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Section 56, Pages 1651 - 1680

These legal documents belonging to James Barnes Whitaker include mortgages, leases, quitclaim deeds, indentures, warrants issued to the Marshal's office, tax and other receipts regarding Whitaker's real estate business. There are also Internal Revenue licenses for various occupations, records on pension and war claims, including forms from the War Department, Treasury Office, and Department of the Interior Pension Office. Bound volumes include a notebook of war claims and a county surveyor field notebook. James Barnes Whitaker had a long association with the territory and state of Kansas. He came to Tecumseh, Shawnee County, Kansas, in 1856 from Boston, Massachusetts, and worked as a surveyor there. In 1857, he moved to Topeka where he remained, serving as county sheriff, surveyor, and Topeka city engineer. He was also commissioned a deputy U.S. Marshal. 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.

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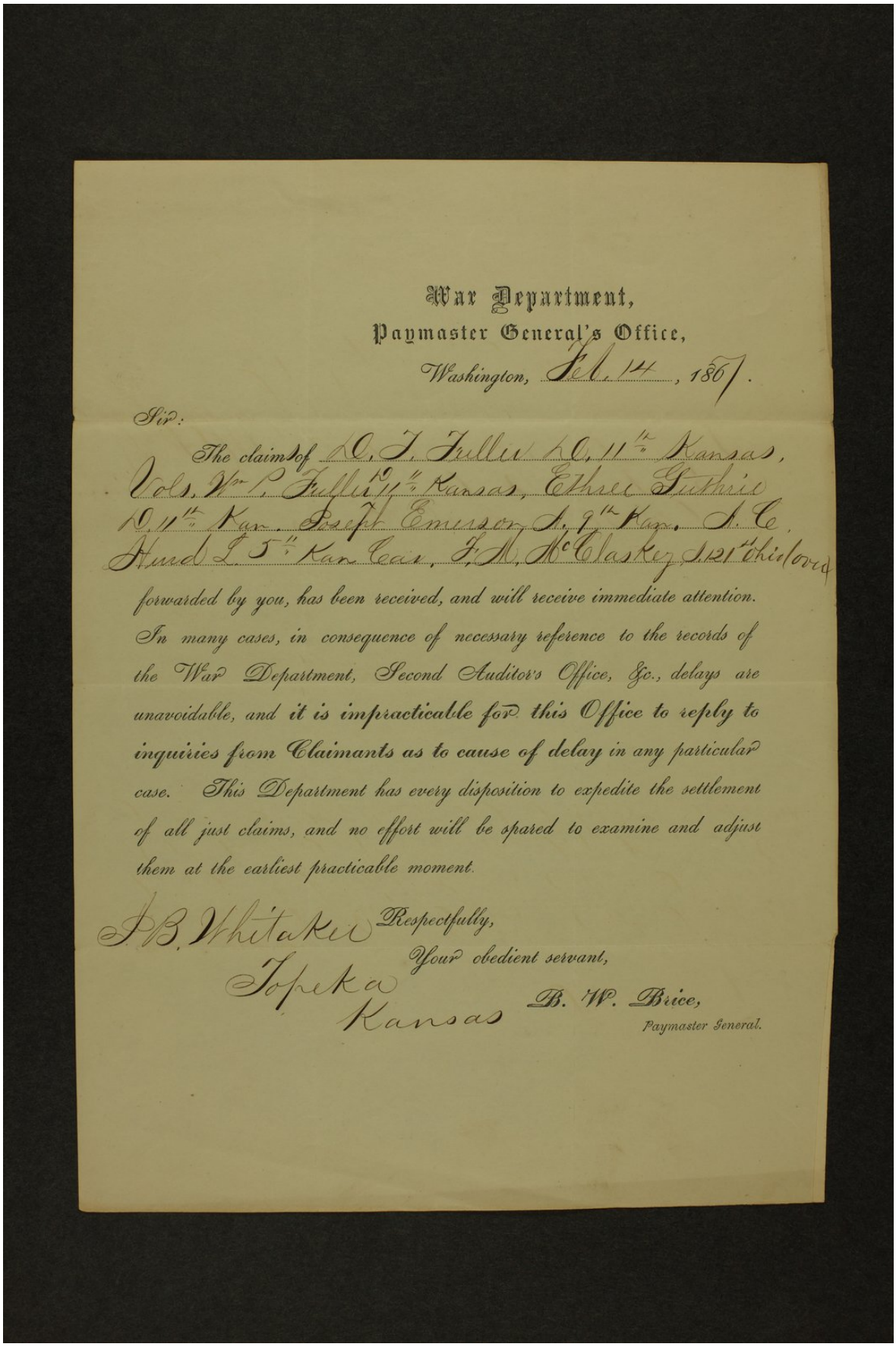
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War Department,
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Washington, Feb. 14, 1867.

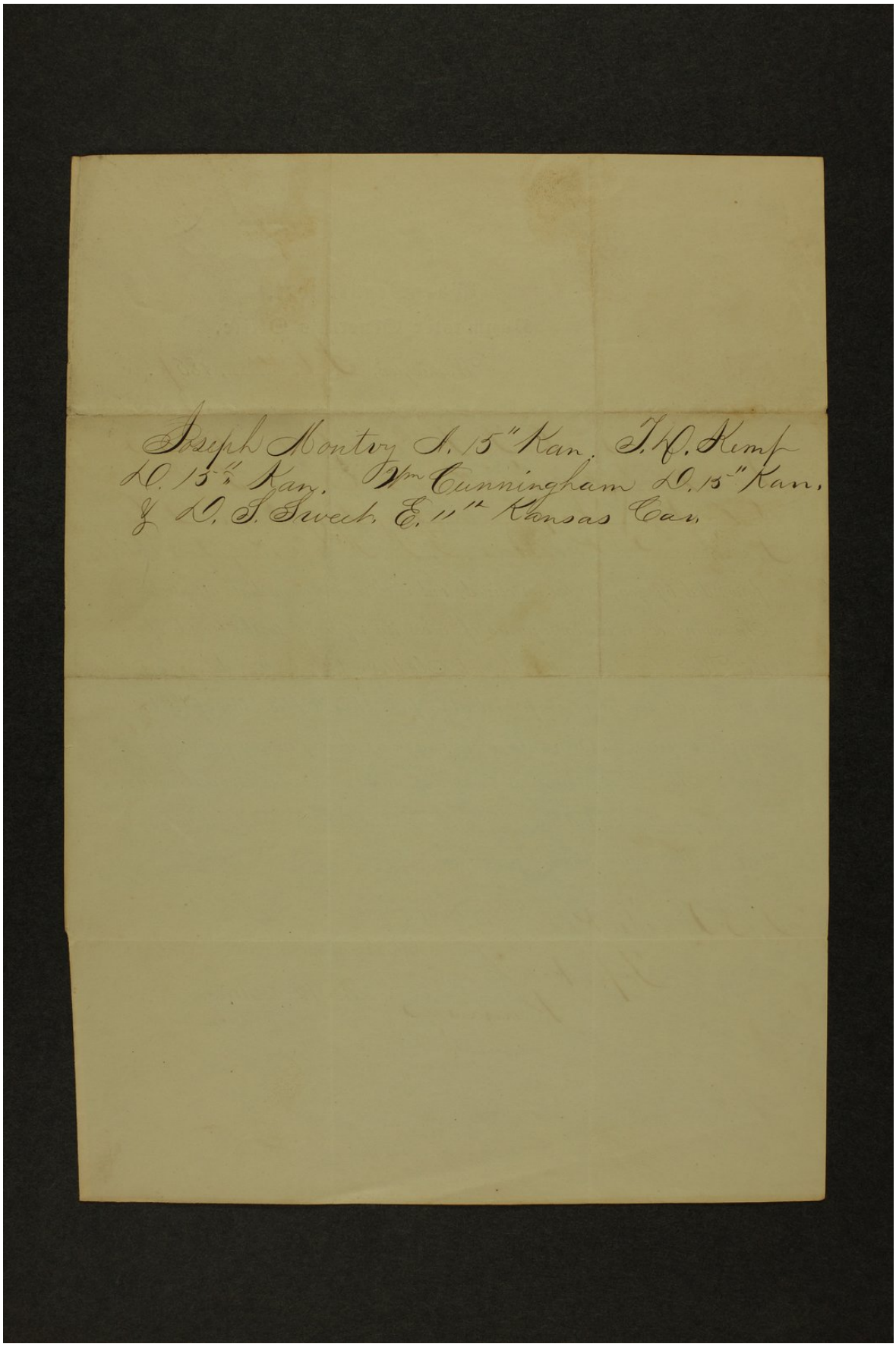
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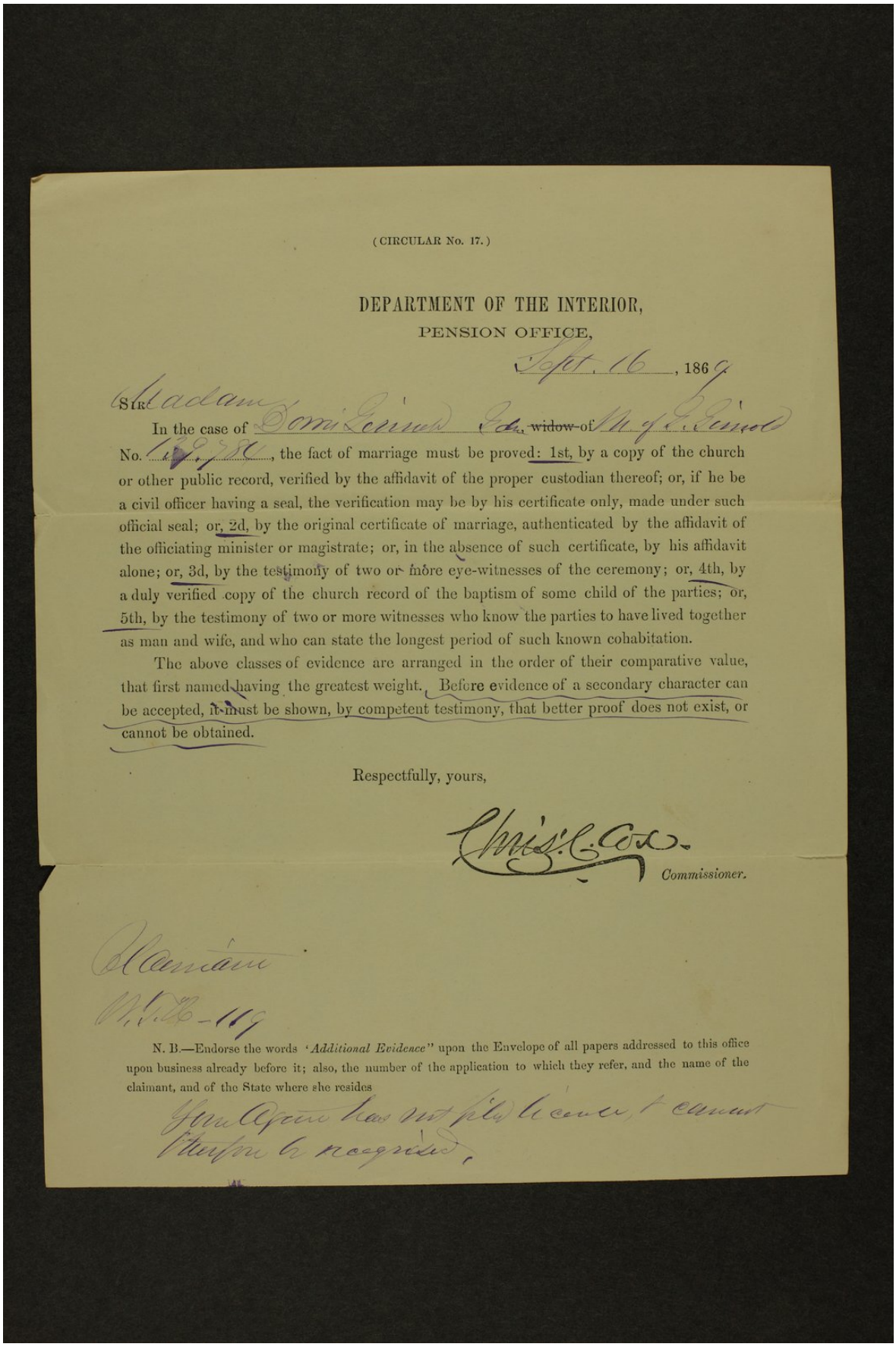
The claims of O. J. Fuller Co. 11th Kansas, Vols. Wm P. Fuller 10th Kansas, Ethen Guthrie 10 11th Kan. Joseph Emerson 1.1. 9th Kan. A. C. Hurd 1 5th Kan Cav. F. M. McClasky 1121 Chicago forwarded by you, has been received, and will receive immediate attention. In many cases, in consequence of necessary reference to the records of the War Department, Second Auditor's Office, &c., delays are unavoidable, and **it is impracticable for this Office to reply to inquiries from Claimants as to cause of delay** in any particular case. This Department has every disposition to expedite the settlement of all just claims, and no effort will be spared to examine and adjust them at the earliest practicable moment.

J B. Whitaker Topeka Kansas

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
B. W. Brice,
Paymaster General.

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D. 15" Kan. Wm Cunningham D. 15" Kan.
& D. S. Sweet. E. 11" Kansas Car.



(CIRCULAR No. 17.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
PENSION OFFICE,

Sept. 16, 1867

SIR Madam

In the case of Lomi Lewis Ind. widow of M. J. Lewis

No. 11,978, the fact of marriage must be proved: 1st, by a copy of the church or other public record, verified by the affidavit of the proper custodian thereof; or, if he be a civil officer having a seal, the verification may be by his certificate only, made under such official seal; or, 2d, by the original certificate of marriage, authenticated by the affidavit of the officiating minister or magistrate; or, in the absence of such certificate, by his affidavit alone; or, 3d, by the testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony; or, 4th, by a duly verified copy of the church record of the baptism of some child of the parties; or, 5th, by the testimony of two or more witnesses who know the parties to have lived together as man and wife, and who can state the longest period of such known cohabitation.

The above classes of evidence are arranged in the order of their comparative value, that first named having the greatest weight. Before evidence of a secondary character can be accepted, it must be shown, by competent testimony, that better proof does not exist, or cannot be obtained.

