Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3

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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Lewelling, twelfth governor of the State of Kansas, 1893-1895, and the first Populist governor of the state. Subjects included are fairs, legislation, military affairs, mining operations, oil inspector, railroads, resources for Western Kansas, and tramp letters.

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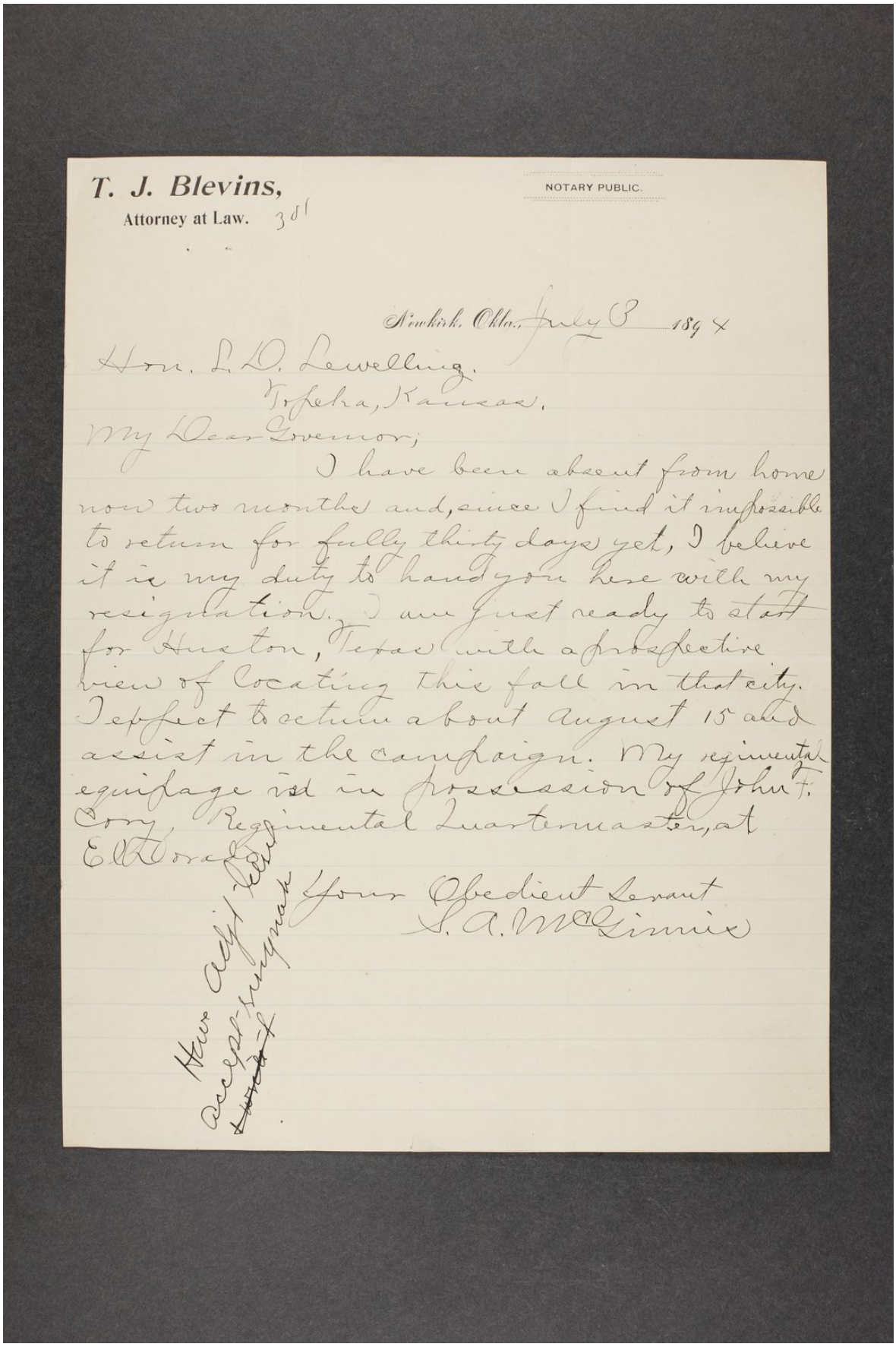
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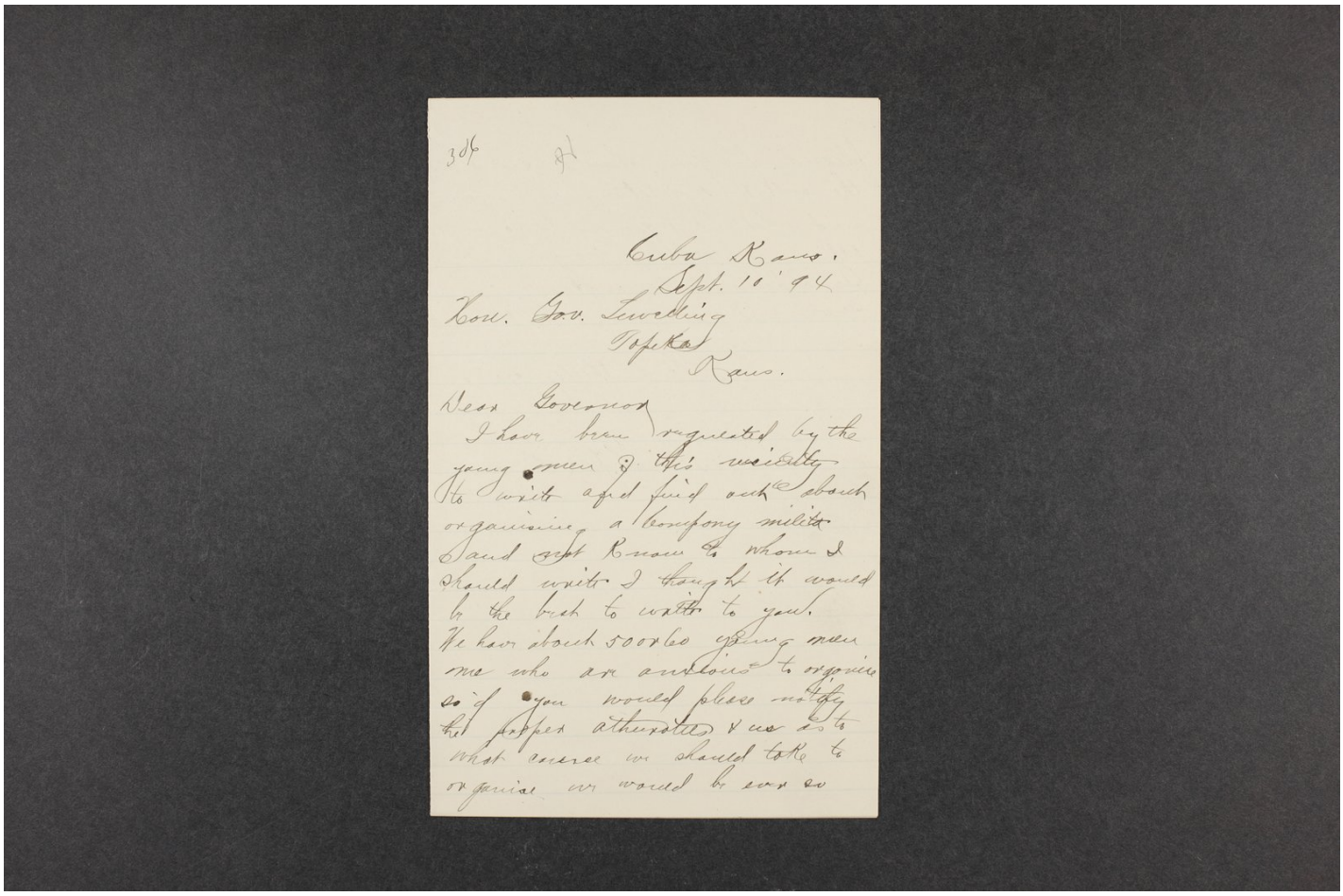
Hon. L. D. Lewelling.
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor;

I have been absent from home now two months and, since I find it impossible to return for fully thirty days yet, I believe it is my duty to hand you here with my resignation. I am just ready to start for Huston, Texas with a prospective view of locating this fall in that city. I expect to return about August 15 and assist in the campaign. My regimental equipage is in possession of John F. Cory, Regimental Quartermaster, at El Reno.

Your Obedient Servant
S. A. McGinnis

How will I have to accept resignation?

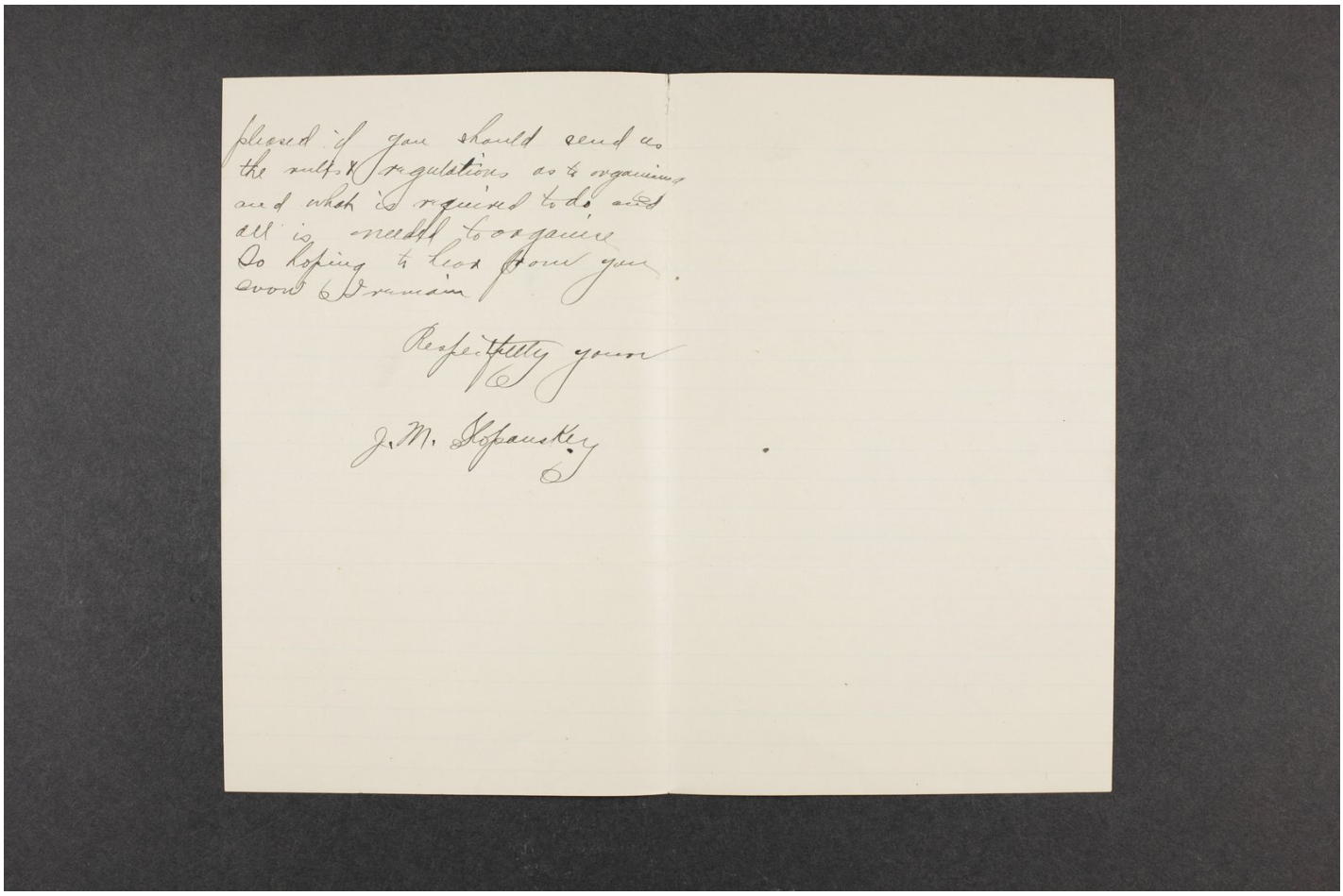


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Hon. Gov. Lewelling
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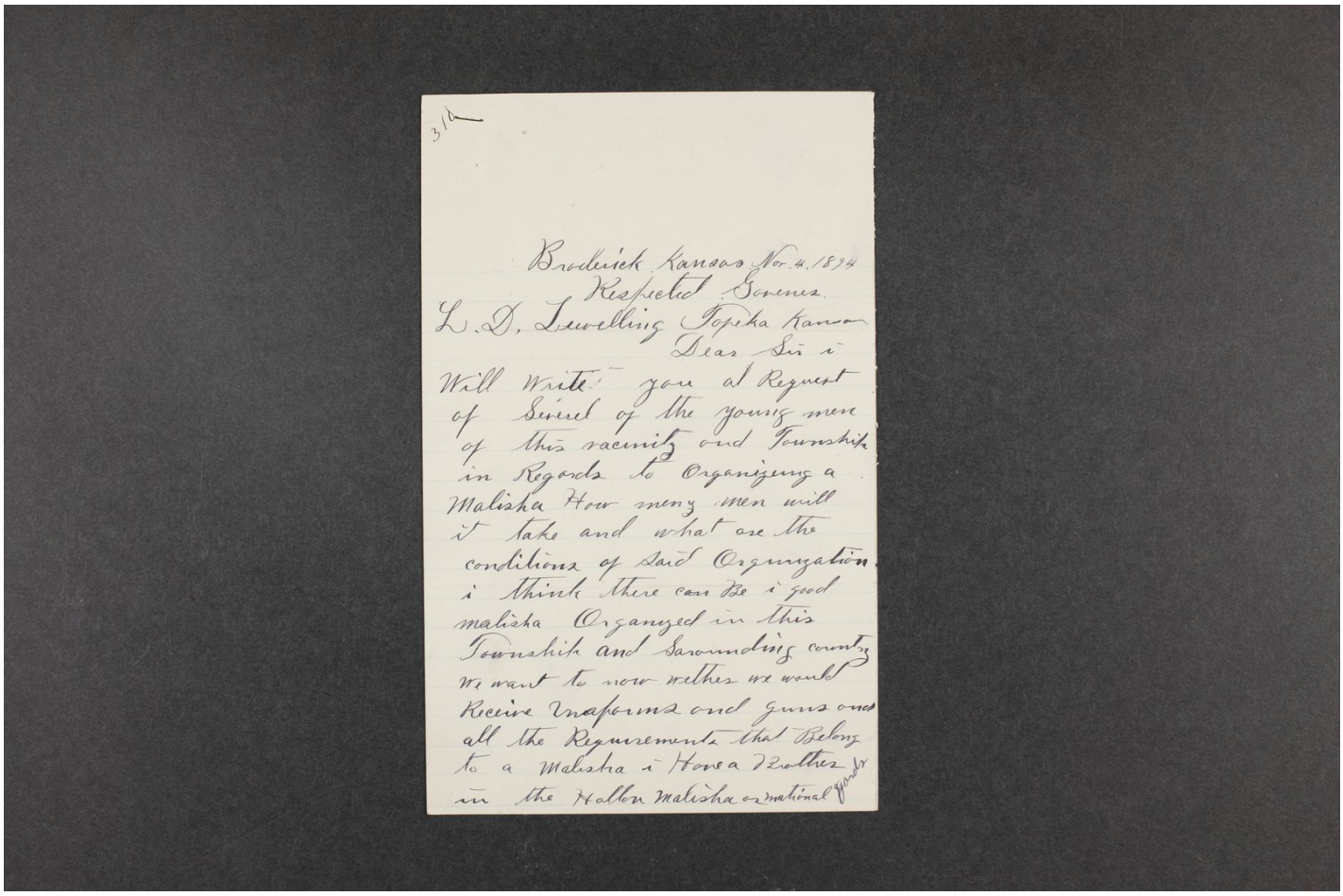
Dear Governor
I have been requested by the young men of this vicinity to write and find out about organizing a company militia and not knowing to whom I should write I thought it would be the best to write to you. We have about 500 to 600 young men who are anxious to organize so if you would please notify the proper authorities & us as to what course we should take to organize we would be ever so



