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In response to Indian attacks on frontier settlers, Governor Samuel J. Crawford was authorized by Congress to recruit a battalion of men to handle the crisis. This series of correspondence in Governor Crawford's papers contains many documents from men requesting commissions in the new battalion and permission to recruit soldiers. There are also letters from settlers documenting atrocities, asking for protection from hostile Indians, requesting compensation for stolen goods and livestock, and needing aid merely to survive after losing their supplies to Indian raids. A searchable transcription is available by clicking "Text Version" below. Funds for digitization provided by Mr. Steve Peckel in memory of William Chalfant.

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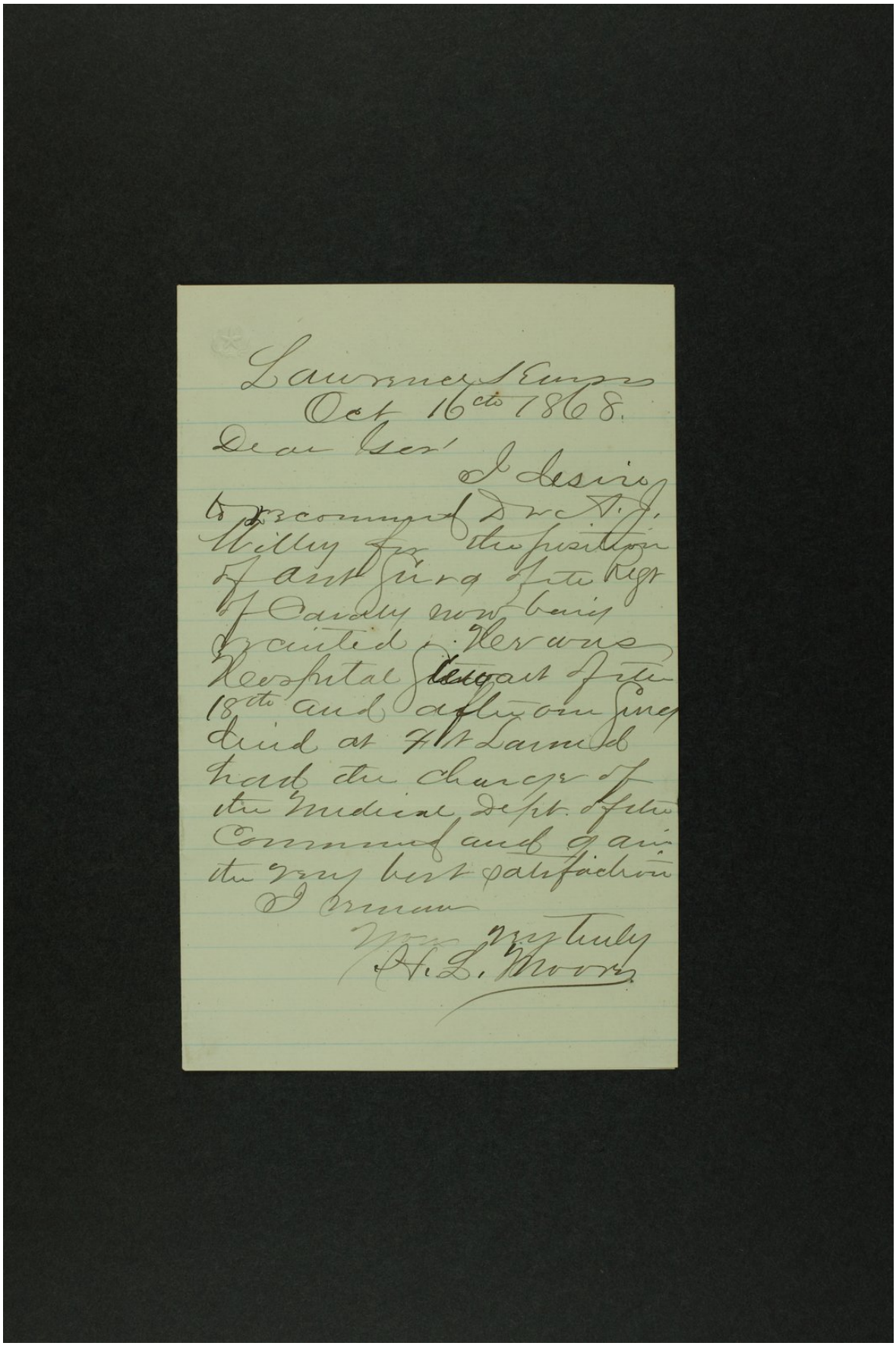
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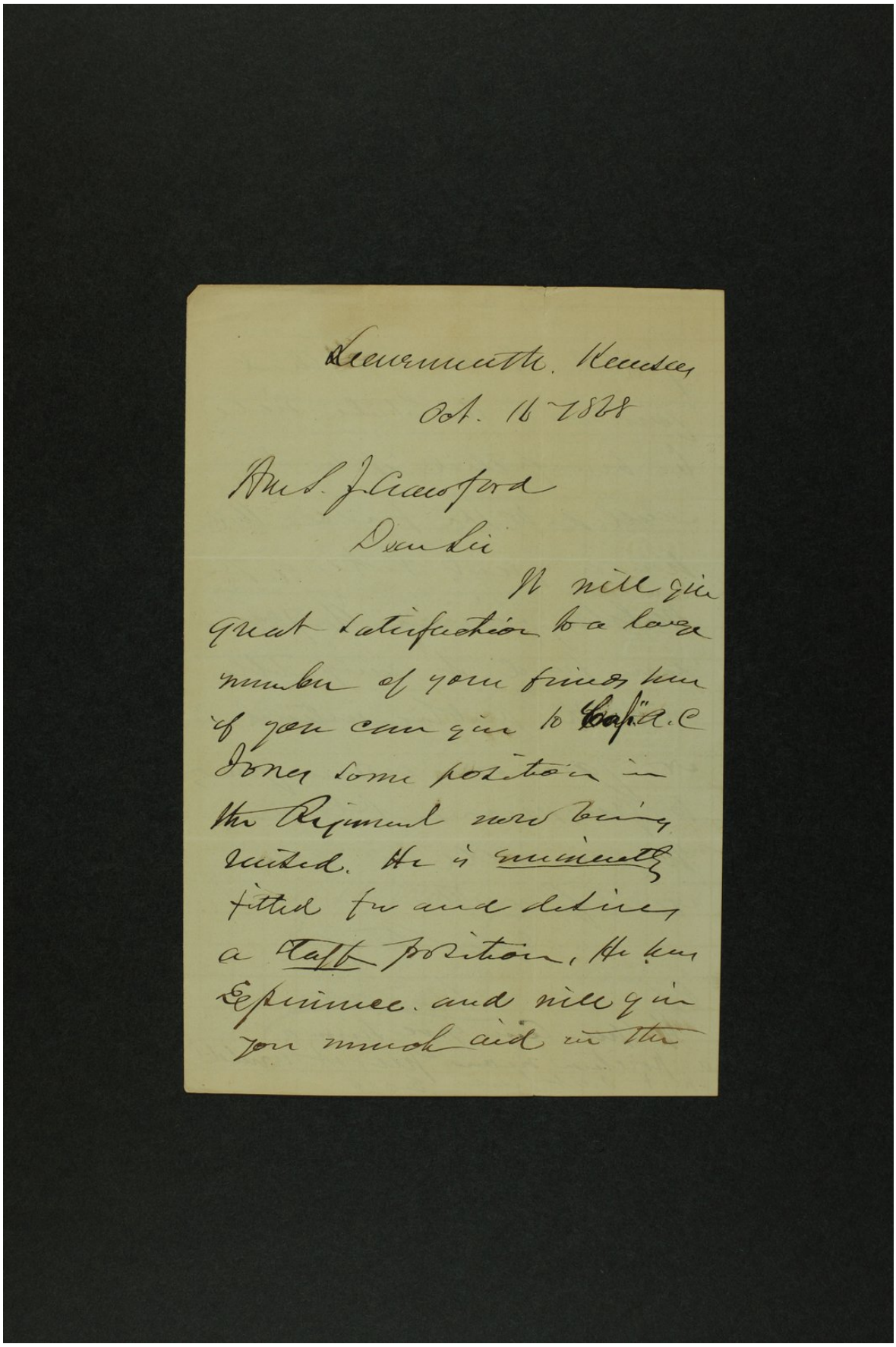


Lawrence Kans
Oct 16th 1868.

Dear Sir

I desire to recommend Dr. N. J. Willy for the position of Asst Surg 7th Regt of Cavalry now being raised. He was Hospital Steward from 1861 to 18th and after on Surg Staff at Ft Larned had the charge of the Medical Dept. of the Command and gave the very best satisfaction I know

Very truly
A. L. Moore

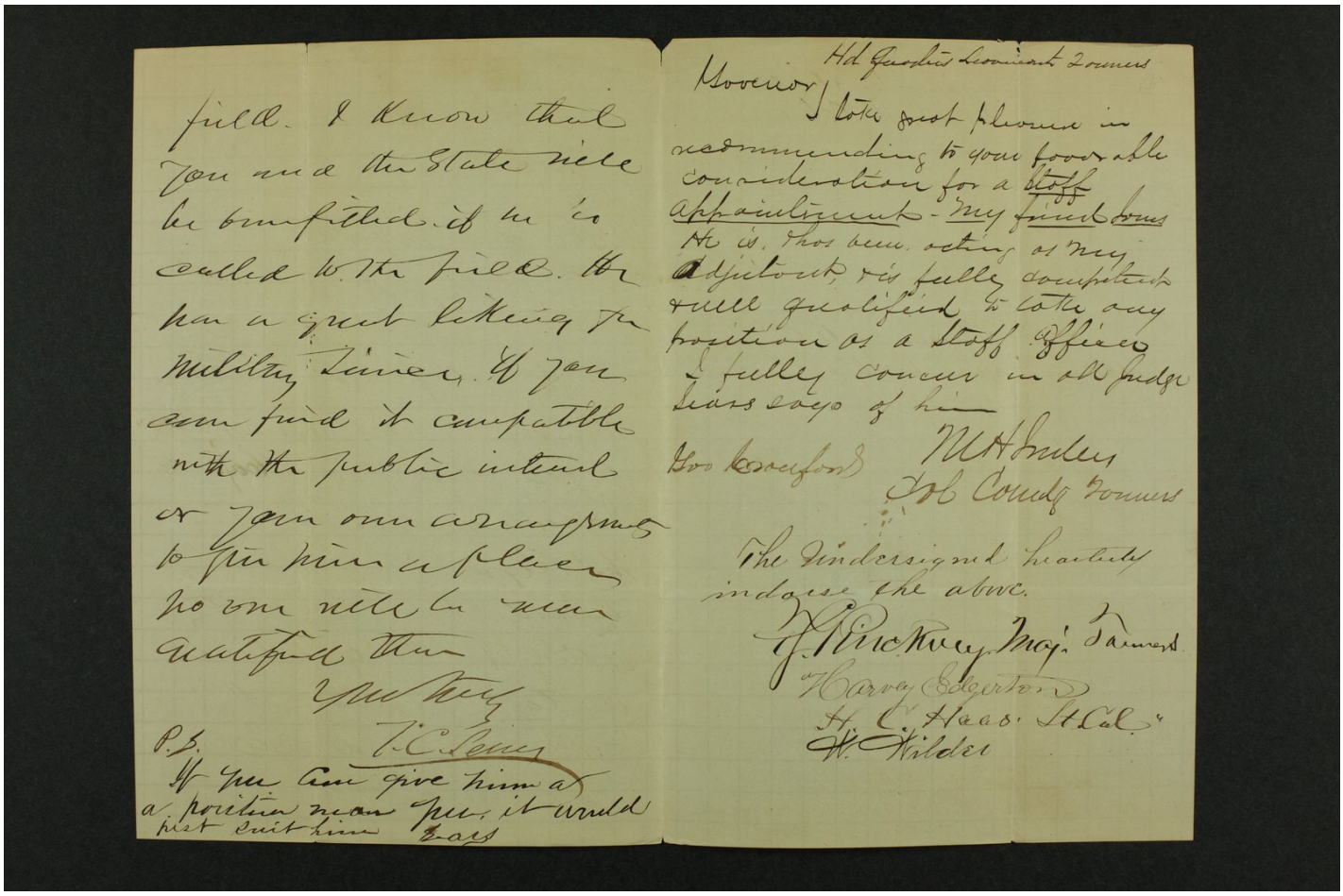


Leavenworth. Kansas
Oct. 16 1868

Wm. J. Crawford
Dear Sir

It will give great satisfaction to a large number of your friends here if you can give to Capt. R. C Jones some position in the Regiment now being raised. He is eminently fitted for and desires a staff position. He has Experience and will give you much aid in the

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field. I know that you and the State will be benefited if he is called to the field. He has a great liking for Military Lines. If you can find it compatible with the public interest & your own arrangements to give him a place no one will be more gratified than

Yours Truly

T. C. Sears

P.S. If you can give him a position near you, it would just suit him

Hd Quarters Lieutenant Farmers

Governor

I take great pleasure in recommending to your favorable consideration for a Staff appointment - My friend Sears He is. Has been acting as my Adjutant, is fully competent & well qualified to take any position as a Staff Officer I fully concur in all Judge Sears says of him