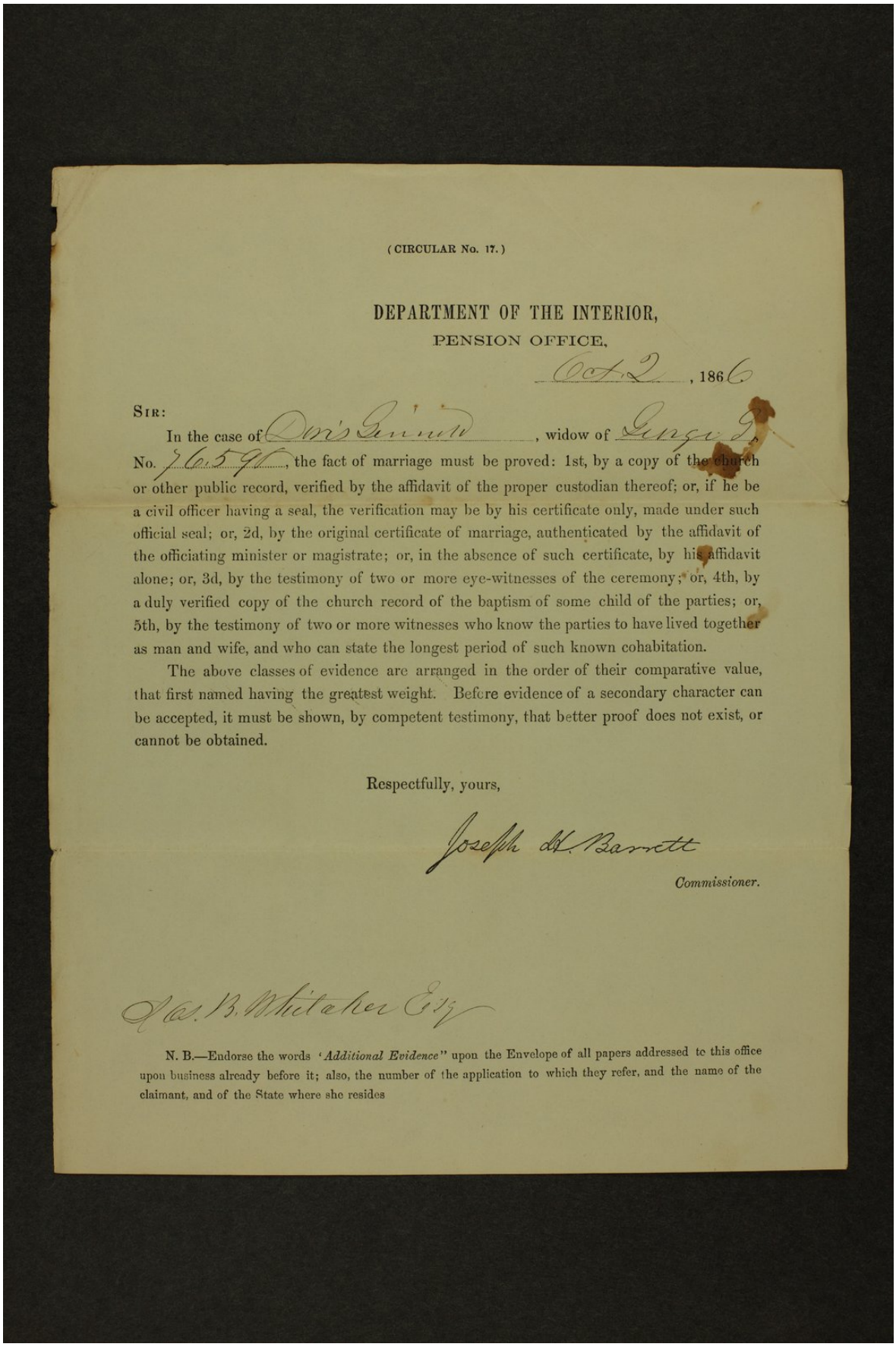
Respectfully, yours,

Chas. L. Cole
Commissioner.

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N. B.—Endorse the words "*Additional Evidence*" upon the Envelope of all papers addressed to this office upon business already before it; also, the number of the application to which they refer, and the name of the claimant, and of the State where she resides

Your Agent has not filed Evidence, & cannot therefore be recognized.



(CIRCULAR No. 17.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
PENSION OFFICE,

Oct. 2, 1866

SIR:

In the case of Mrs Emma D, widow of Geo. D., No. 76590, the fact of marriage must be proved: 1st, by a copy of the church or other public record, verified by the affidavit of the proper custodian thereof; or, if he be a civil officer having a seal, the verification may be by his certificate only, made under such official seal; or, 2d, by the original certificate of marriage, authenticated by the affidavit of the officiating minister or magistrate; or, in the absence of such certificate, by his affidavit alone; or, 3d, by the testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony; or, 4th, by a duly verified copy of the church record of the baptism of some child of the parties; or, 5th, by the testimony of two or more witnesses who know the parties to have lived together as man and wife, and who can state the longest period of such known cohabitation.

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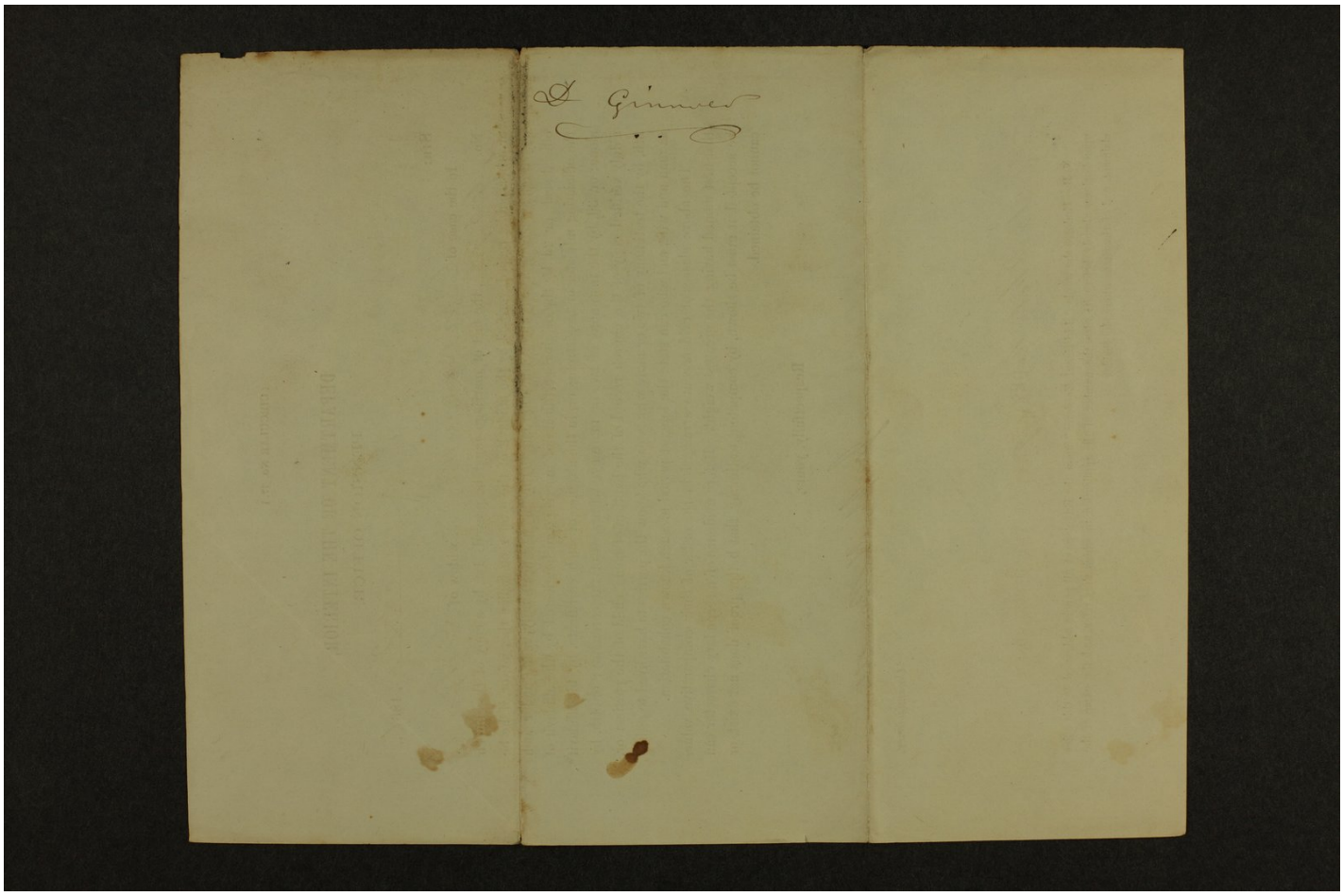
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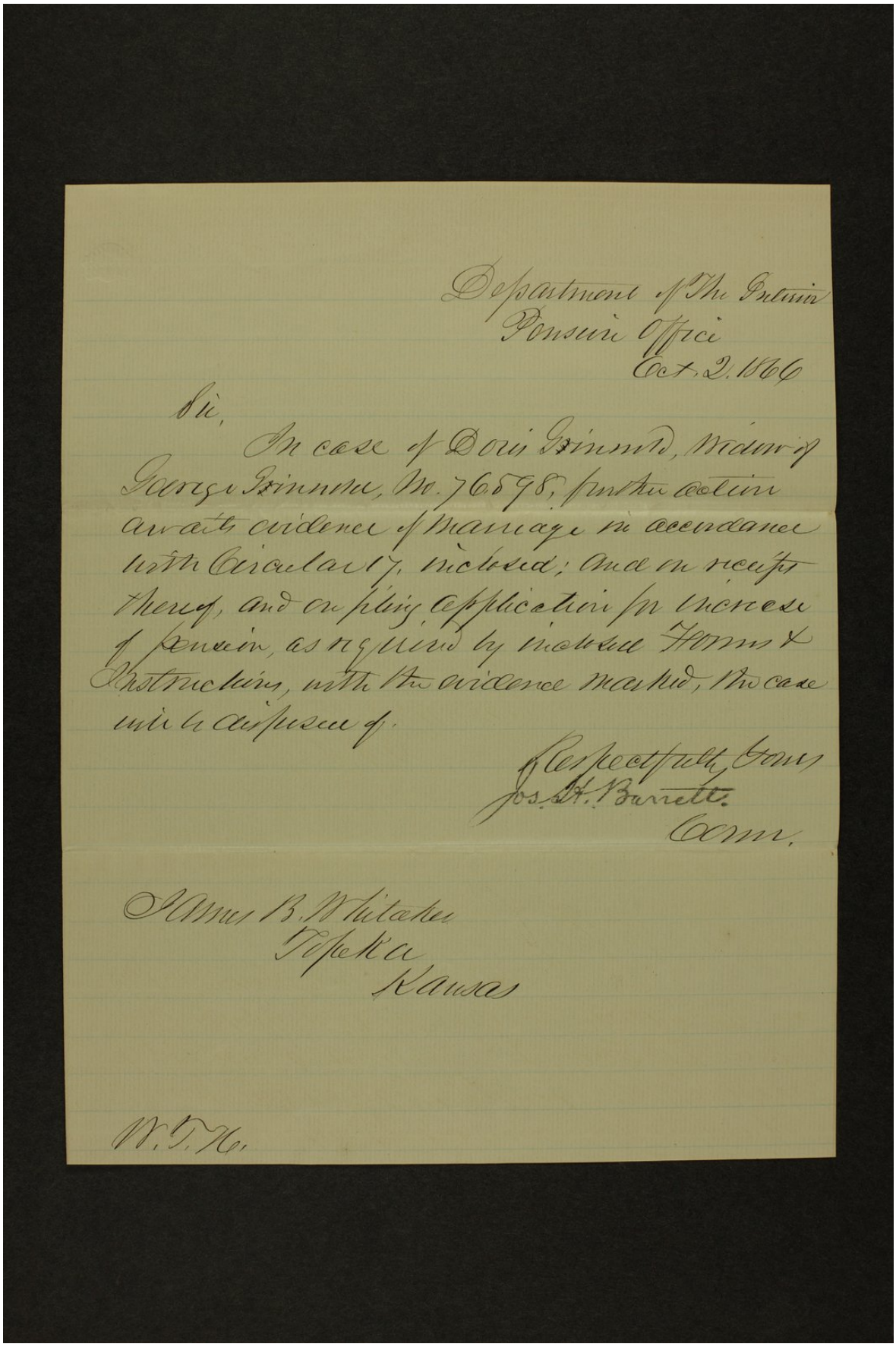
Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner.

Jas. B. Whitaker Esq

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Department of the Interior
Pension Office
Oct. 2. 1866

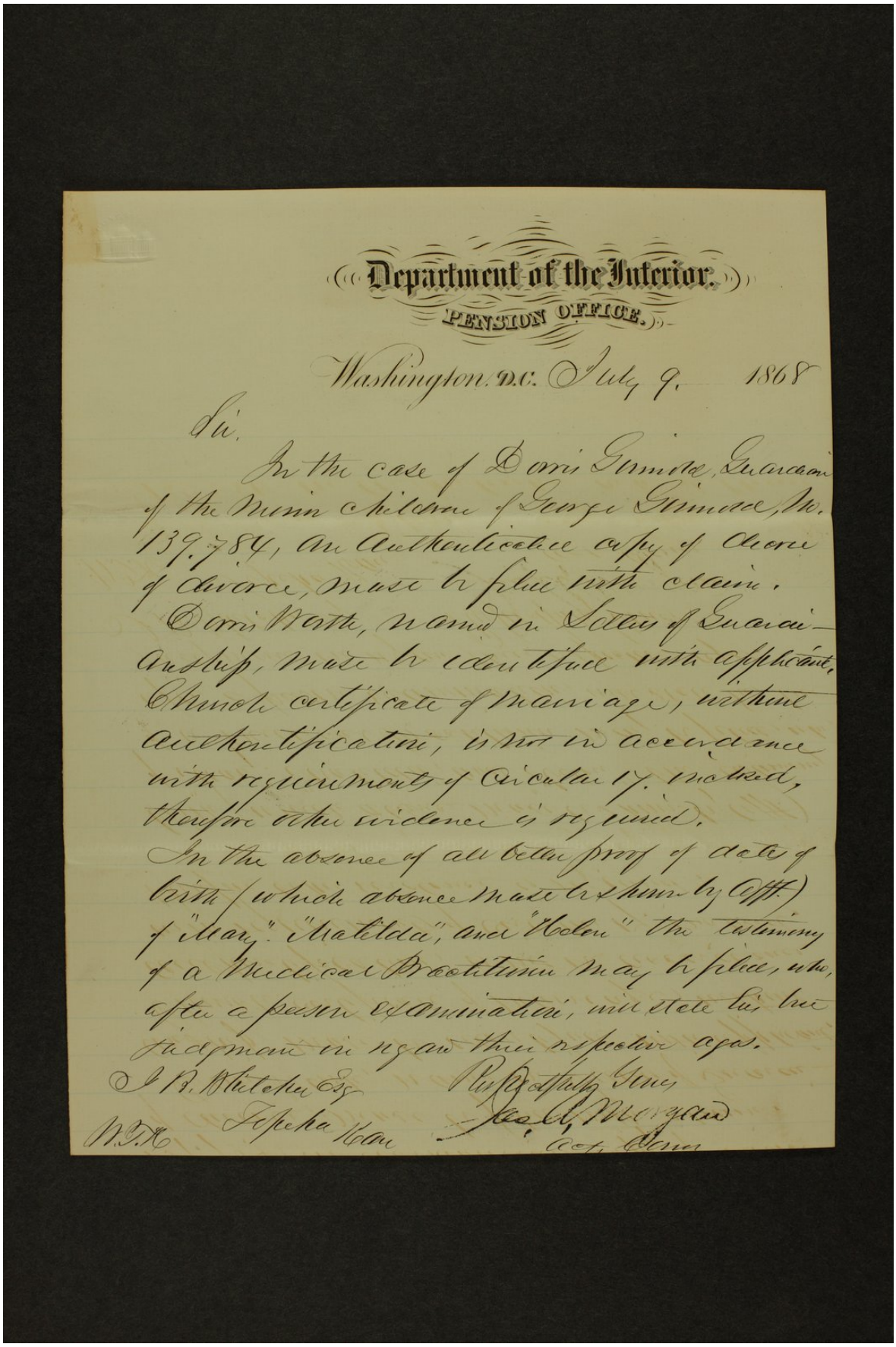
Sir,

In case of Dori Simmons, Widow of
George Simmons, No. 76598, you will obtain
an affidavit evidence of marriage in accordance
with Circular 7, inclosed; and on receipt
thereof, and on filing application for increase
of pension, as required by inclosed Forms &
Instructions, with the evidence marked, the case
will be disposed of.

