James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 63, Pages 1861 - 1890

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.

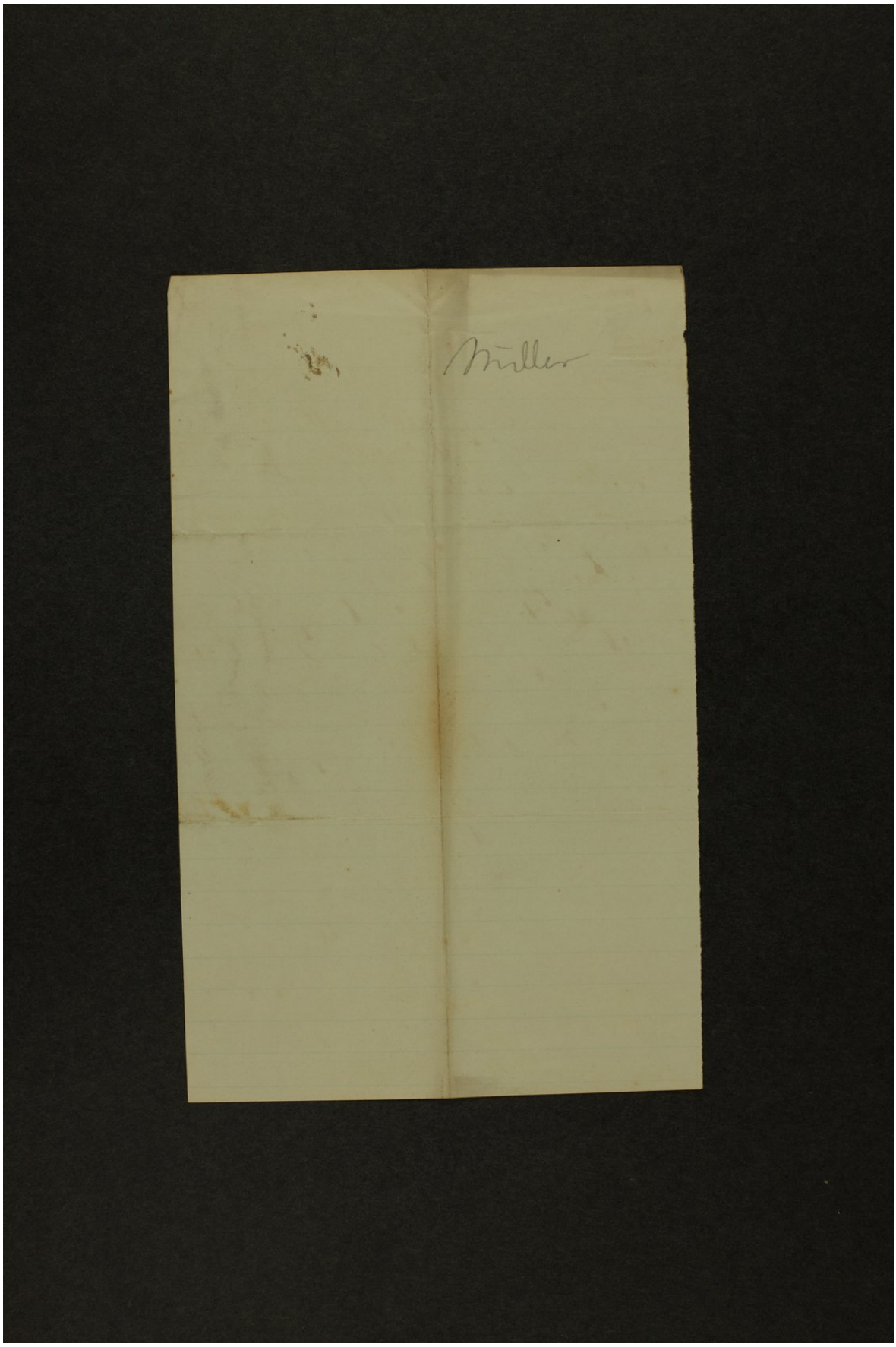
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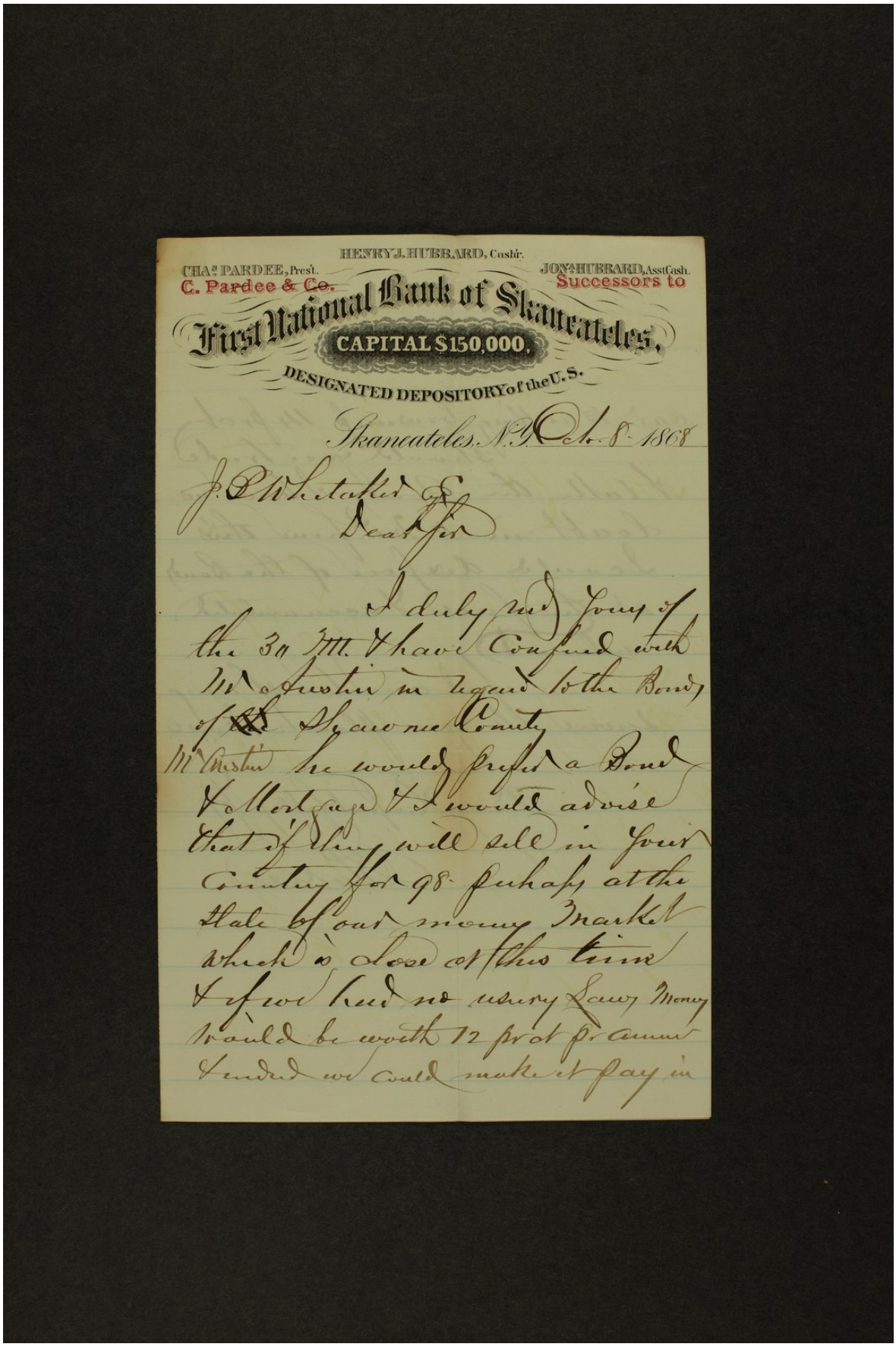
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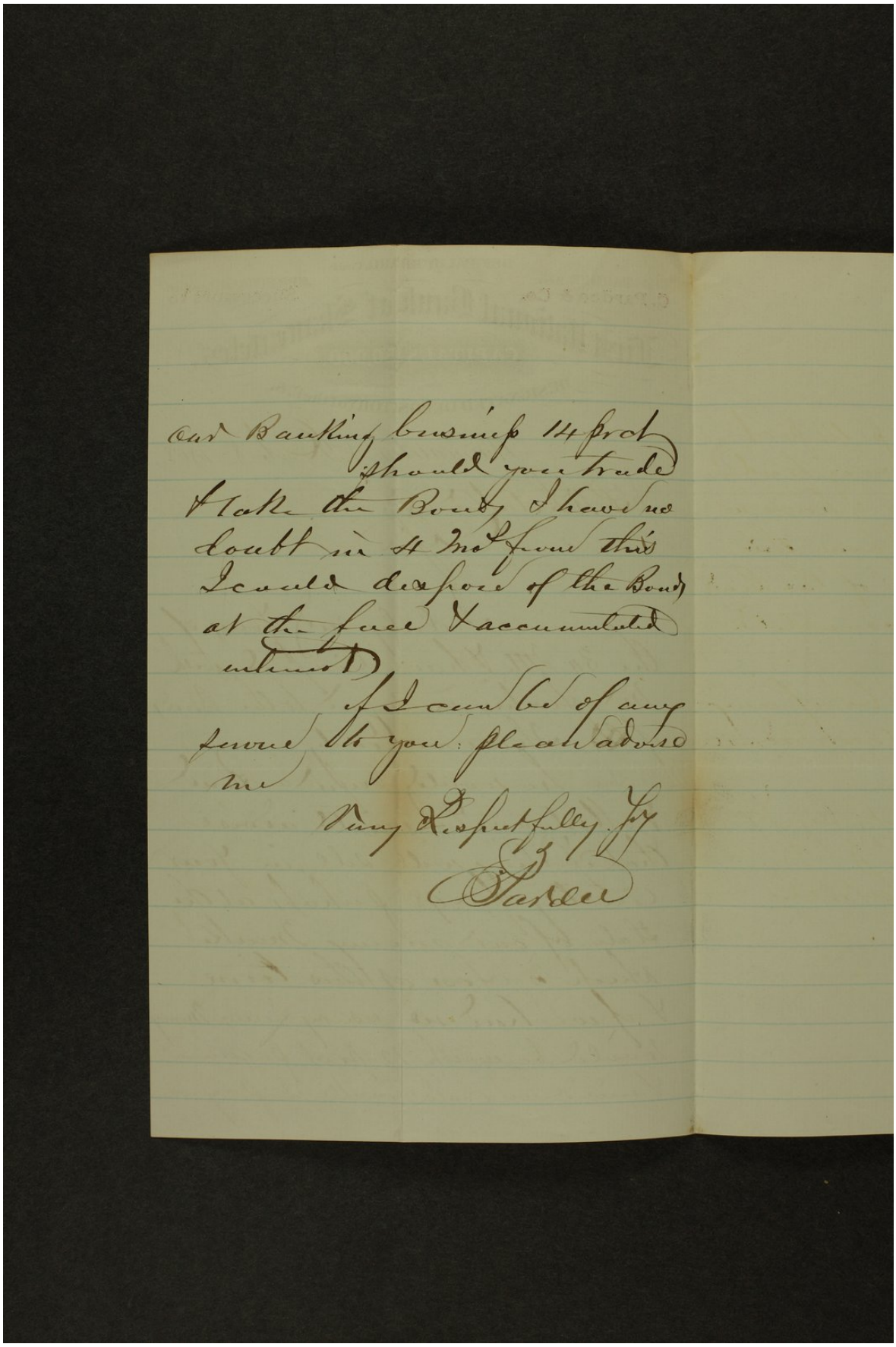


HENRY J. HUBBARD, Cash'r.
CHA^s PARDEE, Pres't. C. Pardee & Co.
JOY HUBBARD, Asst Cash. Successors to
First National Bank of Skaneateles,
CAPITAL $150,000.
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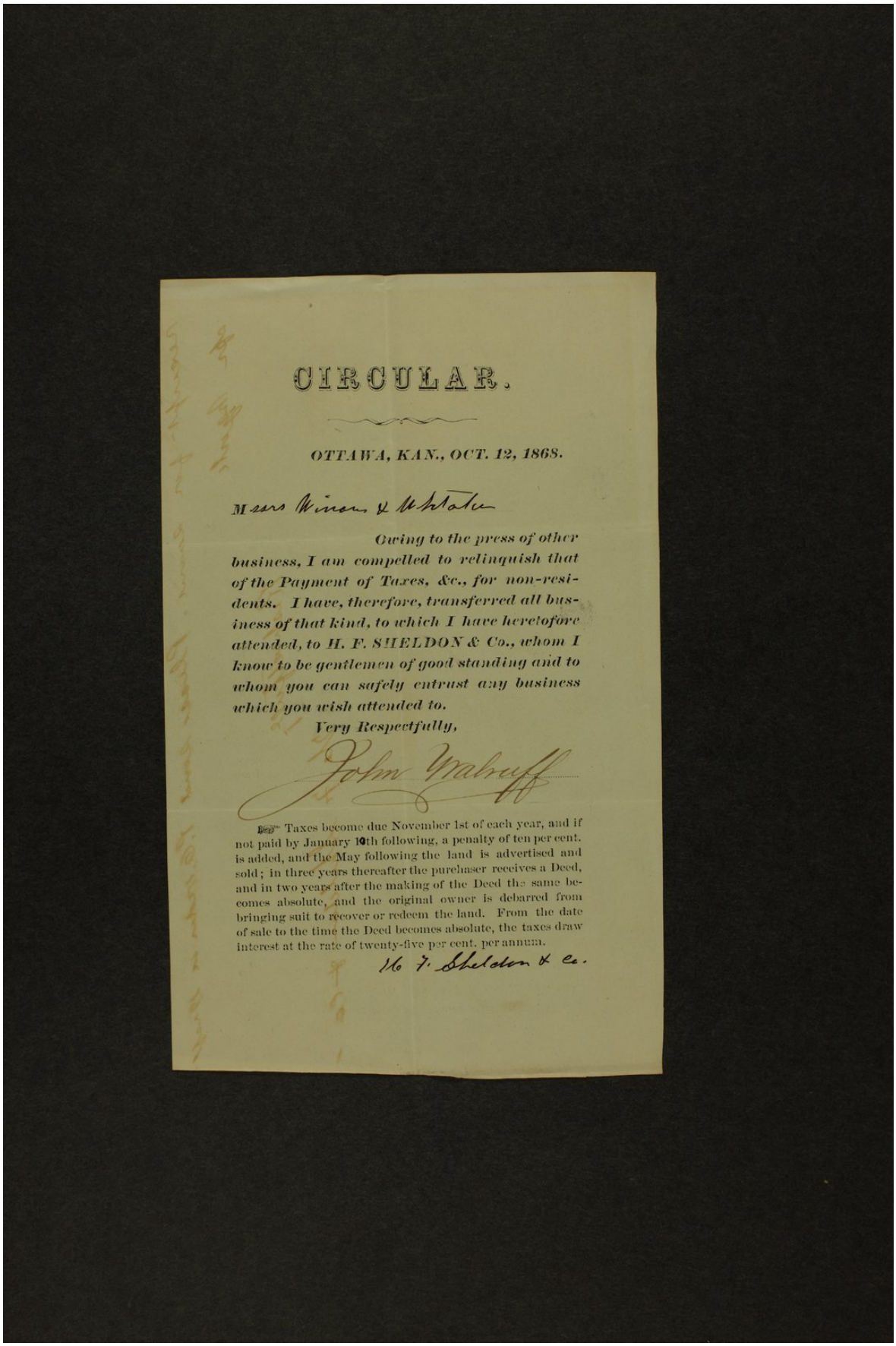
Skaneateles N.Y. Oct. 8 1868

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Dear Sir

I duly rec'd yours of the 3d Inst. & have Confered with Mr Austin in regard to the Bonds of Shawnee County Mr Austin he would prefer a Bond & Mortgage & I would advise that if they will sell in your County for 98 perhaps at the Sale of our money Market which is close at this time & if we find no usury Law Money would be worth 12 pr ct pr annum & under we could make it pay in



our Banking business 14 prox
Should you trade
& take the Bonds I have no
doubt in 4 mo[nths] from this
I could dispose of the Bonds
at the face & accumulated
interest
If I can be of any
service to you please advise
me
Very Respectfully Yr
Parker



CIRCULAR.