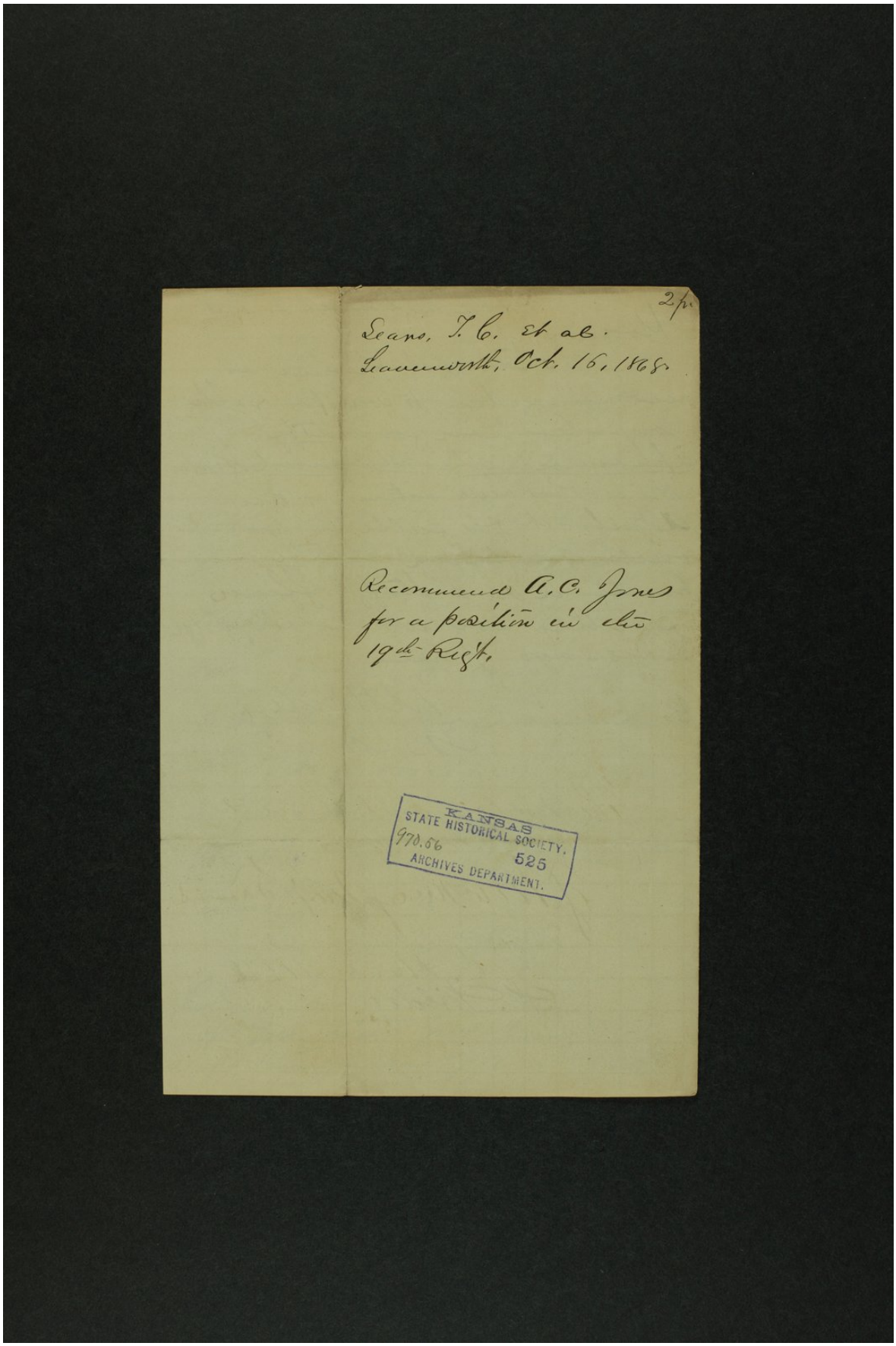
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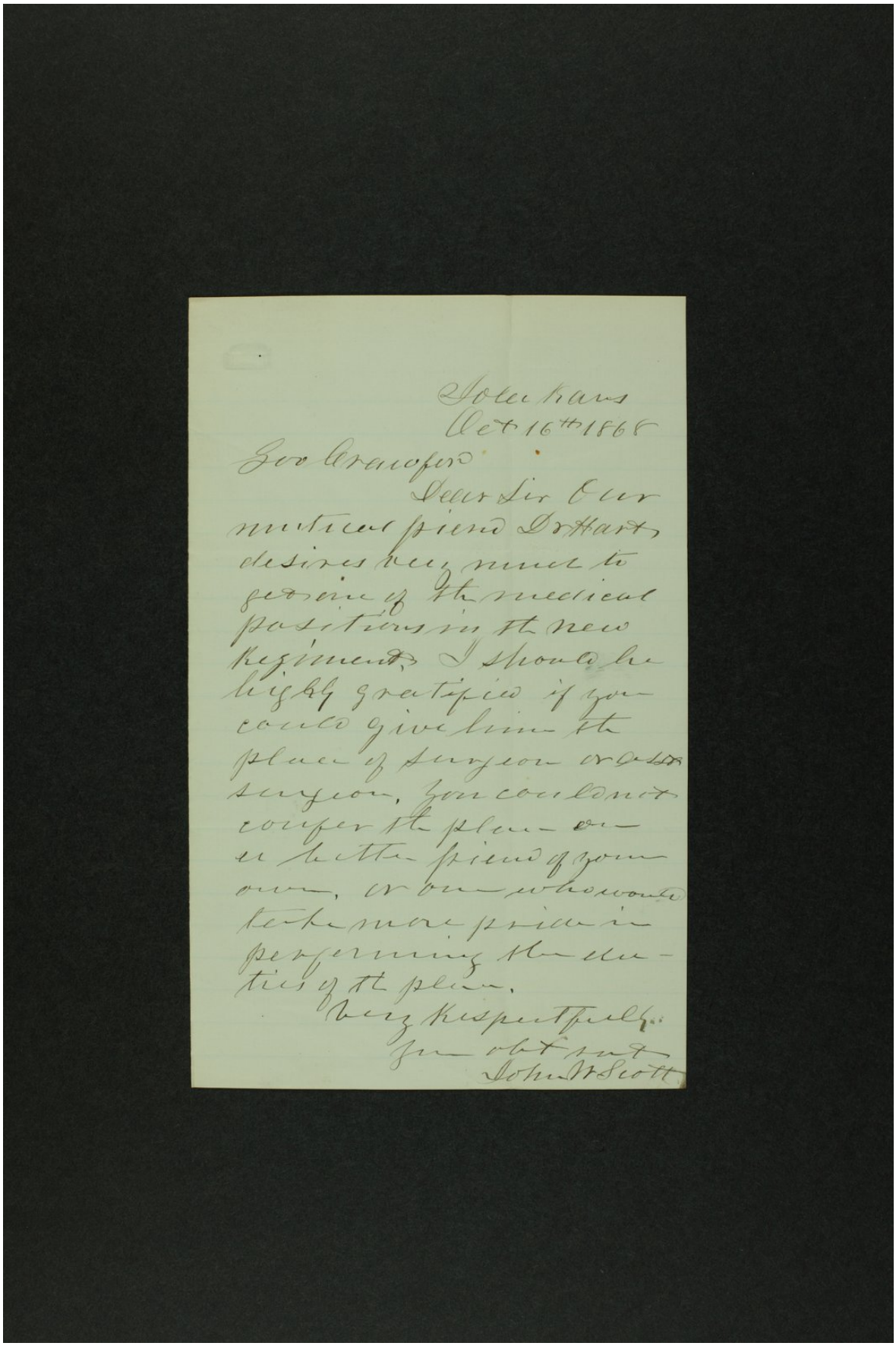
M. H. Insley
Lt Col. Farmers

The Undersigned heartily indorse the above.

J. Pickney Maj. Farmers
Harvey Edgerton
H. C. Heaod. Lt Col.
W. Hilder

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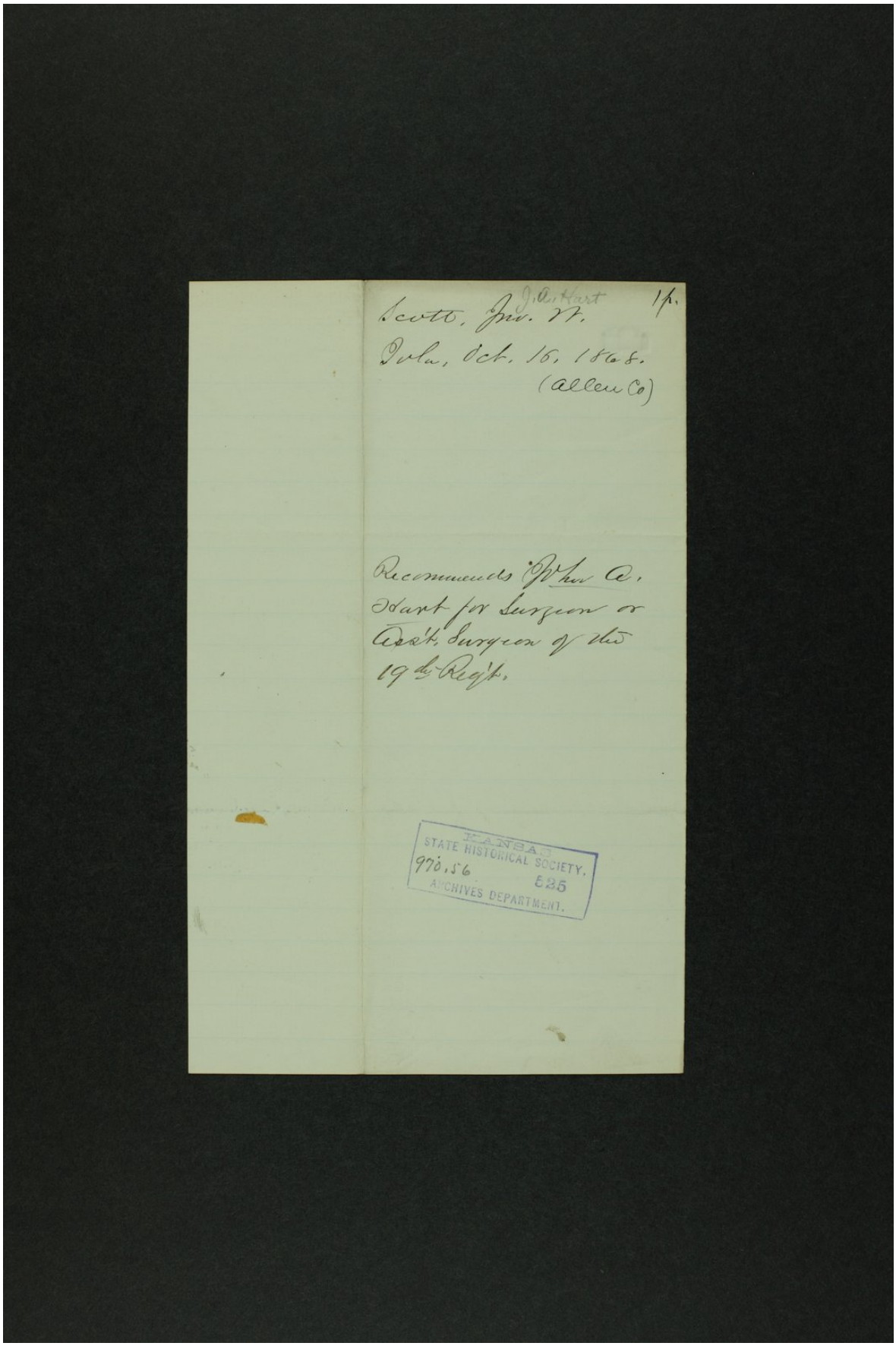


Iola Kans
Oct 16th 1868

Gov Crawford

Dear Sir Our
mutual friend Dr Hart
desires very much to
secure one of the medical
positions in the new
regiments I should be
highly gratified if you
could give him the
place of Surgeon or Asst
Surgeon, You could not
confer the favor on
a better friend of your
own, or one who would
take more pride in
performing the du-
ties of the place.

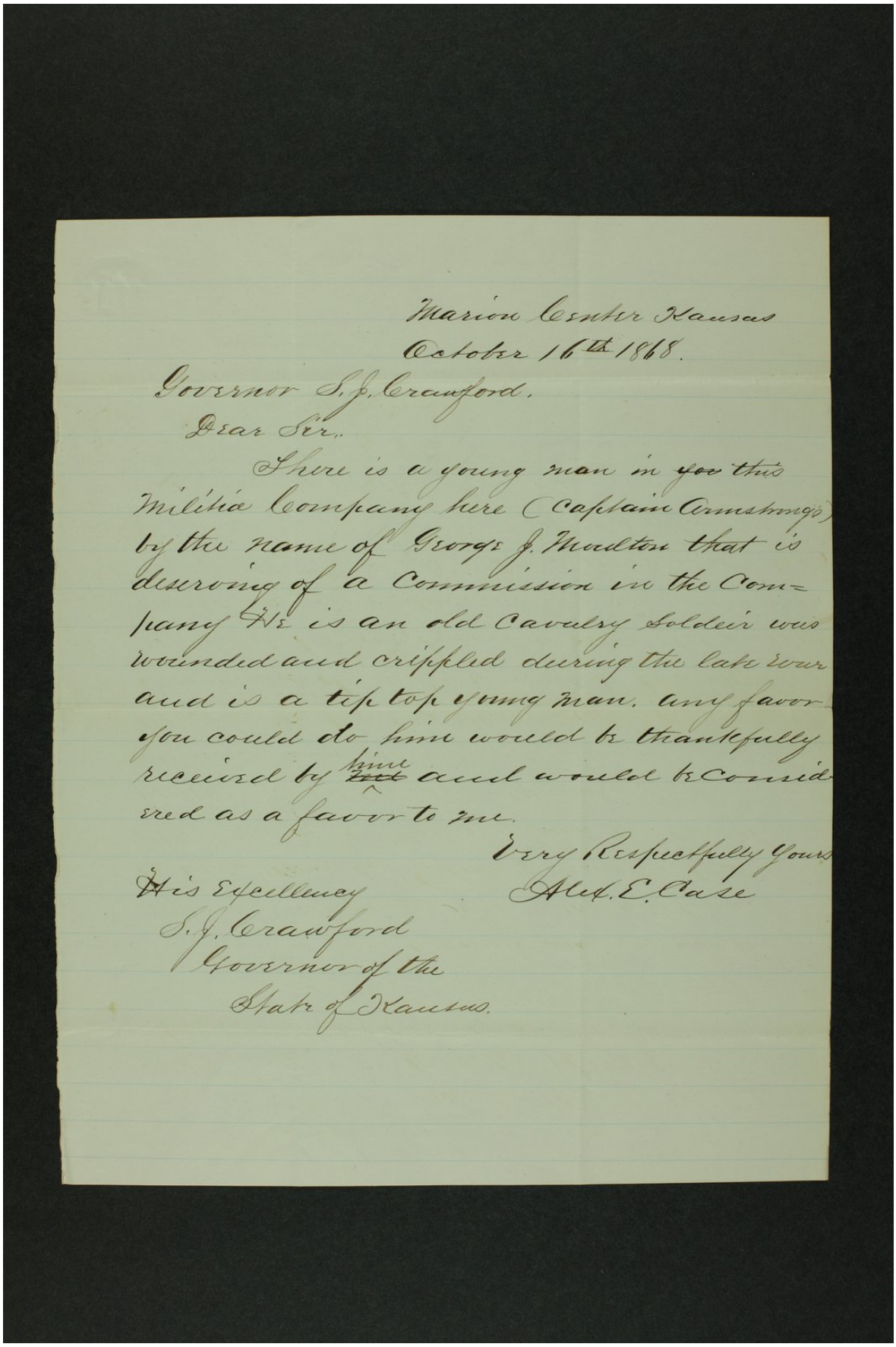
Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
John W Scott



Scott, Jno. M. J. A. Hart 1p.
Iola, Oct. 16, 1868.
(Allen Co)

Recommends Pltn A.
Hart for Surgeon or
Asst. Surgeon of the
19th Regt.

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Marion Center Kansas
October 16th 1868.

