James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 69, Pages 2041 - 2070

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.

Date: 1855-1909

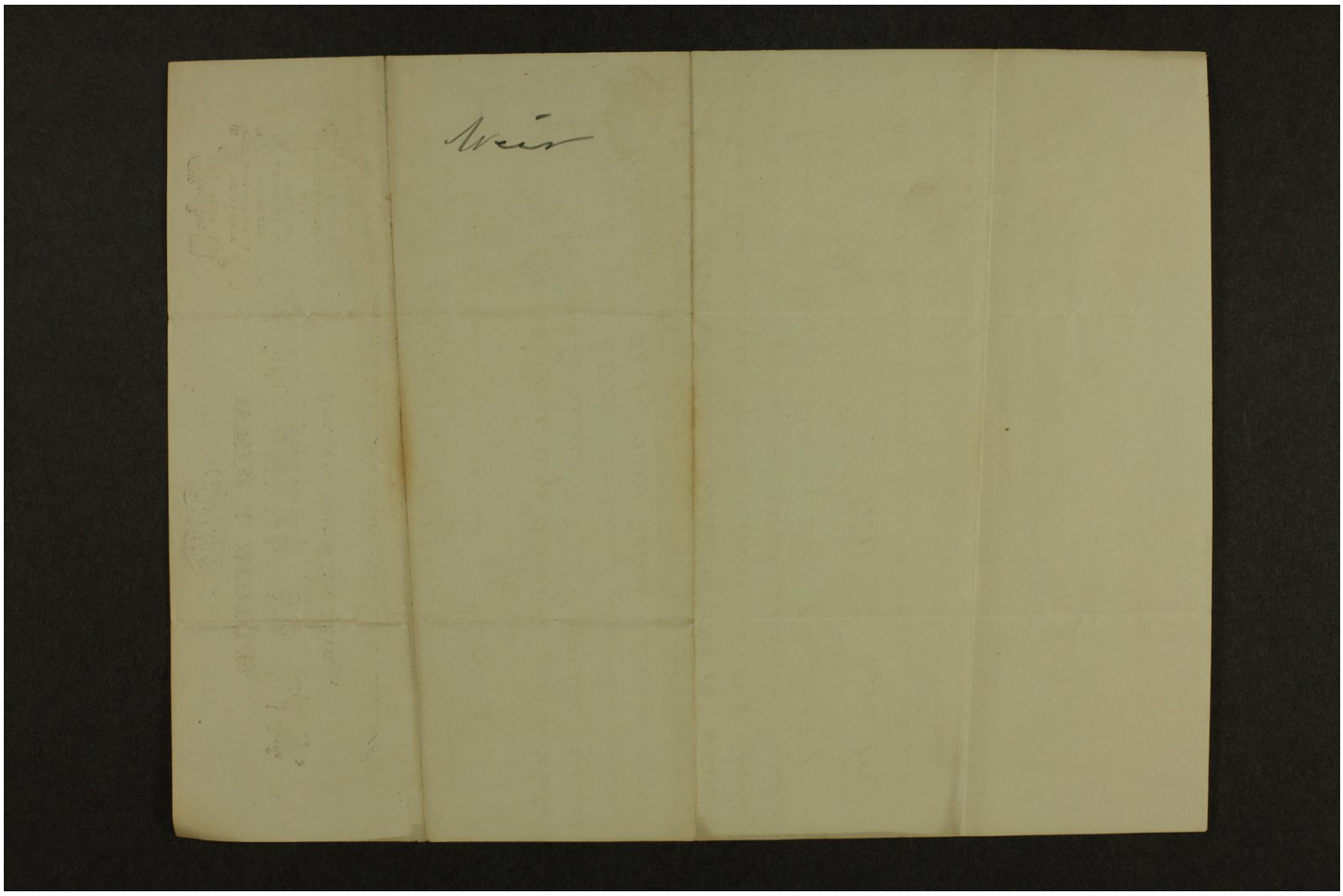
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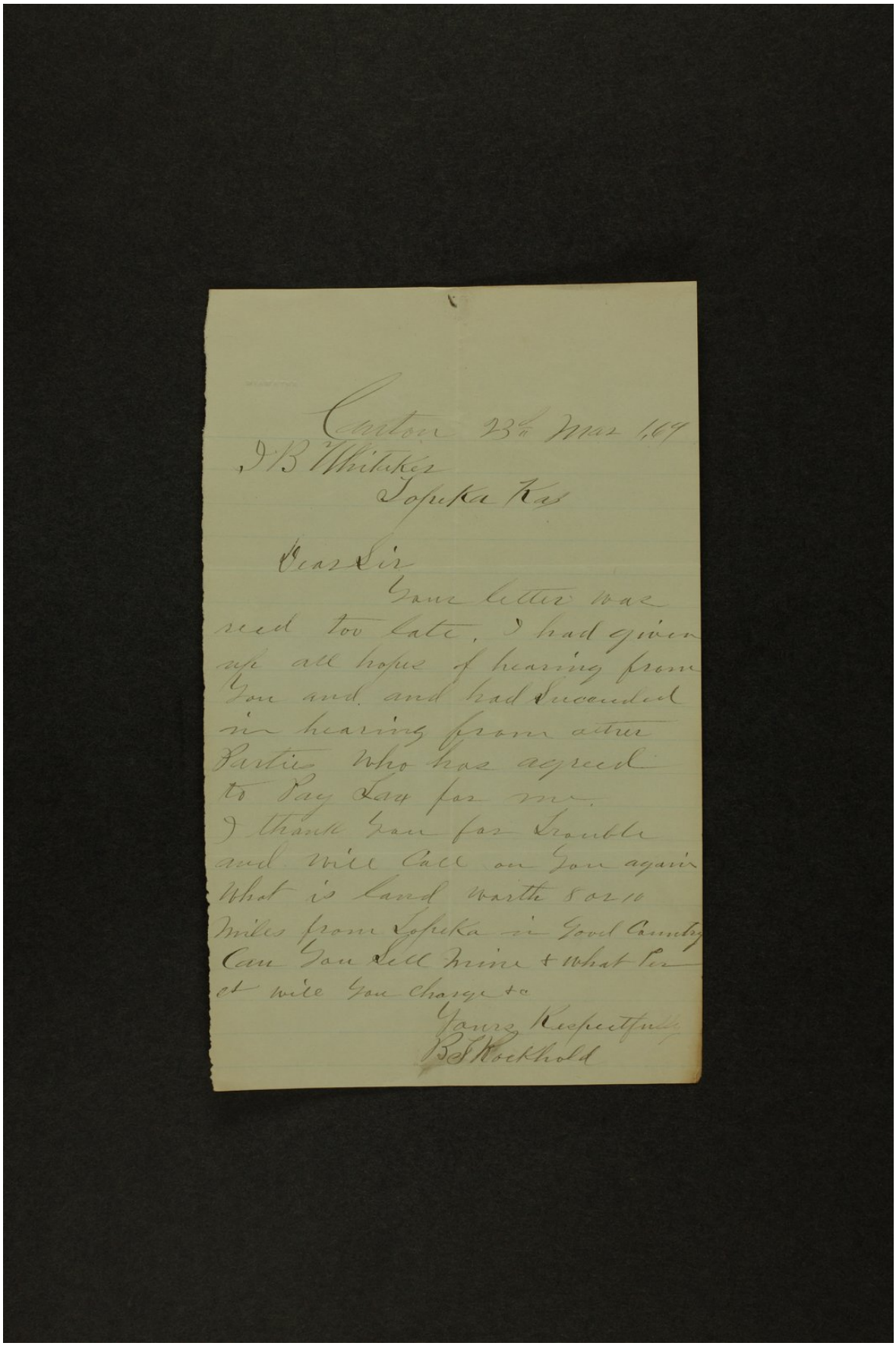
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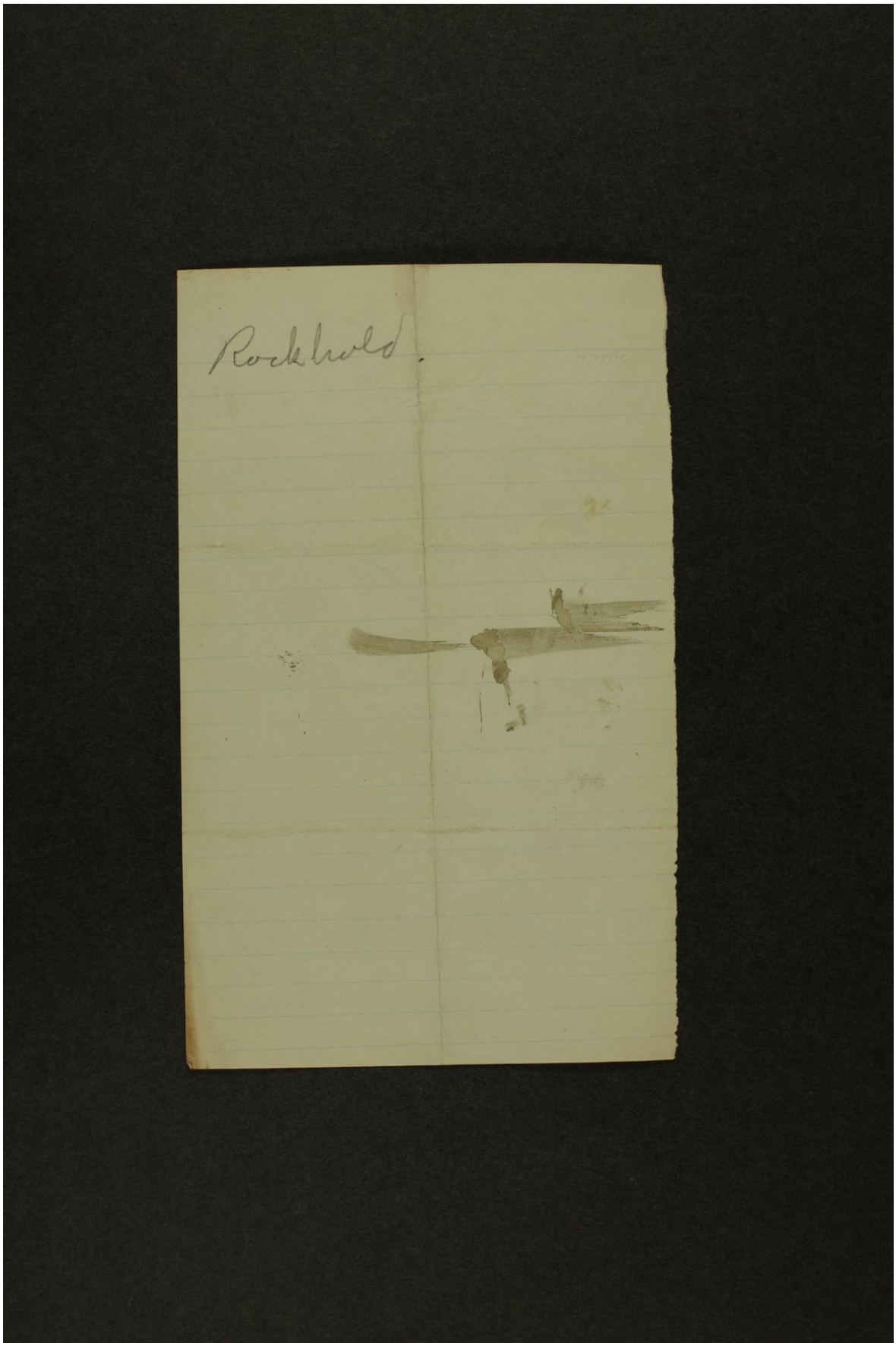
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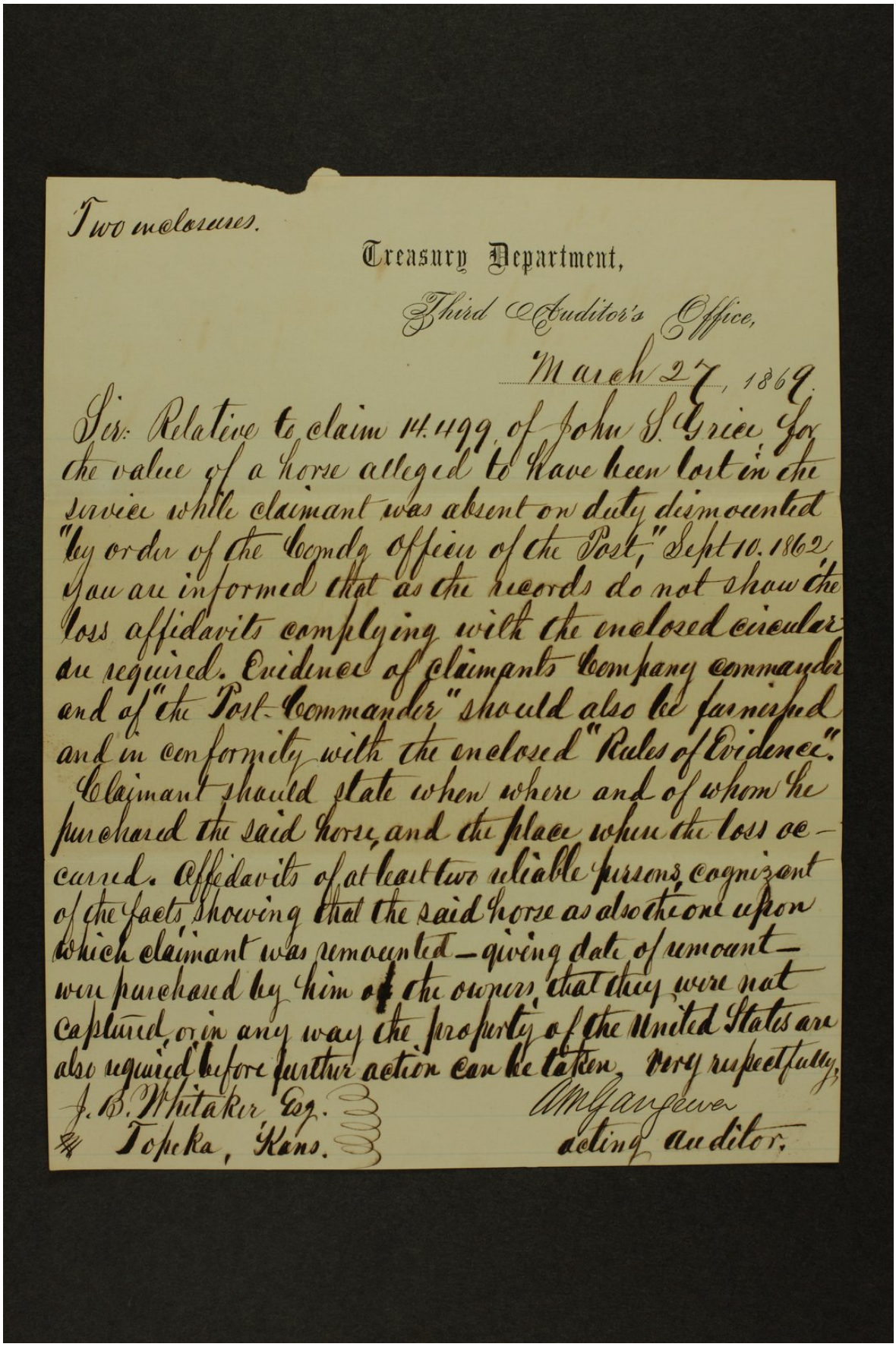
J B Whitaker
Topeka Kas

Dear Sir

Your letter was
rec'd too late. I had given
up all hope of hearing from
You and had succeeded
in hearing from other
Parties who has agreed
to pay $4 for me.
I thank You for Trouble
and will Call on You again
What is land worth 8 or 10
Miles from Topeka in Good Country
Can You Sell mine & what Per
ct will You charge &c

Yours Respectfully
B S Rockhold


Rockhold.



Two enclosures.