Respectfully Yours
Jos. H. Barrett.
Comr.

James B. Whitaker
Topeka
Kansas

W. T. M.



Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington. D.C. July 9. 1868

Sir.

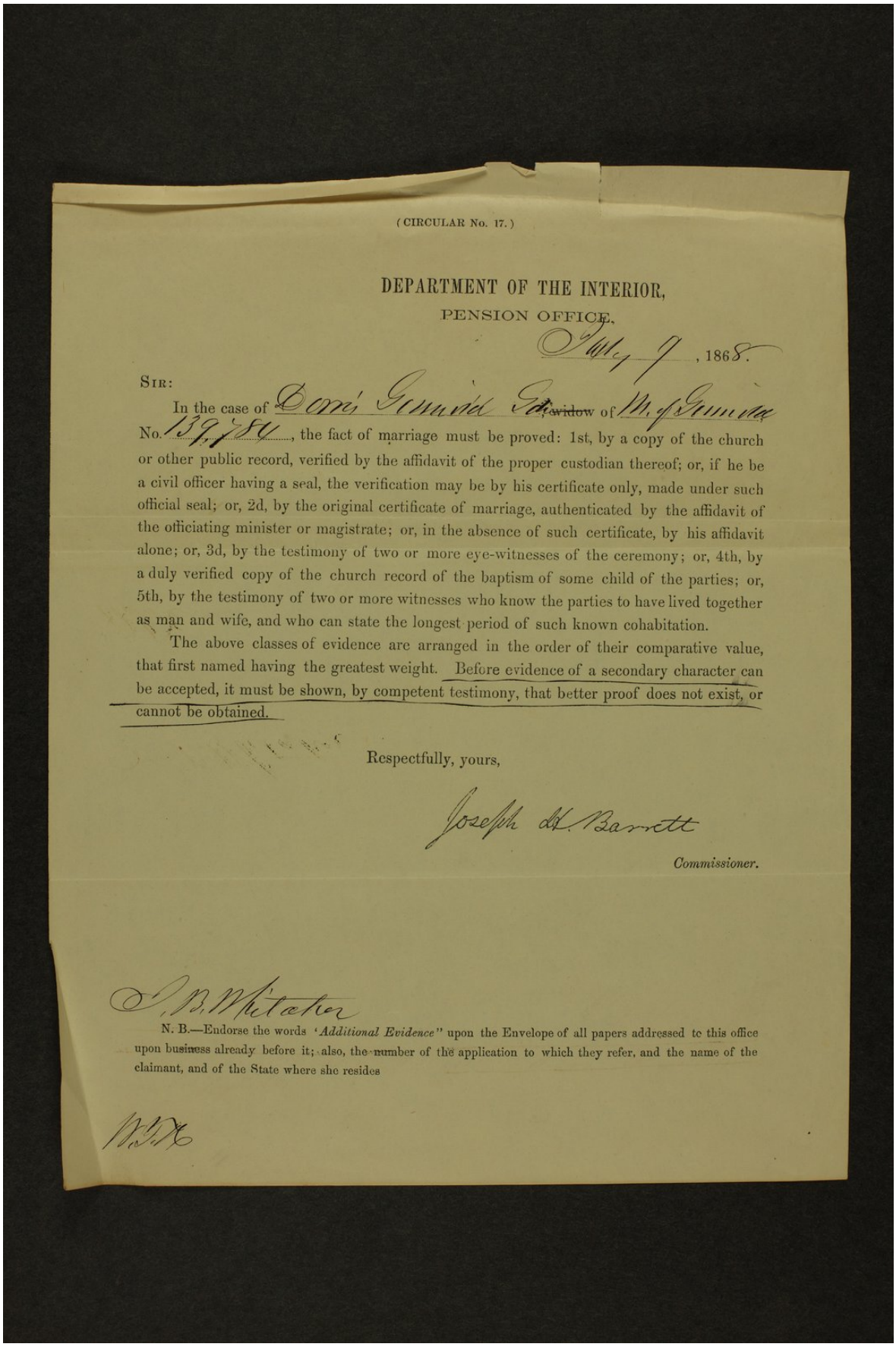
In the case of Dorri Gunnis, Guardian of the Minor children of George Gunnis, No. 139,784, an Authenticated copy of decree of divorce, must be filed with claim.

Dorri North, named in letter of Guardianship, must be identified with applicant. Church certificate of marriage, without authentification, is not in accordance with requirements of Circular 17. dated, therefore other evidence is required.

In the absence of all better proof of date of birth (which absence must be shown by affd.) of "Mary." "Matilda", and "Helen" the testimony of a Medical Practitioner may be filed, who, after a personal examination, will state his best judgment in regard their respective ages.

J. B. Whitaker Esq
Topeka Kan

Respectfully Your
Obt. Servt.



(CIRCULAR No. 17.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
PENSION OFFICE,

July 7, 1868.

SIR:

In the case of Doné Genevieve Ed, ~~widow~~ of Wm. of Geneva No. 139,784, the fact of marriage must be proved: 1st, by a copy of the church or other public record, verified by the affidavit of the proper custodian thereof; or, if he be a civil officer having a seal, the verification may be by his certificate only, made under such official seal; or, 2d, by the original certificate of marriage, authenticated by the affidavit of the officiating minister or magistrate; or, in the absence of such certificate, by his affidavit alone; or, 3d, by the testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony; or, 4th, by a duly verified copy of the church record of the baptism of some child of the parties; or, 5th, by the testimony of two or more witnesses who know the parties to have lived together as man and wife, and who can state the longest period of such known cohabitation.

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Respectfully, yours,

Joseph H. Barrett

Commissioner.

J. B. Whitaker

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PENSION OFFICE,

Dec 23 1864

SIR:

The claim of Doris Grinnold

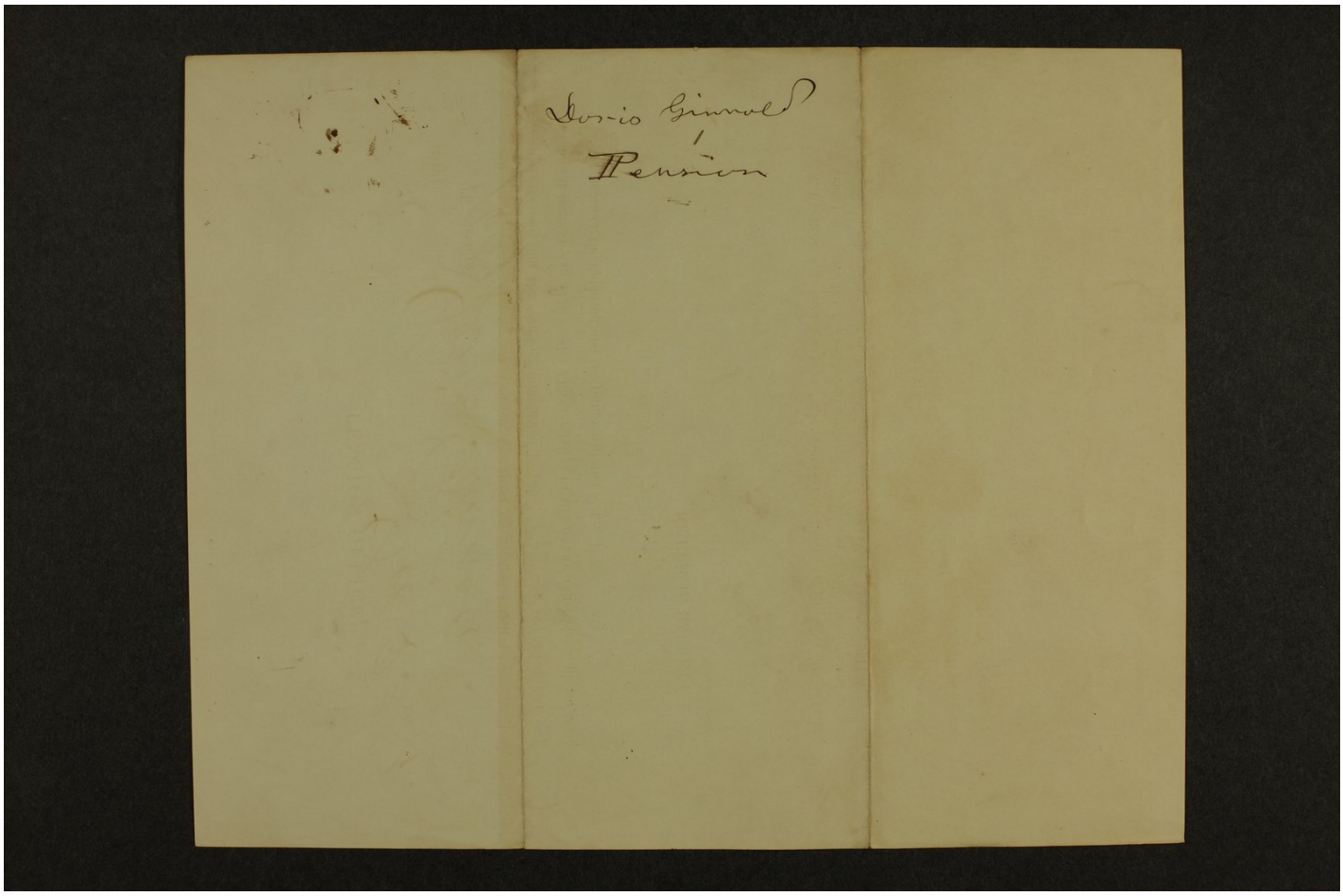
No. 76598 for Pension, has been received, and will be examined at an early date, and the result communicated to you. In any communication you may find it necessary to address the Office relative to this or any other claim, please state the name of the applicant and the number of the claim.

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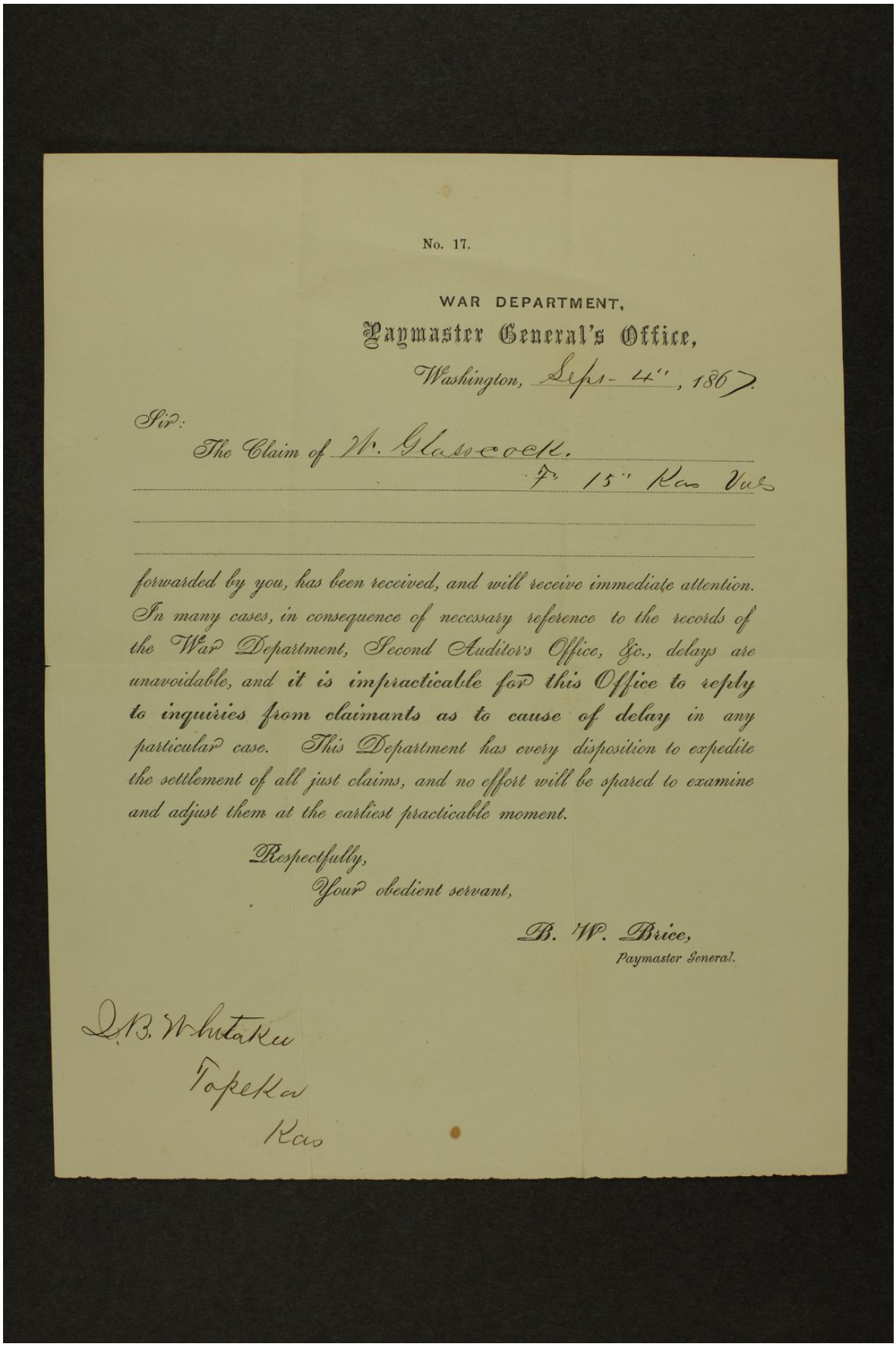
JOSEPH H. BARRETT,
Commissioner.