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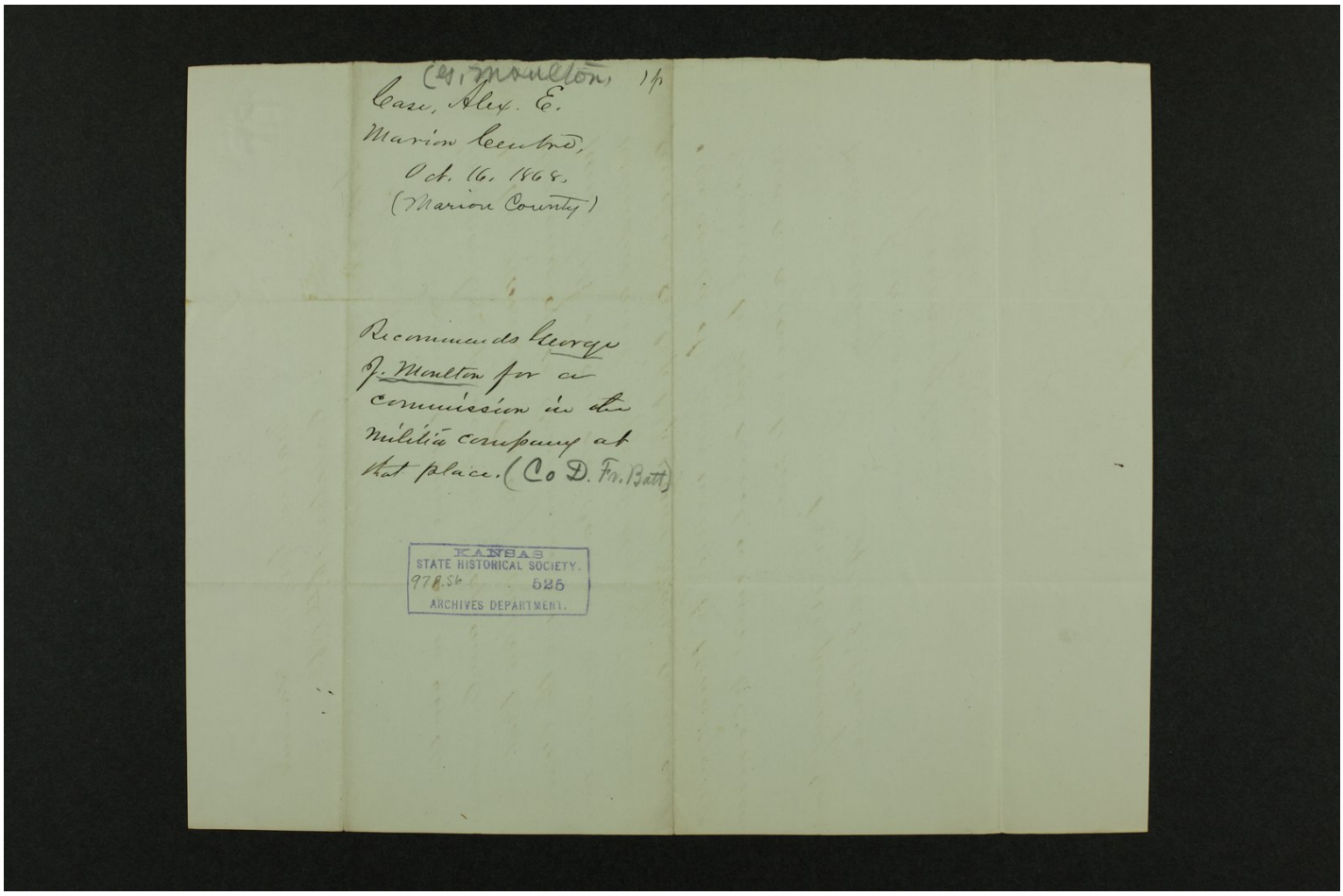
Dear Sir.

There is a young man in ~~you~~ this Militia Company here (Captain Armstrongs) by the name of George J. Hudson that is deserving of a Commission in the Company He is an old Cavalry Soldeir was wounded and crippled during the late war and is a tip top young man. any favor you could do him would be thankfully received by him and would be Considered as a favor to me.

Very Respectfully Yours
Alex. E. Case

His Excellency
S. J. Crawford
Governor of the
State of Kansas.

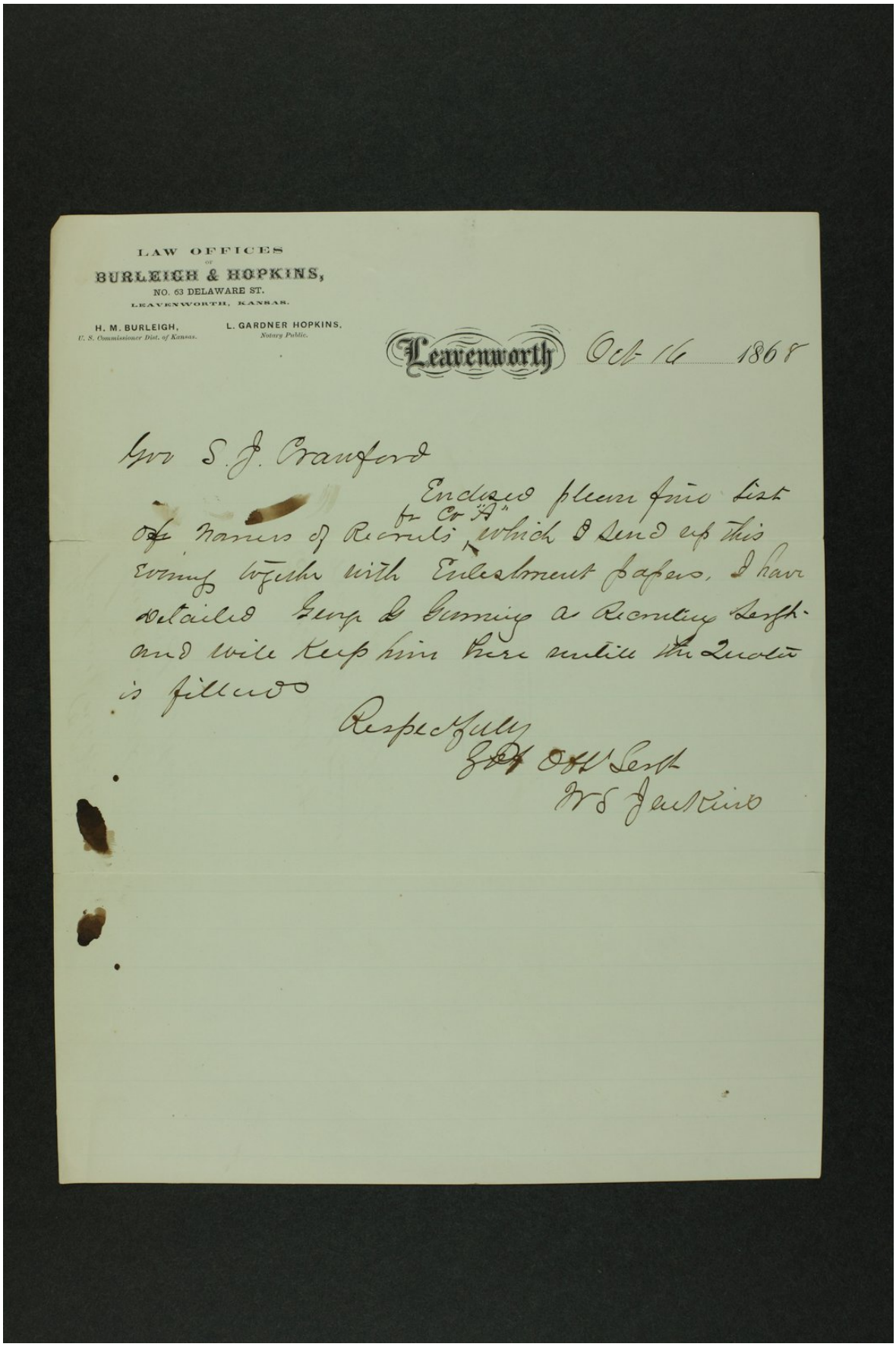
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(Ex. Moulton, 1p
Case, Alex. E.
Marion Centre,
Oct. 16, 1868.
(Marion County)

Recommends Surgt
J. Moulton for a
commission in the
Militia company at
that place. (Co D. Fr. Batt)

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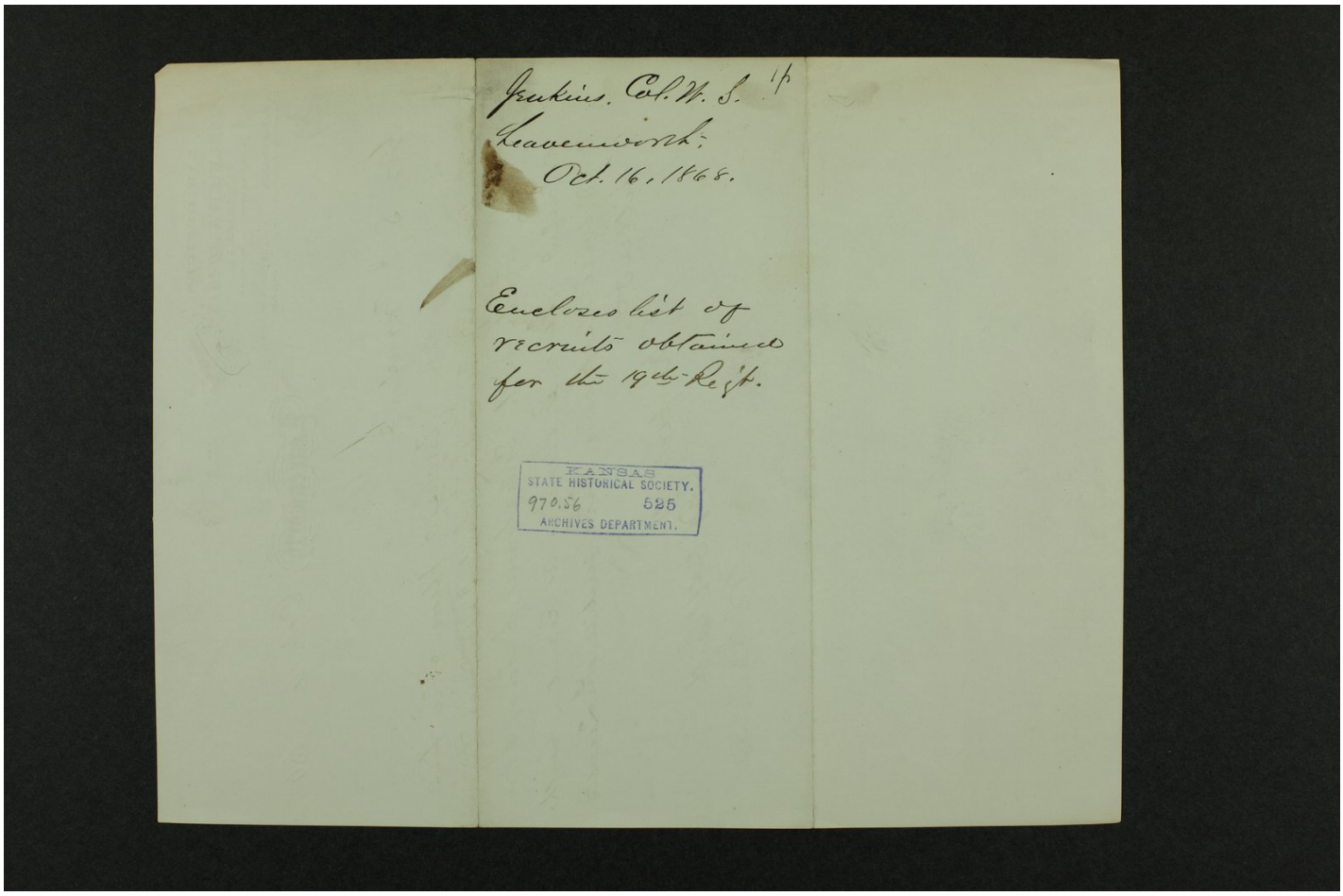
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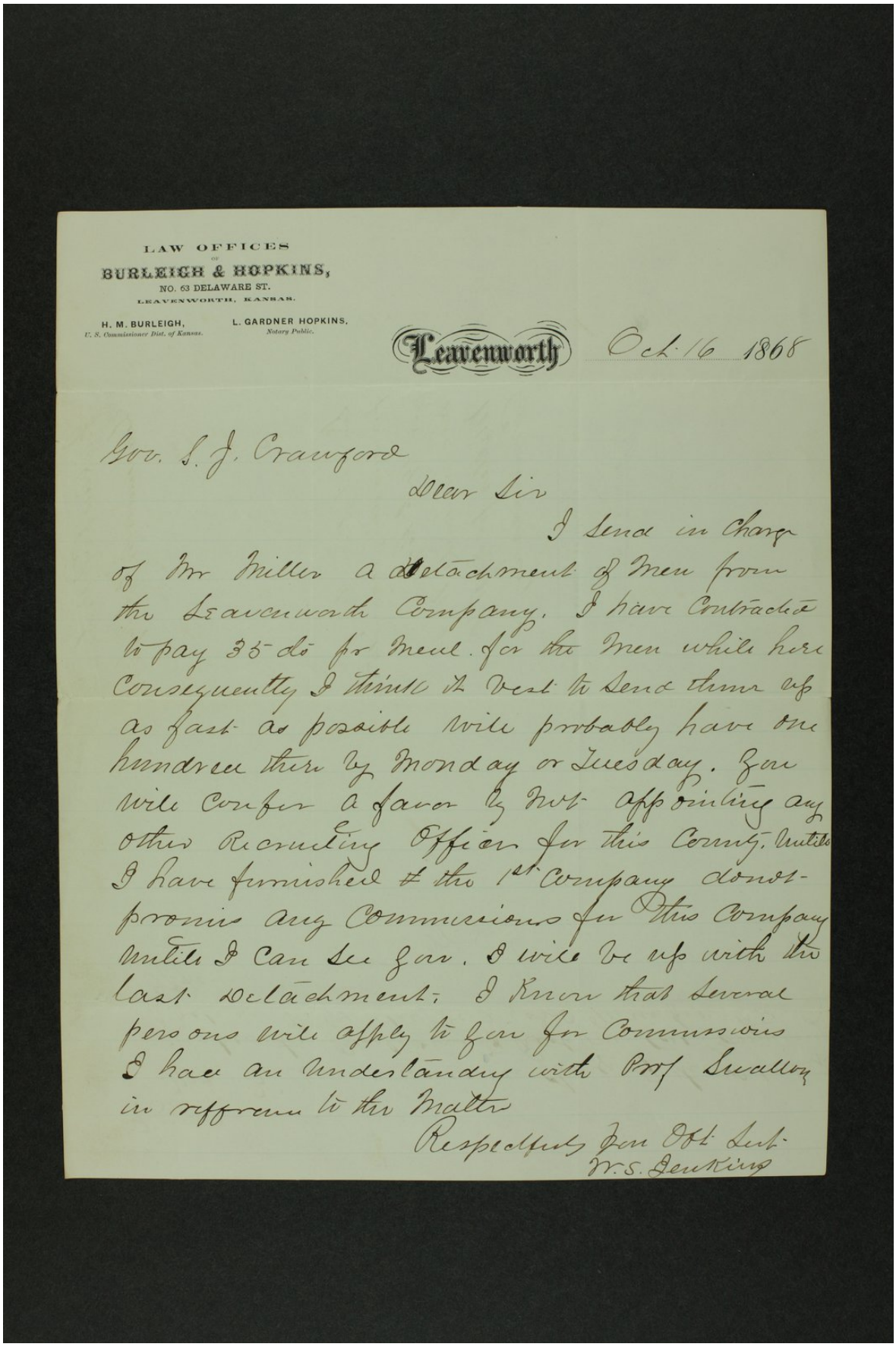
Gov S. J. Crawford

