James Barnes Whitaker correspondence

Section 9, Pages 241 - 270

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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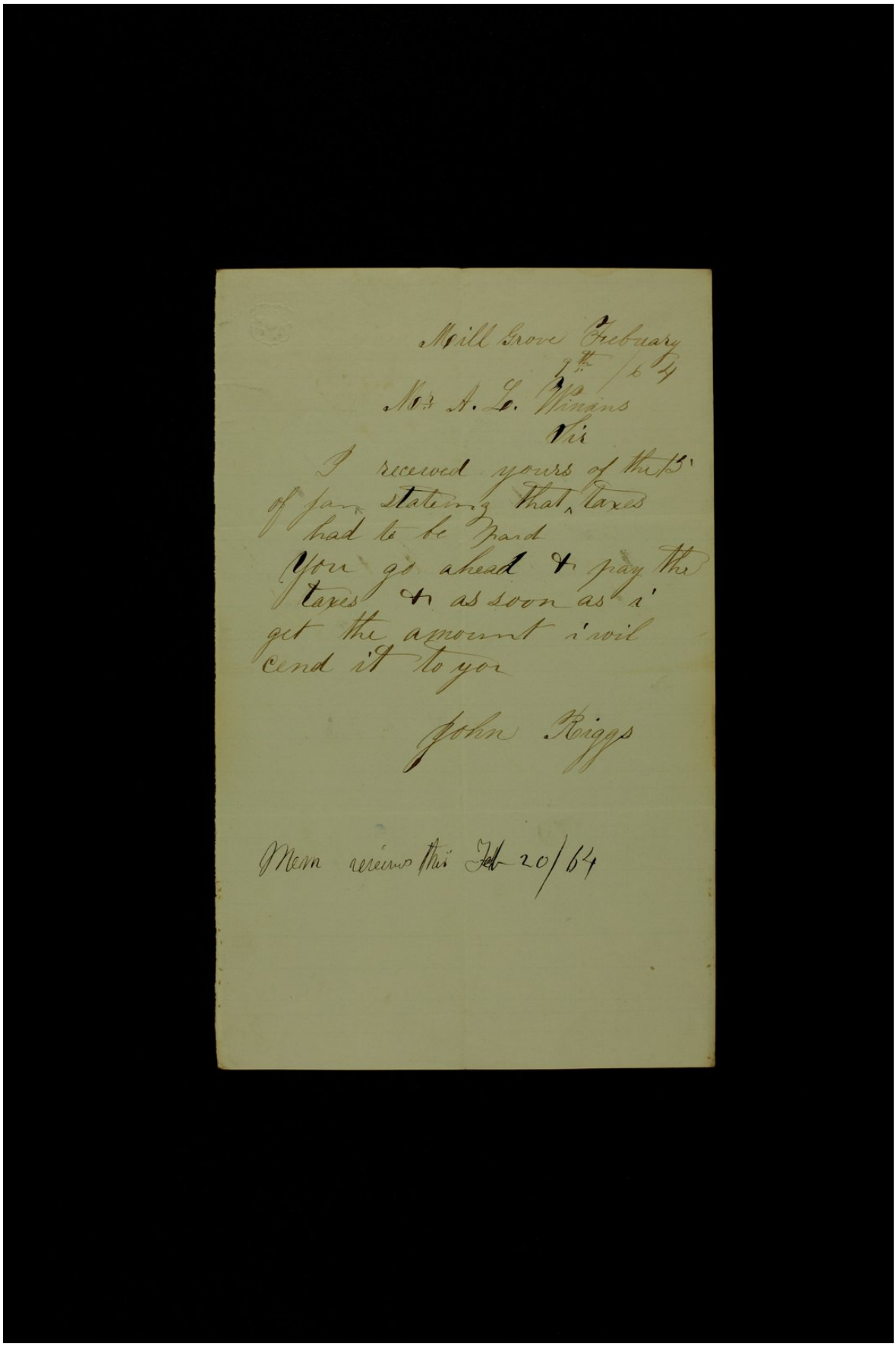
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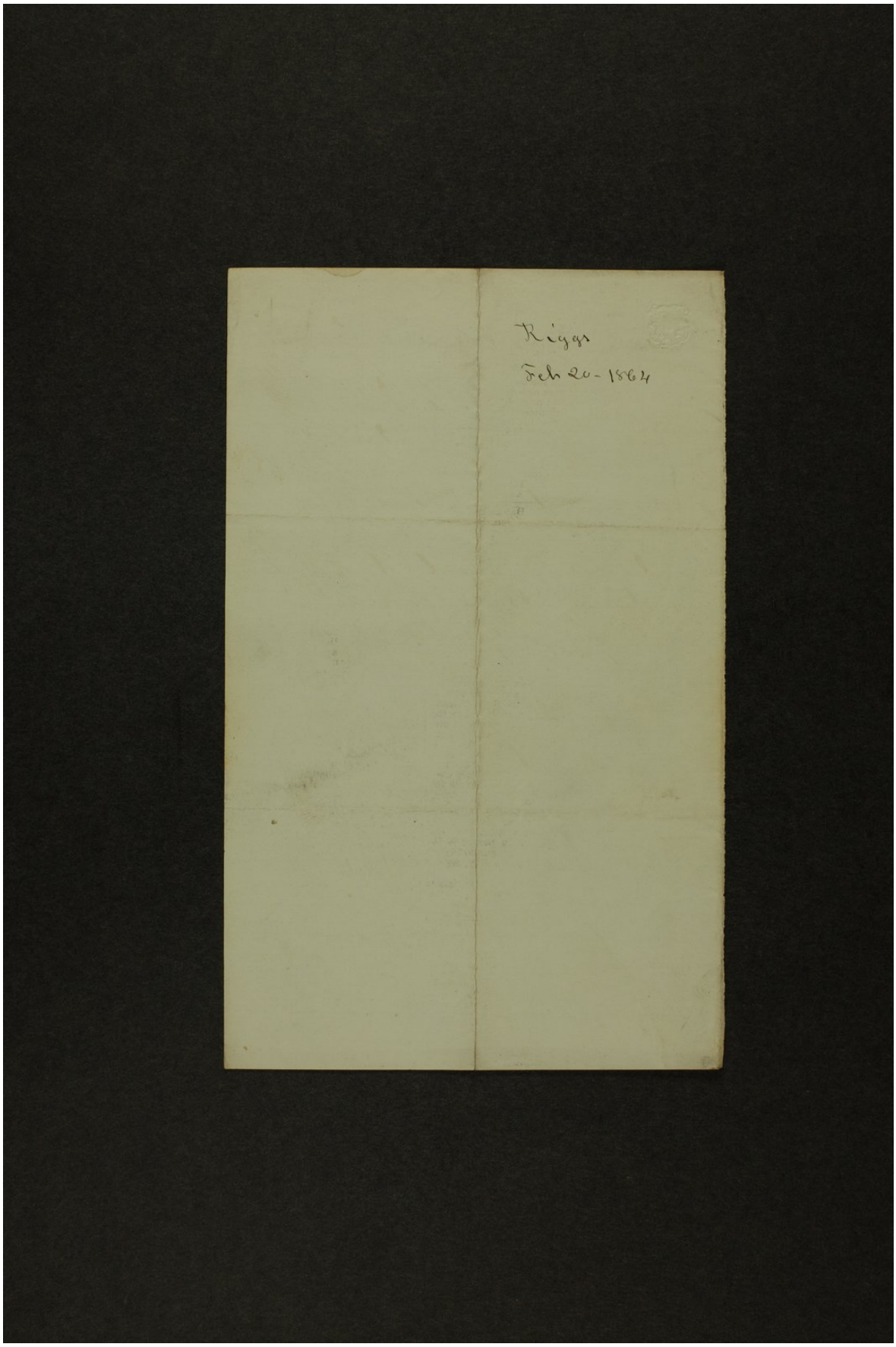
Mr A. L. Wiggins
Sir

I received yours of the 15th
of Jan stateing that taxes
had to be paid
You go ahead & pay the
taxes & as soon as i
get the amount i will
send it to you

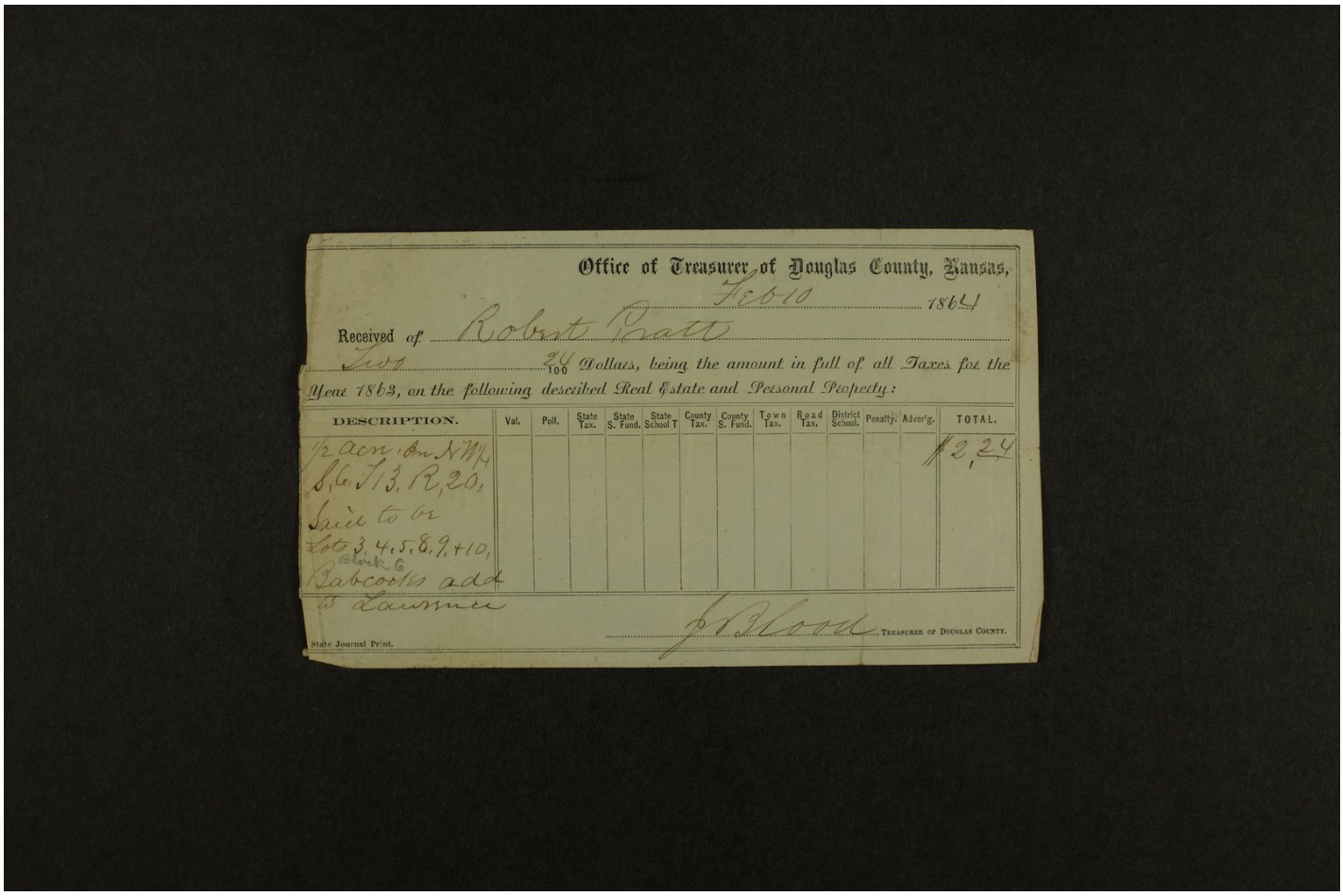
John Riggs

Mem received this Feb 20/64

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Office of Treasurer of Douglas County, Kansas,

Feb 10 1864

Received of Robert Gates

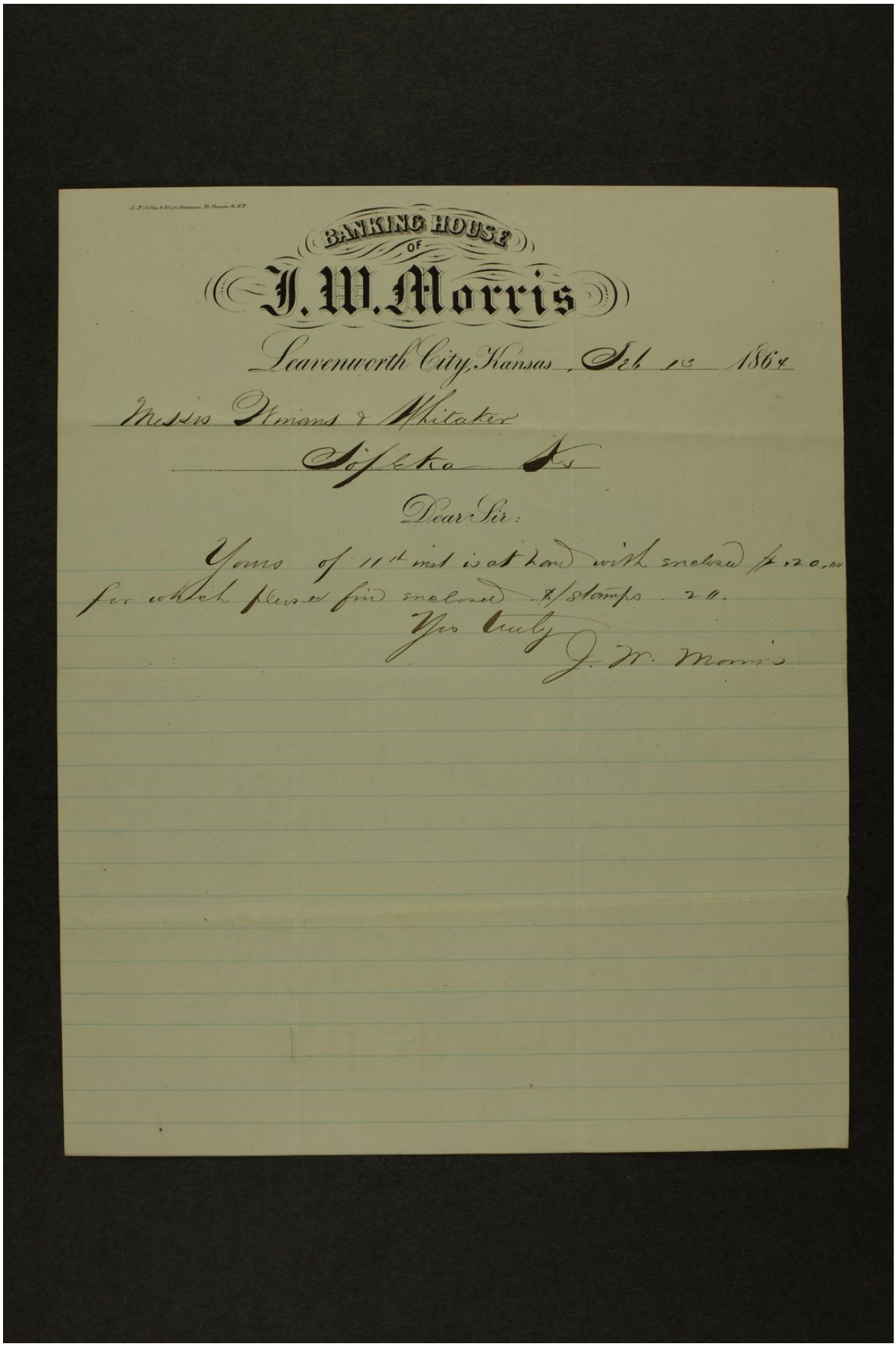
Two 24/100 Dollars, being the amount in full of all Taxes for the Year 1863, on the following described Real Estate and Personal Property:

DESCRIPTION.	Val.	Poll.	State Tax.	State S. Fund.	State School T	County Tax.	County S. Fund.	Town Tax.	Road Tax.	District School.	Penalty.	Advert'g.	TOTAL.
1/2 acre in N W 1/4 S 6 T 13 R 20 Suit to or Lot 3.4.5.8.9.+10, Block 6 Babcocks add to Lawrence													$2,24

State Journal Print.