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

March 27, 1869.

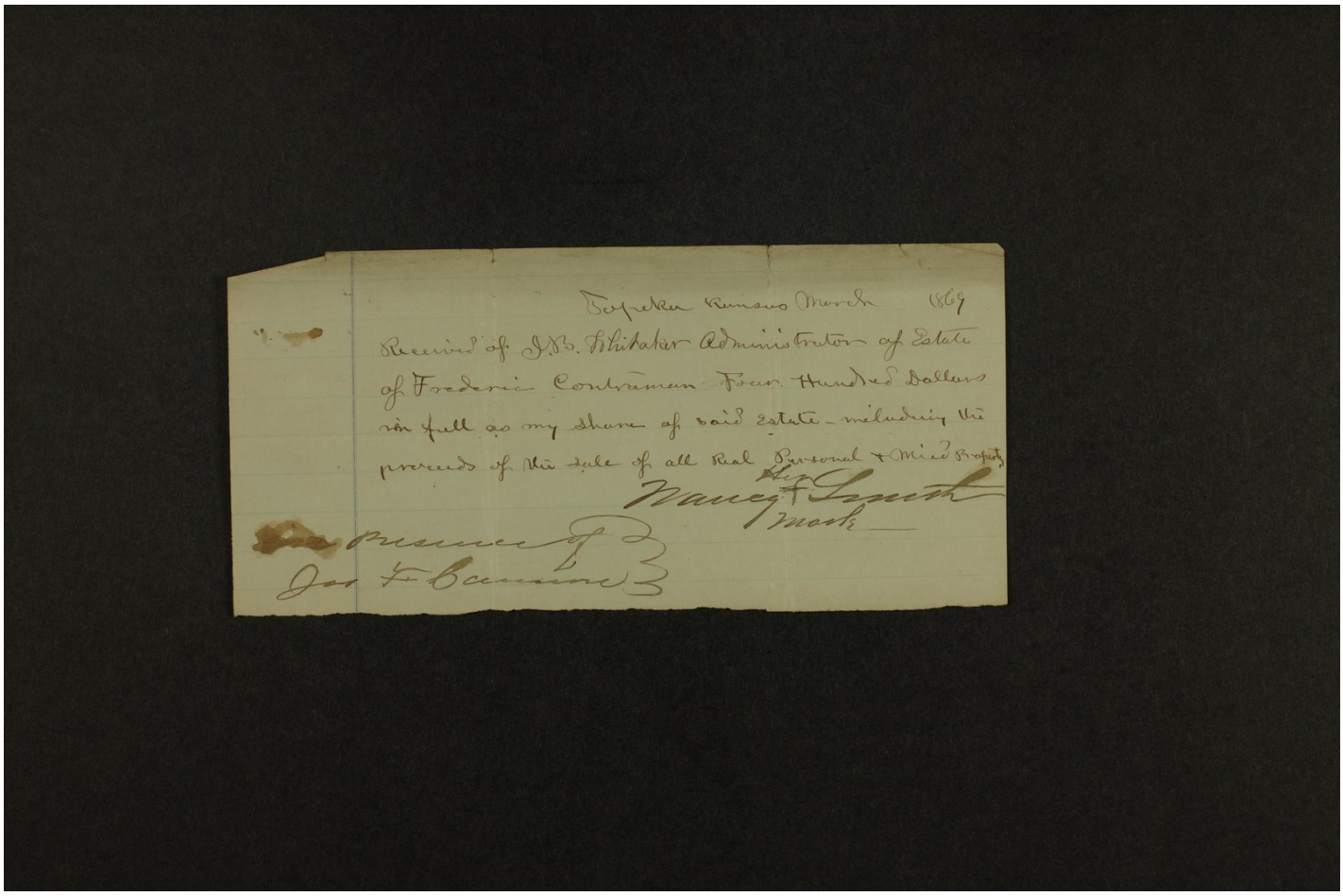
Sir: Relative to claim 14.499 of John S. Grice for the value of a horse alleged to have been lost in the service while claimant was absent on duty dismounted "by order of the Comdg Officer of the Post," Sept 10. 1862, you are informed that as the records do not show the loss affidavits complying with the enclosed circular are required. Evidence of claimants Company Commander and of "the Post-Commander" should also be furnished and in conformity with the enclosed "Rules of Evidence".

Claimant should state when where and of whom he purchased the said horse, and the place when the loss occurred. Affidavits of at least two reliable persons cognizant of the facts showing that the said horse as also the one upon which claimant was remounted — giving date of remount — were purchased by him of the owners, that they were not captured, or in any way the property of the United States are also required before further action can be taken. Very respectfully,

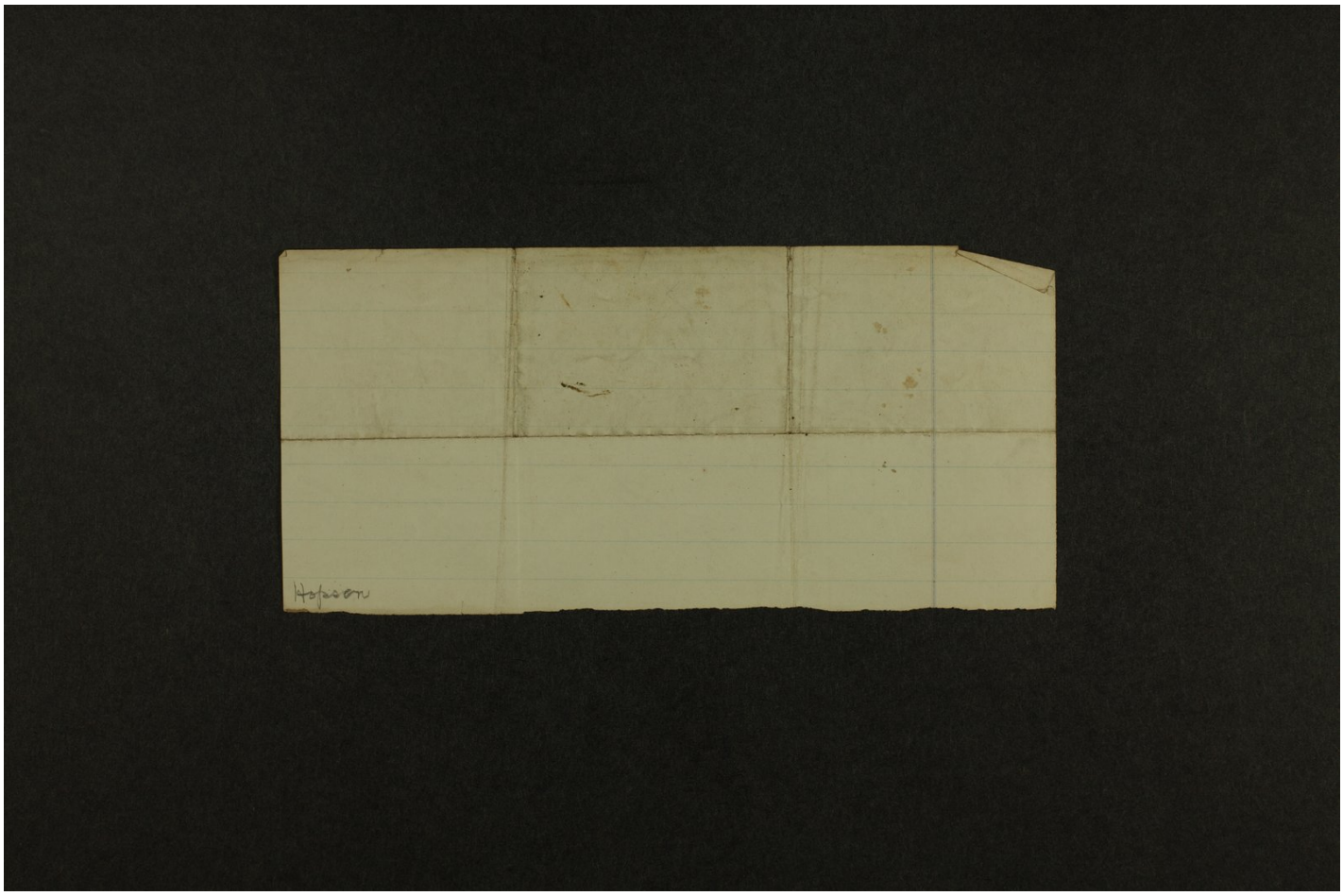
J. B. Whitaker Esq.
Topeka, Kans.

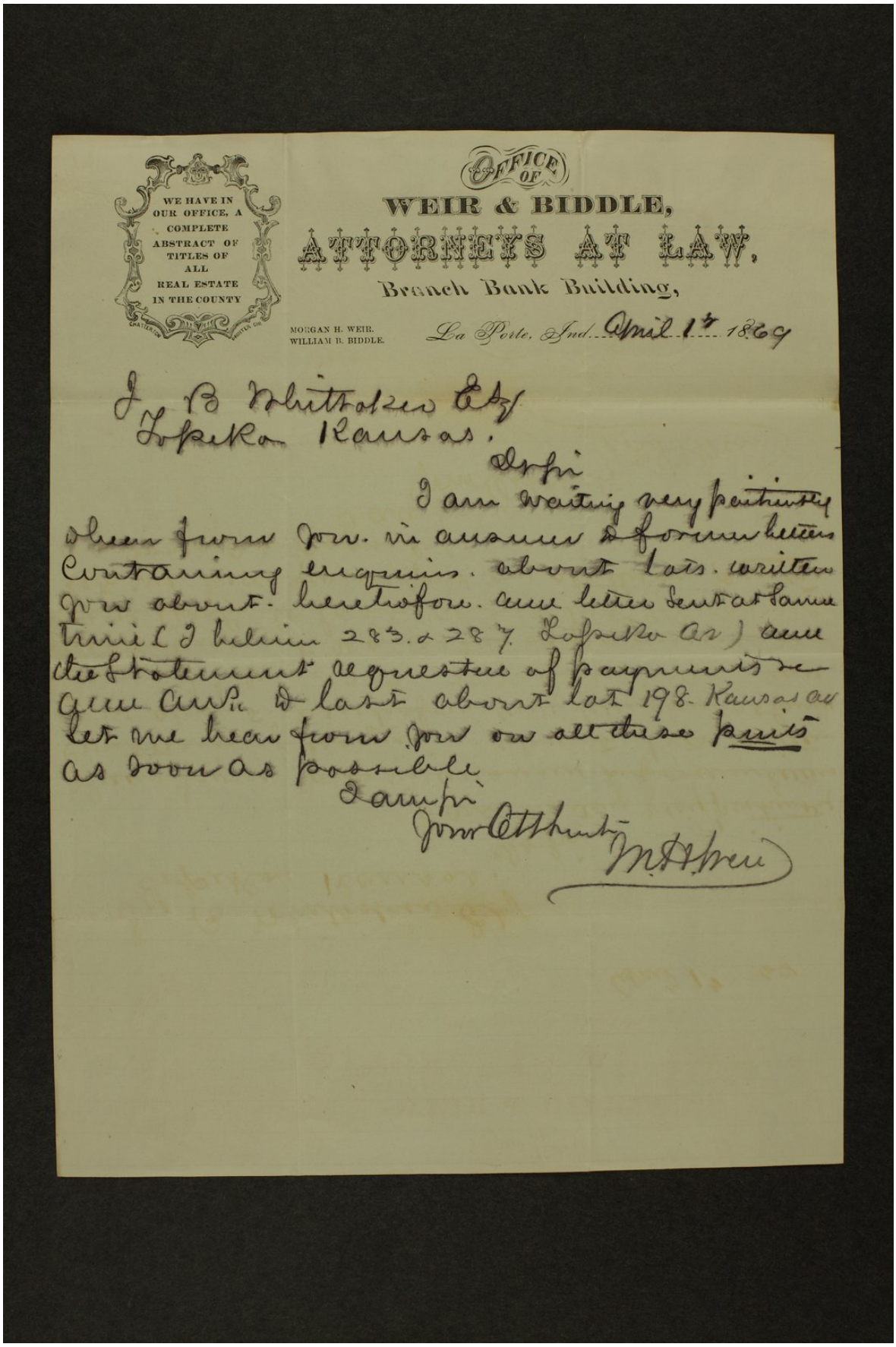
A M Gangewer
acting auditor.

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Topeka Kansas March 1869
Received of J.B. Whitaker Administrator of Estate
of Frederic Conkrumen Four Hundred Dollars
in full as my share of said Estate - including the
proceeds of the sale of all Real Personal & Mixed Property
Nancy + Smith
Mark
Witness of
Jas F Cummins

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WE HAVE IN OUR OFFICE, A COMPLETE ABSTRACT OF TITLES OF ALL REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY

OFFICE OF
WEIR & BIDDLE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Branch Bank Building,

MORGAN H. WEIR.
WILLIAM B. BIDDLE.

La Porte, Ind. April 1st 1869

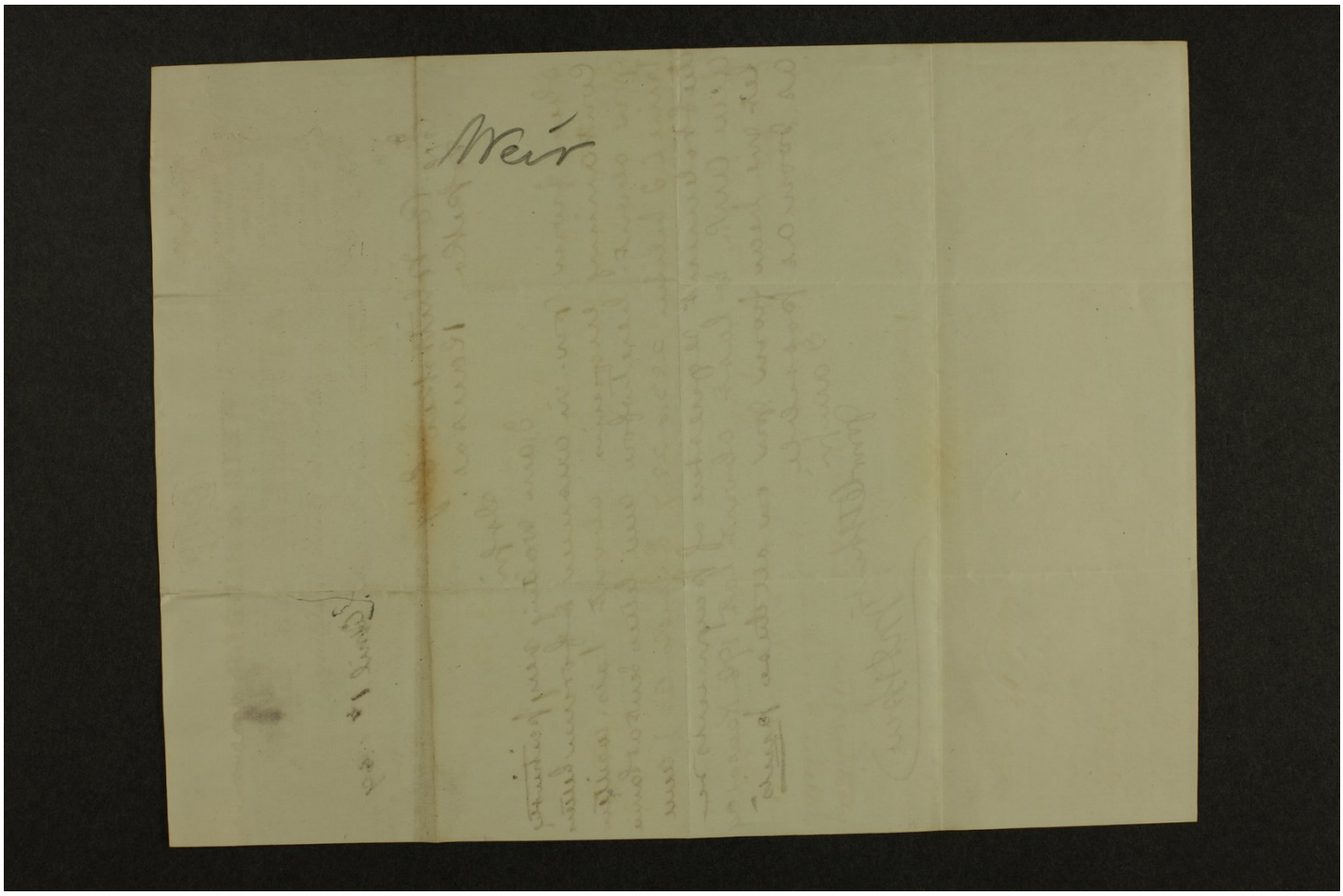
J B Whittaker Esq
Topeka Kansas.