OTTAWA, KAN., OCT. 12, 1868.

Messrs Winans & Whitaker

Owing to the press of other business, I am compelled to relinquish that of the Payment of Taxes, &c., for non-residents. I have, therefore, transferred all business of that kind, to which I have heretofore attended, to H. F. SHELDON & Co., whom I know to be gentlemen of good standing and to whom you can safely entrust any business which you wish attended to.

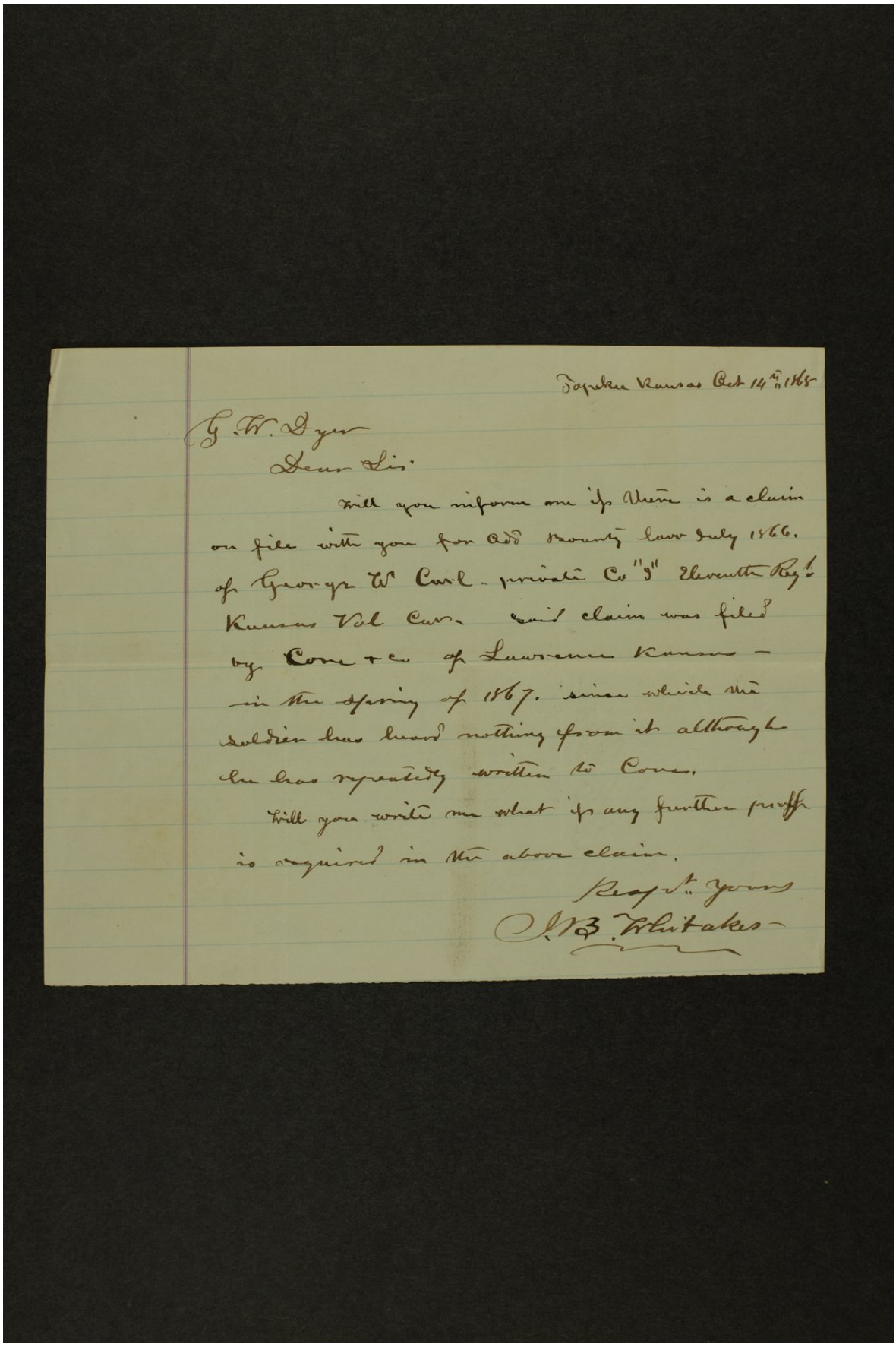
Very Respectfully,

John Walruff

☞ Taxes become due November 1st of each year, and if not paid by January 10th following, a penalty of ten per cent. is added, and the May following the land is advertised and sold; in three years thereafter the purchaser receives a Deed, and in two years after the making of the Deed the same becomes absolute, and the original owner is debarred from bringing suit to recover or redeem the land. From the date of sale to the time the Deed becomes absolute, the taxes draw interest at the rate of twenty-five per cent. per annum.

H. F. Sheldon & Co.

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Topeka Kansas Oct 14th 1868

G. W. Dyer

Dear Sir

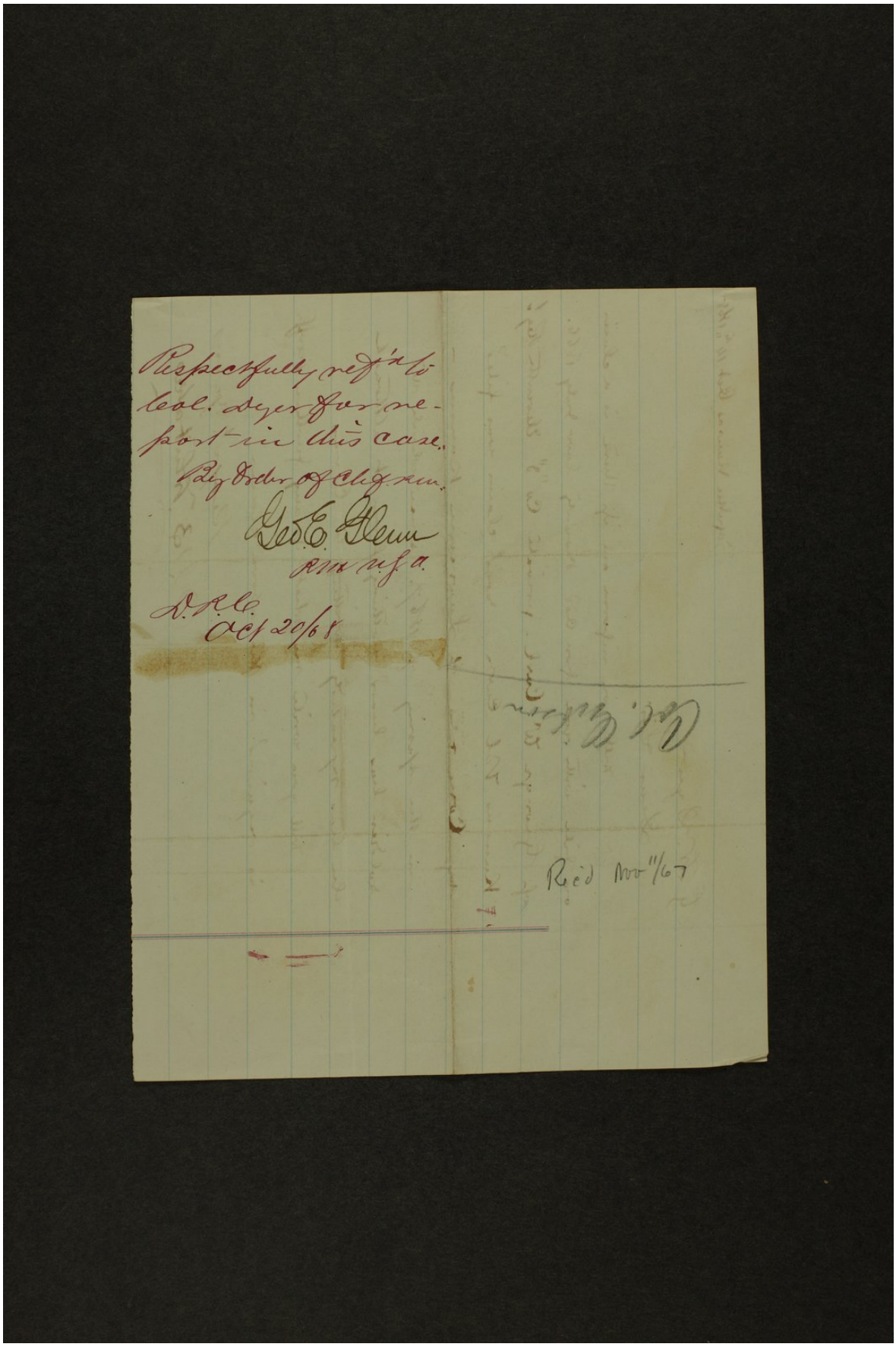
Will you inform me if there is a claim on file with you for Add bounty law July 1866. of George W Cook - private Co "I" Eleventh Reg't Kansas Vol Cav. said claim was filed by Coon & Co of Lawrence Kansas - in the spring of 1867. since which the soldier has heard nothing from it although he has repeatedly written to Coon.

Will you write me what if any further proofs is required in the above claim.

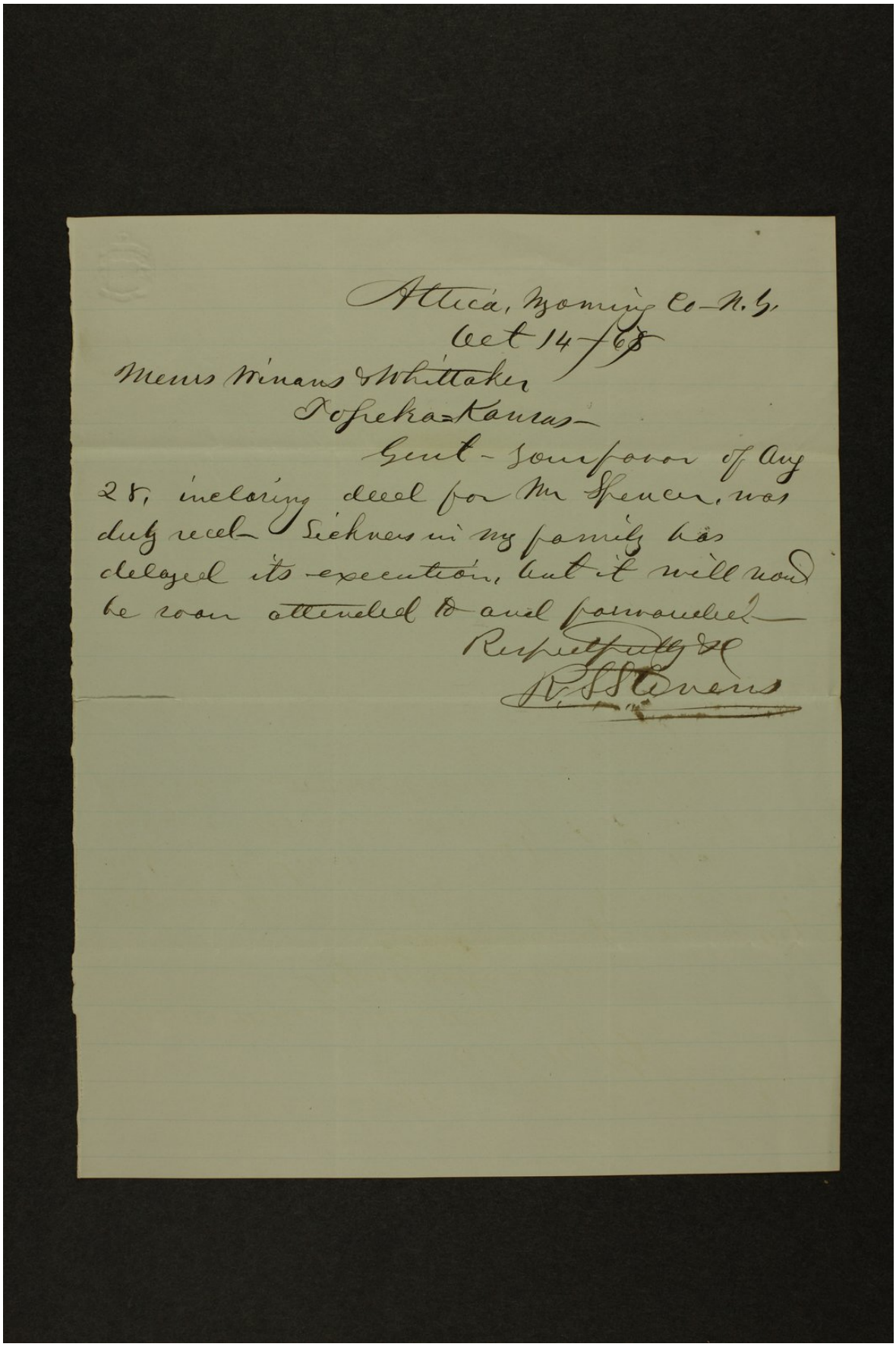
Respectfully Yours

J. B. Whitaker

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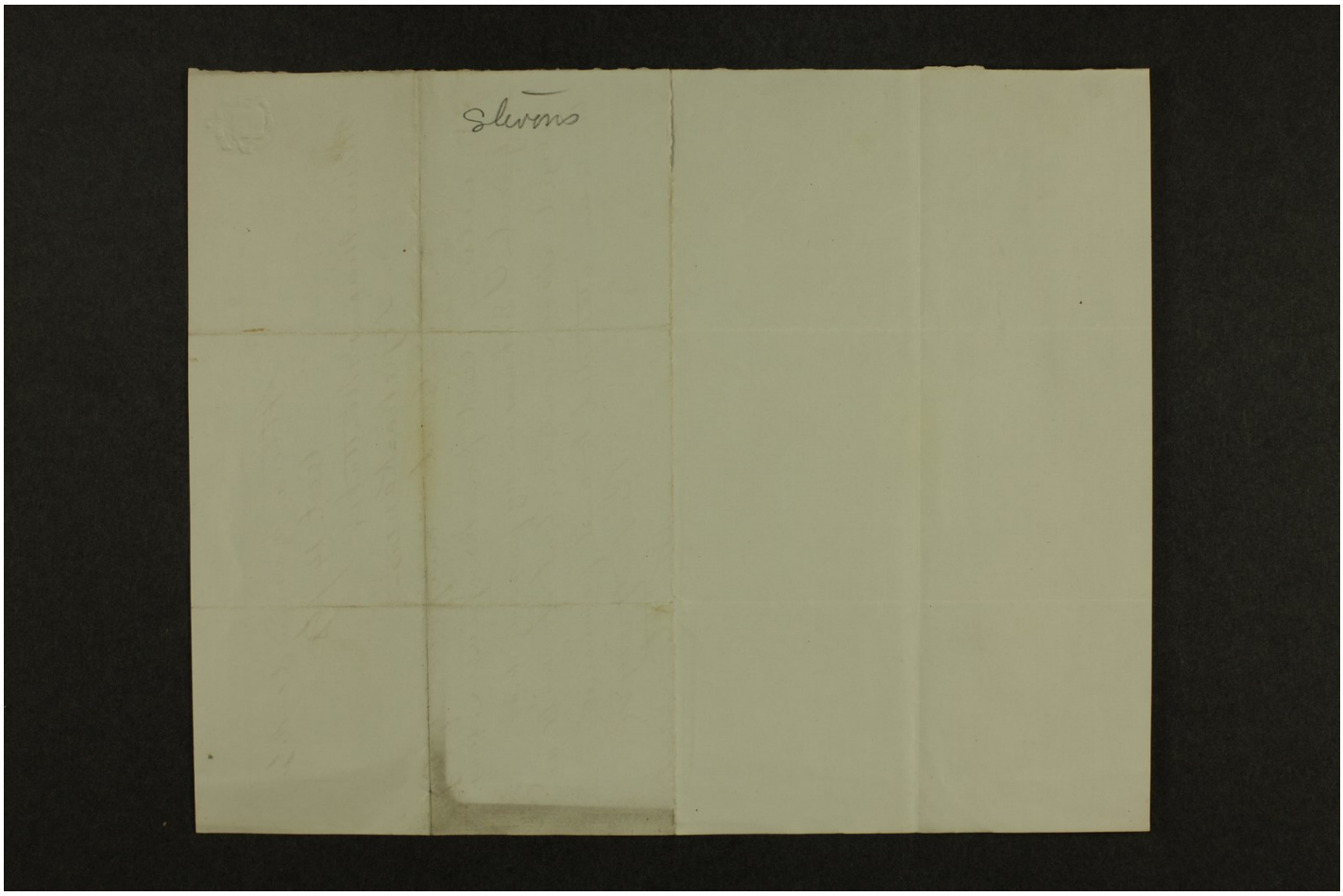
Attica, Wyoming Co—N.Y.
Oct 14—/68

