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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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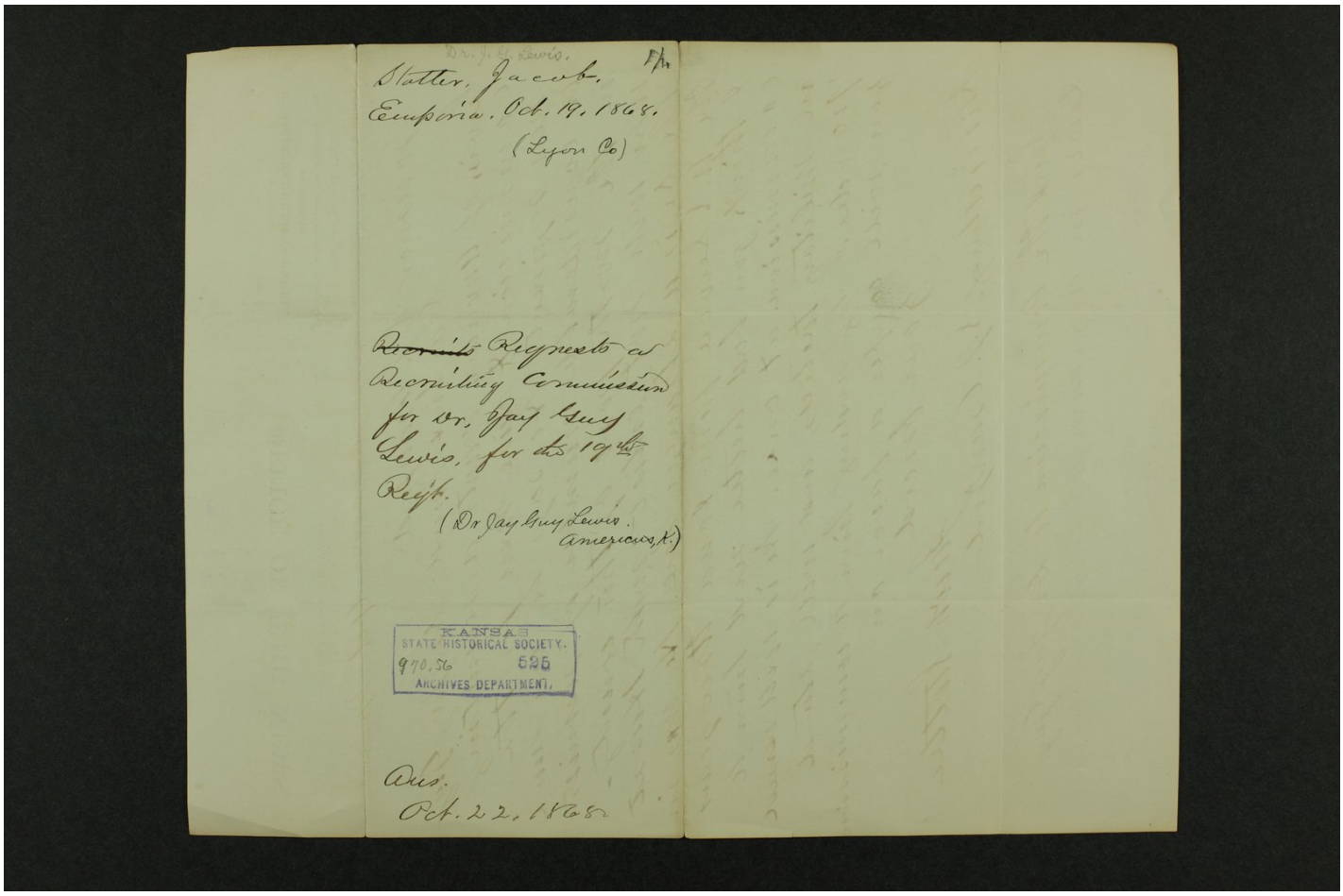
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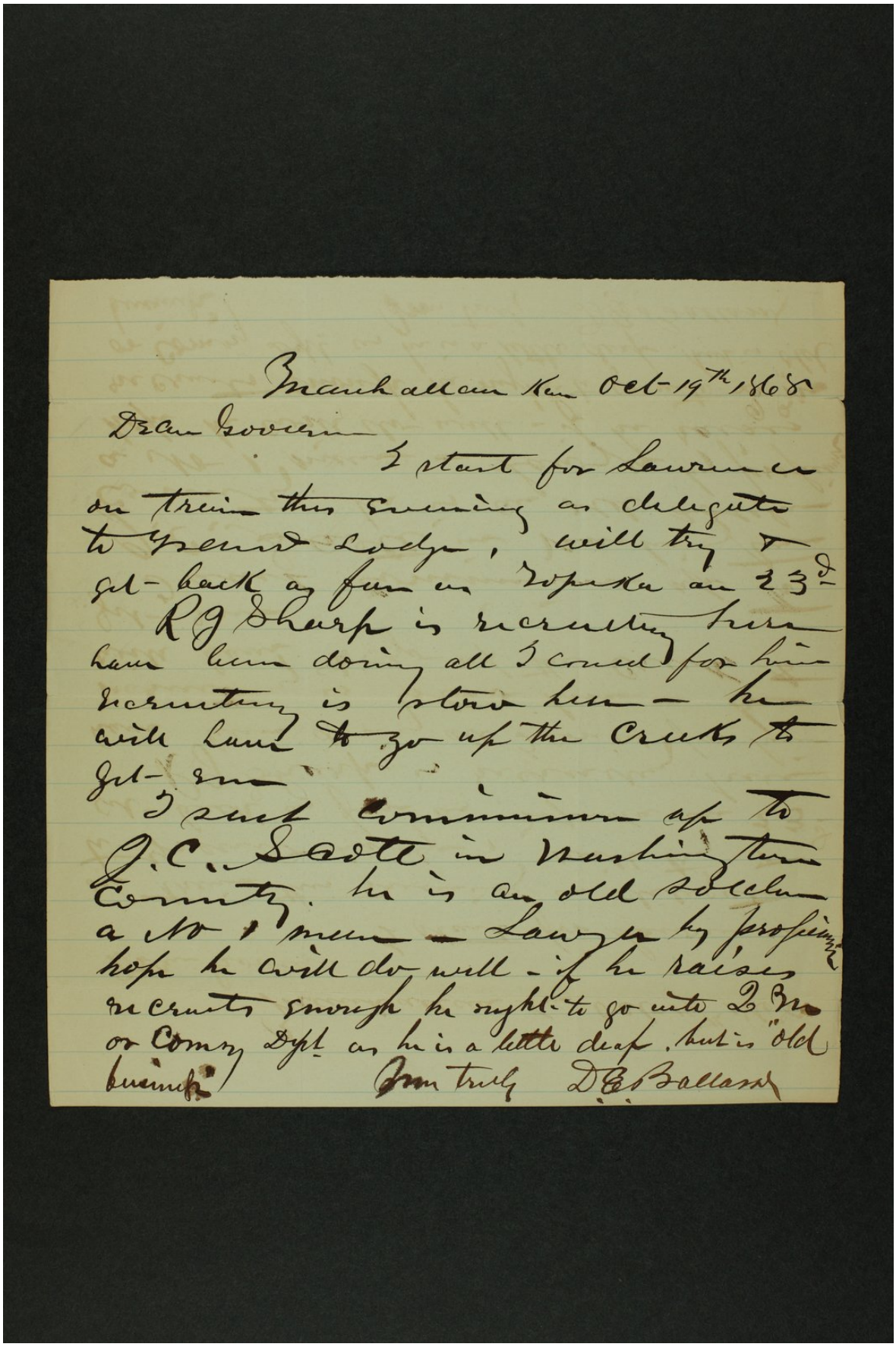

Dr. J. G. Lewis.

Statter, Jacob.
Emporia. Oct. 19, 1868.
(Lyon Co)

~~Recruits~~ Requests a Recruiting Commission for Dr. Jay Guy Lewis, for the 19th Regt.
(Dr Jay Guy Lewis. Americus, K.)

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Ans.
Oct. 22, 1868.



Manhattan Kan Oct 19th 1868

Dear Governor

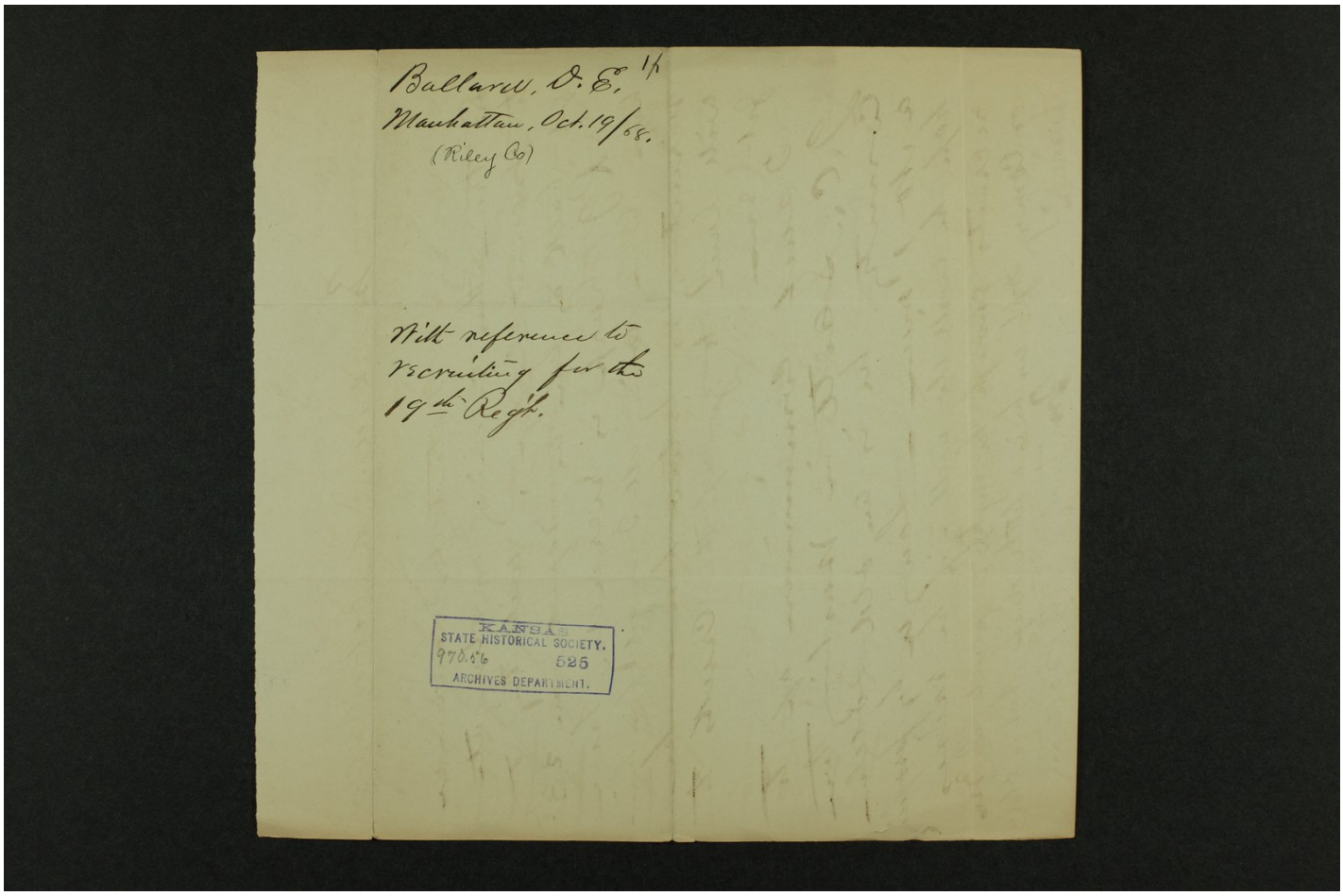
I start for Lawrence on train this evening as delegate to Grand Lodge, will try & get back as soon as Topeka on 23d

R J Sharp is recruiting here have been doing all I could for him recruiting is slow here — he will have to go up the Creeks to get — one

I sent commission up to J. C. Scott in Washington County. he is an old Soldier a No 1 man — Lawyer by profession hope he will do well — if he raises recruits enough he ought to go into 2 Bn or Comy Dpt as he is a little deaf, but is "old brick"

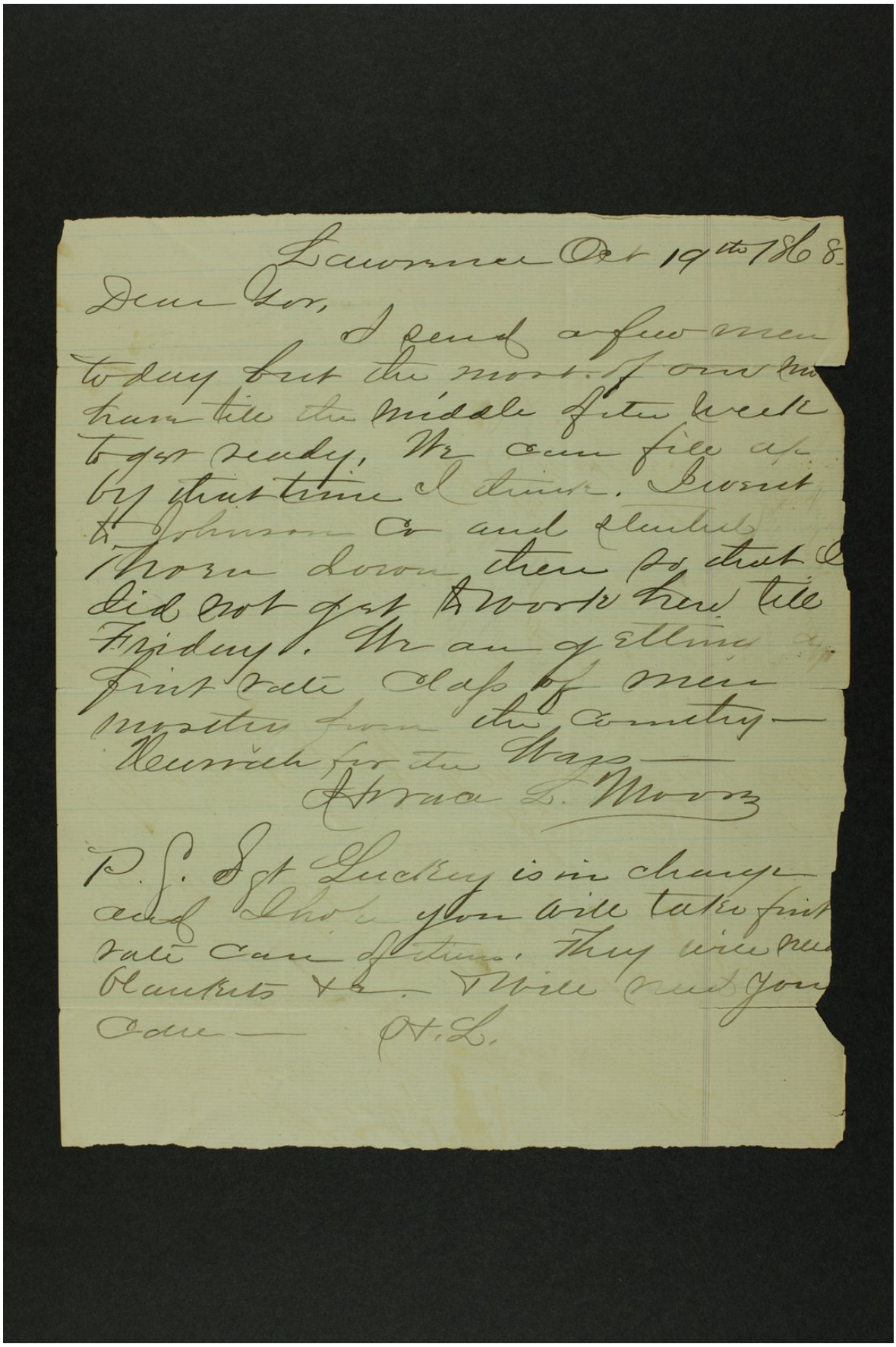
Yours truly D. R. Ballard

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Ballard, D. E. 1/1
Manhattan, Oct. 19/68.
(Riley Co)

With reference to
recruiting for the
19th Regt.