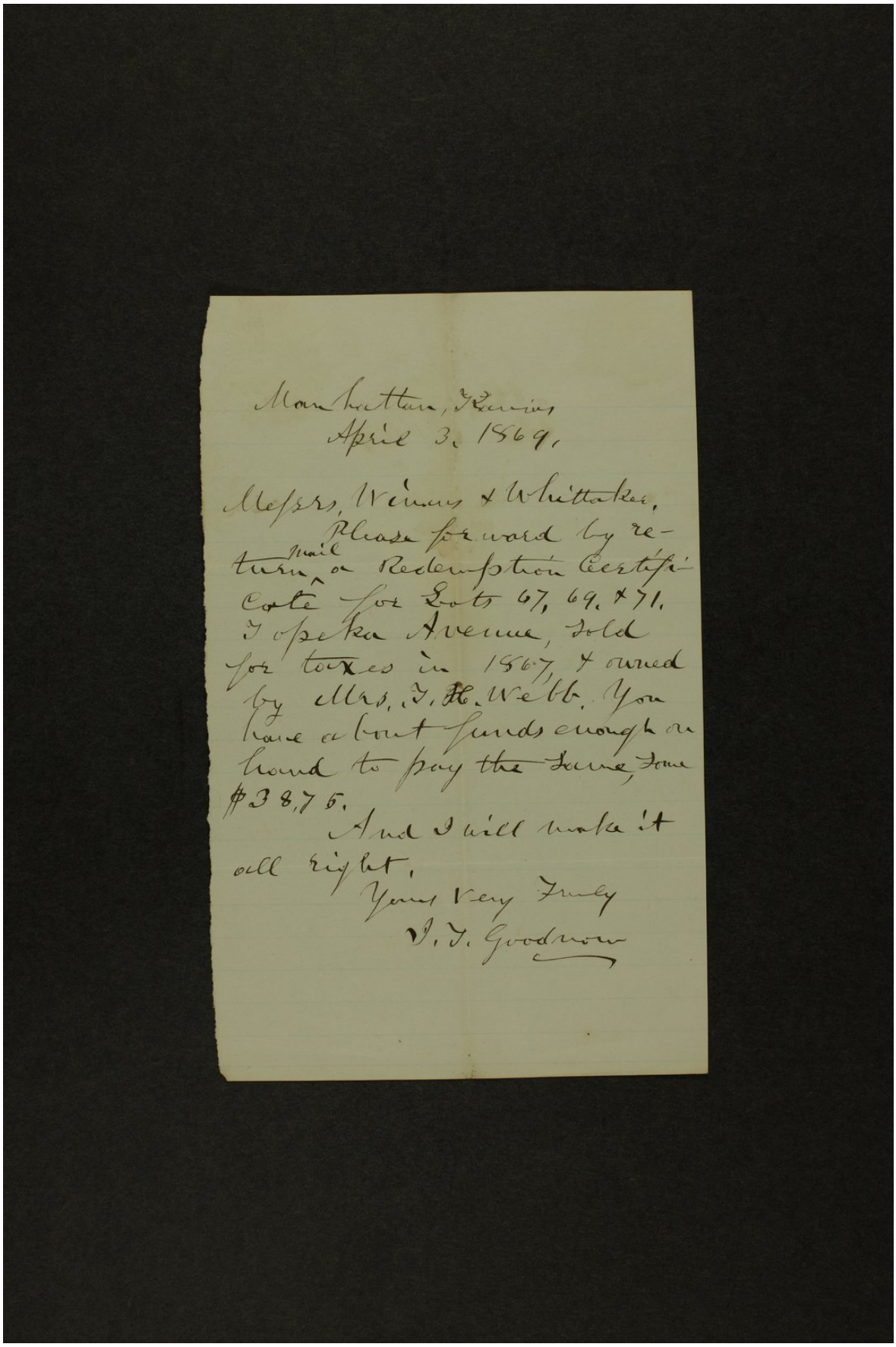
Dear Sir

I am waiting very patiently to hear from you in answer to some letters containing enquiries about Lots written you about heretofore. One letter sent at same time (I believe 283 & 287 Topeka Ks) one the statement requested of payments on one Am. P. last about Lot 198 Kansas Ave let me hear from you on all these points as soon as possible

Yours Truly
M. B. Weir

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Manhattan, Kansas
April 3, 1869.

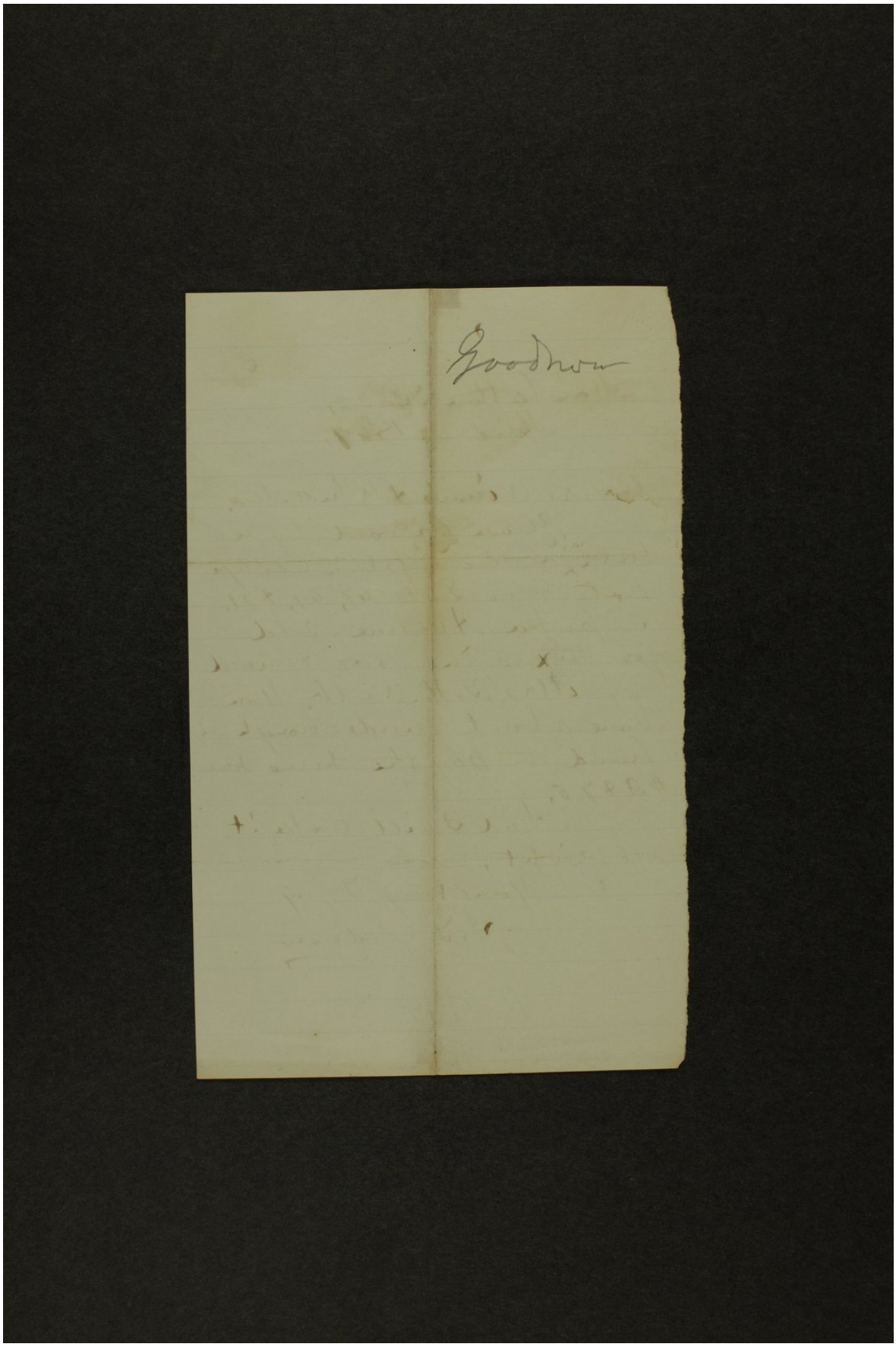
Messrs, Wimms & Whittaker,

Please forward by return mail a Redemption Certificate for Lots 67, 69, & 71, Topeka Avenue, Sold for taxes in 1867, & owned by Mrs. J. H. Webb. You have about funds enough on hand to pay the same, some $38,75.

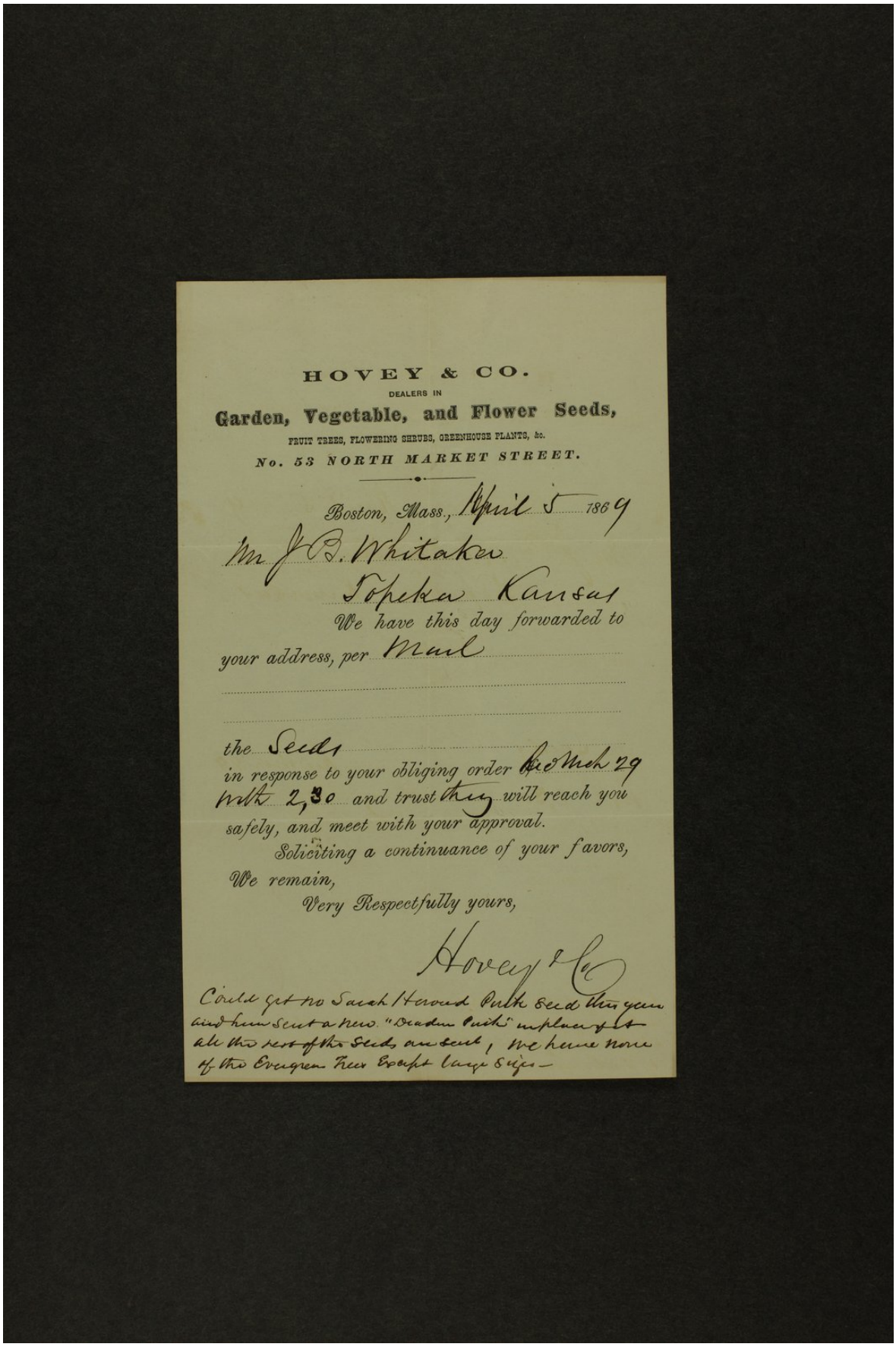
And I will make it all right.

Yours Very Truly
V. V. Goodnow

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Garden, Vegetable, and Flower Seeds,

FRUIT TREES, FLOWERING SHRUBS, GREENHOUSE PLANTS, &c.

No. 53 NORTH MARKET STREET.

Boston, Mass., April 5 1869

Mr J. B. Whitaker

Topeka Kansas

We have this day forwarded to your address, per Mail

the Seeds in response to your obliging order dated March 29 with 2,30 and trust they will reach you safely, and meet with your approval.