Mess Minans & Whittaker
Topeka—Kansas—

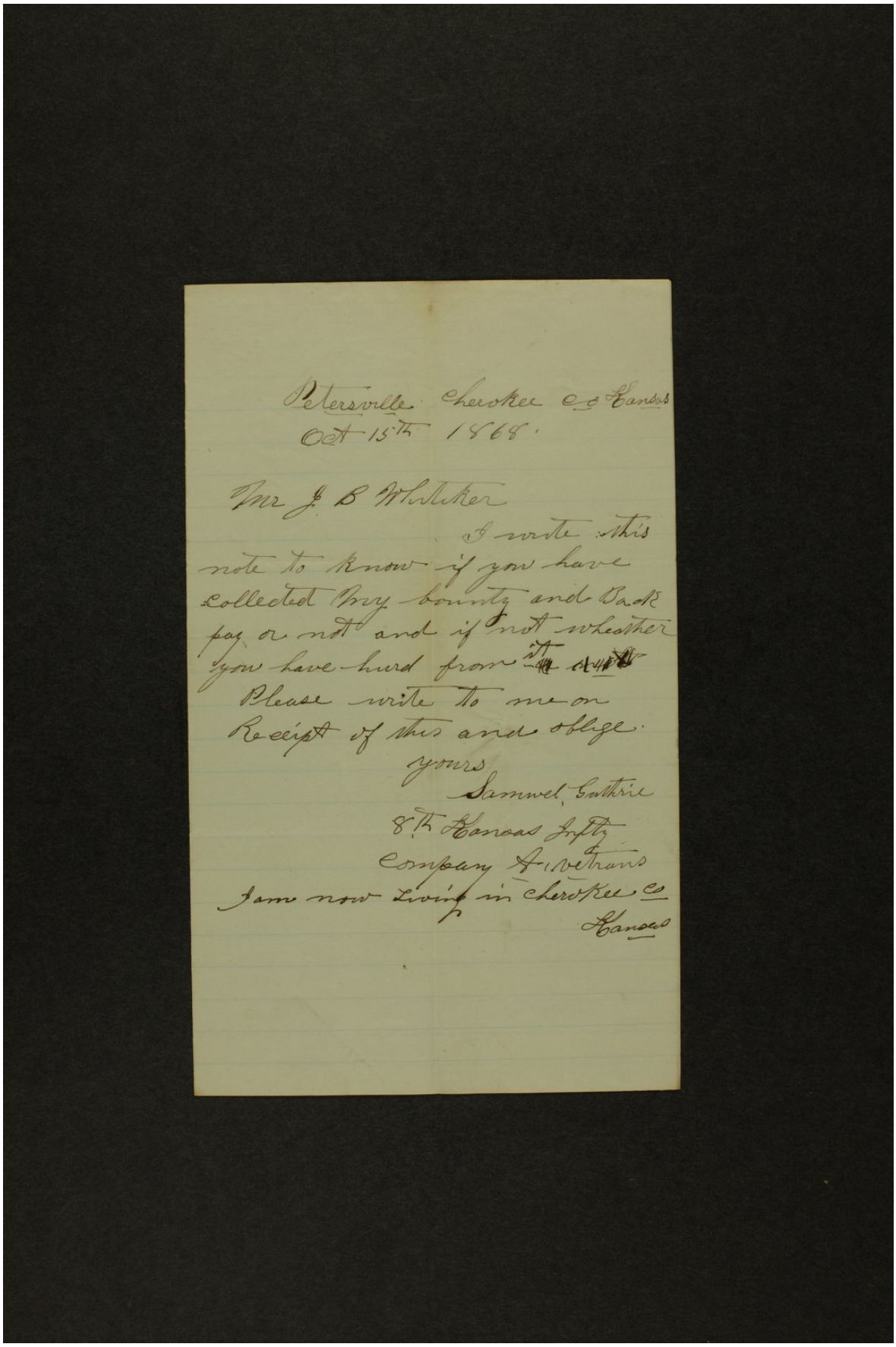
Gent—Your favor of Aug 28, inclosing deed for Mr Spencer, was duly recd— Sickness in my family has delayed its execution, but it will now be soon attended to and forwarded—

Respectfully &c
H. S. Stevens

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Petersville Cherokee Co Kansas
Oct 15th 1868.

Mr J B Whitaker

I write this note to know if you have collected my bounty and back pay or not and if not wheather you have herd from it or not

Please write to me on Receipt of this and oblige.