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Lawrence Oct 19th 1868.

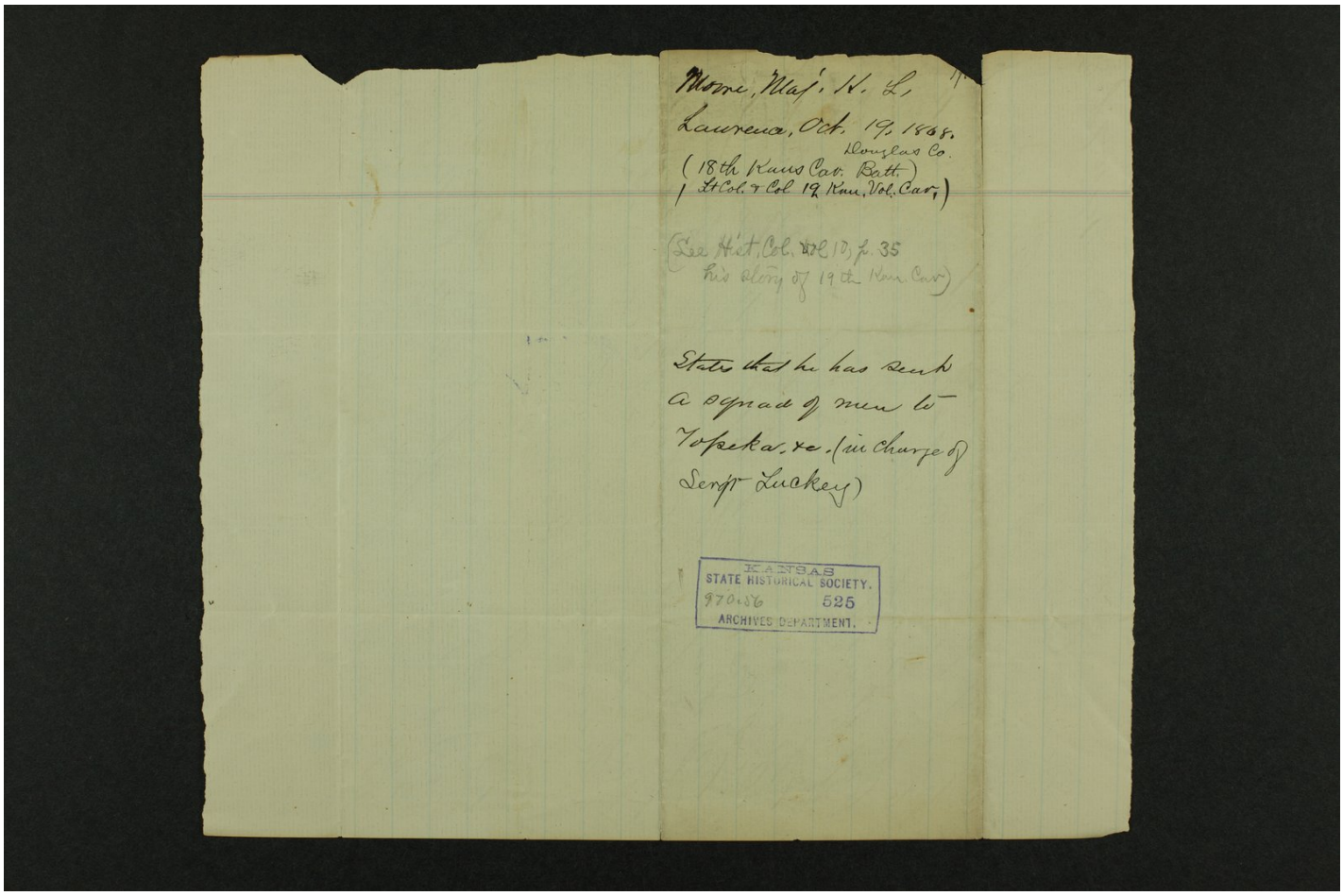
Dear Gov,

I send a few men today but the most I can muster till the middle of next week to get ready. We can fill up by that time I think. Genl S. Johnson & and Lieut Thorn down there so that did not get to work here till Friday. We are getting first rate class of men mostly from the country— Heretofore for the ways—

Hiram L. Moore

P. S. Sgt Lackey is in charge and I hope you will take first rate care of him. They will need blankets &c. I will send you one— H. L.

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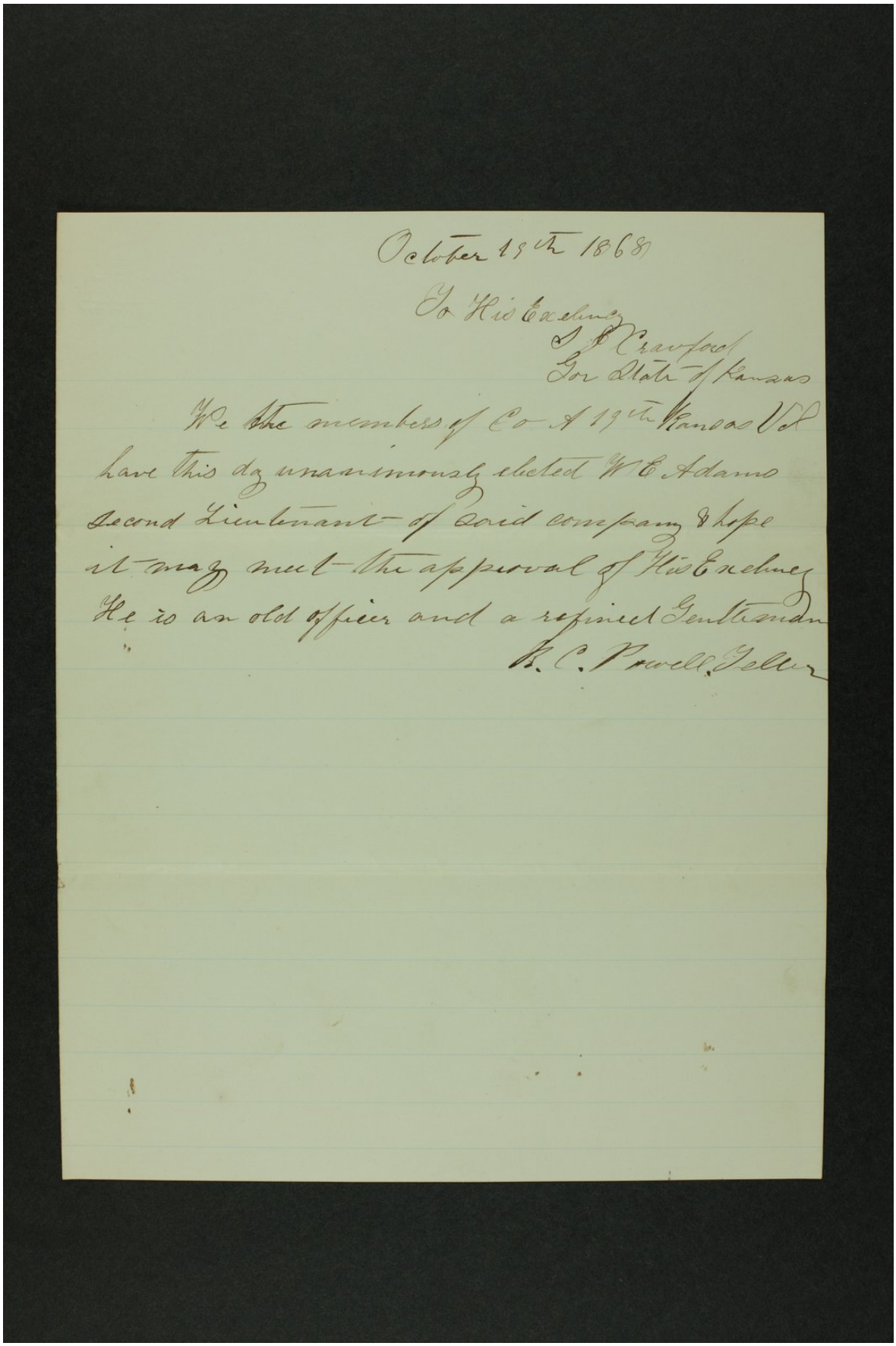


Moore, Maj. H. L.
Laurens, Oct. 19, 1868.
Douglas Co.
(18th Kans Cav. Batt
Lt Col. & Col 19 Kan. Vol. Cav.)

(See Hist. Col. Vol 10, p. 35
his story of 19th Kan. Cav.)

States that he has sent
a squad of men to
Topeka, &c. (in charge of
Sergt Luckey)

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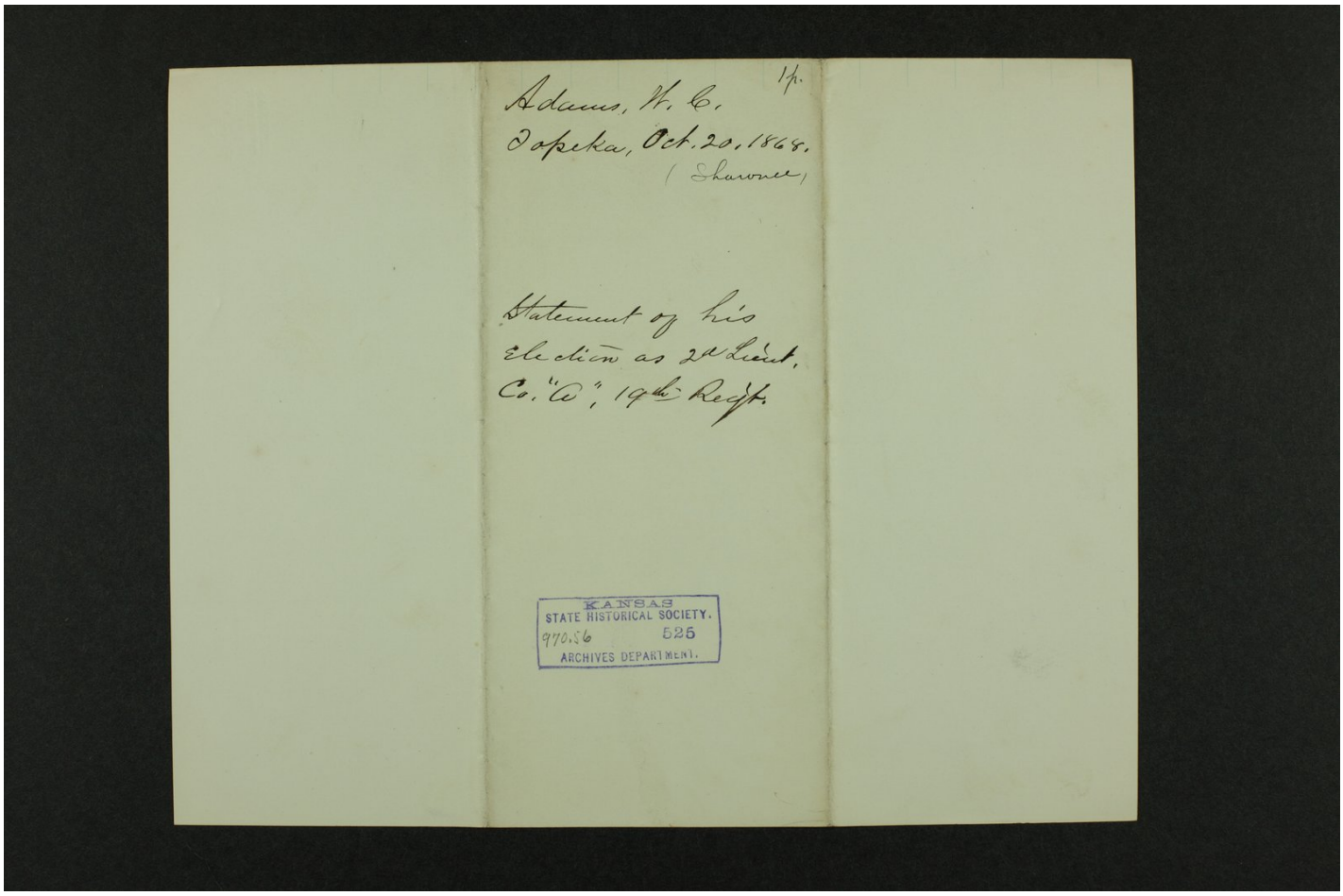
October 19th 1868

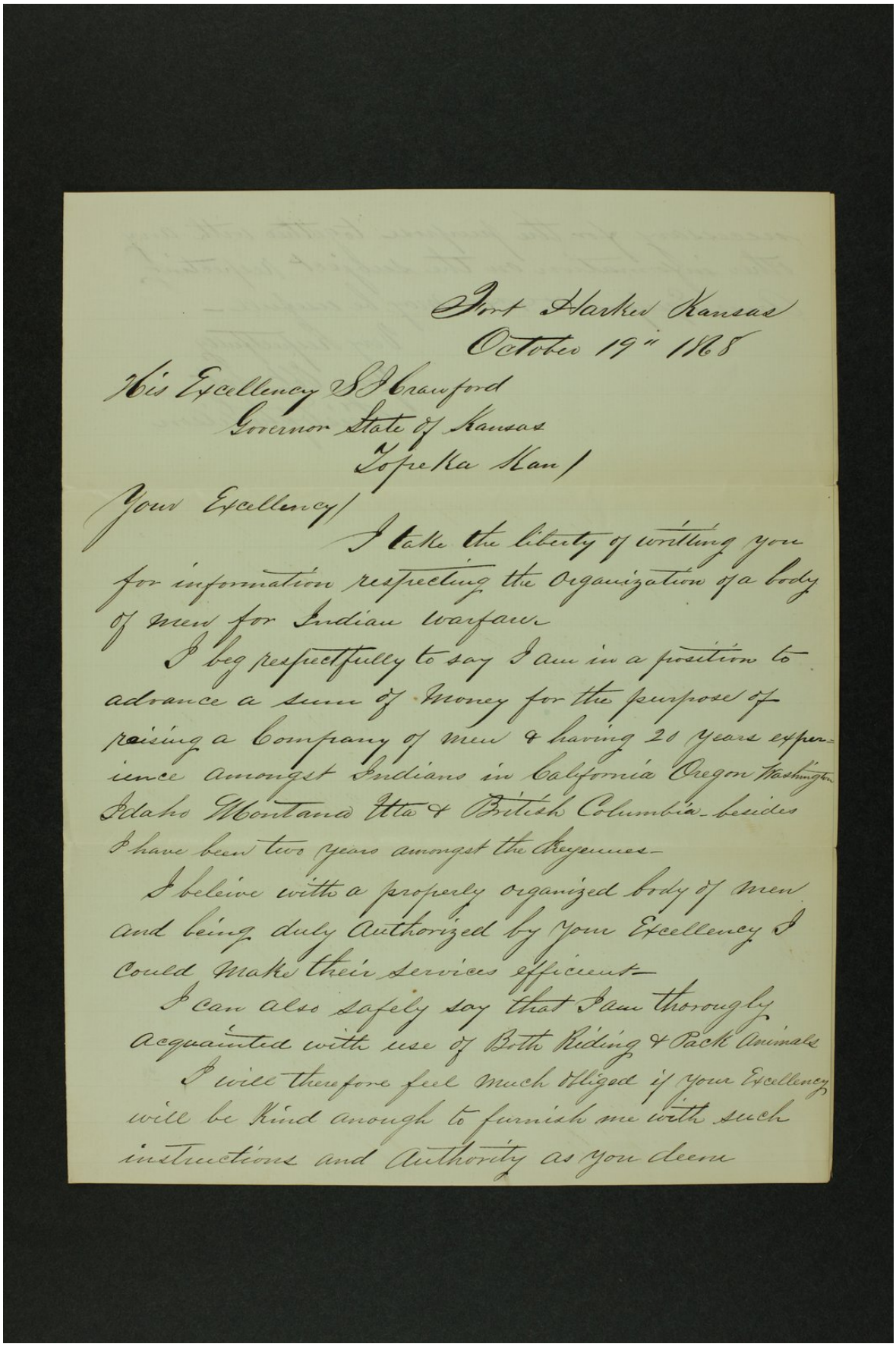
To His Excellency
S. J. Crawford
Gov. State of Kansas

