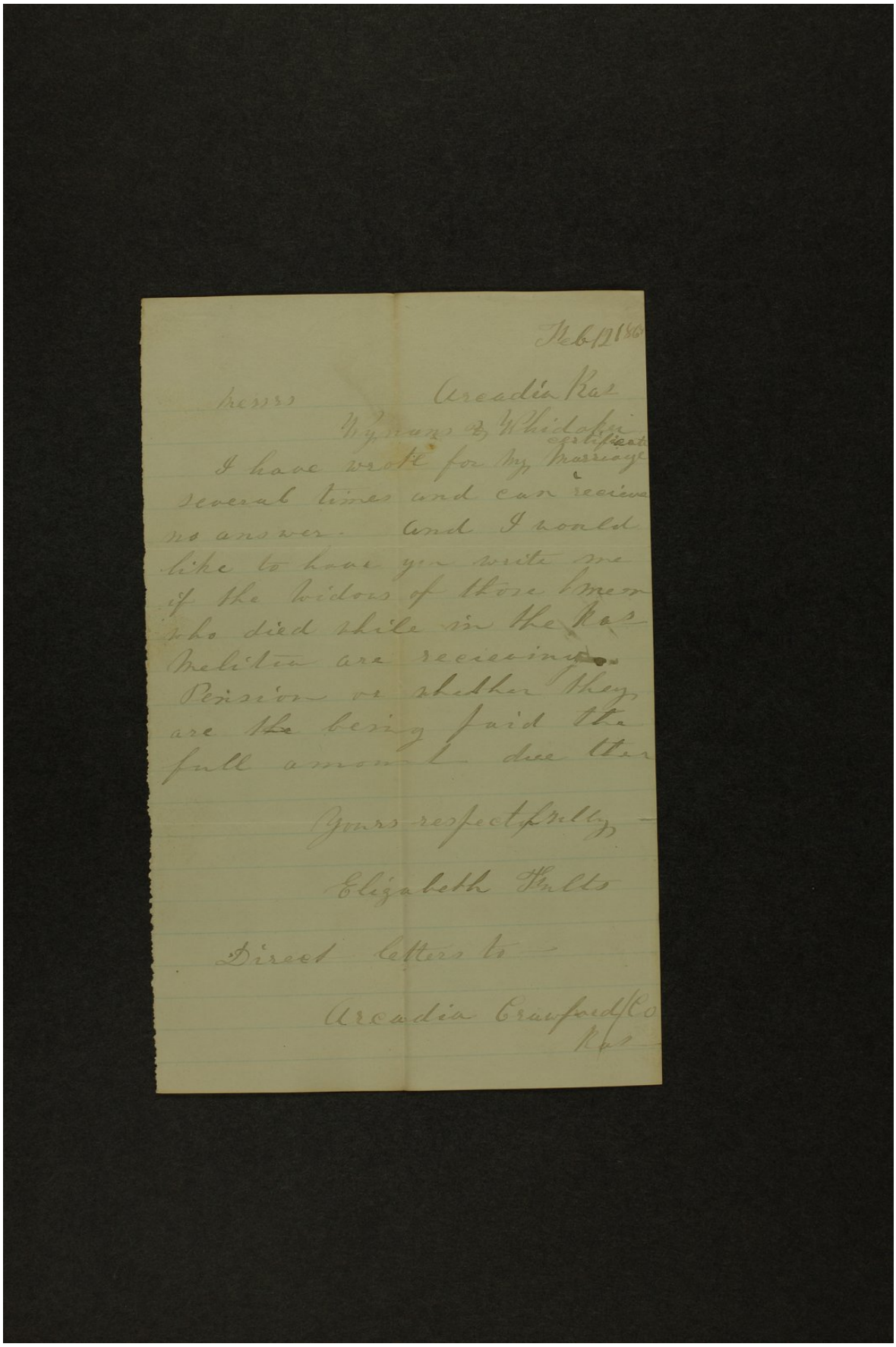
Any claims you may have against the Captain, he will pay out of

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Sale of Kansas City property
he will be in Topeka in the
course of two or three weeks
for the purpose of settling up
his unfinished business there
Please comply with my request
and greatly oblige. Respectfully Yours
Elizabeth Boyd



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Feb 12 1866

Messrs Arcadia Kas

Wyman & Whitaker

I have wrote for my marriage certificate several times and can receive no answer. And I would like to have you write me if the widows of those men who died while in the Rebellion are receiving Pension or whether they are to be paid the full amount due them