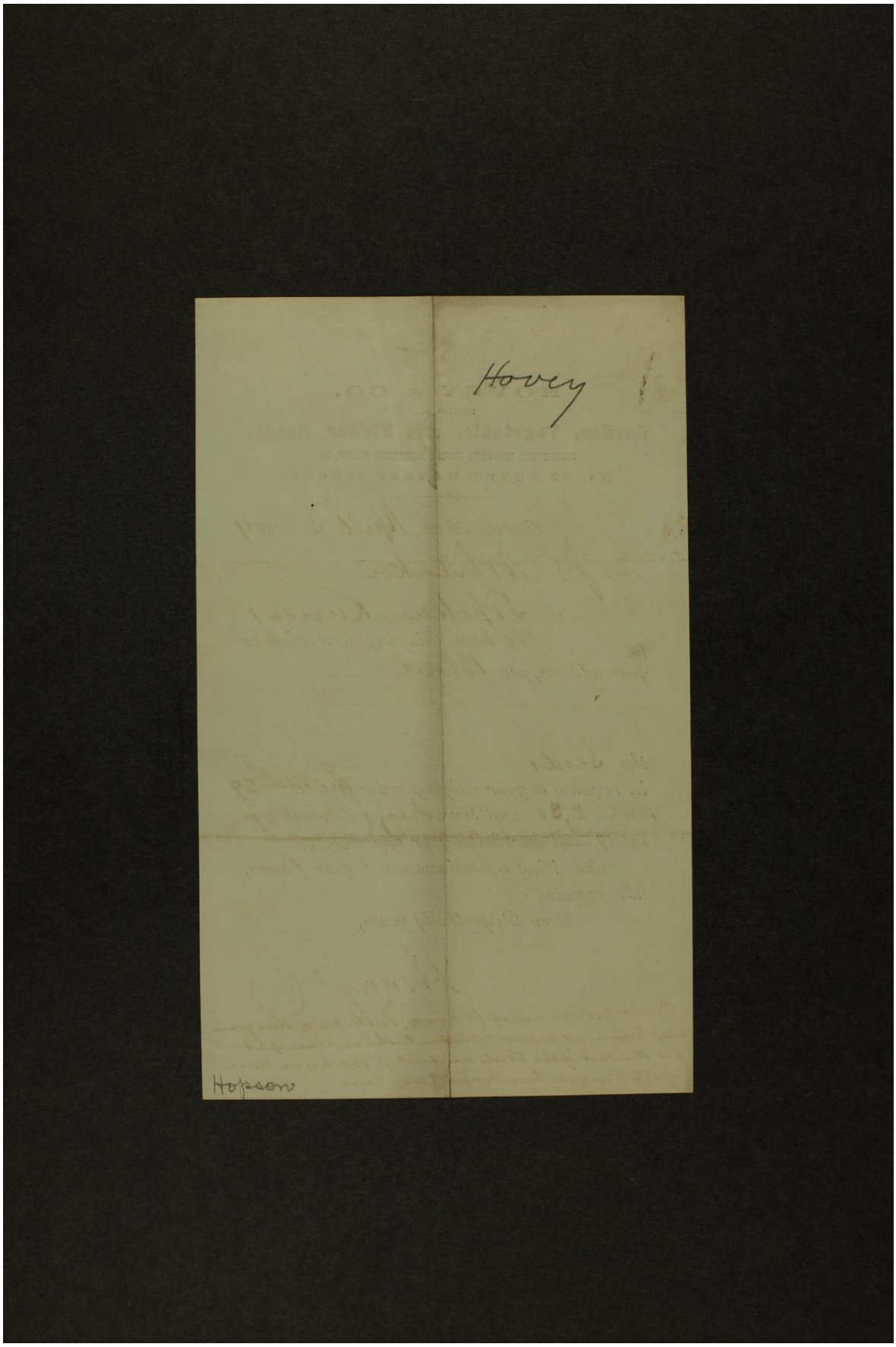
Soliciting a continuance of your favors,

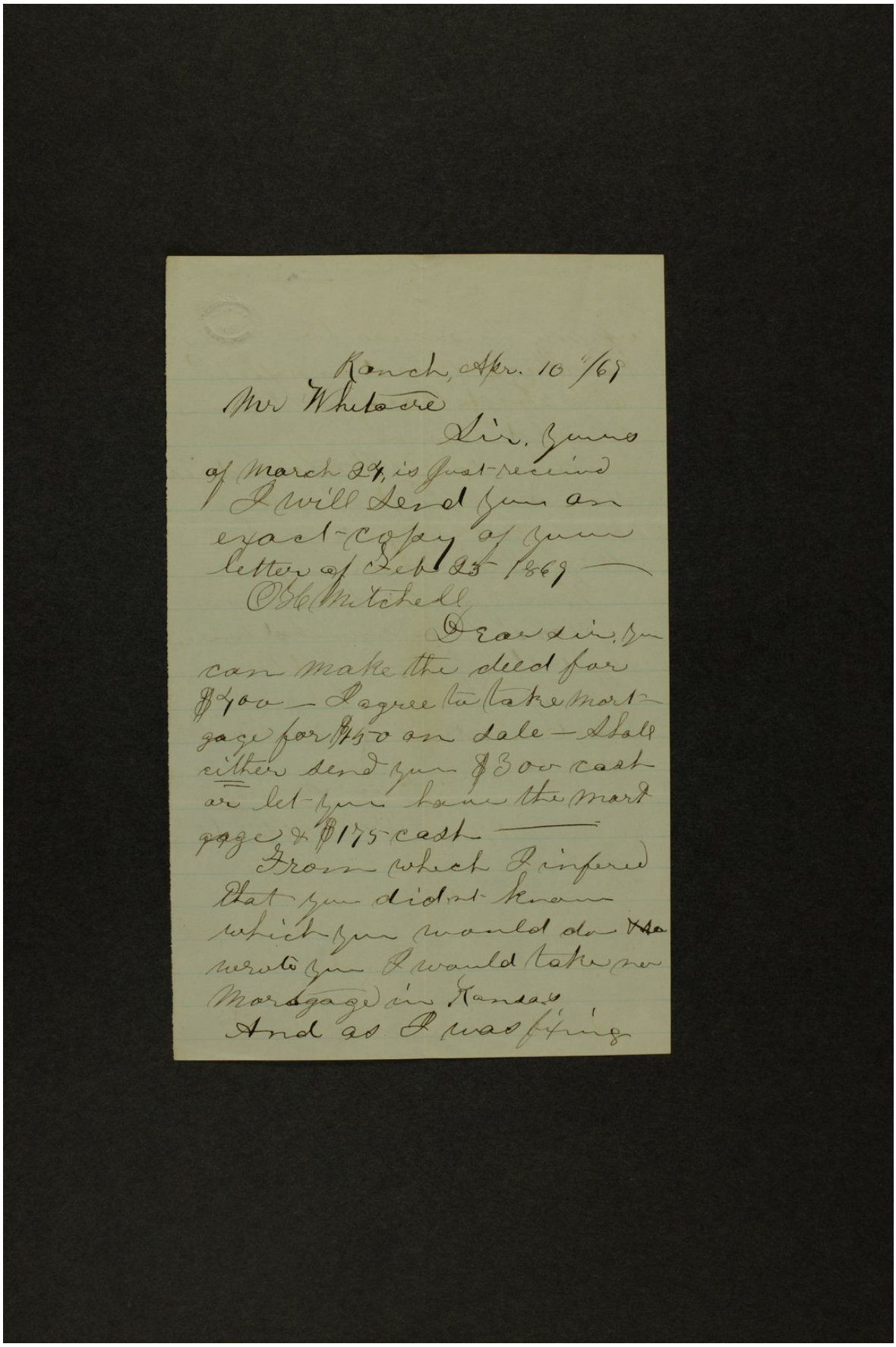
We remain,

Very Respectfully yours,

Hovey & Co

Could get no Sarah Harvard Pink Seed this year and have sent a new "Deacon Pink" in place of it — all the rest of the Seeds are sent, we have none of the Evergreen Trees except large sizes —


Hovey
Hopson



Ranch, Apr. 10 "/69

Mr Whitacre

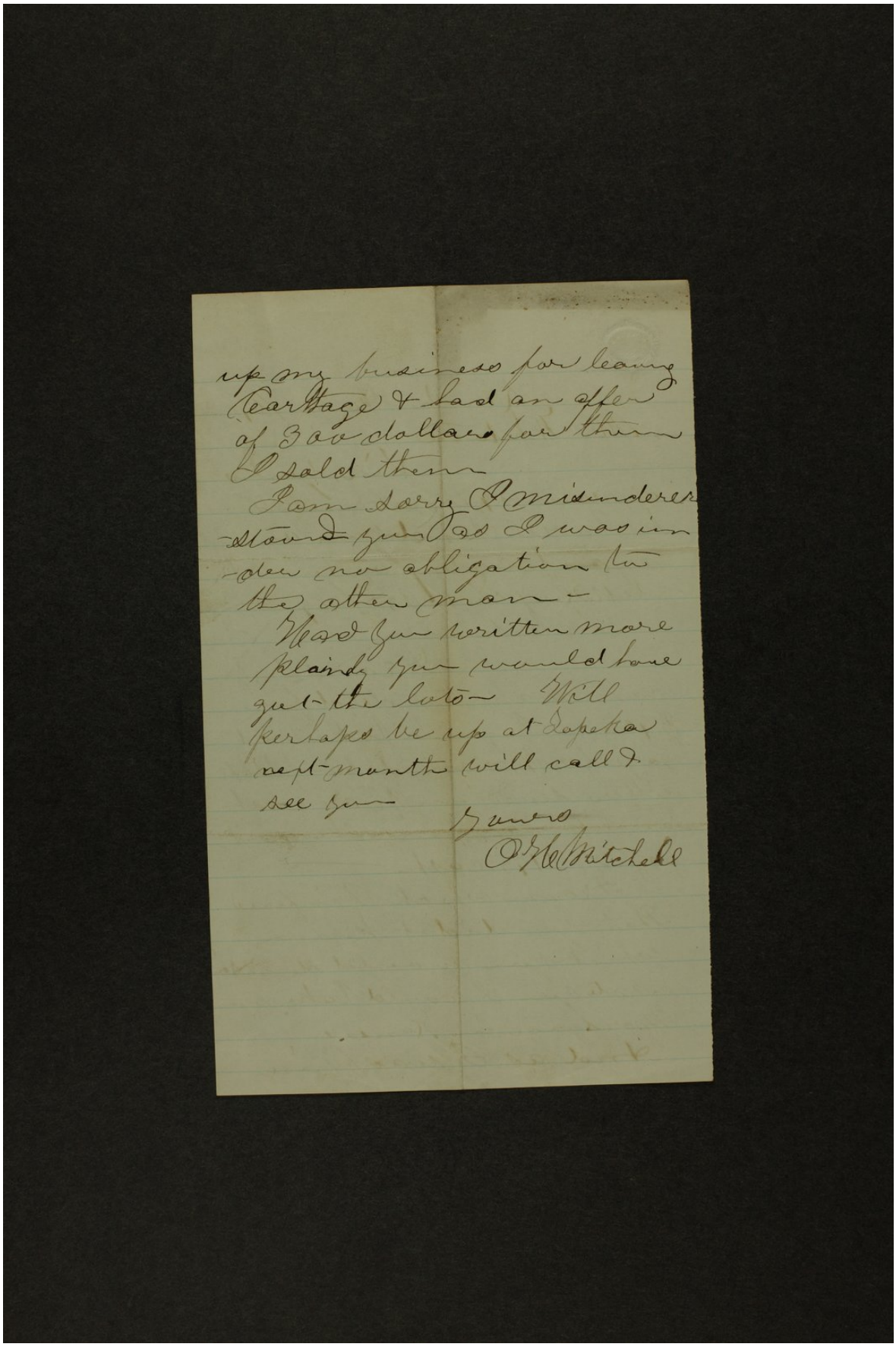
Sir. Yours of March 27, is just received I will send you an exact copy of your letter of Feb 25 1869 —

O.H. Mitchell

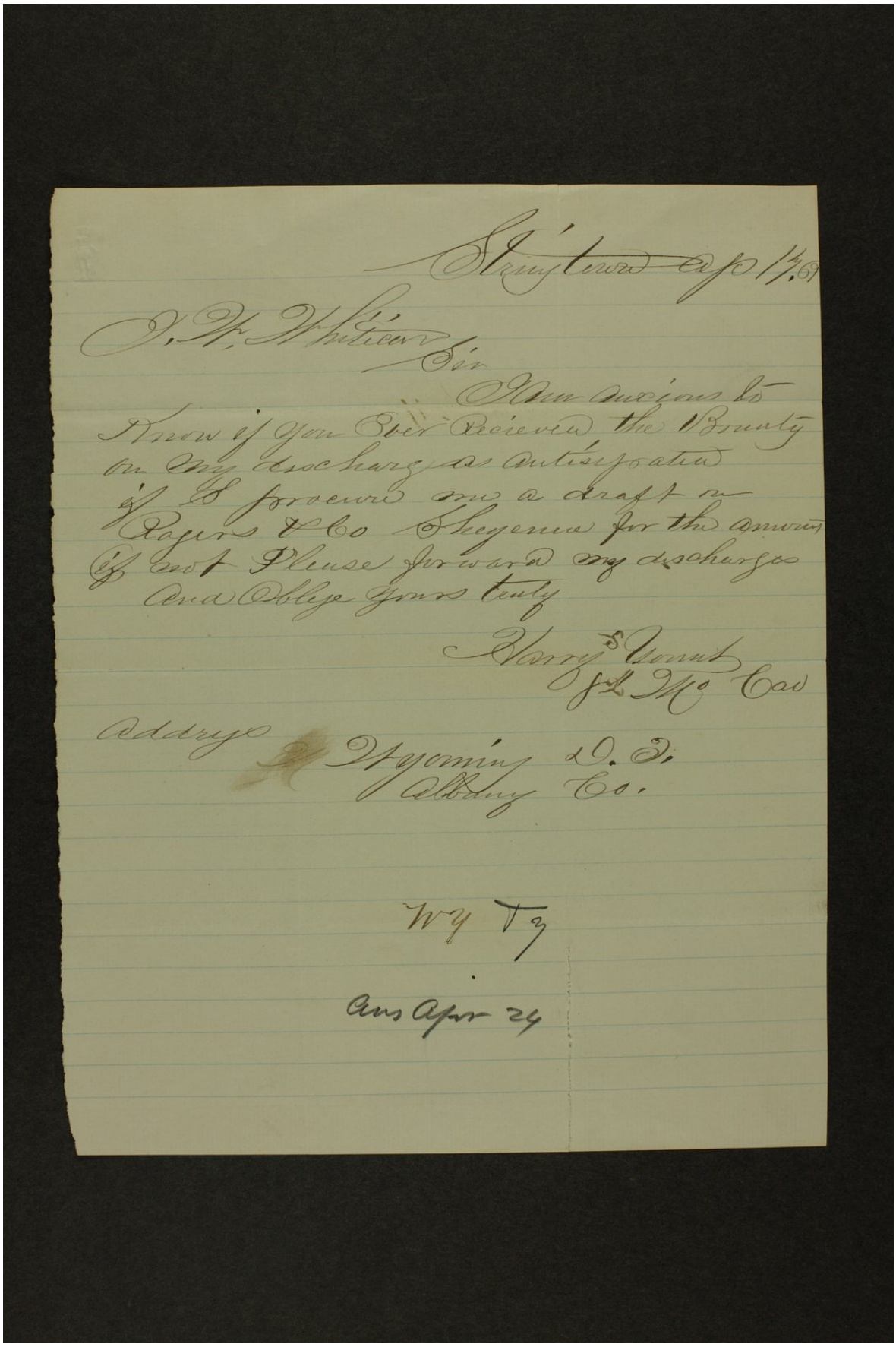
Dear Sir. You can make the deed for $700 — I agree to take mortgage for $450 on sale — I shall either send you $300 cash or let you have the mortgage & $175 cash —

From which I inferred that you didnt know which you would do Also wrote you I would take no Mortgage in Kansas

And as I was going



up my business for leaving
Carthage & had an offer
of 300 dollars for them
I sold them
I am sorry I misunderstood you but I was in
debt no obligation to
the other man —
Had you written more
plainly you would have
got the lots — Will
perhaps be up at Topeka
next month will call &
see you —
Yours
O. H. Mitchell



Sharpsburg Apr 17. 69

D. P. Whitaker
Sir
I am anxious to
know if you ever recieved the Bounty
on my discharge as anticipated
if so procure me a draft on
Rogers & Co Cheyenne for the amount
if not please forward my discharge
and oblige Yours truly