We the members of Co A 19th Kansas Vol have this day unanimously elected W. C. Adams Second Lieutenant of said company & hope it may meet the approval of His Excellency He is an old officer and a refined Gentleman

R. C. Powell. Teller

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Fort Harker Kansas
October 19th 1865

His Excellency S J Crawford
Governor State of Kansas
Topeka Kan/

Your Excellency/

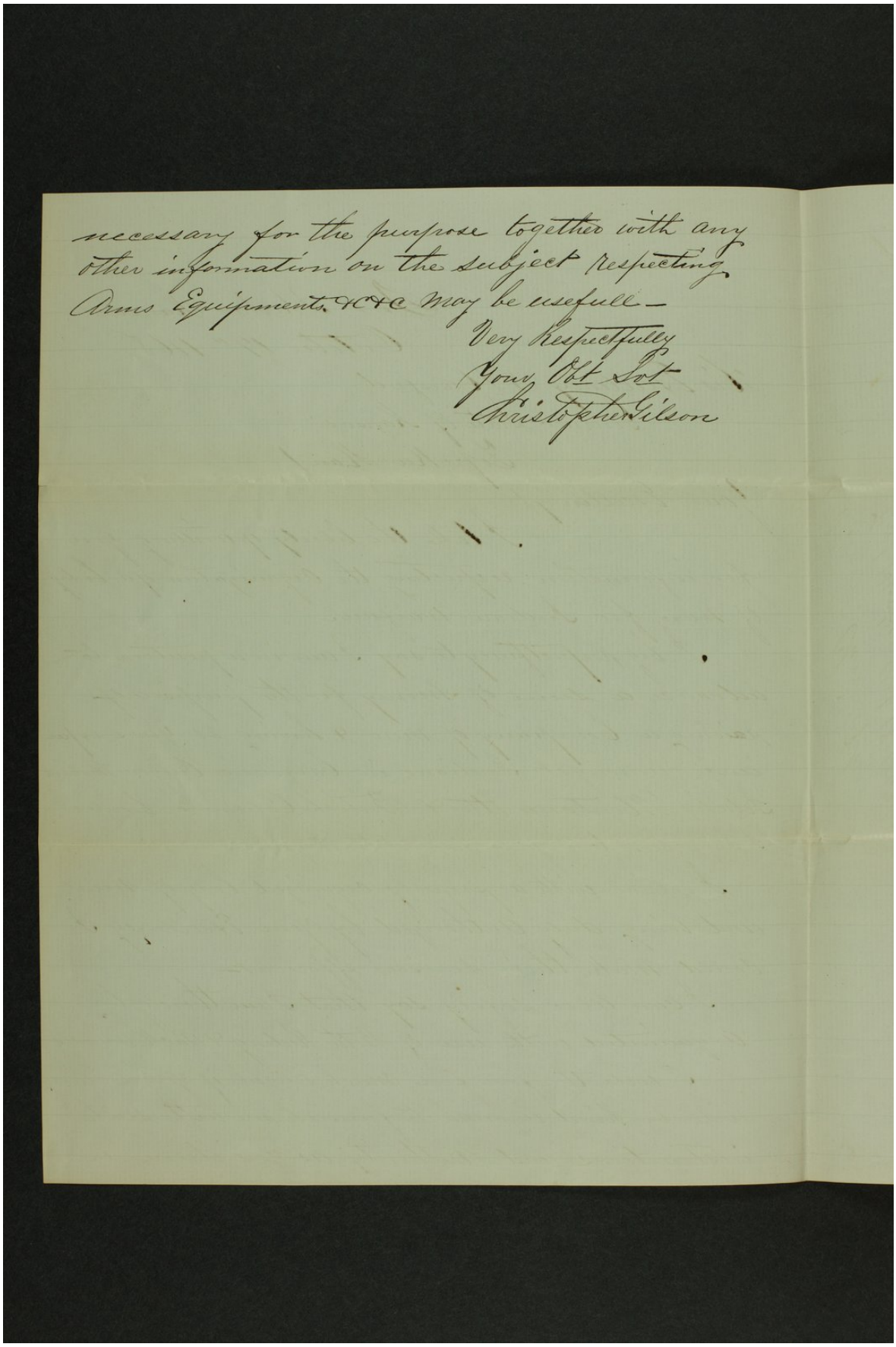
I take the liberty of writing you for information respecting the organization of a body of men for Indian warfare

I beg respectfully to say I am in a position to advance a sum of money for the purpose of raising a Company of men & having 20 years experience amongst Indians in California Oregon Washington Idaho Montana Utta & British Columbia besides I have been two years amongst the Cheyennes

I beleive with a properly organized body of men and being duly Authorized by your Excellency I could make their services efficient—

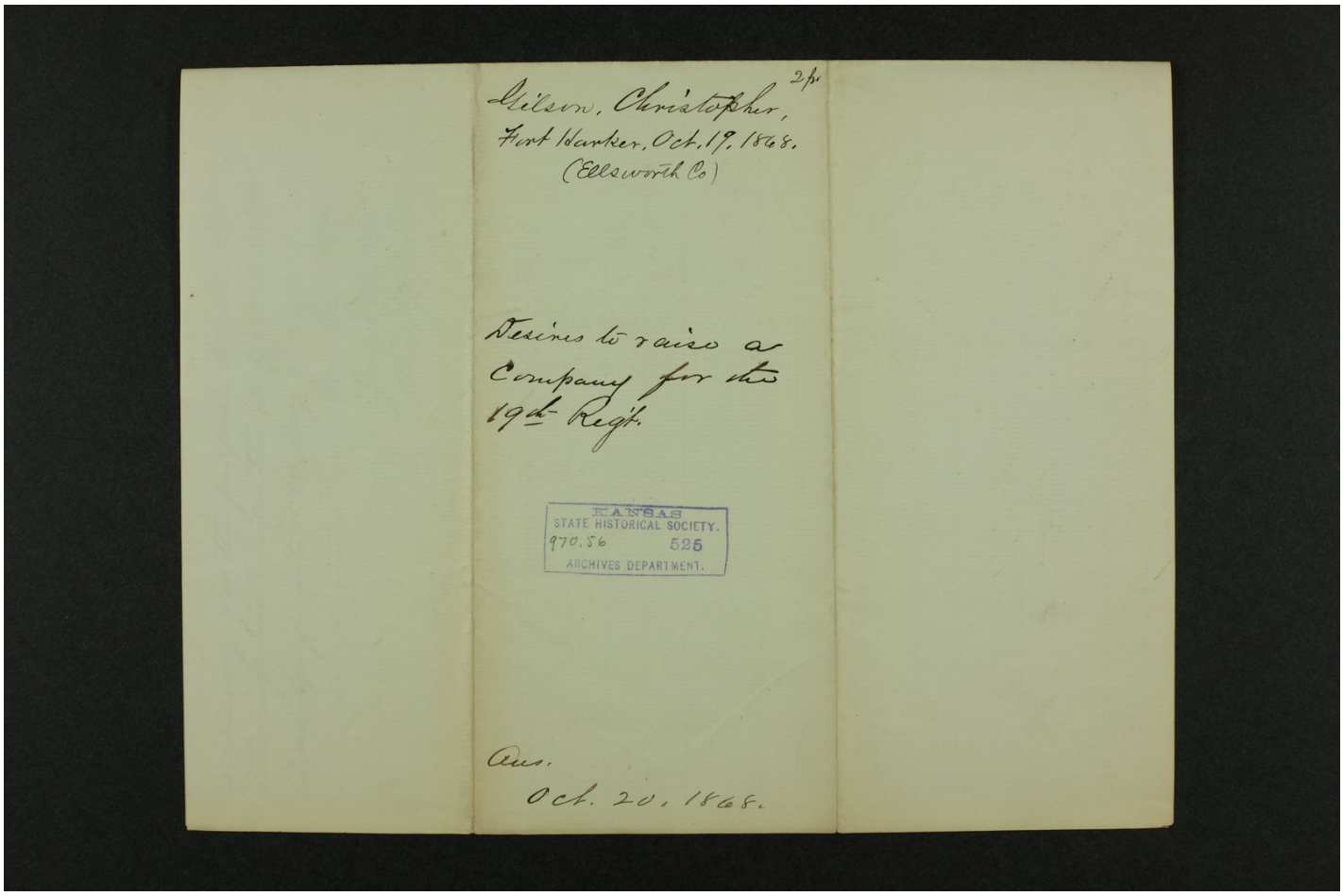
I can also safely say that I am thoroughly acquainted with use of Both Riding & Pack Animals

I will therefore feel much Obliged if your Excellency will be kind enough to furnish me with such instructions and Authority as you deem



necessary for the purpose together with any other information on the subject respecting Arms Equipments &c &c may be useful —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Christopher Gilson



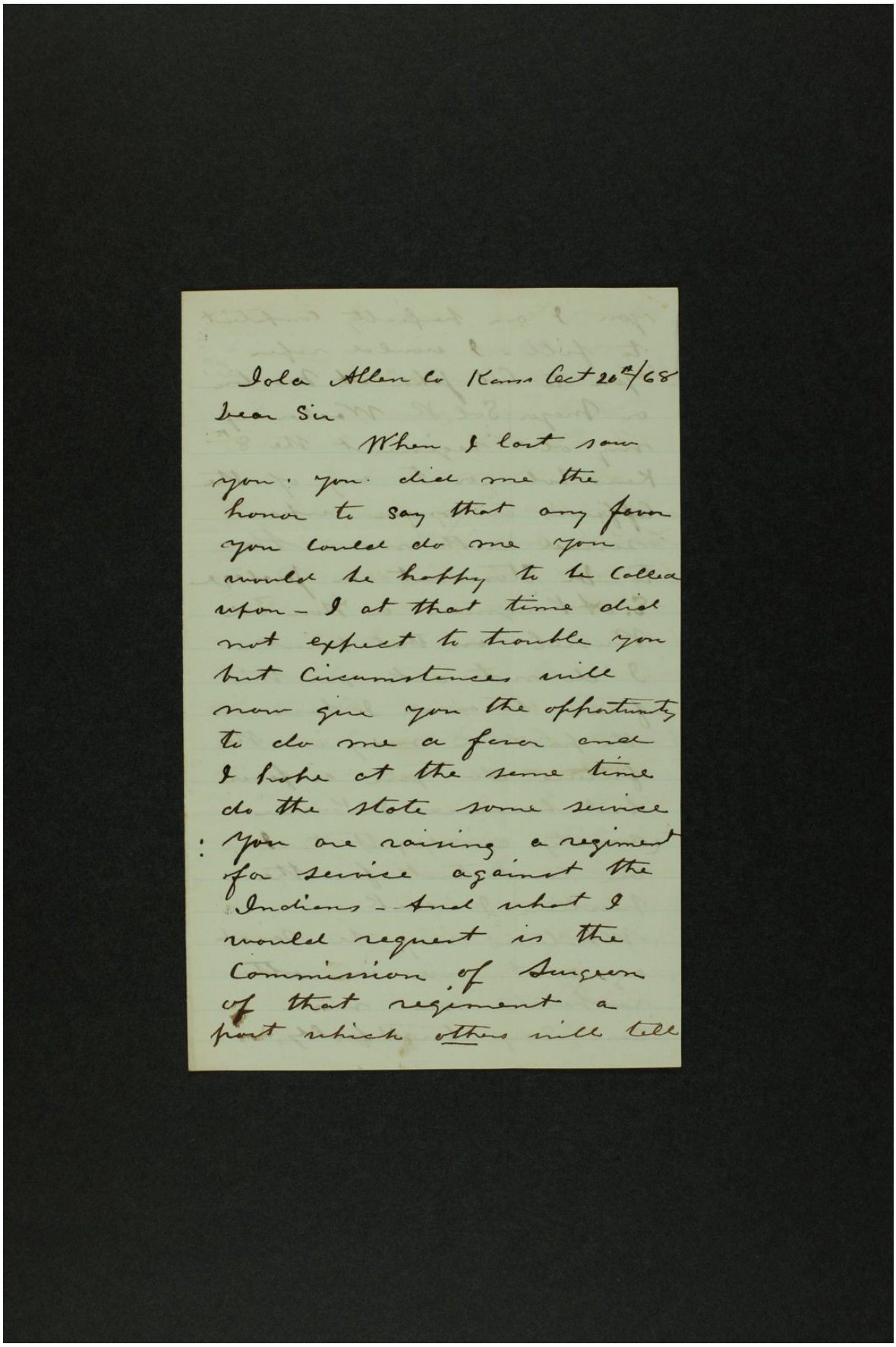
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Wilson, Christopher,
Fort Harker, Oct. 19, 1868.
(Ellsworth Co.)

Desires to raise a
Company for the
19th Regt.