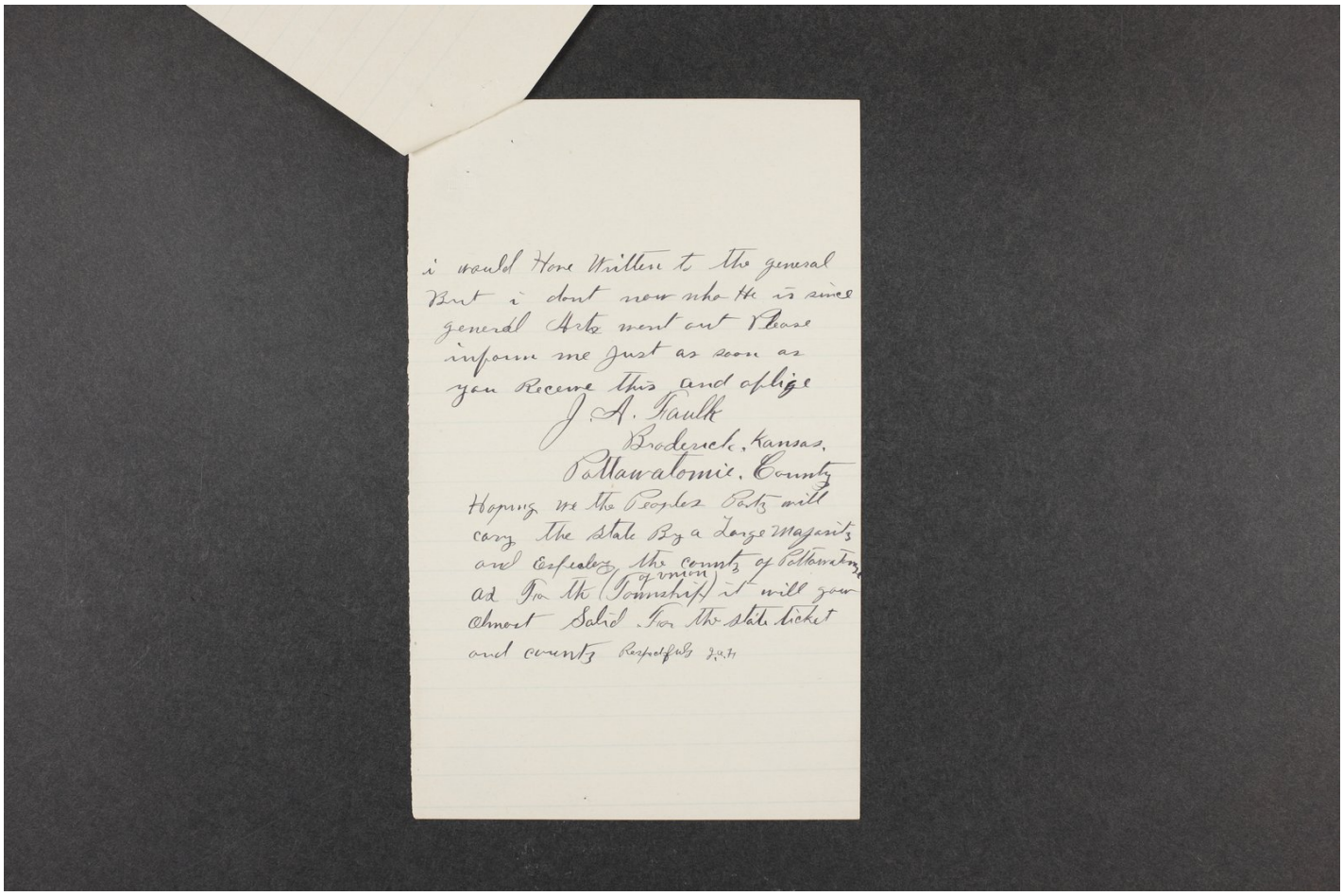
pleased if you should send us
the rules & regulations as to organizing
and what is required to do and
all is needful to organize
So hoping to hear from you
soon I remain

Respectfully yours

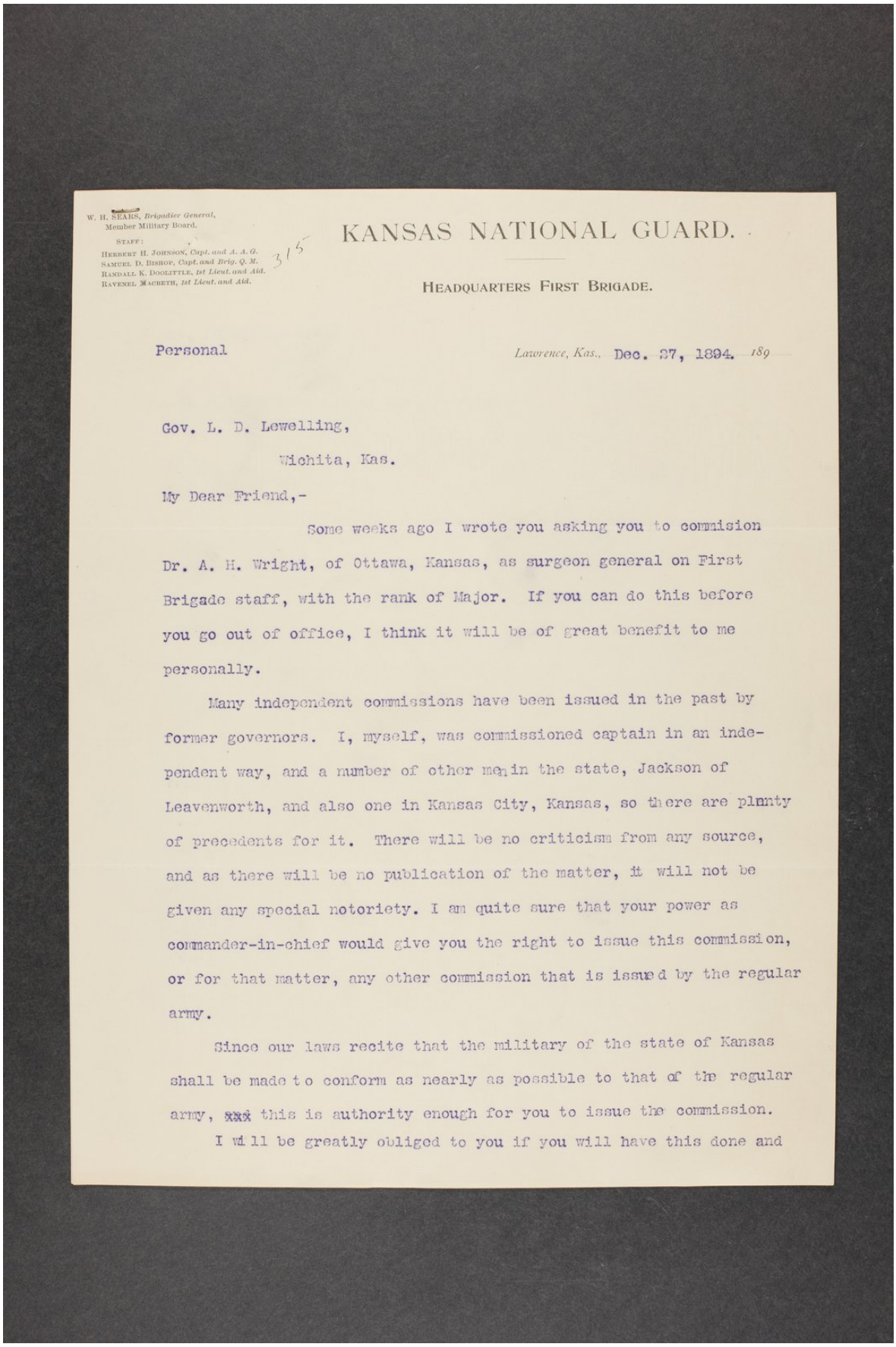
J. M. Hopkins



Broderick Kansas Nov 4. 1894
Respected Genenes
L. D. Lewelling Topeka Kansas
Dear Sir i
Will Write you at Reguest
of Several of the young men
of this vacinity and Township
in Regards to Organizeing a
Malisha How meny men will
it take and what are the
conditions of said Organization
i think there can be a good
malisha Organized in this
Township and Sarounding county
we want to now wether we would
Receive Unaforms and guns and
all the Reguirements that Belong
to a Malisha i Have a Brother
in the Hallon Malisha or national guards



i would Have Written to the general
But i dont now who He is since
general Arbuckle went out Please
inform me just as soon as
you Receive this and oblige
J. A. Faulk
Broderick, Kansas.
Pottawatomie. County
Hoping we the Peoples Party will
carry the State By a large Majority
and Especialy the county of Pottawatomie
as For the (Township) Union it will goe
almost Solid For the state ticket
and county Respectfully yours



W. H. SEARS, *Brigadier General,*
Member Military Board.

STAFF:
HERBERT H. JOHNSON, *Capt. and A. A. G.*
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Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 27, 1894. *189*

Gov. L. D. Lewelling,

Wichita, Kas.

My Dear Friend,-

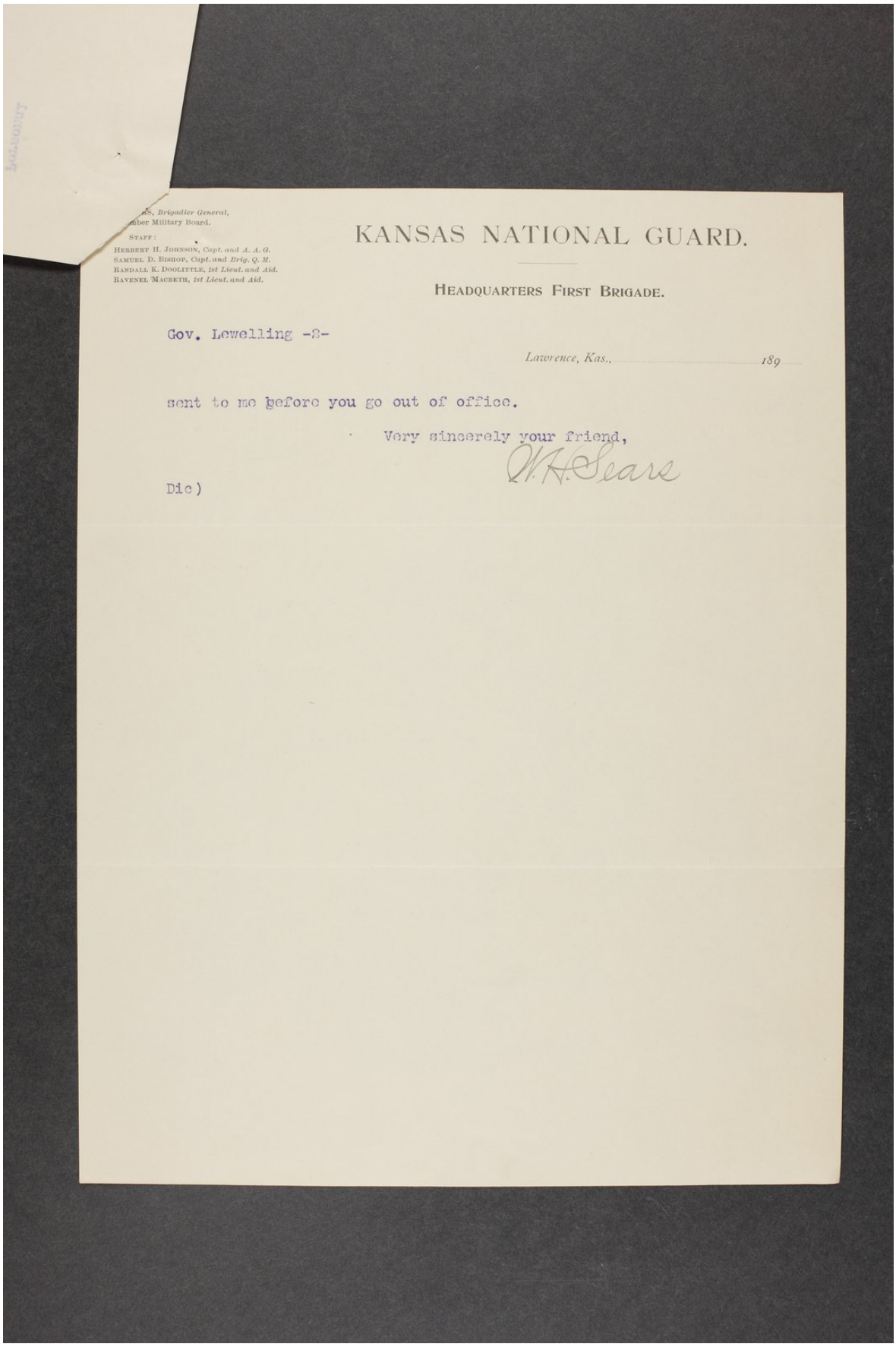
Some weeks ago I wrote you asking you to commision Dr. A. H. Wright, of Ottawa, Kansas, as surgeon general on First Brigade staff, with the rank of Major. If you can do this before you go out of office, I think it will be of great benefit to me personally.

Many independent commissions have been issued in the past by former governors. I, myself, was commissioned captain in an independent way, and a number of other men in the state, Jackson of Leavenworth, and also one in Kansas City, Kansas, so there are plenty of precedents for it. There will be no criticism from any source, and as there will be no publication of the matter, it will not be given any special notoriety. I am quite sure that your power as commander-in-chief would give you the right to issue this commission, or for that matter, any other commission that is issued by the regular army.

Since our laws recite that the military of the state of Kansas shall be made to conform as nearly as possible to that of the regular army, ~~xxx~~ this is authority enough for you to issue the commission.

I will be greatly obliged to you if you will have this done and

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...S, Brigadier General,
...ber Military Board.