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No. 17.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Paymaster General's Office,
Washington, Sept 4th, 1867.

Sir:

The Claim of W. Glasscock.
Pr 15th Kas Vols

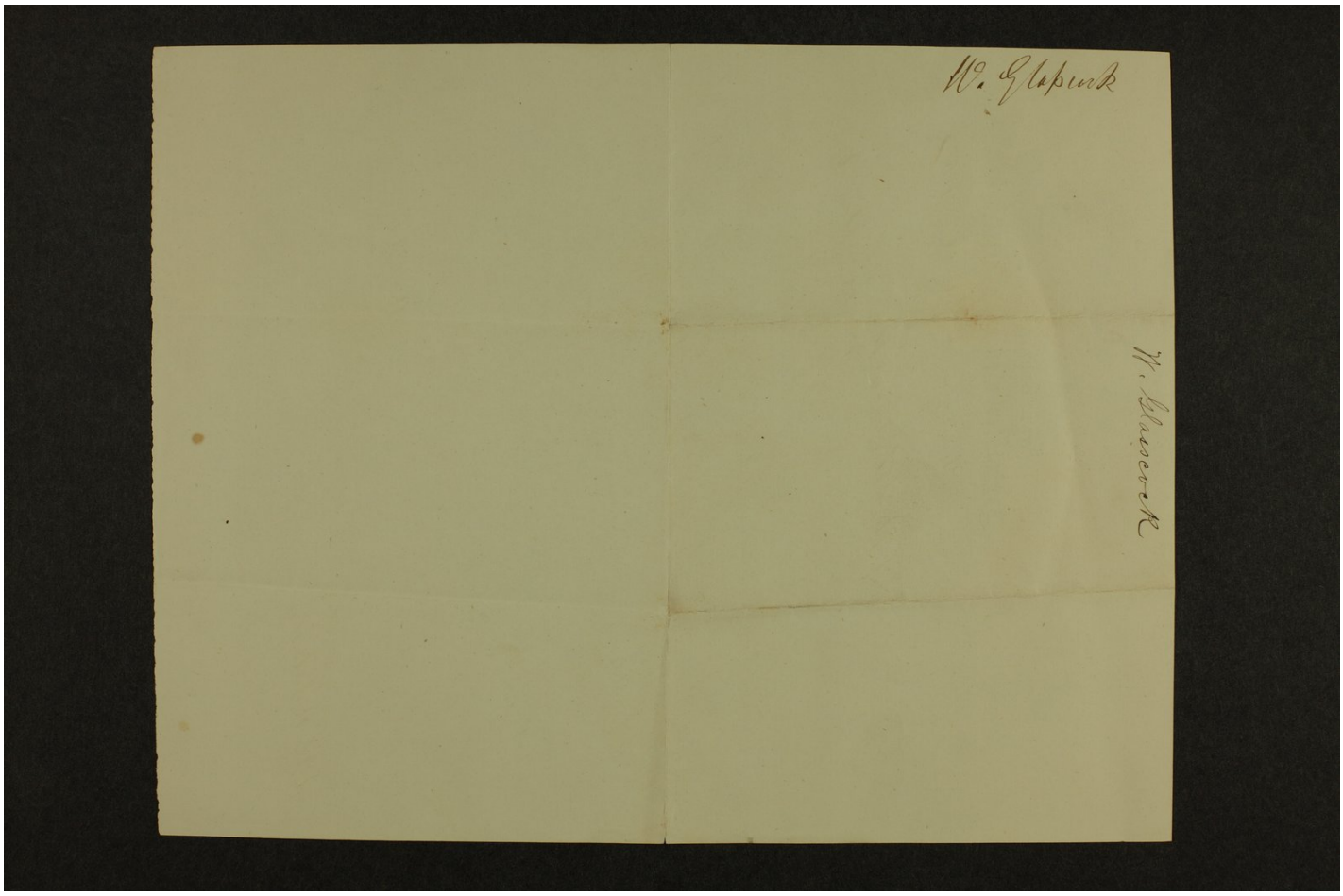
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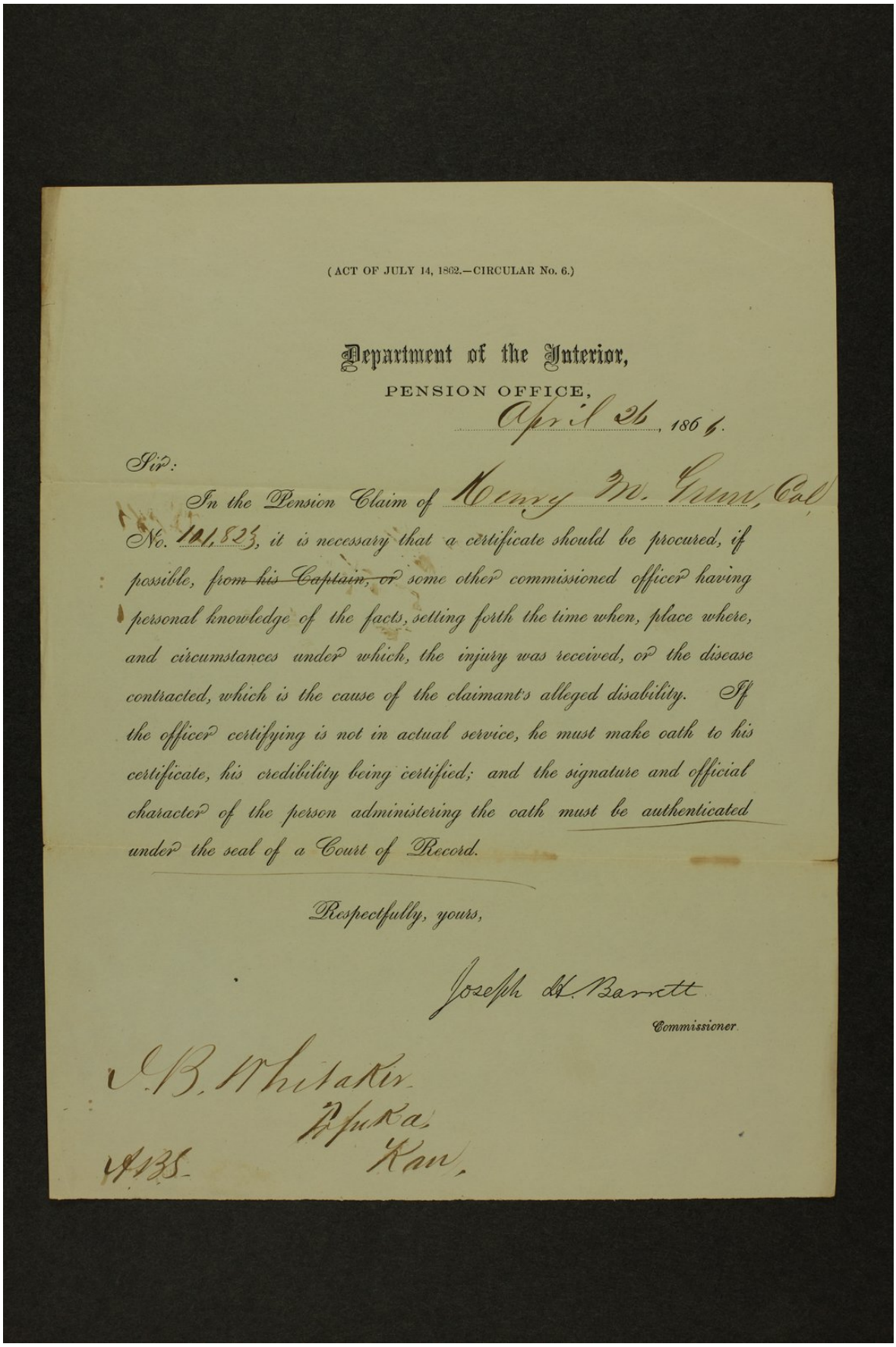
B. W. Brice,
Paymaster General.

J. B. Whitaker
Topeka
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(ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.—CIRCULAR No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,
April 26, 1866.

Sir:

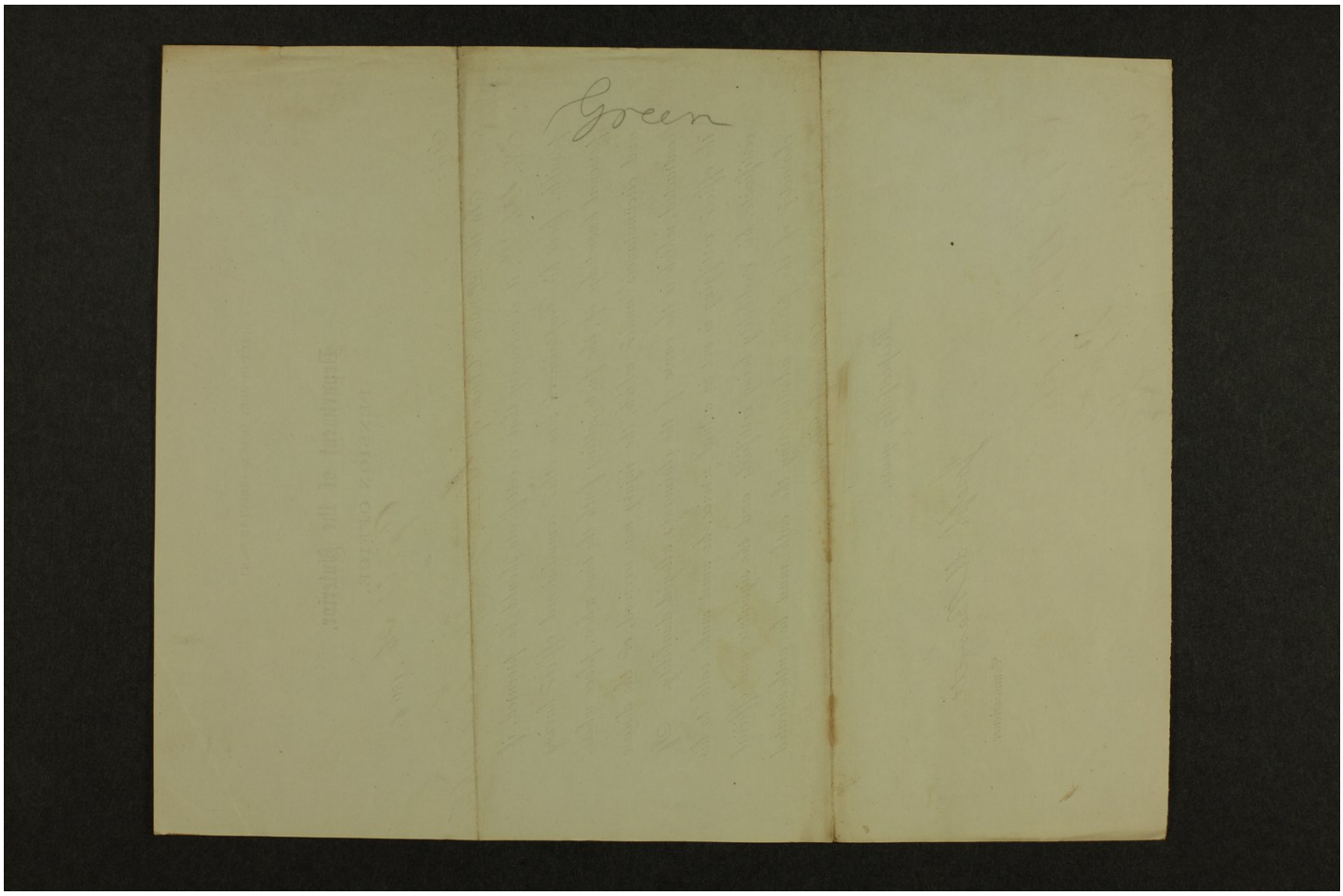
In the Pension Claim of Henry W. Gunn, Cal
No. 101,823, it is necessary that a certificate should be procured, if possible, ~~from his Captain, or~~ some other commissioned officer having personal knowledge of the facts, setting forth the time when, place where, and circumstances under which, the injury was received, or the disease contracted, which is the cause of the claimant's alleged disability. If the officer certifying is not in actual service, he must make oath to his certificate, his credibility being certified; and the signature and official character of the person administering the oath must be authenticated under the seal of a Court of Record.