J. P. Lowe Treasurer of Douglas County.

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BANKING HOUSE OF

J. W. Morris

Leavenworth City, Kansas, Feb 16 1864

Messrs Timons & Whitaker

Topeka Ks

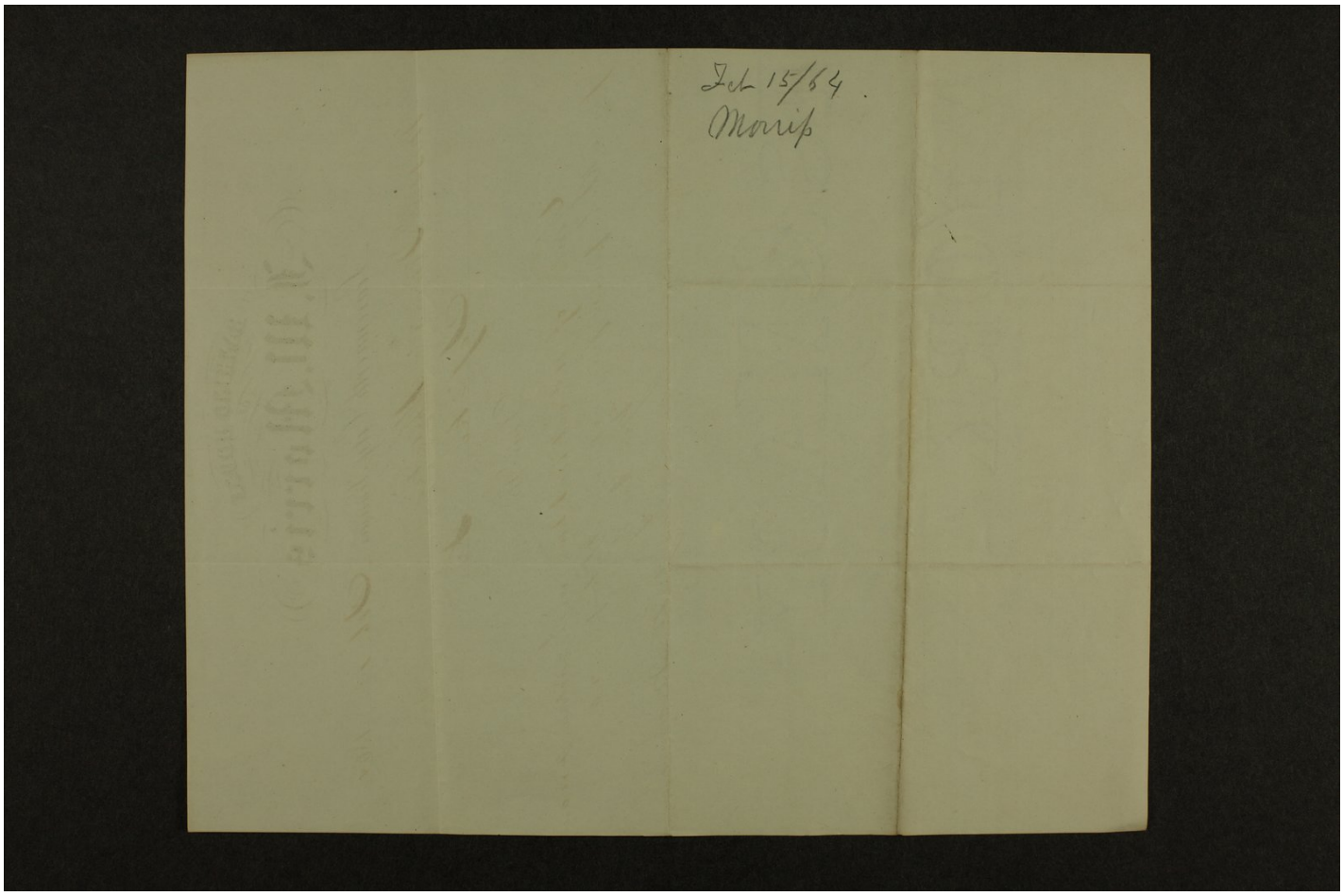
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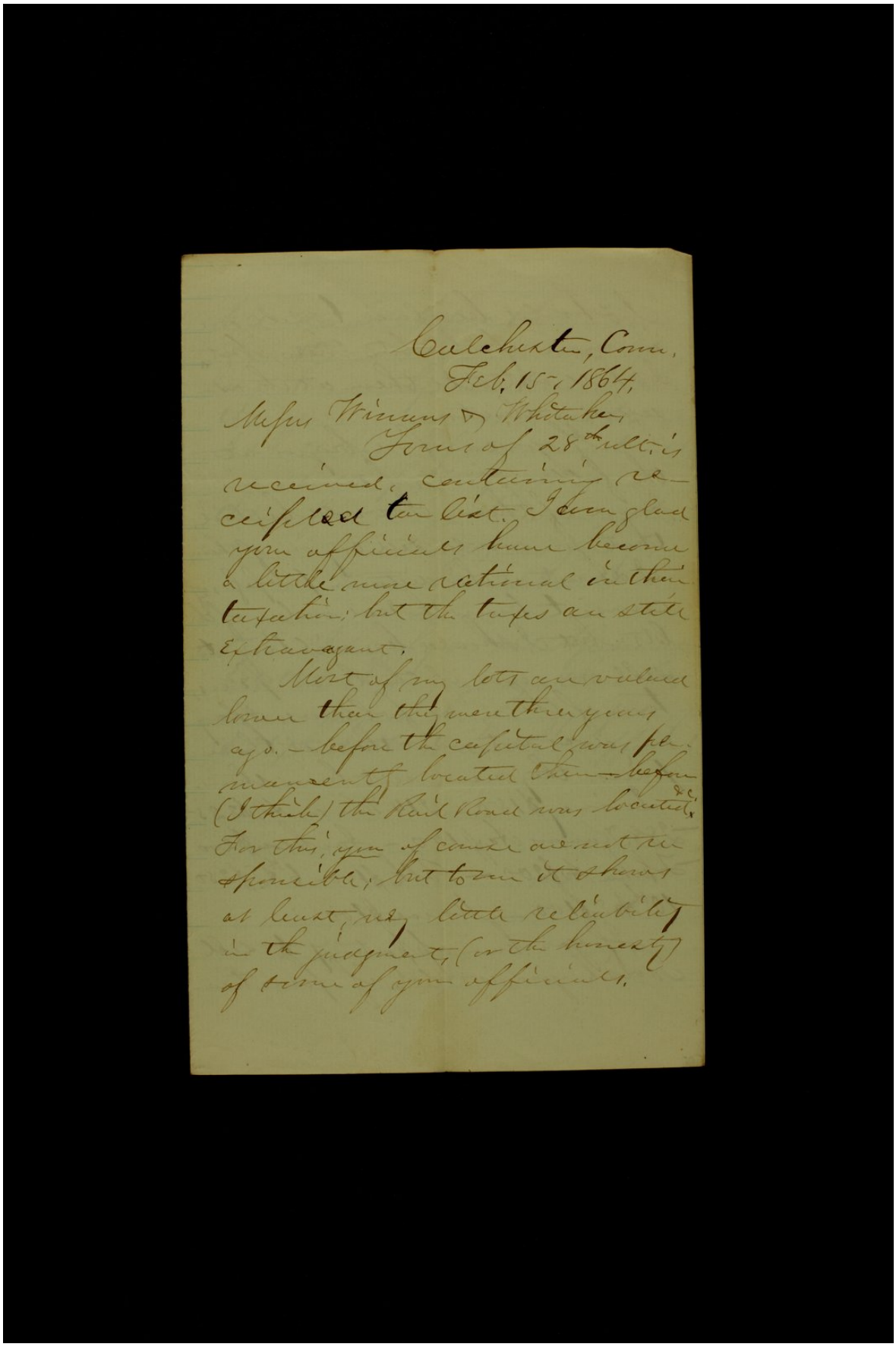
Yours of 11th inst is at hand with enclosed $120,00 for which please find enclosed 8/ stamps. 20.

Yrs truly

J. W. Morris

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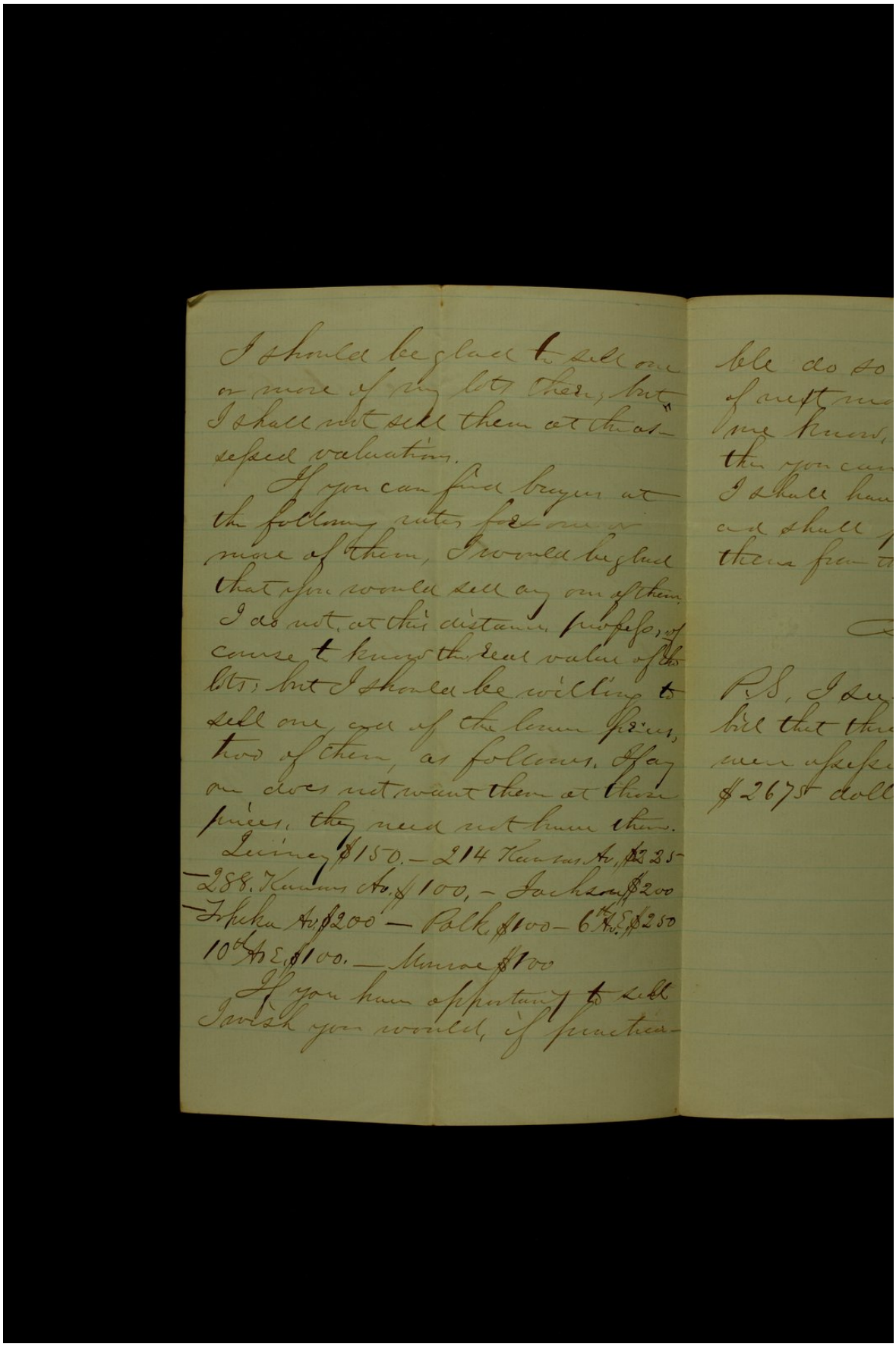


Colchester, Conn.
Feb. 15th 1864.

Miss Winnie D. Whitaker,

Yours of 28th ult. is received, containing receipted list. I am glad your officials have become a little more rational in their taxation; but the taxes are still extravagant.

Most of my letters are valued lower than they were three years ago. — before the capital was permanently located there — before (I think) the Rail Road was located &c. For this, you of course are not responsible; but to me it shows at least, my little reliability in the judgment, (or the honesty) of some of your officials.



I should be glad to sell one or more of my lots there, but I shall not sell them at the assessed valuation.

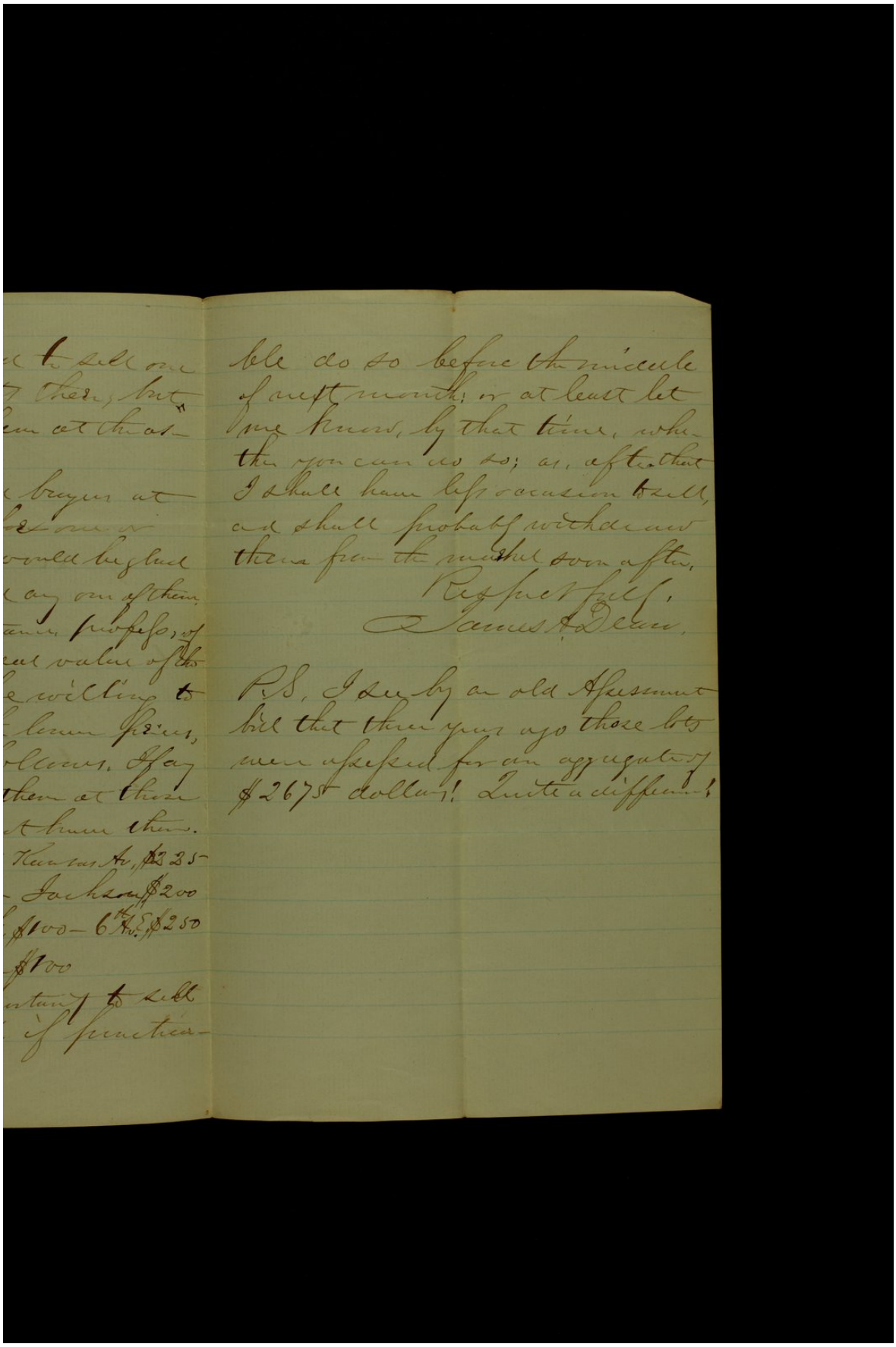
If you can find buyers at the following rates for one or more of them, I would be glad that you would sell any one of them. I do not, at this distance, profess, of course, to know the real value of the lots, but I should be willing to sell one each of the lower priced, two of them, as follows. If any one does not want them at these prices, they need not have them.