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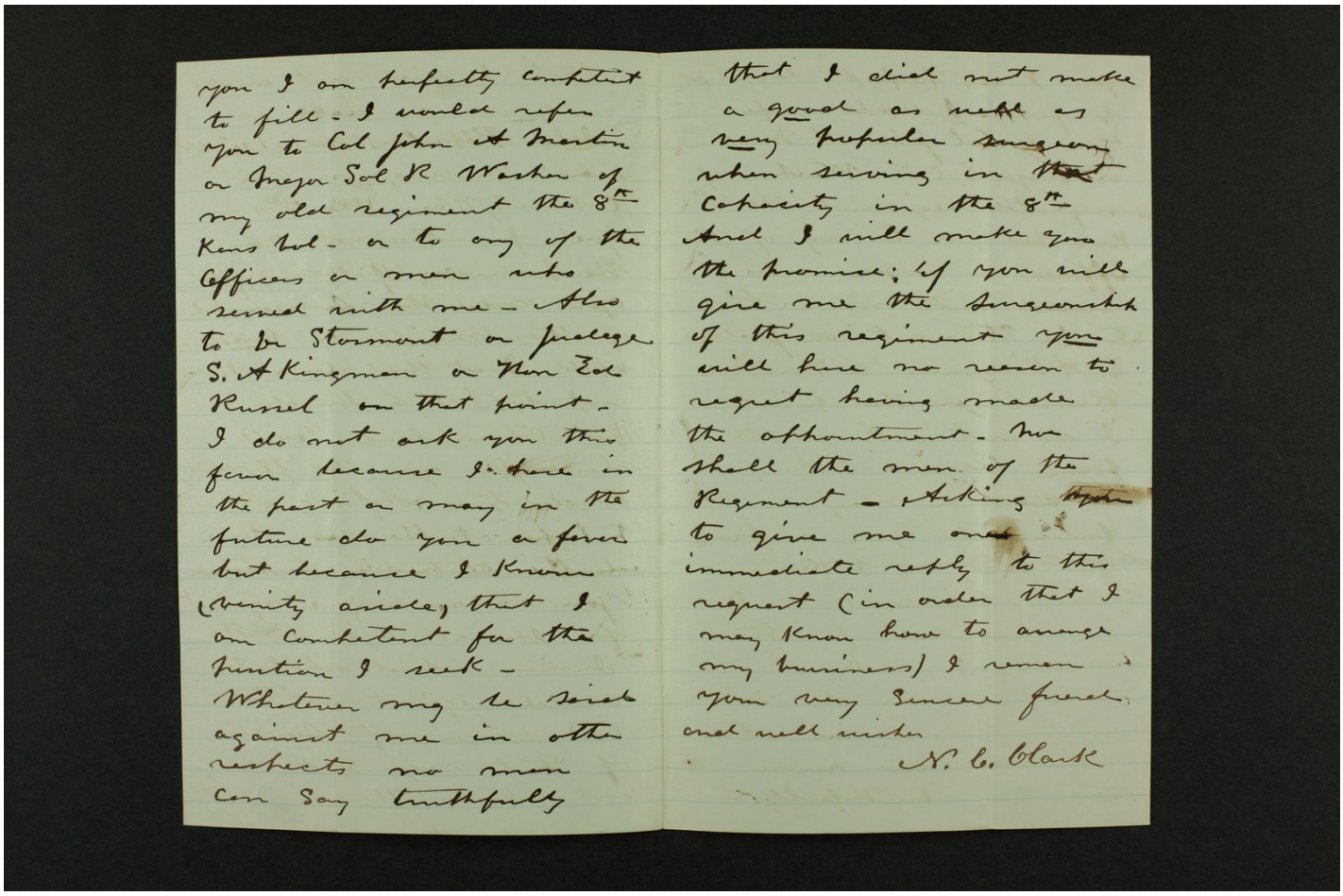


Iola Allen Co Kans Oct 20th/68

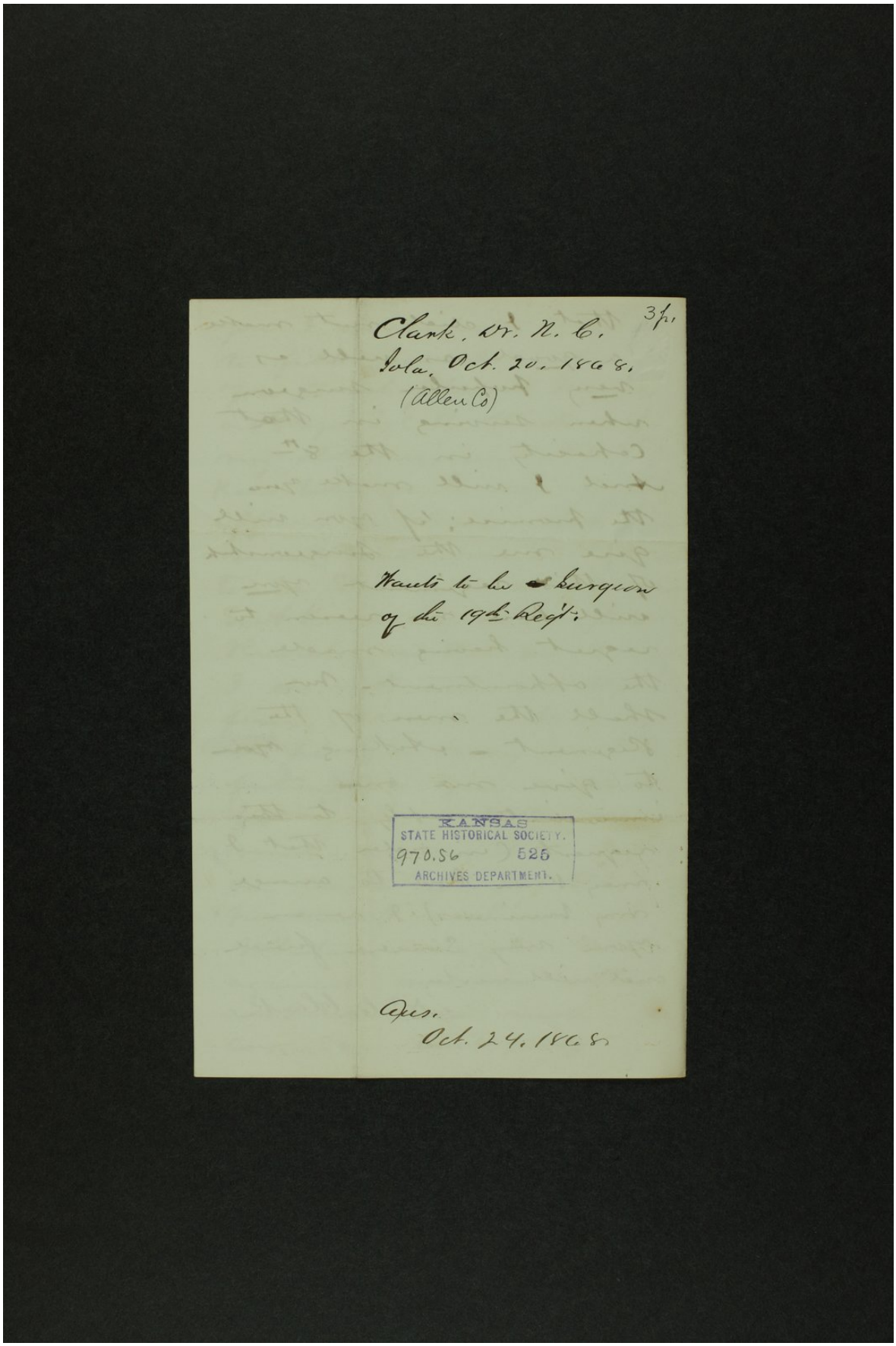
Dear Sir

When I last saw you you did me the honor to say that any favor you could do me you would be happy to be called upon - I at that time did not expect to trouble you but Circumstances will now give you the opportunity to do me a favor and I hope at the same time do the state some service: You are raising a regiment for service against the Indians - and what I would request is the Commission of Surgeon of that regiment a post which others will tell

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you I am perfectly competent
to fill - I would refer
you to Col John A Martin
or Major Sol R Wasken of
my old regiment the 8th
Kans Vol - or to any of the
Officers or men who
served with me - Also
to Dr Stormont or Judge
S. A Kingman or Hon Ed
Russel on that point -
I do not ask you this
favor because I have in
the past or may in the
future do you a favor
but because I know
(vanity aside) that I
am Competent for the
position I seek -
Whatever may be said
against me in other
respects no man
can say truthfully
that I did not make
a good as well as
very popular surgeon
when serving in that
Capacity in the 8th
And I will make you
the promise; if you will
give me the Surgeonship
of this regiment you
will have no reason to
regret having made
the appointment - You
shall the men of the
Regiment - striking
to give me one
immediate reply to this
request (in order that I
may know how to arrange
my business) I remain
your very Sincere friend
and well wisher
N. G. Clark



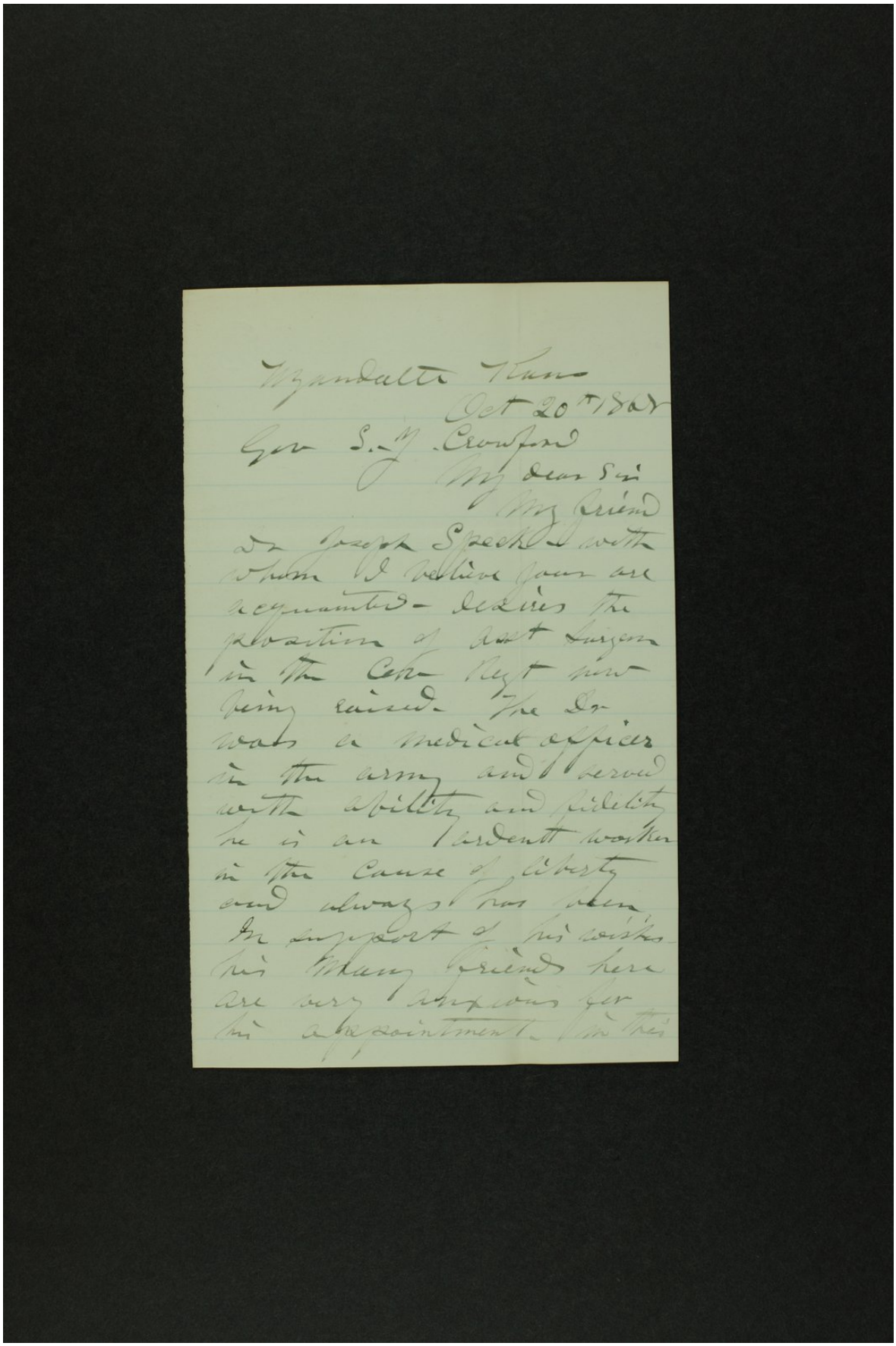
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Clark, Dr. N. C.
Iola, Oct. 20, 1868.
(Allen Co)

Wants to be Surgeon
of the 19th Regt.

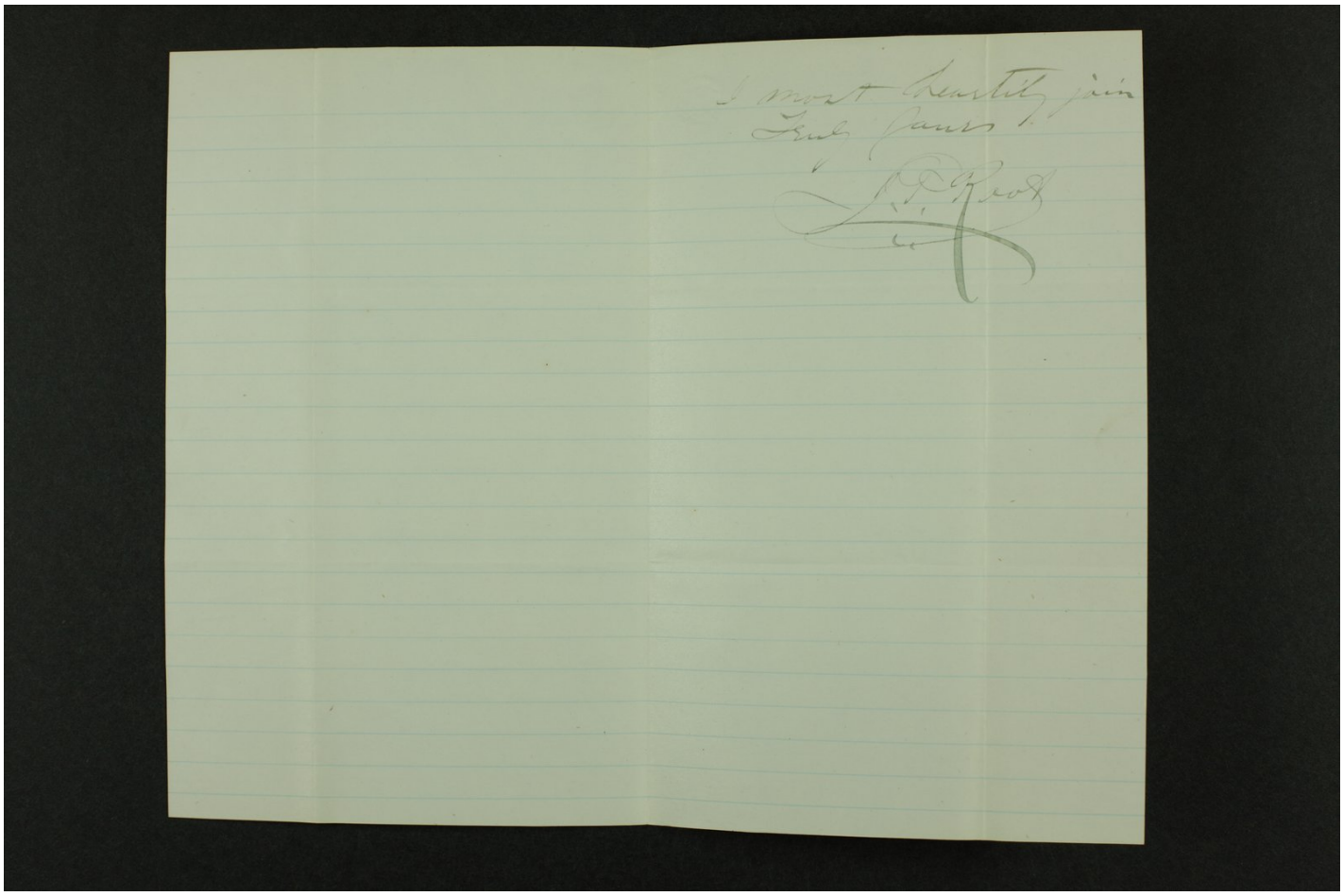
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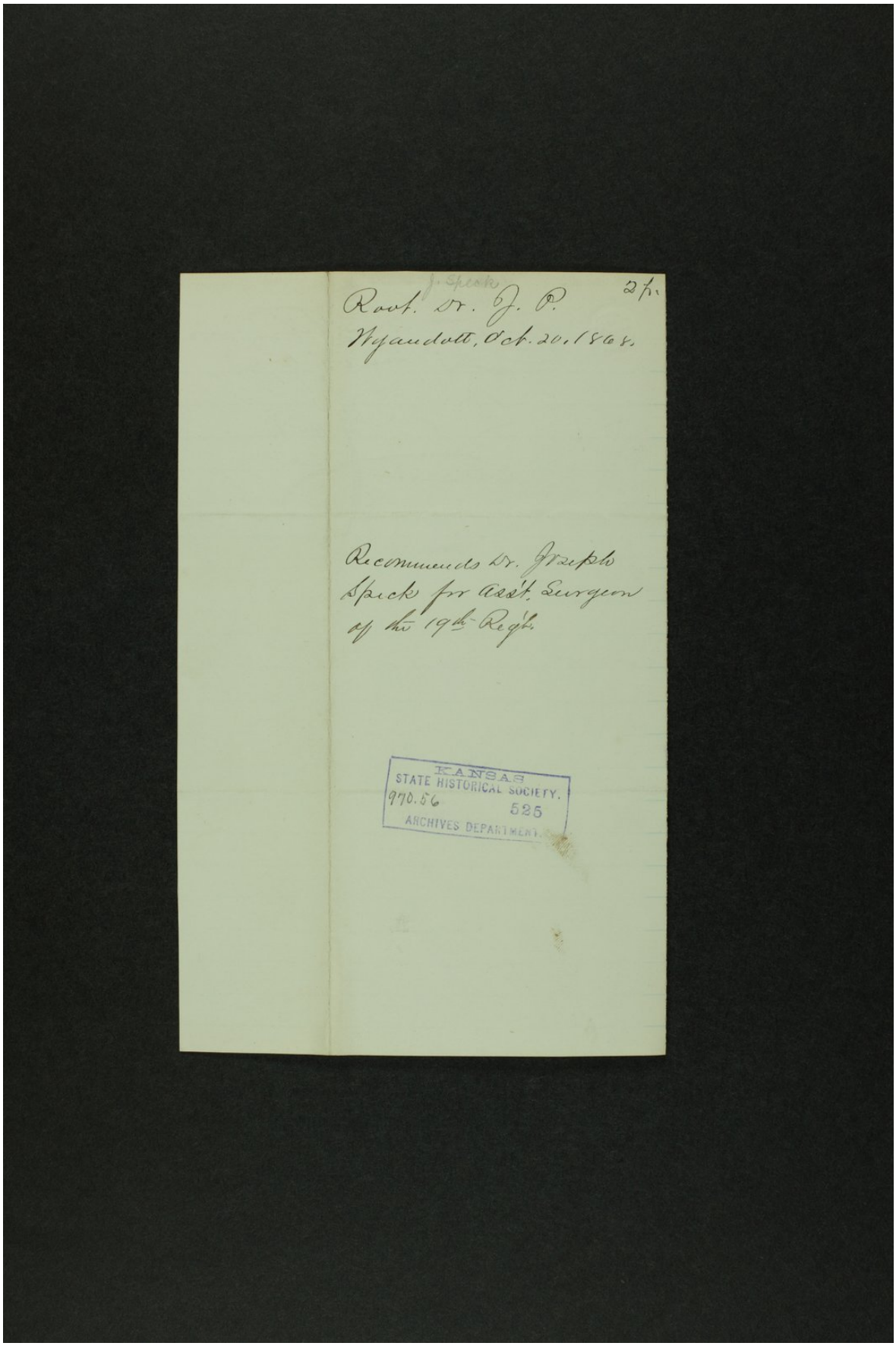
Apes.
Oct. 24, 1868