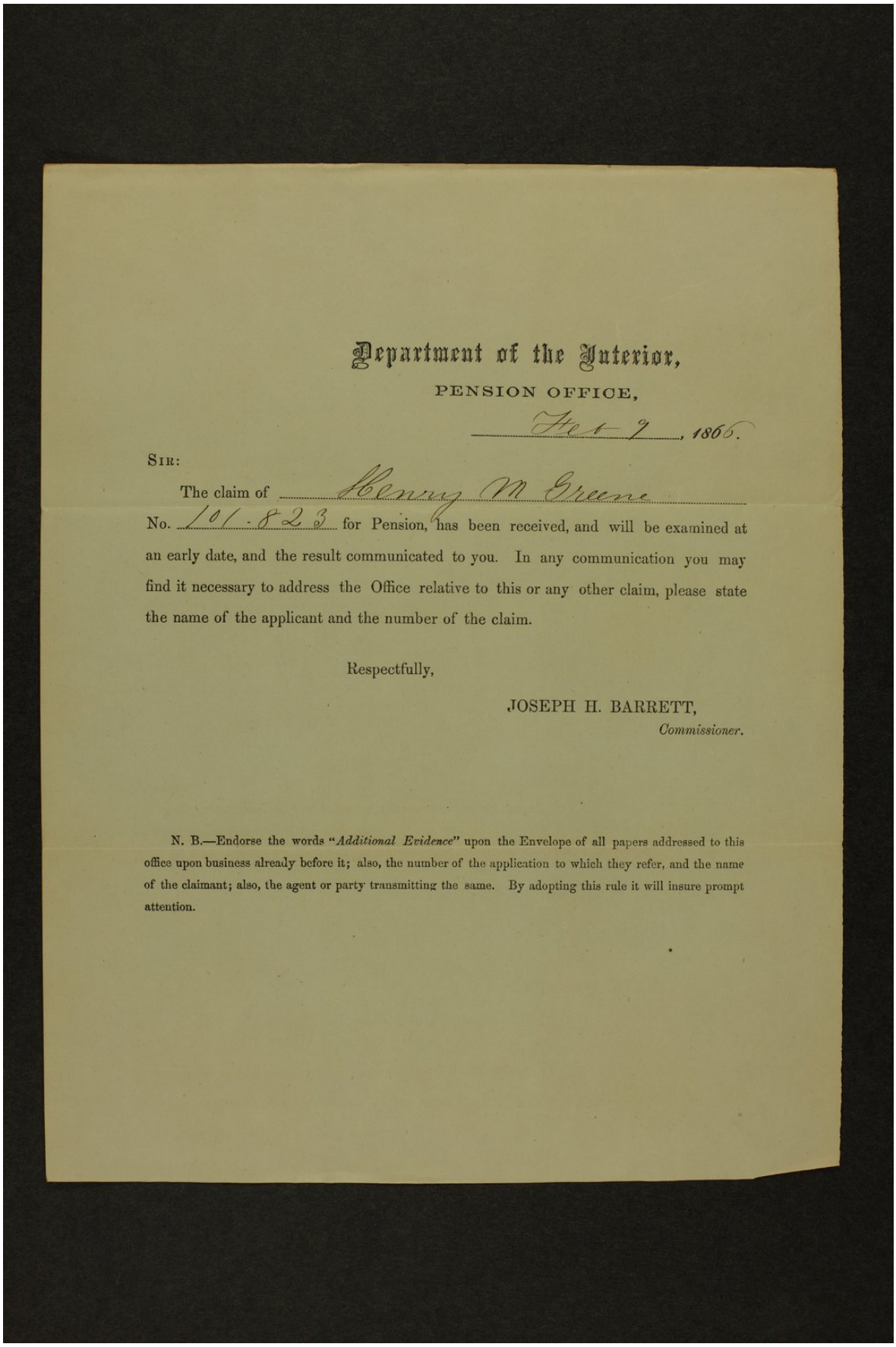
Respectfully, yours,

Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner.

N. B. Whitaker
Topeka
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Department of the Interior,

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Feb 7, 1865.

SIR:

The claim of Henry M Greene

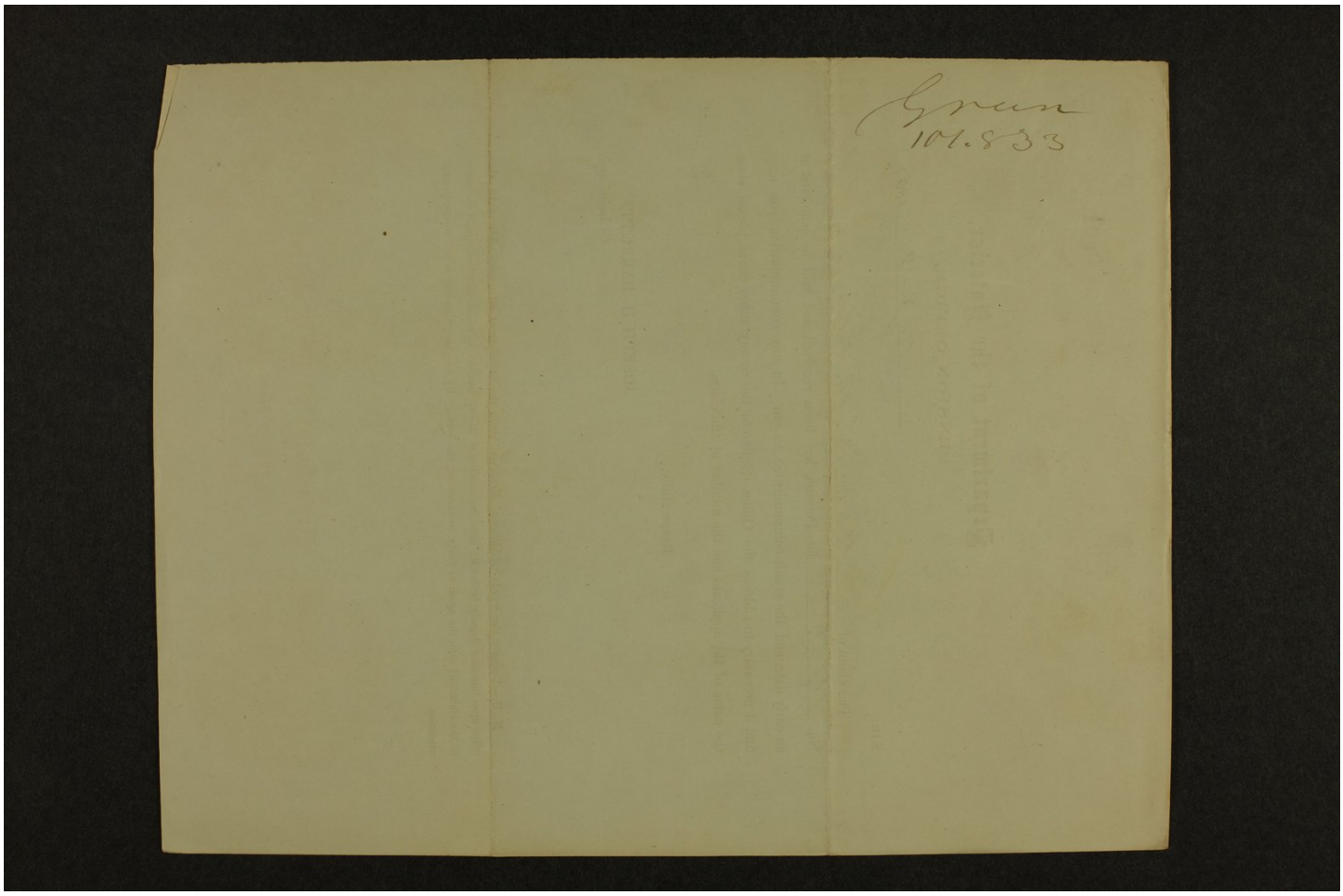
No. 101-823 for Pension, has been received, and will be examined at an early date, and the result communicated to you. In any communication you may find it necessary to address the Office relative to this or any other claim, please state the name of the applicant and the number of the claim.

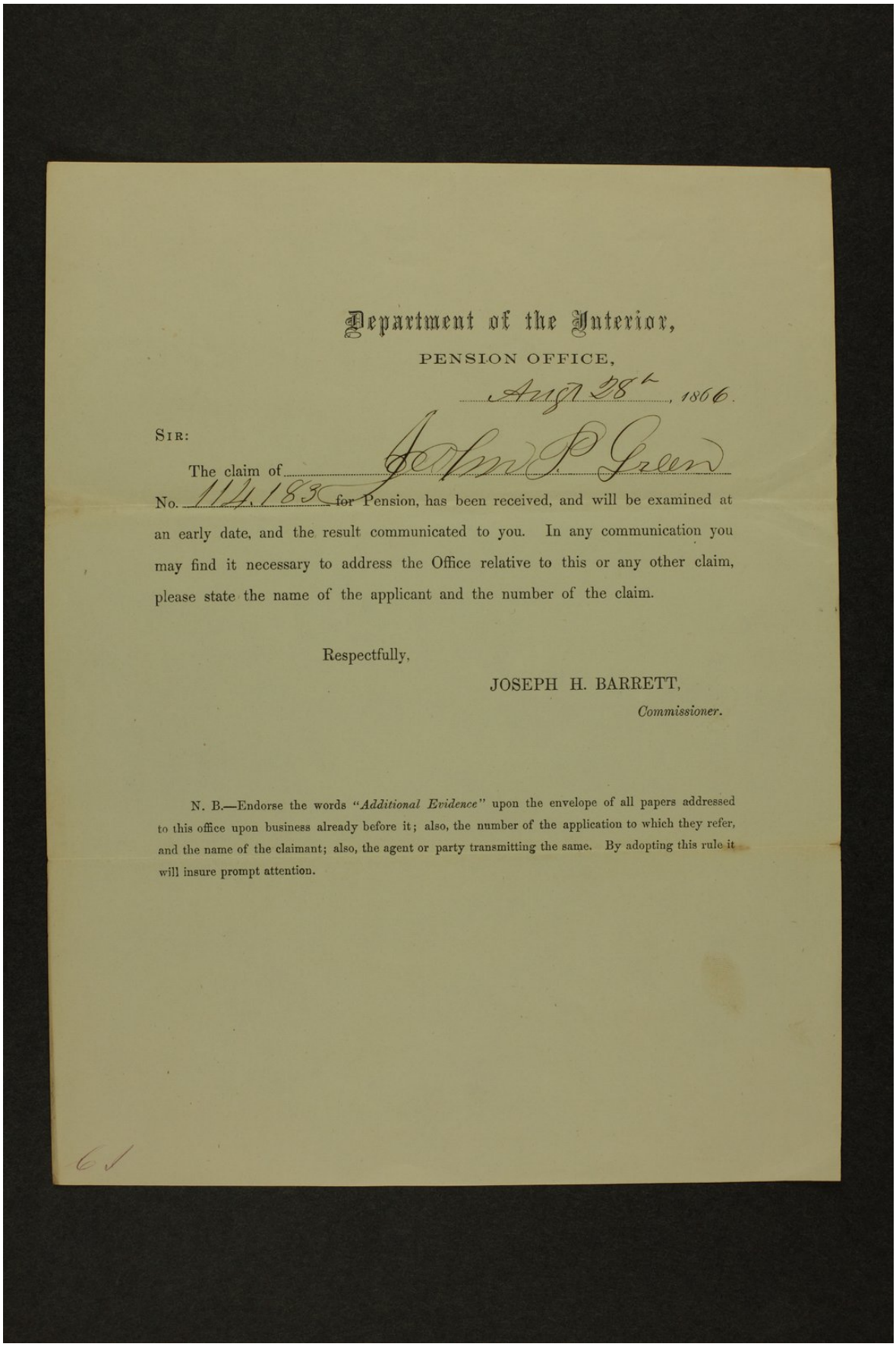
Respectfully,

JOSEPH H. BARRETT,
Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Augt 28th, 1866.

SIR:

The claim of John P. Green

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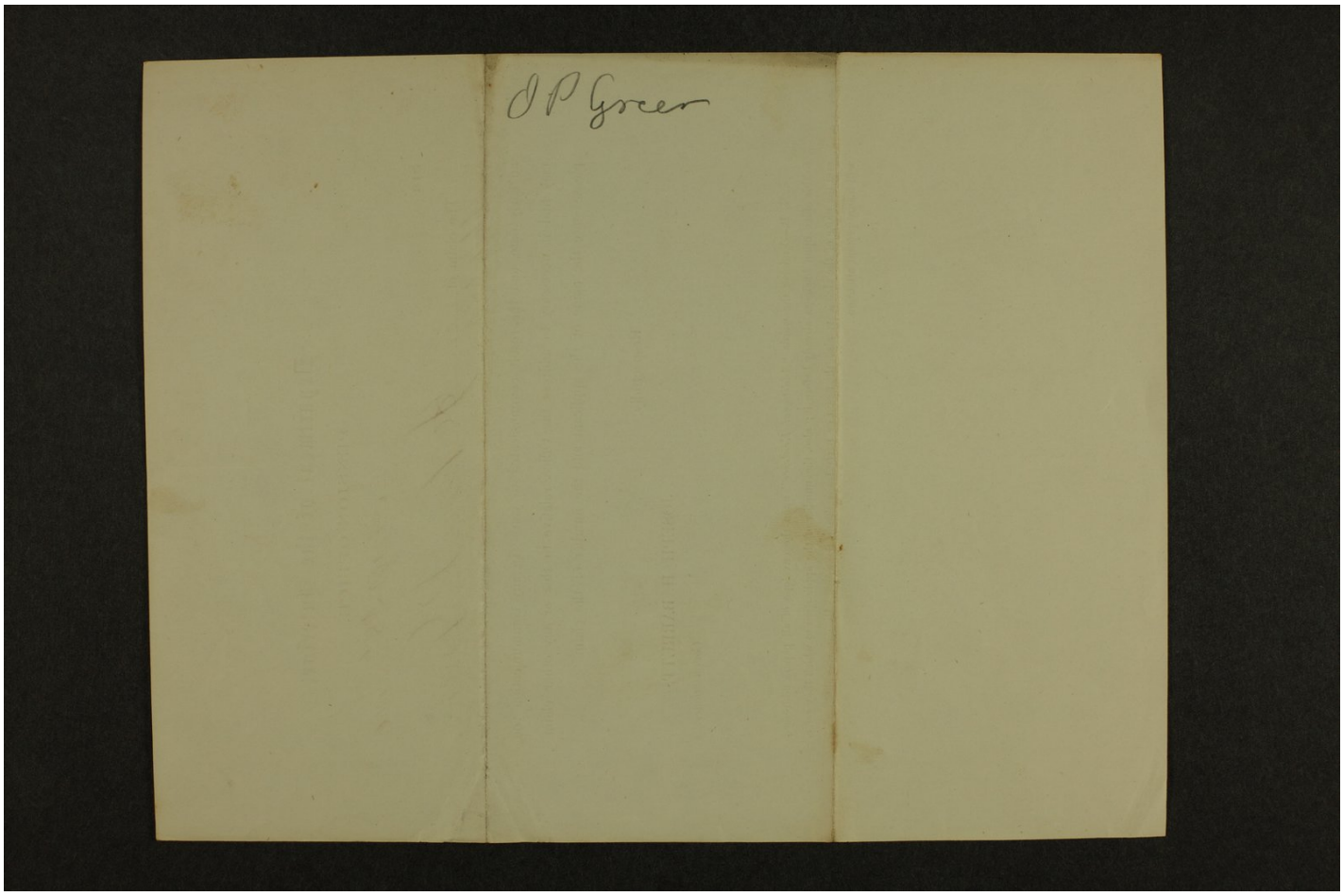
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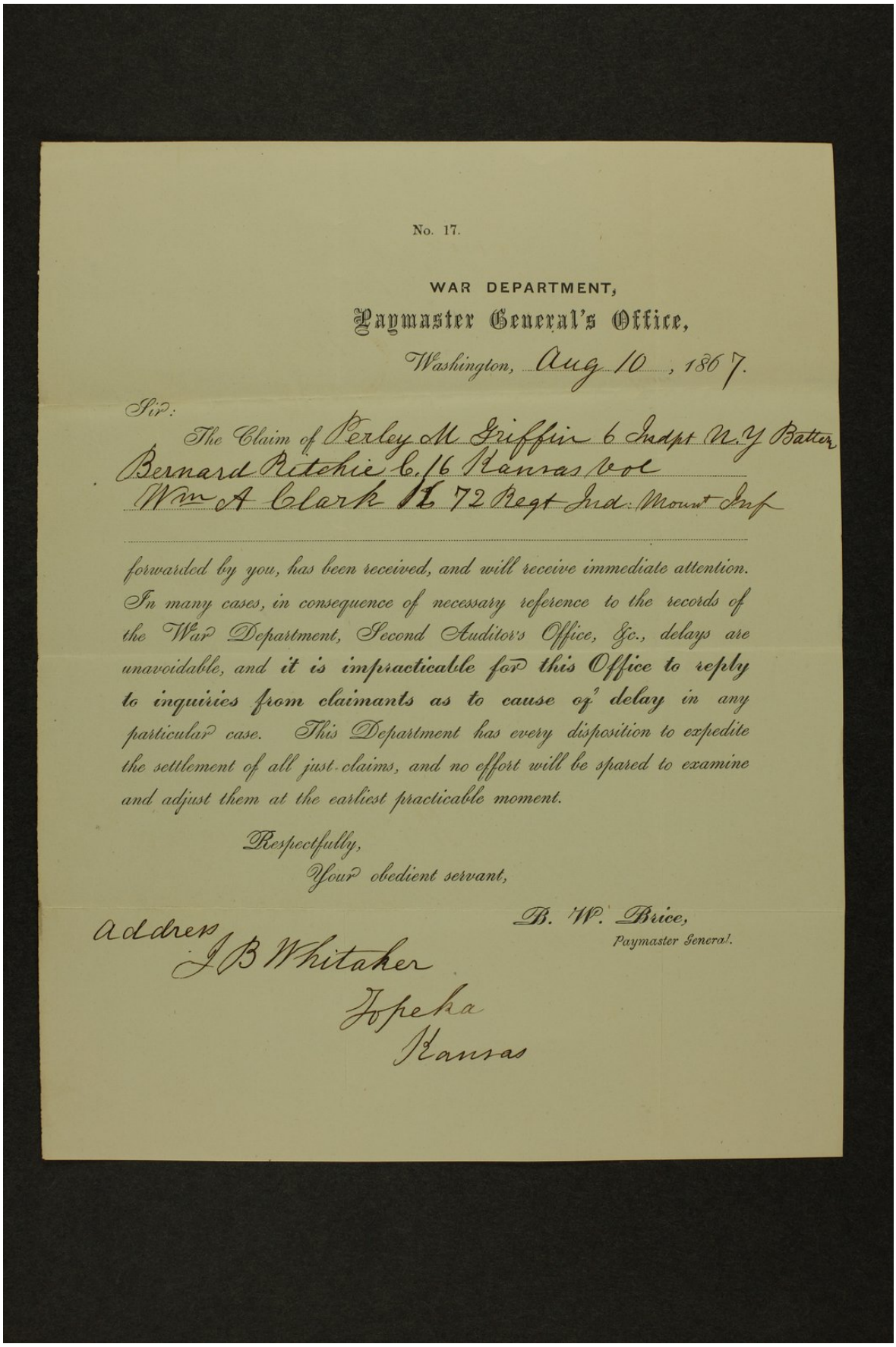
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No. 17.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Paymaster General's Office,
Washington, Aug 10, 1867.