Quincy $150. — 214 Kansas Av. $225 — 288 Kansas Av. $100, — Jackson $200 — Topeka Av. $200 — Polk $100 — 6th St. E. $250 10th St. E. $100. — Monroe $100

If you have opportunity to sell I wish you would, if practicable do so

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then you can
I shall have
and shall
them from

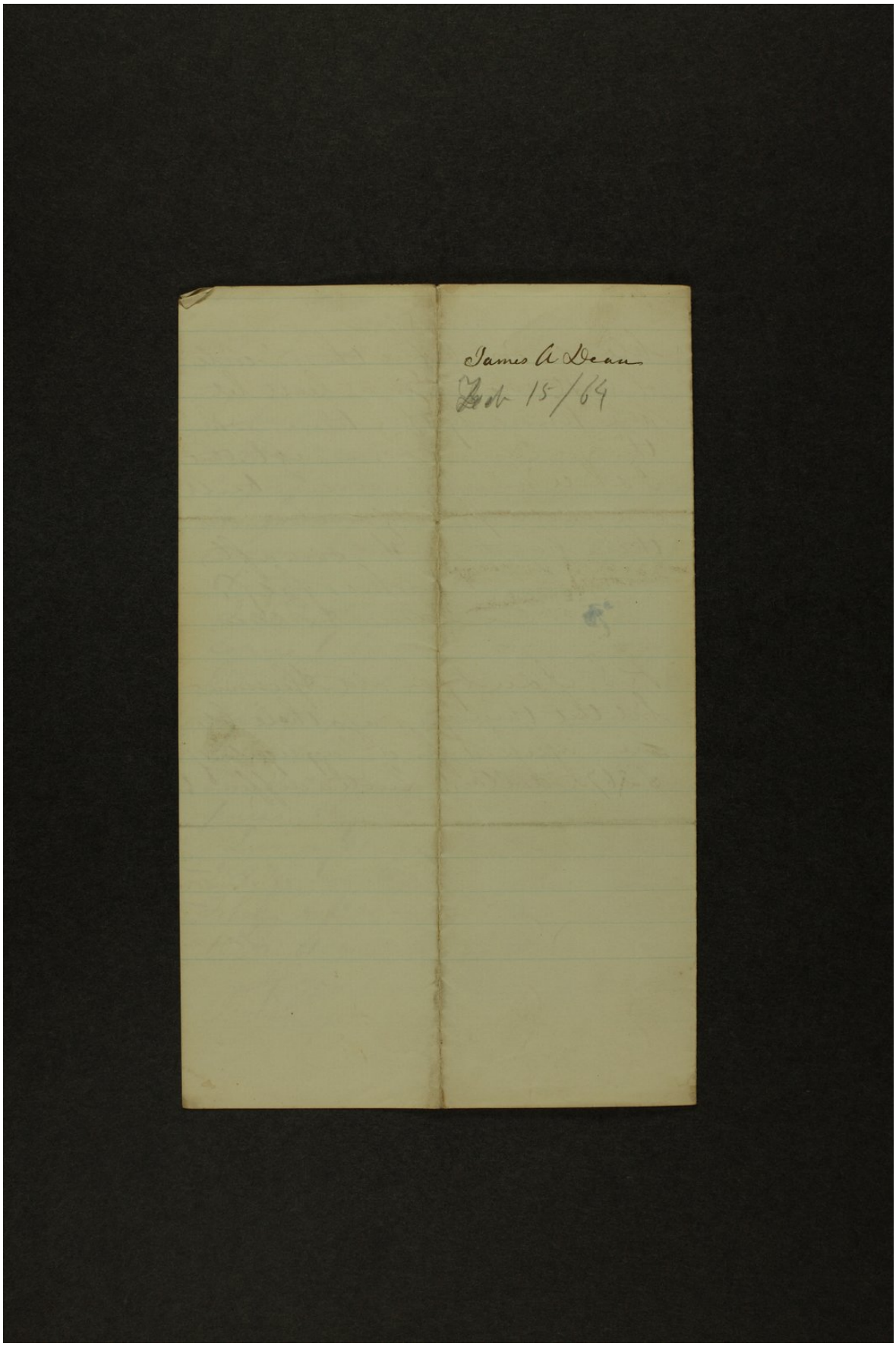
P.S. I for
bill that the
men assess
$2675 dolls



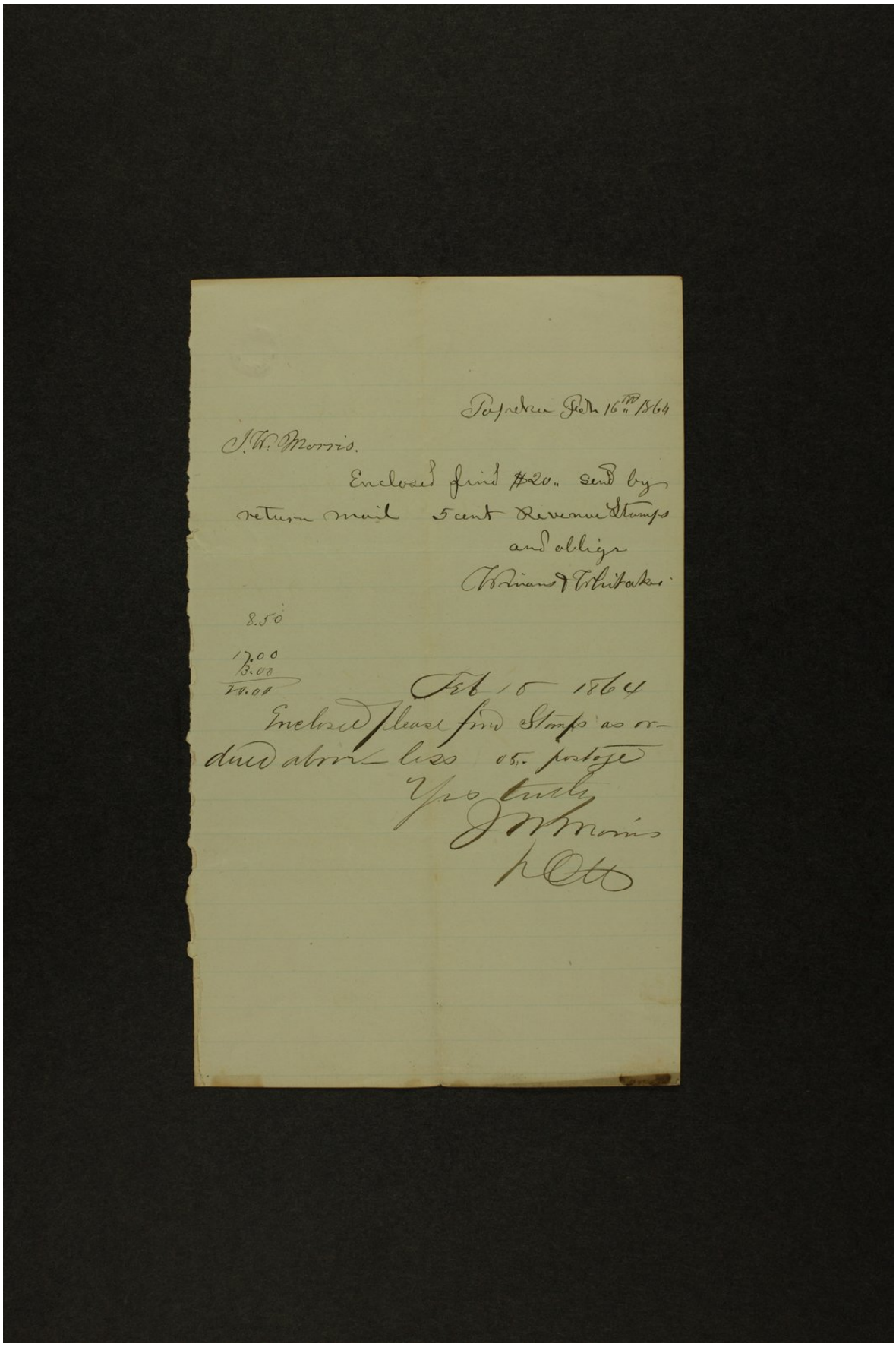
ble do so before the middle
of next month; or at least let
me know, by that time, when
the you can do so; as, after that
I shall have less occasion to sell,
and shall probably withdraw
them from the market soon after.

Respectfully,
James A. Dean.

P.S. I see by an old Assessment
bill that three years ago those lots
were assessed for an aggregate of
$2675 dollars! Quite a difference!


James A Dean
Oct 15/64

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



Topeka Feb 16th 1864

J. K. Morris.

Enclosed find $20. send by return mail 5 cent Revenue Stamps and oblige

Yours Whitaker.

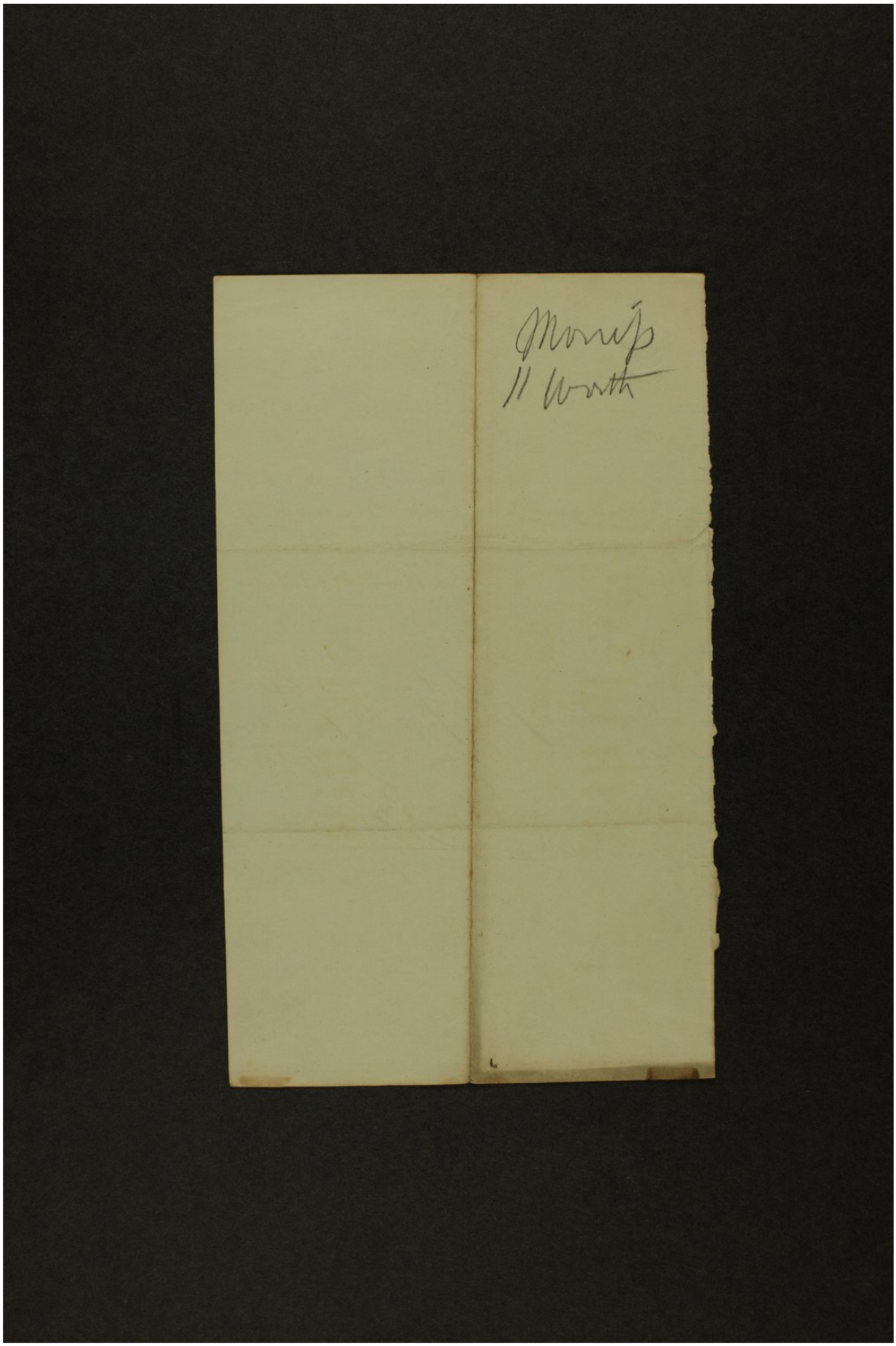
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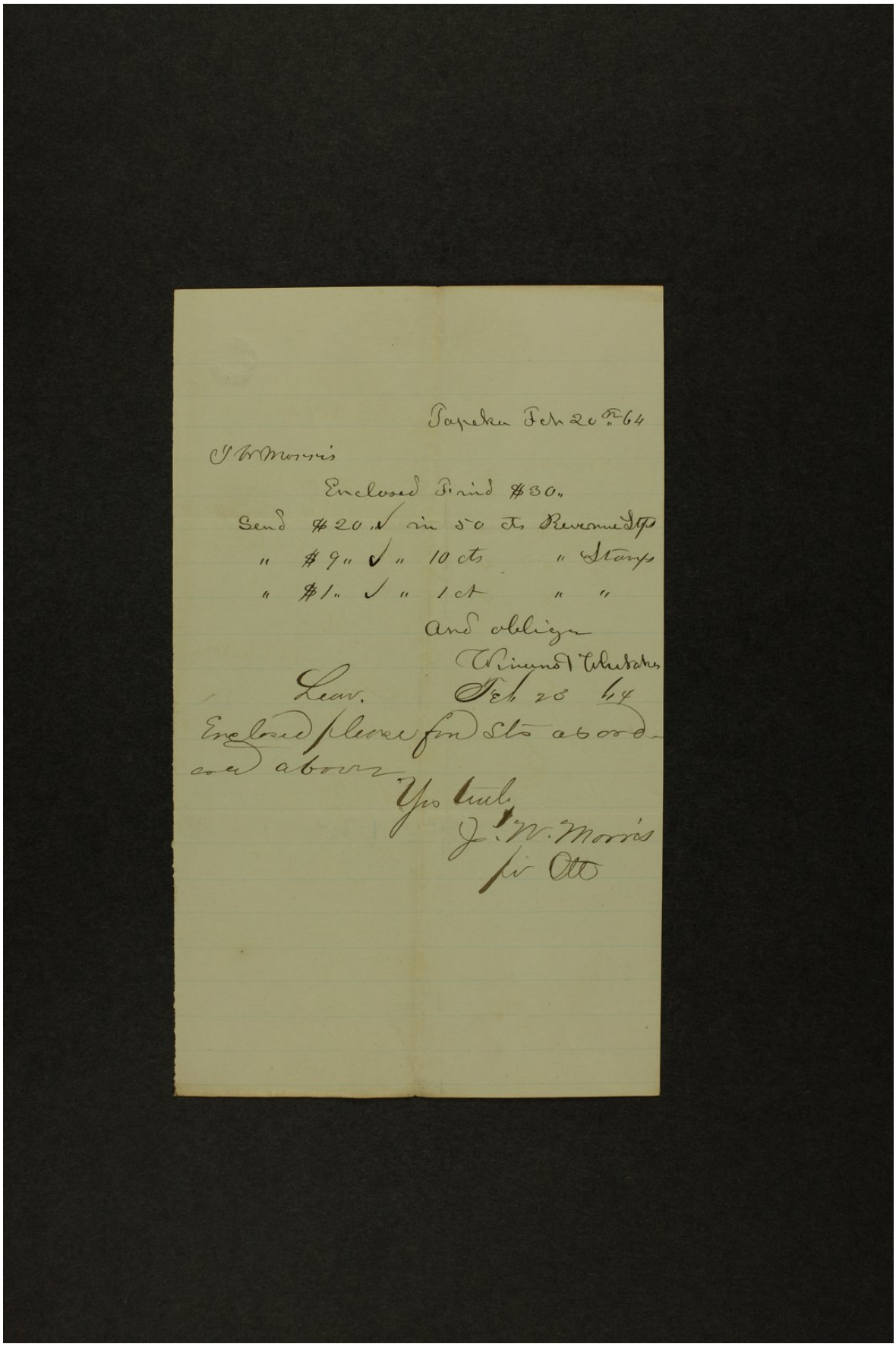
Enclosed please find Stamps as ordered above less 05. postage