Wyandotte Kans
Oct 20th 1862
Gov S. J. Crawford
My dear Sir
My friend
Dr Joseph Speer I wish
whom I believe you are
acquainted - desires the
position of Asst Surgeon
in the Cav Regt now
being raised. The Dr
was a Medical officer
in the army and served
with ability and fidelity
he is an ardent worker
in the cause of liberty
and always has been
In support of his wishes
his many friends here
are very anxious for
his appointment. Dr Speer

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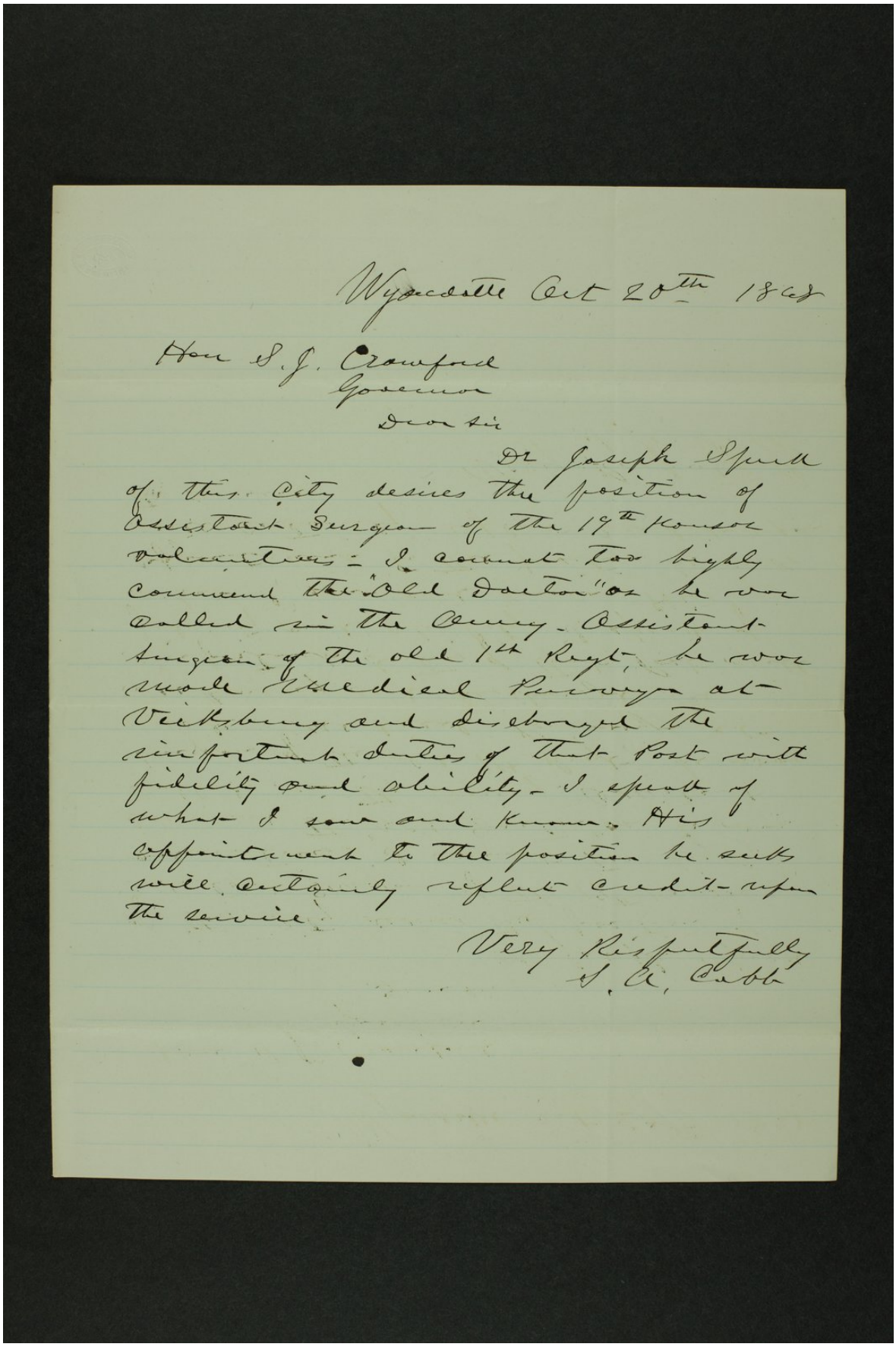




J. Speck
Root. Dr. J. P. 27.
Wyandott, Oct. 20, 1868.

Recommends Dr. Joseph
Speck for Asst. Surgeon
of the 19th Regt.

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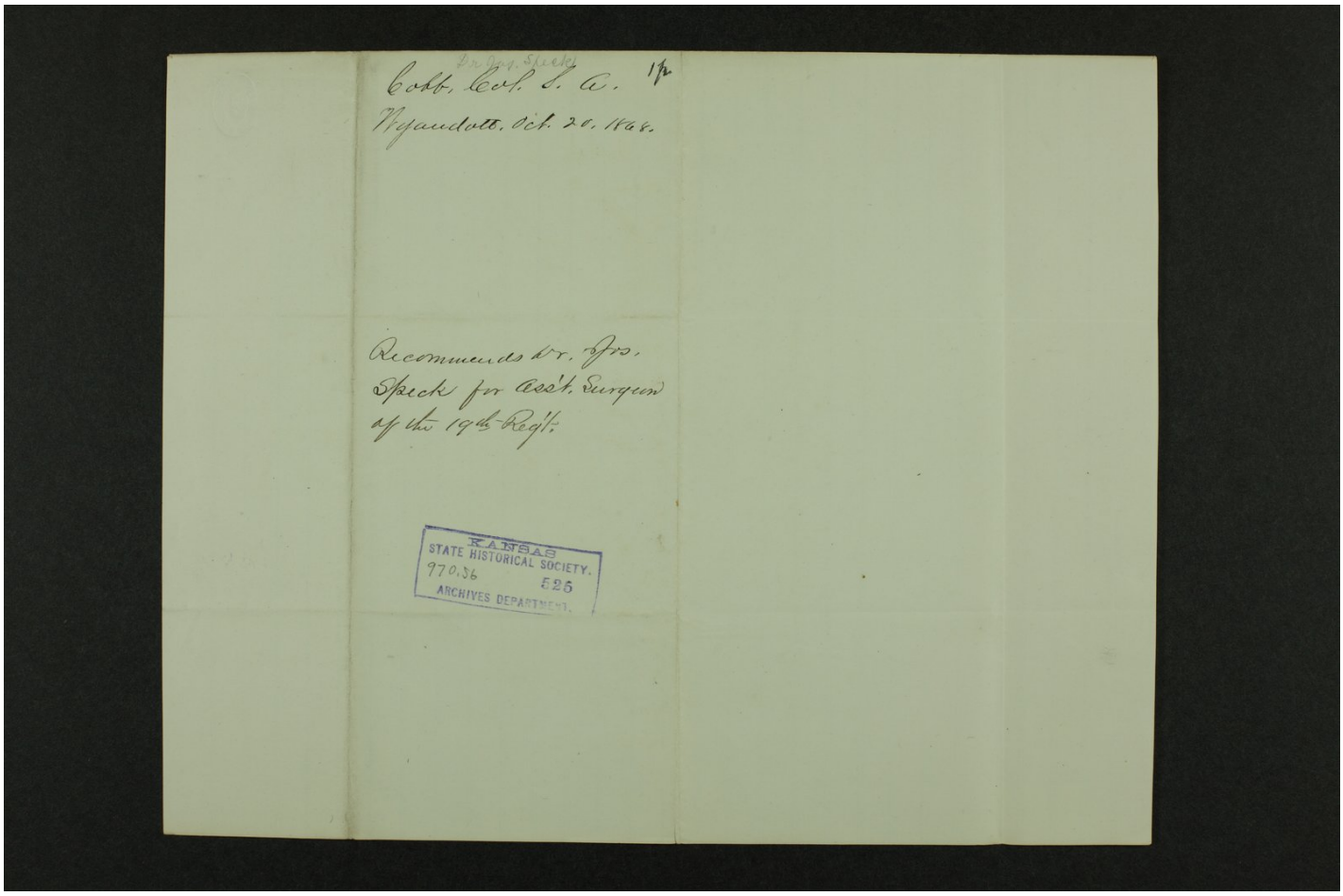
Wyandotte Oct 20th 1863

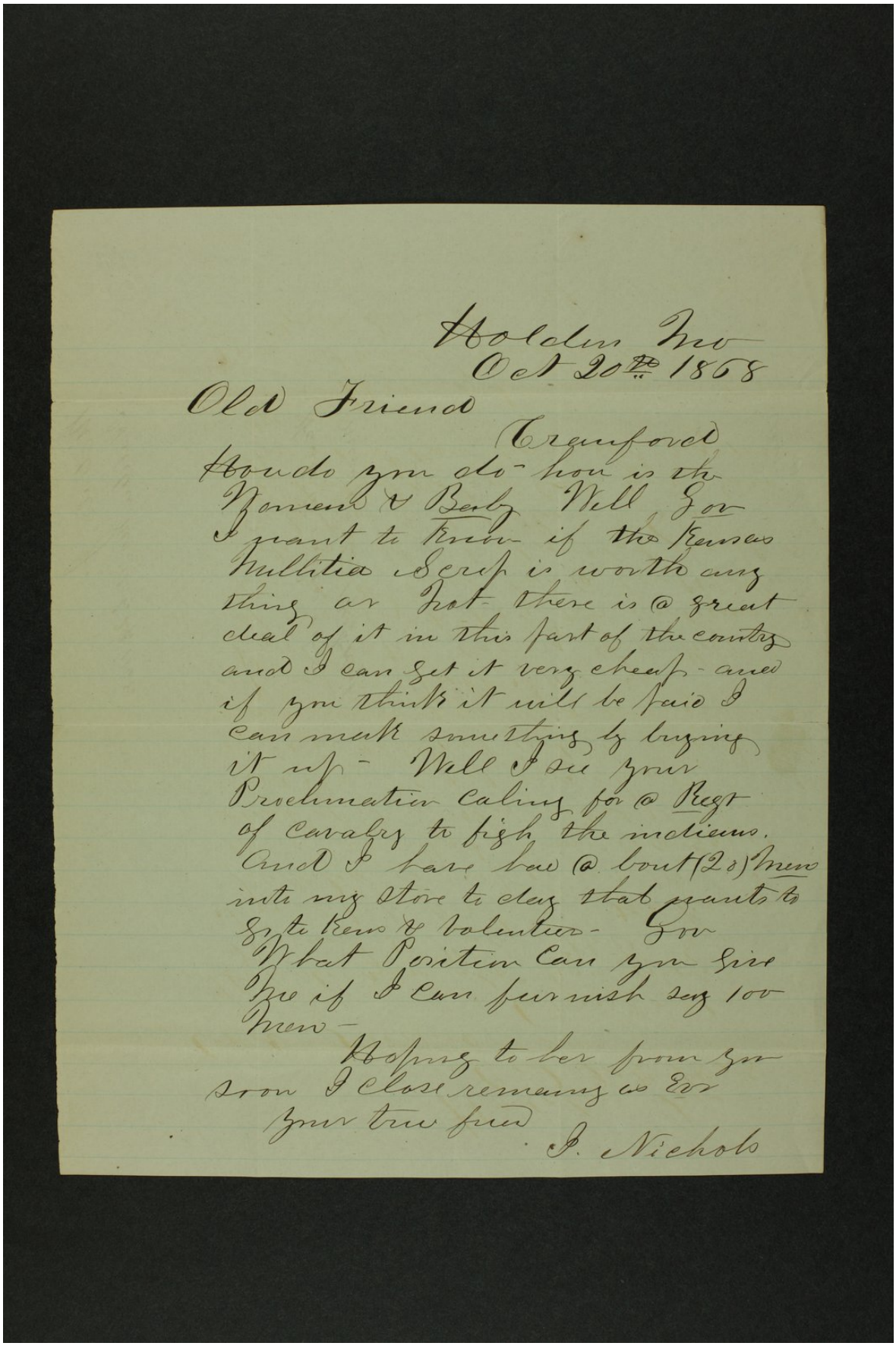
Hon S. J. Crawford
Governor
Dear Sir

Dr Joseph Speer of this City desires the position of Assistant Surgeon of the 19th Kansas Volunteers. I cannot too highly commend the "Old Doctor" as he was called in the Army. Assistant-Surgeon of the old 1st Regt. he was made Medical Purveyor at Vicksburg and discharged the important duties of that Post with fidelity and ability. I speak of what I saw and know. His appointment to the position he seeks will certainly reflect credit upon the service.