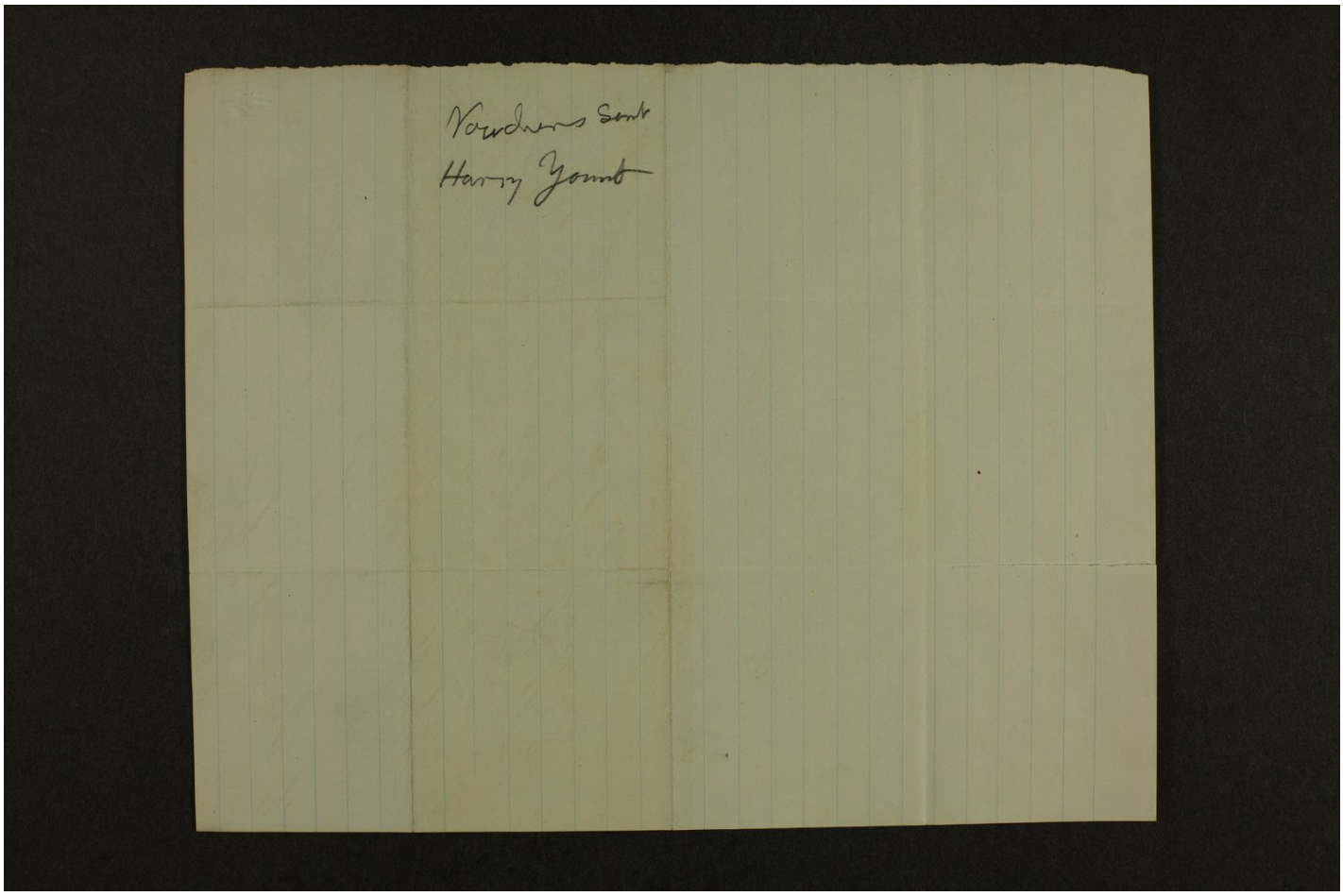
Harry Hunt
Co L 2d Mo Cav

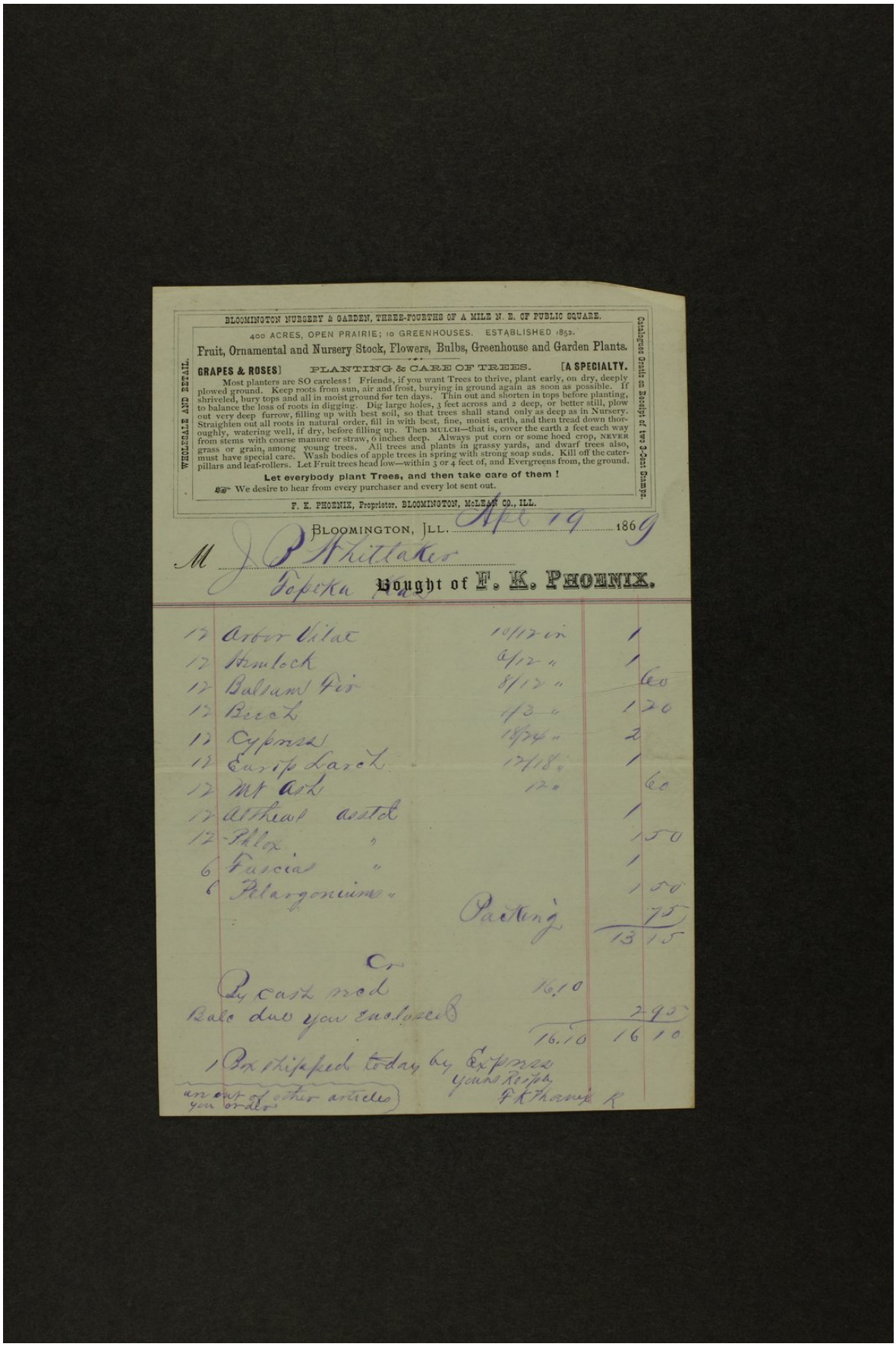
address Wyoming D. T.
Albany Co.

Wy T

Ans Apr 24

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Catalogues Gratis on Receipt of two 3-Cent Stamps.

GRAPES & ROSES] PLANTING & CARE OF TREES. [A SPECIALTY.

Most planters are SO careless! Friends, if you want Trees to thrive, plant early, on dry, deeply plowed ground. Keep roots from sun, air and frost, burying in ground again as soon as possible. If shriveled, bury tops and all in moist ground for ten days. Thin out and shorten in tops before planting, to balance the loss of roots in digging. Dig large holes, 3 feet across and 2 deep, or better still, plow out very deep furrow, filling up with best soil, so that trees shall stand only as deep as in Nursery. Straighten out all roots in natural order, fill in with best, fine, moist earth, and then tread down thoroughly, watering well, if dry, before filling up. Then MULCH—that is, cover the earth 2 feet each way from stems with coarse manure or straw, 6 inches deep. Always put corn or some hoed crop, NEVER grass or grain, among young trees. All trees and plants in grassy yards, and dwarf trees also, must have special care. Wash bodies of apple trees in spring with strong soap suds. Kill off the caterpillars and leaf-rollers. Let Fruit trees head low—within 3 or 4 feet of, and Evergreens from, the ground.

Let everybody plant Trees, and then take care of them!

☞ We desire to hear from every purchaser and every lot sent out.

F. K. PHOENIX, Proprietor, BLOOMINGTON, McLEAN CO., ILL.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. Apl 19 1869

M J B Whittaker

Topeka Kans

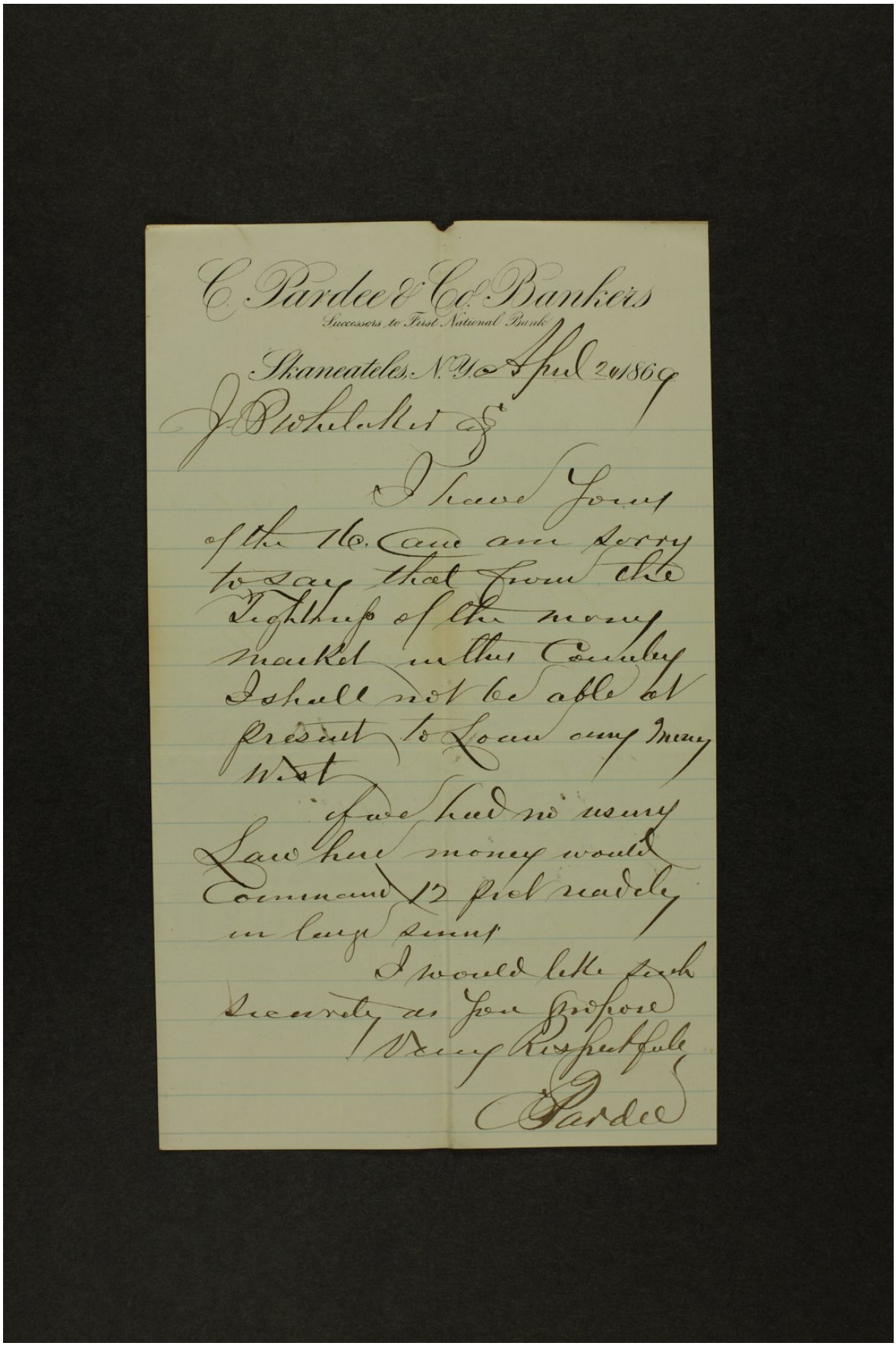
Bought of F. K. PHOENIX.

12	Arbor Vitae	10/12 in	1
12	Hemlock	6/12 "	1
12	Balsam Fir	8/12 "	60
12	Beech	4/3 "	1 20
12	Cypress	18/24 "	2
12	Europ Larch	12/18 "	1
12	Mt Ash	12 o	60
12	Althea assrtd		1
12	Phlox "		1 50
6	Fuscia "		1
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1 Box shipped today by Express
yours Respy
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C. Pardee & Co. Bankers
Successors to First National Bank

Skaneateles N.Y. April 20 1869

J. Whitaker Esq

I have yours of the 16. and am sorry to say that from the tightness of the money market in this County I shall not be able at present to loan any money

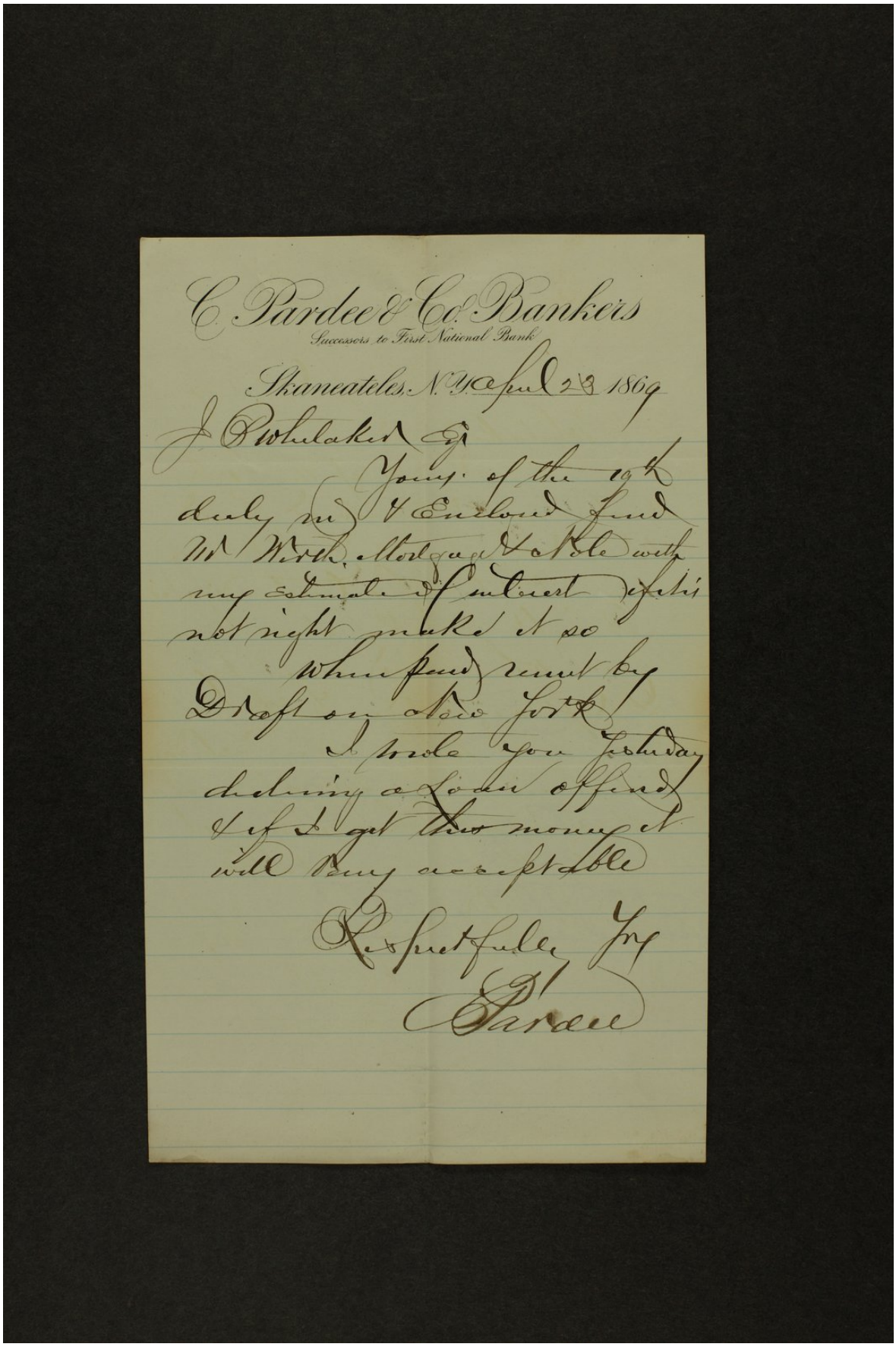
If we had as many Law there money would command 12 per cent readily on long paper