Yrs truly
J. K. Morris
per Ott

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Topeka Feb 20th 64

J. N. Morris

Enclosed Find $30.

Send $20 N in 50 Cts Revenue Stps
" $9 " 10 cts " Stamps
" $1 " 1 ct " "

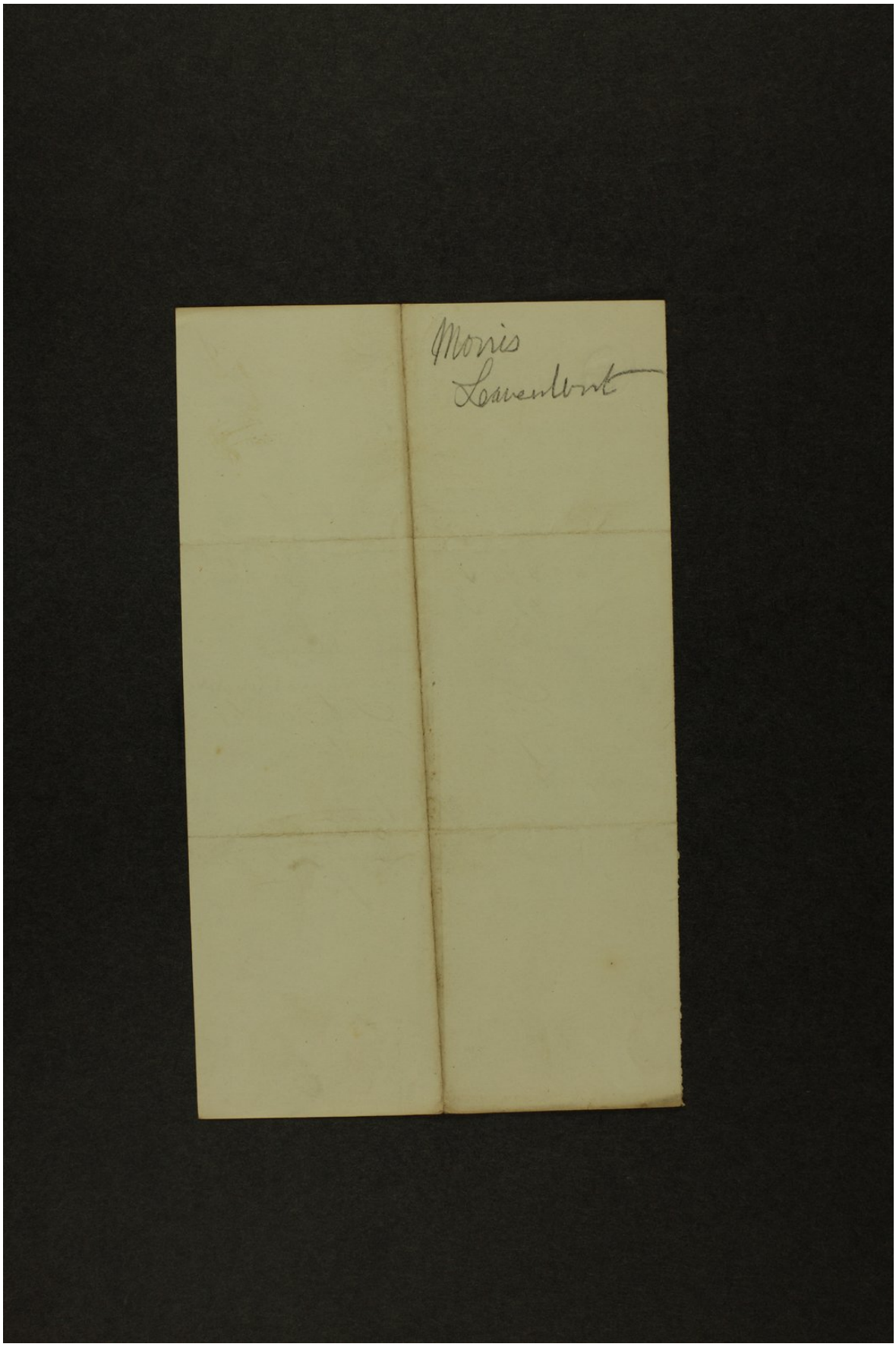
And oblige
Yours Truly
Whitaker

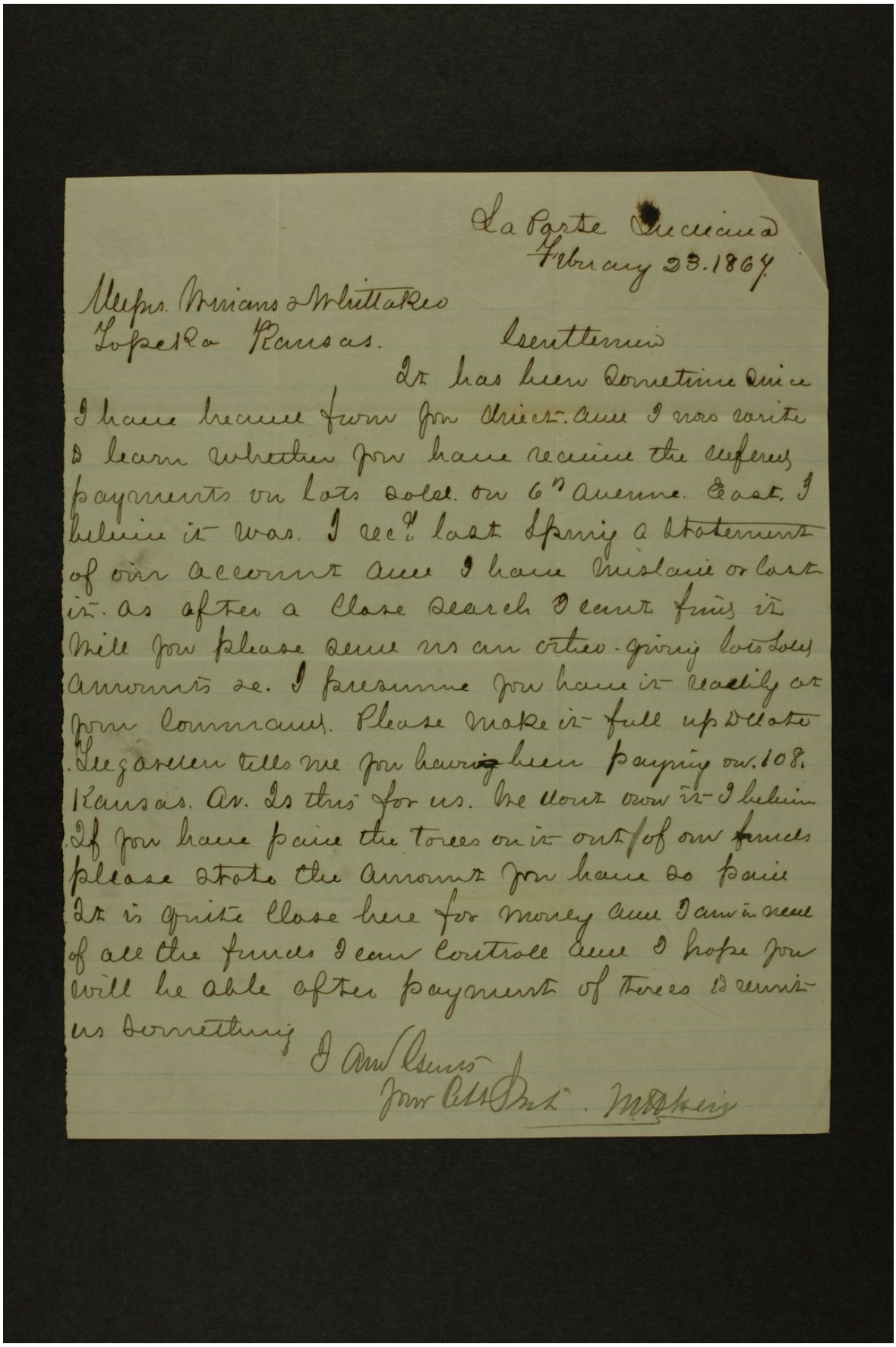
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Enclosed please find Sts above
and above

Yours truly
J. N. Morris
per Otto

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La Porte Indiana
February 23. 1864

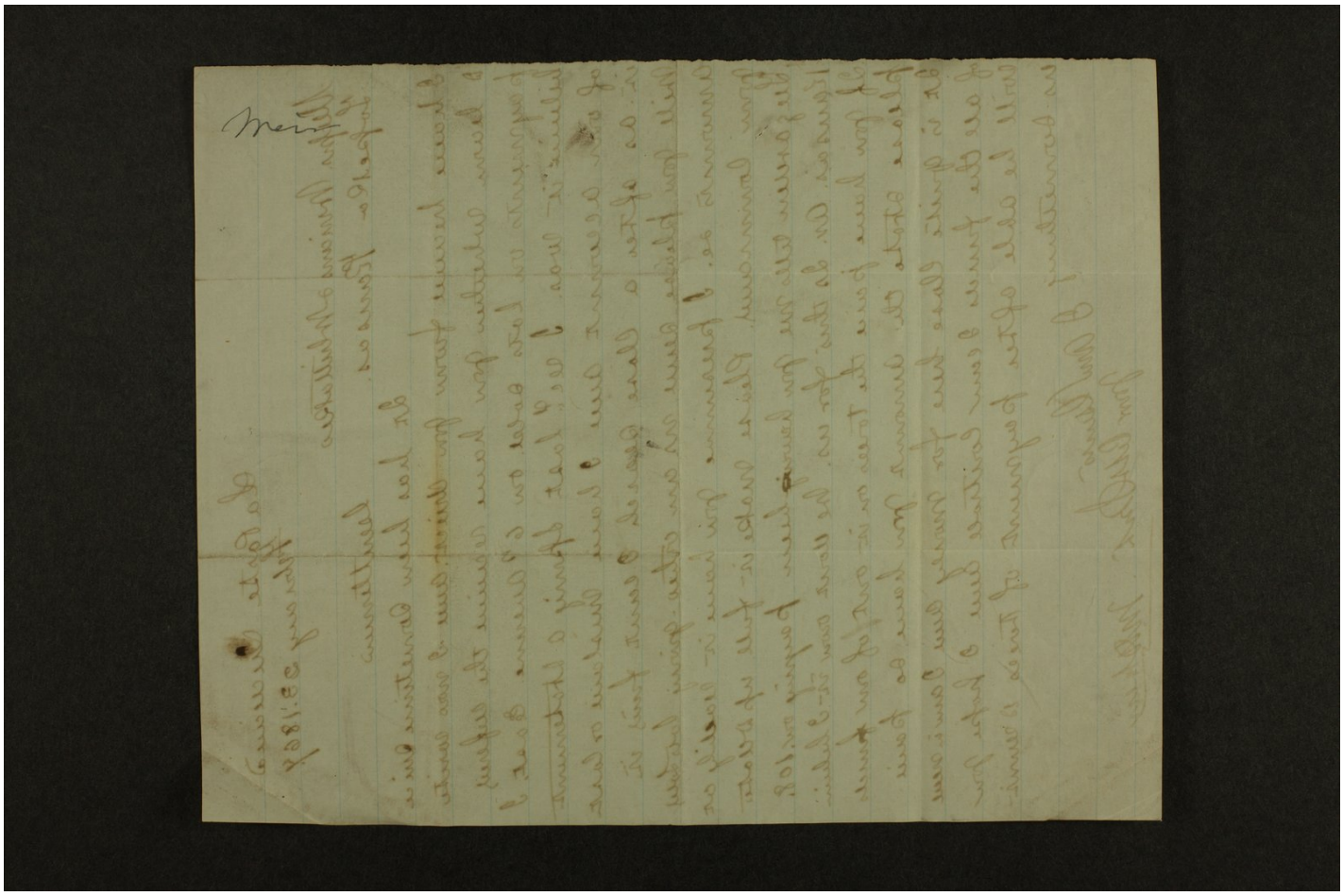
Messrs. Morrison & Whittaker
Lopeka Kansas.