Yours respectfully

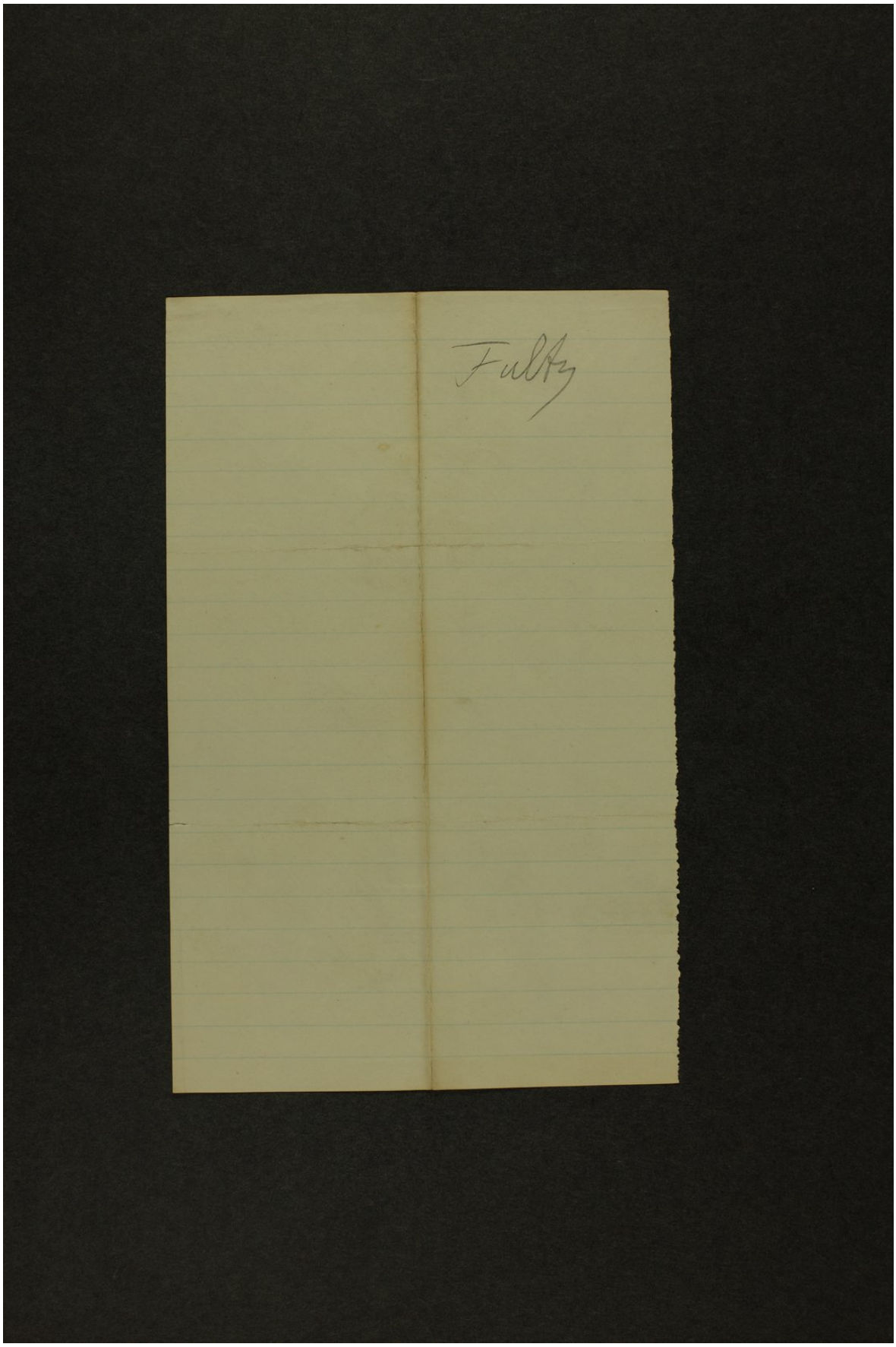
Elizabeth Hills

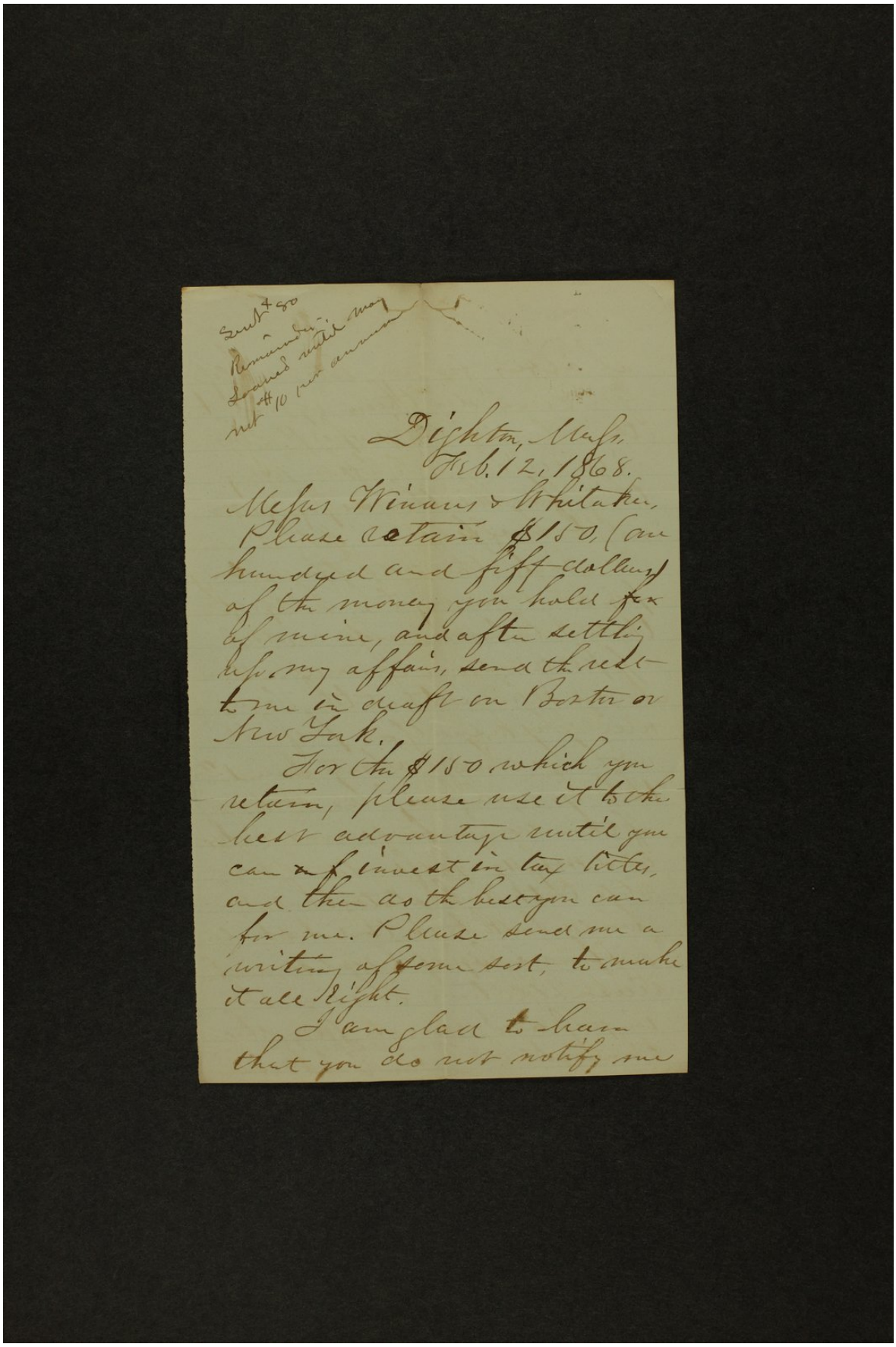
Direct letters to

Arcadia Crawford Co

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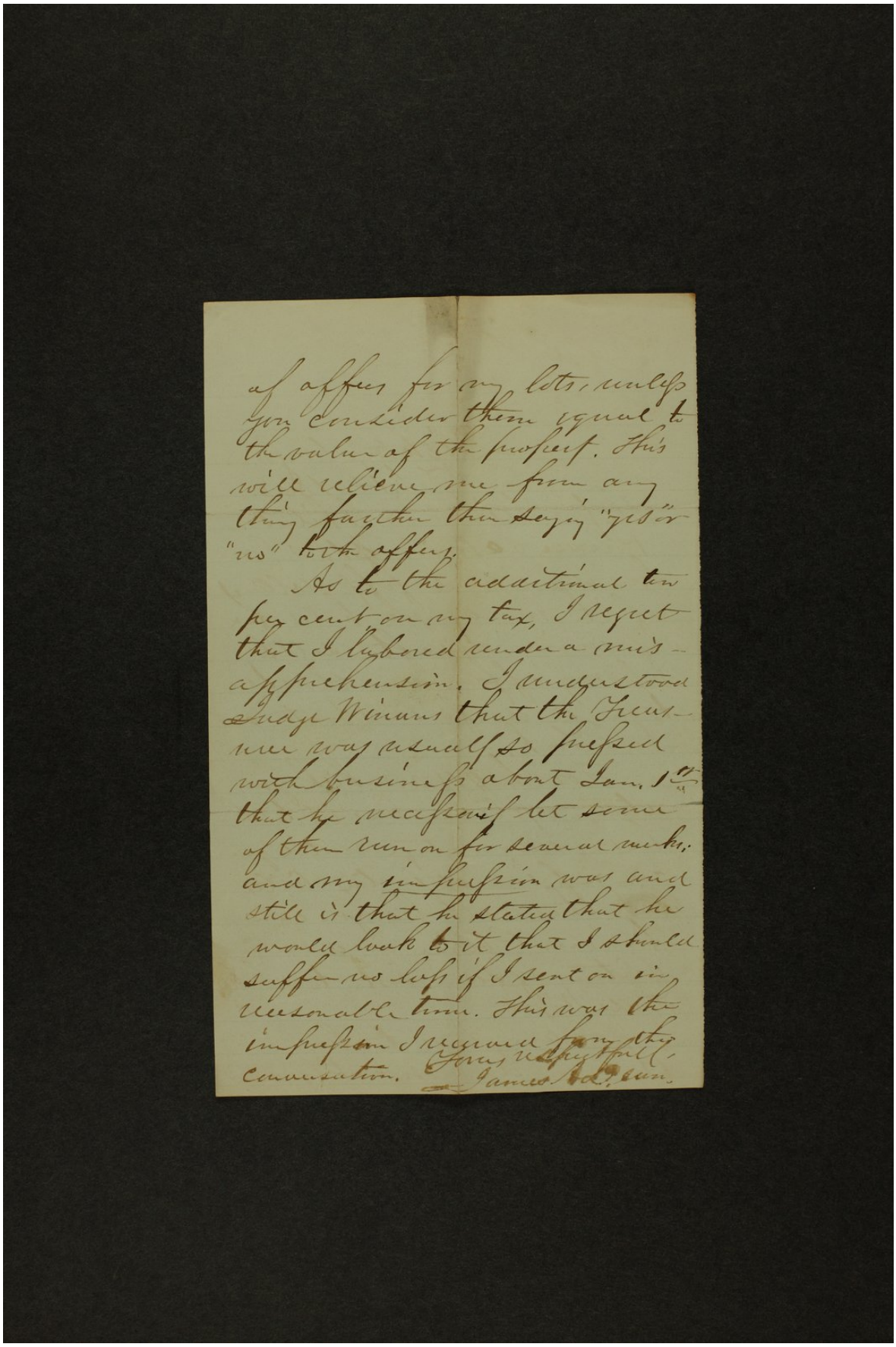


Dighton, Mass.
Feb. 12, 1868.