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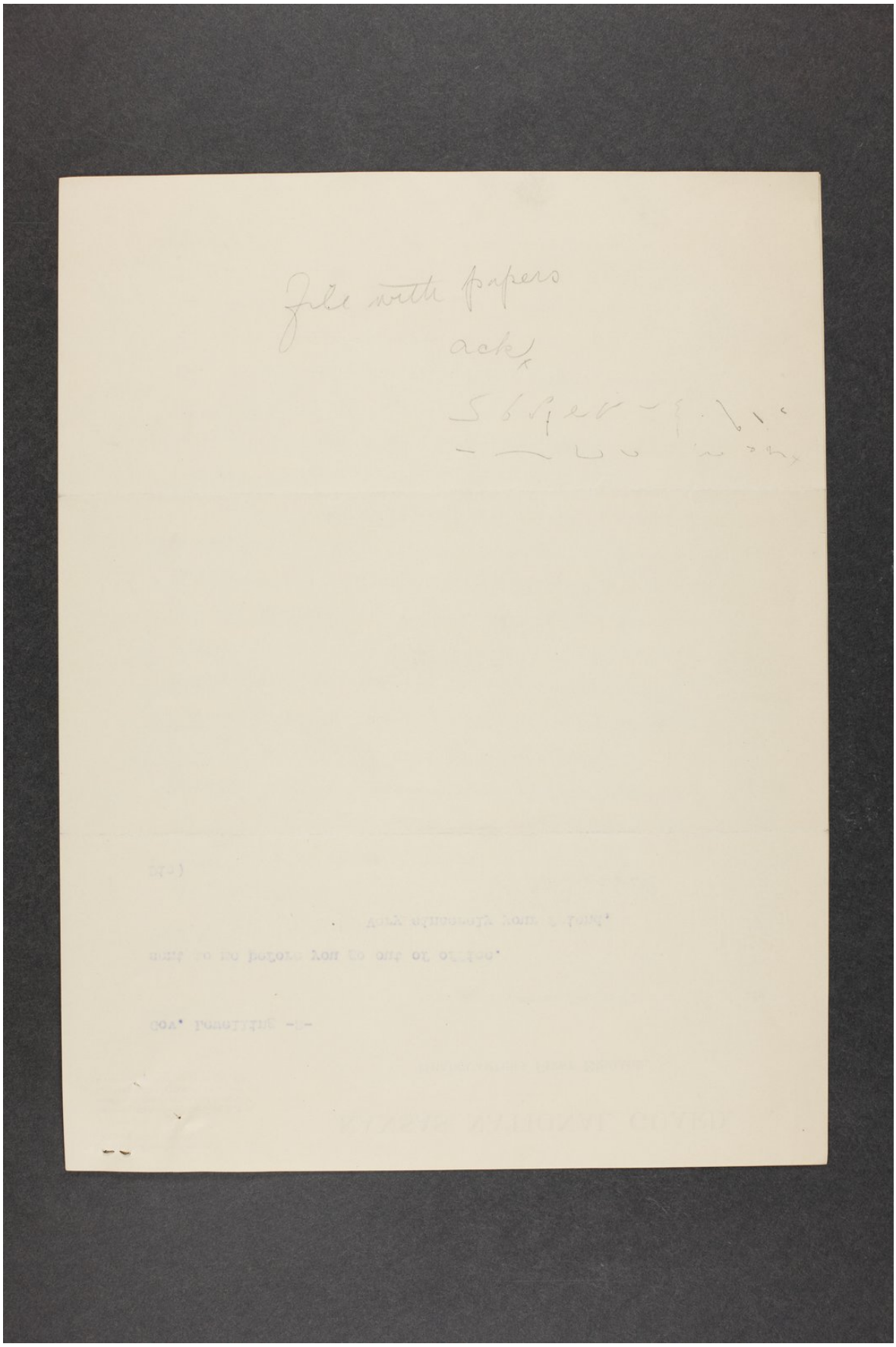
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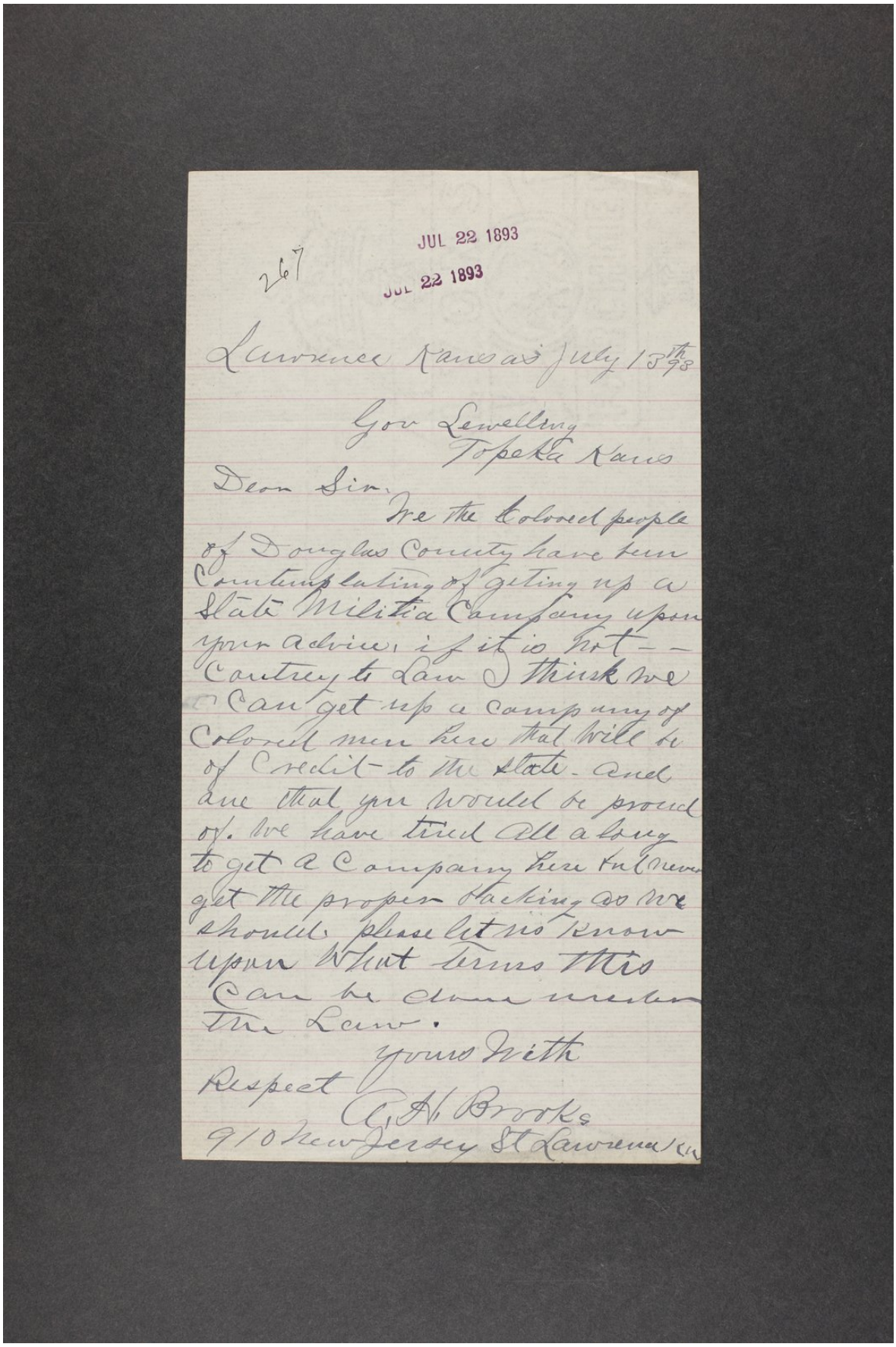
sent to me before you go out of office.

Very sincerely your friend,

W. H. Sears

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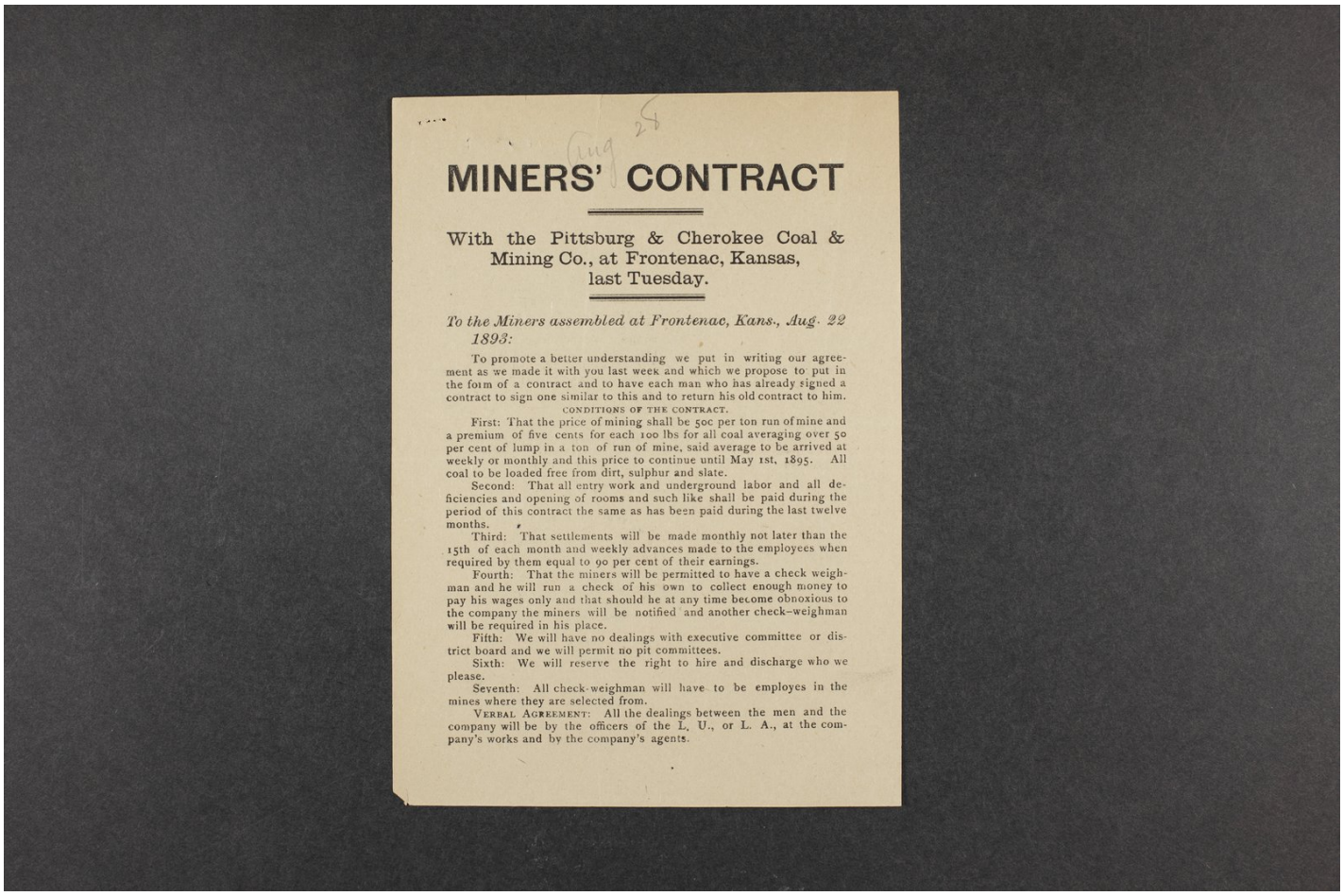
Deon Sir,

We the Colored people of Douglas County have been Contemplating of geting up a State Militia Company upon your advice, if it is not — Contrary to Law I think we can get up a company of Colored men here that will be of Credit to the State. and are that you would be proud of. We have tried all along to get a Company here but never get the proper backing so we should please let us know upon what Terms this can be done under the Law.

yours With Respect

C. H. Brooks
910 New Jersey St Lawrence Kans

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MINERS' CONTRACT

With the Pittsburg & Cherokee Coal & Mining Co., at Frontenac, Kansas, last Tuesday.

To the Miners assembled at Frontenac, Kans., Aug. 22 1893:

To promote a better understanding we put in writing our agreement as we made it with you last week and which we propose to put in the form of a contract and to have each man who has already signed a contract to sign one similar to this and to return his old contract to him.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT.

First: That the price of mining shall be 50c per ton run of mine and a premium of five cents for each 100 lbs for all coal averaging over 50 per cent of lump in a ton of run of mine, said average to be arrived at weekly or monthly and this price to continue until May 1st, 1895. All coal to be loaded free from dirt, sulphur and slate.

Second: That all entry work and underground labor and all deficiencies and opening of rooms and such like shall be paid during the period of this contract the same as has been paid during the last twelve months.

Third: That settlements will be made monthly not later than the 15th of each month and weekly advances made to the employees when required by them equal to 90 per cent of their earnings.

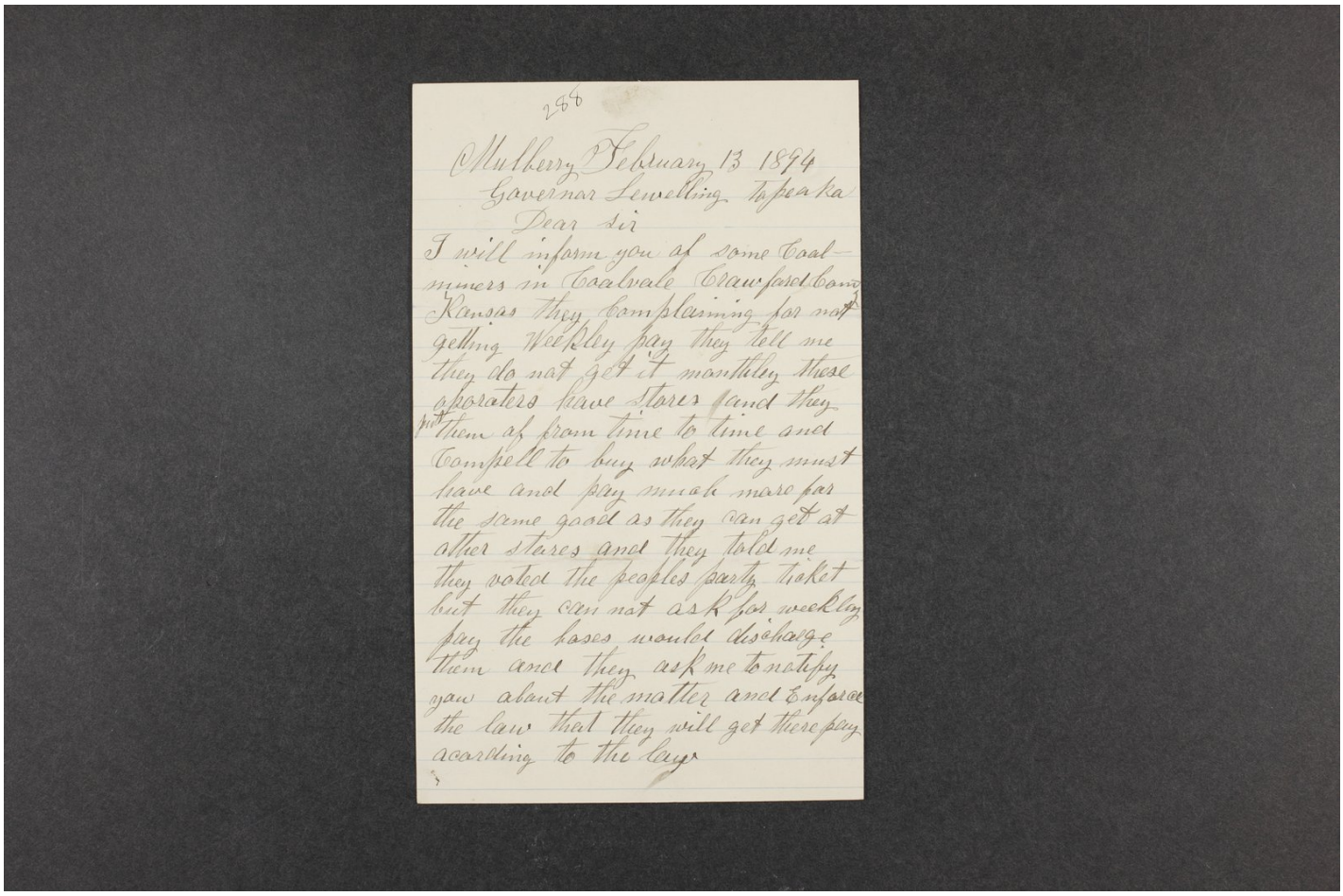
Fourth: That the miners will be permitted to have a check weighman and he will run a check of his own to collect enough money to pay his wages only and that should he at any time become obnoxious to the company the miners will be notified and another check-weighman will be required in his place.

Fifth: We will have no dealings with executive committee or district board and we will permit no pit committees.

Sixth: We will reserve the right to hire and discharge who we please.

Seventh: All check-weighman will have to be employes in the mines where they are selected from.