Very Respectfully
S. A. Cobb

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Holden Mo
Oct 20th 1868

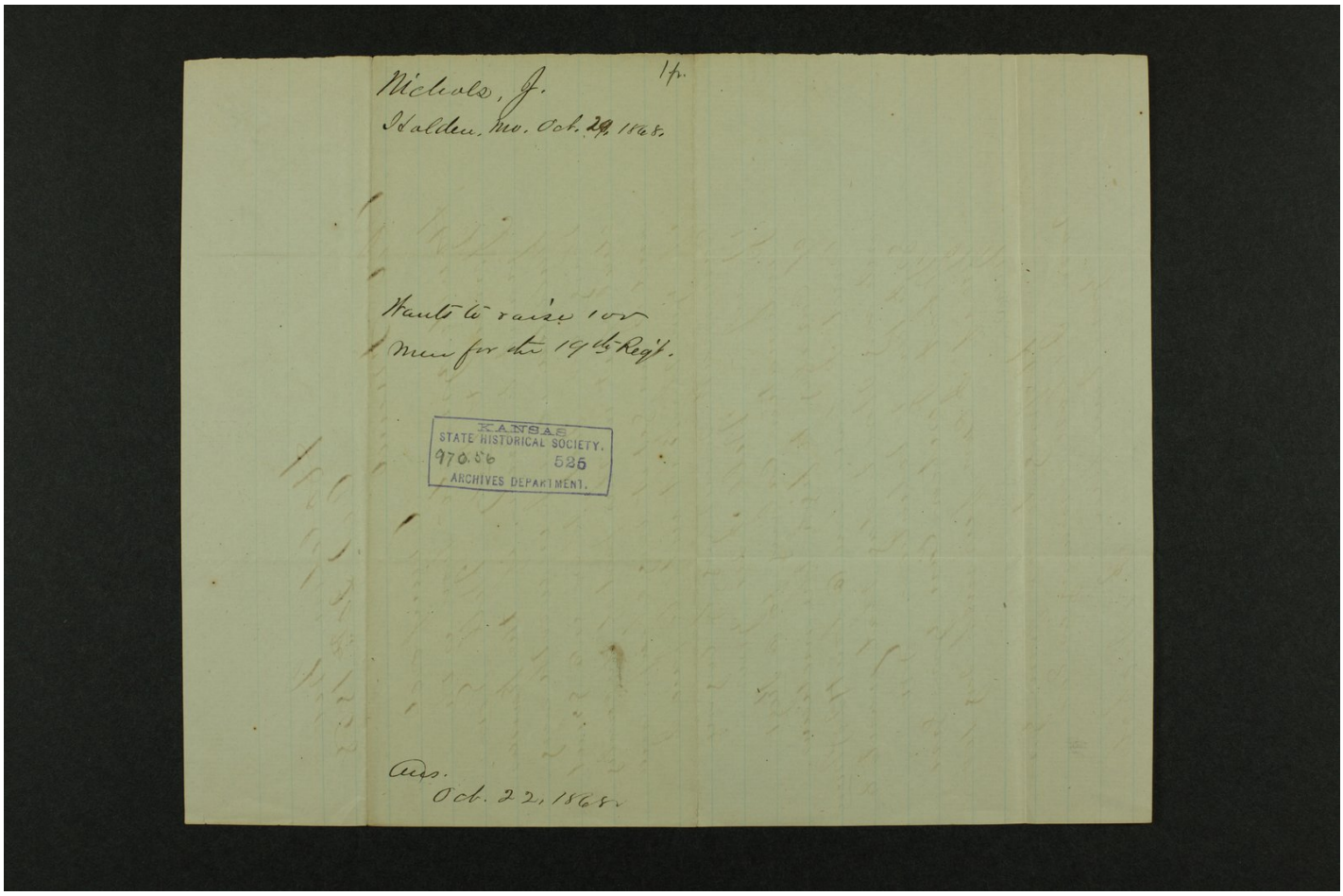
Old Friend Crawford

How do you do- how is the Women & Baby Well I or I want to know if the Kansas Militia Scrip is worth any thing or Not- there is a great deal of it in this part of the country and I can get it very cheap- and if you think it will be paid I can make something by buying it up- Well I see your Proclimation calling for a Regt of cavalry to fight the indians. And I have had about (20) men into my Store to day that wants to go to Kans & volunteer- Now What Position Can you Give me if I can furnish say 100 men-

Hoping to hear from you soon I close remaining as Ever your true friend

J. Nichols

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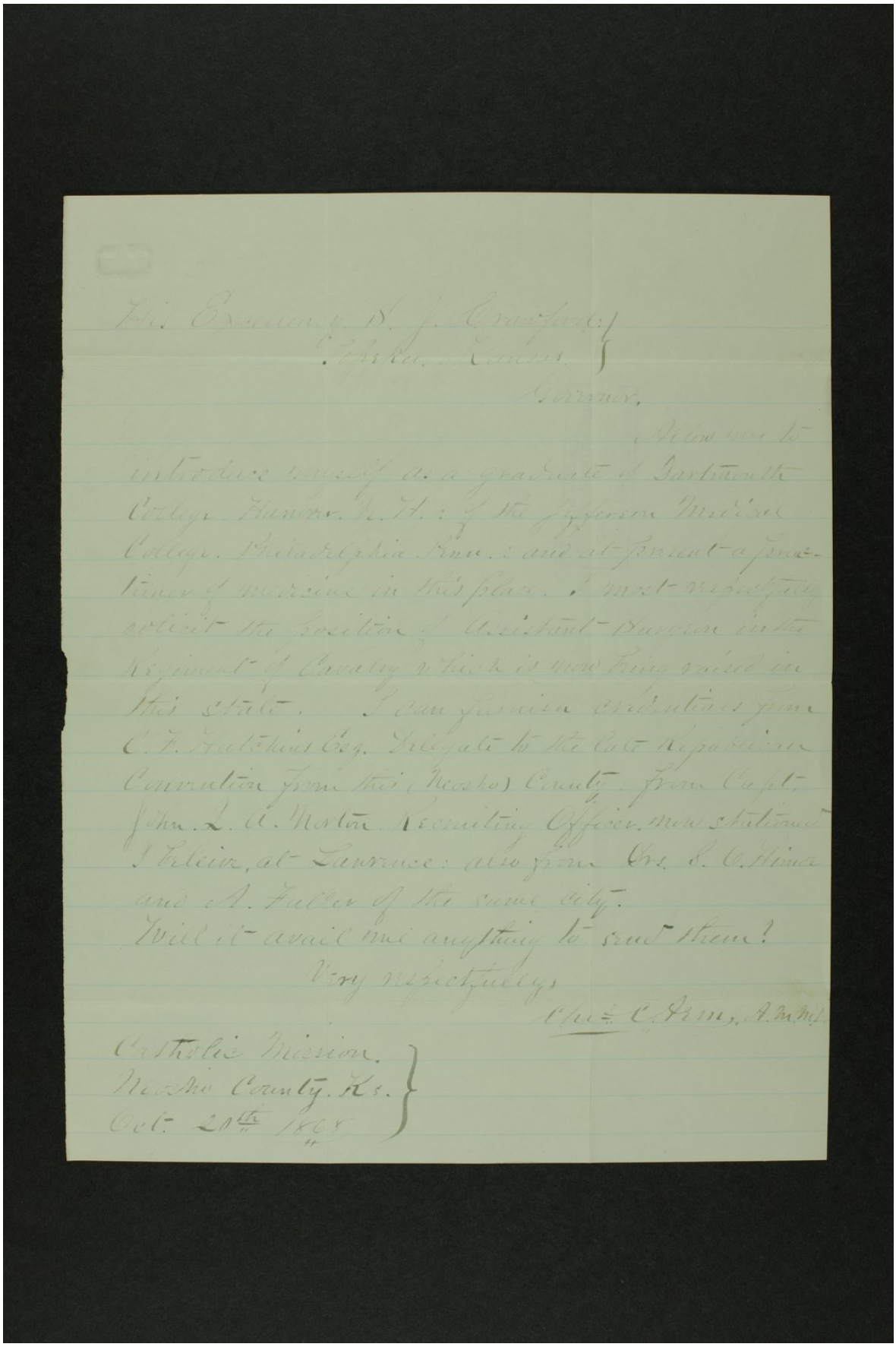

Nichols, J. 1p.
Baldwin, Mo. Oct. 29, 1868.

Wants to raise 100
men for the 19th Regt.

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His Excellency S. J. Crawford
Topeka Kansas

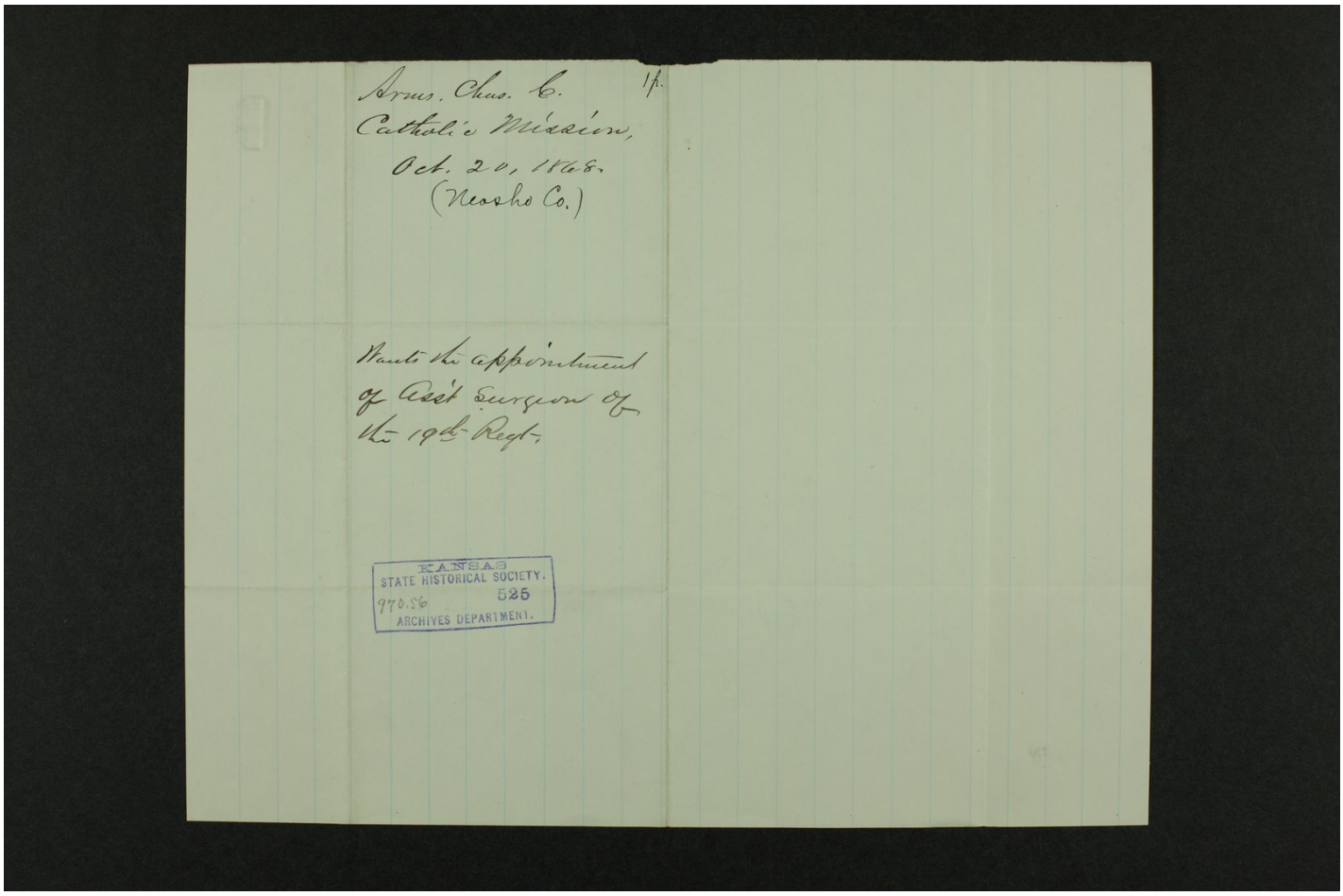
Governor,

Allow me to introduce myself as a graduate of Dartmouth College Hanover N. H.: of the Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia Penn.: and at present a practitioner of medicine in this place. I most respectfully solicit the position of Assistant Surgeon in the Regiment of Cavalry which is now being raised in this state. I can furnish credentials from C. F. Hutchins Esq. Delegate to the late Republican Convention from this (Neosho) County: from Capt. John L. A. Morton Recruiting Officer, now stationed at Leavenworth: also from Drs. S. A. Hinds and A. Fuller of the same city.
Will it avail me anything to send them?

Very respectfully,
Chas C. Pinn, A.M.M.D.