Messrs Winans & Whitaker,
Please obtain $150, (one hundred and fifty dollars) of the money you hold for me, and after settling up my affairs, send the rest to me in draft on Boston or New York.

For the $150 which you return, please use it to the best advantage until you can invest in city titles, and then as the best you can for me. Please send me a writing of some sort, to make it all right.

I am glad to learn that you do not notify me

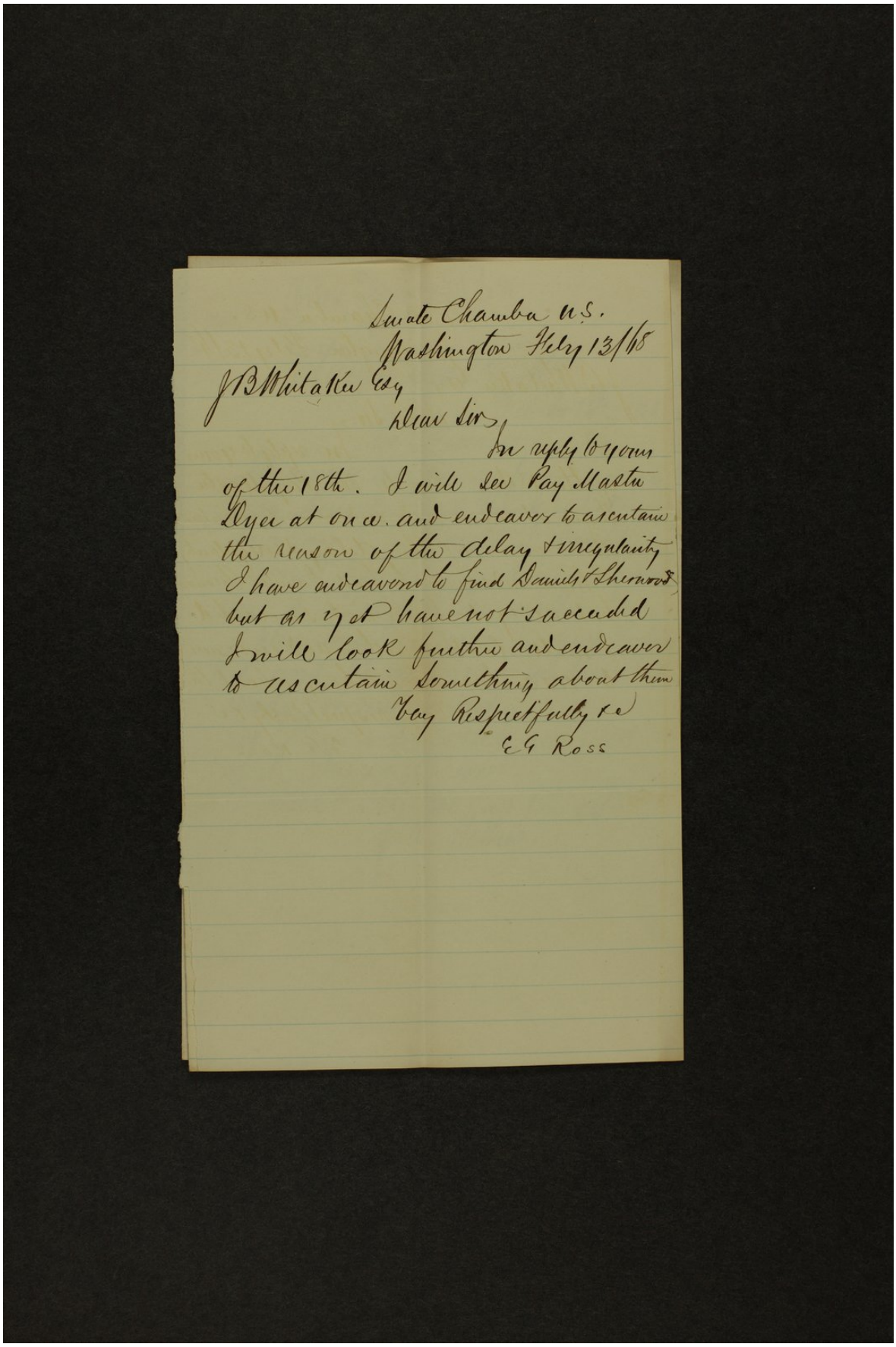


of offers for my lots, unless you consider them equal to the value of the property. This will relieve me from any thing further than saying "yes" or "no" to the offers.

As to the additional ten per cent on my tax, I regret that I labored under a misapprehension. I understood Judge Winans that the Treasurer was usually so pressed with business about Jan. 1st that he measures let some of them run on for several weeks, and my impression was and still is that he stated that he would look to it that I should suffer no loss if I sent on in reasonable time. This was the impression I received from the conversation.

Yours respectfully,
James B. Whitaker.

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Senate Chamber U.S.
Washington Feby 13/65