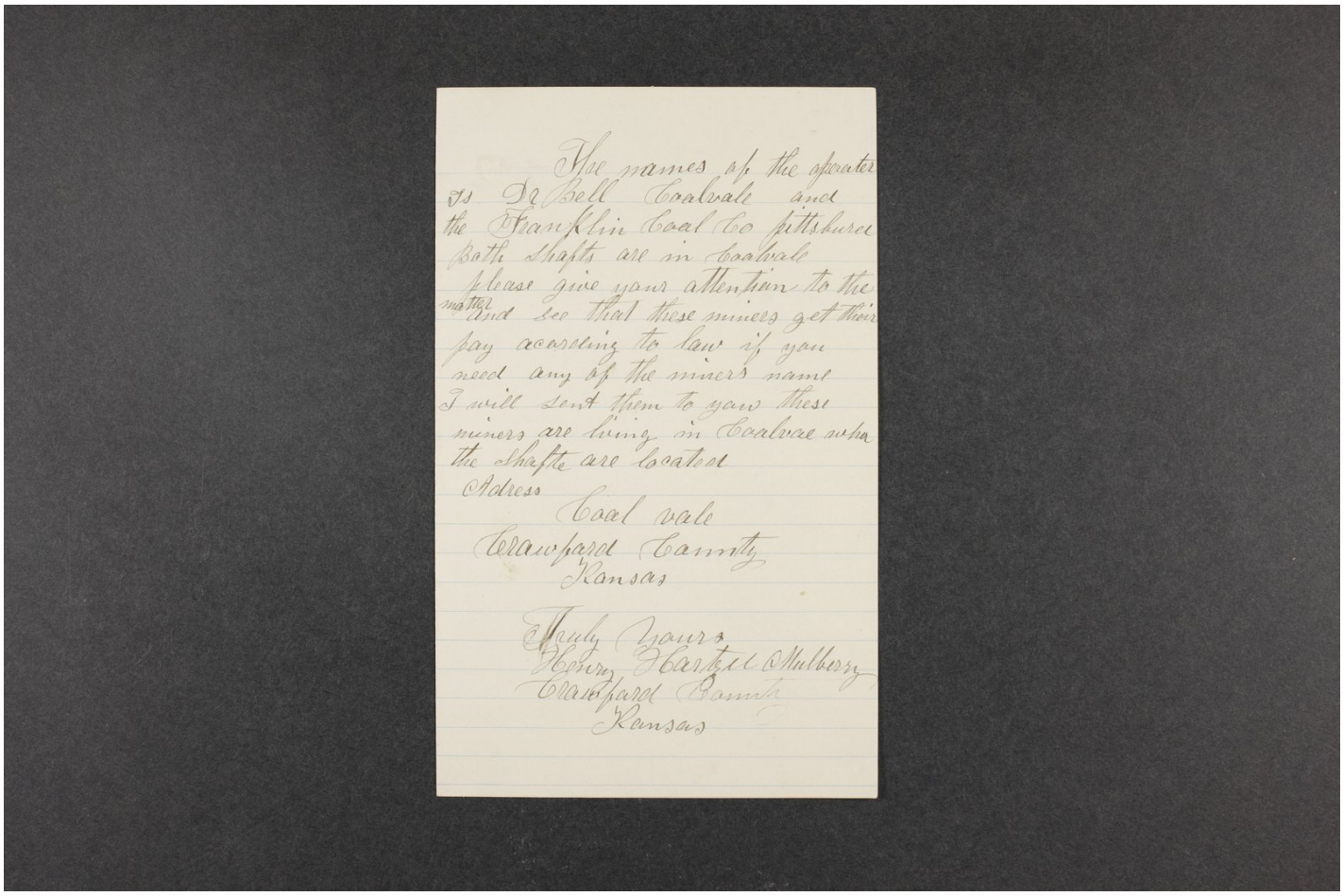
VERBAL AGREEMENT: All the dealings between the men and the company will be by the officers of the L. U., or L. A., at the company's works and by the company's agents.



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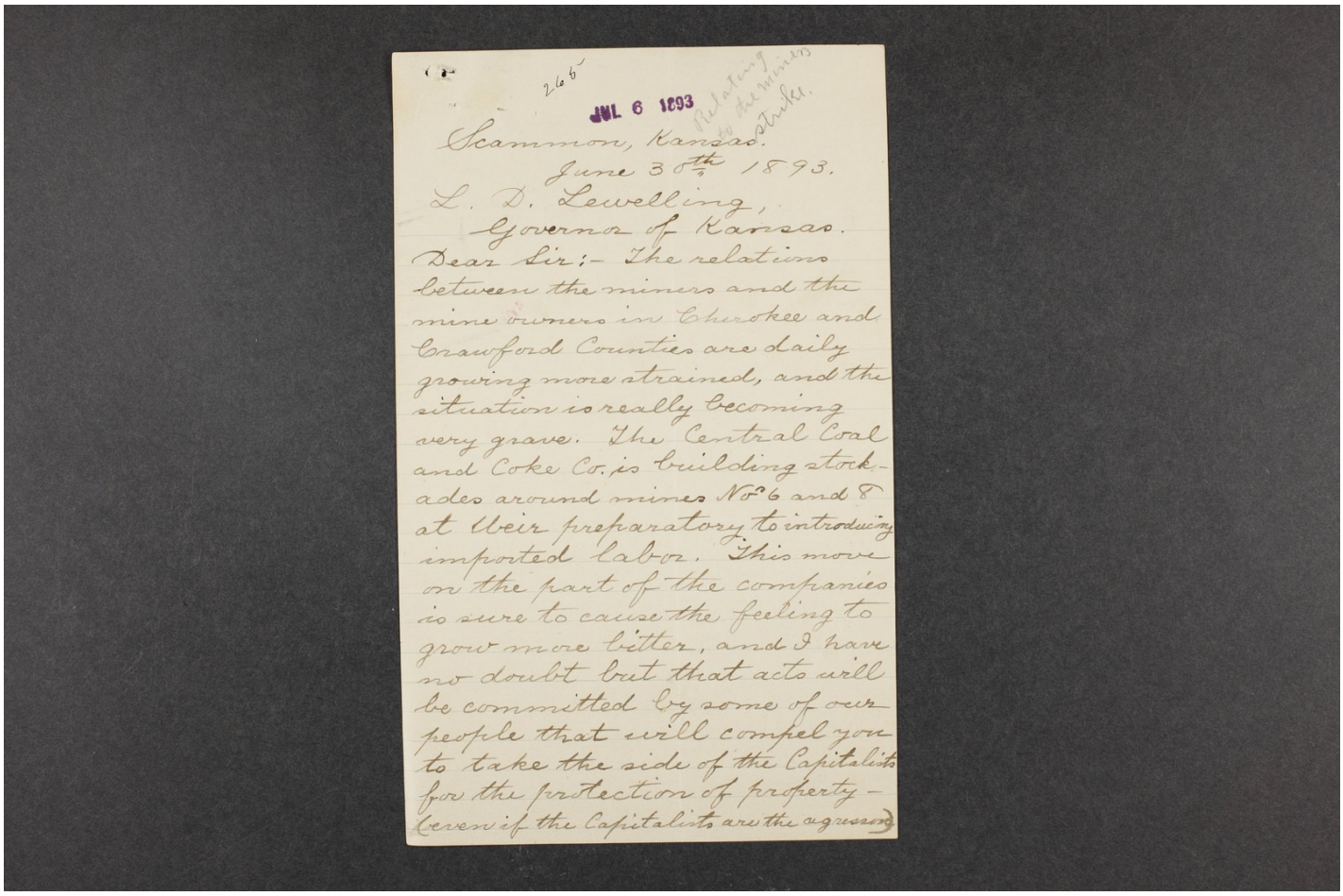
Mulberry February 13 1894
Governar Lewelling Topeaka
Dear Sir
I will inform you of some Coal-
miners in Coalvale Crawford Co
Kansas they complaining for not
getting Weekley pay they tell me
they do not get it monthley these
operaters have Stores and they
put them of from time to time and
Compell to buy what they must
have and pay much more for
the same good as they can get at
other Stores and they told me
they voted the peoples party ticket
but they can not ask for weekley
pay the bases would discharge
them and they ask me to notify
you about the matter and Enforce
the law that they will get there pay
acarding to the Law

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The names of the operators
is D. Bell Coalvale and
the Franklin Coal Co pittsburg
Both Shafts are in Coalvale
please give your attention to the
matter and see that these miners get their
pay according to law if you
need any of the miners name
I will sent them to you these
miners are living in Coalvale where
the shafts are located
Adress
Coal vale
Crawford County
Kansas

Truly Yours
Henry Hartzell Mulberry
Crawford County
Kansas



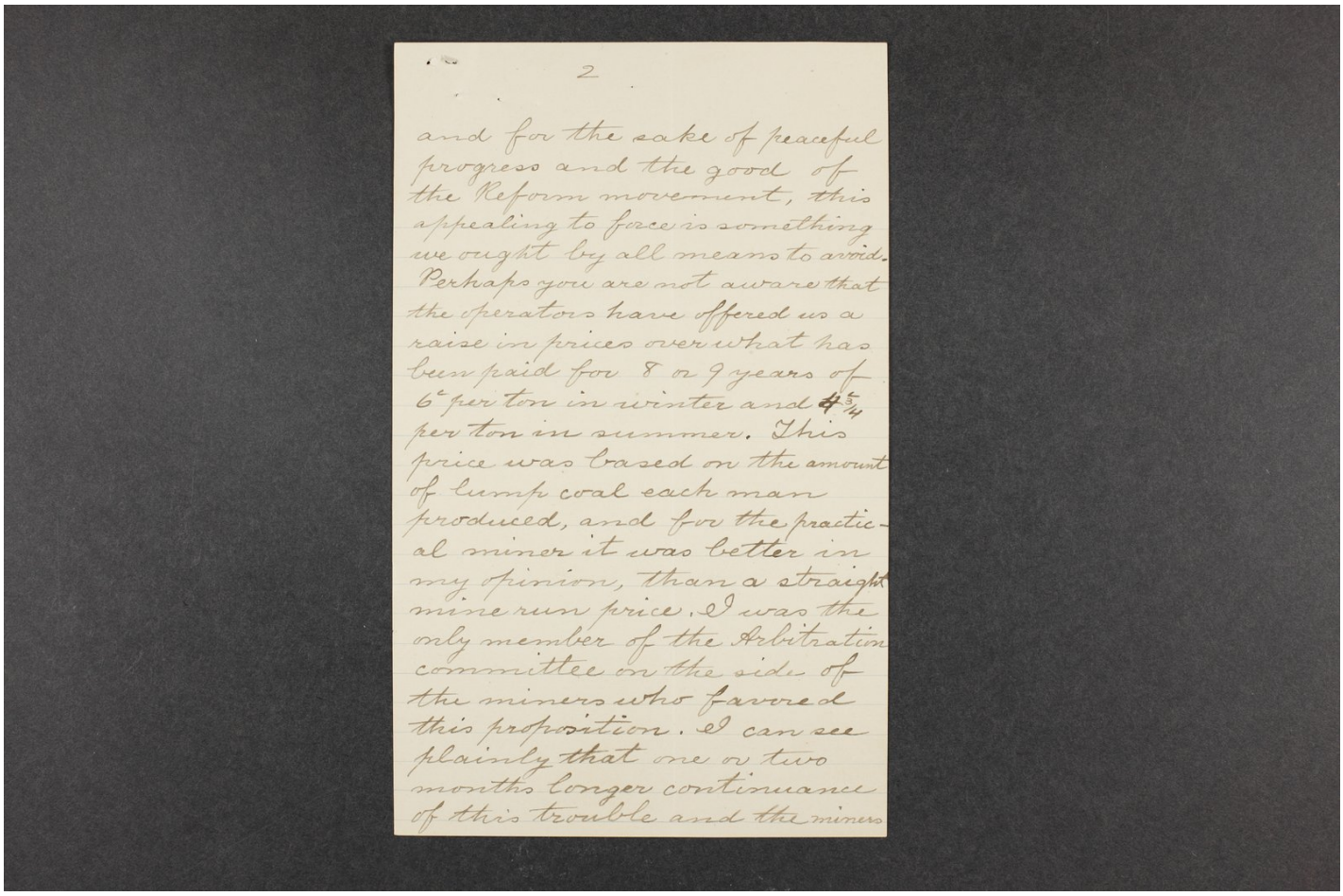
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Relating to the miners Strike.

Scammon, Kansas.
June 30th 1893.

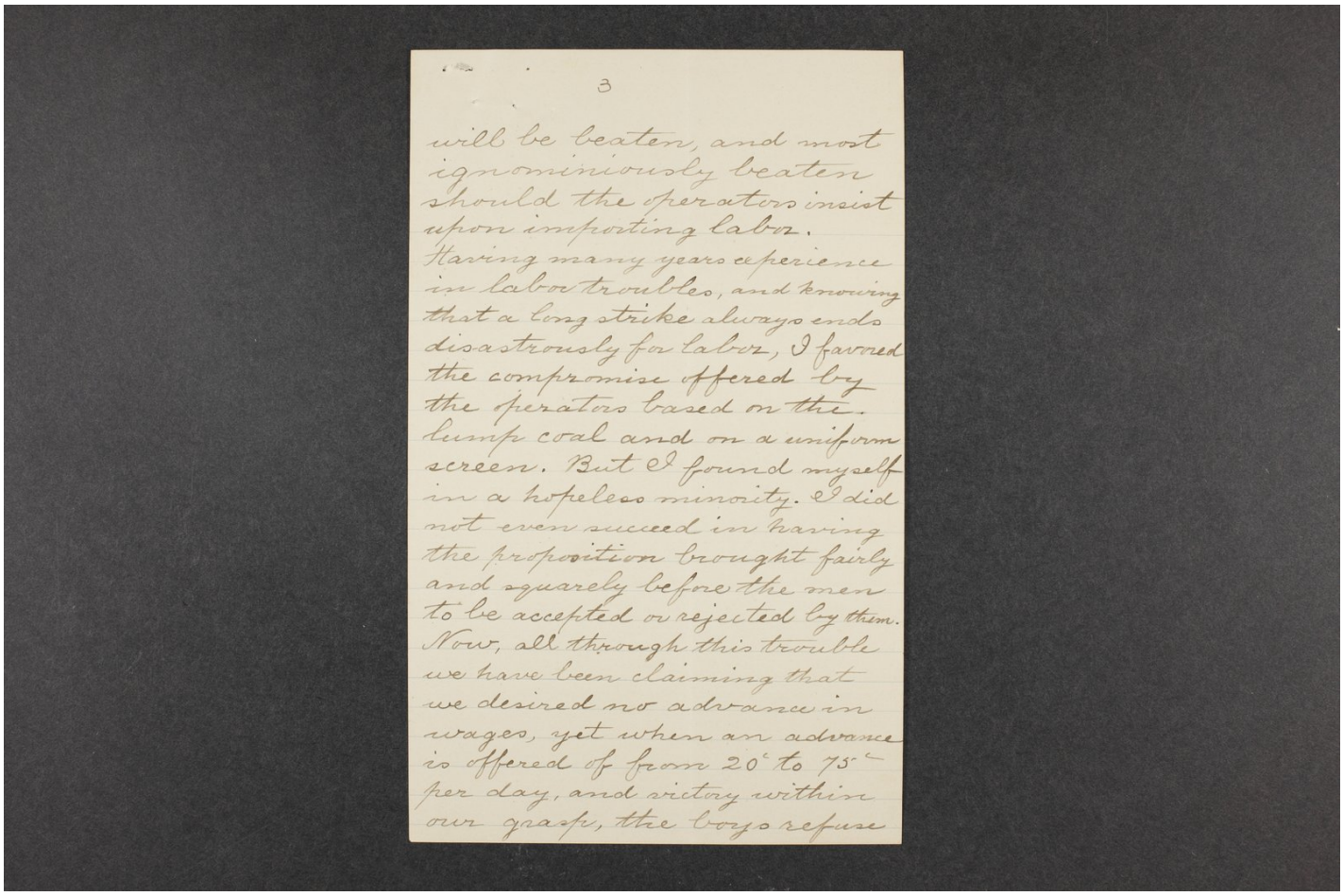
L. D. Lewelling,
Governor of Kansas.