I would like such security as you propose

Very Respectfully

Pardee

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C. Pardee & Co. Bankers
Successors to First National Bank

Shawneetown N.Y. April 28 1869

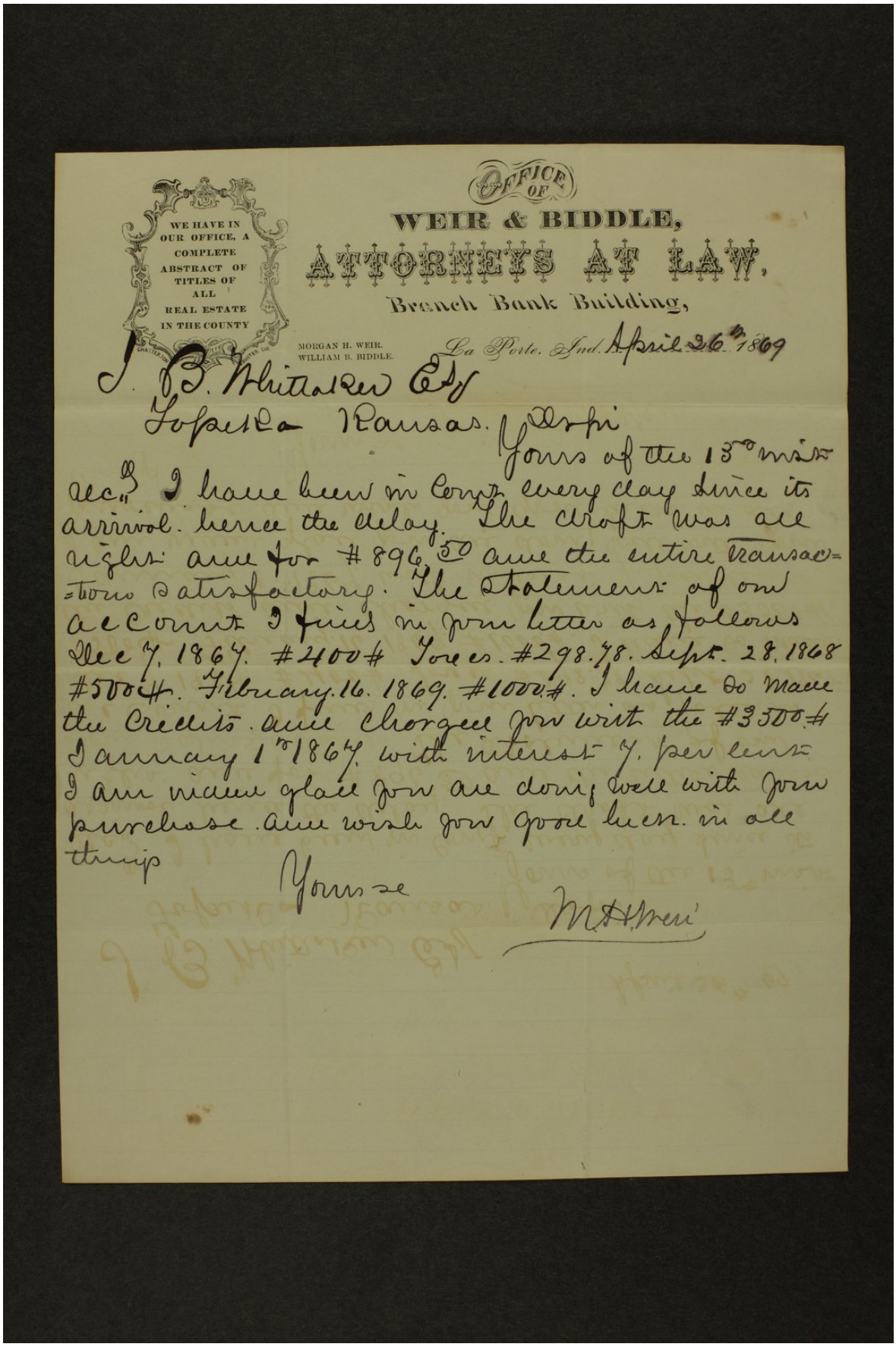
J. B. Whitaker Esq

Yours of the 19th duly rec'd & Enclosed find Mr Work's Mortgage & Note with my Estimate of Interest &c. If this not right make it so

When funds remit by Draft on New York

I wrote you Saturday declining a loan offered & if I get the money it will be very acceptable

Respectfully Yours
C. Pardee



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WE HAVE IN OUR OFFICE, A COMPLETE ABSTRACT OF TITLES OF ALL REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY

MORGAN H. WEIR.
WILLIAM B. BIDDLE.

La Porte. Ind. April 26th 1869

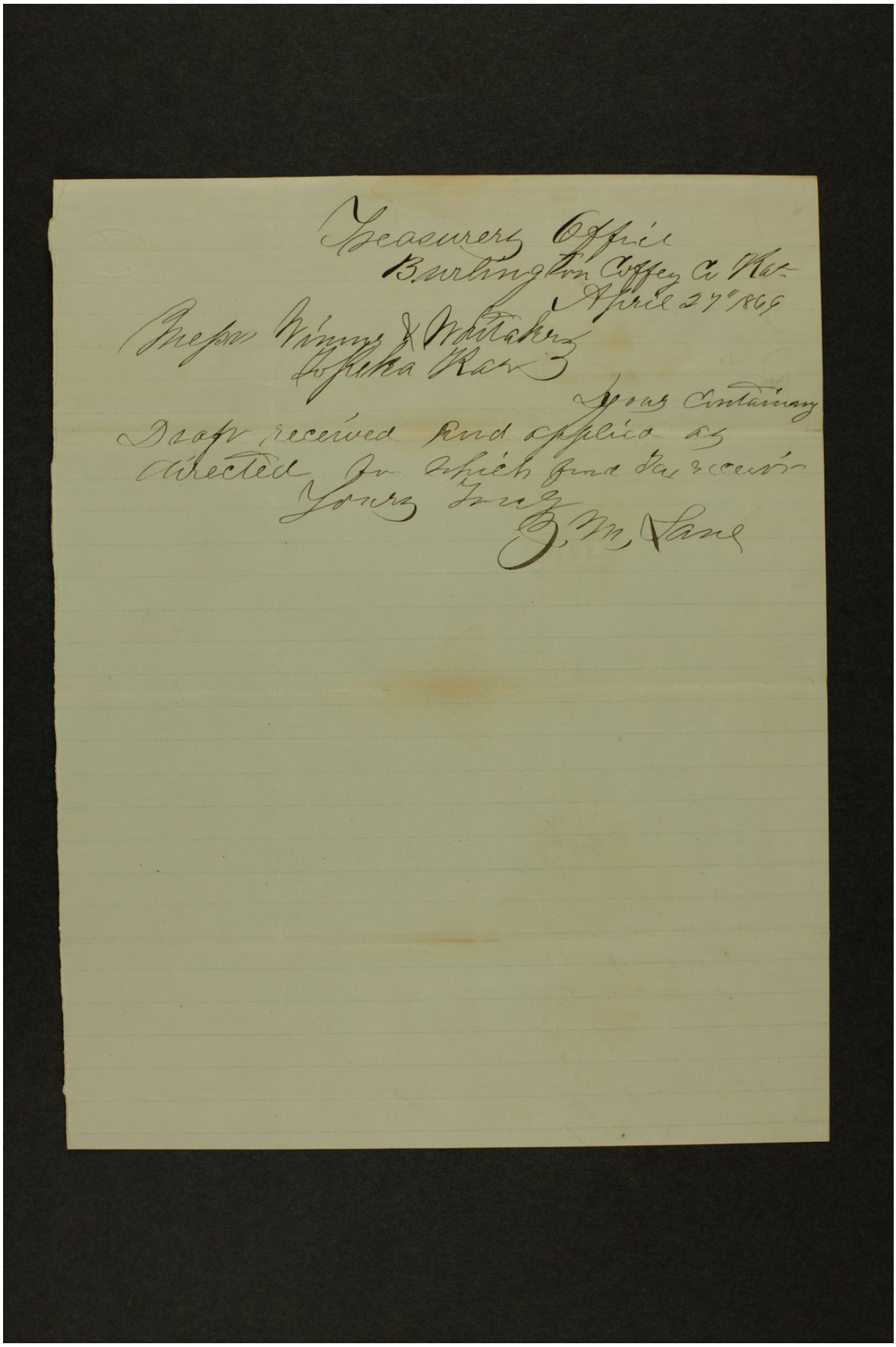
J. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir
Yours of the 15th inst rec'd I have been in Court every day since its arrival. hence the delay. The draft was all right and for #896.50 and the entire transaction satisfactory. The statement of our account I find in your letter as follows Dec 7. 1867. #2400# Jones. #298.78. Sept. 28. 1868 #500#. February. 16. 1869. #1000#. I have so made the Credits. and Charged you with the #3500# January 1st 1867 with interest 7. per cent. I am right glad you are doing well with your purchase. and wish you good luck in all things

Yours &c

M. H. Weir

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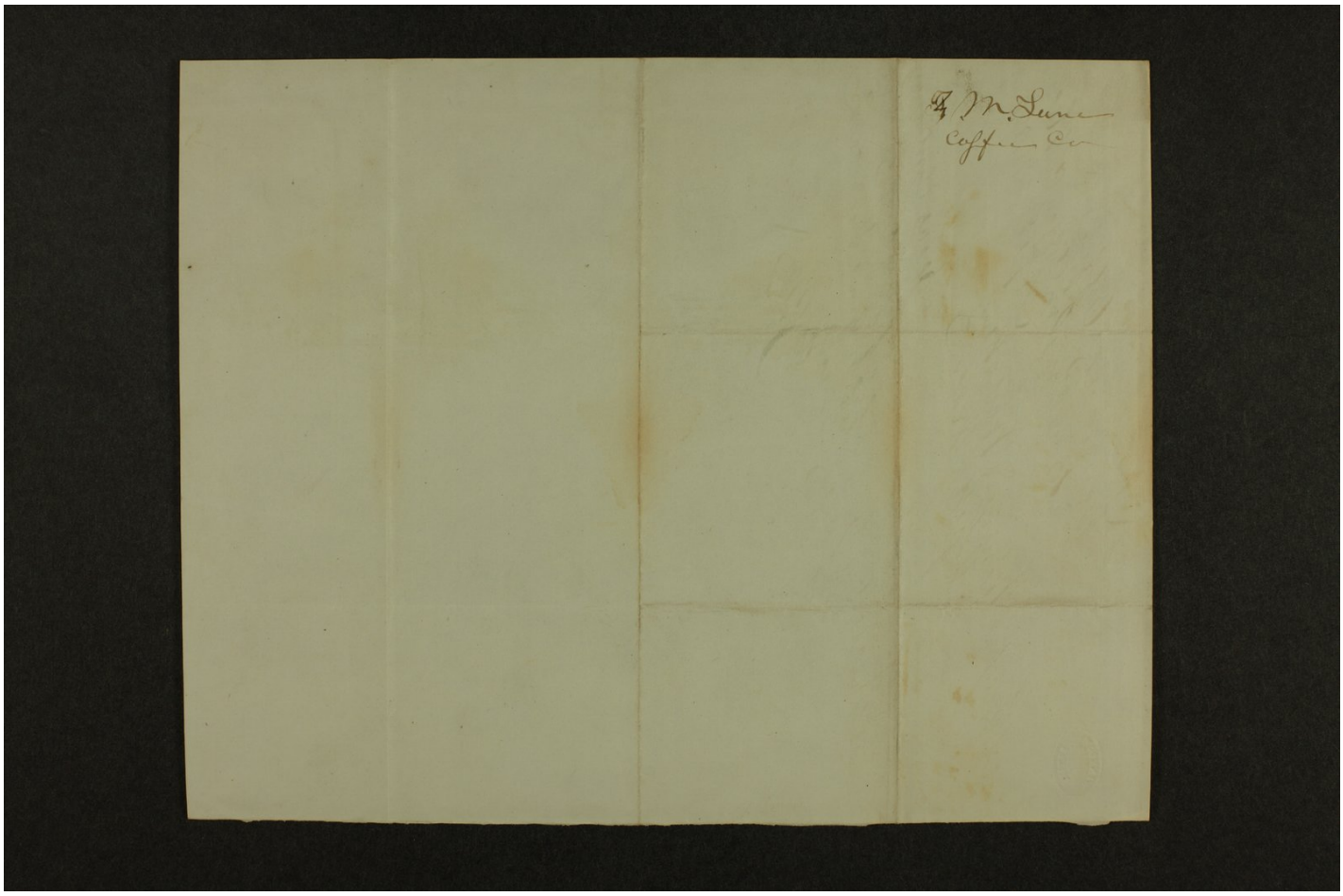


Treasurers Office
Burlington Coffey Co Kas
April 27th 1869

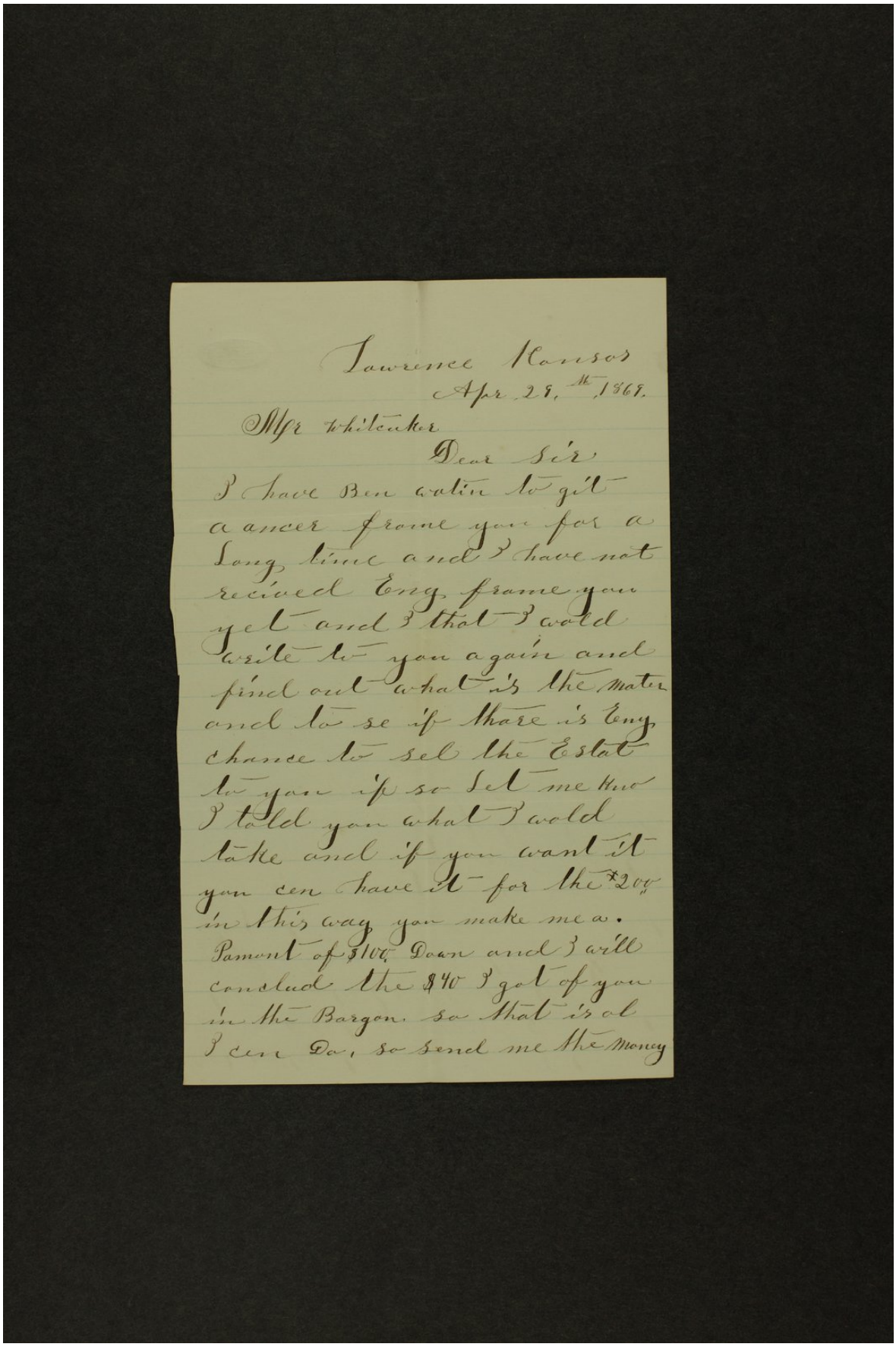
Messrs Winn & Whitaker
Topeka Kas

Yours Centaining
Draft received and applied as
directed for which find receipt
Yours truly
J. M. Lane