Enclosed please find List for Co "A" of Names of Recruits, which I send up this evening together with Enlistment Papers. I have detailed Serg't Gemming a Recruiting Serg't. and will keep him here until the Quota is filled.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W S Jenkins

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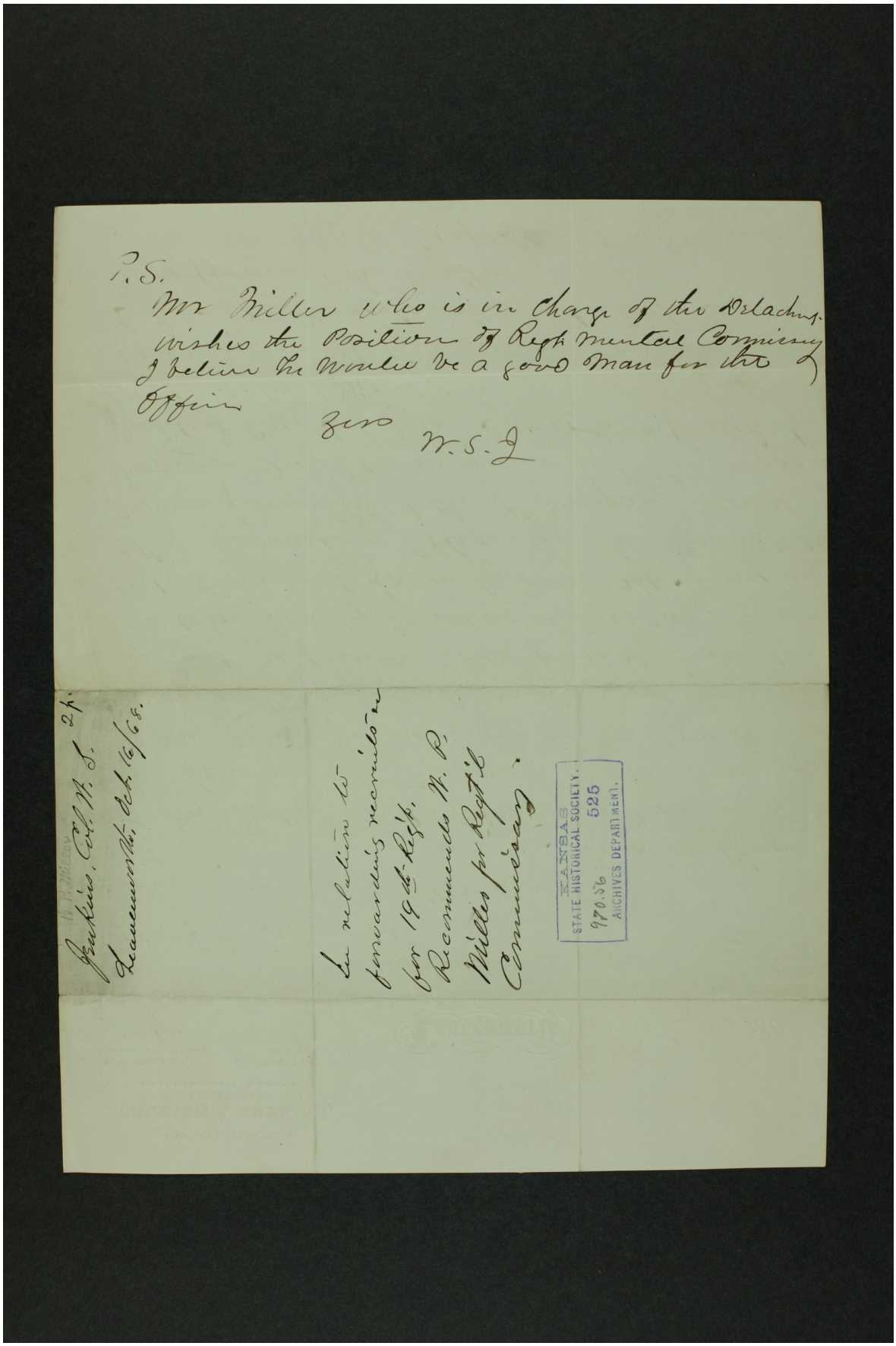
Leavenworth Oct 16 1868

Gov. S. J. Crawford

Dear Sir

I send in charge of Mr Miller a detachment of Men from the Leavenworth Company. I have contracted to pay 35 dls pr Meal for the Men while here Consequently I think it best to send them up as fast as possible will probably have one hundred there by Monday or Tuesday. You will confer a favor by not appointing any other Recruiting Officer for this County. Until I have furnished the 1st Company donot promis any Commissions for this Company until I can see you. I will be up with the last detachment. I know that several persons will apply to you for Commissions I have an Understanding with Prof Swallow in reference to the Matter

Respectfully Your Obt Svt
W. S. Jenkins

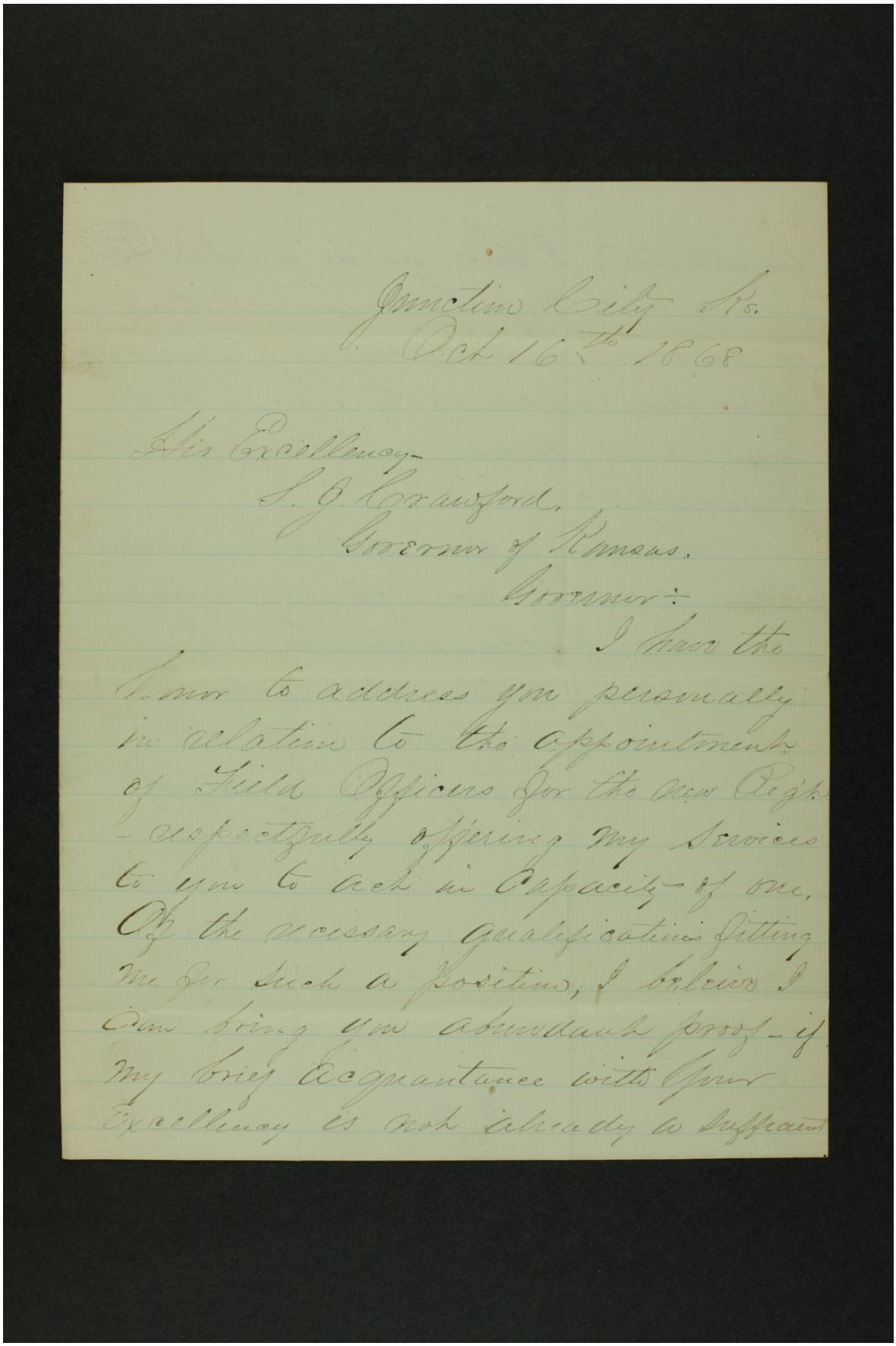


P.S.
Mr Miller who is in charge of the Delaware wishes the Position of Regt mustar Commissary I believe he would be a good man for the Office
Yours W. S. J

Parkin, Capt. W. S. 2d
Kaw Mission, Oct. 16/68.

In relation to forwarding recruits for 19th Regt. Recommends W. P. Miller for Regt'l Commissary.

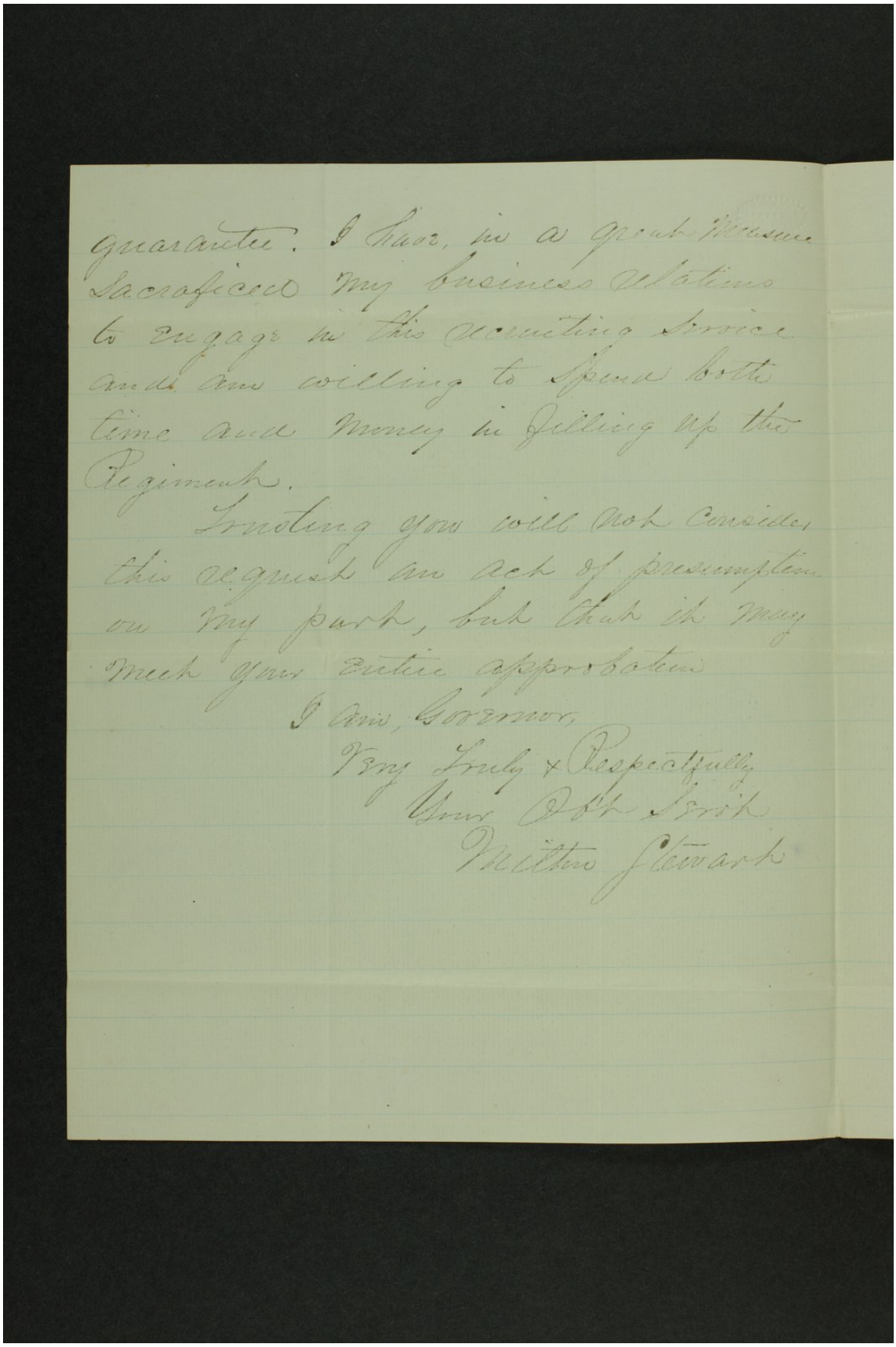
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Junction City Ks.
Oct 16th 1868

His Excellency-
S. J. Crawford.
Governor of Kansas.
Governor:-

I have the honor to address you personally in relation to the appointments of Field Officers for the new Regt. - respectfully offering my services to you to act in Capacity of one. Of the necessary qualifications fitting me for such a position, I believe I can bring you abundant proof - if my brief acquaintance with your Excellency is not already sufficient

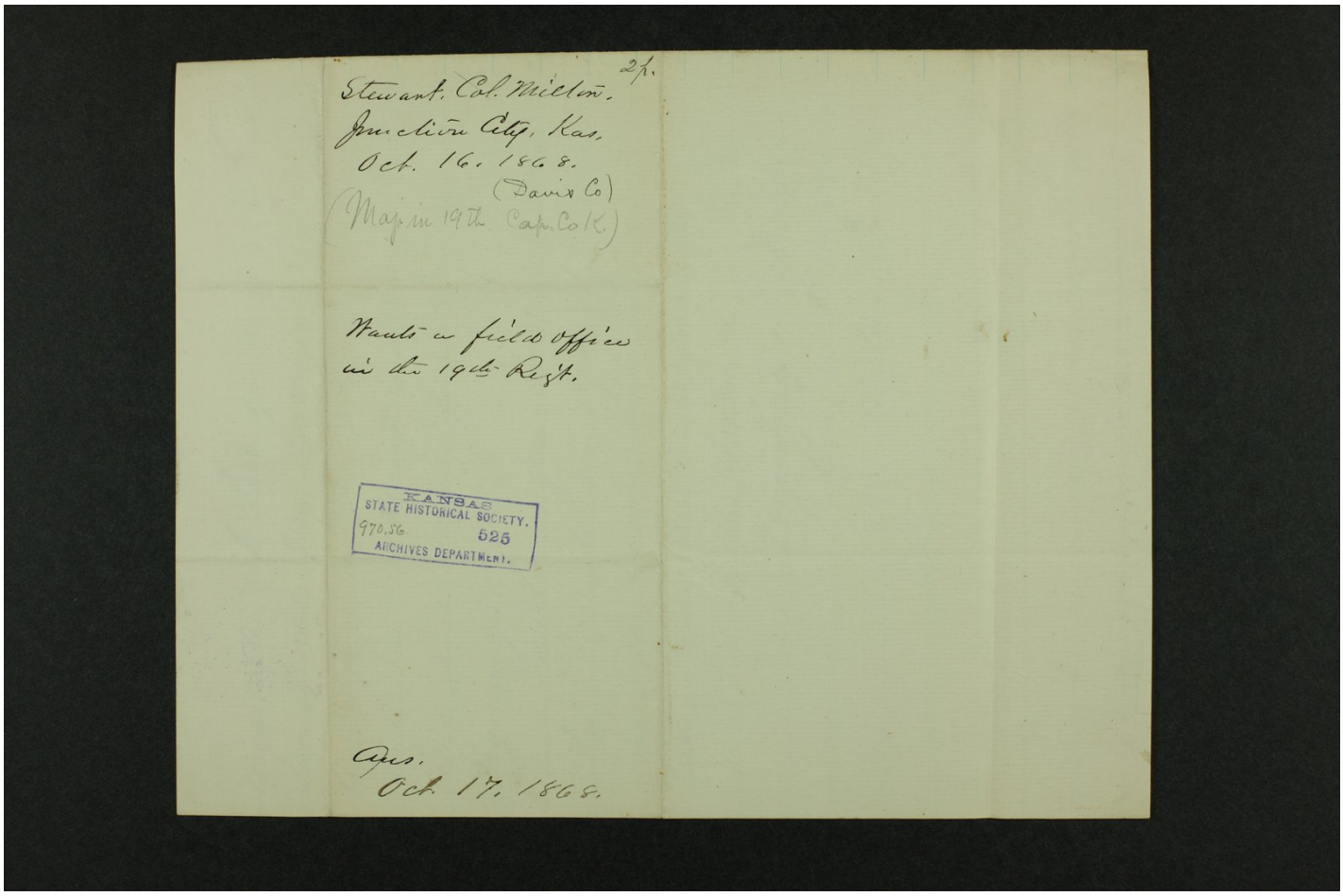


guarantee. I have, in a great measure sacrificed my business relations to engage in this recruiting service and am willing to spend both time and money in filling up the Regiment.