Dear Sir:- The relations between the miners and the mine owners in Cherokee and Crawford Counties are daily growing more strained, and the situation is really becoming very grave. The Central Coal and Coke Co. is building stockades around mines No. 6 and 8 at Weir preparatory to introducing imported labor. This move on the part of the companies is sure to cause the feeling to grow more bitter, and I have no doubt but that acts will be committed by some of our people that will compel you to take the side of the Capitalists for the protection of property - even if the Capitalists are the agressors



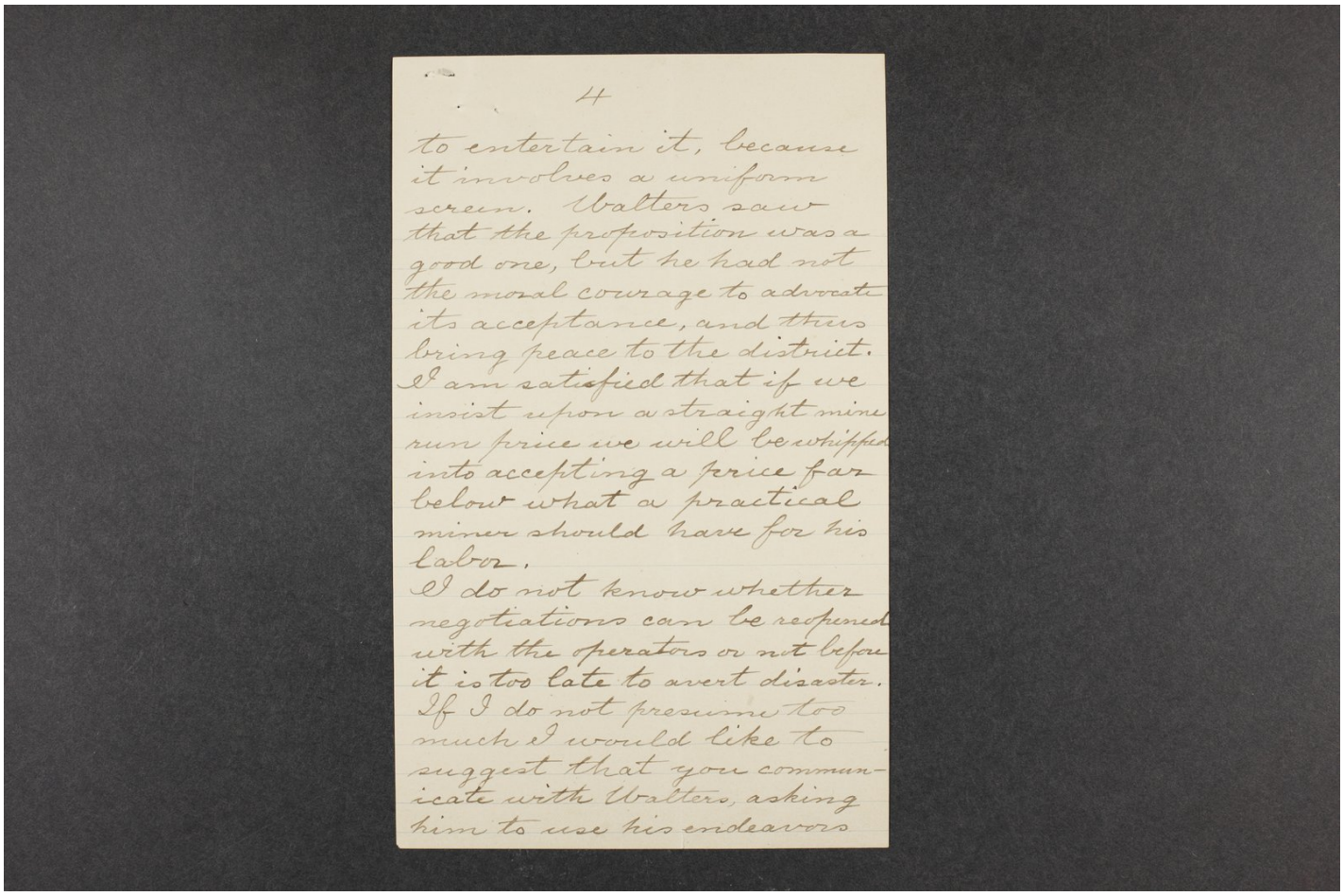
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and for the sake of peaceful progress and the good of the Reform movement, this appealing to force is something we ought by all means to avoid. Perhaps you are not aware that the operators have offered us a raise in prices over what has been paid for 8 or 9 years of 6¢ per ton in winter and 4¾ per ton in summer. This price was based on the amount of lump coal each man produced, and for the practical miner it was better in my opinion, than a straight mine run price. I was the only member of the Arbitration committee on the side of the miners who favored this proposition. I can see plainly that one or two months longer continuance of this trouble and the miners



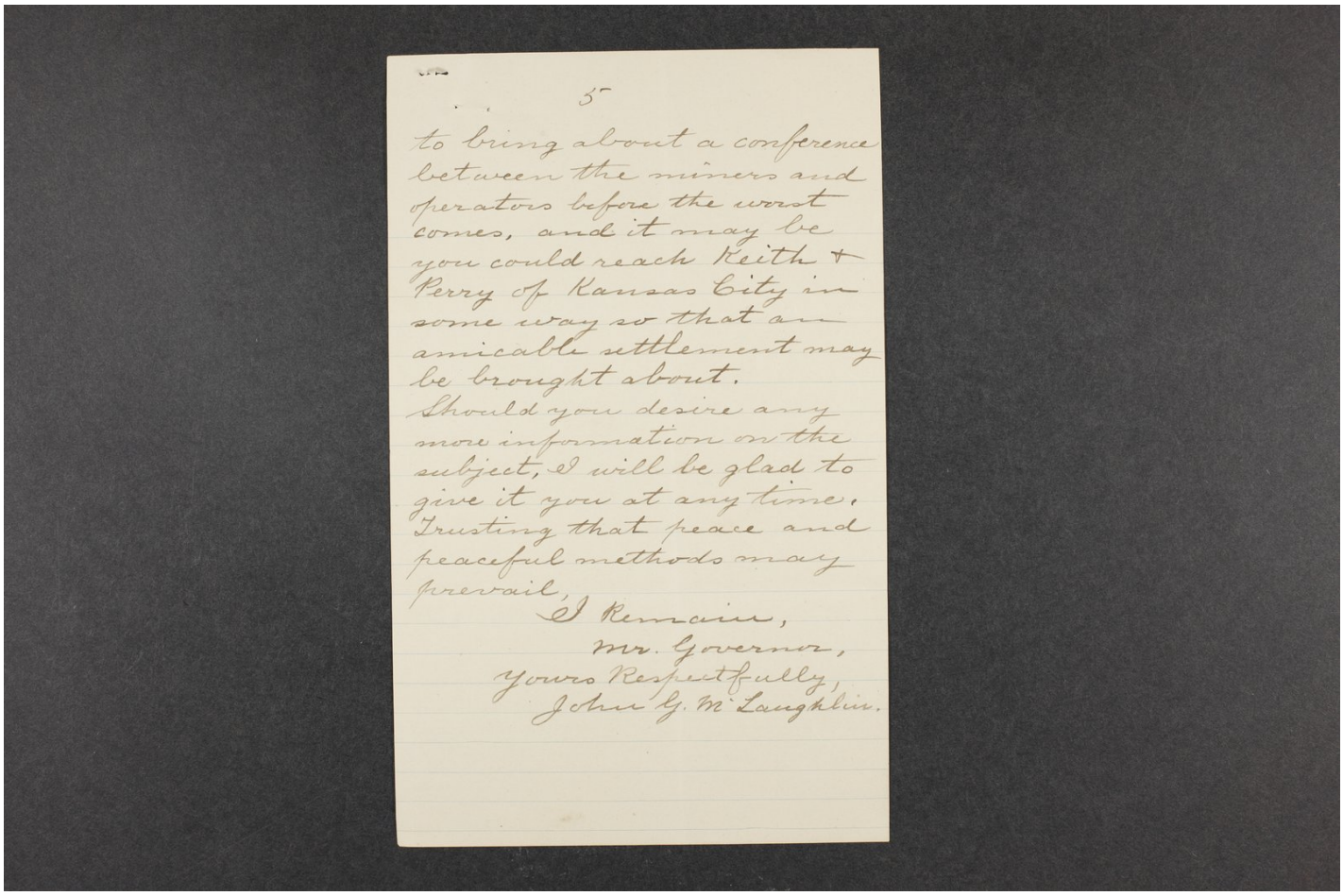
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will be beaten, and most ignominiously beaten should the operators insist upon importing labor.
Having many years experience in labor troubles, and knowing that a long strike always ends disastrously for labor, I favored the compromise offered by the operators based on the lump coal and on a uniform screen. But I found myself in a hopeless minority. I did not even succeed in having the proposition brought fairly and squarely before the men to be accepted or rejected by them. Now, all through this trouble we have been claiming that we desired no advance in wages, yet when an advance is offered of from 20¢ to 75¢ per day, and victory within our grasp, the boys refuse



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to entertain it, because
it involves a uniform
screen. Walters saw
that the proposition was a
good one, but he had not
the moral courage to advocate
its acceptance, and thus
bring peace to the district.
I am satisfied that if we
insist upon a straight mine
run price we will be whipped
into accepting a price far
below what a practical
miner should have for his
labor.
I do not know whether
negotiations can be reopened
with the operators or not before
it is too late to avert disaster.
If I do not presume too
much I would like to
suggest that you commun-
icate with Walters, asking
him to use his endeavors



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to bring about a conference between the miners and operators before the worst comes, and it may be you could reach Keith & Perry of Kansas City in some way so that an amicable settlement may be brought about.

Should you desire any more information on the subject, I will be glad to give it you at any time.

Trusting that peace and peaceful methods may prevail,

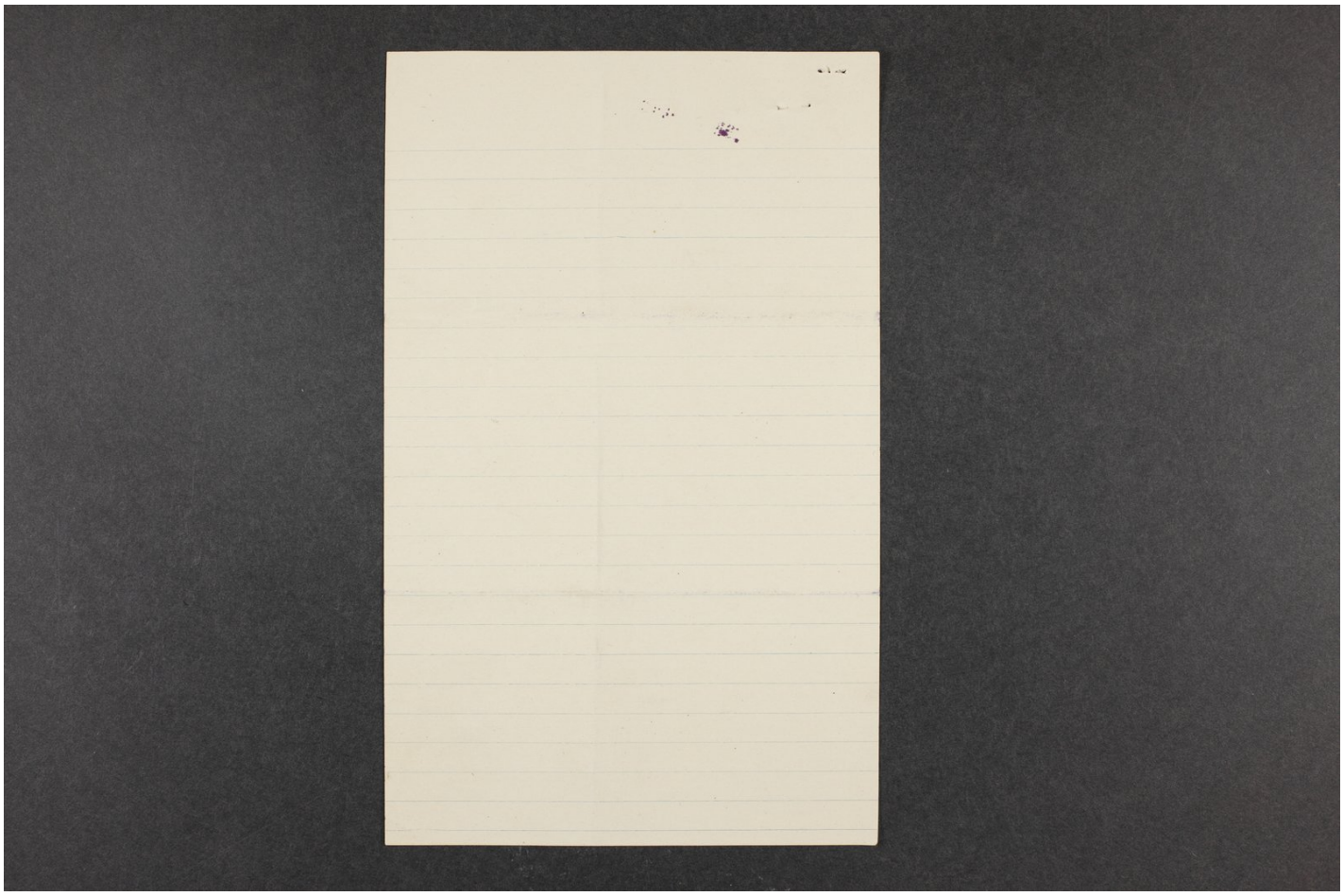
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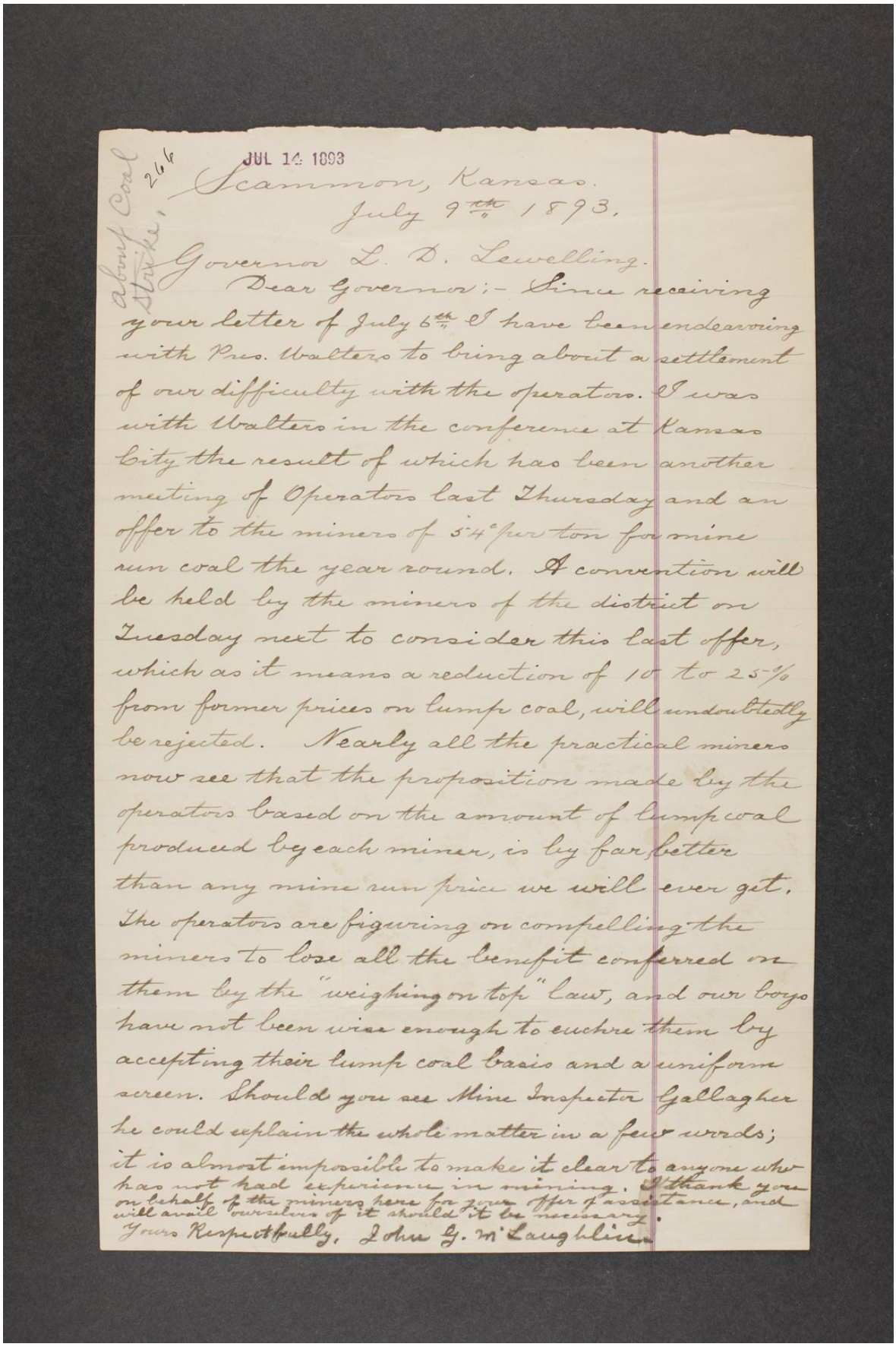
Mr. Governor,