Gentlemen

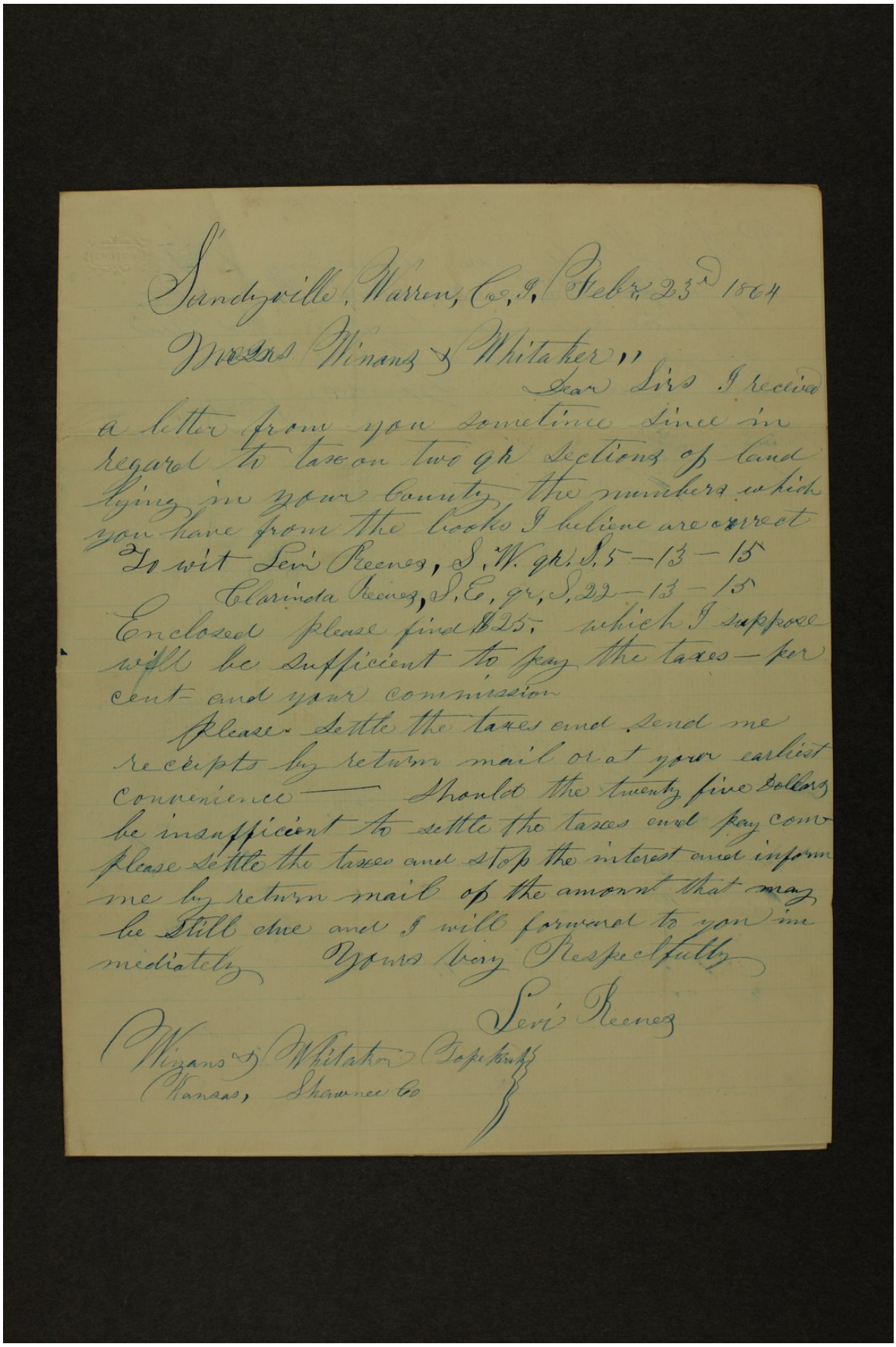
It has been sometime since I have heard from you direct. and I now write to learn whether you have received the several payments on lots sold. on 6th avenue. East. I believe it was. I rec'd. last Spring a statement of our account and I have mislaid or lost it. as after a close search I cannot find it Will you please send us an other. giving lots sold amounts &c. I presume you have it readily at your command. Please make it full up to date. Lazarus tells me you having been paying on 108. Kansas. Av. Is this for us. he owns one it I believe If you have paid the taxes on it out of our funds please state the amount you have so paid It is quite close here for money and I am in need of all the funds I can controll and I hope you will be able after payment of taxes to remit us something

I am Gents
Your Obt Servt. M B Whitaker

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Sandyville, Warren Co. Ia. Feb'y 23d 1864

Messrs Winans & Whitaker,,

Dear Sirs I receive a letter from you sometime since in regard to taxes on two qr Sections of land lying in your County the numbers which you have from the books I believe are correct to wit Levi Reeves, S.W. qr. S. 5 — 13 — 15

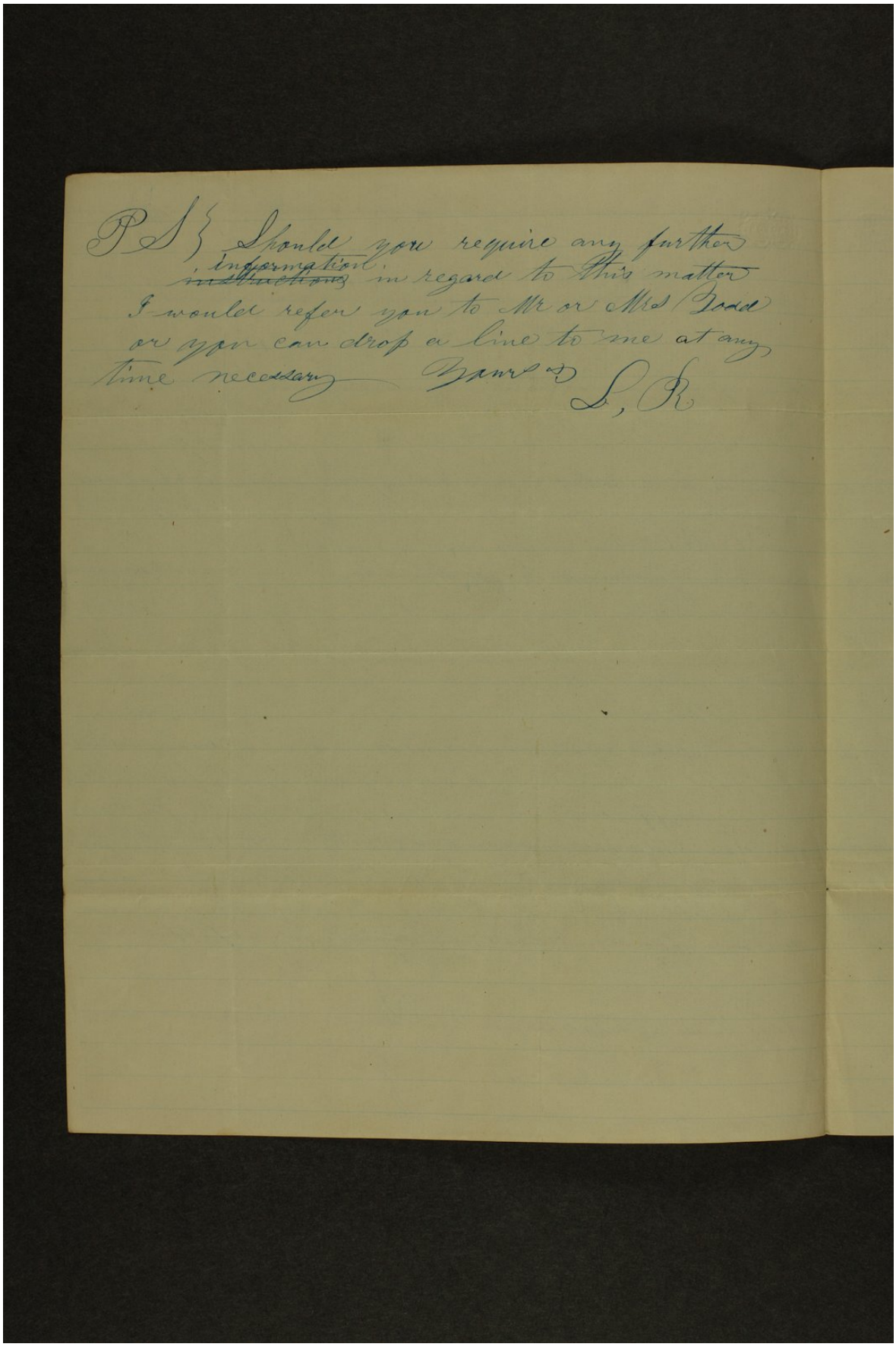
Clarinda Reeves, S.E. qr, S. 22 — 13 — 15

Enclosed please find $25. which I suppose will be sufficient to pay the taxes — per cent and your commission

Please settle the taxes and send me receipts by return mail or at your earliest convenience — Should the twenty five Dollars be insufficient to settle the taxes and pay com please settle the taxes and stop the interest and inform me by return mail of the amount that may be still due and I will forward to you immediately Yours Very Respectfully

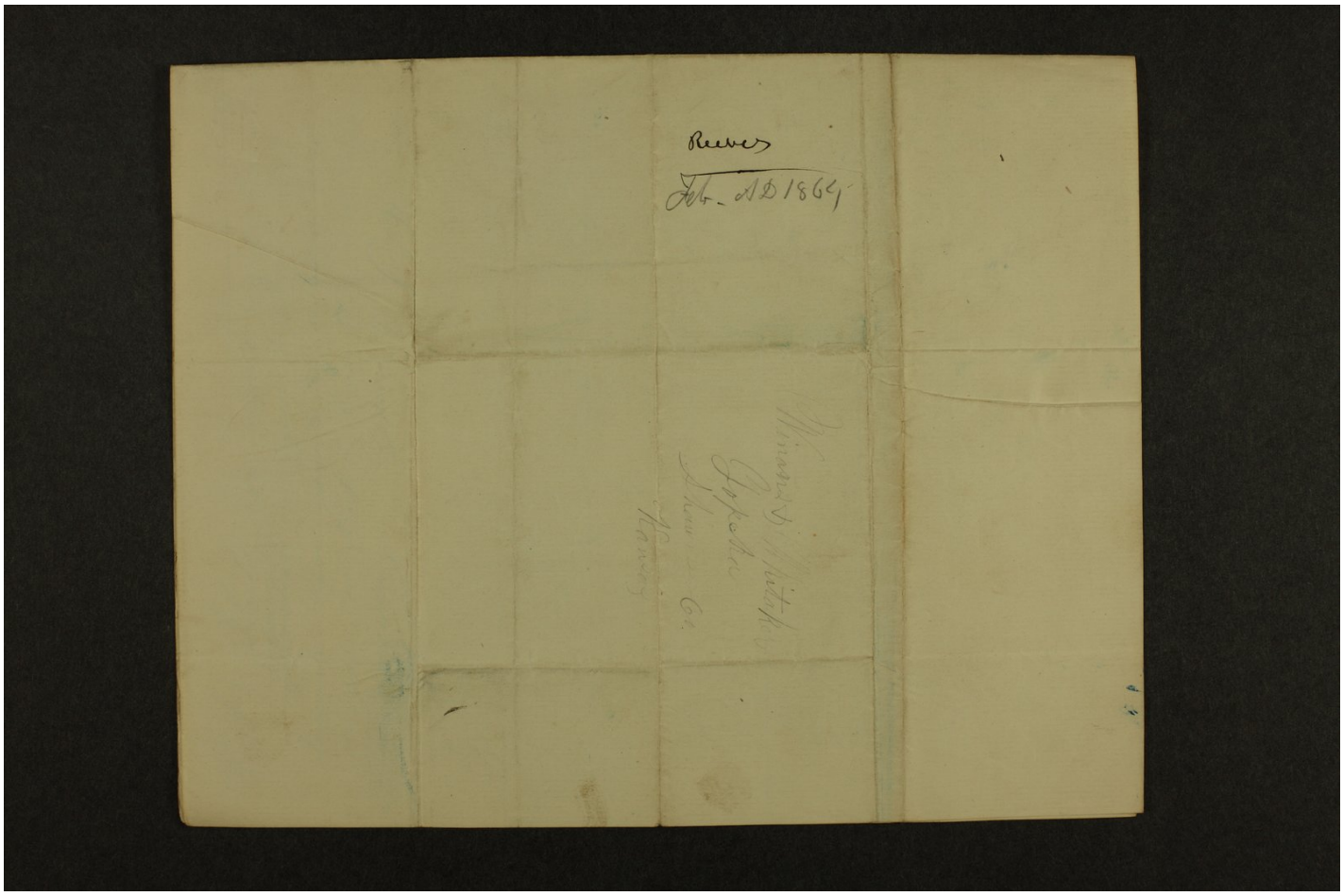
Levi Reeves

Winans & Whitaker Topeka Kansas, Shawnee Co

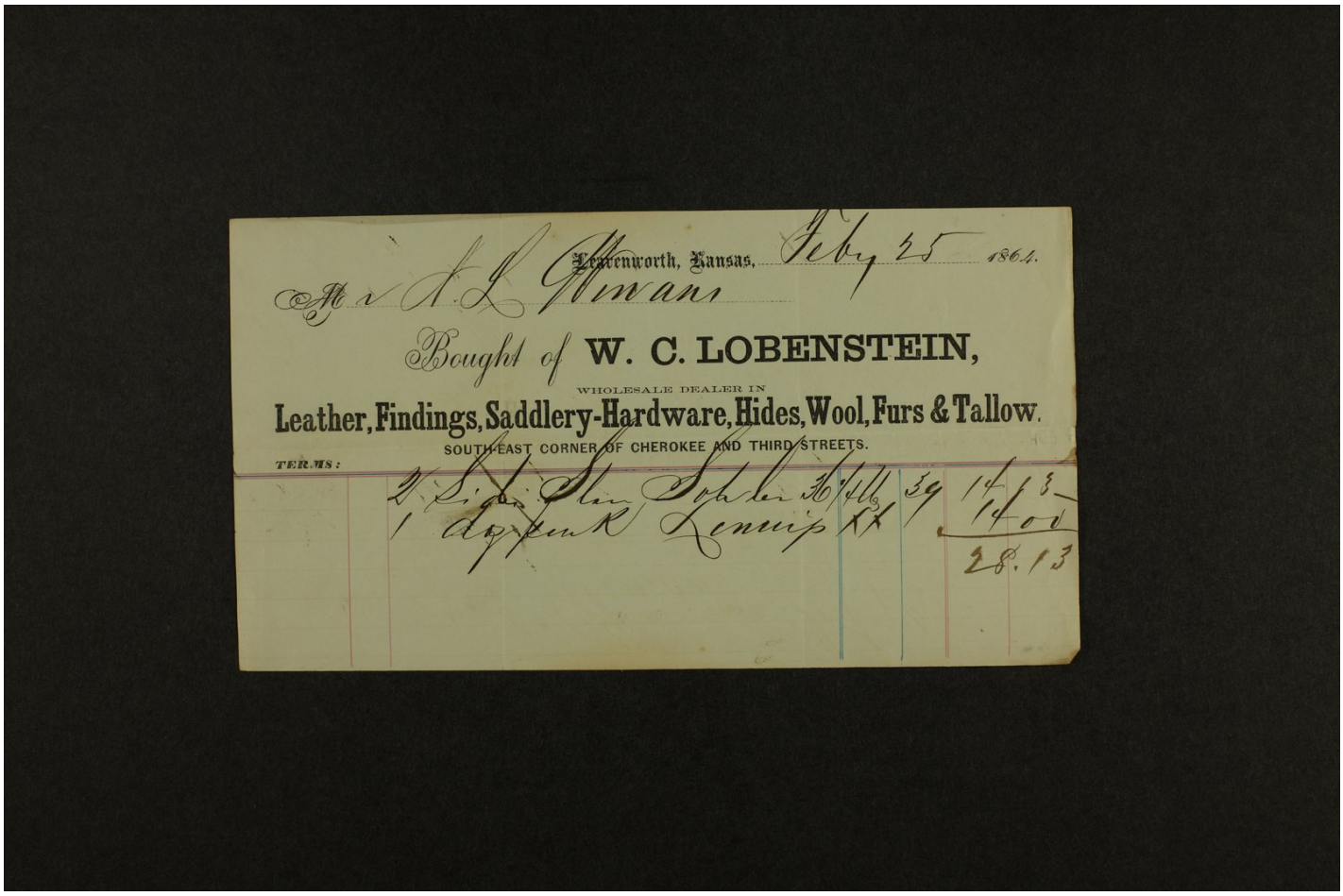


P S ~ Should you require any further ~~instructions~~ information in regard to this matter I would refer you to Mr or Mrs Todd or you can drop a line to me at any time necessary Yours &c L. R

James Barnes Whitaker correspondence



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Leavenworth, Kansas, Feby 25 1861.