yours

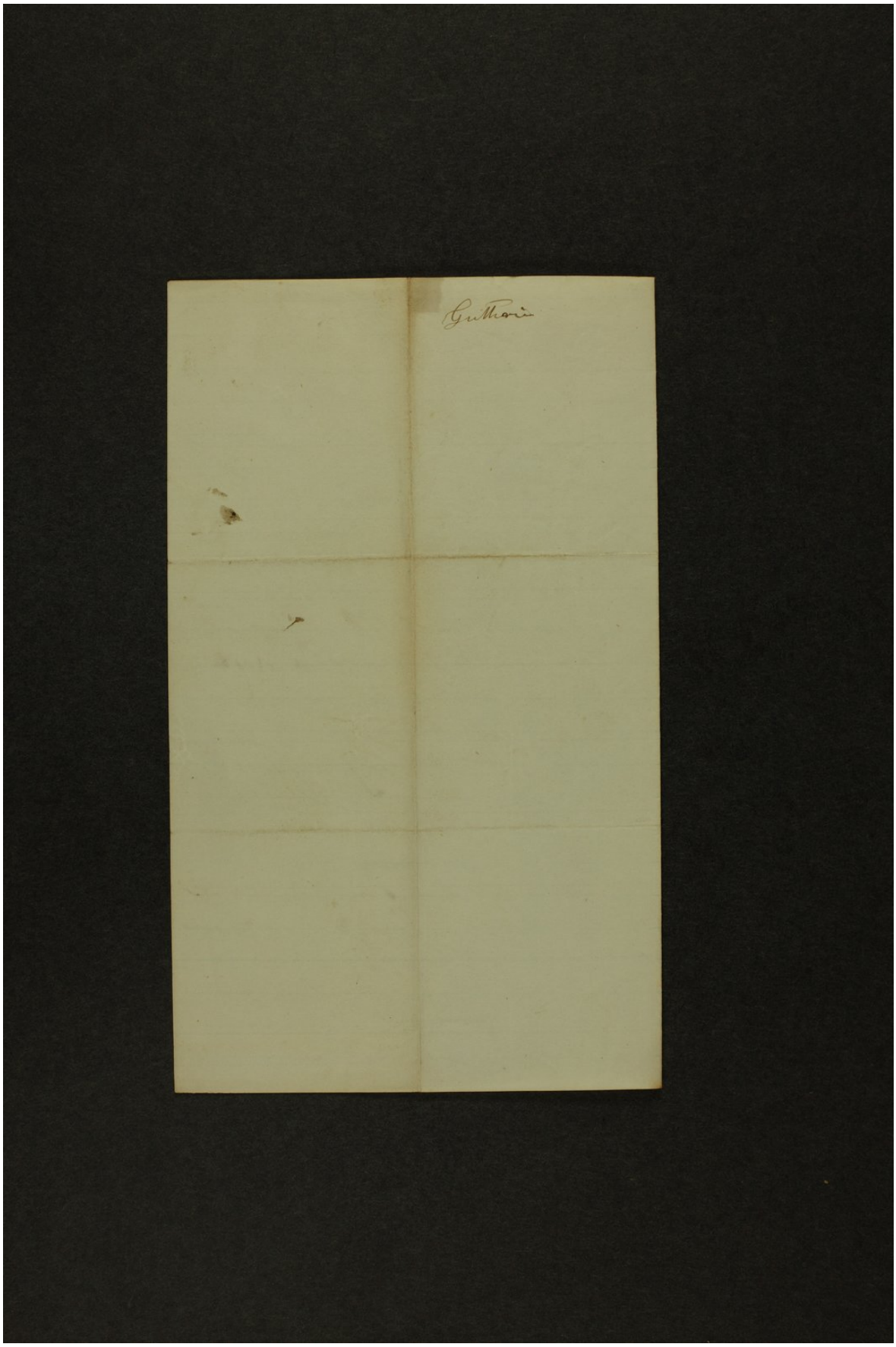
Samuel Guthrie

8th Kansas Infty

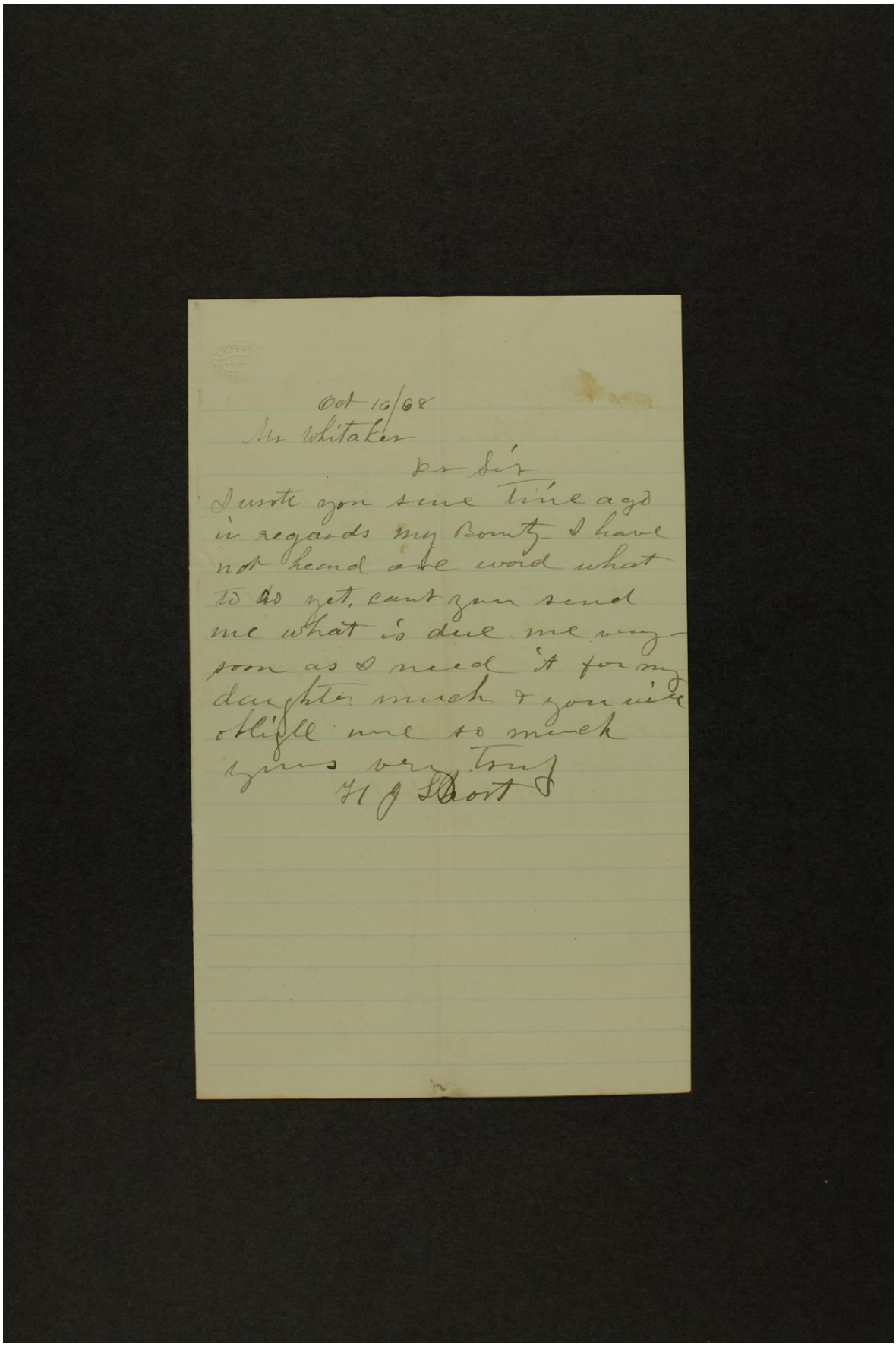
Company A. Veterans

I am now Living in Cherokee Co Kansas

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Oct 10/68

Mr Whitaker

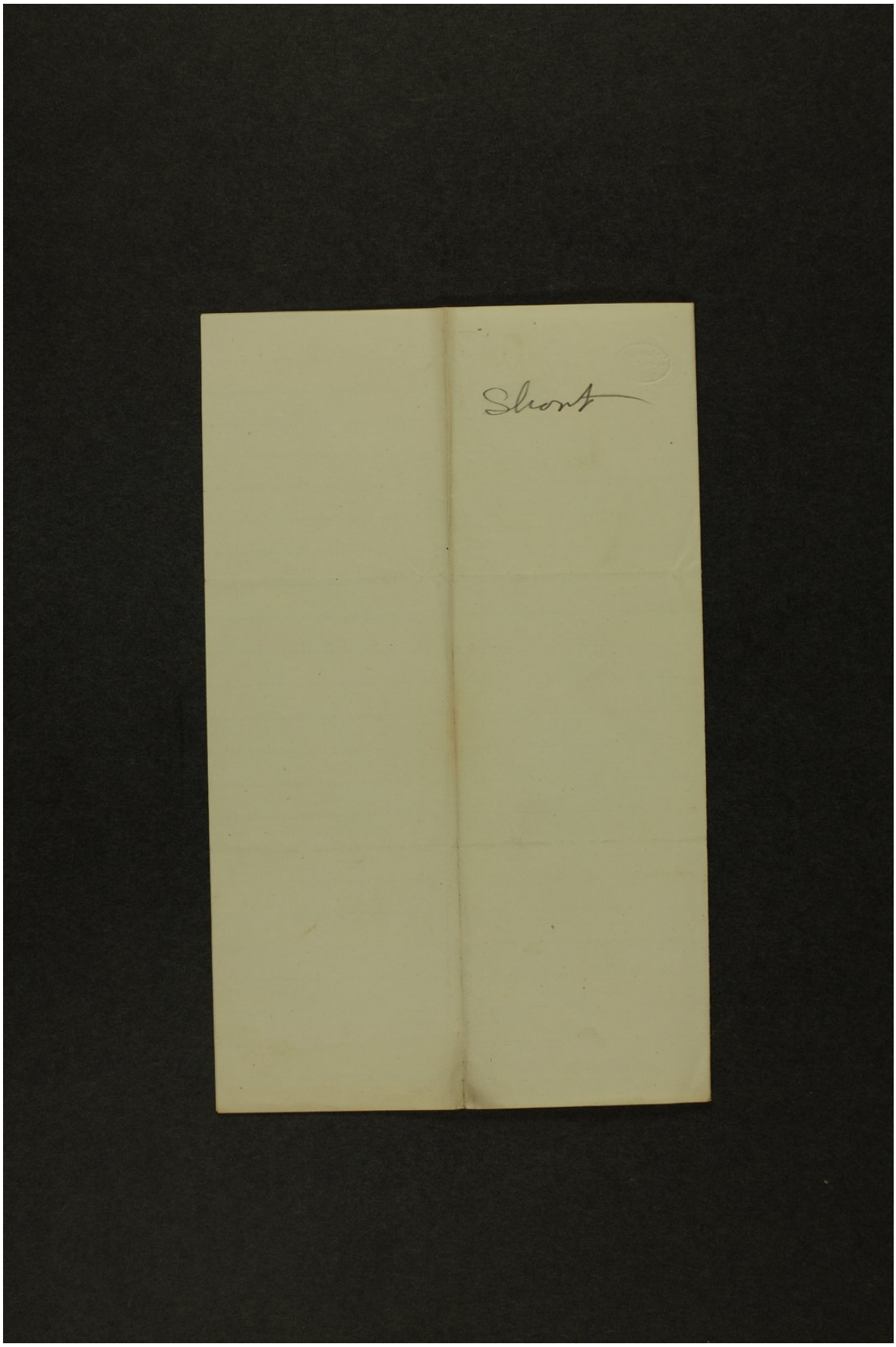
Dr Sir

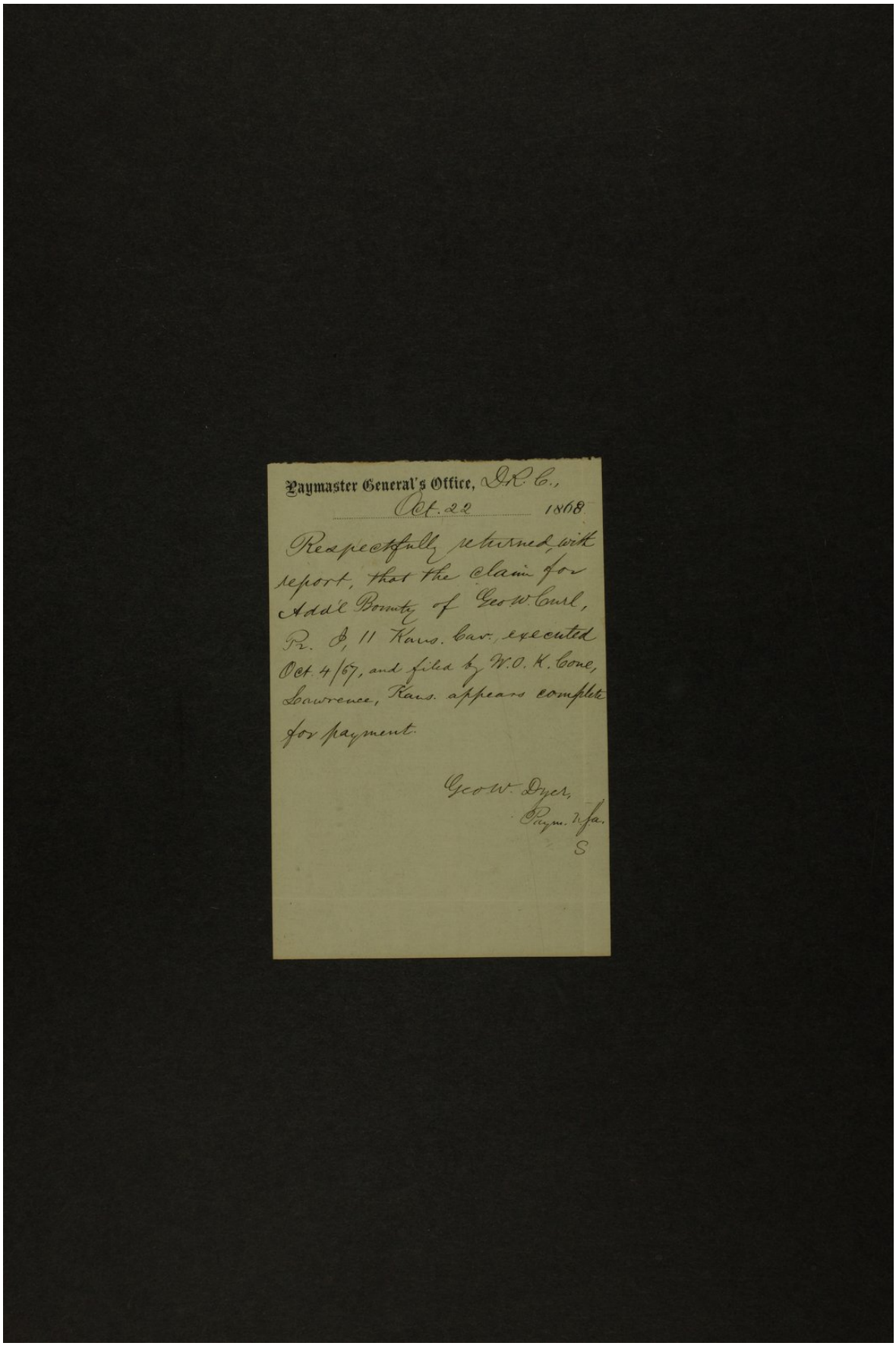
I wrote you sume time ago in regards my Bounty I have not heard a word what to do yet. cant you send me what is due me very soon as I need it for my daughter much & you will oblige me so much

Yours very Truly

H J Short

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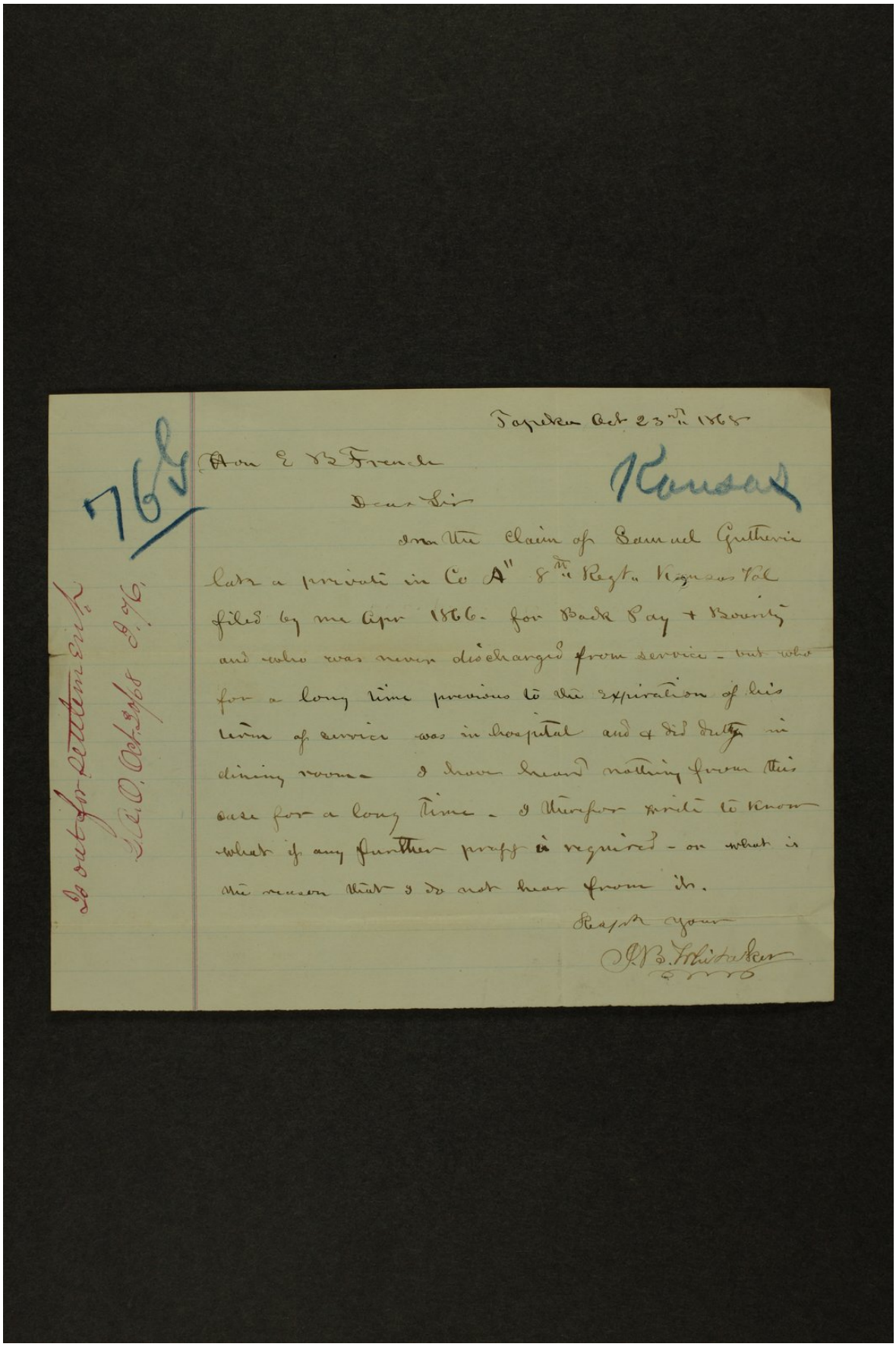




Paymaster General's Office, D.C.,
Oct. 22 1868

Respectfully returned, with report, that the claim for Addl Bounty of Geo W. Curl, Pr. 8, 11 Kans. Cav., executed Oct. 4/67, and filed by W.O.K. Cone, Lawrence, Kans. appears complete for payment.

Geo W. Dyer,
Paym. U.S.A.
S



Topeka Oct 23rd 1866

765

Kansas

Hon E B French

Dear Sir

In the Claim of Samuel Guthrie late a private in Co A" 8th Regt Kansas Vol filed by me Apr 1866 for Back Pay + Bounty and who was never discharged from service - but who for a long time previous to the expiration of his term of service was in hospital and at his duty in dining room I have heard nothing from this case for a long Time - I therefore write to know what if any further proof is required - or what is the reason that I do not hear from it.