Yours Respectfully,

John G. McLaughlin.

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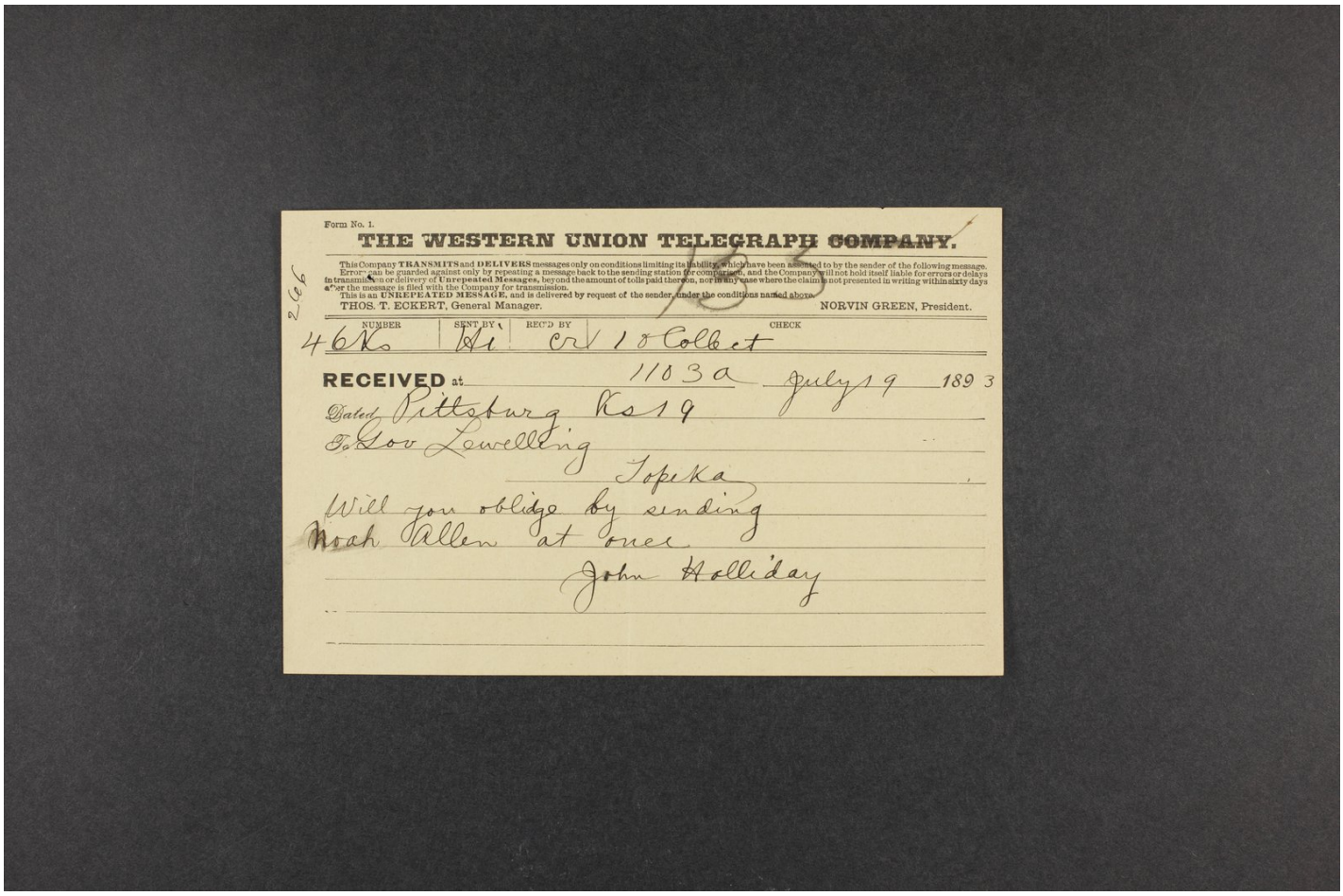
Scammon, Kansas.
July 9th 1893.

Governor L. D. Lewelling.

Dear Governor:- Since receiving your letter of July 6th I have been endeavoring with Pres. Walters to bring about a settlement of our difficulty with the operators. I was with Walters in the conference at Kansas City the result of which has been another meeting of Operators last Thursday and an offer to the miners of 54¢ per ton for mine run coal the year round. A convention will be held by the miners of the district on Tuesday next to consider this last offer, which as it means a reduction of 10 to 25% from former prices on lump coal, will undoubtedly be rejected. Nearly all the practical miners now see that the proposition made by the operators based on the amount of lump coal produced by each miner, is by far better than any mine run price we will ever get. The operators are figuring on compelling the miners to lose all the benefit conferred on them by the "weighing on top" law, and our boys have not been wise enough to endure them by accepting their lump coal basis and a uniform screen. Should you see Mine Inspector Gallagher he could explain the whole matter in a few words; it is almost impossible to make it clear to anyone who has not had experience in mining. I thank you on behalf of the miners here for your offer of assistance, and will avail ourselves of it should it be necessary.

Yours Respectfully, John G. McLaughlin

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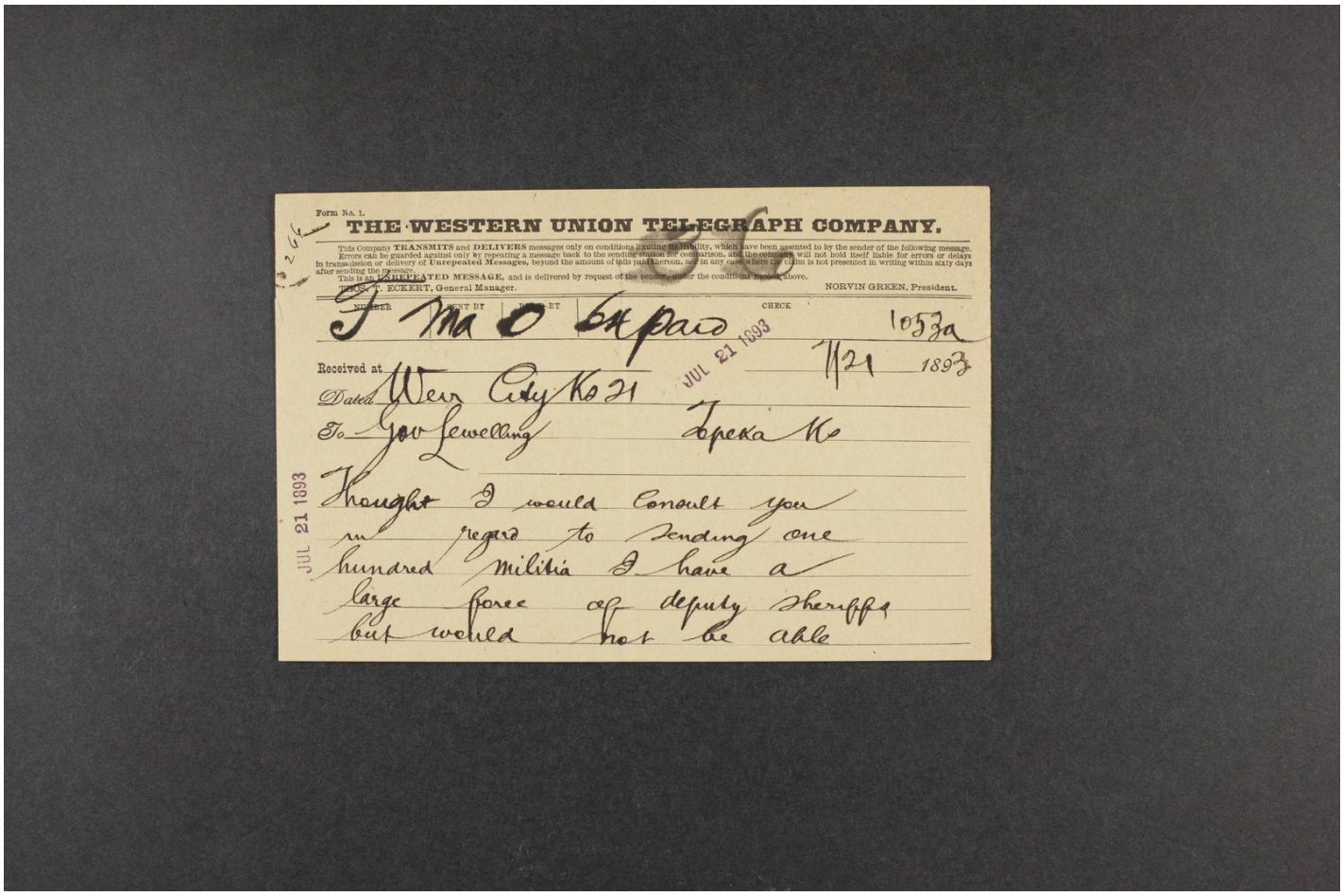
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Will you oblige by sending

Noah Allen at once.

John Holliday

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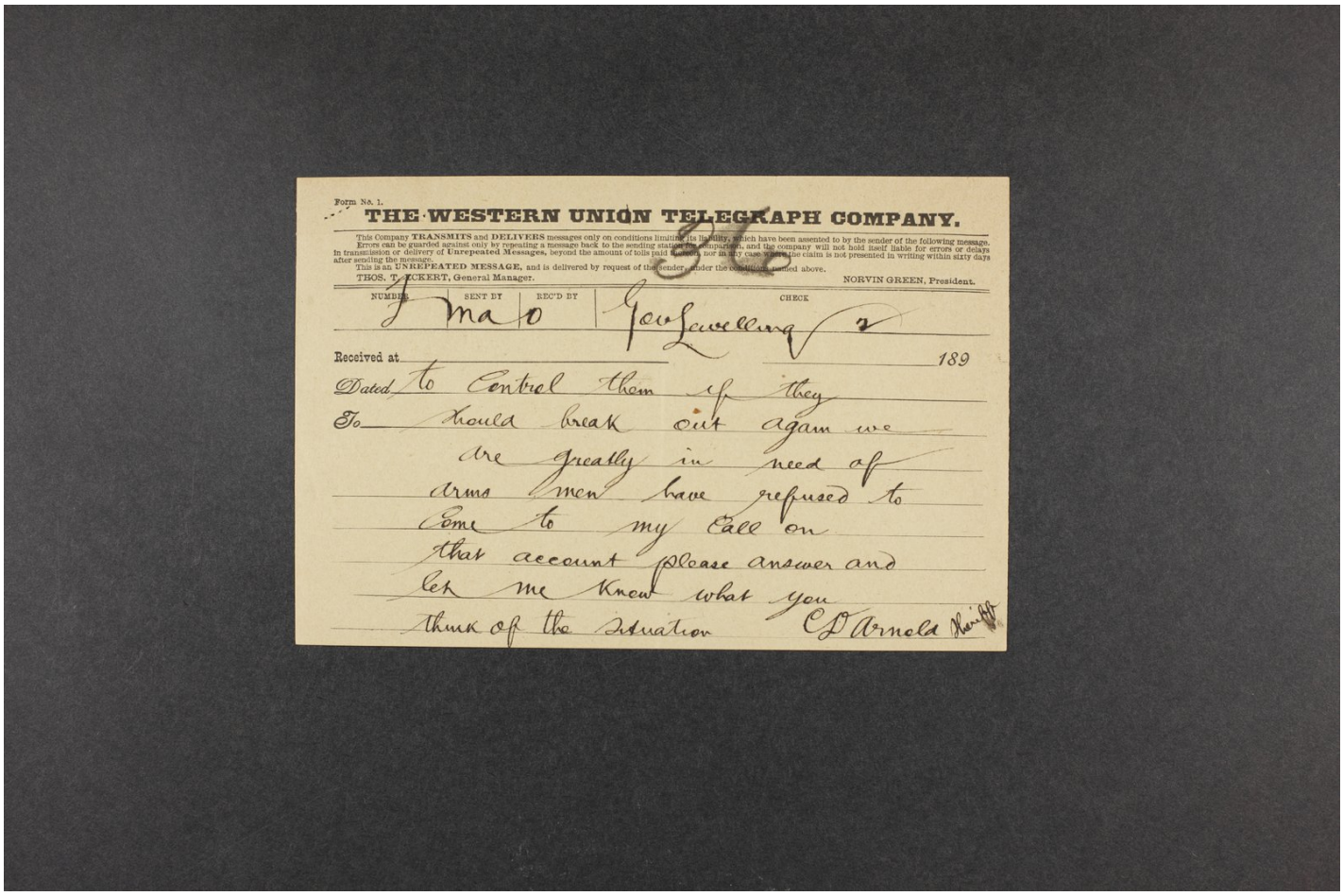
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To Gov Lewelling Topeka Ks

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Thought I would Consult you in regard to sending one hundred Militia I have a large force of deputy sheriffs but would not be able