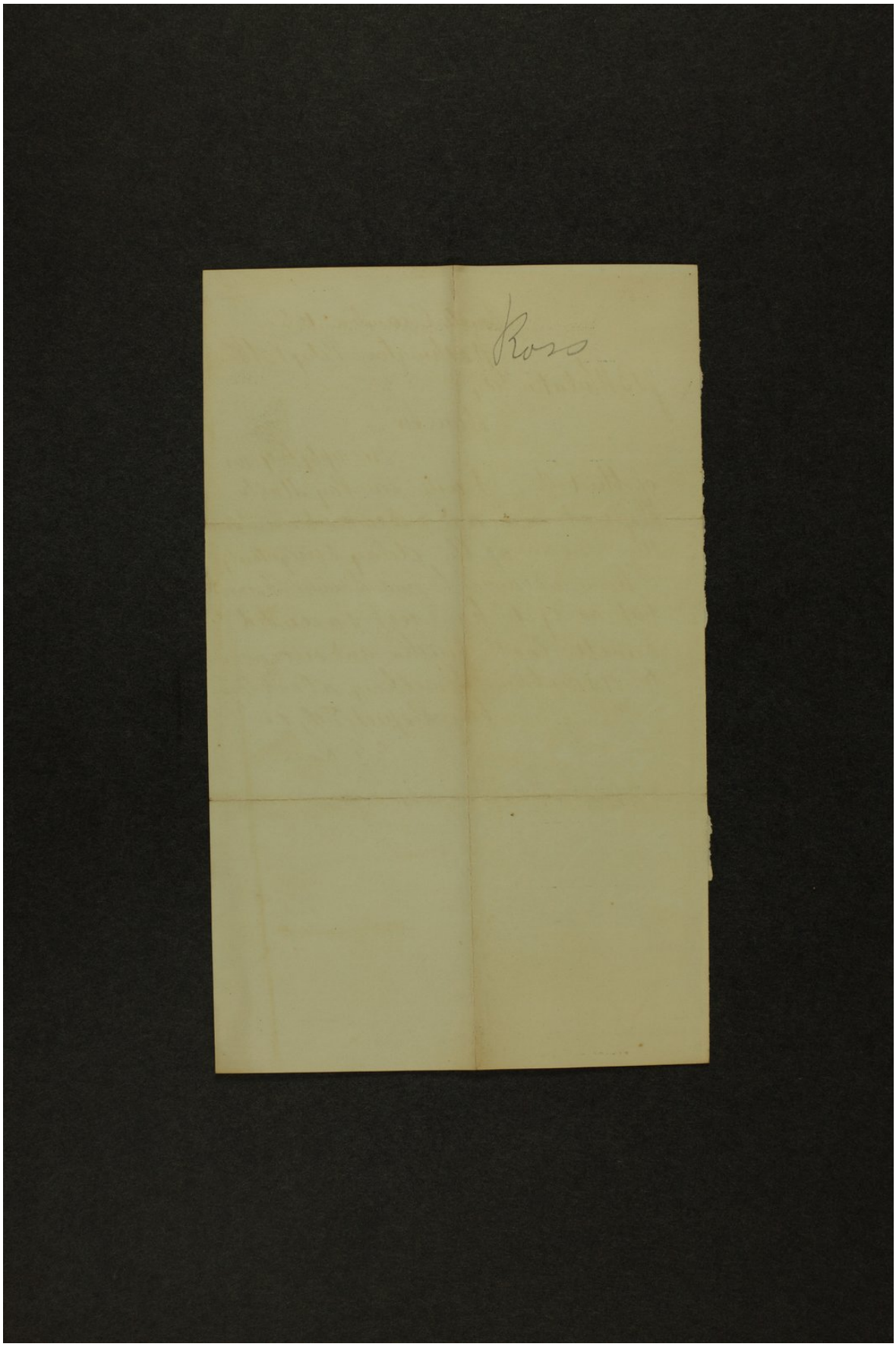
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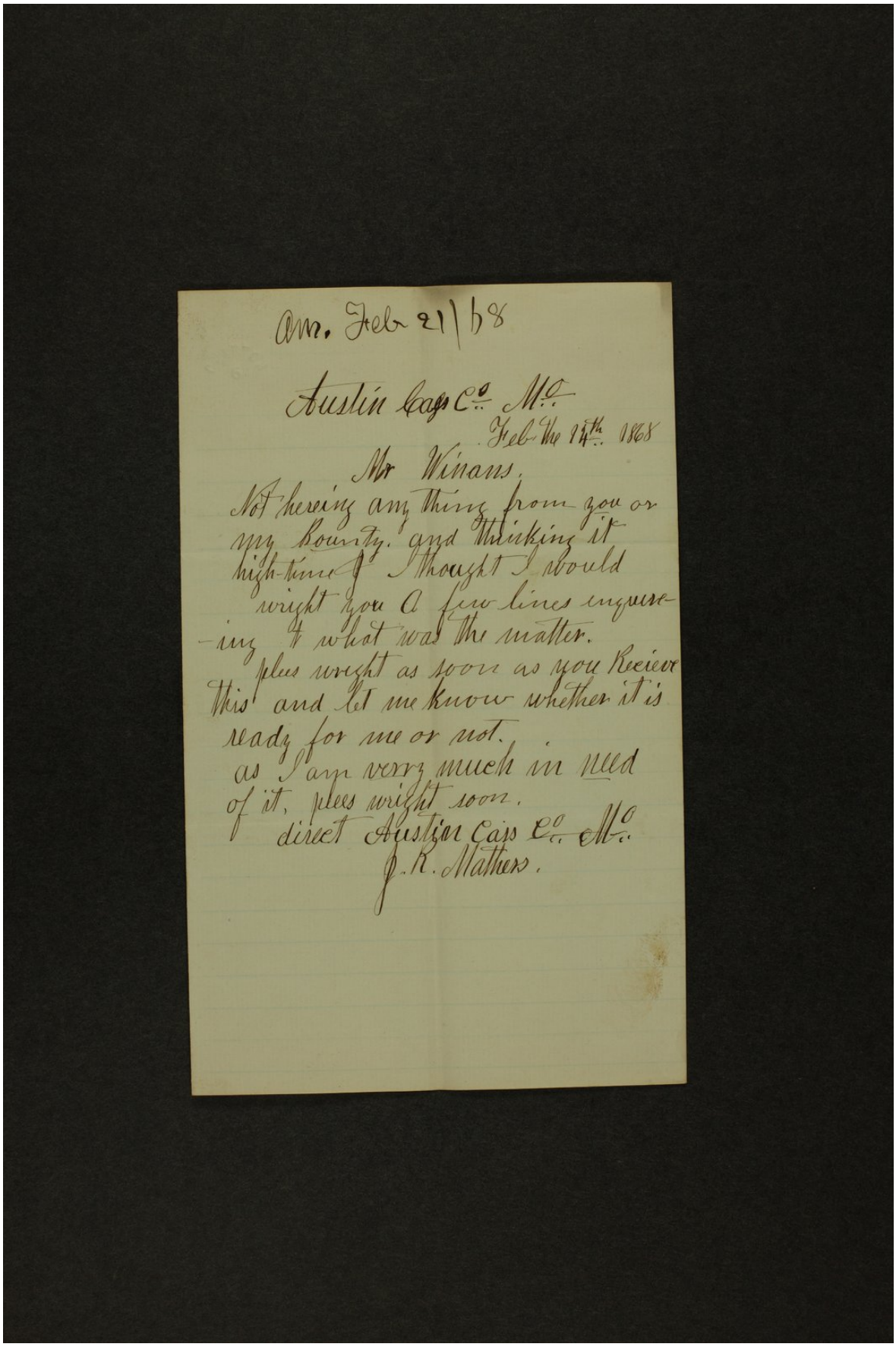
Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 18th. I will see Pay Master Dyer at once. and endeavor to ascertain the reason of the delay & negligence. I have endeavored to find Daniel T Sherwood but as yet have not succeeded I will look further and endeavor to ascertain something about them

Very Respectfully &c
E G Ross

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Am. Feb 21/68

Austin Cass Co. Mo.
Feb the 14th. 1868

Mr Winans.

Not hearing any thing from you or my bounty. and thinking it high time I thought I would wright you A few lines enquiring what was the matter.