Mr A. L. Swan

Bought of **W. C. LOBENSTEIN,**

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

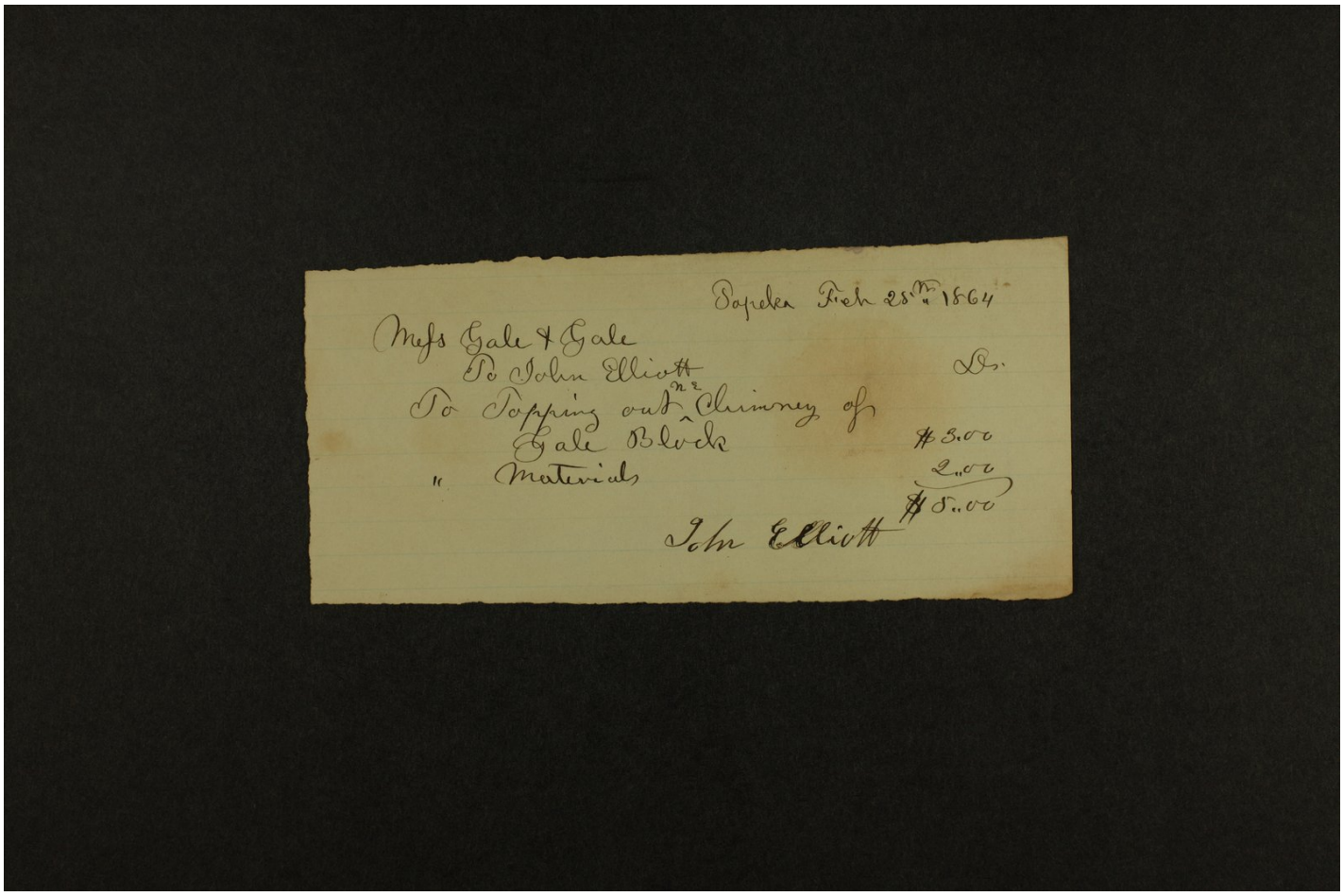
Leather, Findings, Saddlery-Hardware, Hides, Wool, Furs & Tallow.

SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF CHEROKEE AND THIRD STREETS.

TERMS:

2 Sides Skirting Leather 36/lb 59 14 13
1 Apron Leather XX 14 00
28.13

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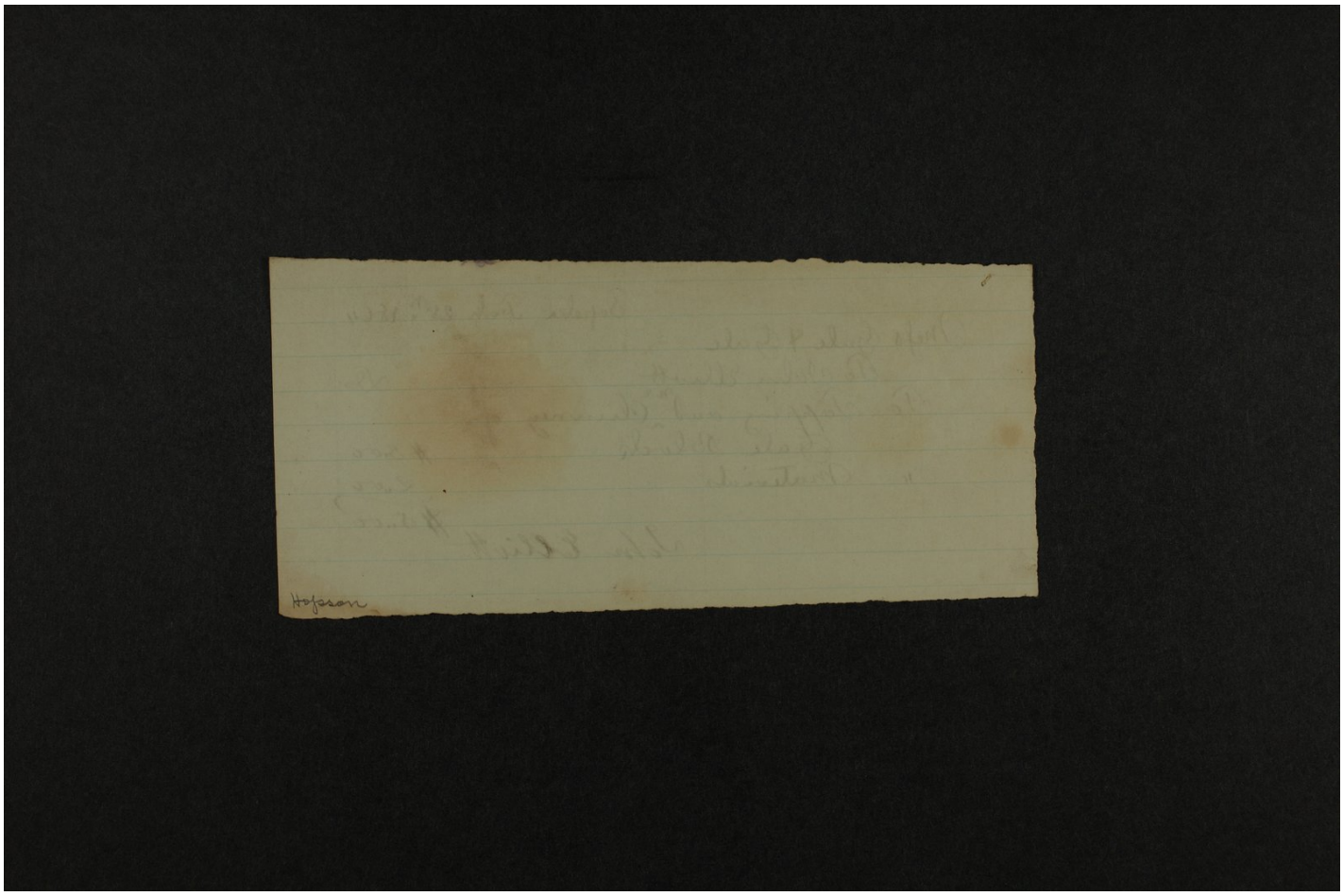


Topeka Feb 25th 1864

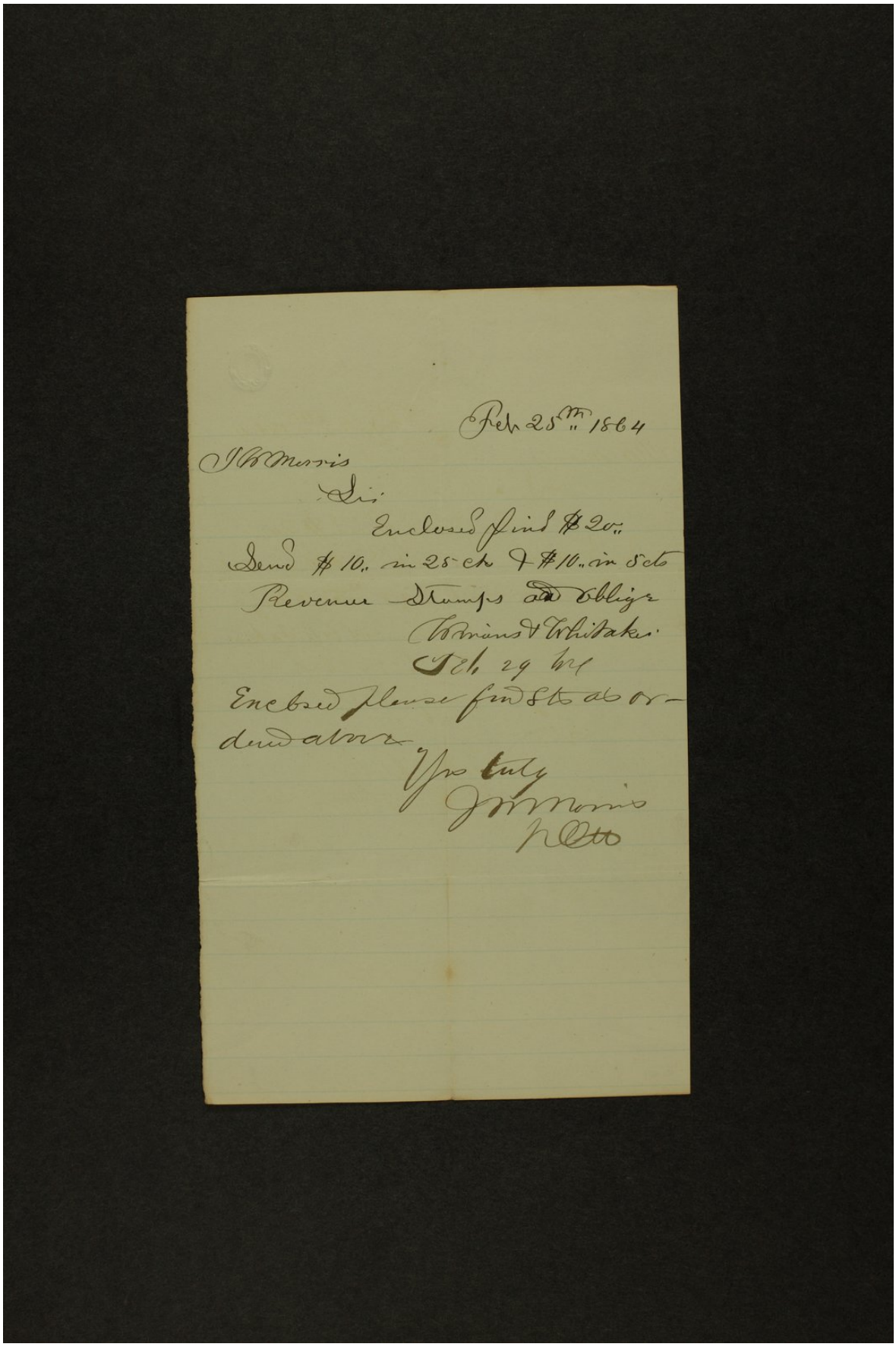
Mrs Gale & Gale
To John Elliott Dr.
To Topping out 2nd Chimney of
Gale Block $3.00
" Materials 2.00
$5.00

John Elliott

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Feb 25th 1864

J B Morris

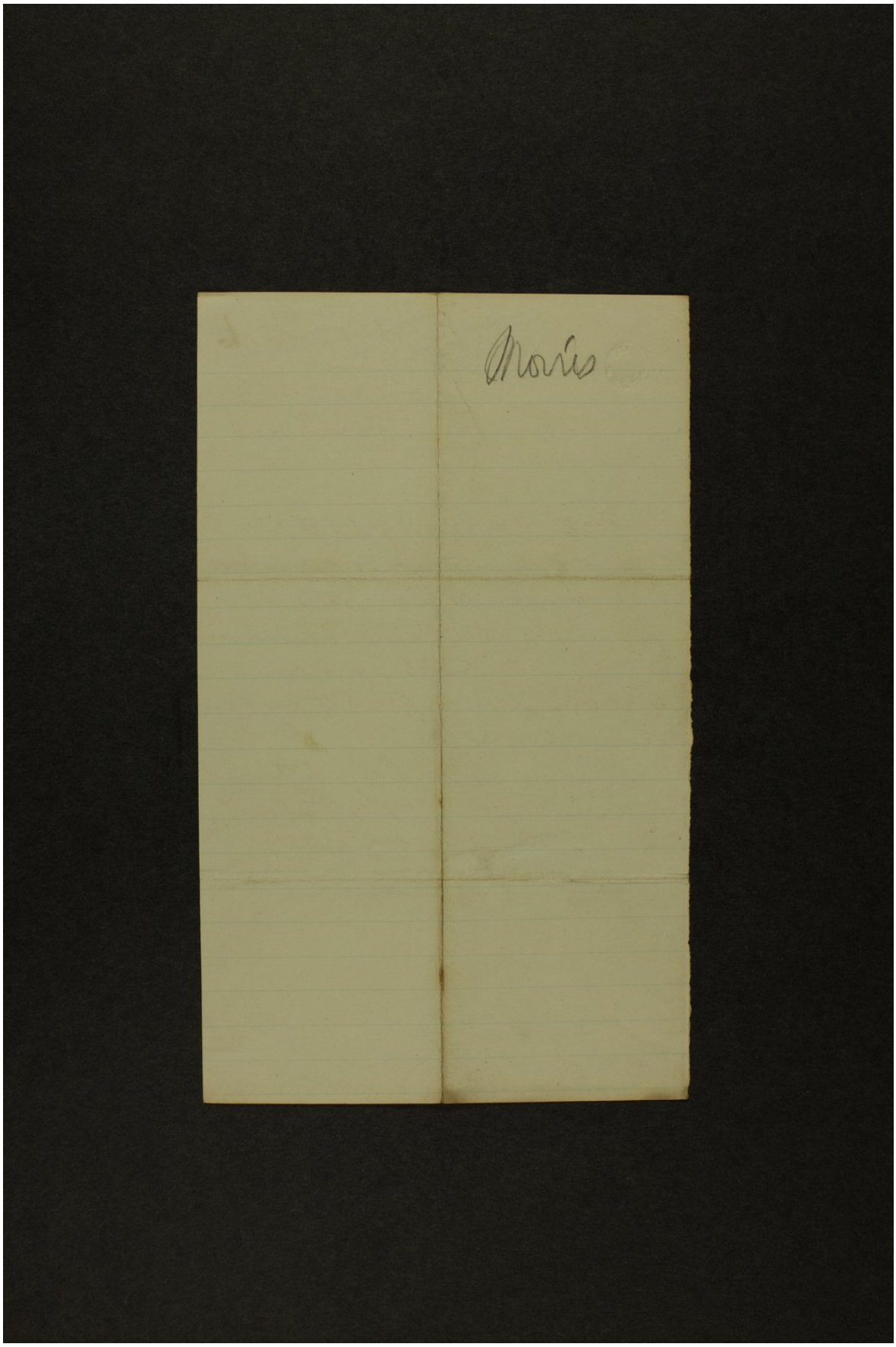
Sir

Enclosed find $20.
Send $10. in 25 cts & $10. in 5 cts
Revenue Stamps & oblige
Morris & Whitaker
Feb 29 64