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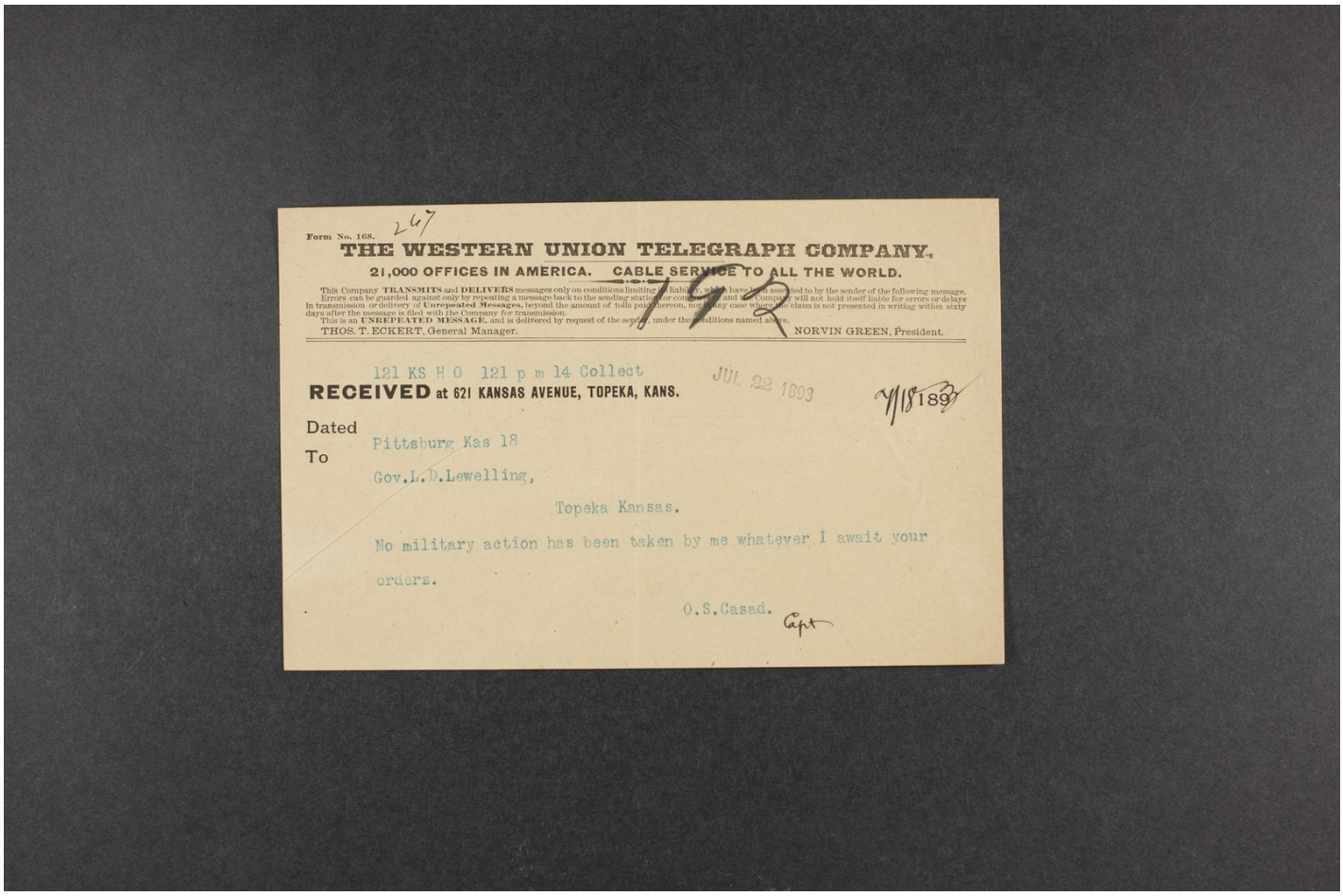
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To should break out again we are greatly in need of arms men have refused to come to my Call on that account please answer and let me know what you think of the situation C D Arnold Sheriff

Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3



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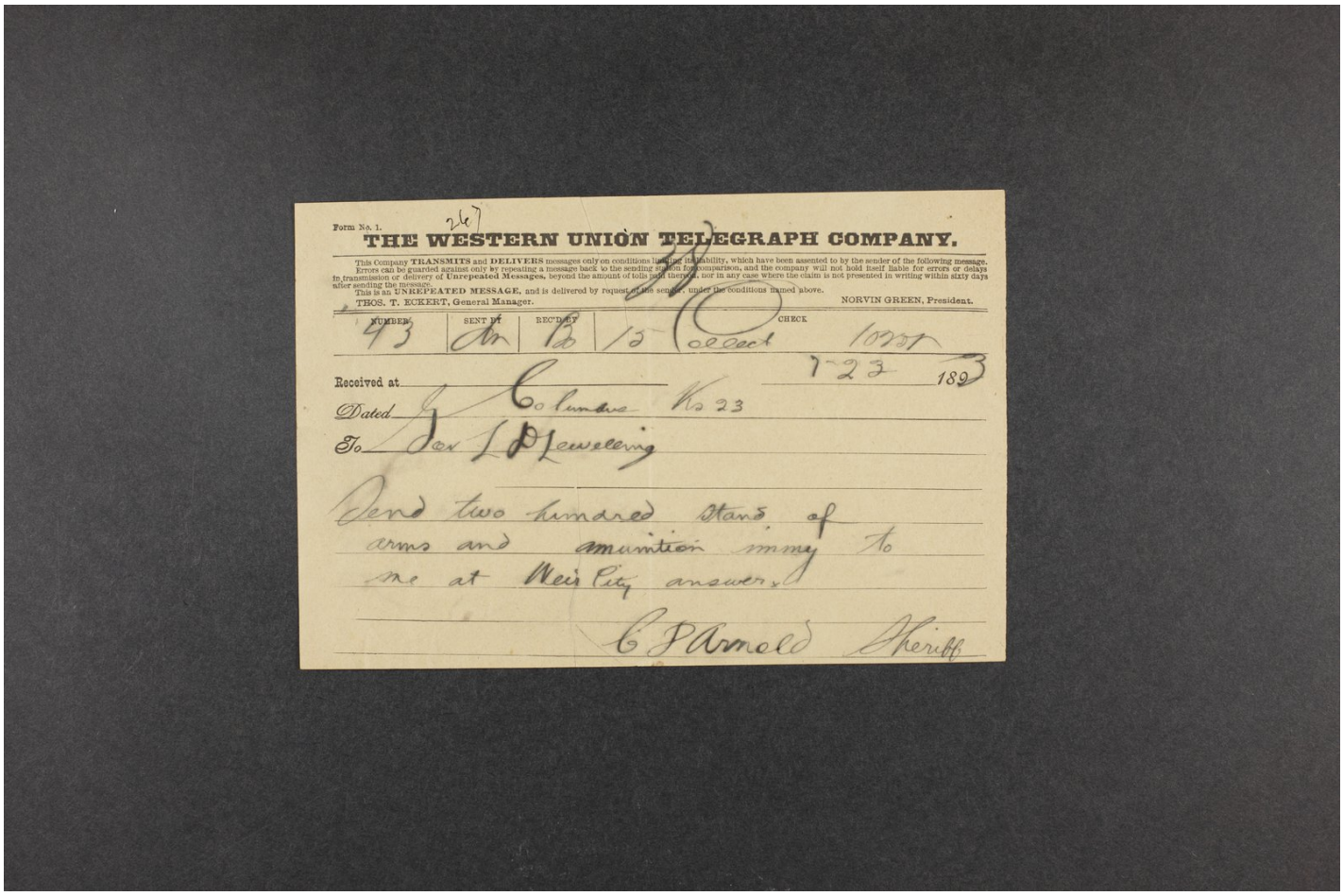
To Gov. L. D. Lewelling,

Topeka Kansas.

No military action has been taken by me whatever I await your orders.

O. S. Casad. Capt

Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3



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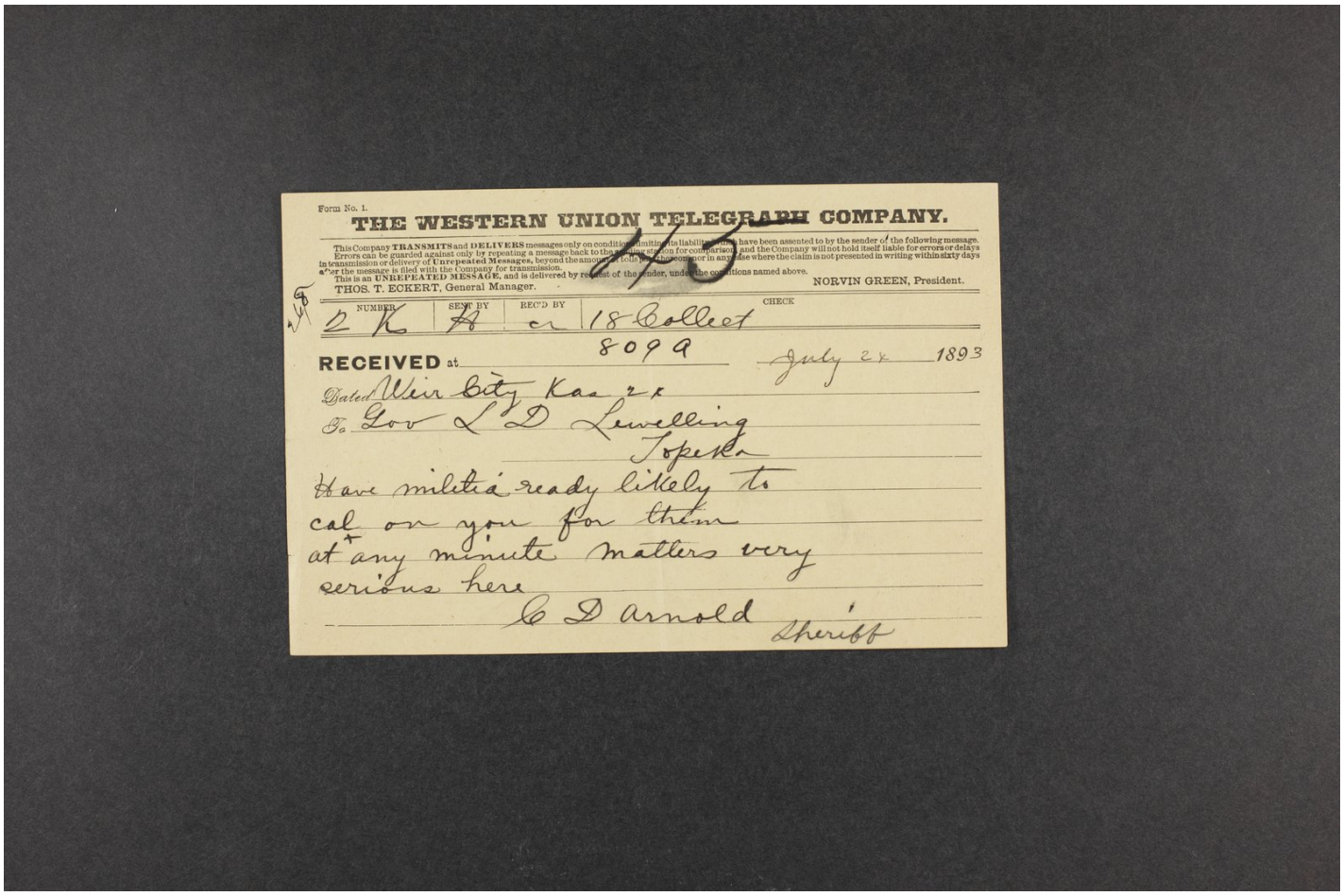
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To Gov L D Lewelling

Send two hundred stand of arms and ammunition immediately to me at Weir City answer

C P Arnold Sheriff

Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3



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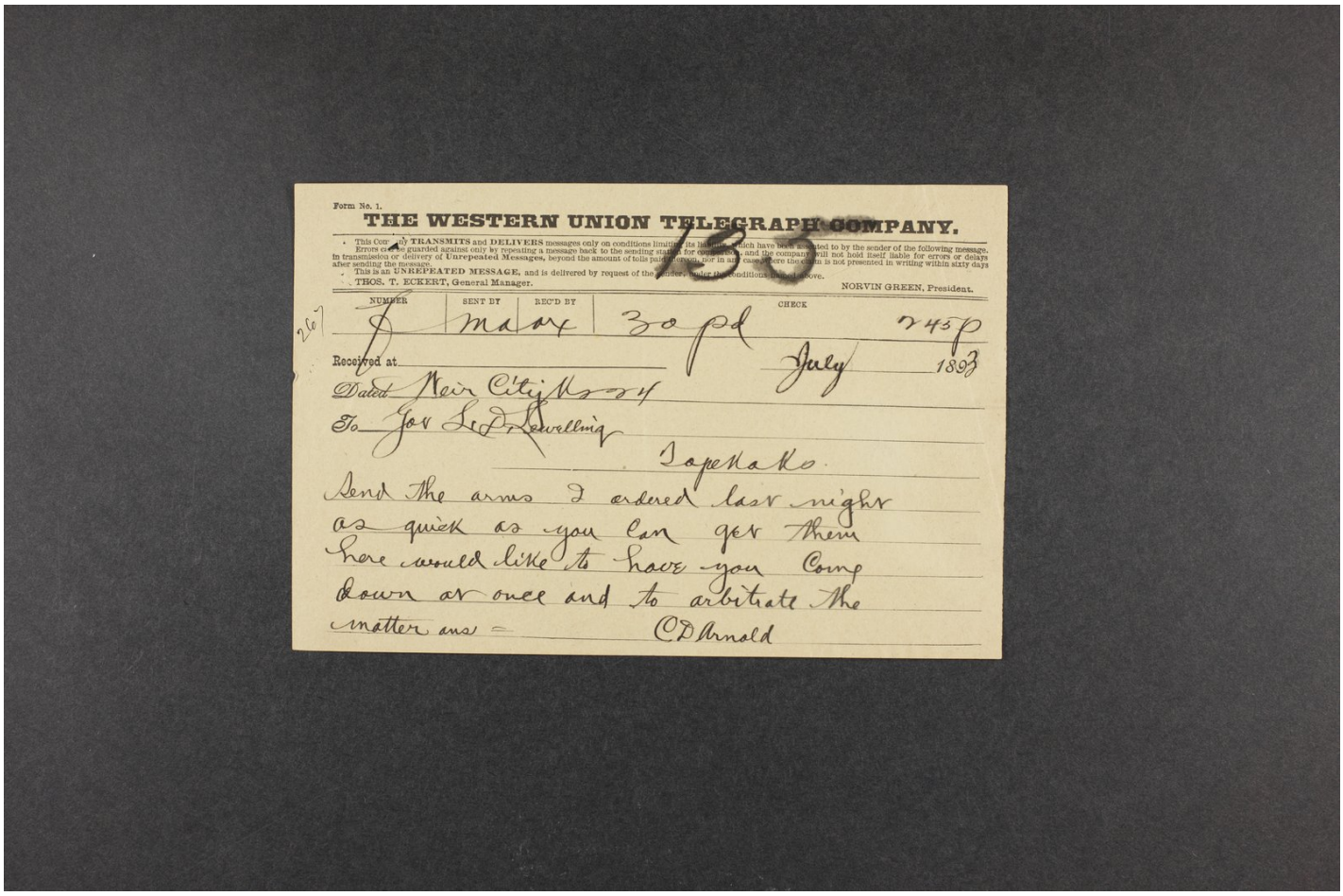
Dated Weir City Kas 2x

To Gov L D Lewelling
Topeka

Have militia ready likely to
cal on you for them
at any minute matters very
serious here