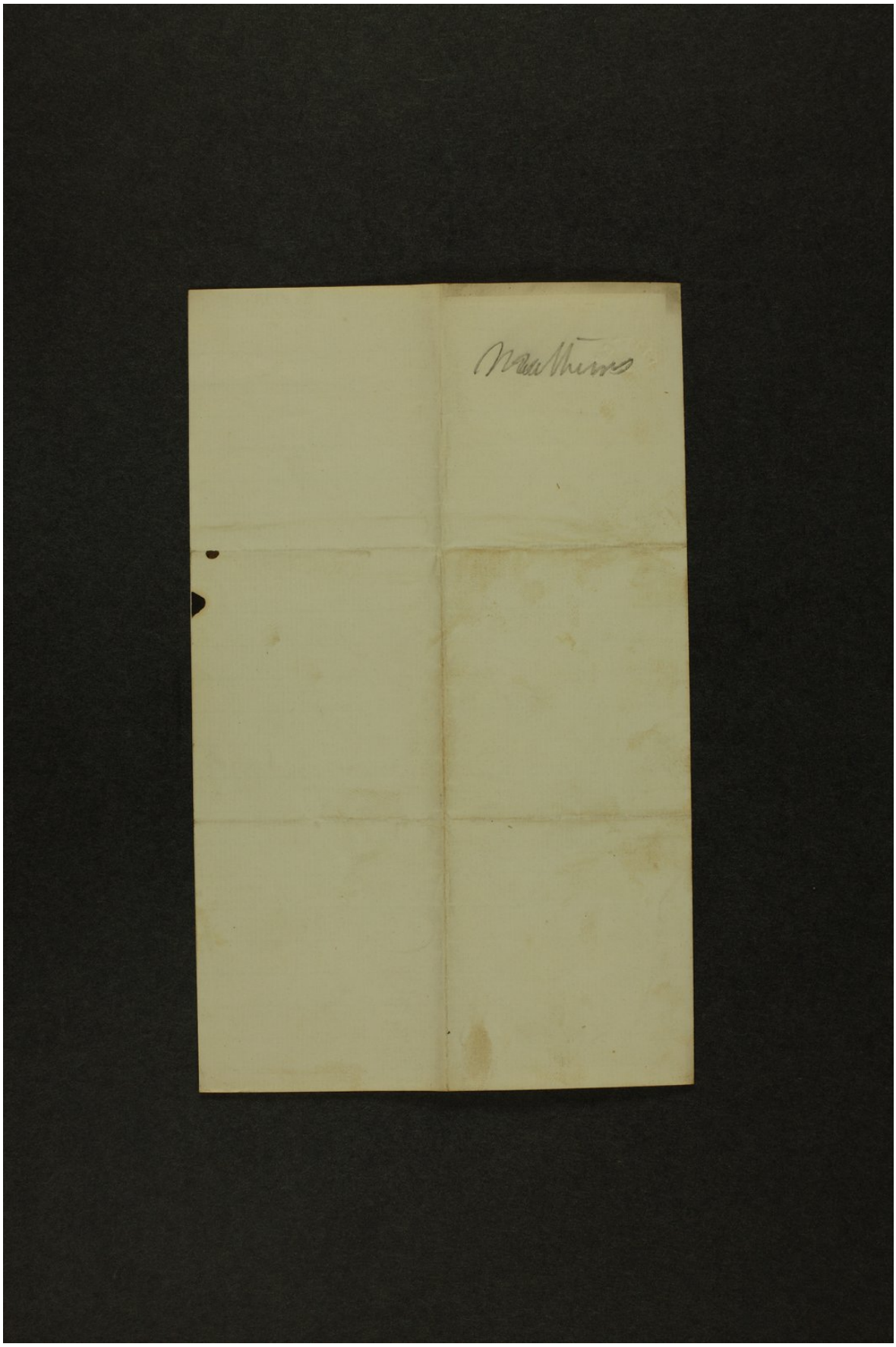
plees wright as soon as you Recieve this and let me know whether it is ready for me or not.

as I am verry much in need of it, plees wright soon.