Sir:

The Claim of Perley M Griffin 6 Indpt N.Y Battery
Bernard Ritchie 6/16 Kansas Vol
Wm A Clark K 72 Regt Ind. Mount Inf

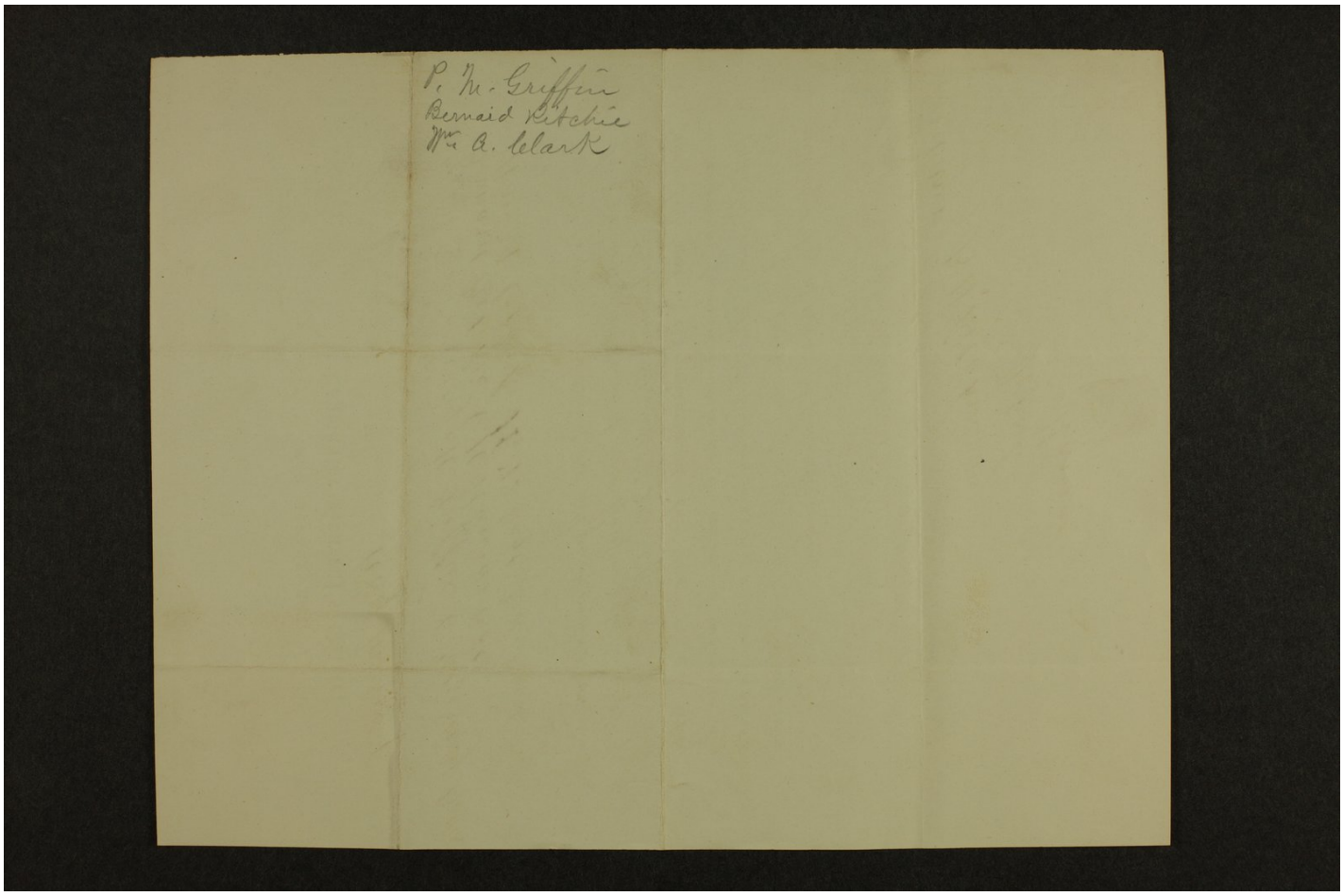
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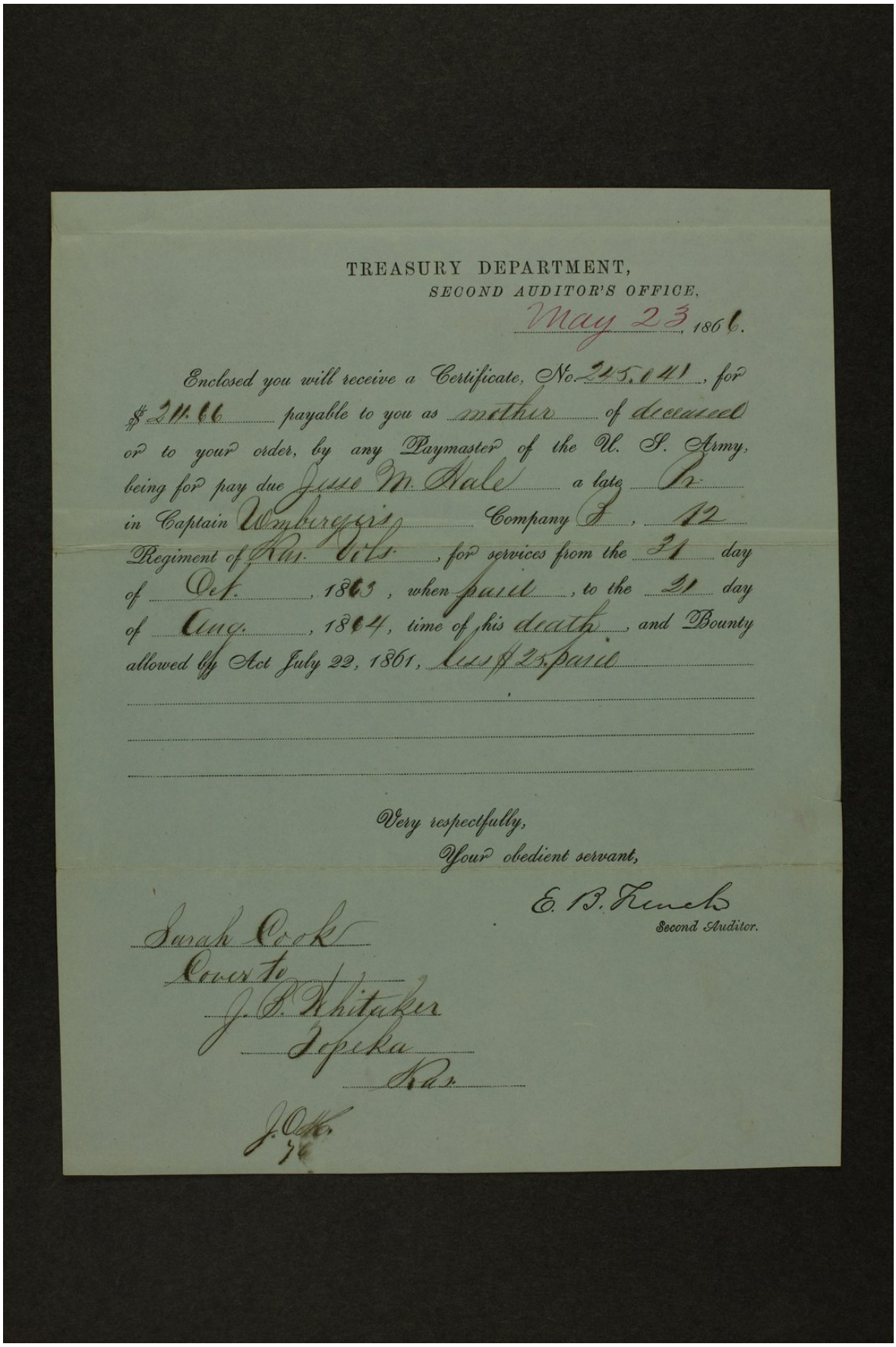
B. W. Brice,
Paymaster General.

address
J B Whitaker
Topeka
Kansas

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
May 23, 1866.

Enclosed you will receive a Certificate, No. 225,041, for $21.66 payable to you as mother of deceased or to your order, by any Paymaster of the U. S. Army, being for pay due Jesse M. Hale a late Pr. in Captain Wimberger's Company E, 12 Regiment of Kas. Cavs., for services from the 21 day of Oct. 1863, when paid, to the 21 day of Aug. 1864, time of his death, and Bounty allowed by Act July 22, 1861, less $25 paid

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
E. B. Finch
Second Auditor.

Sarah Cook
Care to
J. B. Whitaker
Topeka
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J. O. K.
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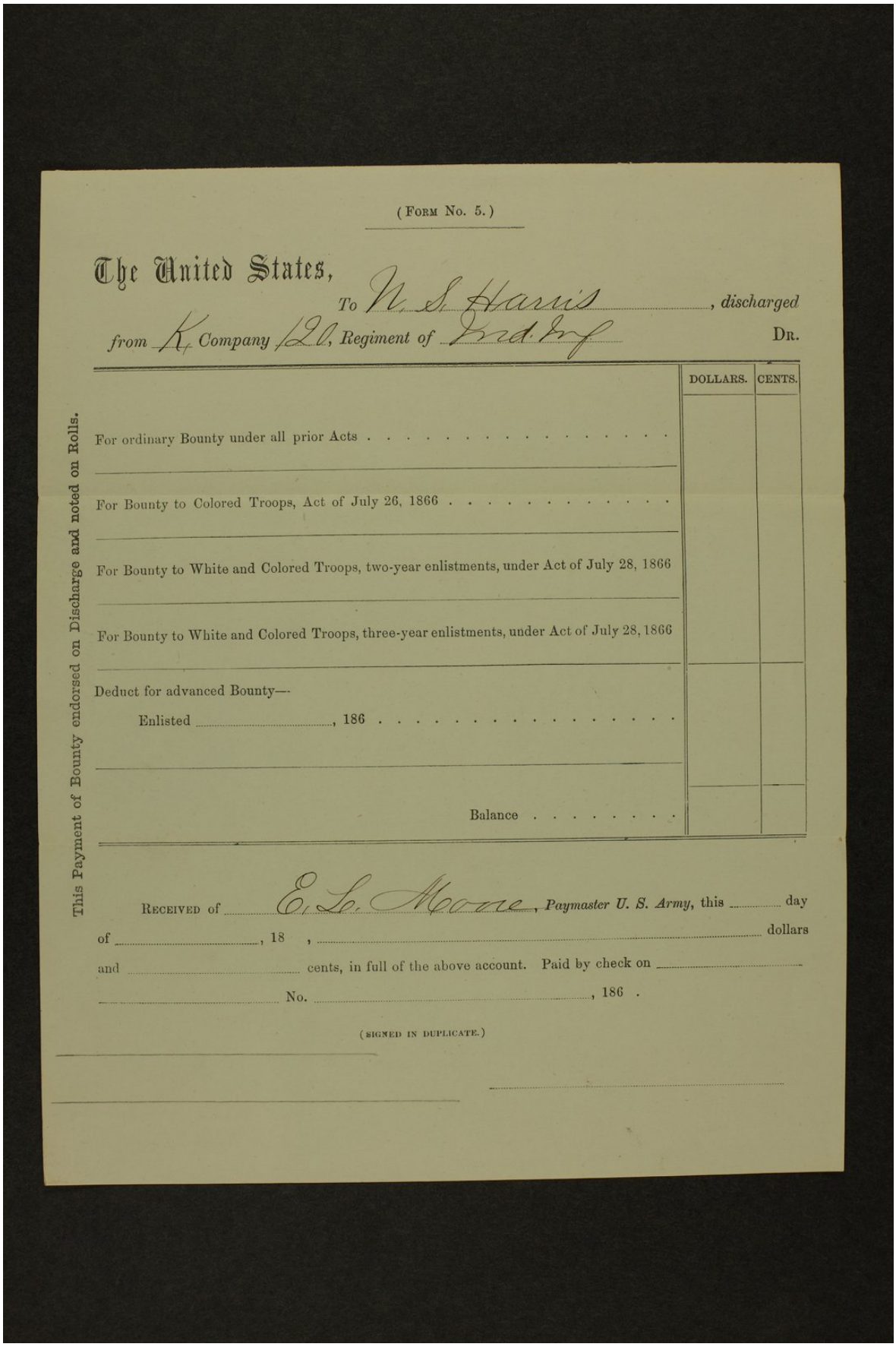
[FORM G.]