Respt Your

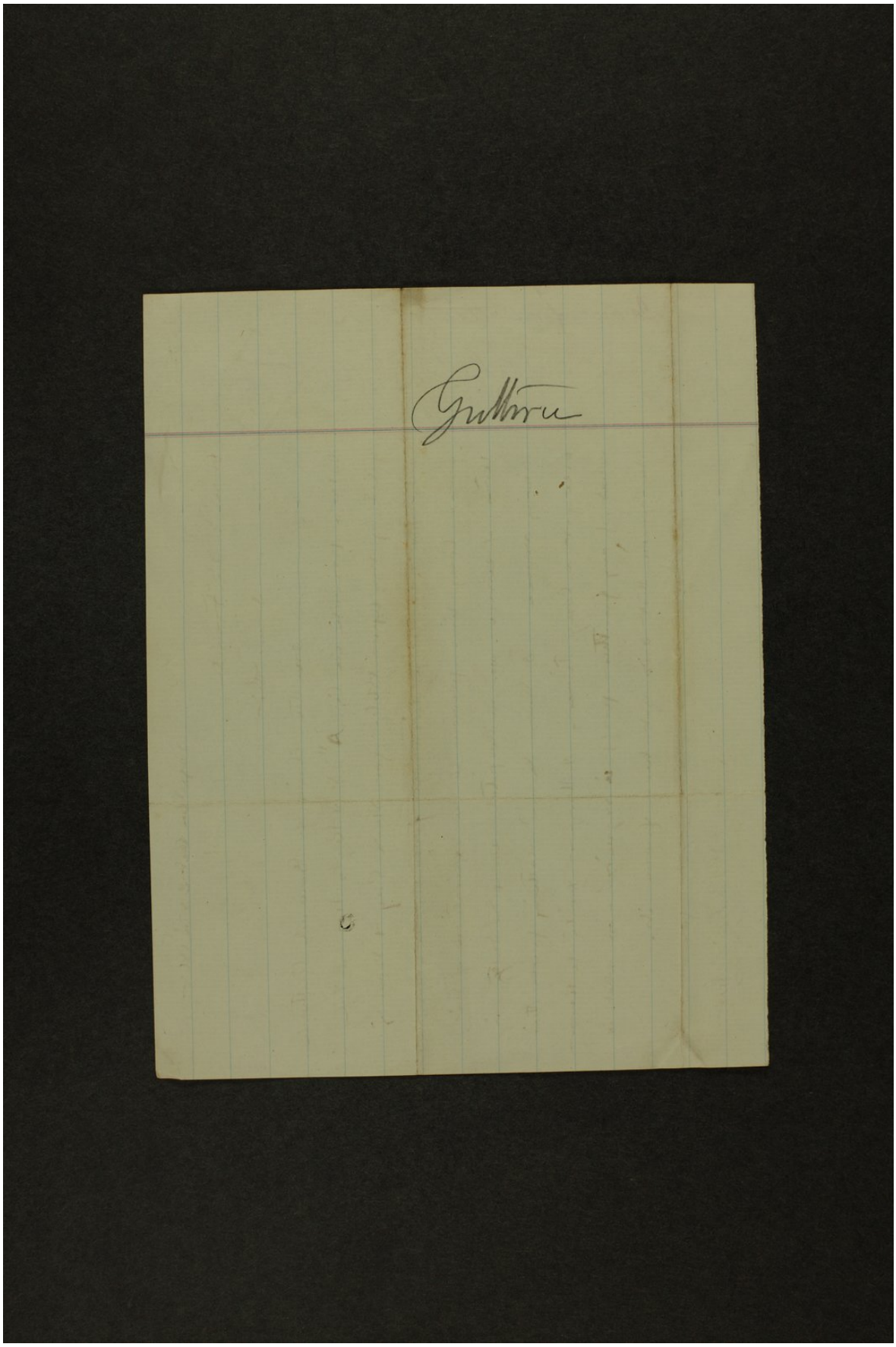
J B Whitaker

Atty

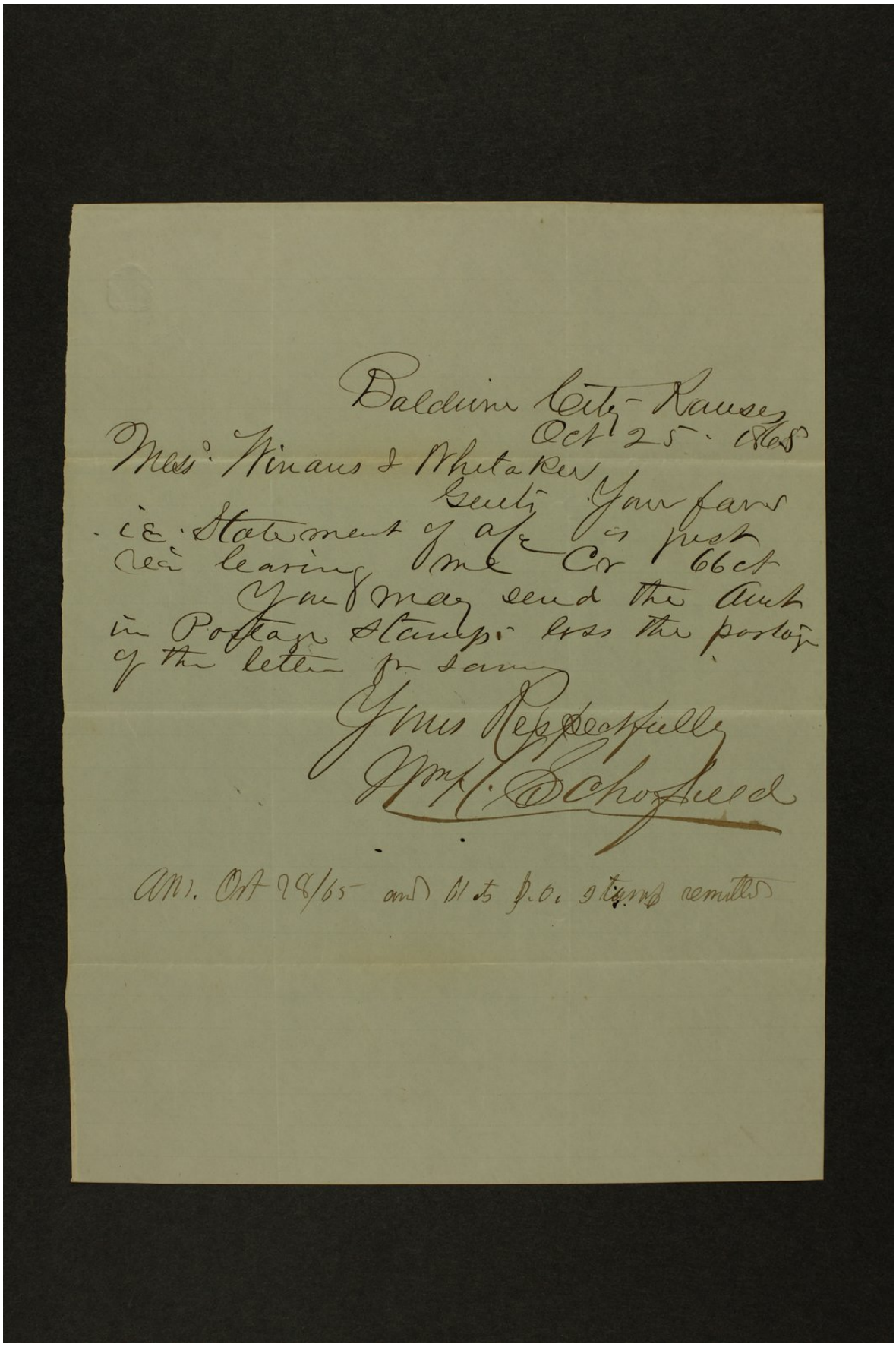
Do not forget Sir K.

Ltr D. Oct 25th 66.

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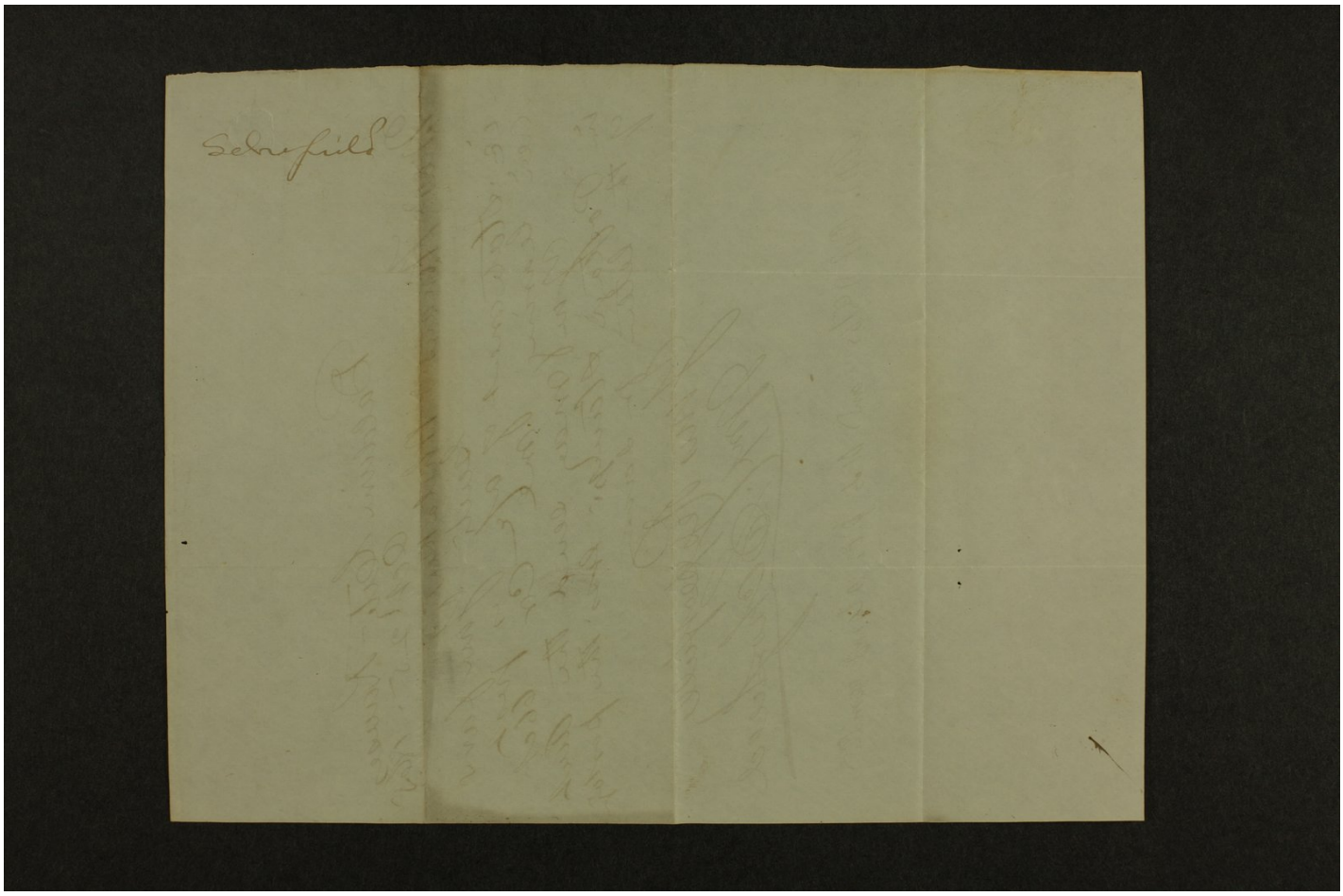
Baldwin City - Kansas
Oct 25 - 1865

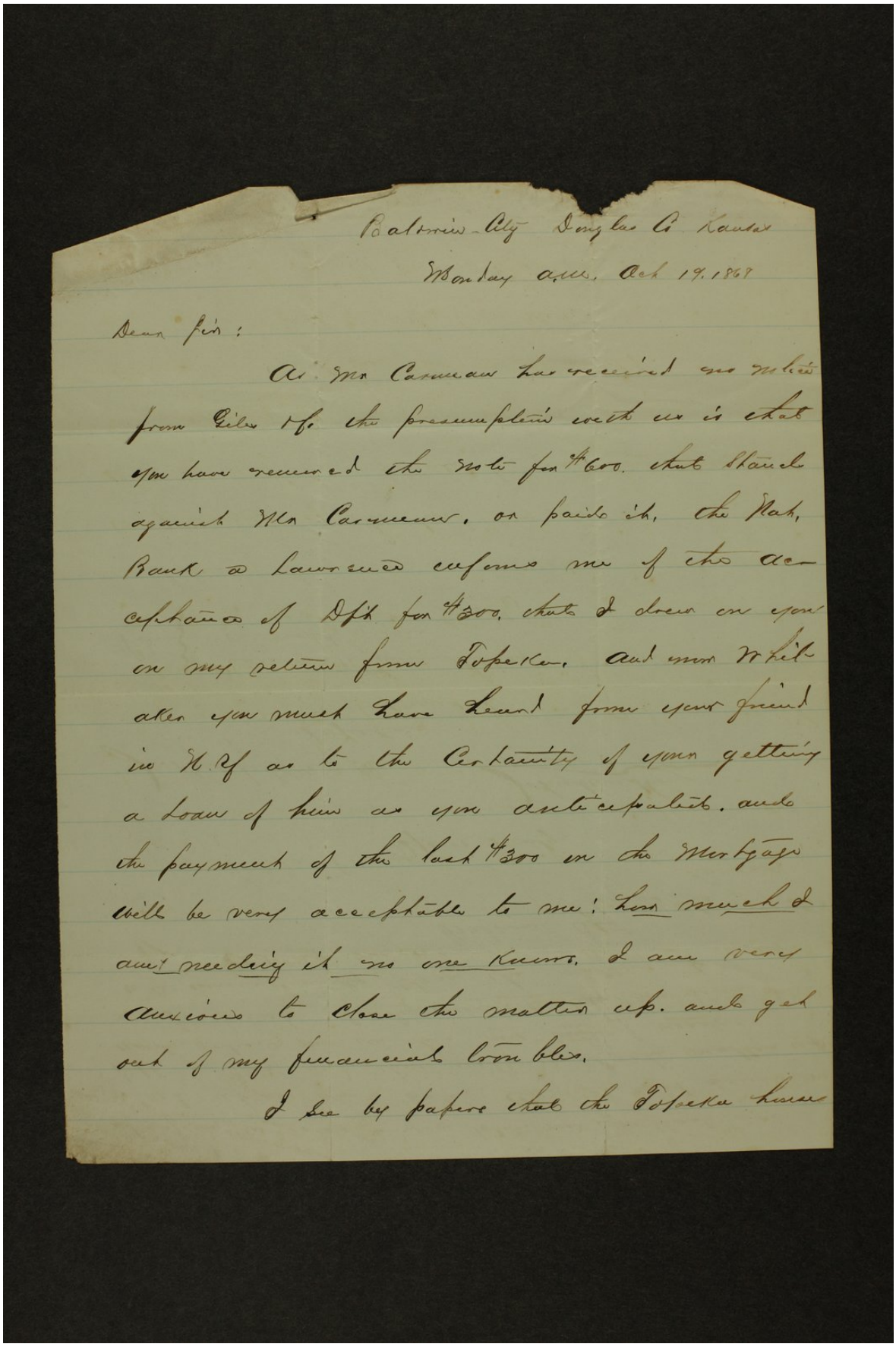
Messrs Winans & Whitaker
Gents Your favor
& Statement of a/c is just
rec'd bearing date Oct 16th
You may send the Amt
in Postage Stamps - less the postage
of the letter for same

Yours Respectfully
Wm H. Schofield

Ans. Oct 28/65 and $1.65 P.O. stamps remitted

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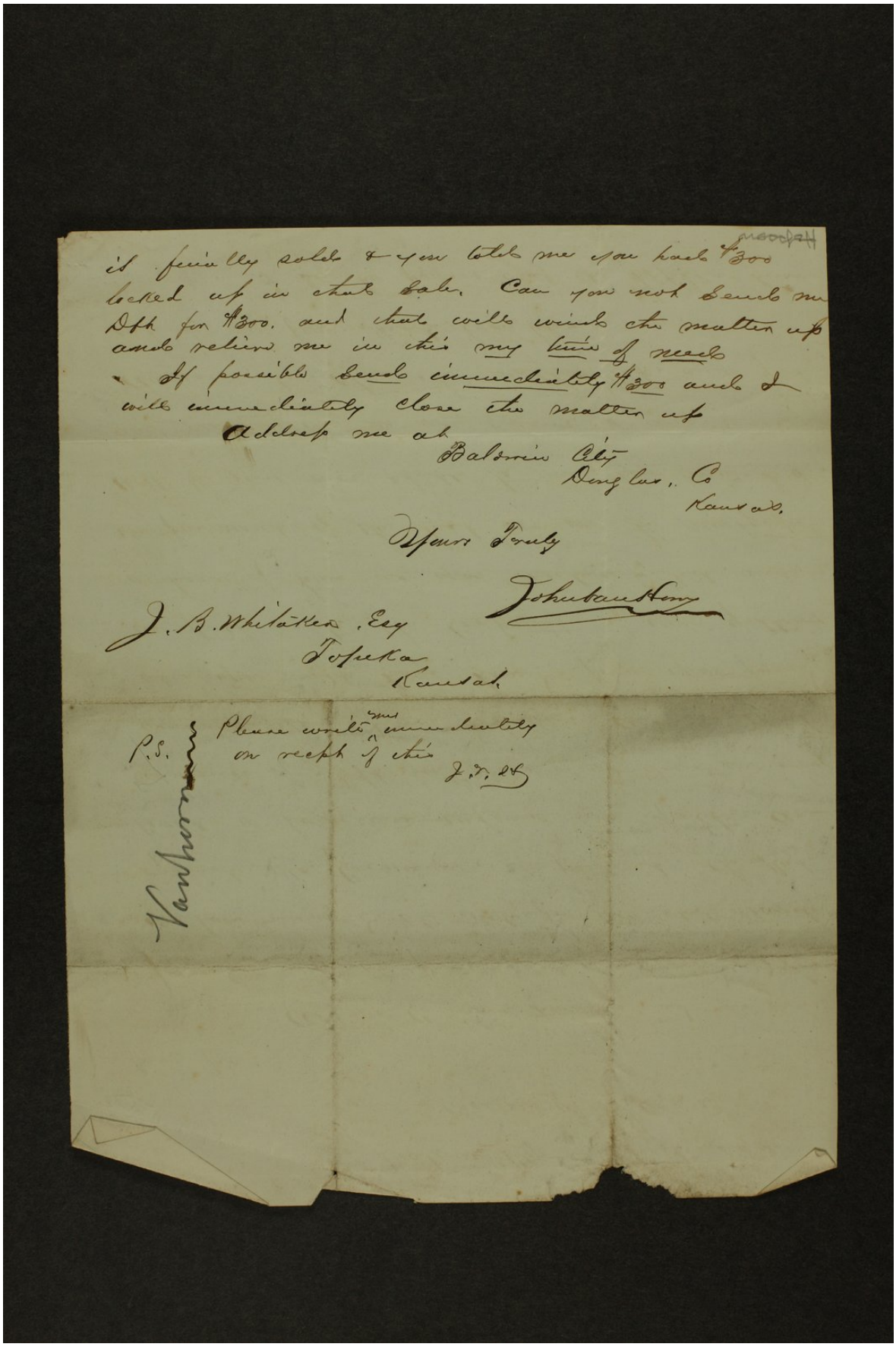
Baldwin City Douglas Co Kansas
Monday a.m. Oct 19. 1869

Dear Sir:

As Mr Carman has received no letter from Giles Co the presumption with us is that you have received the note for $600. that stands against Mr Carman. or paid it. the Nat. Bank of Lawrence informs me of the acceptance of Draft for $300. that I drew on you on my return from Topeka. and now Whitaker you must have heard from your friend in N.Y. as to the certainty of your getting a loan of him as you anticipated. and the payment of the last $300 on the Mortgage will be very acceptable to me! how much I am needing it no one knows. I am very anxious to close the matter up. and get out of my financial troubles.