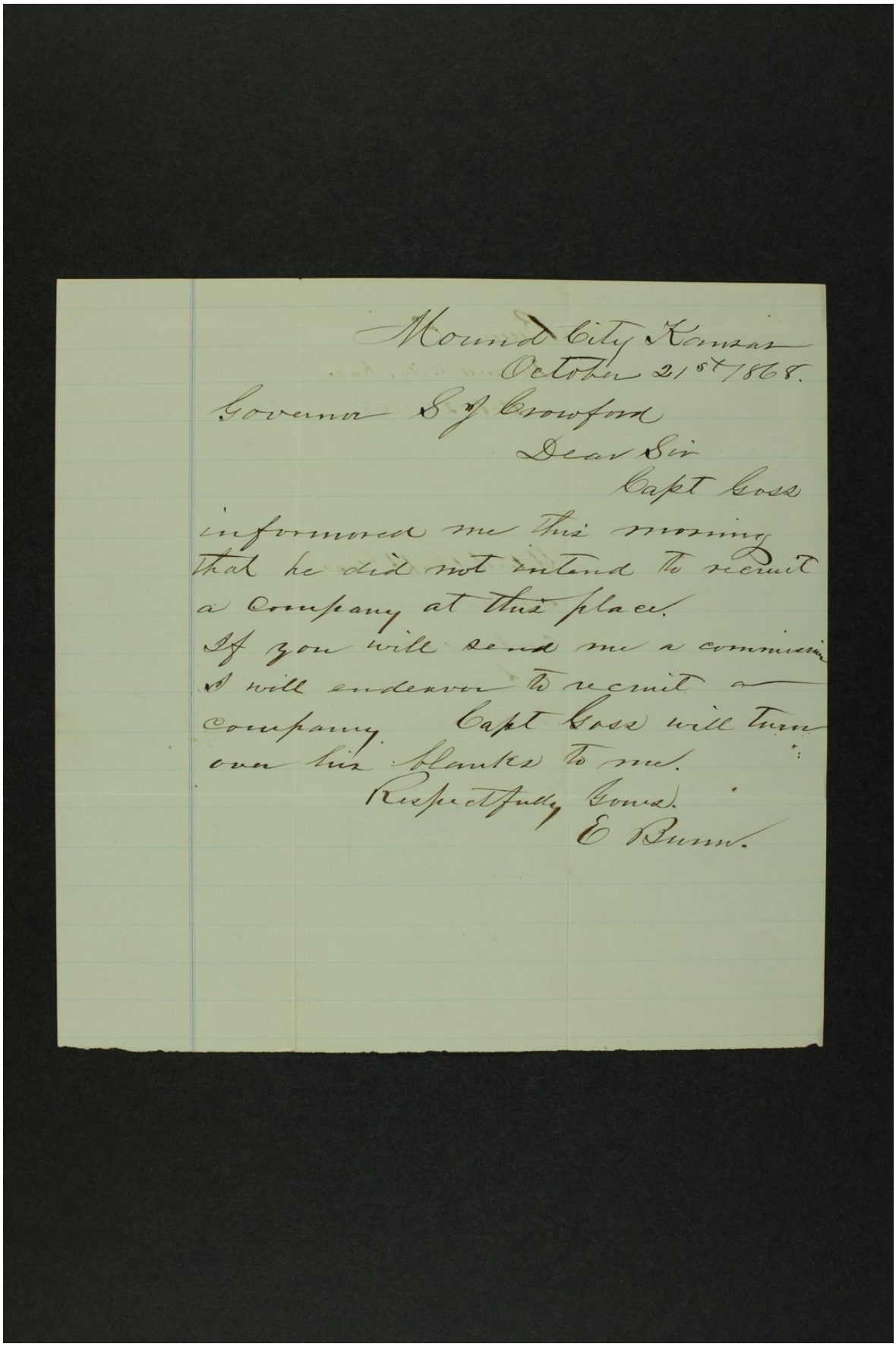
Catholic Mission.
Neosho County. Ks.
Oct. 20th 1863

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Arms. Chas. C. 1p.
Catholic Mission,
Oct. 20, 1868.
(Neosho Co.)

Wants the appointment
of Asst Surgeon of
the 19th Regt.

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Mound City Kansas
October 21st 1868.

Governor S J Crawford

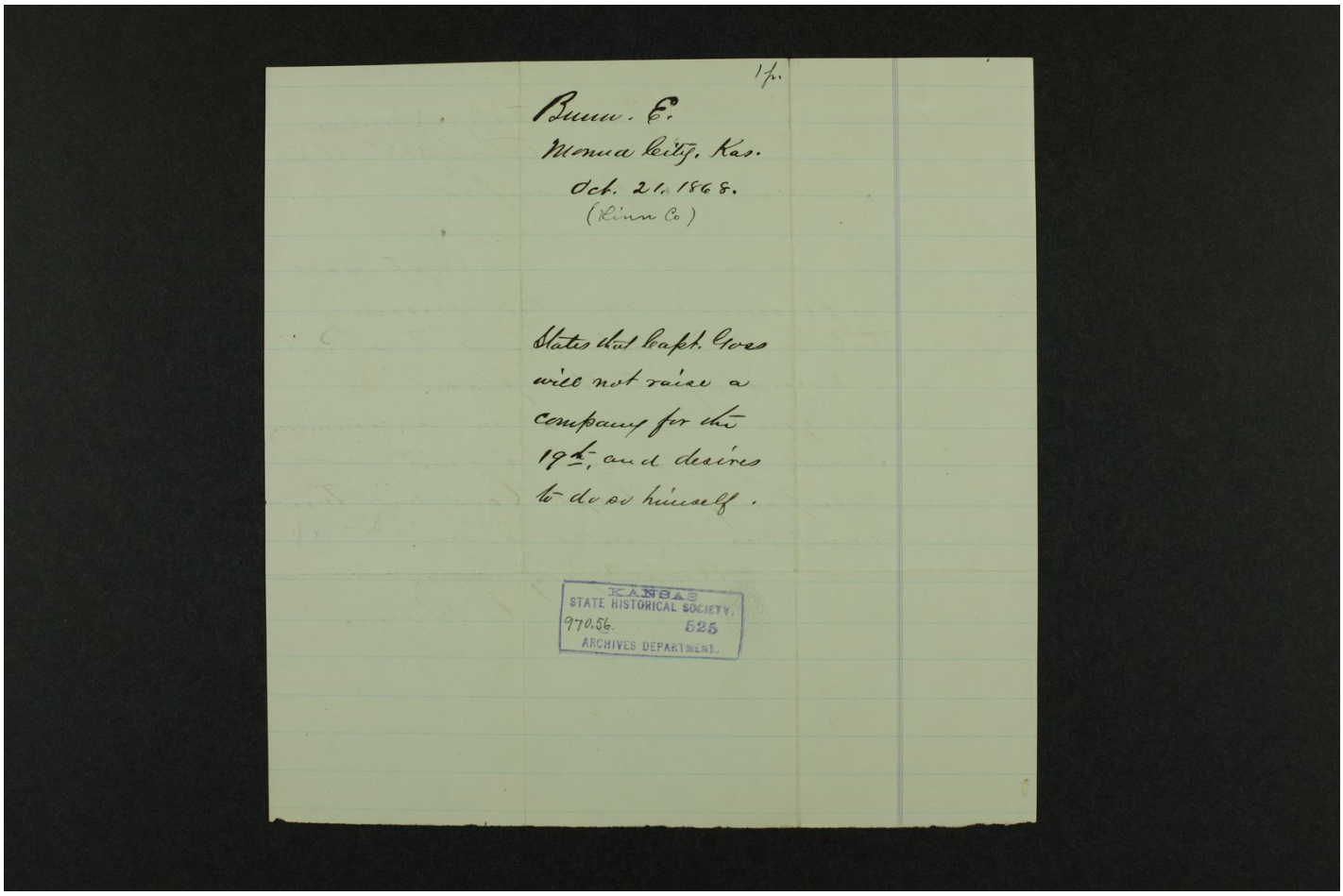
Dear Sir

Capt Goss informed me this morning that he did not intend to recruit a company at this place. If you will send me a commission I will endeavor to recruit a company. Capt Goss will turn over his blanks to me.

Respectfully Yours.

E Bunn.

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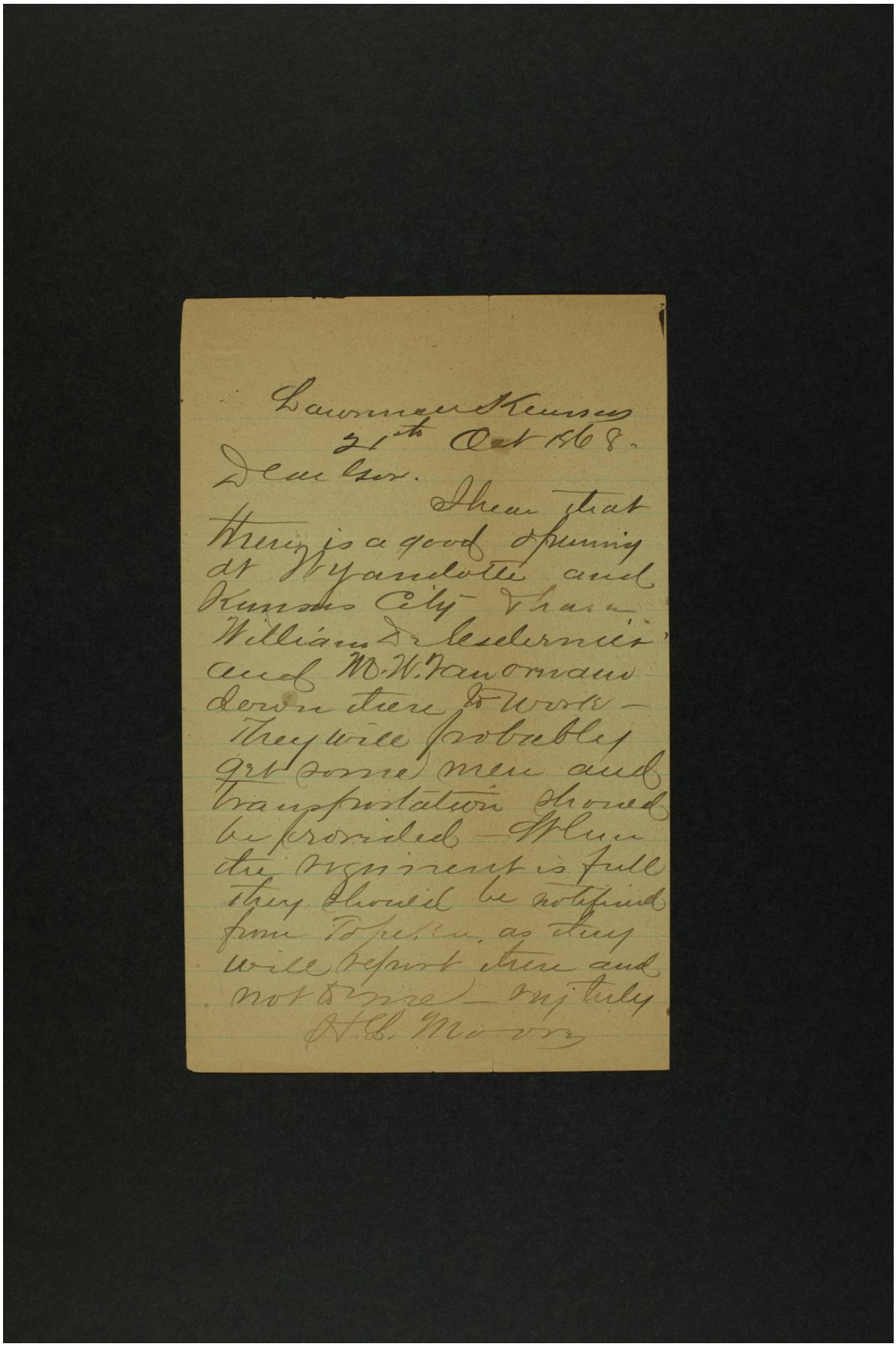
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Bunn. E.
Manna Keitz. Kas.
Oct. 21. 1868.
(Linn Co)

States that Capt. Goss will not raise a company for the 19th, and desires to do so himself.

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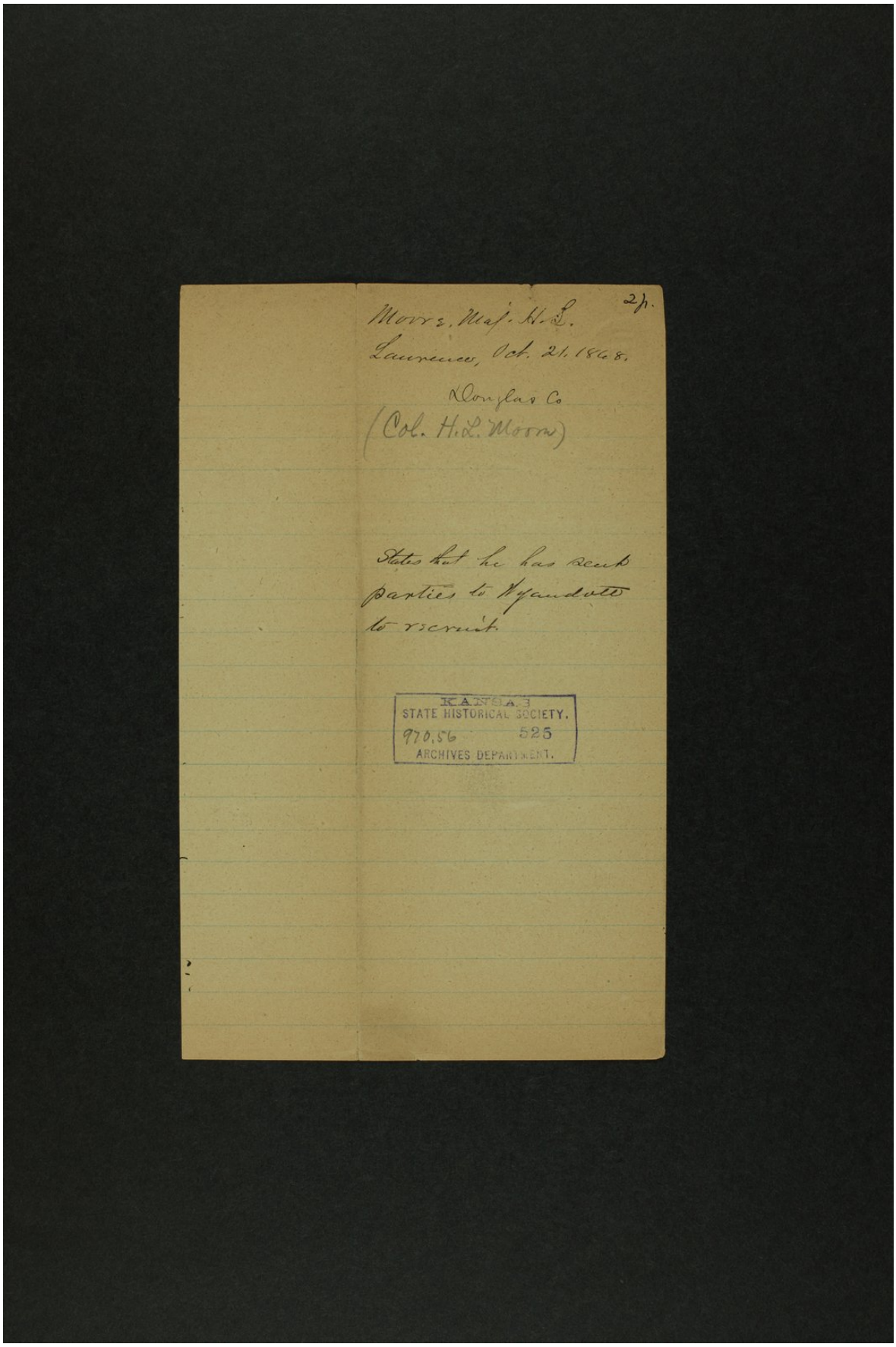
Lawrence Kansas
21st Oct 1868.

Dear Sir.

I learn that there is a good opening at Wyandotte and Kansas City. I have William Dr Lederman and W. W. Lawrence down there to work — They will probably get some men and transportation should be provided — When the regiment is full they should be notified from Topeka, as they will report there and not to me — Very truly

H. L. Moore

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Morse, Maj. H. L.
Lawrence, Oct. 21. 1868.