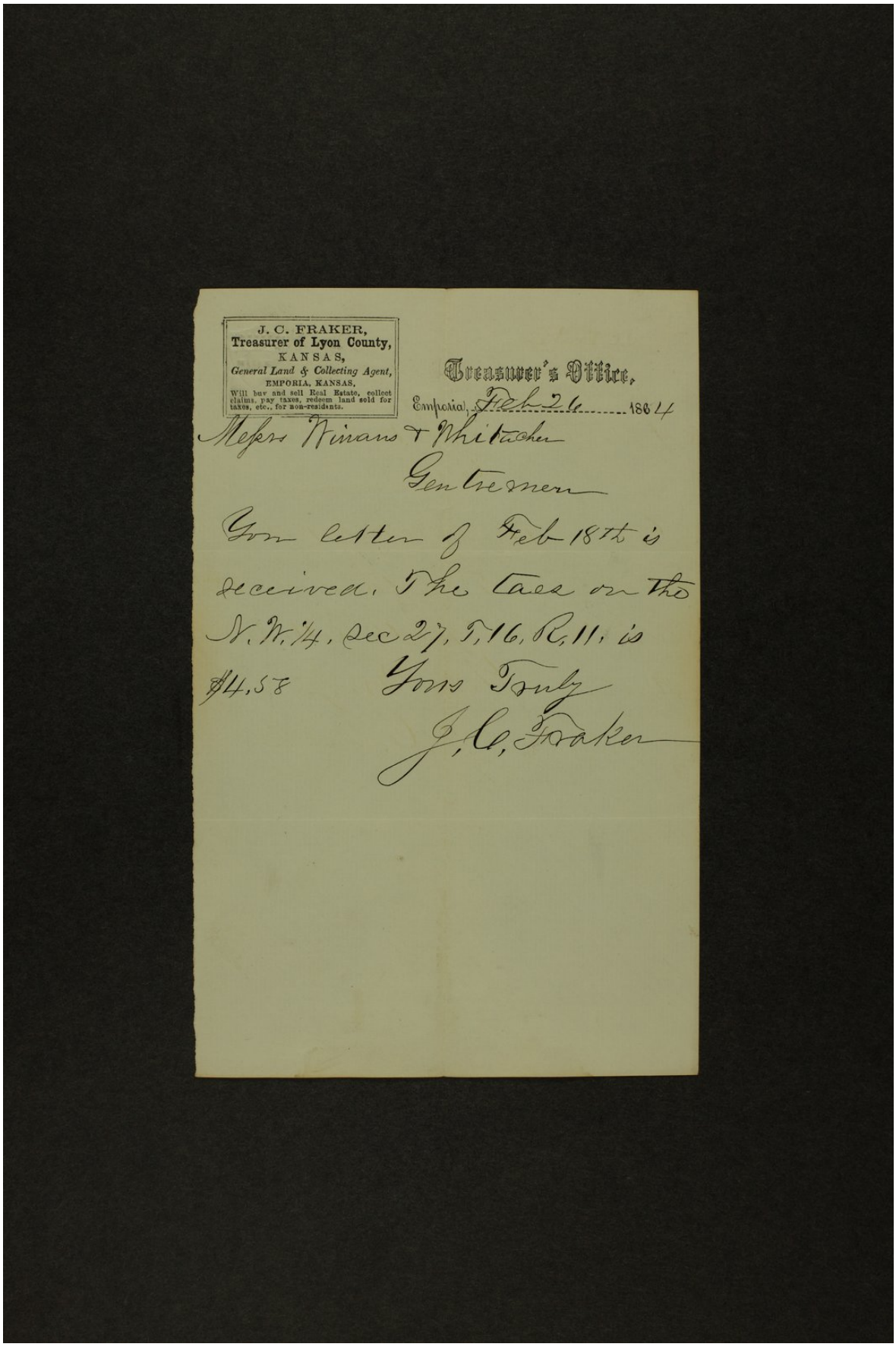
Enclosed please find 5 cts as or-
dered above

Yrs truly
J B Morris
P M Otto

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J. C. FRAKER,
Treasurer of Lyon County,
KANSAS,
General Land & Collecting Agent,
EMPORIA, KANSAS.
Will buy and sell Real Estate, collect claims, pay taxes, redeem land sold for taxes, etc., for non-residents.

Treasurer's Office,

Emporia, Feb 26 1864

Messrs Winans & Whitaker

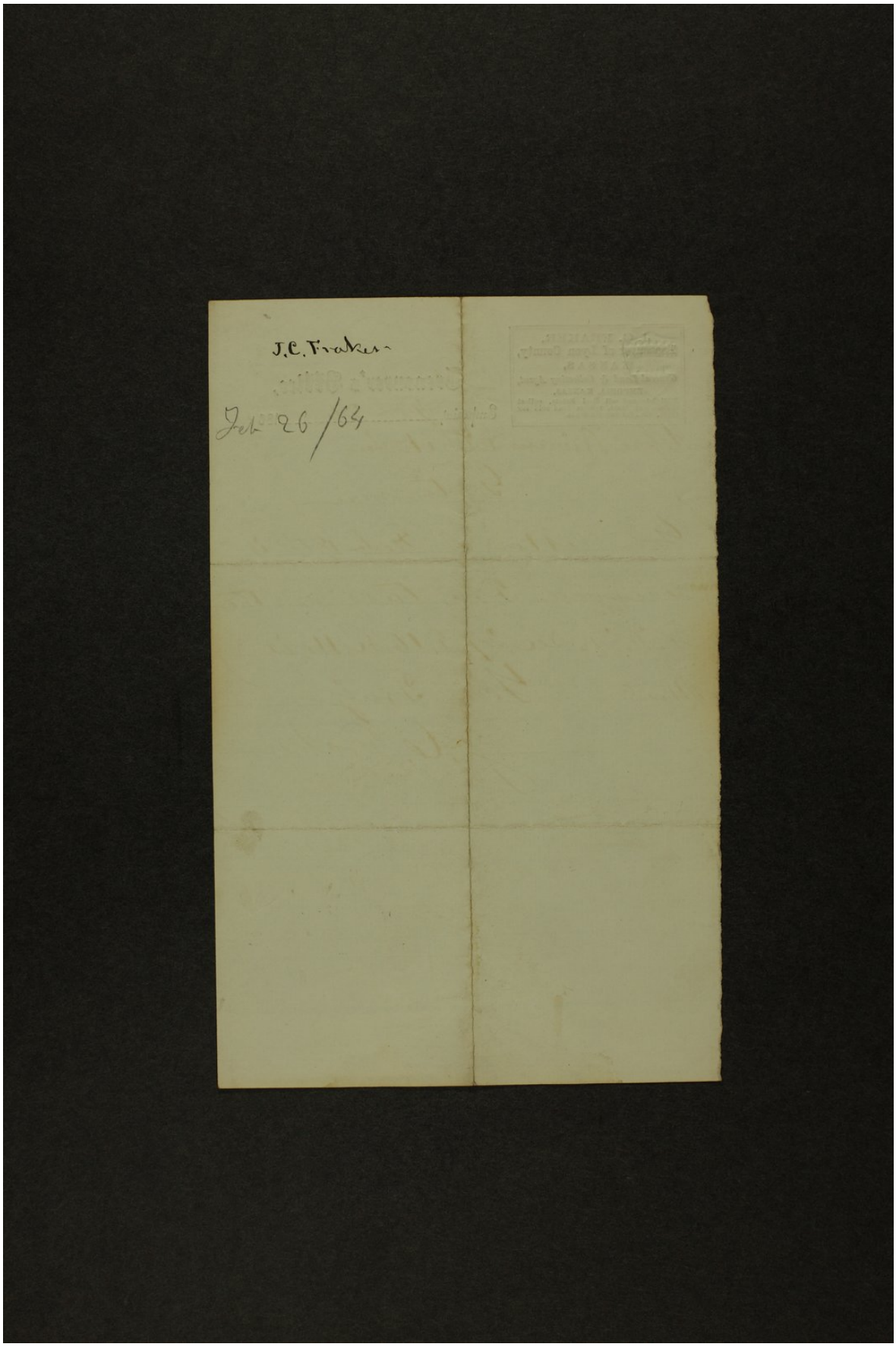
Gentlemen

Your letter of Feb 18th is received. The taxes on the N. W. ¼, sec 27, T. 16, R. 11, is $4.58

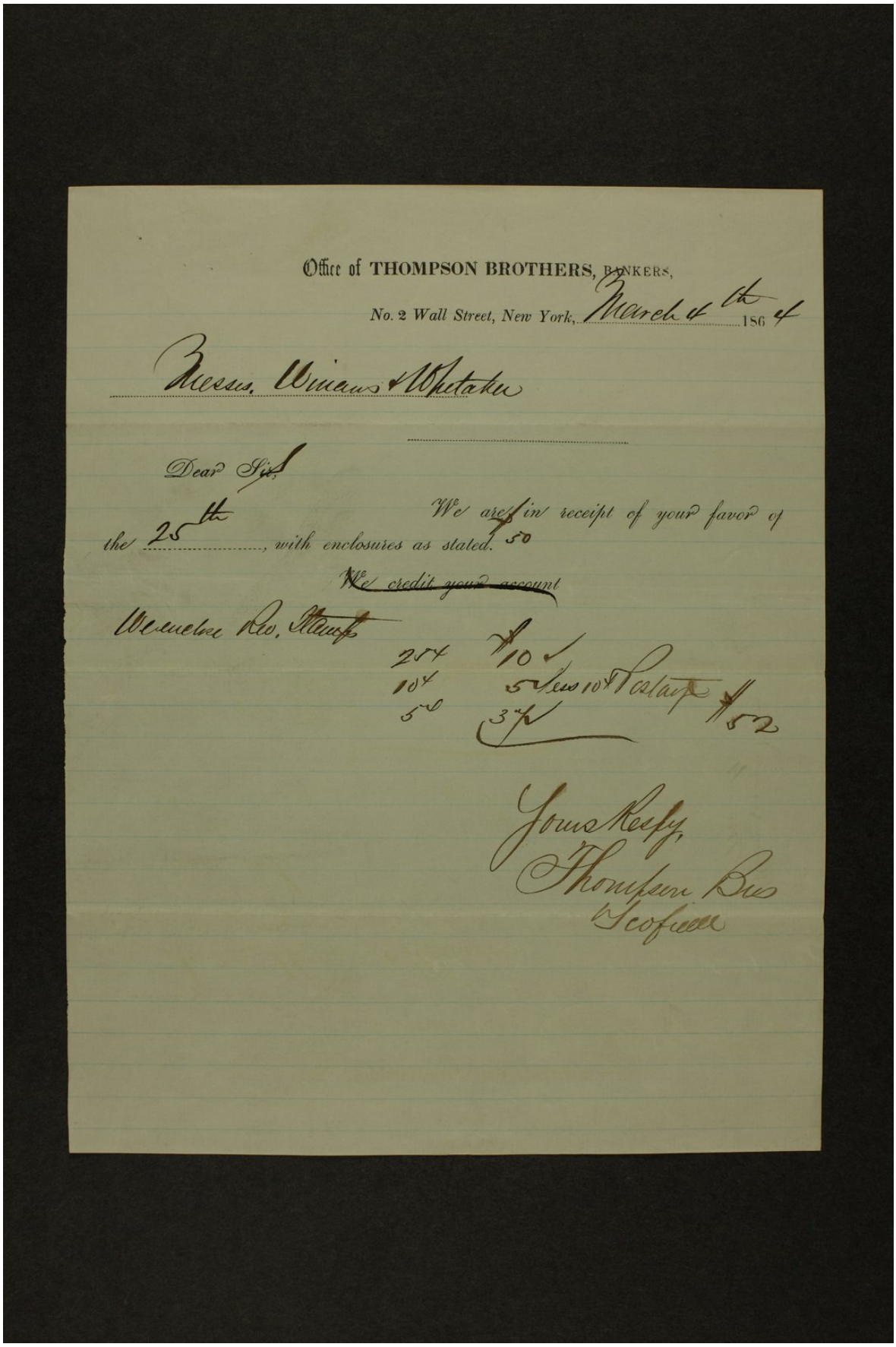
Yours Truly

J. C. Fraker

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Office of THOMPSON BROTHERS, BANKERS,