Trusting you will not consider this as much an act of presumption on my part, but that it may meet your entire approbation

I am, Governor,
Very Truly & Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Milton Stewart

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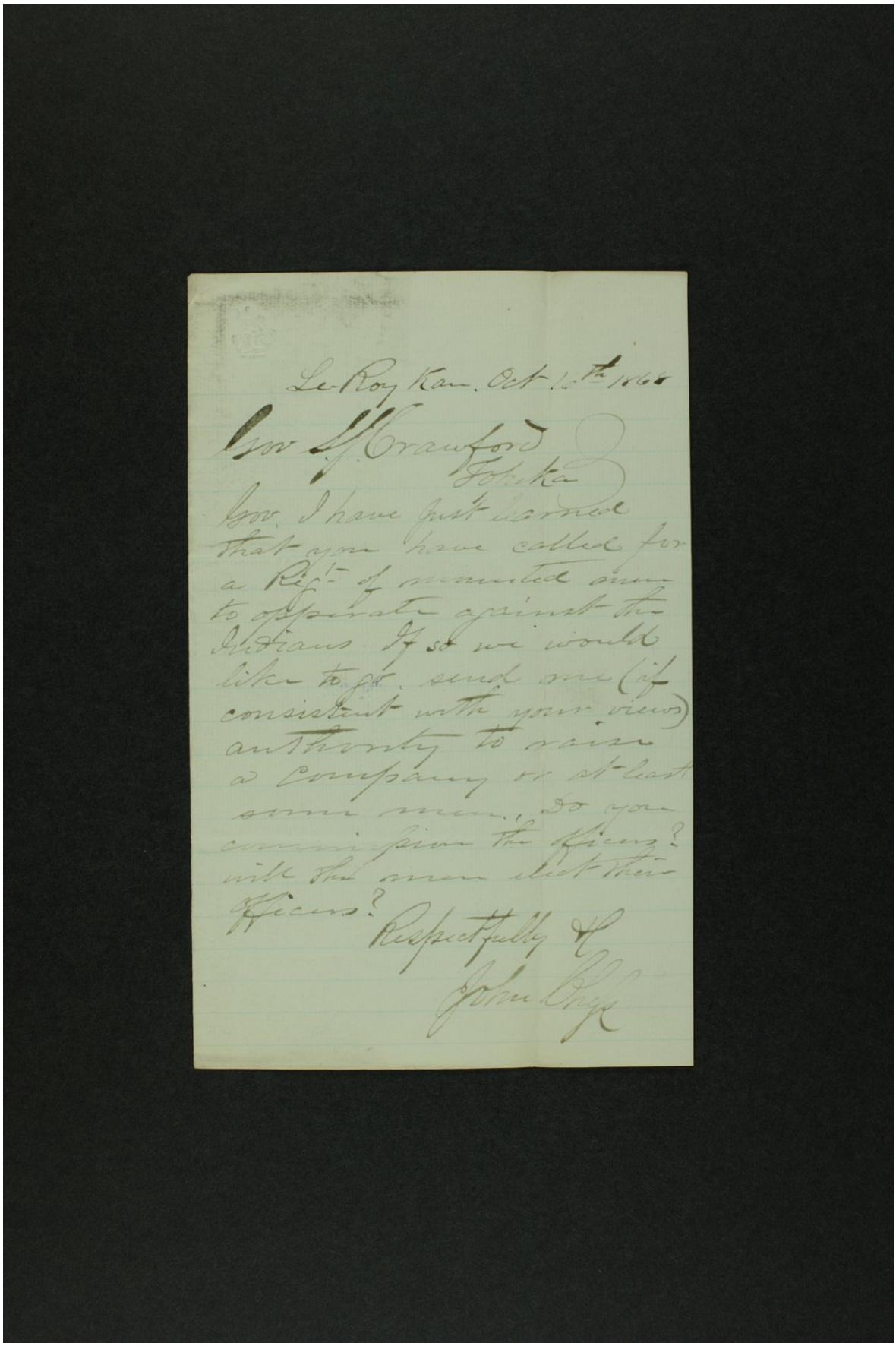
Stewart, Col. Milton.
Junction City, Kas.
Oct. 16. 1868.
(Davis Co)
(Major in 19th Cap. Co K.)

Wants a field office
in the 19th Regt.

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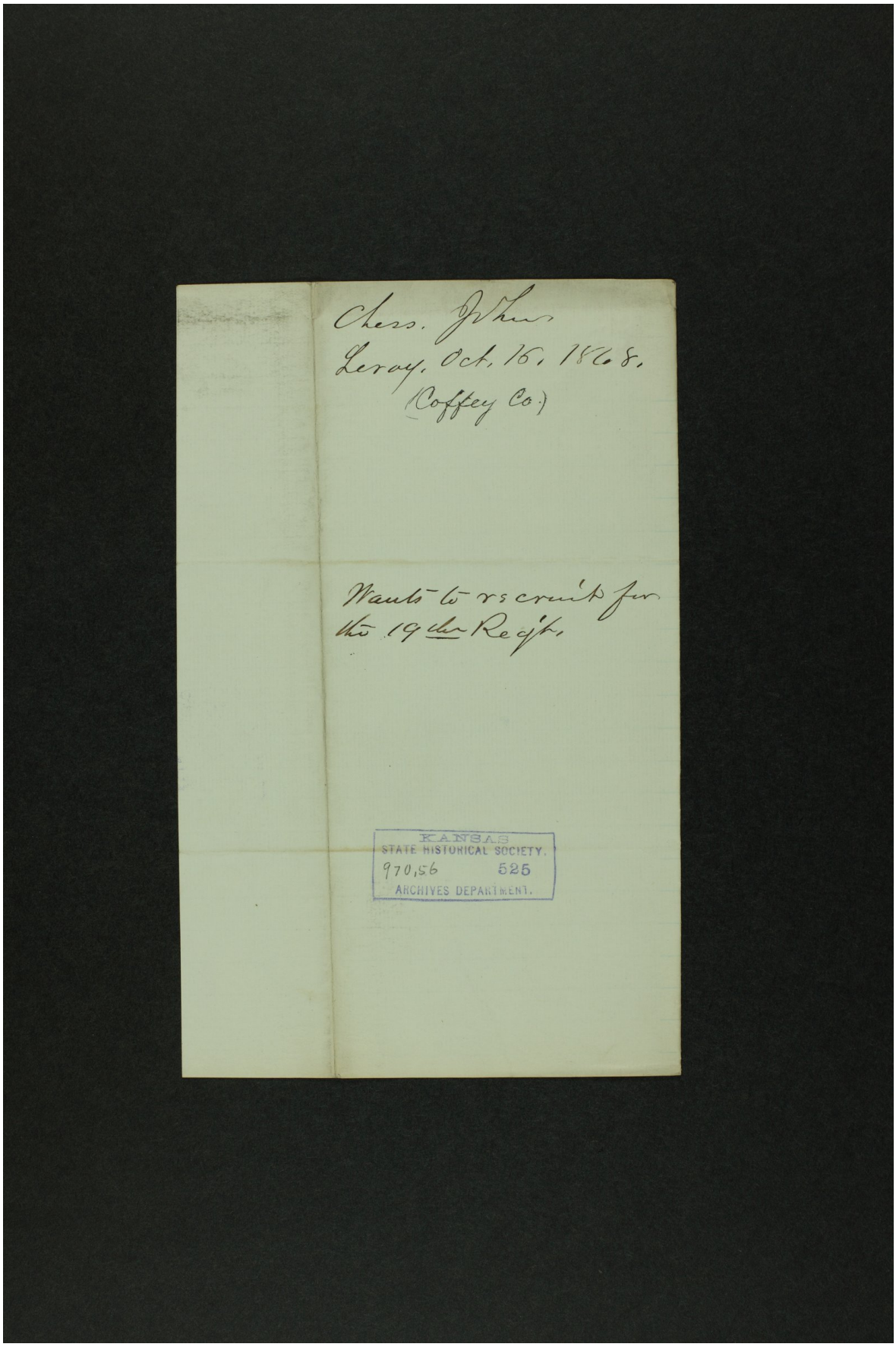
Le Roy Kan. Oct. 15th 1860

Gov S. J. Crawford
Topeka

Gov. I have just learned that you have called for a Reg't of mounted men to operate against the Indians. If so we would like to go, and ask (if consistent with your views) authority to raise a company or at least some men. Do you command from the Kiowas? will the men elect their Officers?

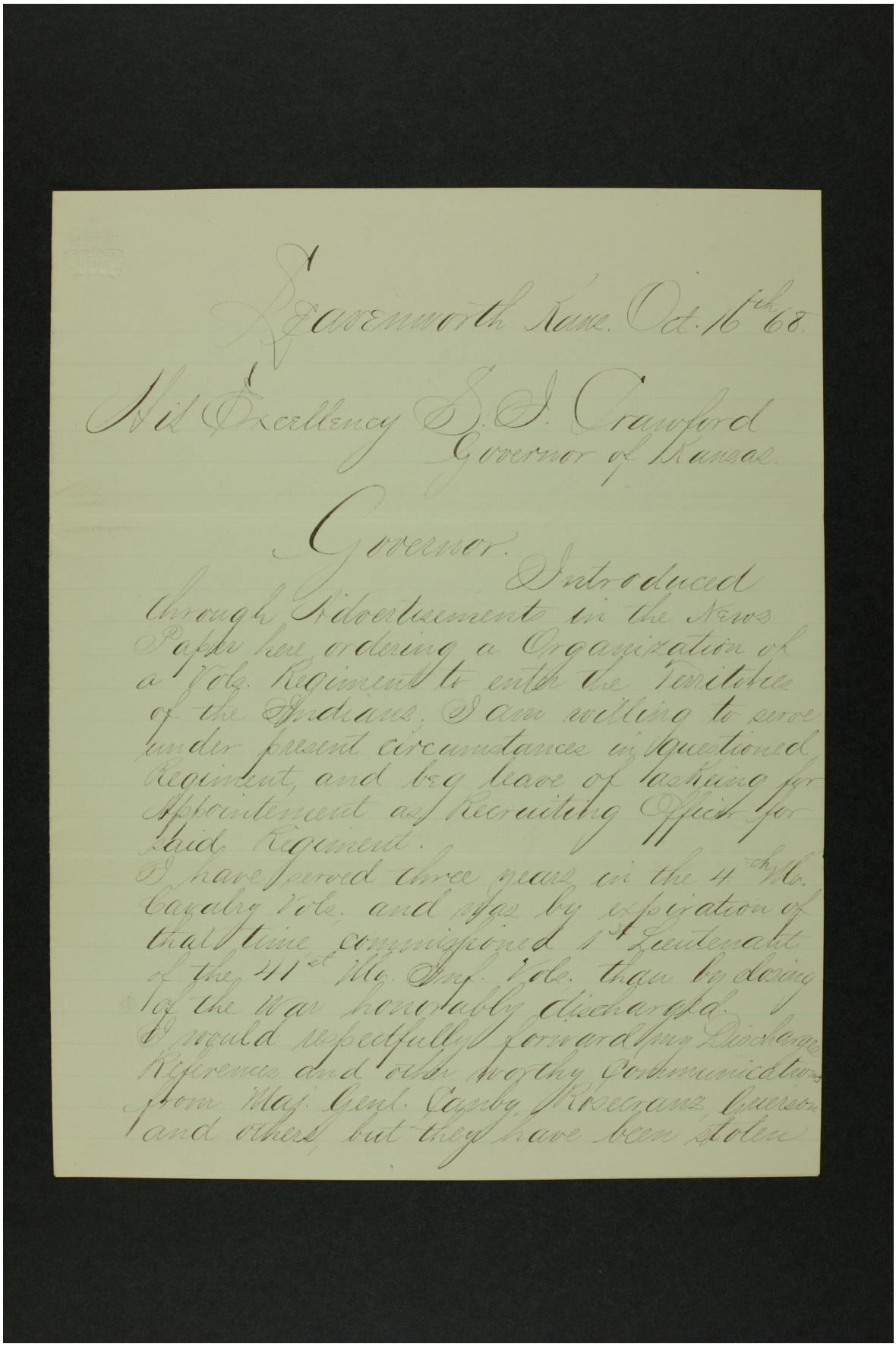
Respectfully Yr
John Coyle

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Chess. J. Thurs
Leroy, Oct. 16, 1860.
(Coffey Co.)

Wants to recruit for
the 19th Regt.