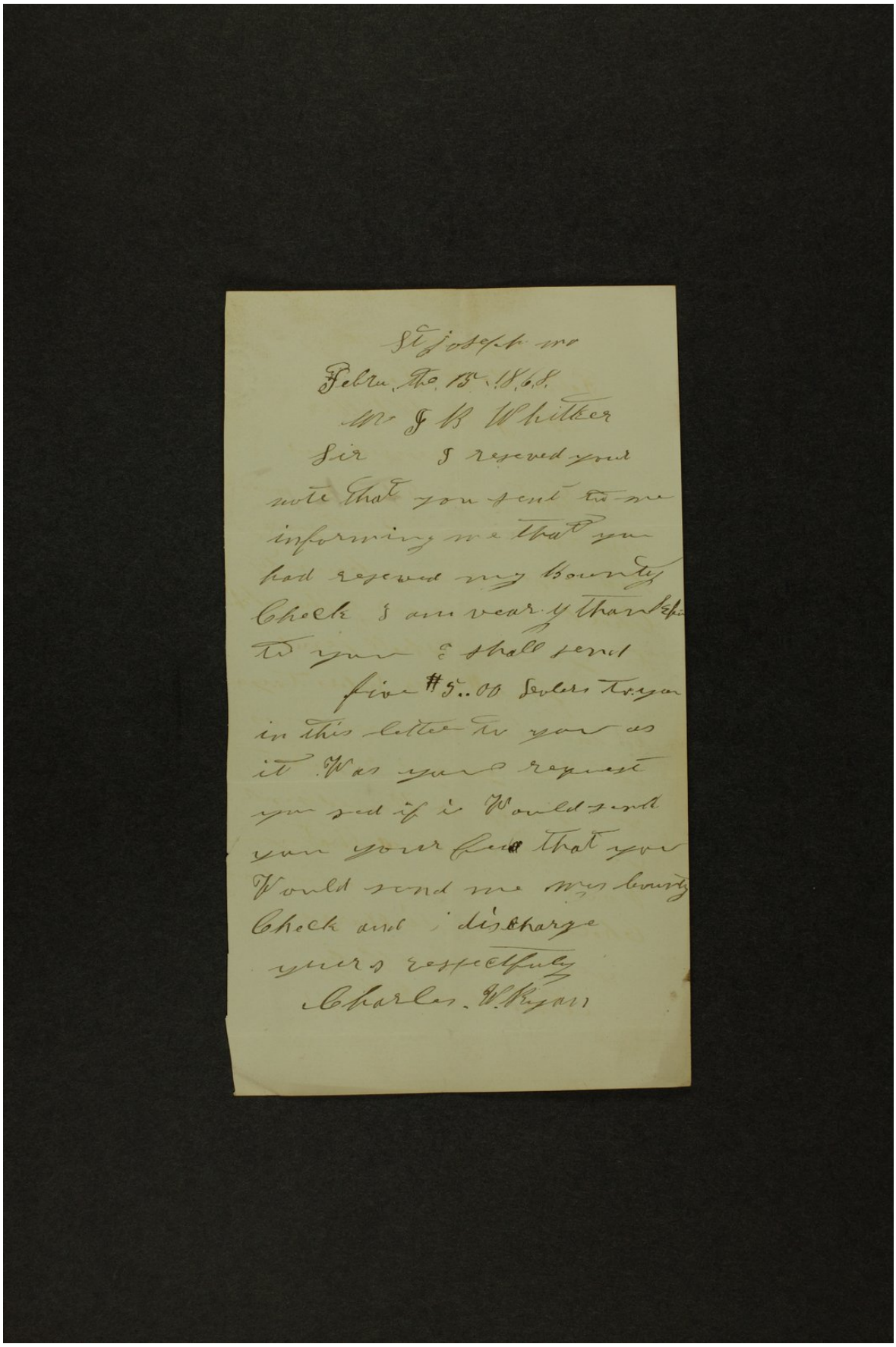
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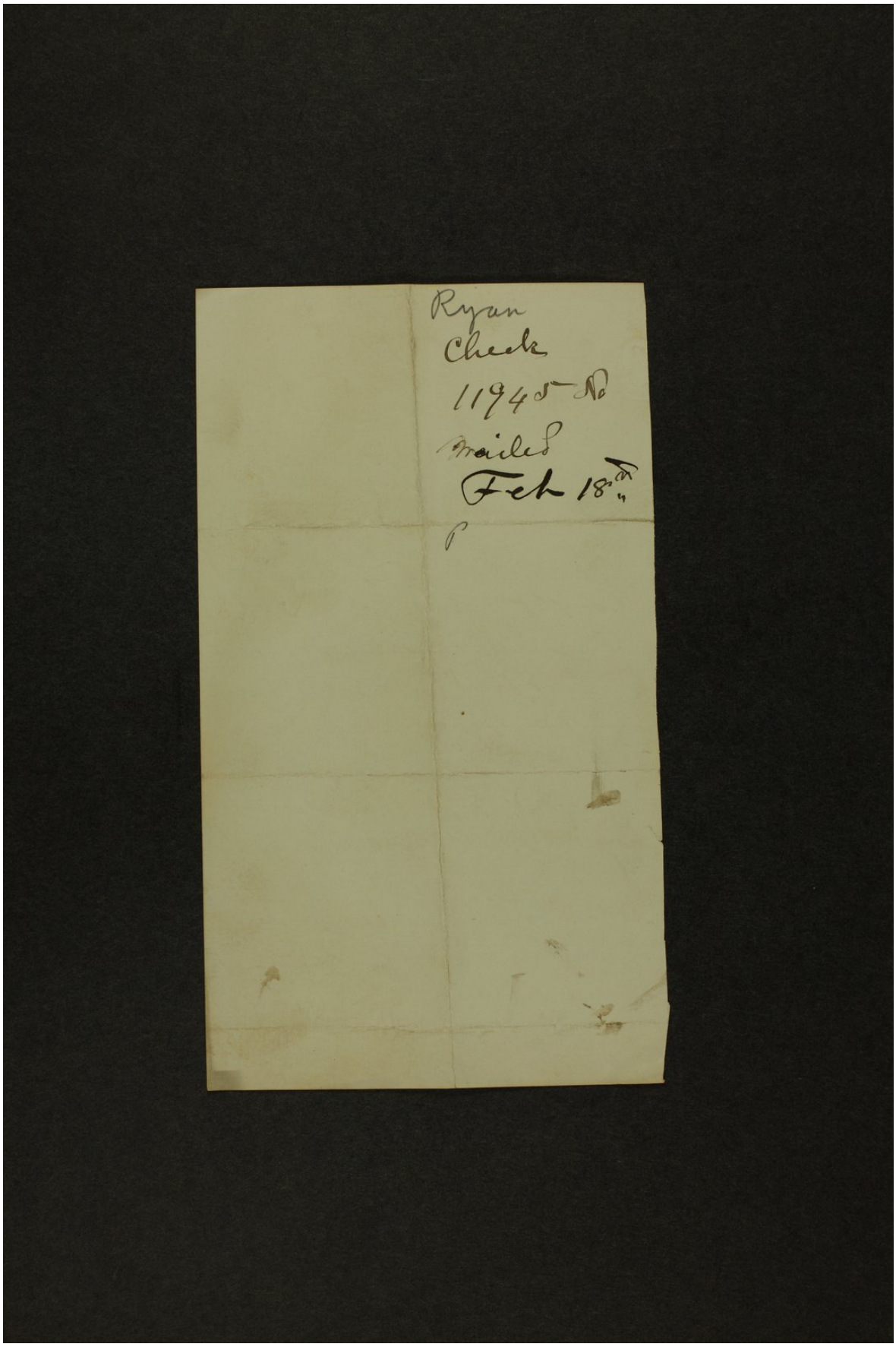
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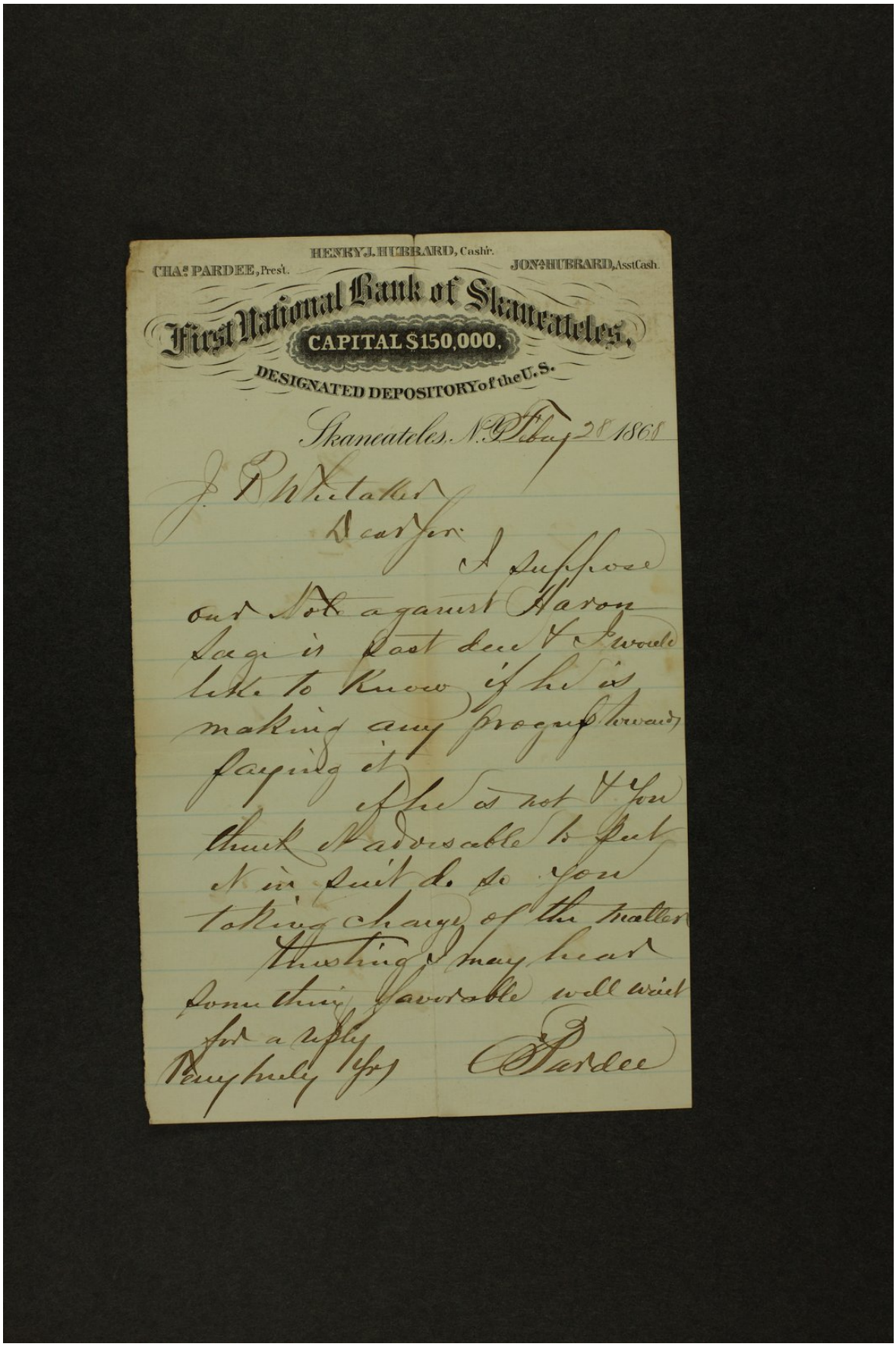
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St Joseph mo
Febru the 13th 1868
Mr J B Whitker
Sir I reseved your
note that you sent to me
informing me that you
had reseved my bounty
Check I am vear y thankful
to you & shall send
five #5.00 Seven Trayon
in this letter to you as
it Was your request
you sed if I Would send
you your Check that you
Would send me mys bounty
Check and i discharge
yours respectfully
Charles W Kyan


Ryan
Check
1194 — No
mailed
Feb 18th

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HENRY J. HUBBARD, Cash'r.
CHAS PARDEE, Pres't. JOS. HUBBARD, Asst Cash.

First National Bank of Skaneateles,
CAPITAL $150,000.
DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY of the U. S.