No. 2 Wall Street, New York, March 4th 186 4

Messrs. Winans & Whitaker

Dear Sirs

We are in receipt of your favor of the 25th, with enclosures as stated. 50

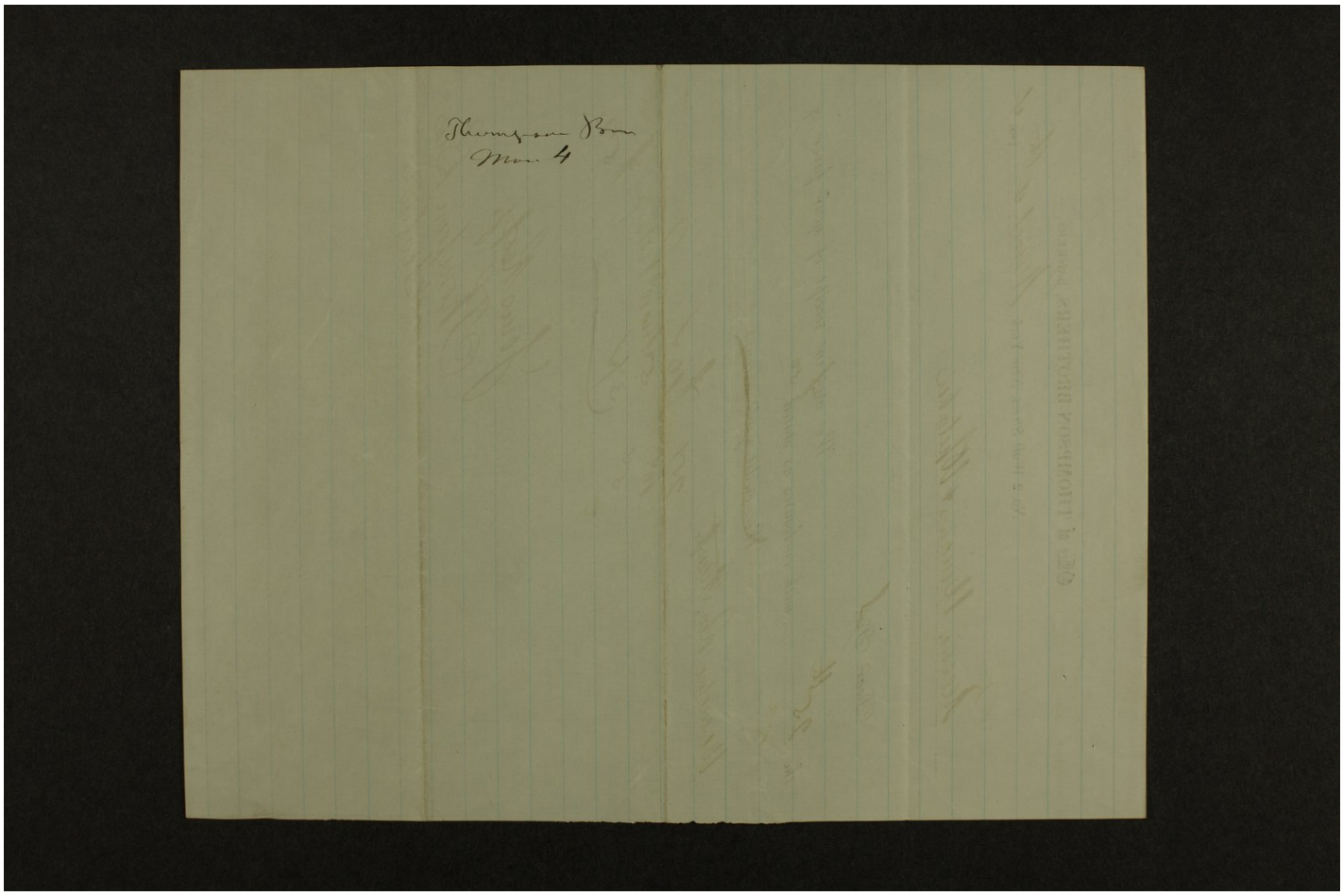
~~We credit your account~~

Wednesday Rec. Stamps

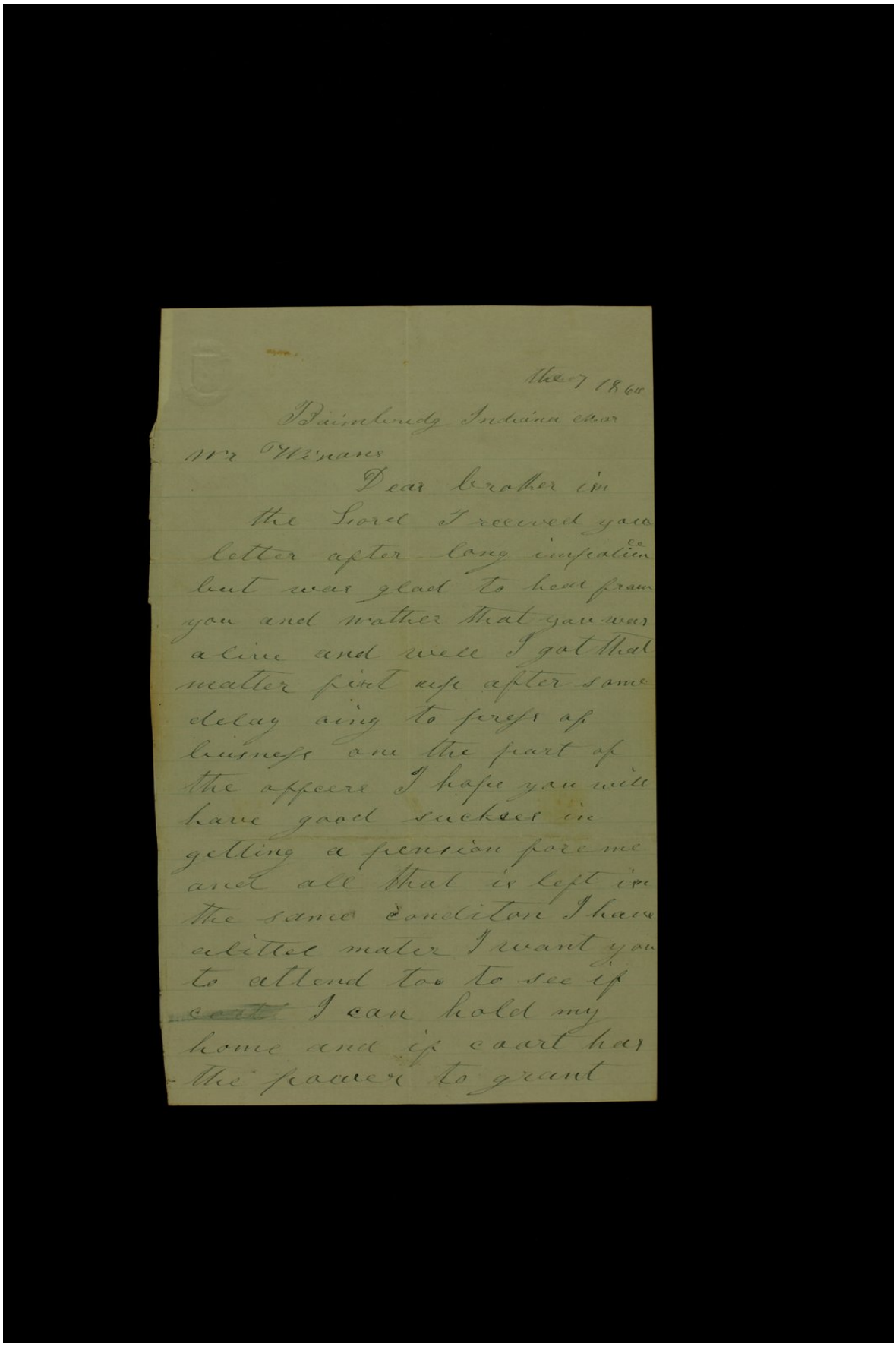
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Yours Resty,
Thompson Bros
Cashiers

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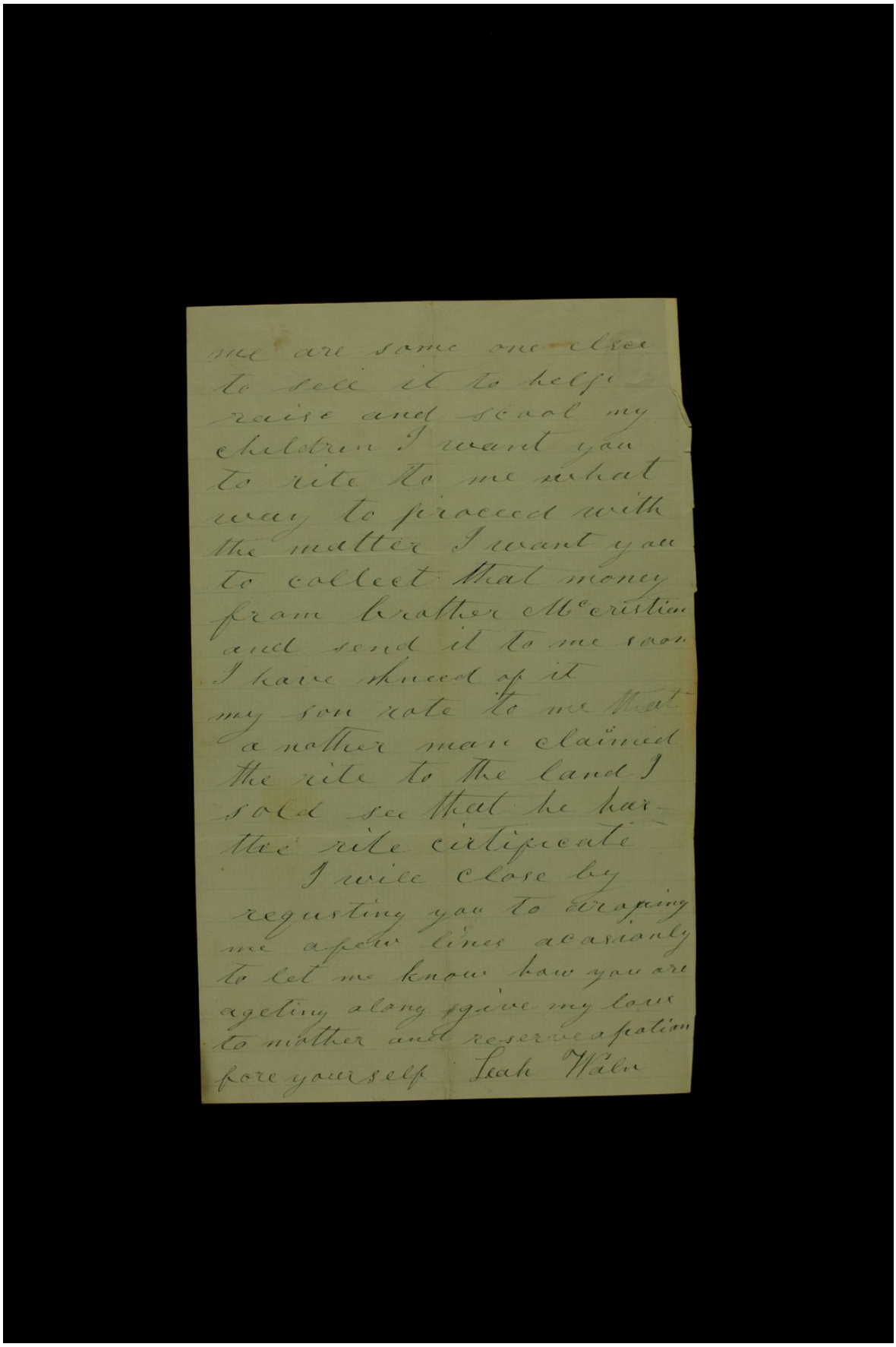


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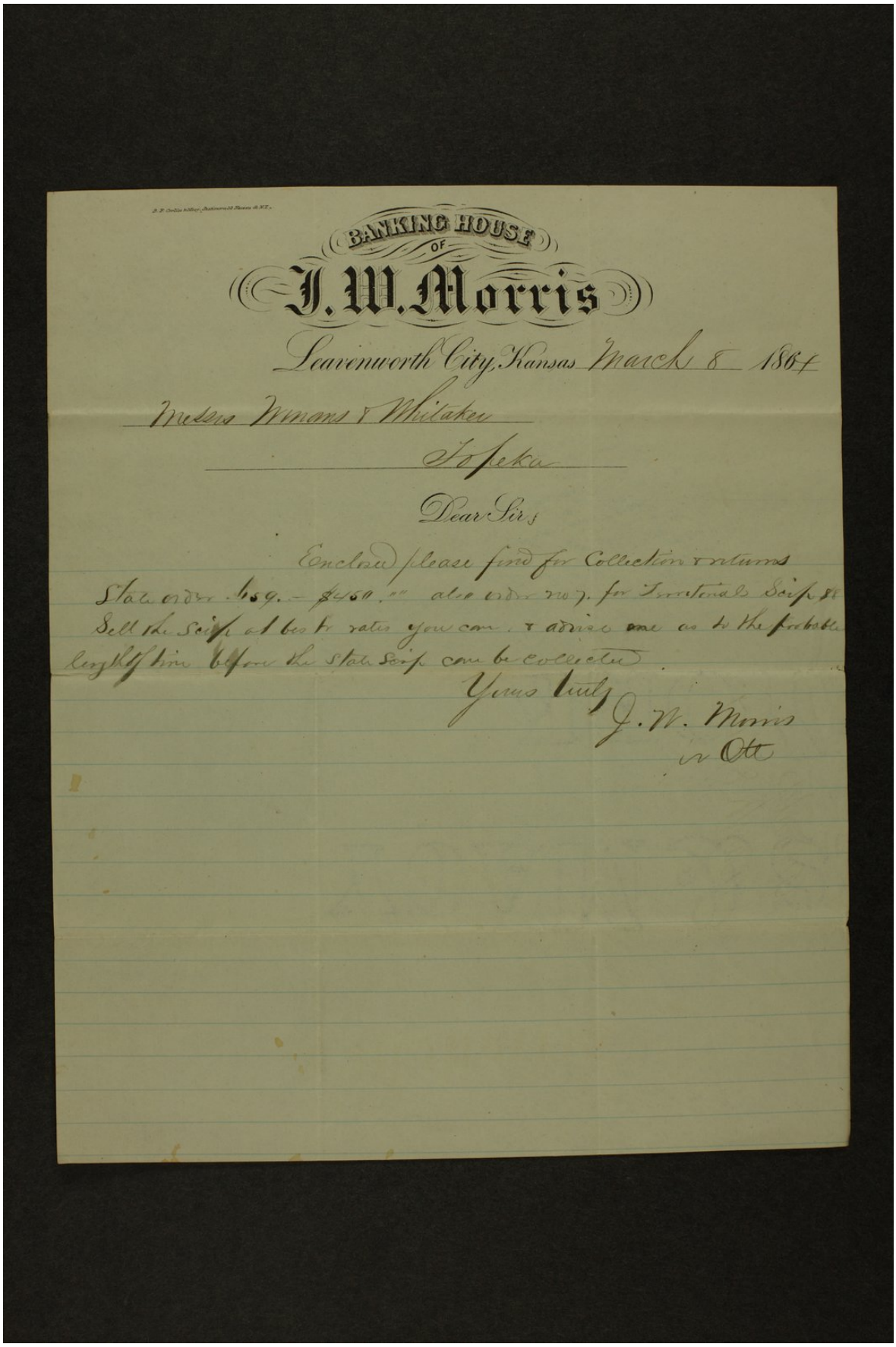
Mr Williams

Dear brother in
the Lord I received your
letter after long imperation
but was glad to hear from
you and mother that you was
alive and well I got that
matter first rate after some
delay owing to press of
business on the part of
the appeers I hope you will
have good success in
getting a pension for me
and all that is left in
the same condition I have
a little mater I want you
to attend too to see if
I can hold my
home and if I can't have
the power to grant



me are some one else
to see it to help
raise and scool my
children I want you
to rite to me what
way to proceed with
the matter I want you
to collect that money
from brother McCristion
and send it to me soon
I have stood up it
my son rote to me that
a nother man claimed
the rite to the land I
sold see that he has
the rite certificate
I will close by
requsting you to Wraping
me a few lines acasionly
to let me know how you are
ageting along give my love
to mother and reserve a salation
fore yourself Leah Wals

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BANKING HOUSE
OF
J. W. Morris

Leavenworth City, Kansas March 8 1864

Messrs Means & Whitaker

Topeka

Dear Sirs

Enclosed please find for collection & returns State order No. 659. — $450.00 also order No. 7. for Territorials Scrip $8 Sell the Scrip at best rates you can & advise me as to the probable length of time before the State Scrip can be collected.

Yours truly
J. W. Morris
per Ott