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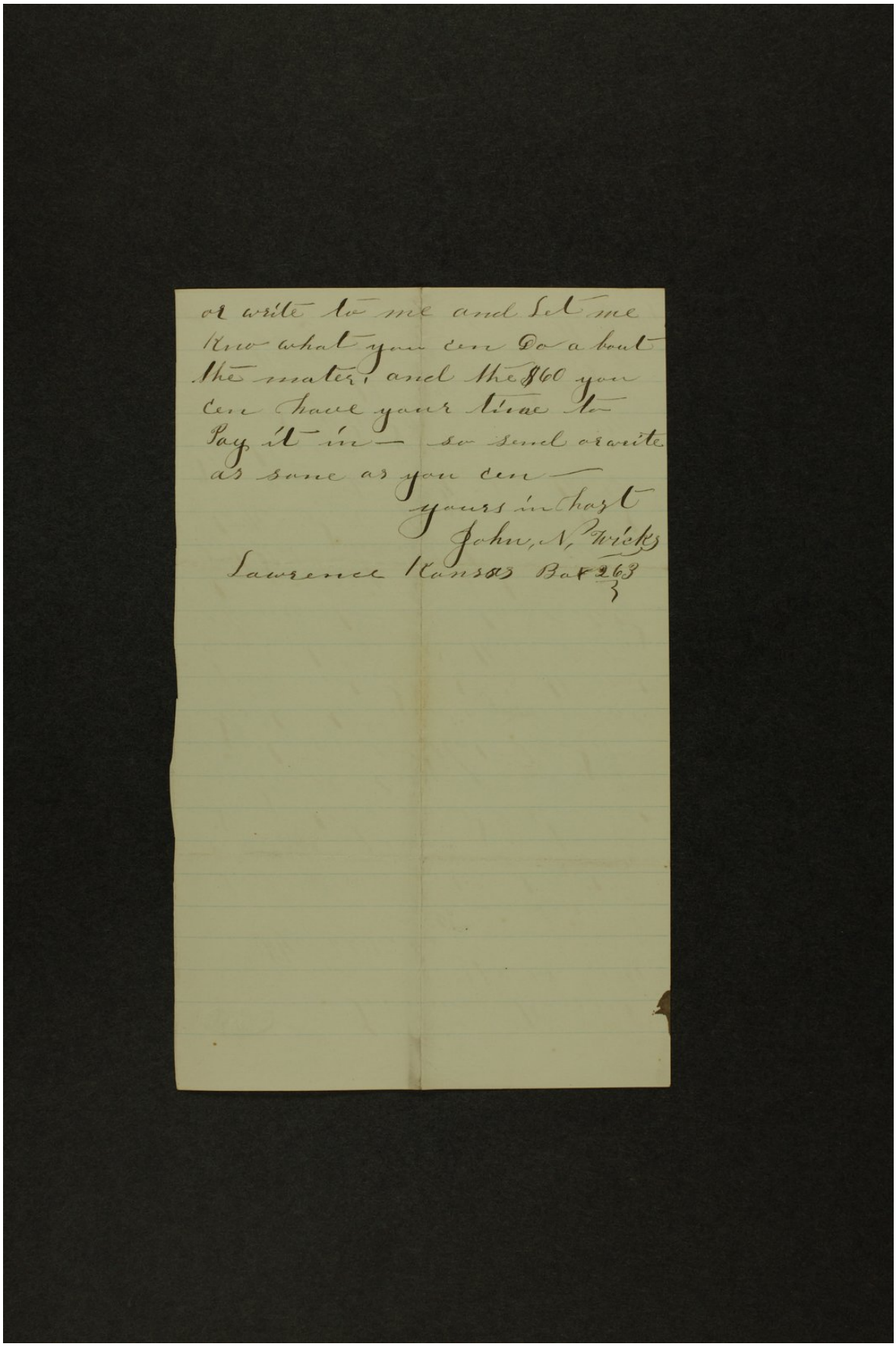


Lawrence Kansas
Apr 29th 1867.

Mr Whitaker

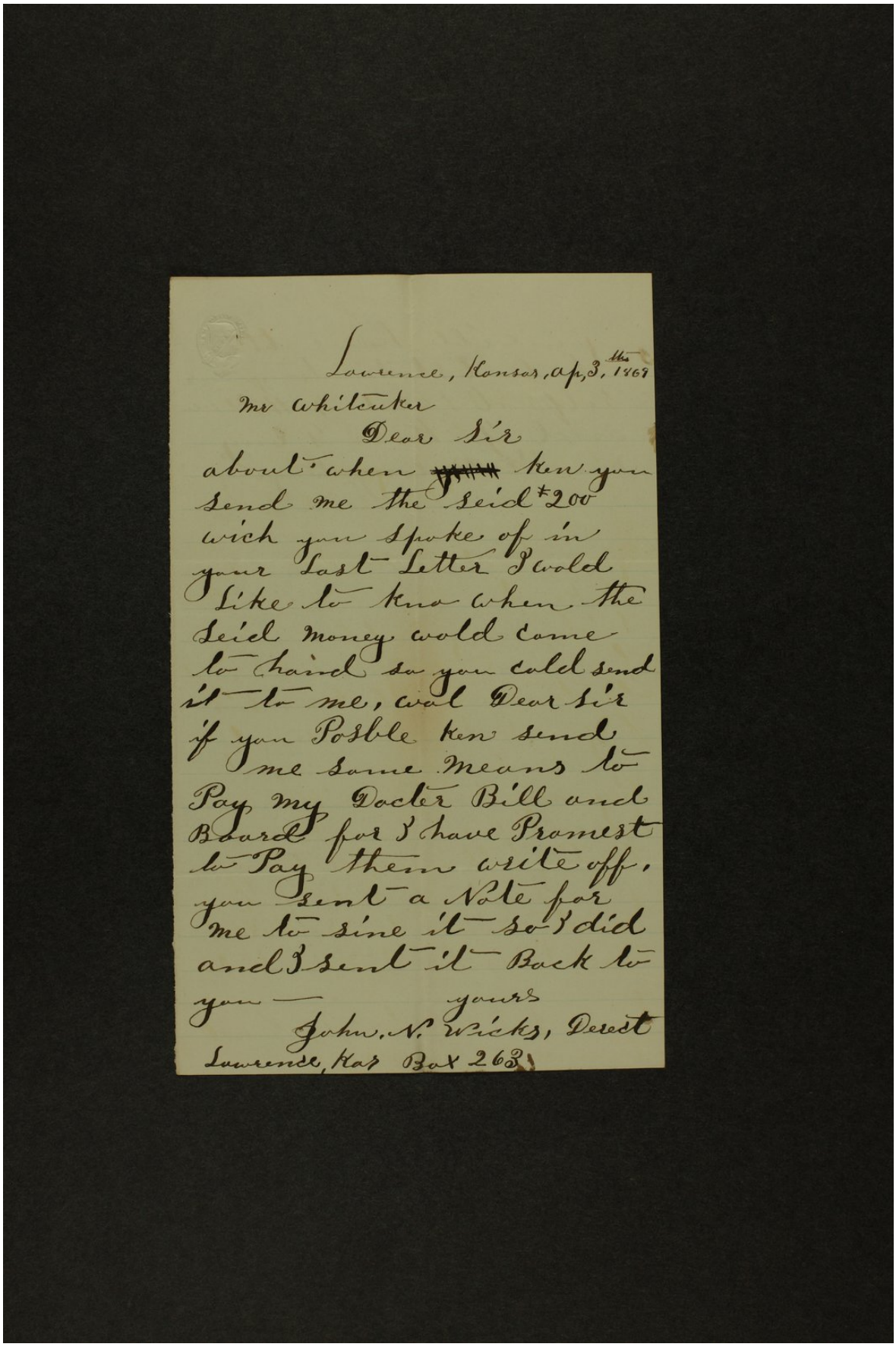
Dear Sir

I have Ben wating to git a anser from you for a long time and I have not recived Eny from you yet and I that I wold write to you again and find out what is the mater and to se if thare is Eny chance to sel the Estat to you if so let me Kno I told you what I wold take and if you want it you cen have it for the $20 in this way you make me a Pament of $100 Doan and I will conclud the $40 I got of you in the Bargon so that is al I cen Do, so send me the Money



or write to me and let me
Kno what you can Do about
the mater and the $60 you
can have your time to
Pay it in — so send a note
as soon as you can —
yours in haste
John N. Wicks
Lawrence Kansas Box 263

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Lawrence, Kansas, ap, 3, the 1869

Mr Whitcuker

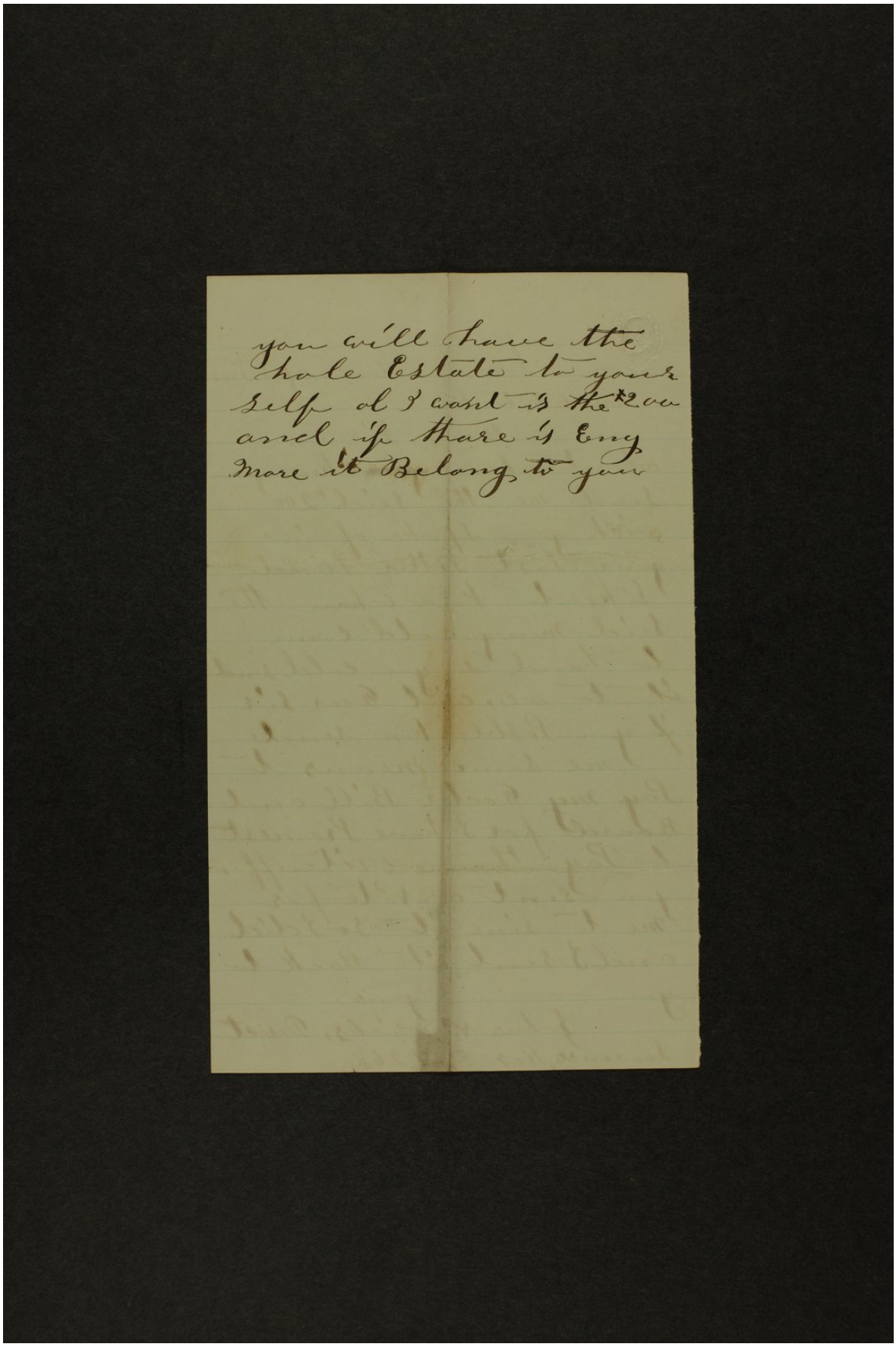
Dear Sir

about when ken you send me the Seid $200 wich you Spoke of in your last Letter I wold Like to kno when the Seid money wold come to haind so you cold send it to me, wal Dear Sir if you Posble ken send me Same means to Pay my Docter Bill and Board for I have Promest to Pay them write off, you sent a Note for me to sine it so I did and I sent it Back to you —

yours

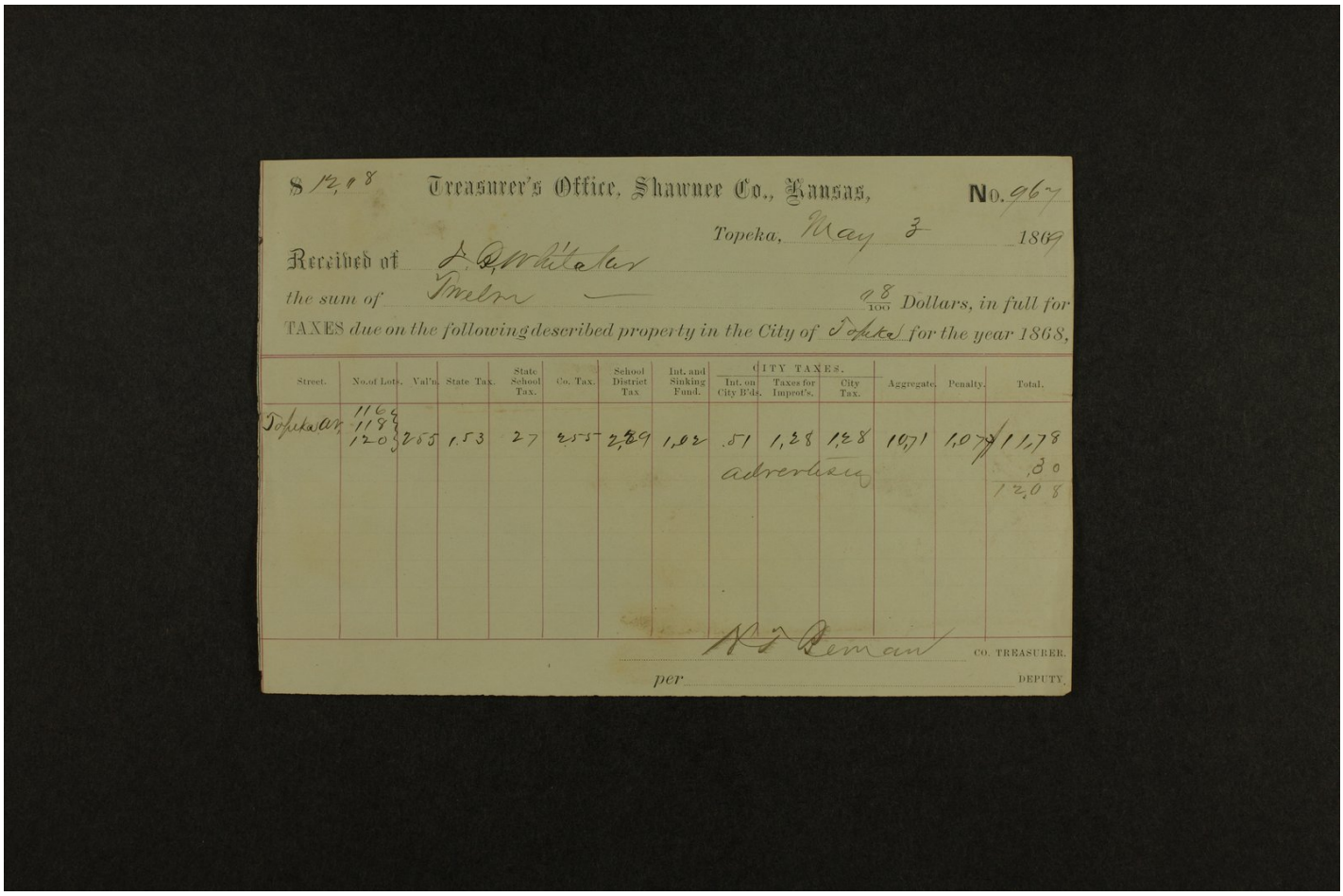
John. N. Wicks, Derest

Lawrence, Kas Box 263



you will have the
hole Estate to your
Self & I want is the $2 00
and if thare is Eny
more it Belong to you