C D Arnold
Sheriff

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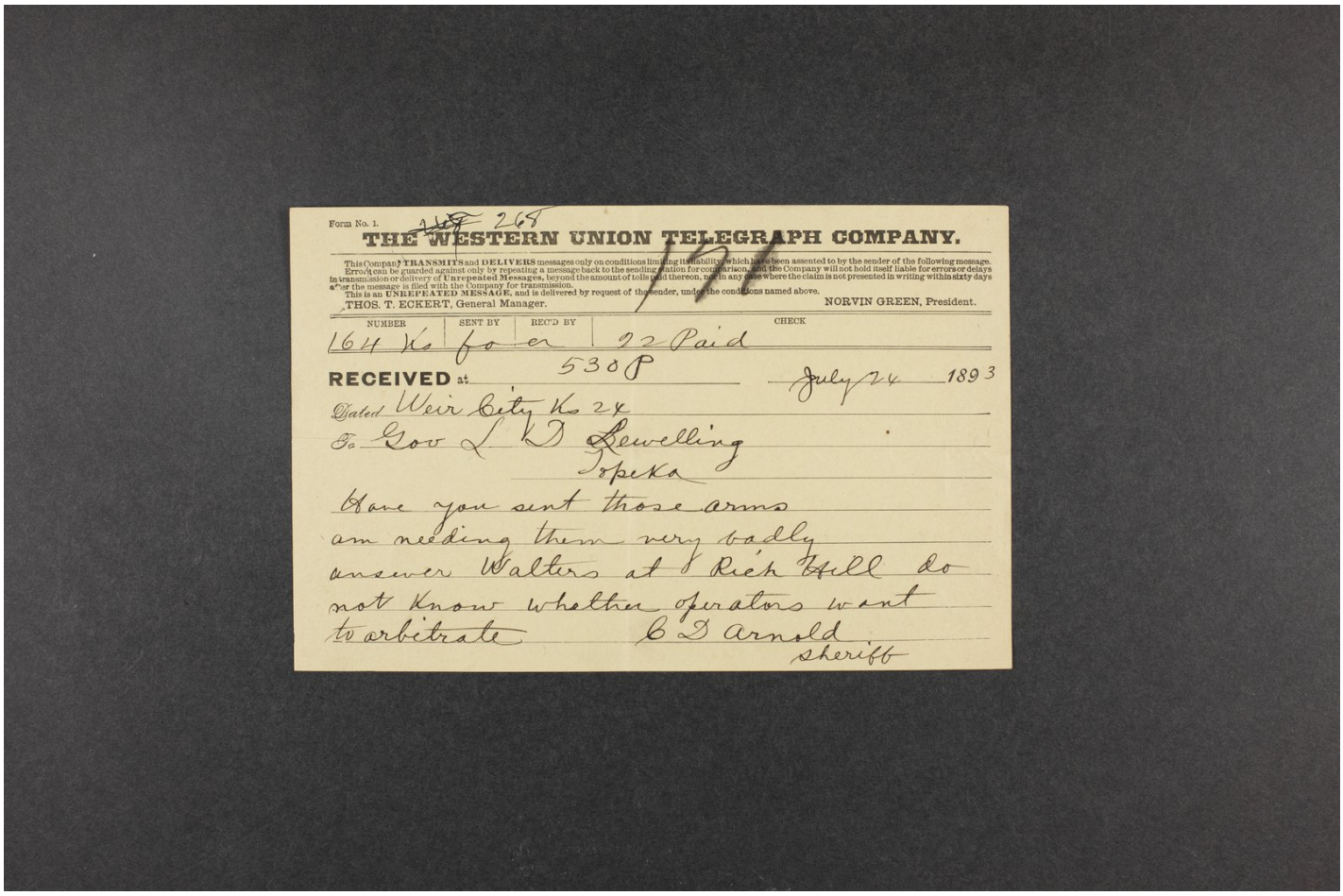
To Gov L. D. Lewelling

Topeka Ks.

Send the arms I ordered last night as quick as you can get them here would like to have you come down at once and to arbitrate the matter ans =

C D Arnold

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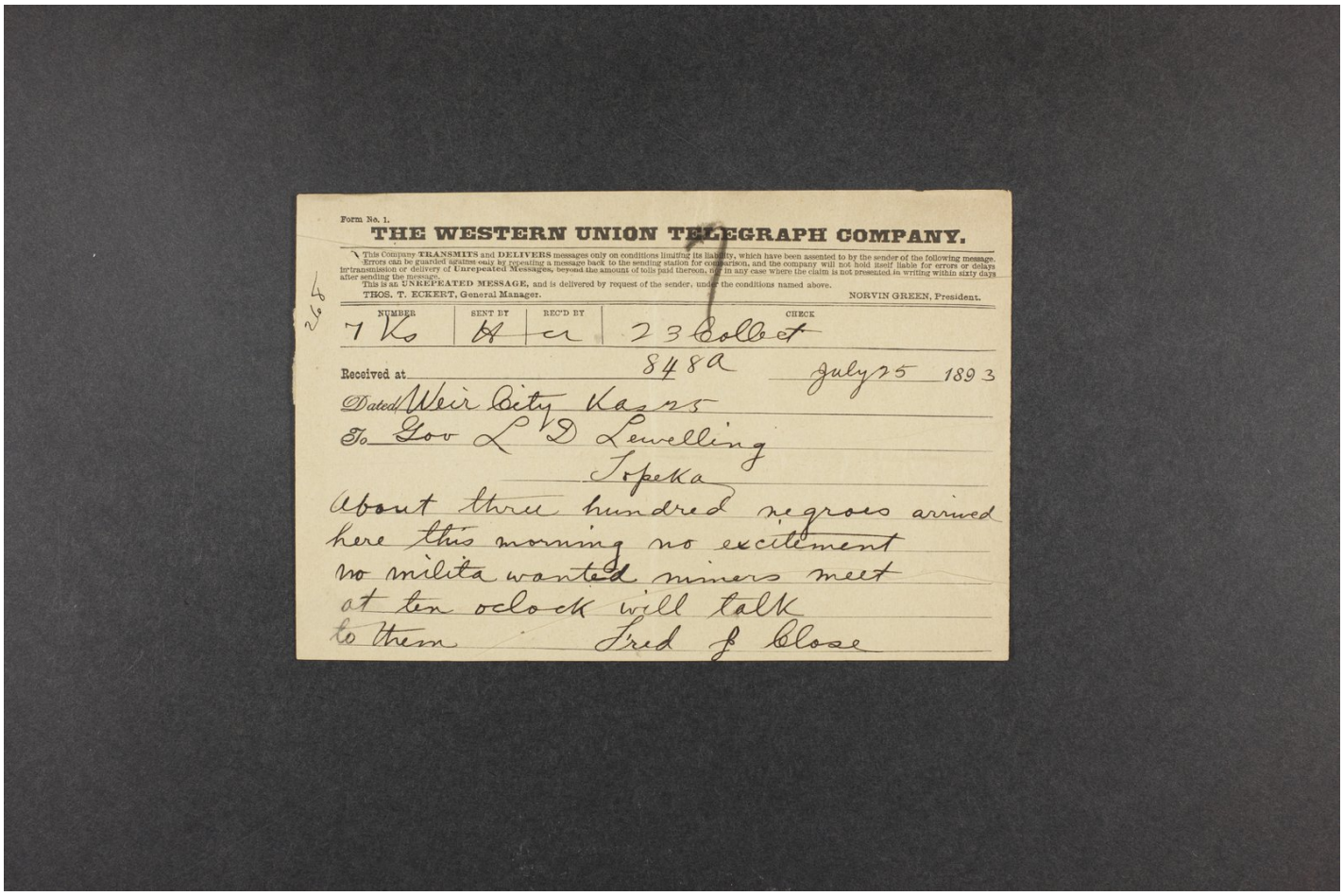
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Dated Weir City Ks 24

To Gov L D Lewelling
Topeka

Have you sent those arms
am needing them very badly
answer Walters at Rich Hill do
not know whether operators want
to arbitrate C D Arnold
sheriff

Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3



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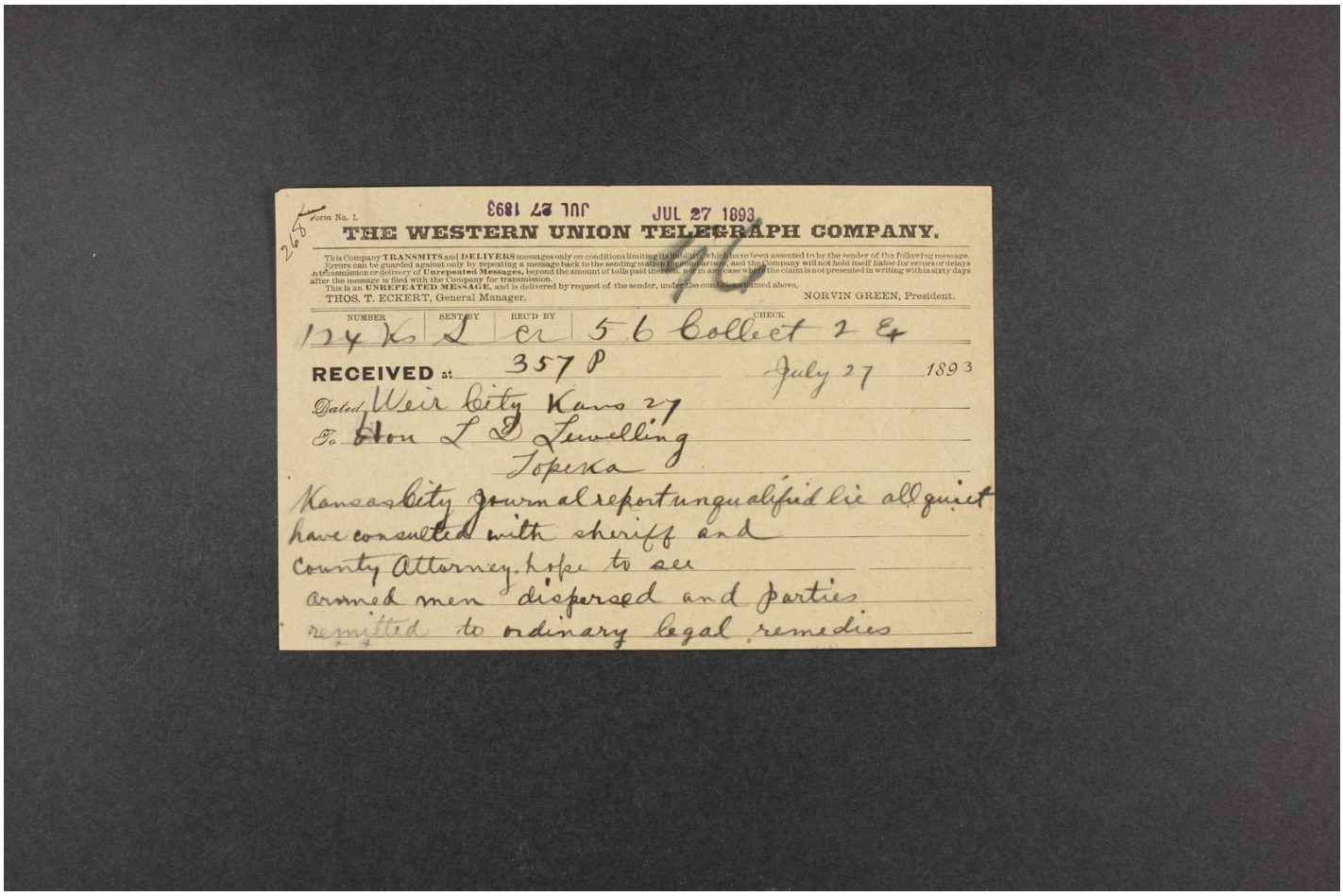
Dated Weir City Kans 25

To Gov L D Lewelling

Topeka

About three hundred negroes arrived here this morning no excitement no milita wanted miners meet at ten oclock will talk to them Fred J Close

Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 3



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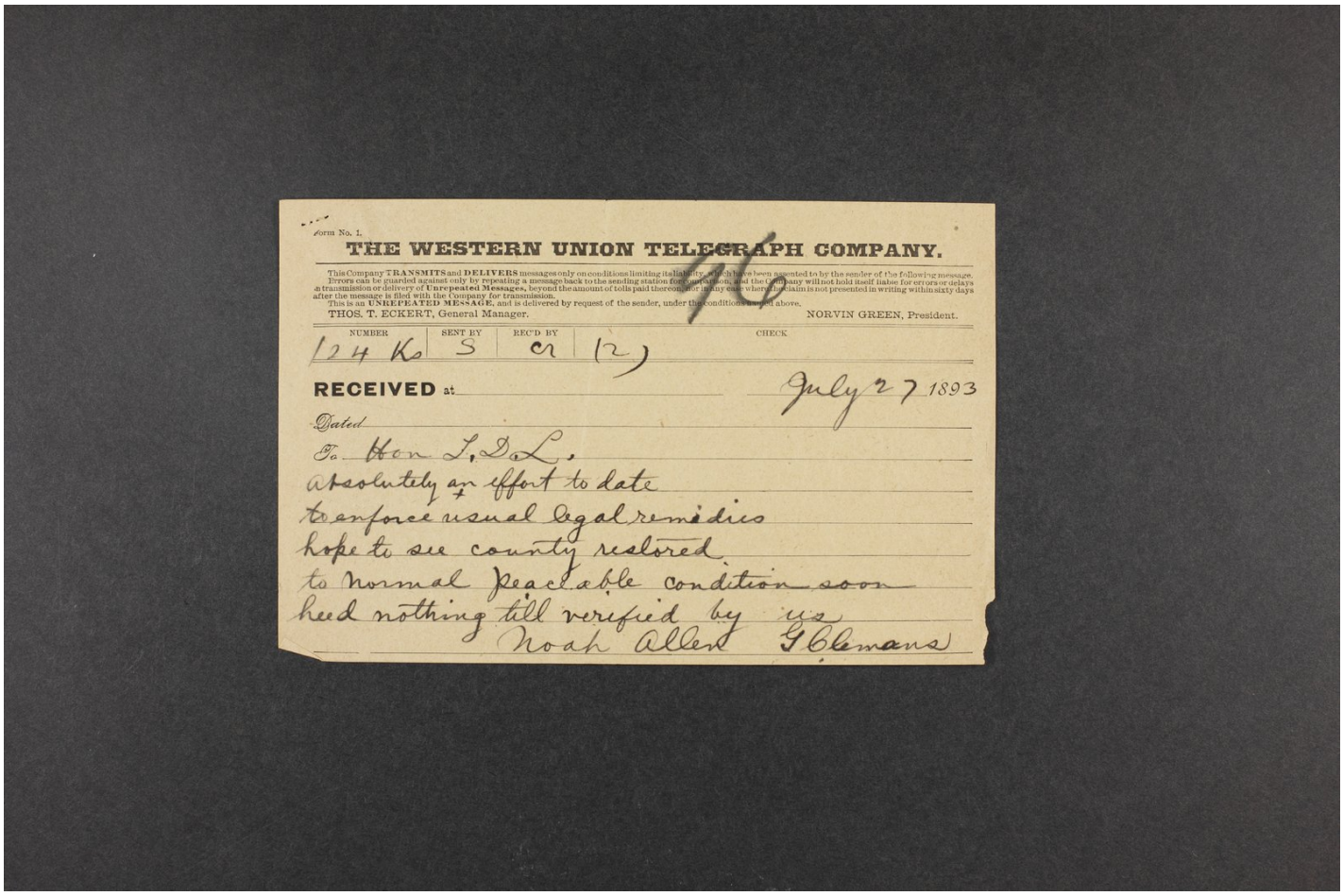
Dated Weir City Kans 27

To Hon L D Lewelling

Topeka

Kansas City journal report unqualified lie all quiet have consulted with sheriff and County Attorney. hope to see armed men dispersed and parties remitted to ordinary legal remedies

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RECEIVED at July 27 1893

Dated

To Hon L, D L,

absolutely an effort to date
to enforce usual legal remidies
hope to see county restored
to normal peaceable condition soon
heed nothing till verified by us
Noah Allen G Clemans