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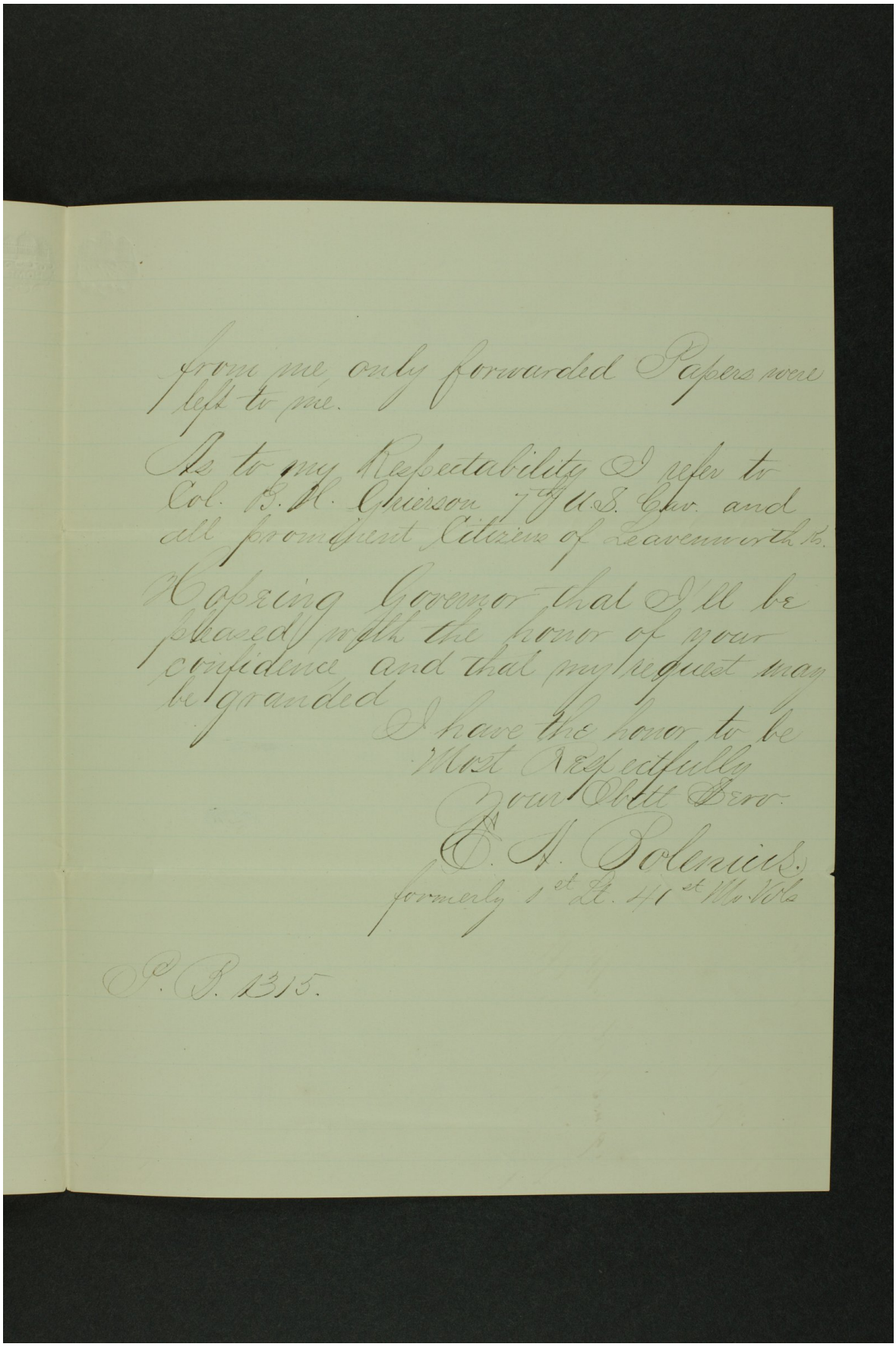
Leavenworth Kans. Oct. 16th 68.

His Excellency S. J. Crawford
Governor of Kansas.

Governor.

Introduced through Advertisements in the News Papers here ordering a Organization of a Vols. Regiment to enter the Territories of the Indians. I am willing to serve under present circumstances in Aforesaid Regiment, and beg leave of asking for Appointment as Recruiting Officer for said Regiment.

I have served three years in the 4th Mo. Cavalry Vols. and was by expiration of that time commissioned 1st Lieutenant of the 41st Mo. Inf. Vols. than by closing of the War honorably discharged. I would respectfully forward my Discharge References and other worthy Communications from Maj. Genl. Canby, Rosecrans, Curtis and others, but they have been stolen



from me, only forwarded Papers were left to me.

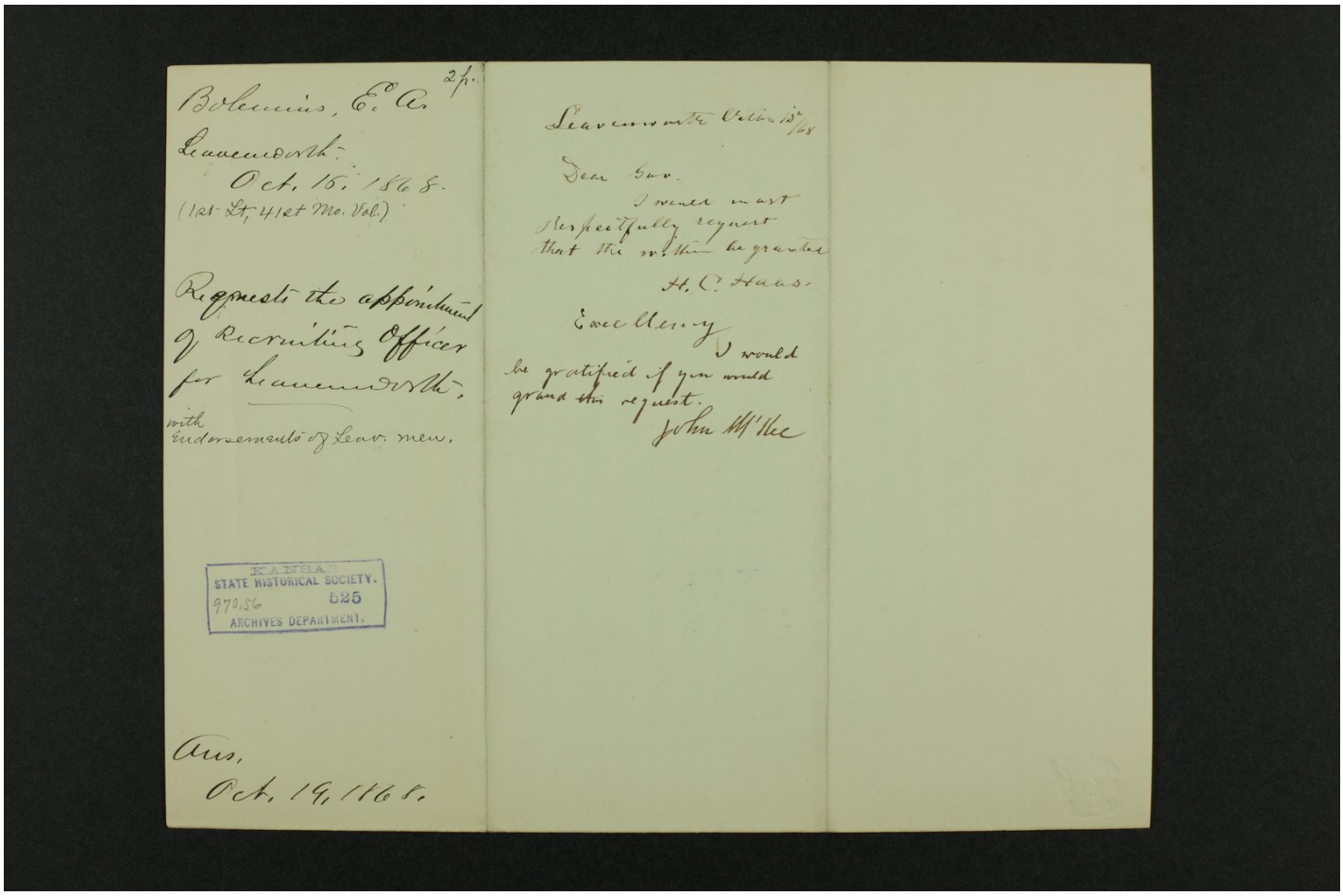
As to my Respectability I refer to Col. B. H. Grierson 7th U.S. Cav. and all prominent Citizens of Leavenworth Ks.

Hoping Governor that I'll be blessed with the favor of your confidence and that my Request may be granded

I have the honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your Obtt Servt
D. A. Solenicks
formerly 1st Lt. 41st Wis Vols

P. O. 1315.

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Belemins, Co. A
Leavenworth
Oct. 15, 1868.
(1st Lt, 41st Mo. Vol.)

Requests the appointment of Recruiting Officer for Leavenworth,
with
Endorsements of Leav. men.

Leavenworth Oct 15th 68

Dear Gov.
I would most
respectfully request
that the within be granted
H. C. Haas.

Excellency
I would
be gratified if you would
grant this request.
John McKee

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His Excellency, S. J. Crawford Gov. of Kansas
Atchison City Kansas
Oct. 16th 1868.

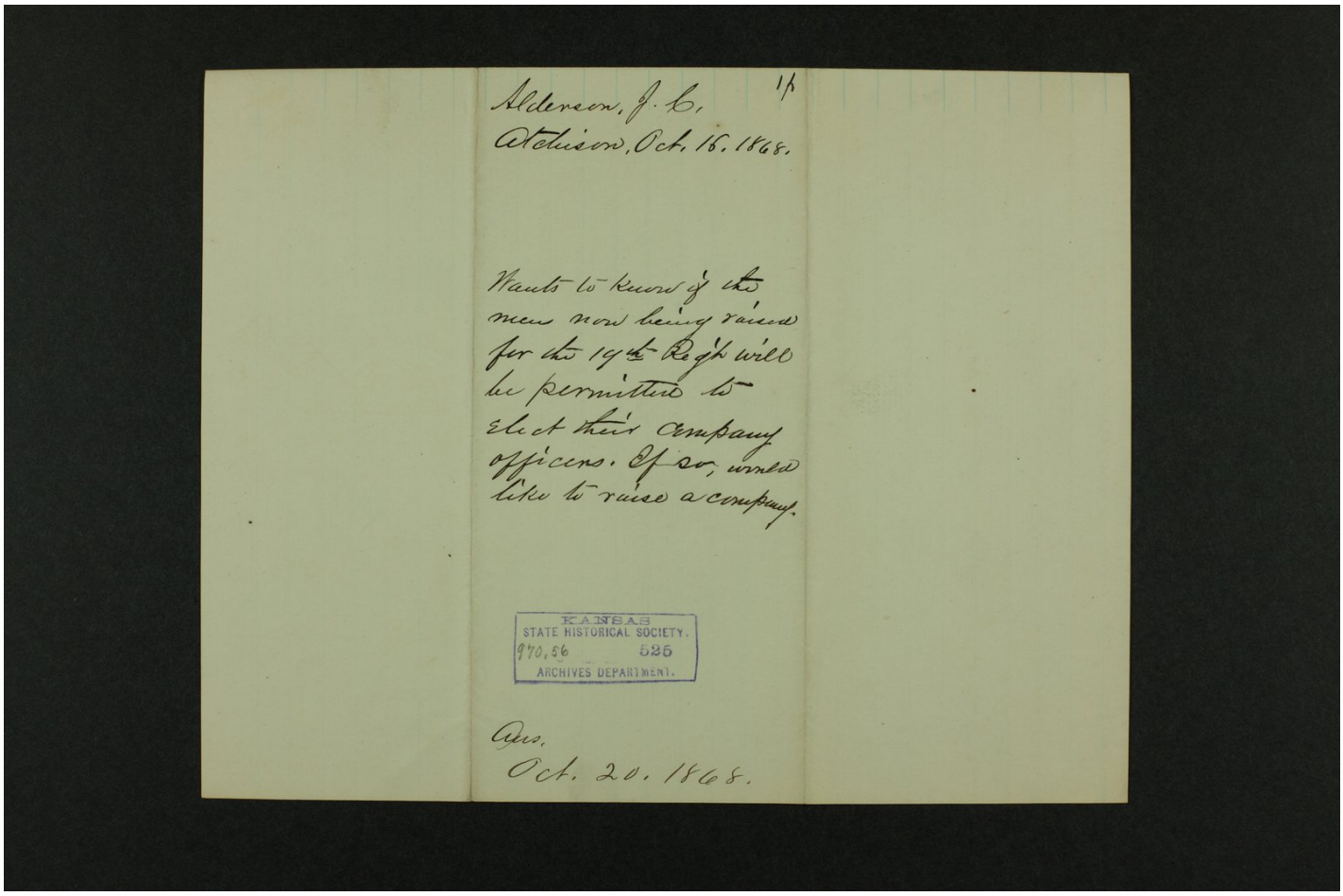
Governor;

I have just noticed your proclamation calling for one Reg't of volinteers, under Genl Sheridan's order of the 9th inst. Mr Keck of this place has been appointed recruiting Officer here. He expects to receive the appointment of Capt of the Company from this County. I wish to inquire of the Company Officers Capt and Lieuts, will not be elected by the men of each Company. Will the men have this privilege? I am well acquainted with the plains, and Indian character. Was Div Ag't on the B. O. & C. Stage line for some time. and feel confident I can raise a Company in this County within ten days if you will permit the Co. to elect its own Officers.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience

Most Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
J. C. Aldrson.

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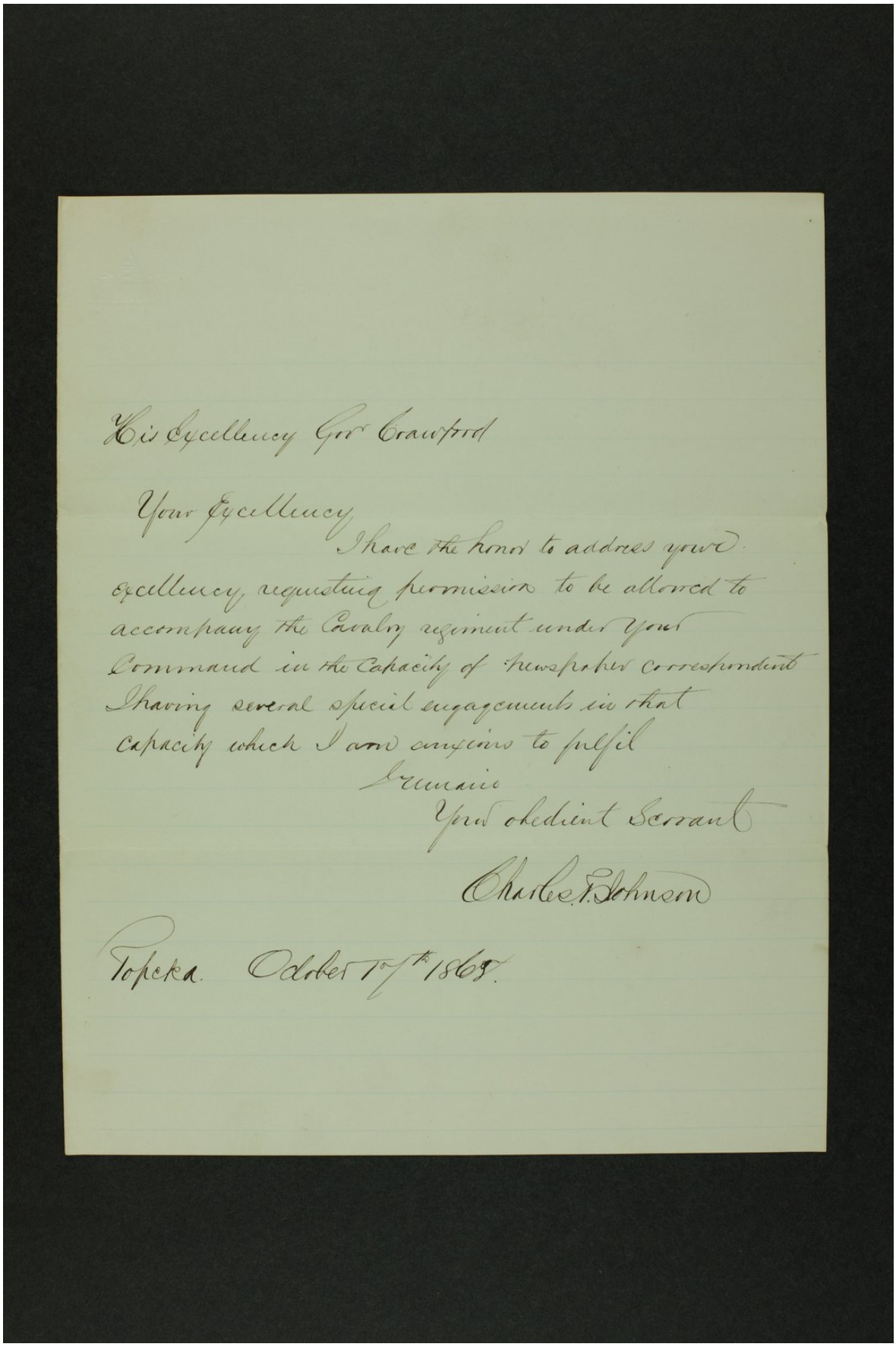


Alderson, J. L. 1/
Atchison, Oct. 16. 1868.