PAYMASTERS PAYING SECOND AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES, AND WHERE LOCATED.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.	STATES.	LOCAL PAYMASTERS.
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	New Hampshire	Concord.
	Vermont	Boston.
	Massachusetts	
	Rhode Island	Hartford.
	Connecticut	New York City
	New York	
B. W. BRICE, Baltimore, Maryland	New Jersey	Trenton.
	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia. Harrisburg.
	Delaware	Baltimore.
	Maryland	
R. G. USHER, Fort Monroe	East Virginia	Norfolk.
	North Carolina	
Lieut. Col. H. LEONARD, Wheeling, Va	West Virginia	Pittsburg.
	West Pennsylvania	
DANIEL MCCLURE, Indianapolis	Ohio	Cincinnati. Columbus.
	Indiana	Indianapolis.
	Illinois	Chicago. Springfield.
	Wisconsin	Madison. Milwaukie.
	Michigan	Detroit.
JAMES H. PHINNEY, St. Paul	Minnesota	
E. E. PAULDING, Washington, D. C.	Washington	Washington, D. C.
	Middle Virginia, and Maryland, west of Chesapeake Bay	
F. E. HUNT, Fort Leavenworth	Kansas	Fort Leavenworth.
WILL CUMBACK, Cincinnati, Ohio	Kentucky	Louisville.
	East Tennessee	
N. W. BROWN, St. Louis, Missouri	Missouri	St. Louis, Missouri.
	Arkansas	
	Iowa	
GEORGE L. FEBIGER, St. Louis, Missouri	West Tennessee	Memphis.
	Mississippi	
W. R. GIBSON, New Orleans	Louisiana	
	Texas	
R. A. KINZIE, Santa Fé	New Mexico	
	Arizona	
GEO. H. RINGGOLD, San Francisco	California	Fort Vancouver.
	Oregon	
	Nevada	
	Utah	
	Washington and Idaho Territories	

☞Certificates sent to the above Superintending Paymasters will be paid by them, or, by their order, by some proper Paymaster.

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(Form No. 5.)

The United States,

To N. S. Harris, discharged

from K Company 120 Regiment of 3rd Inf Dr.

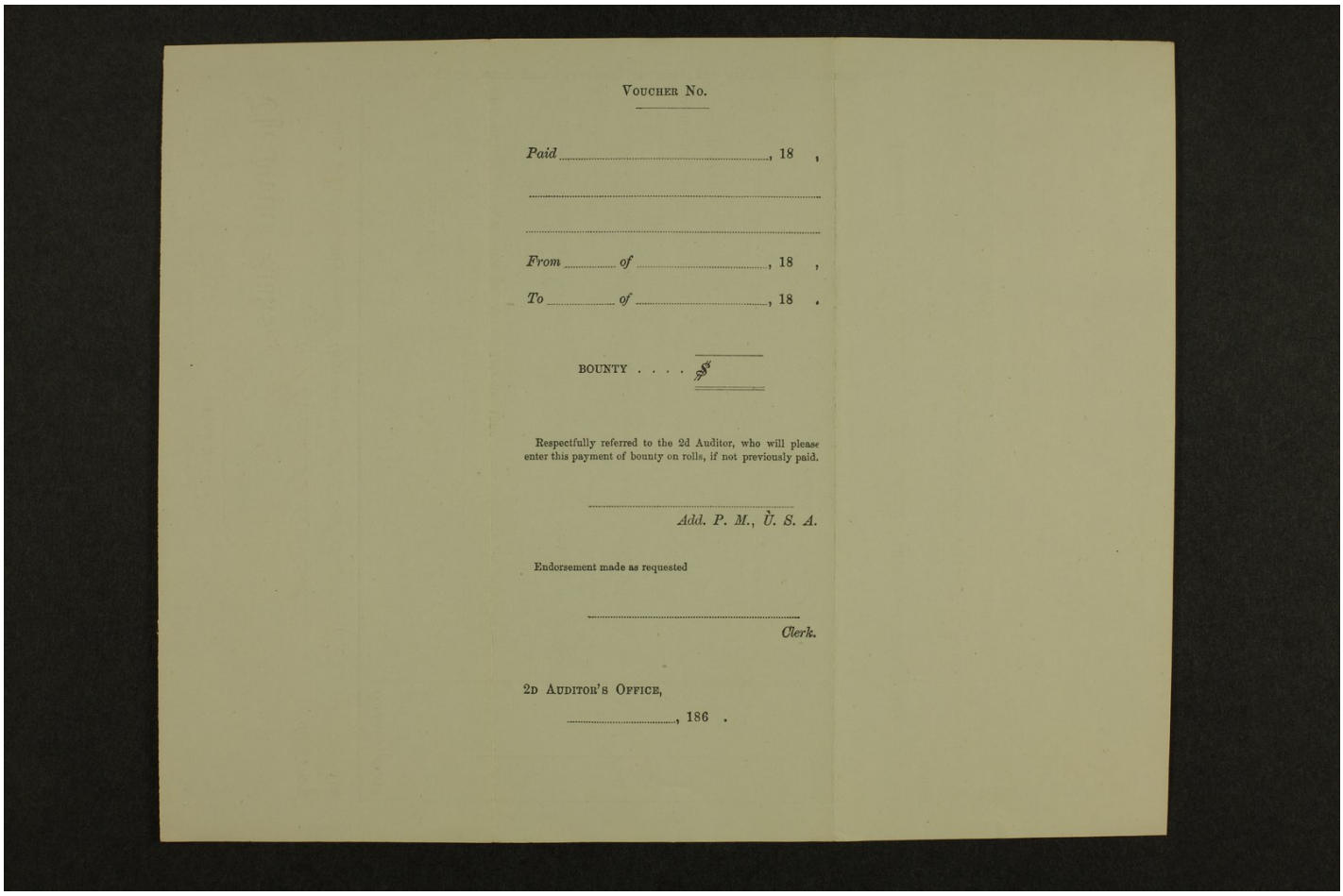
	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
For ordinary Bounty under all prior Acts		
For Bounty to Colored Troops, Act of July 26, 1866		
For Bounty to White and Colored Troops, two-year enlistments, under Act of July 28, 1866		
For Bounty to White and Colored Troops, three-year enlistments, under Act of July 28, 1866		
Deduct for advanced Bounty— Enlisted ....., 186		
Balance		

This Payment of Bounty endorsed on Discharge and noted on Rolls.

Received of E. L. Moore, *Paymaster U. S. Army*, this ..... day of ....., 18 , ... dollars and ..... cents, in full of the above account. Paid by check on ..... No. ....., 186 .

(signed in duplicate.)

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VOUCHER No.

Paid ....., 18 ,

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From ..... *of* ....., 18 ,

To ..... *of* ....., 18 .

BOUNTY . . . . $

Respectfully referred to the 2d Auditor, who will please enter this payment of bounty on rolls, if not previously paid.

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Add. P. M., U. S. A.

Endorsement made as requested

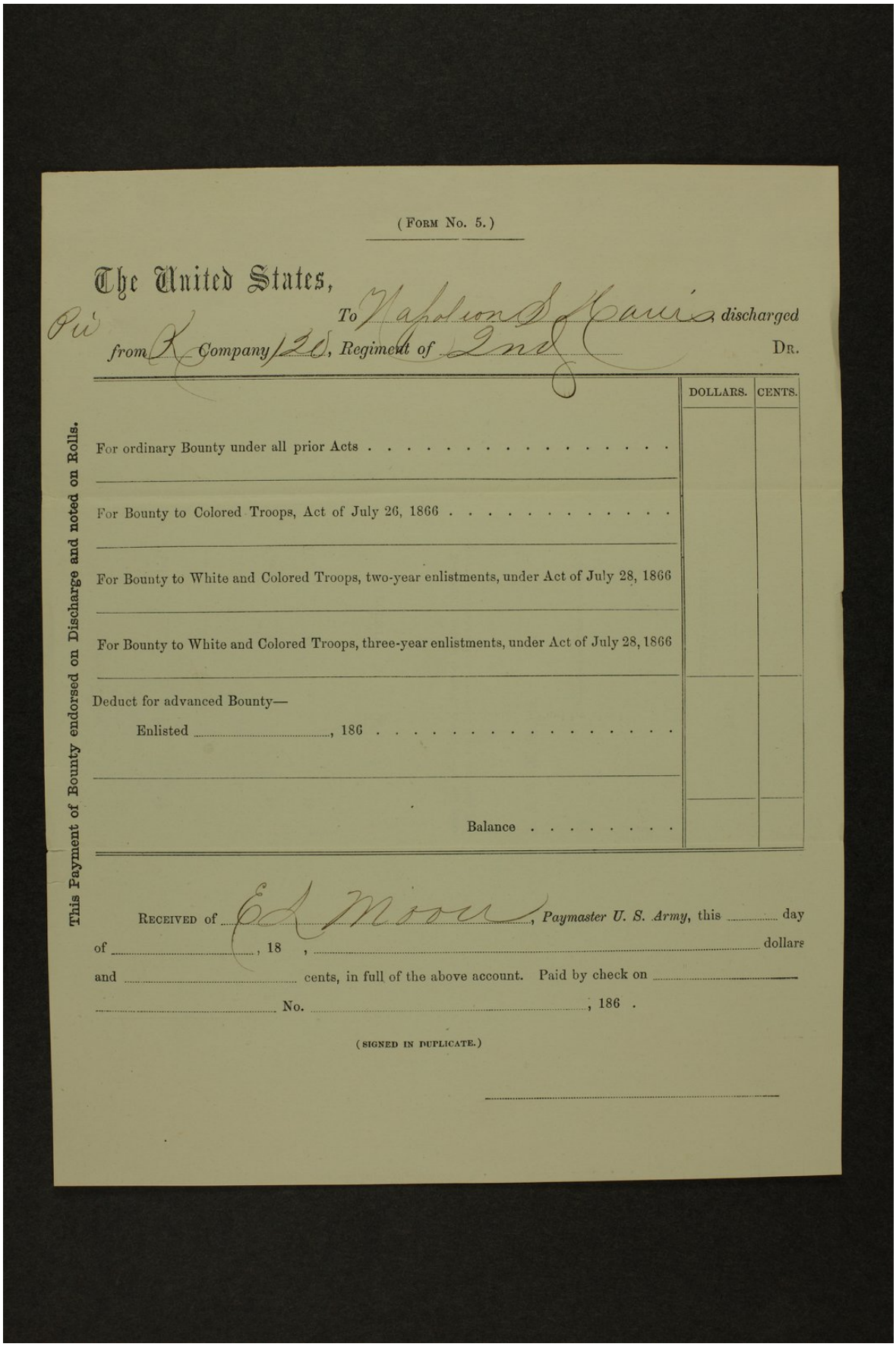
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Clerk.

2D AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

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(Form No. 5.)

The United States,

To Nahalon S. Harris, discharged

from K Company 20, Regiment of 2nd

Dr.

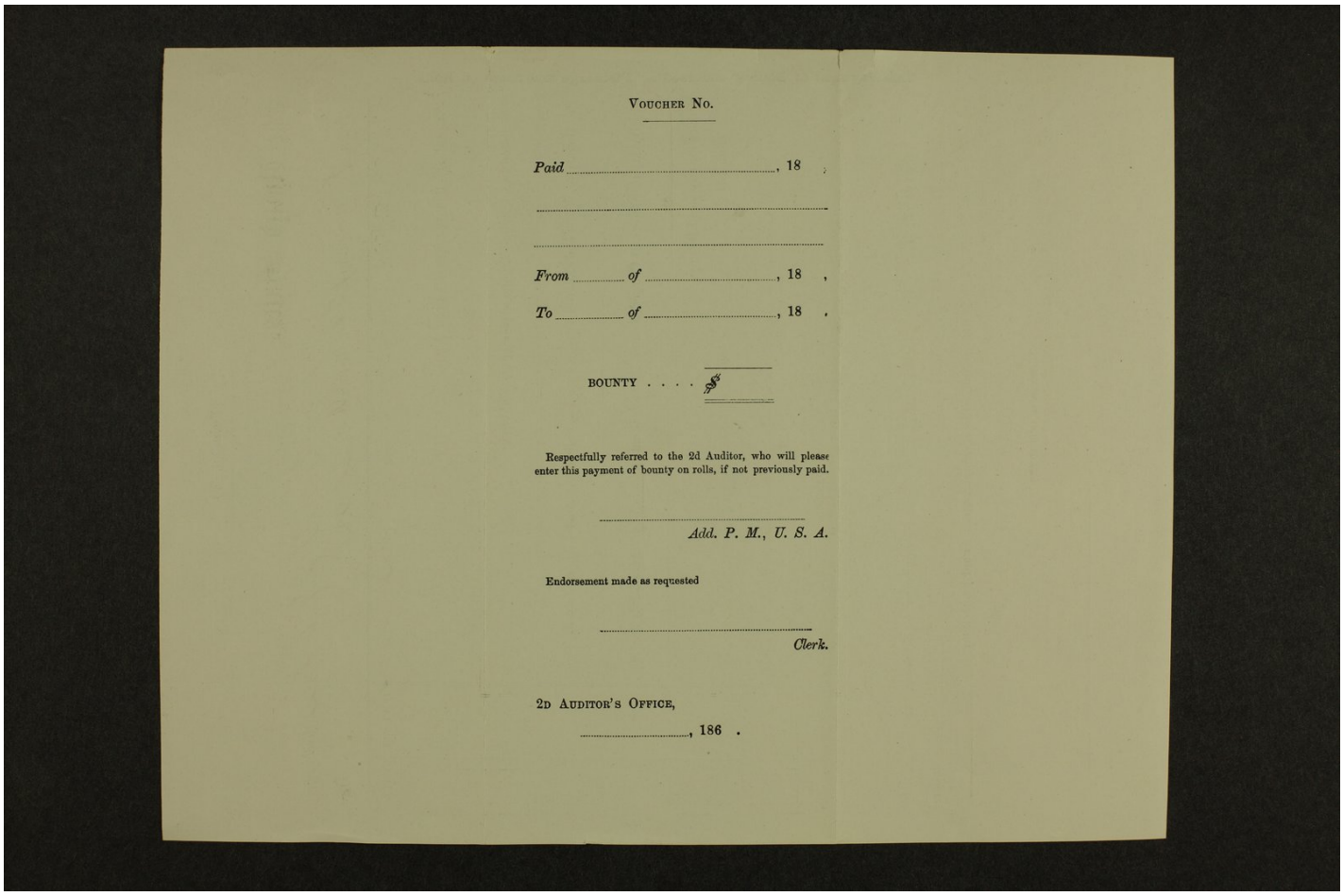
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This Payment of Bounty endorsed on Discharge and noted on Rolls.