Skaneateles N.Y. Feby 28 1868

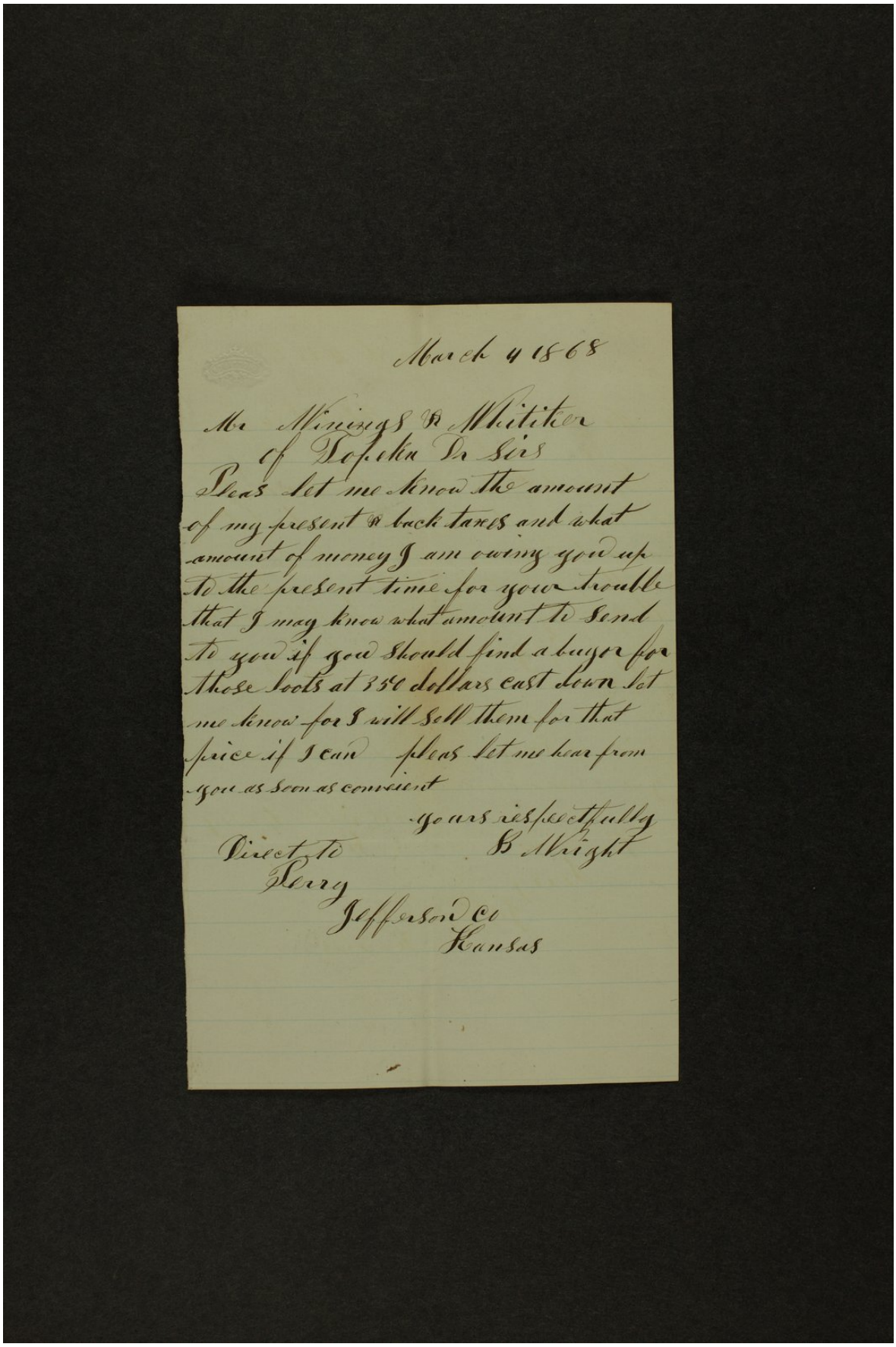
J. B. Whitaker
Dear Sir

I suppose our Note against Aaron Sage is past due & I would like to know if he is making any progress towards paying it

If he is not & you think it advisable to put it in Suit do so. You taking charge of the matter