Wants to know if the men now being raised for the 19th Regt will be permitted to elect their Company officers. If so, would like to raise a company.

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His Excellency Gov Crawford

Your Excellency I have the honor to address your excellency, requesting permission to be allowed to accompany the Cavalry regiment under your Command in the Capacity of Newspaper Correspondent having several special engagements in that capacity which I am anxious to fulfil

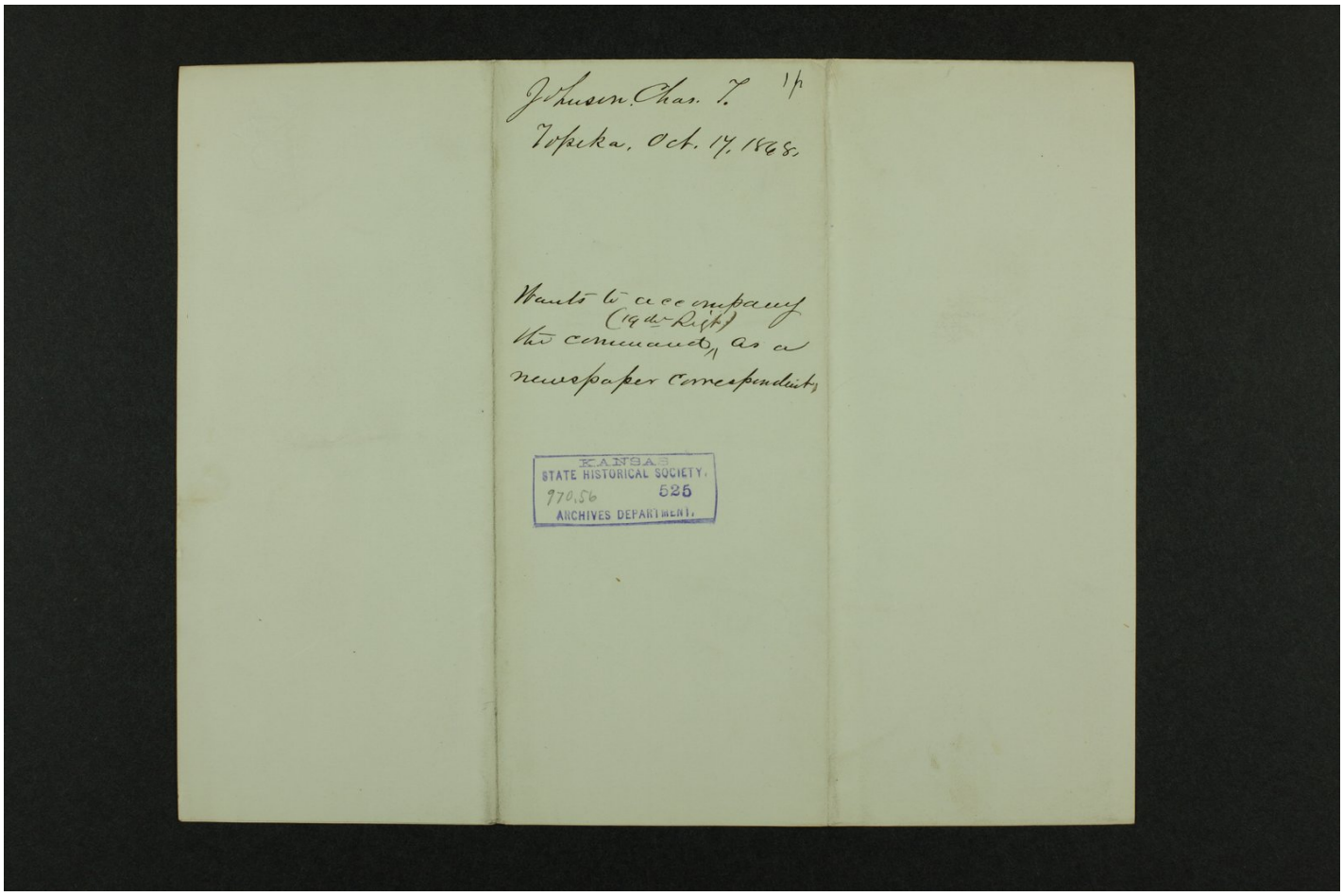
I remain

Your obedient Servant

Charles F. Johnson

Topeka October 7th 1868

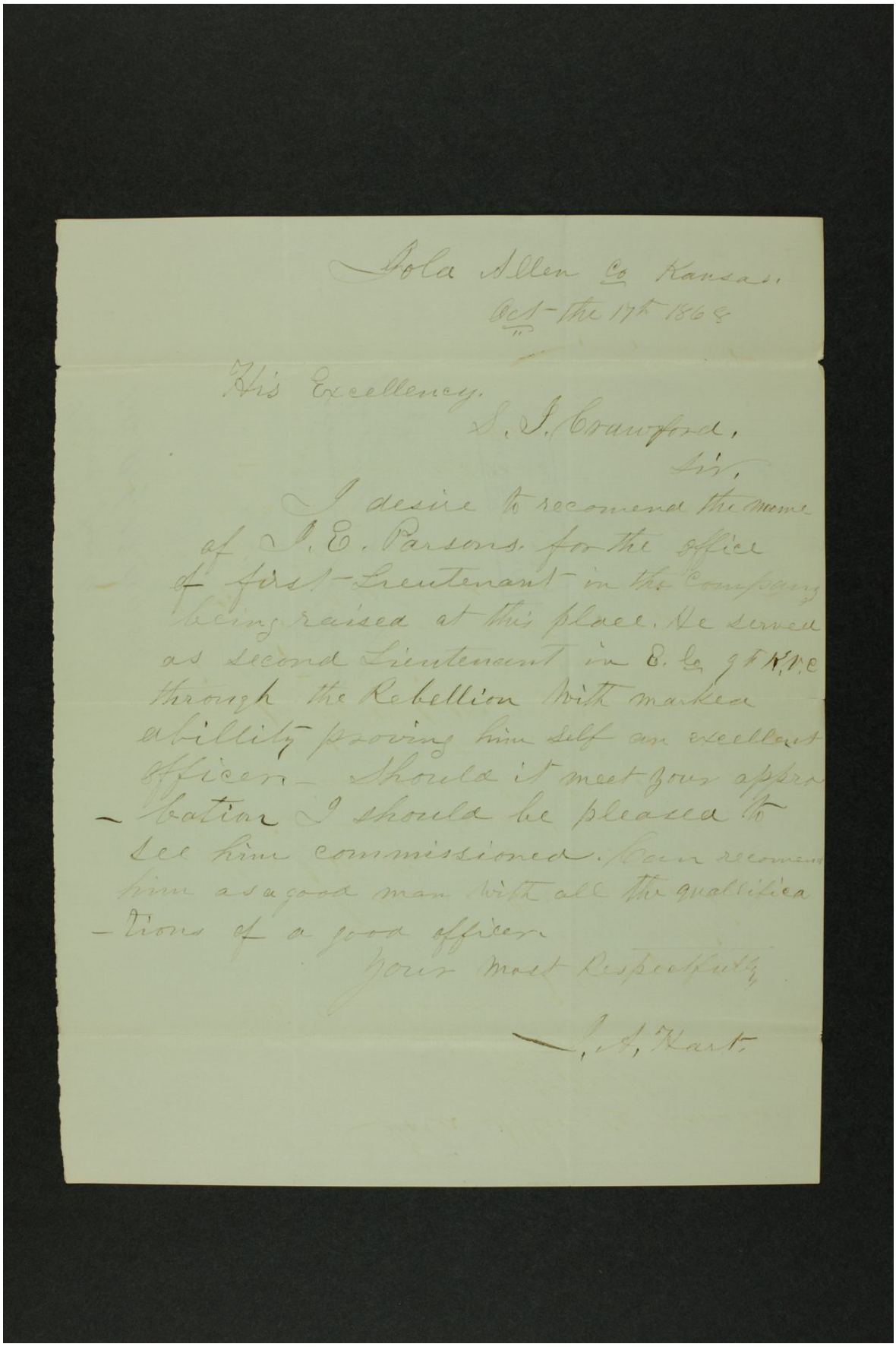
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Johnson, Chas. T. 1p
Topeka, Oct. 17, 1868.

Wants to accompany (4th Regt) the command, as a newspaper correspondent.

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Bola Allen Co Kansas.
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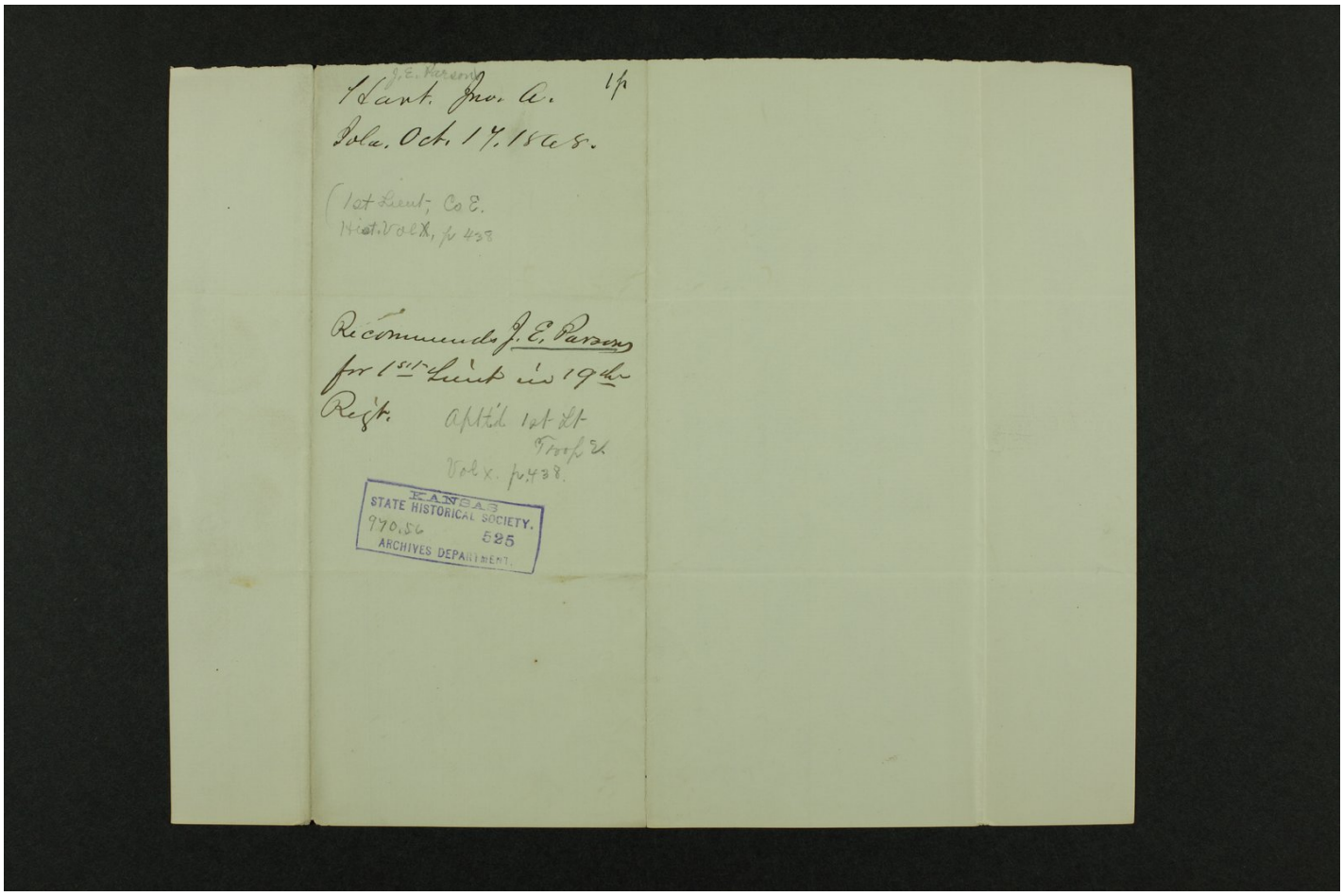
His Excellency.
S. J. Crawford,
Sir.