Received of E. L. Moore, *Paymaster U. S. Army*, this ..... day of ....., 18 , ... dollars and ..... cents, in full of the above account. Paid by check on ..... No. ....., 186 .

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VOUCHER No.

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From ..... *of* ....., 18 ,

To ..... *of* ....., 18 .

BOUNTY . . . . $

Respectfully referred to the 2d Auditor, who will please enter this payment of bounty on rolls, if not previously paid.

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Add. P. M., U. S. A.

Endorsement made as requested

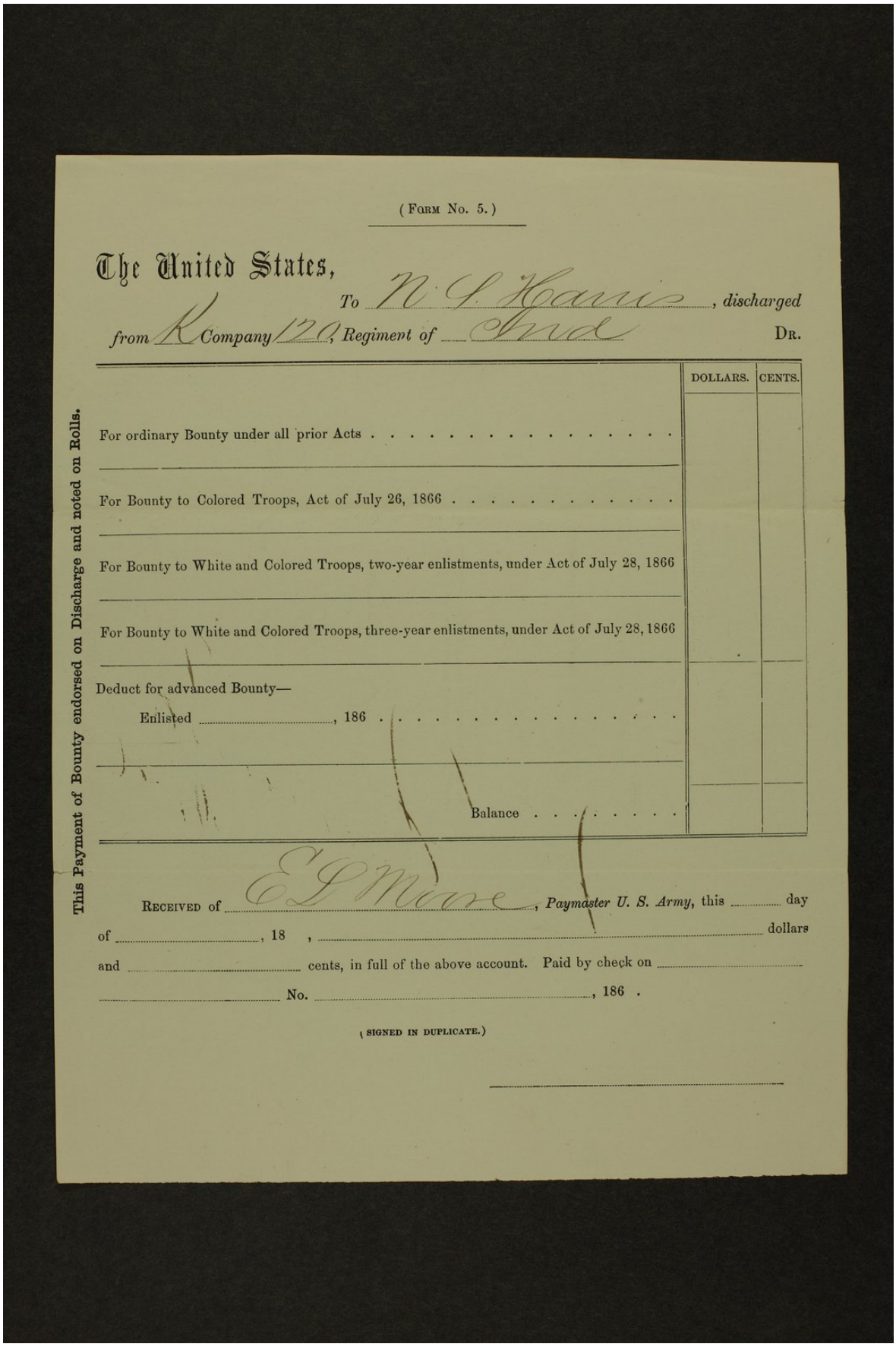
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(Form No. 5.)

The United States, To N. S. Harris, discharged from K Company 120 Regiment of Ind. Dr.

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
For ordinary Bounty under all prior Acts		
For Bounty to Colored Troops, Act of July 26, 1866		
For Bounty to White and Colored Troops, two-year enlistments, under Act of July 28, 1866		
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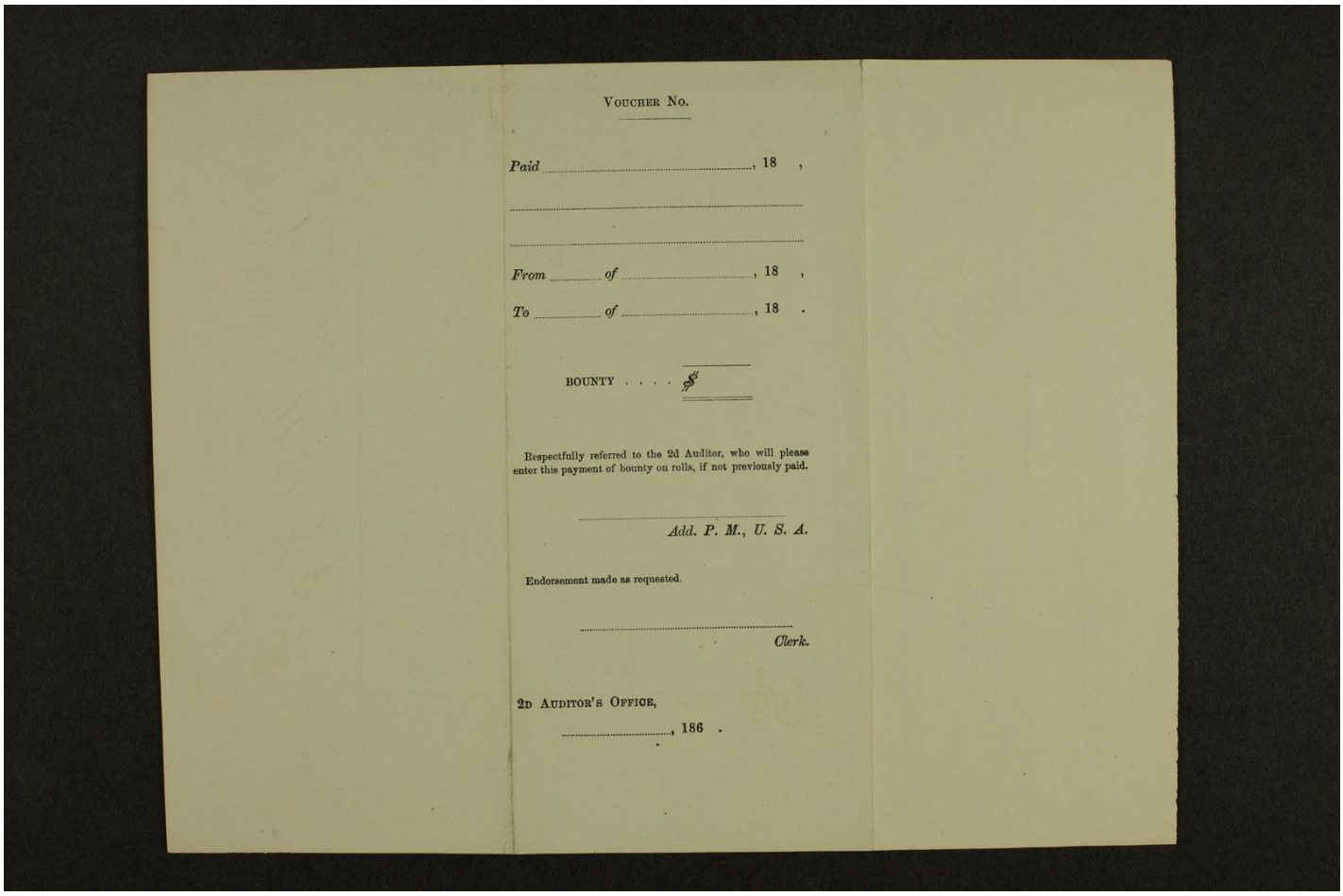
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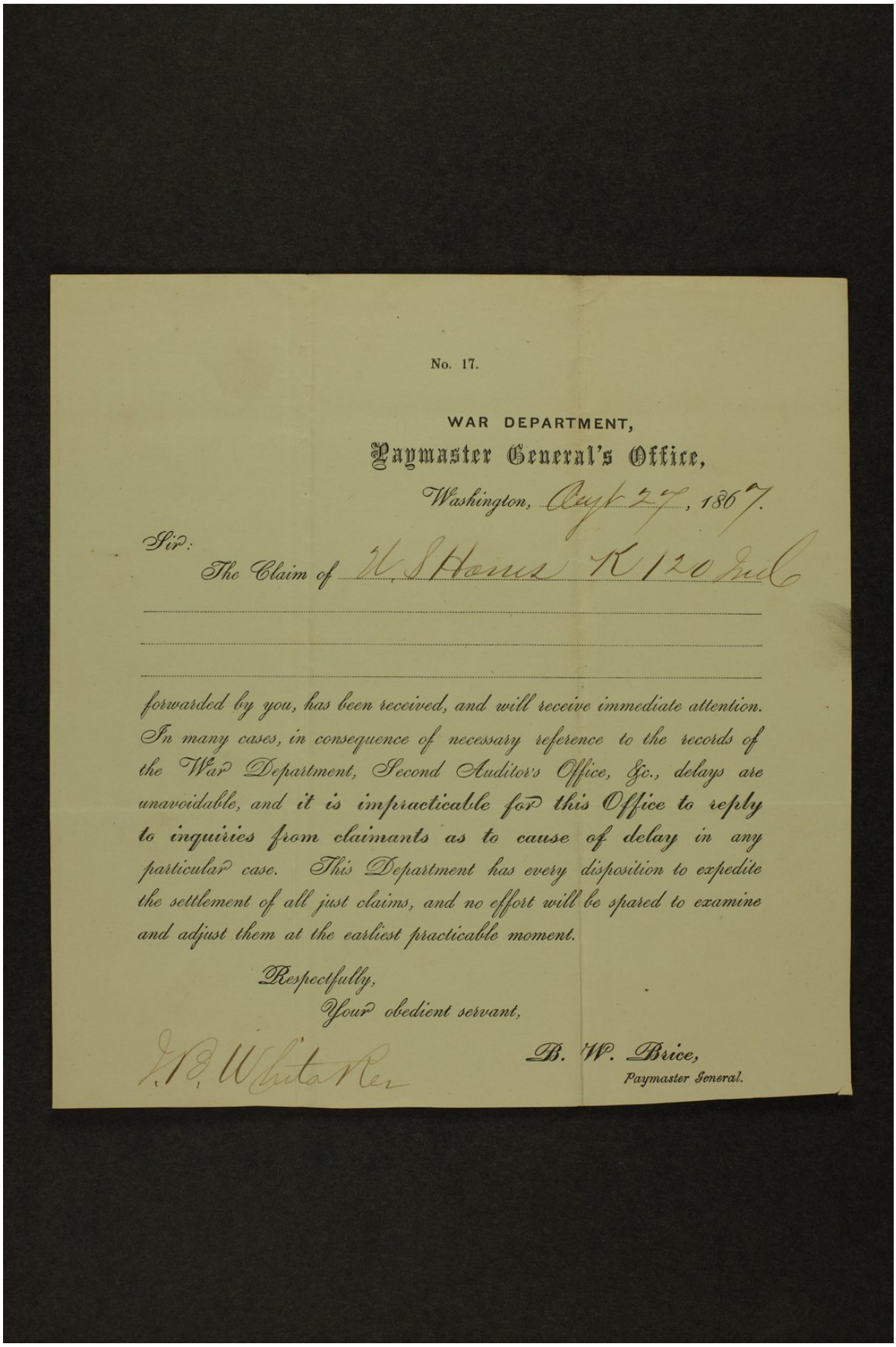
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No. 17.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Paymaster General's Office,

Washington, Aug 27, 1867.

Sir:

The Claim of W. S Hanes K 120 Ind C

forwarded by you, has been received, and will receive immediate attention. In many cases, in consequence of necessary reference to the records of the War Department, Second Auditor's Office, &c., delays are unavoidable, and **it is impracticable for this Office to reply to inquiries from claimants as to cause of delay** in any particular case. This Department has every disposition to expedite the settlement of all just claims, and no effort will be spared to examine and adjust them at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. B. Whitaker

B. W. Brice,
Paymaster General.

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