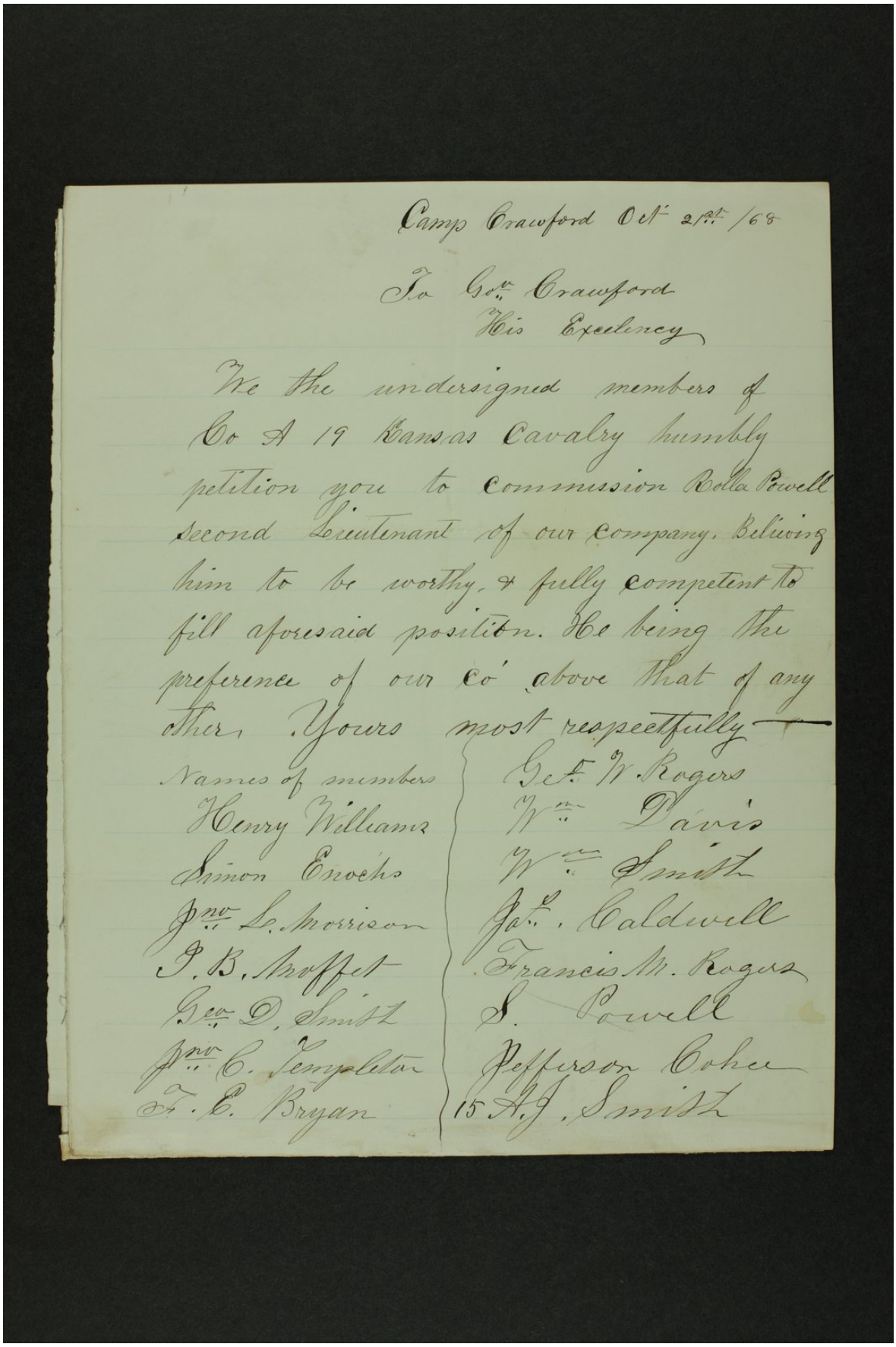
Douglas Co

(Col. H. L. Moore)

States that he has sent parties to Wyandotte to recruit.

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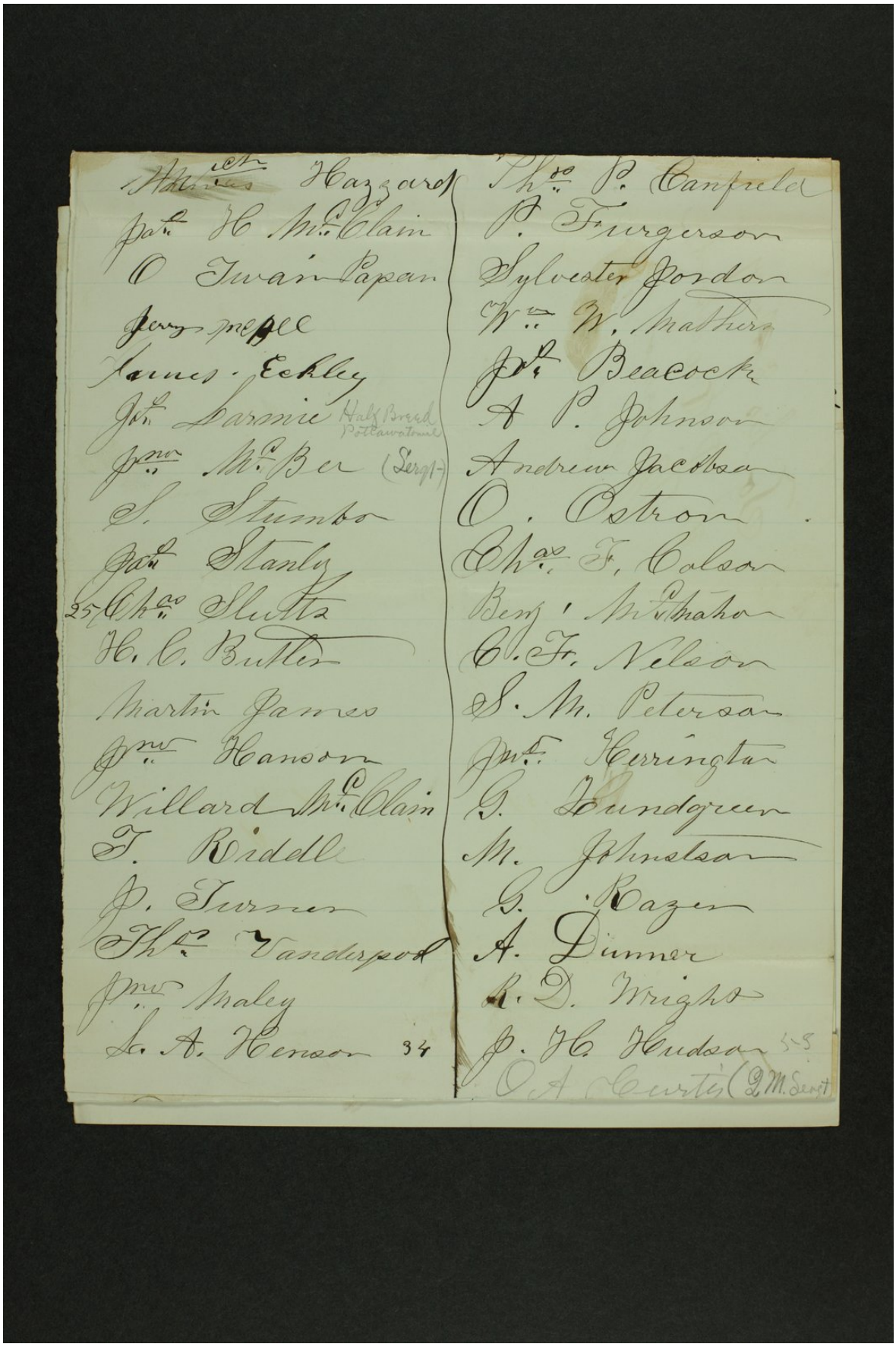
Camp Crawford Oct 21st /68

To Gov. Crawford
His Excellency

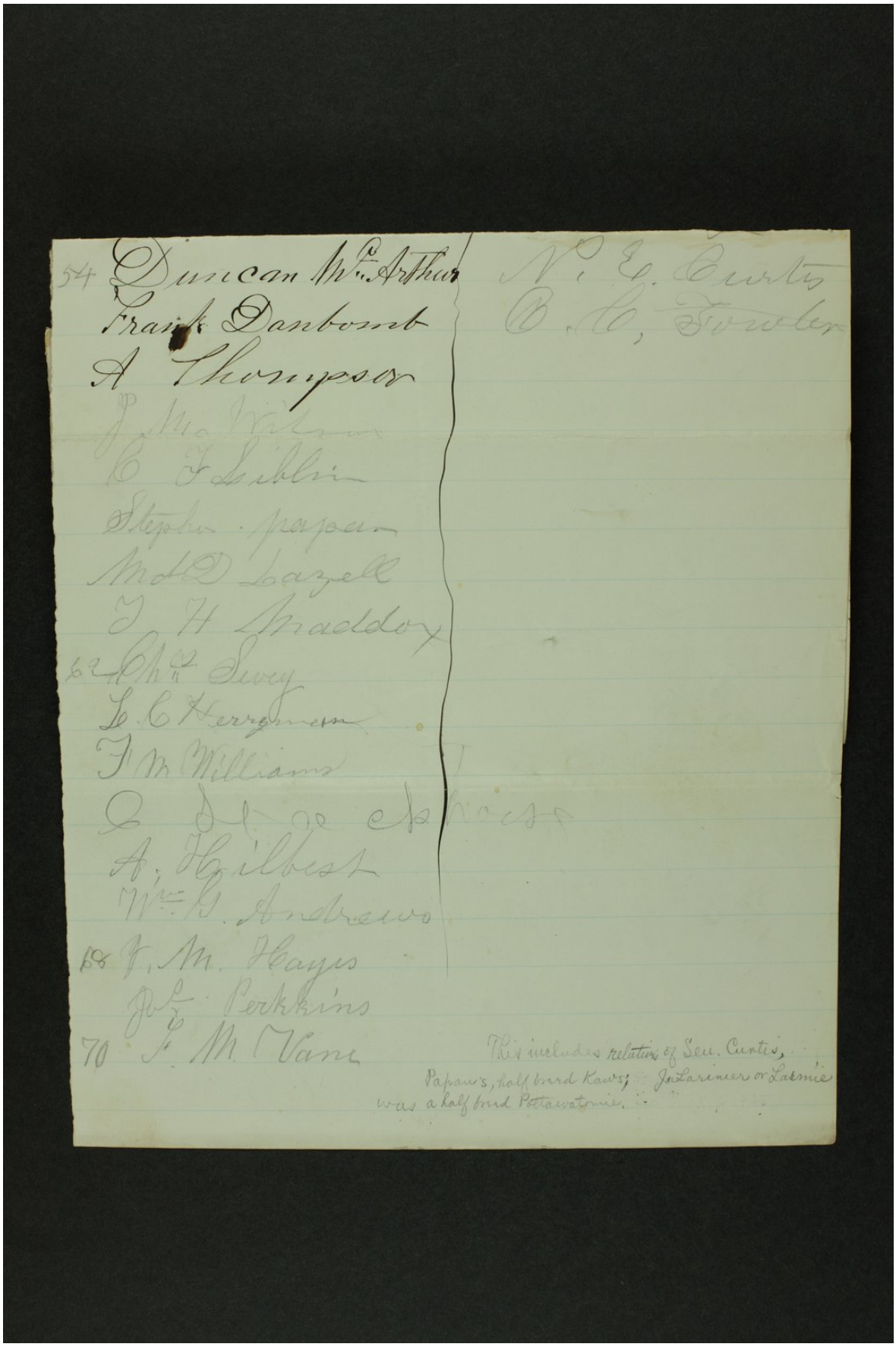
We the undersigned members of Co A 19 Kansas Cavalry humbly petition you to commission Rolla Powell second Lieutenant of our company. Beliving him to be worthy, & fully competent to fill aforesaid position. He being the preference of our Co above that of any other. Yours most respectfully

Names of members	
Henry Williams	Gt. W. Rogers
Simon Enochs	Wm Davis
Jno L. Morrison	Wm Smith
J. B. Moffet	Jas. Caldwell
Geo D. Smith	Francis M. Rogers
Jno C. Templeton	S. Powell
A. E. Bryan	Jefferson Cohee
	15 H. J. Smith

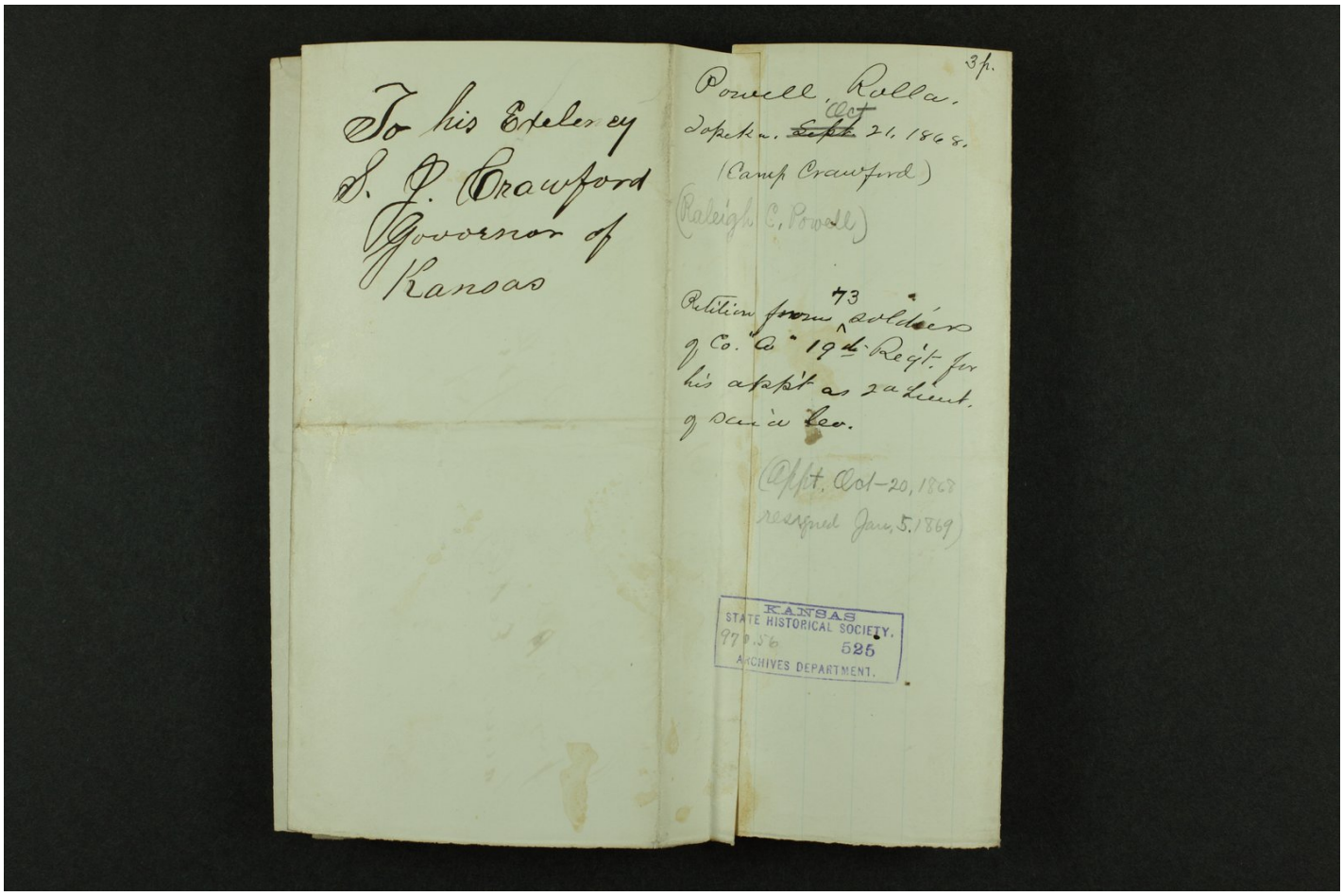
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To his Excellency
S. J. Crawford
Governor of
Kansas

3 p.

Powell, Rolla.
Lapeka. Oct 21, 1868.
(Camp Crawford)
(Raleigh C. Powell)

Petition from 73 soldiers
of Co. "A" 19th Regt. for
his appt as 2d Lieut.
of said Co.

(Appt. Oct-20, 1868
resigned Jan. 5, 1869)

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