I see by papers that the Topeka house

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it finally sold & you tell me you have $300 locked up in that sale. Can you not send me Draft for $300. and that will wind the matter up and relieve me in this my time of need
If possible send immediately $300 and I will immediately close the matter up
Address me at
Baldwin City
Douglas Co
Kansas.

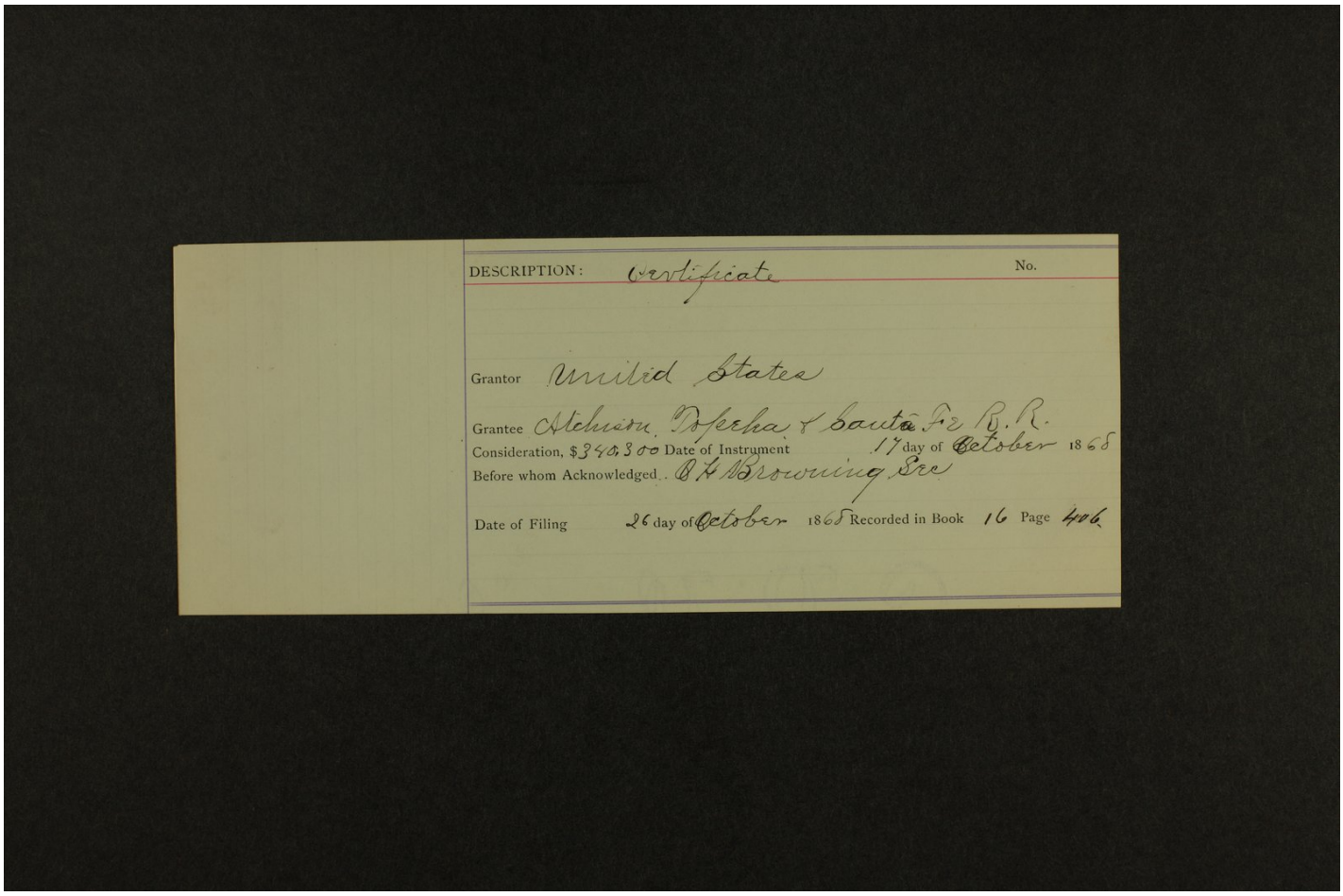
Yours Truly
John Vanhorn

J. B. Whitaker. Esq
Topeka
Kansas

P.S. Please write me immediately on receipt of this
J. V. H.

Vanhorn

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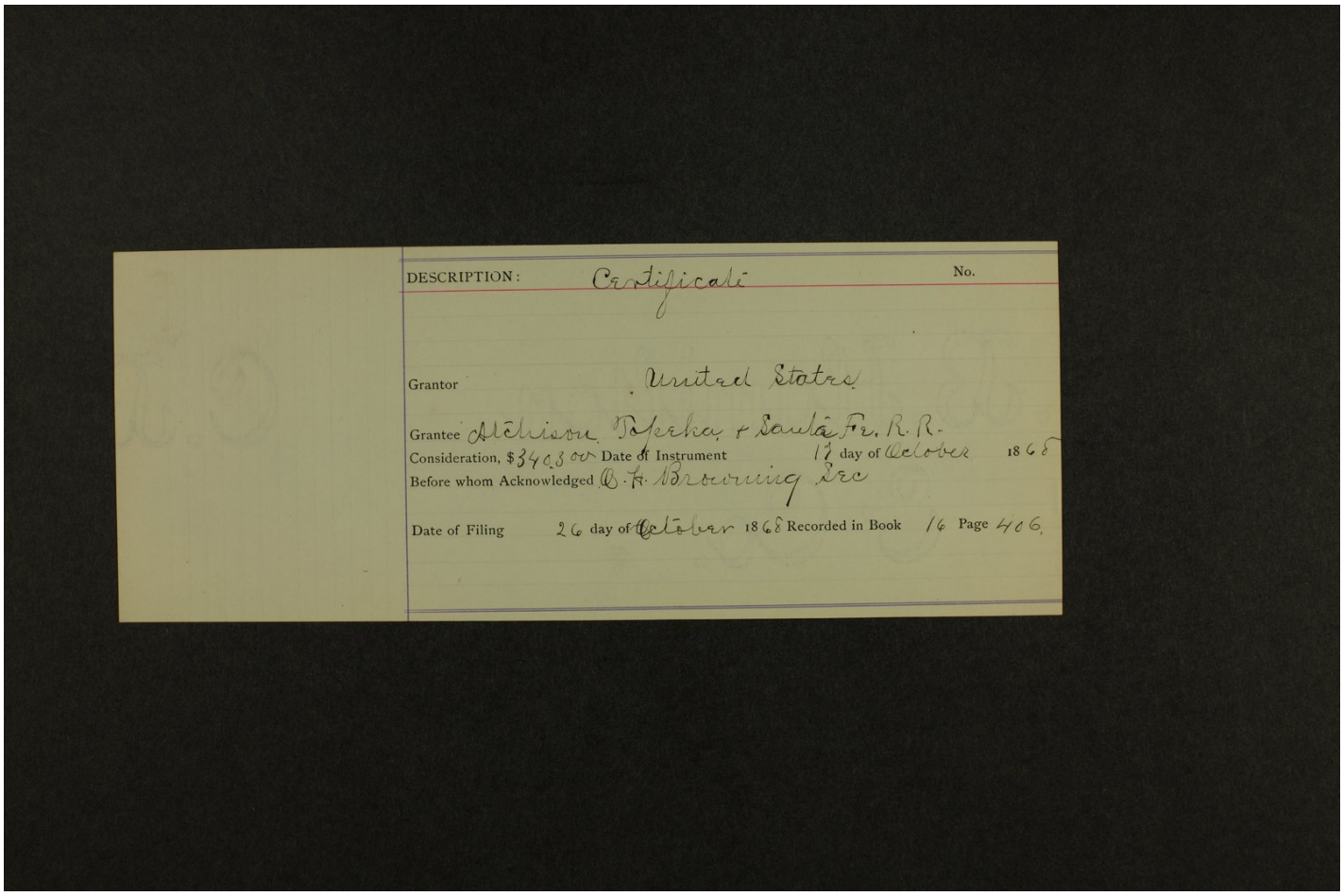
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Consideration, $340,300 Date of Instrument 17 day of October 1868

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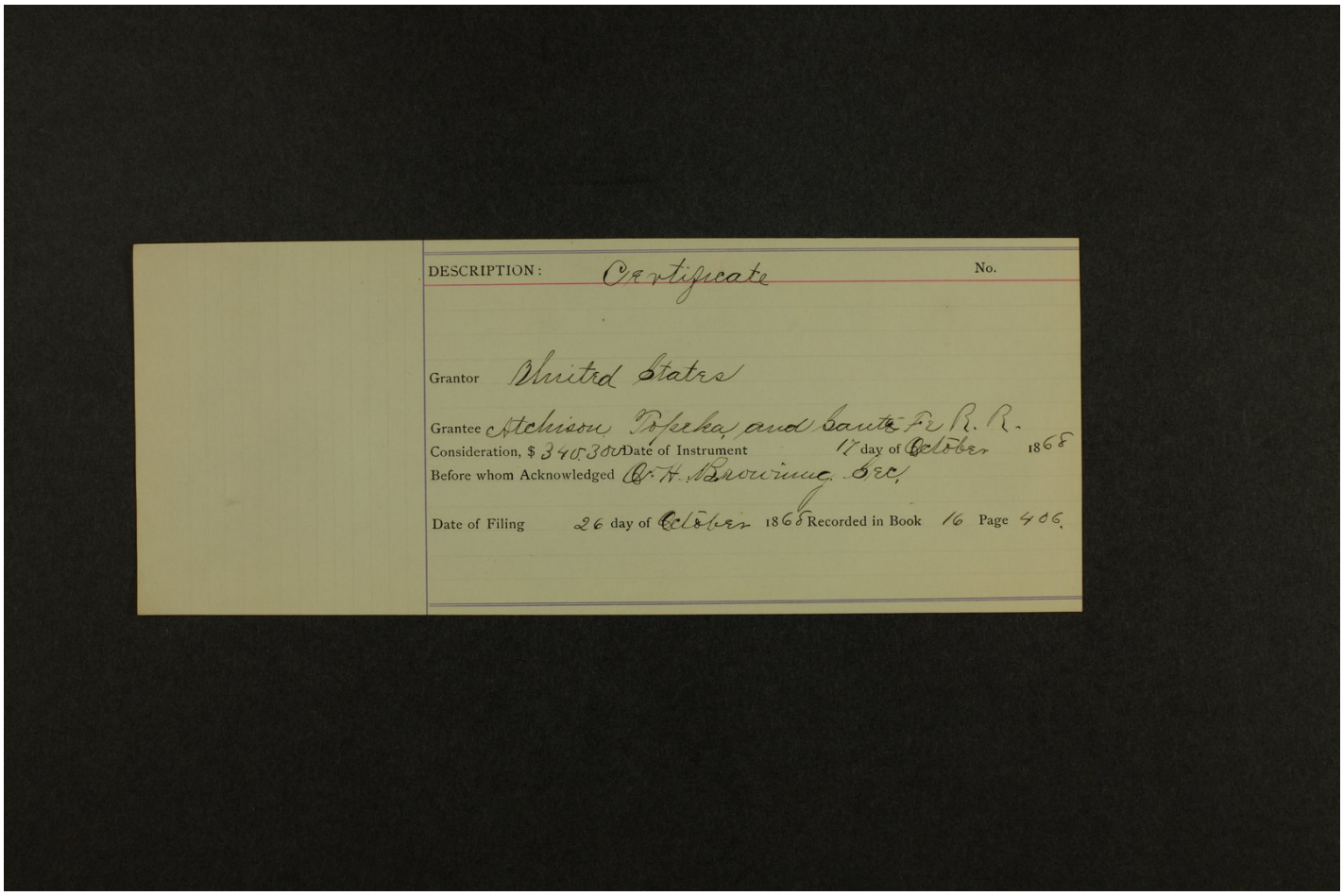
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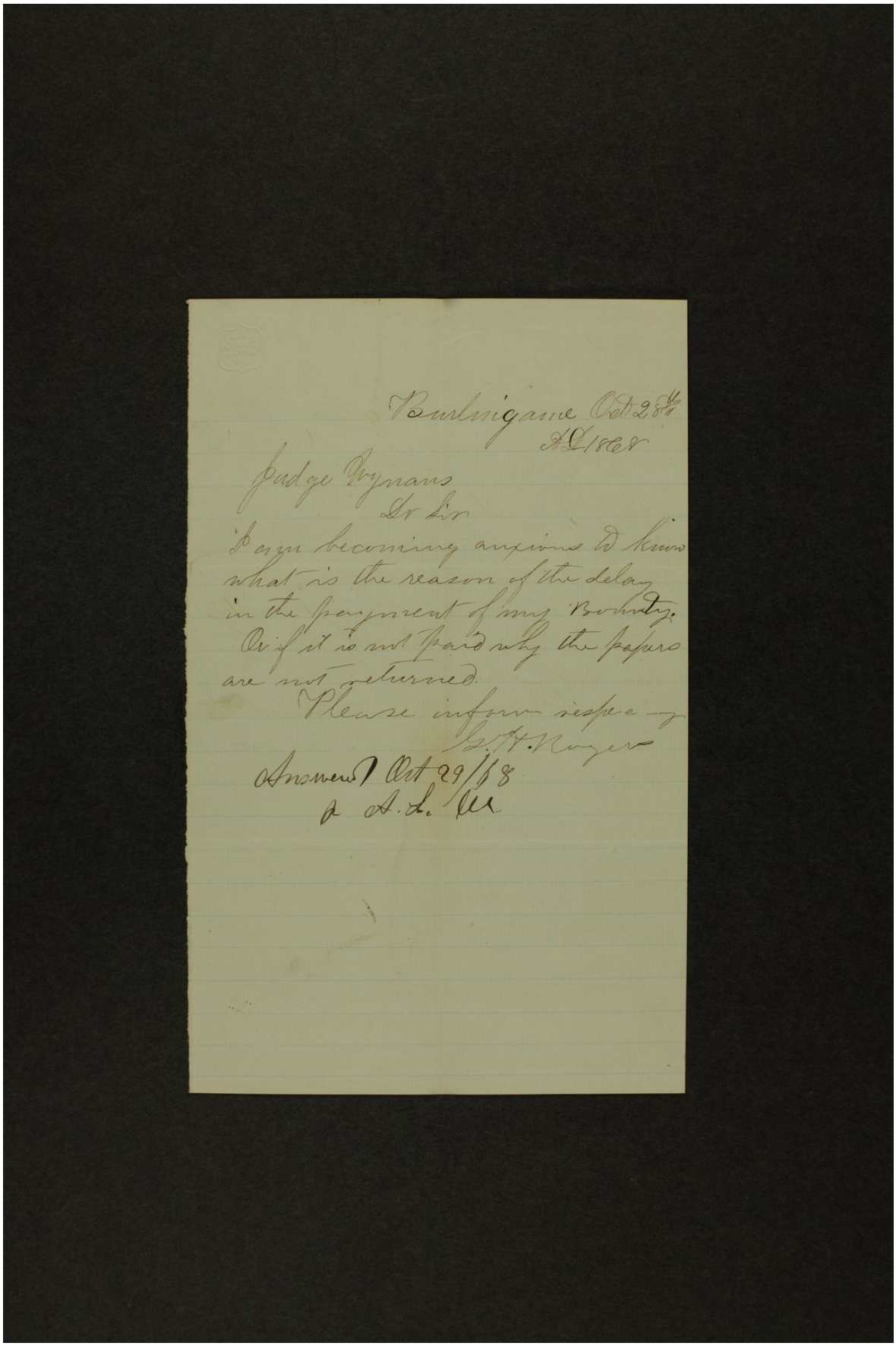
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Burlingame Oct 28th
A.D. 1868