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$12,08 Treasurer's Office, Shawnee Co., Kansas, No. 967

Topeka, May 3 1869

Received of L. B. Whitaker

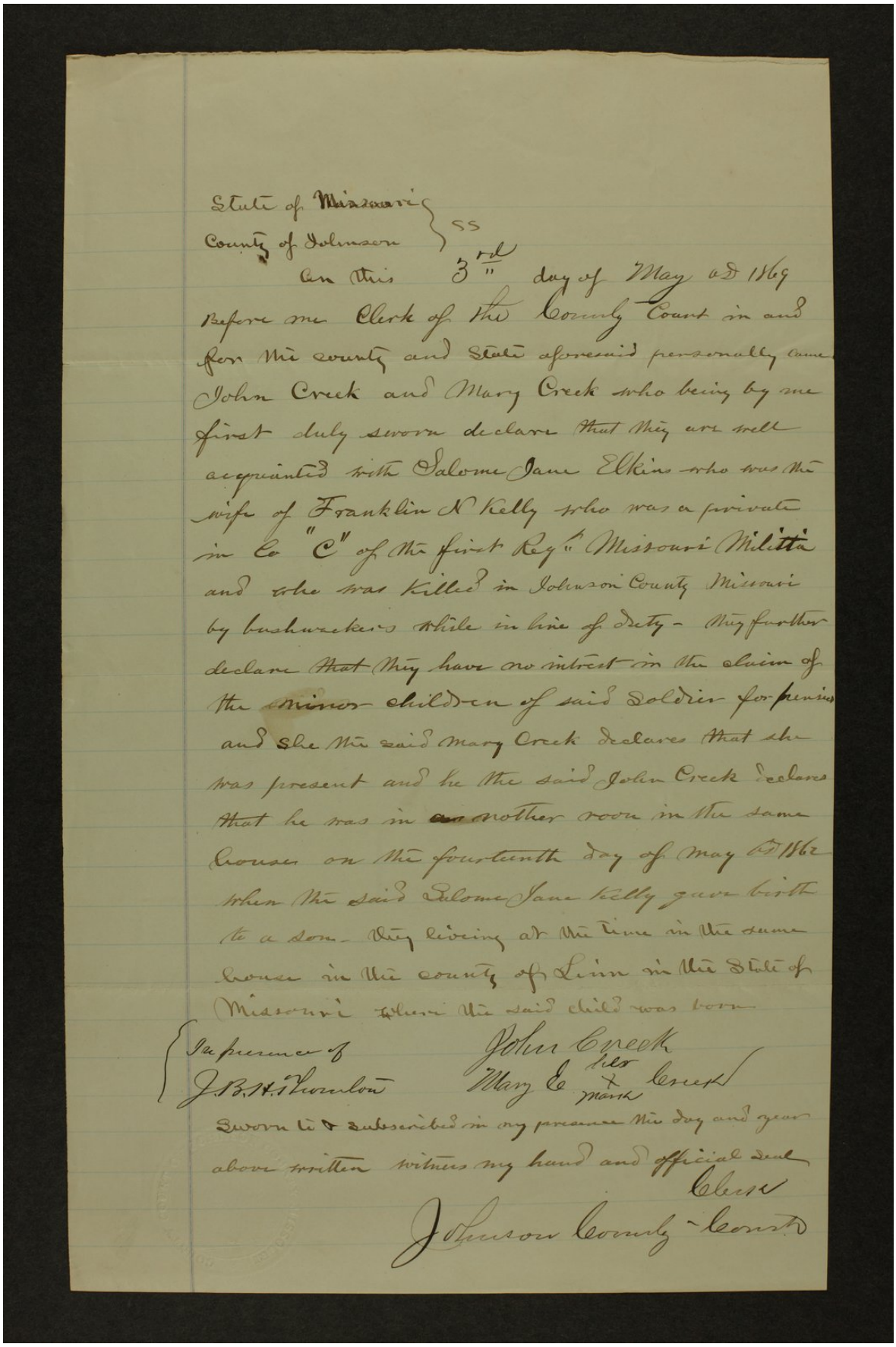
the sum of Twelve 08/100 Dollars, in full for

TAXES due on the following described property in the City of Topeka for the year 1868,

Street.	No. of Lots.	Val'n.	State Tax.	State School Tax.	Co. Tax.	School District Tax	Int. and Sinking Fund.	CITY TAXES. Int. on City B'ds.	CITY TAXES. Taxes for Improv't's.	CITY TAXES. City Tax.	Aggregate.	Penalty.	Total.
Topeka	1169 1188 1203	285	1.53	27	2.55	2,89	1,02	.51	1,28	1,28	10,71	1,07	11,78
								adv'rtising					,30
													12,08

A. J. Beman CO. TREASURER.

per DEPUTY.



State of Missouri
County of Johnson } ss

On this 3rd day of May A.D. 1869 before me Clerk of the County Court in and for the county and State aforesaid personally came John Creek and Mary Creek who being by me first duly sworn declare that they are well acquainted with Salome Jane Elkins who was the wife of Franklin N. Kelly who was a private in Co "C" of the first Reg.t Missouri Militia and who was killed in Johnson County Missouri by bushwackers while in line of duty - They further declare that they have no interest in the claim of the minor children of said Soldier for pension and she the said Mary Creek declares that she was present and he the said John Creek declares that he was in another room in the same house on the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1862 when the said Salome Jane Kelly gave birth to a son - they living at the time in the same house in the county of Linn in the State of Missouri where the said child was born

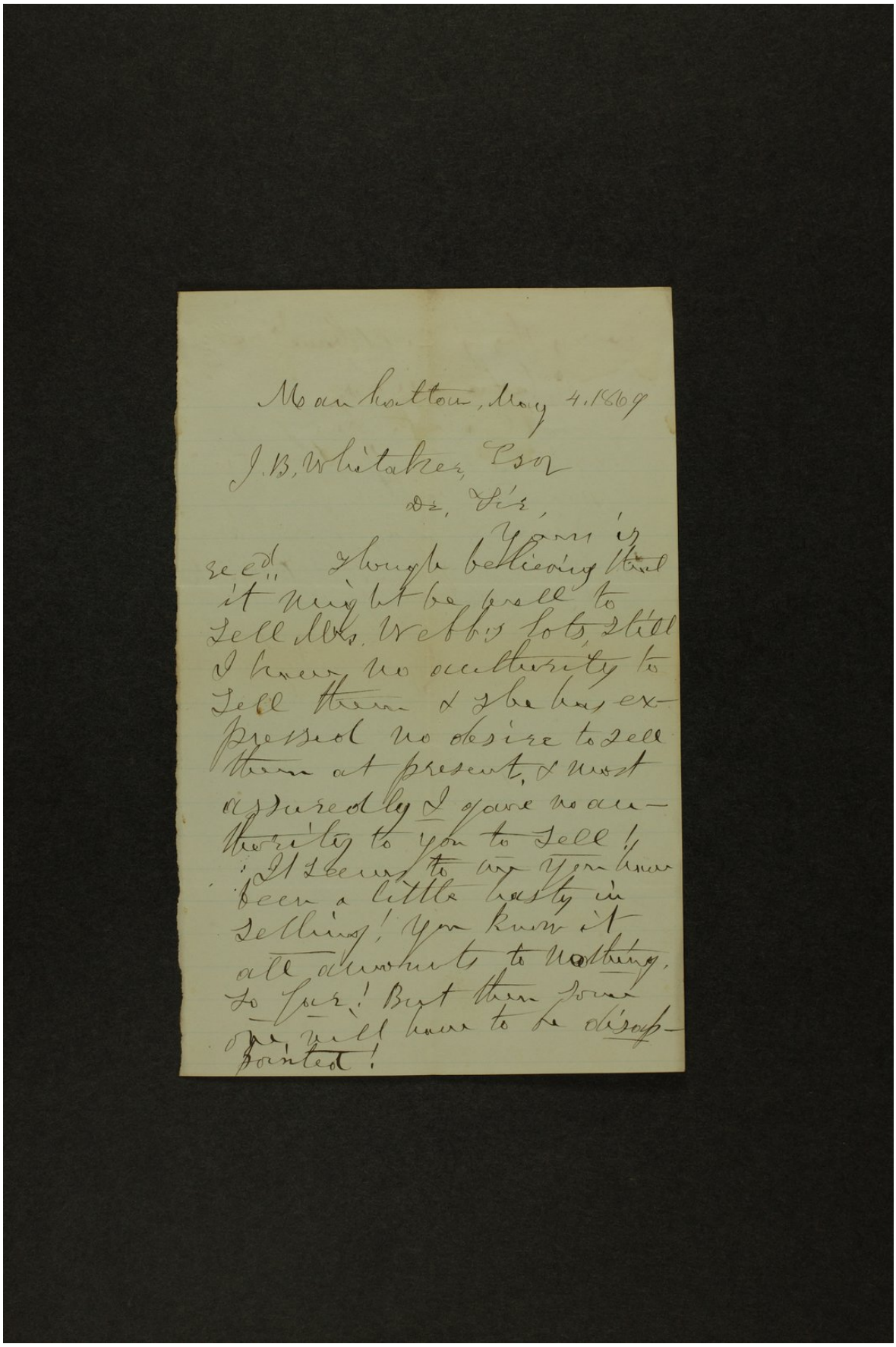
In presence of
J.B.H. Thornton

John Creek
Mary E. Creek
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Sworn to & subscribed in my presence the day and year above written witness my hand and official seal

Clerk

Johnson County Court

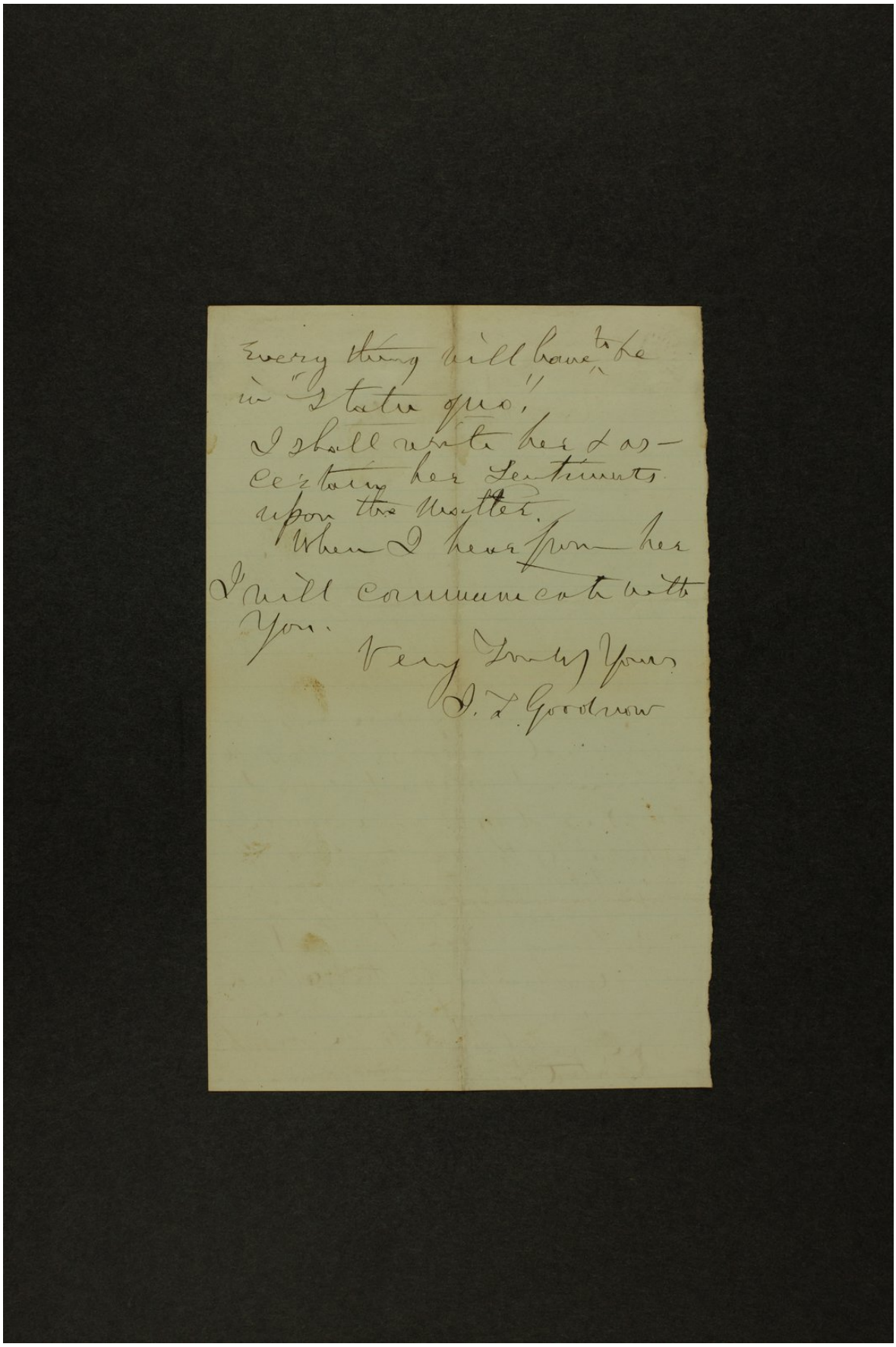


Manhattan, May 4, 1869

J. B. Whitaker, Esq

Dr. Sir,

Yours is rec'd. I thought believing that it might be well to sell Mrs. Webb's lots, still I have no authority to sell them & she has expressed no desire to sell them at present, & most assuredly I gave no authority to you to sell! It seems to me You have been a little hasty in selling! You know it all amounts to nothing, to You! But then some one will have to be disappointed!



Every thing will have to be
in "Statu quo",
I shall write her & as-
certain her Sentiments
upon the Matter.
When I hear from her
I will communicate with
You.
Very Truly Yours
D. T. Goodnow