Thinking I may hear something favorable will wait for a reply

Very truly Yours Pardee

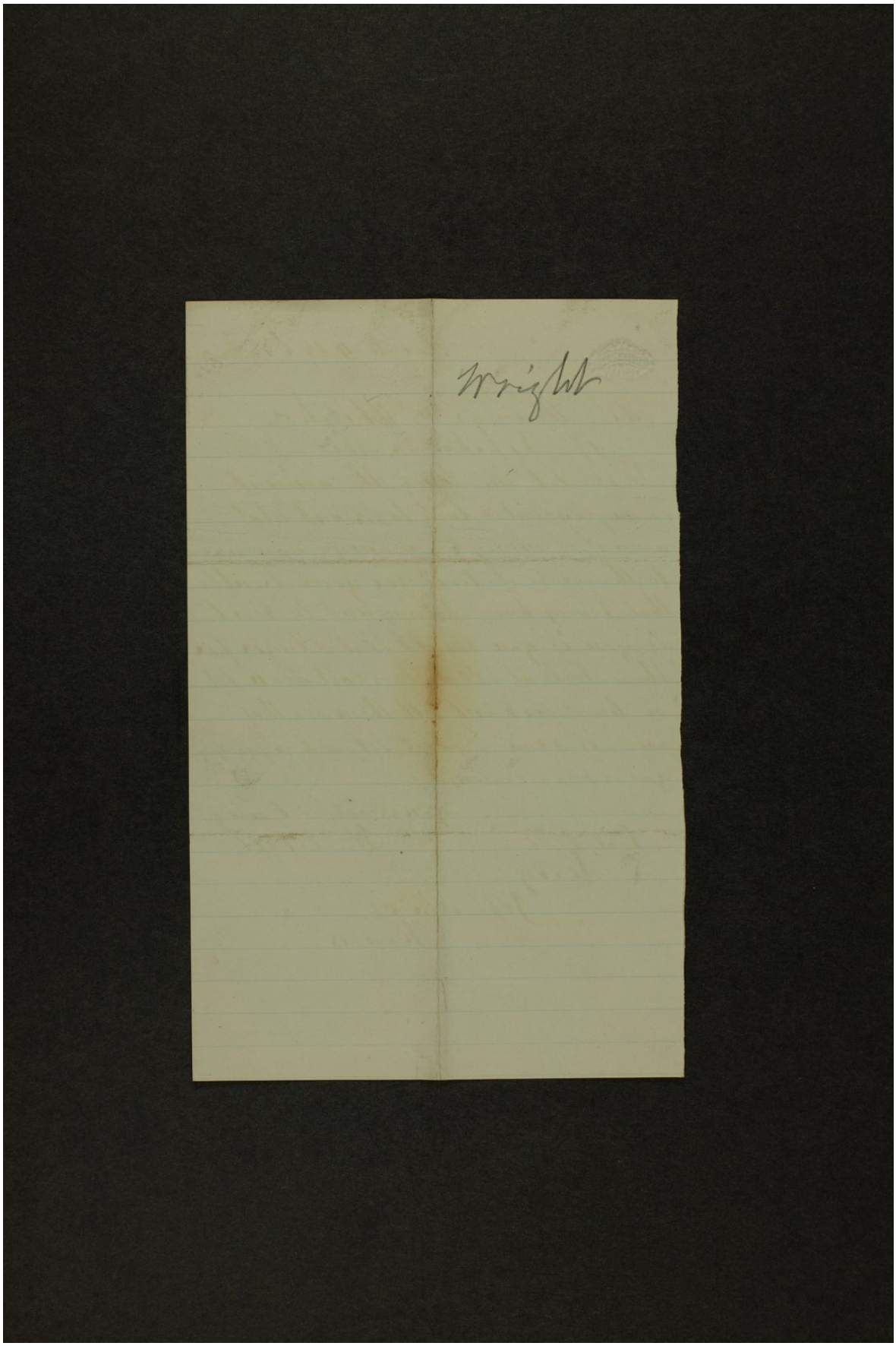


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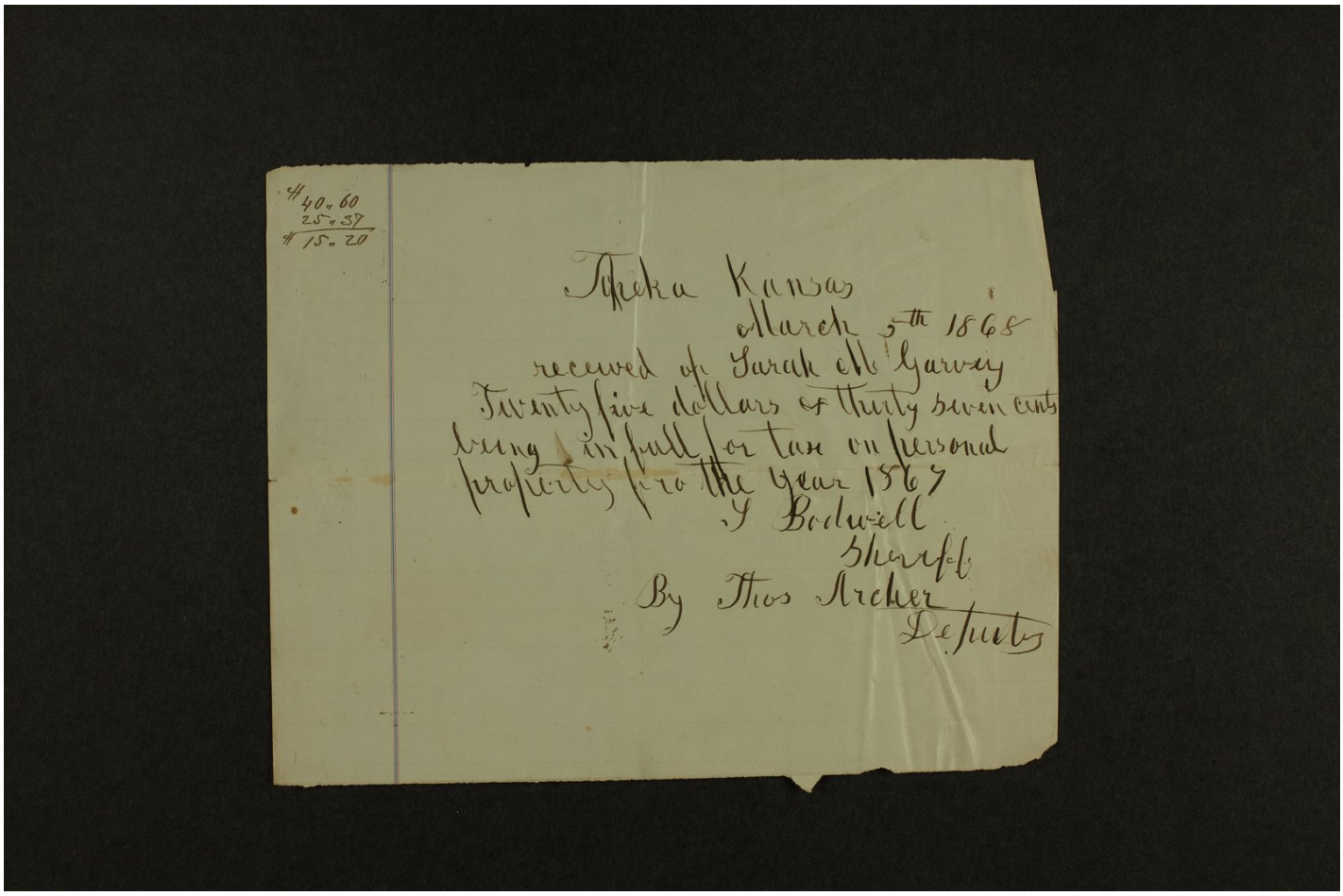
Mr Minnigs & Whitiker
of Topeka Ks Sirs
Pleas let me know the amount
of my present & back taxes and what
amount of money I am owing you up
to the present time for your trouble
that I may know what amount to send
to you if you should find a buyer for
those boots at 350 dollars cast down let
me know for I will sell them for that
price if I can pleas let me hear from
you as soon as convient

yours respectfully
B Wright

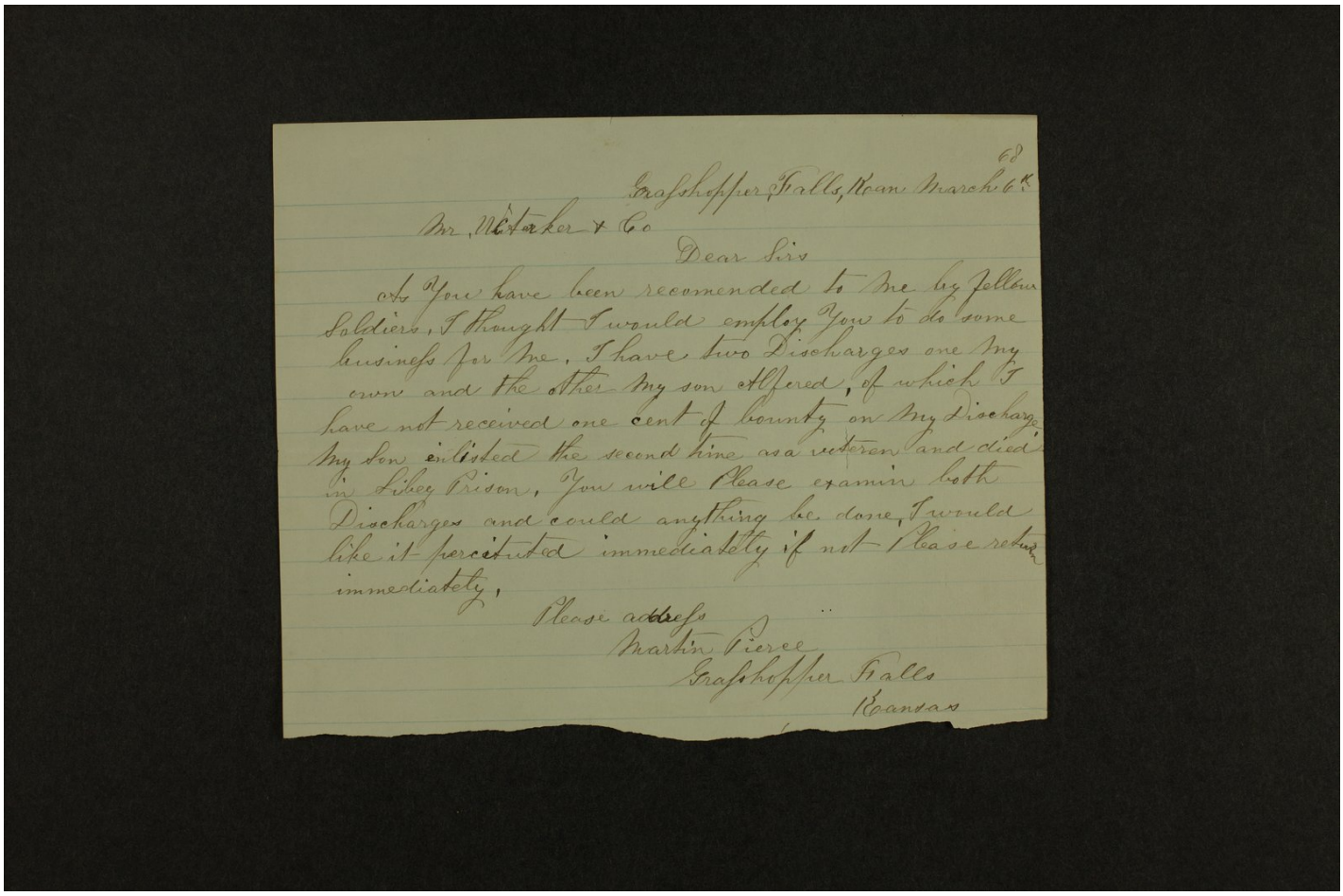
Direct to
Perry
Jefferson Co
Kansas



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Grasshopper Falls, Kans March 6th

Mr. Whitaker & Co

Dear Sirs

As You have been recommended to me by fellow Soldiers, I thought I would employ You to do some business for me. I have two Discharges one my own and the other My son Alfred, of which I have not received one cent of bounty on My Discharge My son enlisted the second time as a veteran and died in Libby Prison. You will Please examin both Discharges and could anything be done, I would like it percicuted immediately if not Please return immediately,

Please address
Martin Pierce
Grasshopper Falls
Kansas