I desire to recomend the name of L. E. Parsons for the office of first-Lieutenant in the Company being raised at this place. He served as second Lieutenant in 8th Kan. V.C. through the Rebellion with marked ability proving him self an excellent officer — Should it meet your approbation I should be pleased to see him commissioned. I can recomend him as a good man with all the qualifications of a good officer

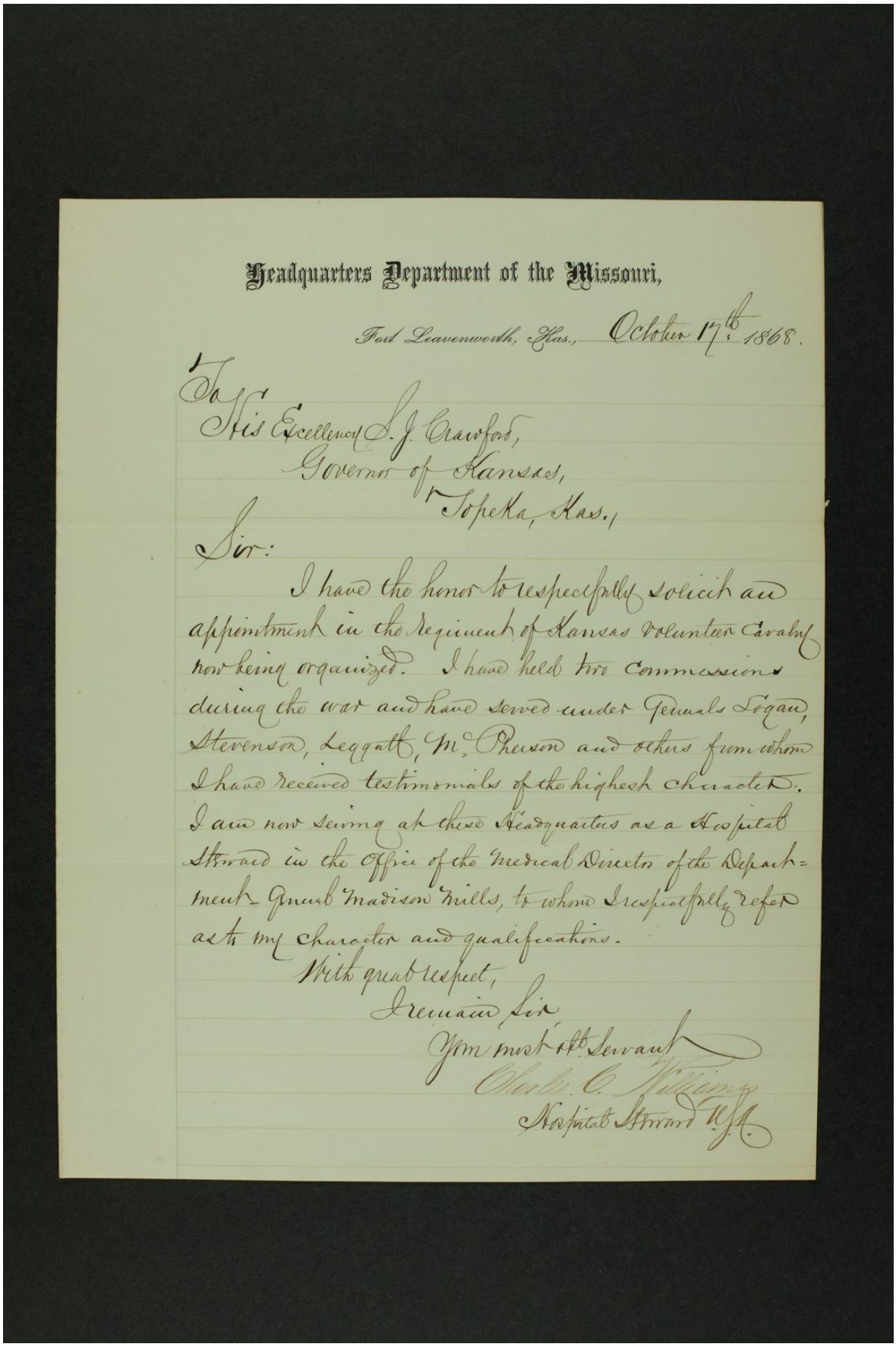
Your most Respectfully

— J. J. Hart.

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Headquarters Department of the Missouri,

Fort Leavenworth, Kas., October 17th 1868.

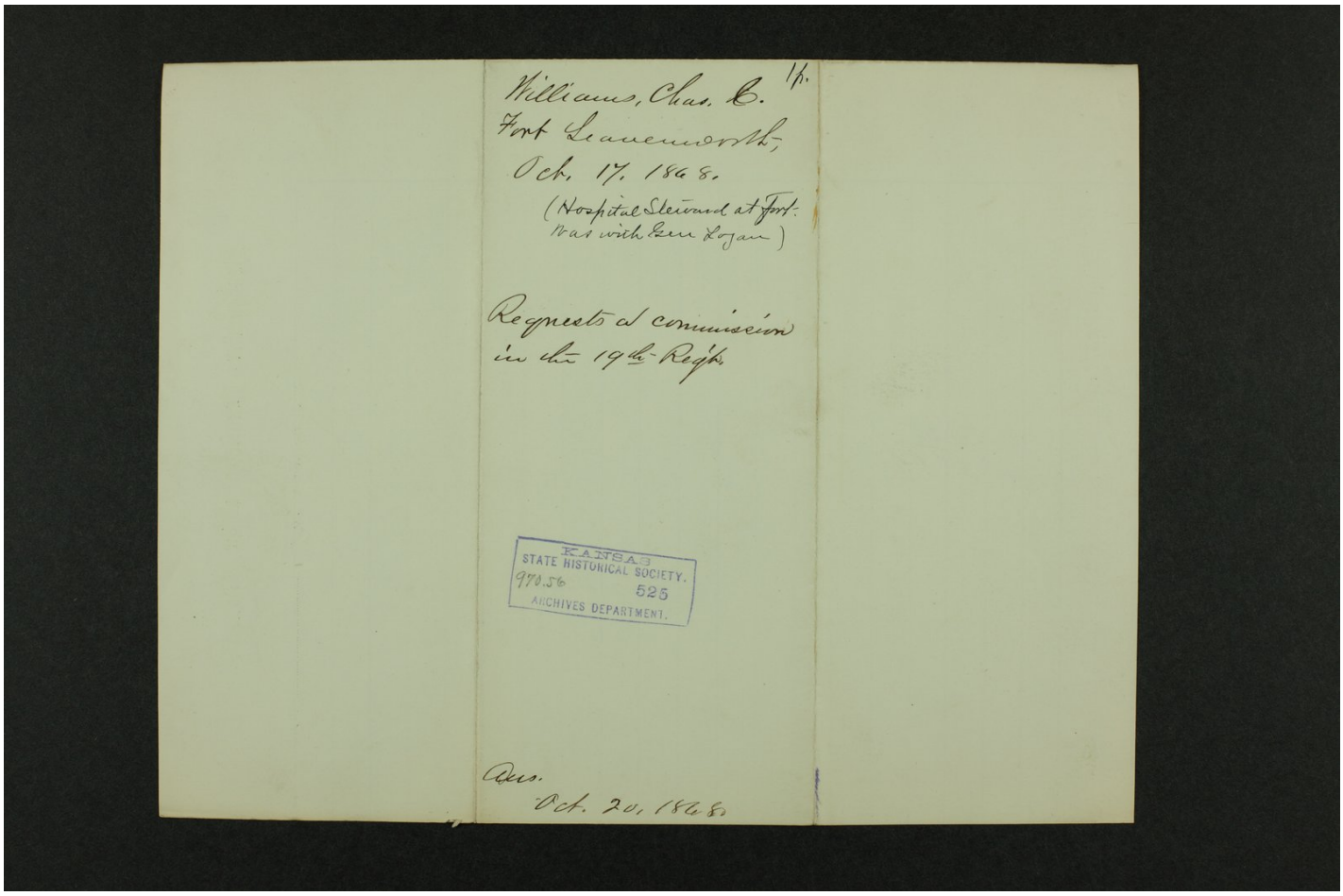
To
His Excellency S. J. Crawford,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kas.

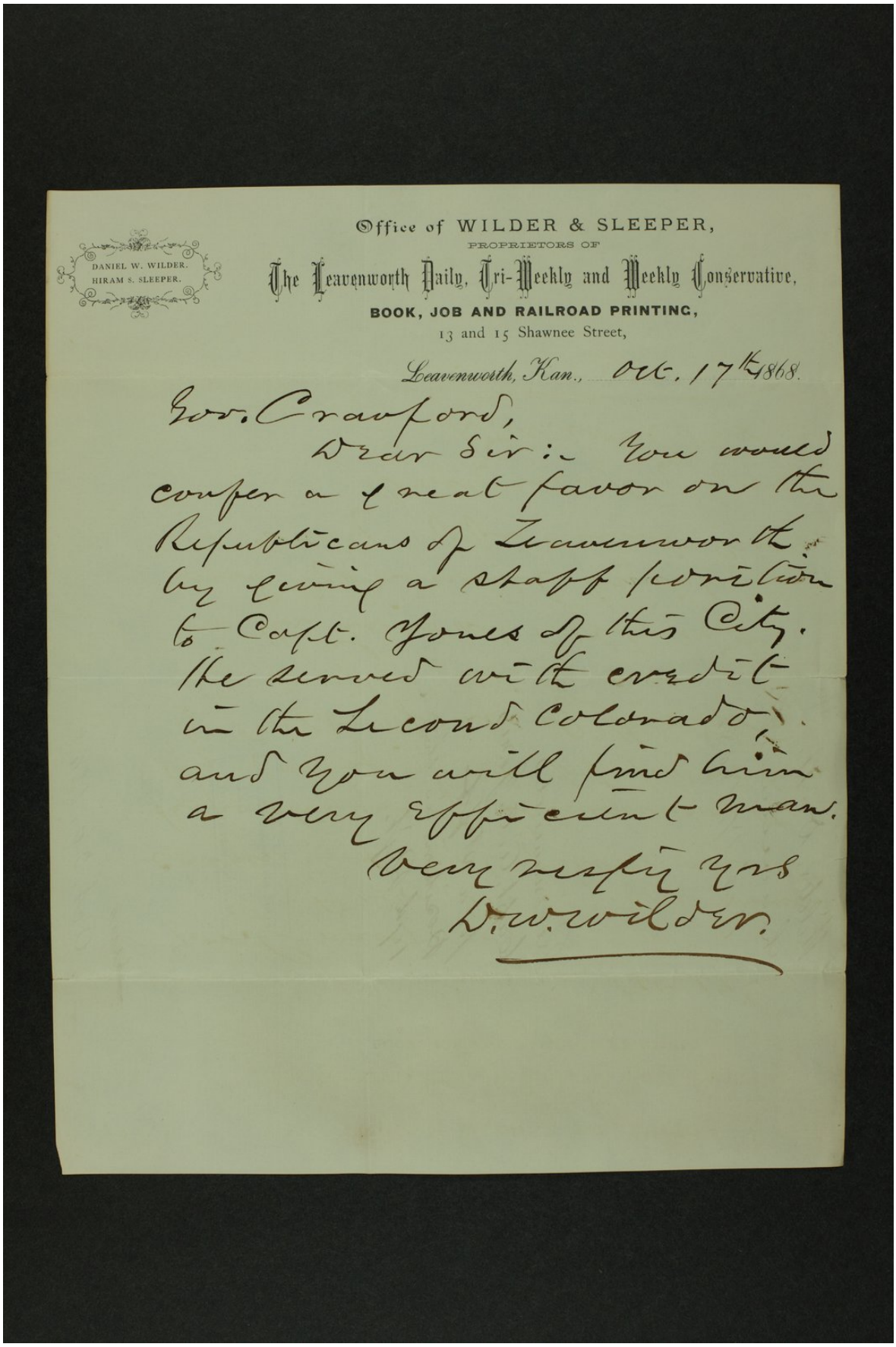
Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully solicit an appointment in the Regiment of Kansas Volunteer Cavalry now being organized. I have held two commissions during the war and have served under Generals Logan, Stevenson, Leggatt, McPherson and others from whom I have received testimonials of the highest character. I am now serving at these Headquarters as a Hospital Steward in the Office of the Medical Director of the Department Genl Madison Mills, to whom I respectfully refer as to my character and qualifications.

With great respect,
I remain Sir
Your most ob. Servant
Charles C. Williams
Hospital Steward U.S.A.

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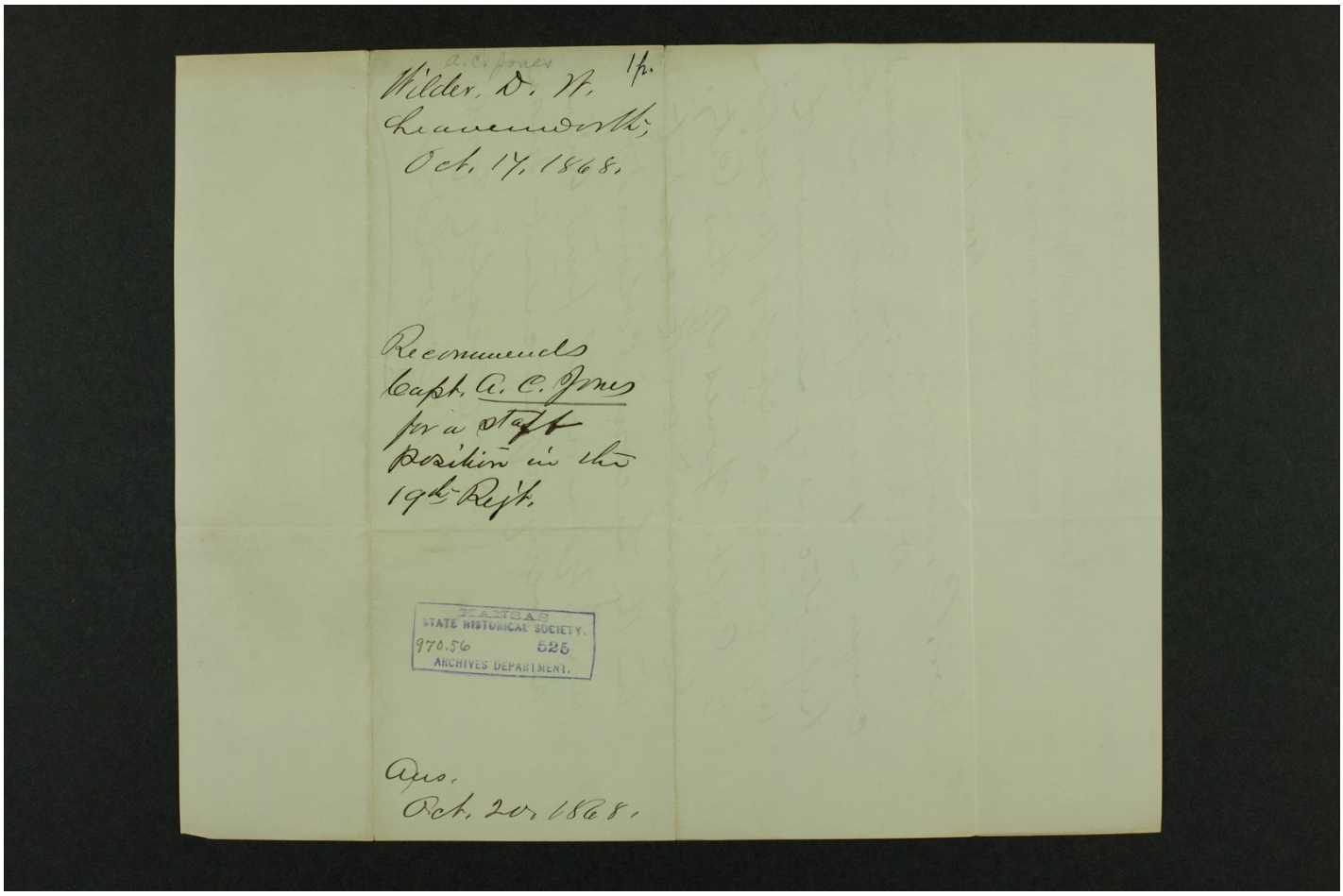
Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 17th 1868.

Gov. Crawford,

Dear Sir: You would confer a great favor on the Republicans of Leavenworth by giving a staff position to Capt. Jones of this City. He served with credit in the 2nd Colorado, and you will find him a very efficient man.

Very truly Yrs
D. W. Wilder.

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A. C. Jones
Wilder, D. N. 1p.
Leavenworth,
Oct. 17, 1868.

Recommends
Capt. A. C. Jones
for a staff
position in the
19th Regt.

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Ans.
Oct. 20, 1868.