Judge Wynans
Dr Sir

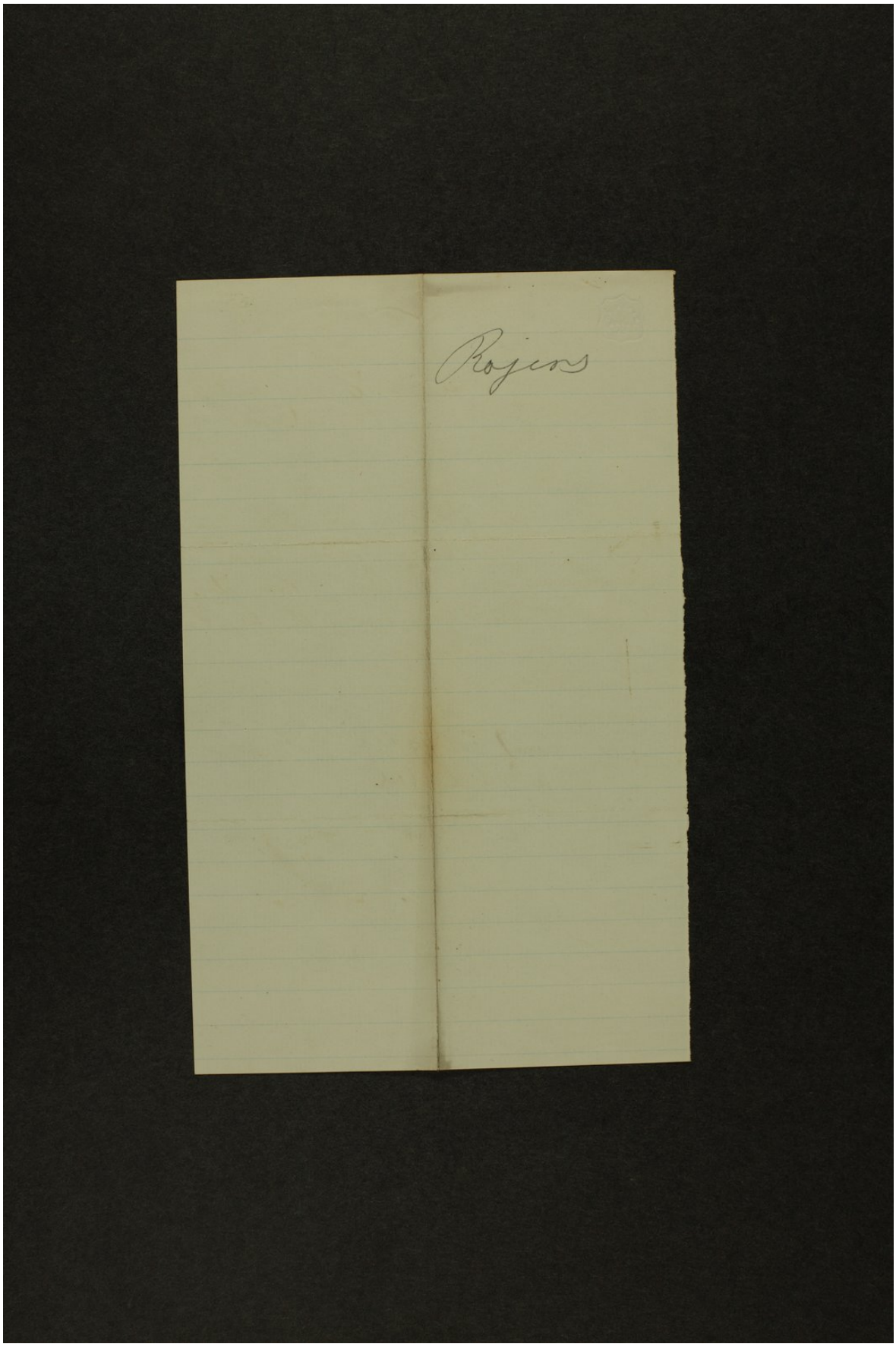
I am becoming anxious to know what is the reason of the delay in the payment of my Bounty. Or if it is not paid why the papers are not returned.

Please inform respecting

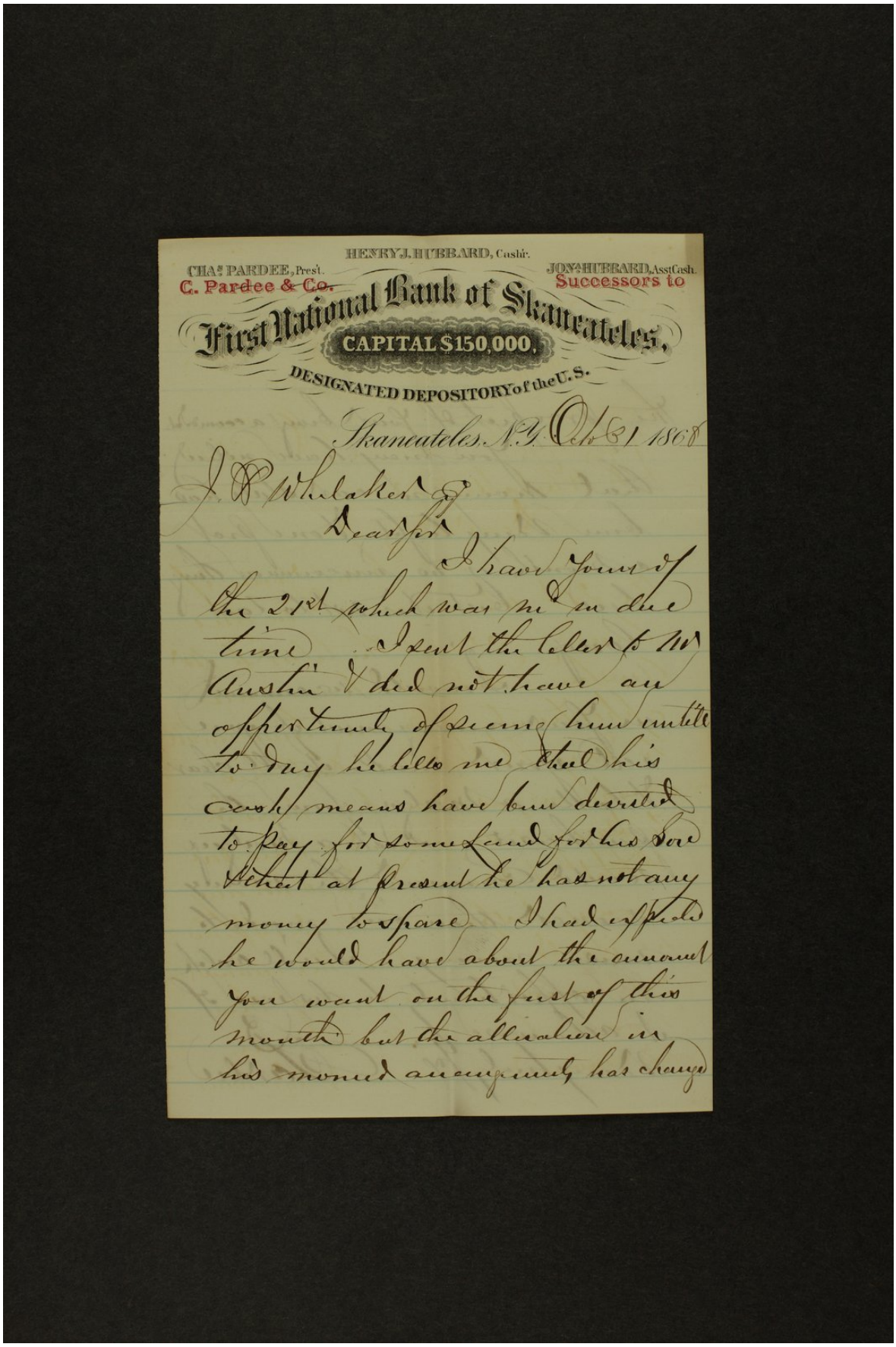
G.W. Rogers

Answered Oct 29/68
a A.L. Ellis

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HENRY J. HUBBARD, Cashr.

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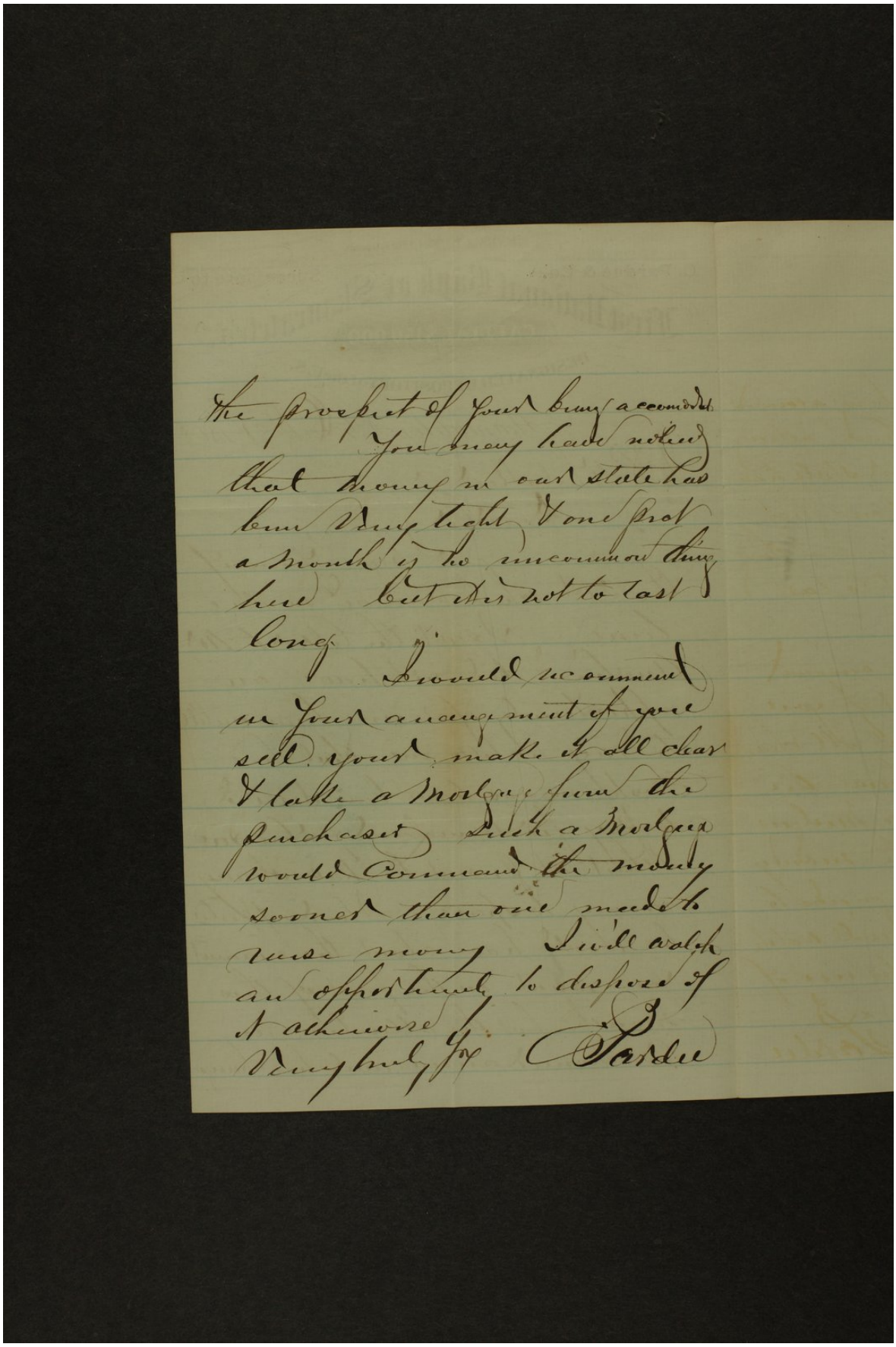
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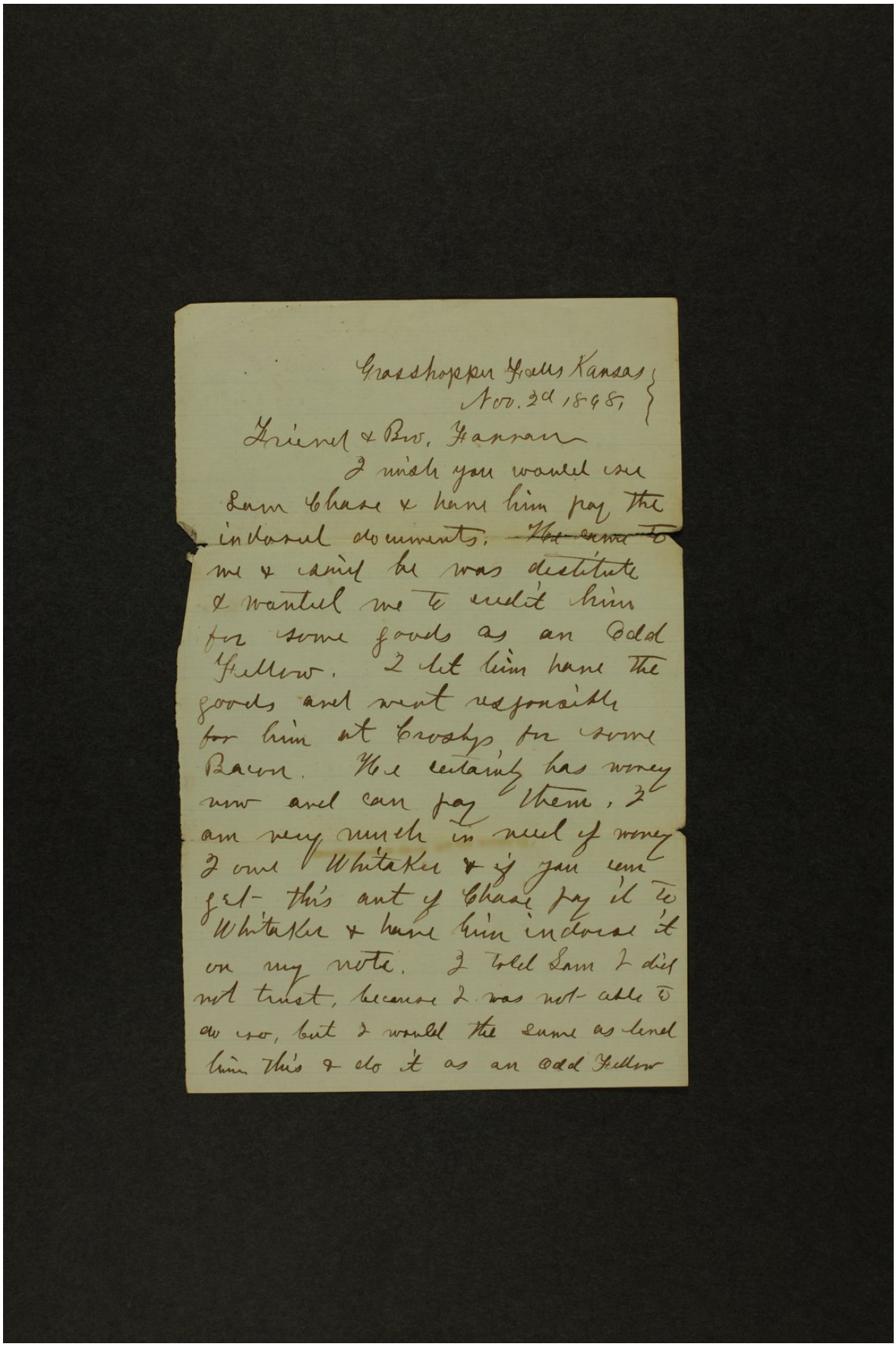
J. B. Whitaker Esq

Dear Sir

I have Yours of the 21st which was rec'd in due time. I sent the letter to Mr Austin & did not have an opportunity of seeing him until to day he tells me that his cash means have been devoted to pay for some Land for his Son & that at present he has not any money to spare. I had expected he would have about the amount you want on the first of this month but the alienation in his money arrangements has chang



the prospect of your buying a commodity.
You may have noticed that money in our state has been very tight & one not a month ago to accommodate any one but it is not to last long.
I would recommend in your arrangement of your sell your make it all clear & take a Mortgage from the purchaser such a Mortgage would Command the money sooner than one made to raise money. I will watch an opportunity to dispose of it advantageously for you.
Very truly Yours

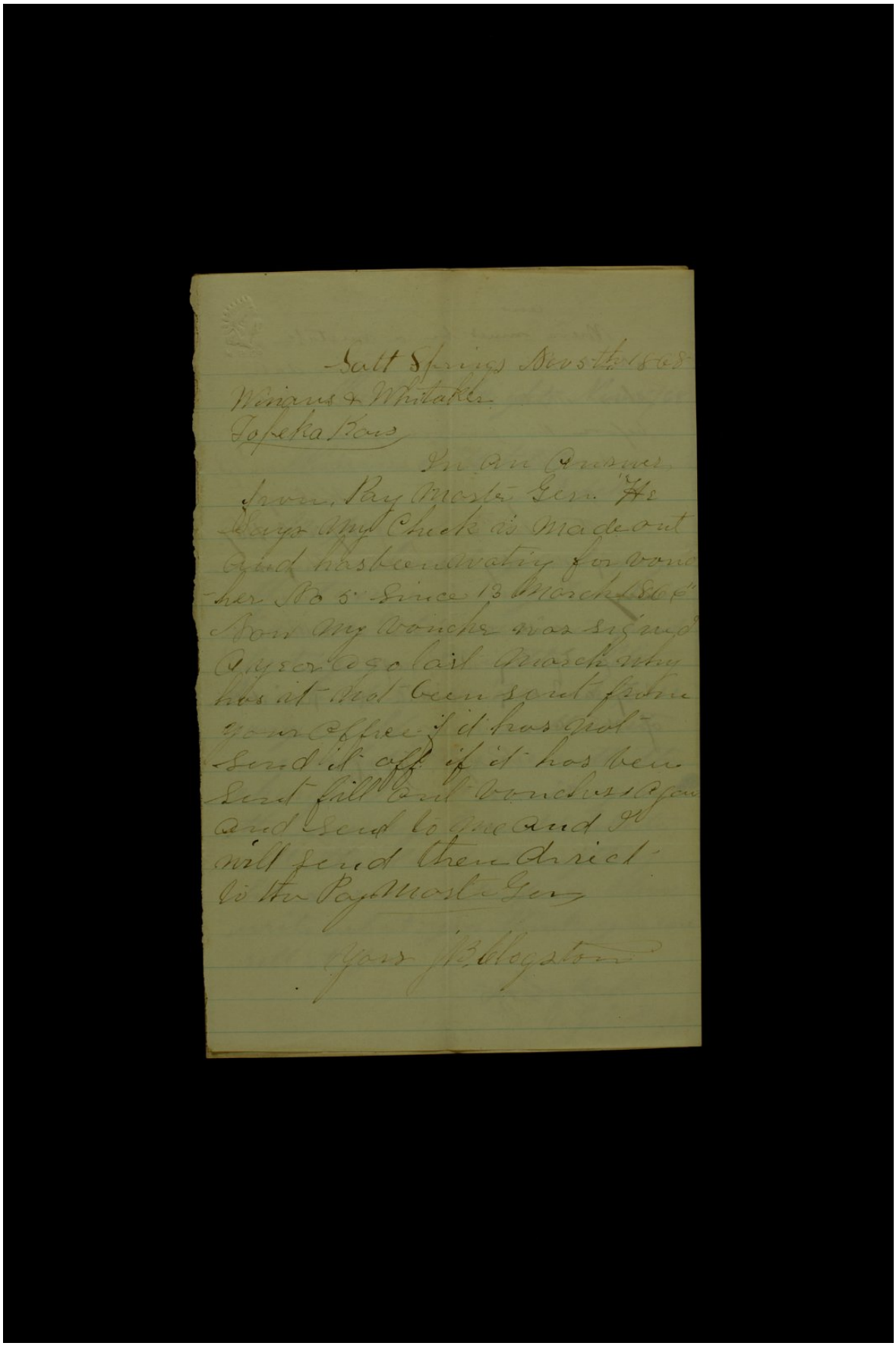


Grasshopper Falls Kansas
Nov. 2d 1865

Friend & Bro. Hannan

I wish you would see Sam Chase & have him pay the indorsed documents. ~~He came to~~ He came to me & said he was destitute & wanted me to credit him for some goods as an Odd Fellow. I let him have the goods and went responsible for him at Crosby for some Bacon. He certainly has money now and can pay them, I am very much in need of money I owe Whitaker & if you can get this out of Chase pay it to Whitaker & have him indorse it on my note. I told Sam I did not trust, because I was not able to do so, but I would the same as lend him this & do it as an Odd Fellow

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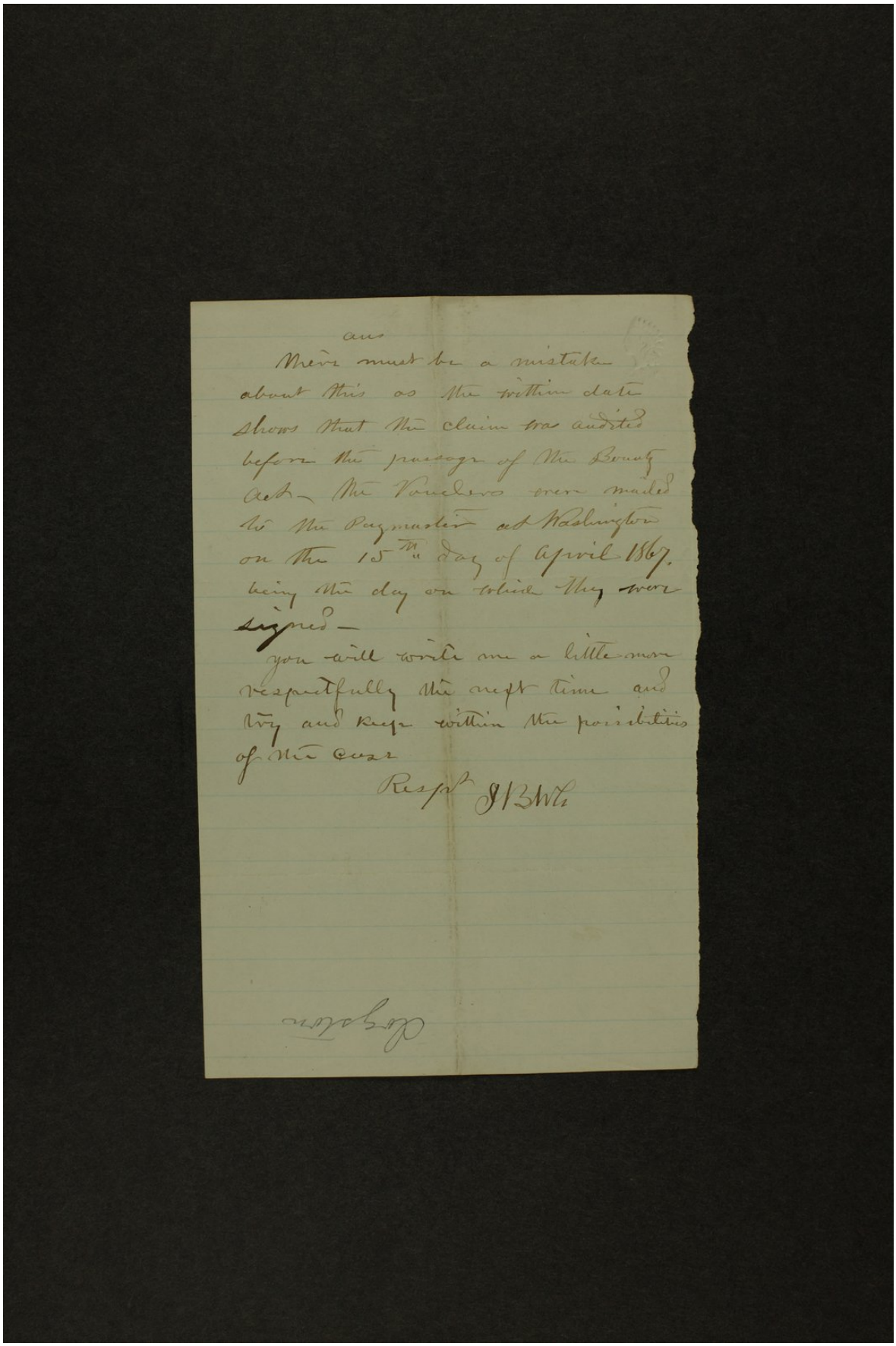
Salt Springs Dec 5th 1868

Williams & Whitaker

Topeka Kans

In An Answer
from Pay Master Gen. His
Dept Appt Check is made out
and has been waiting for Voucher No 5 Since 13 March 1866
Now my Voucher was Signed
Officers & Clerk March 1866
has it not been sent from
your Office if it has not
Send it off if it has been
Sent fill out Vouchers Again
and Send to me and I
will send them Direct
to the Pay Master Gen

Yours J B Blogston



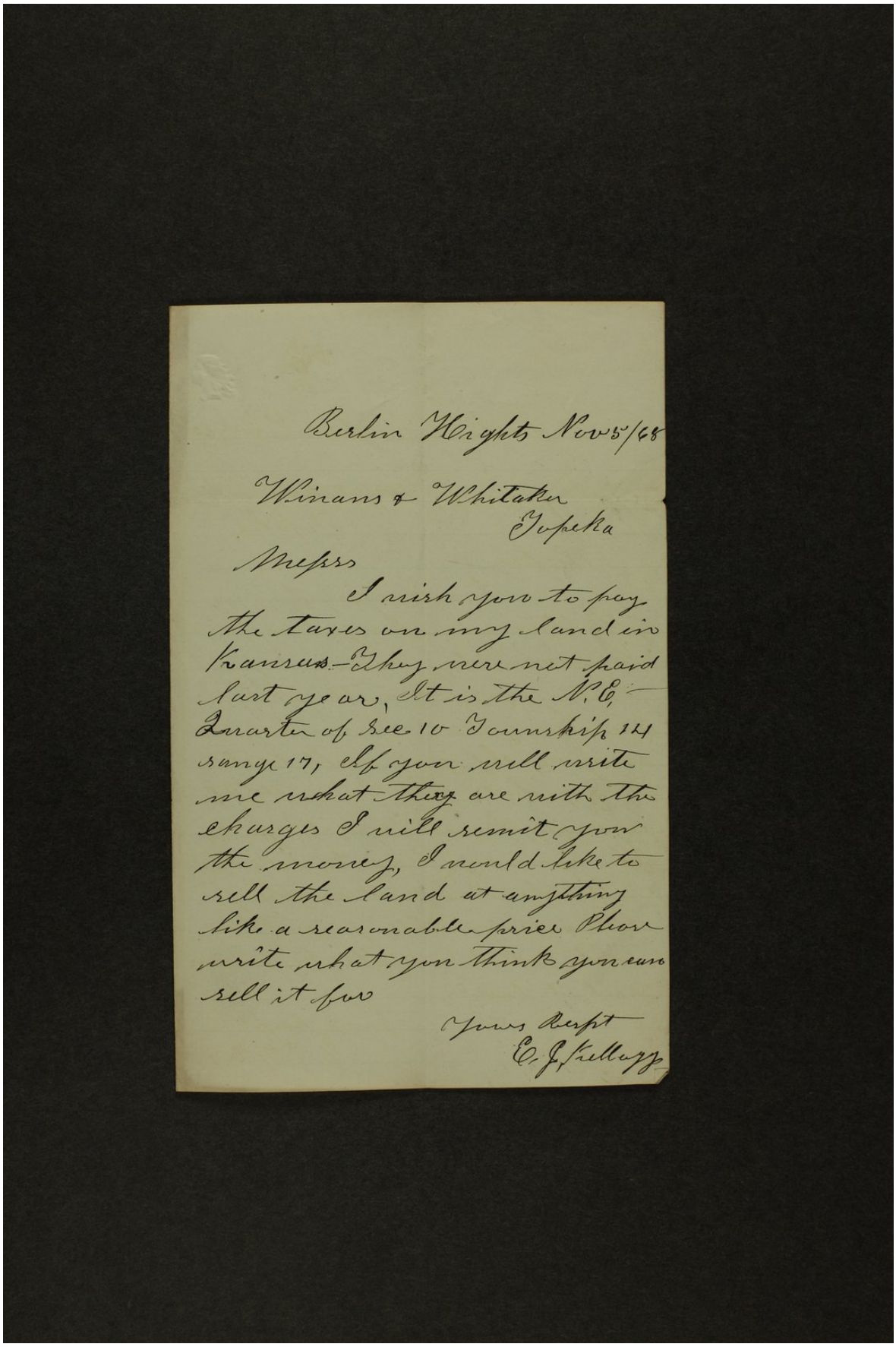
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There must be a mistake about this as the within date shows that the claim was audited before the passage of the Bounty Act— The Vouchers were mailed to the Paymaster at Washington on the 15th day of April 1867. being the day on which they were signed—

You will write me a little more respectfully the next time and try and keep within the possibilities of the case

Resp't J B Wh

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Berlin Heights Nov 5/68

Winans & Whitaker
Topeka

Messrs

I wish you to pay the taxes on my land in Kansas. They were not paid last year, It is the N.E. Quarter of Sec 10 Township 14 range 17, If you will write me what they are with the charges I will remit you the money, I would like to sell the land at anything like a reasonable price Please write what you think you can sell it for

Yours Respt
E. J. Kellogg