J. G. Haskell to Cyrus K. Holliday

This is a letter from J. G. Haskell to Cyrus K. Holliday requesting the opportunity to revise and add to the existing architectural plans for the pending Kansas state capitol in Topeka, Kansas. The initial set of plans were created by Edward Townsend Mix.

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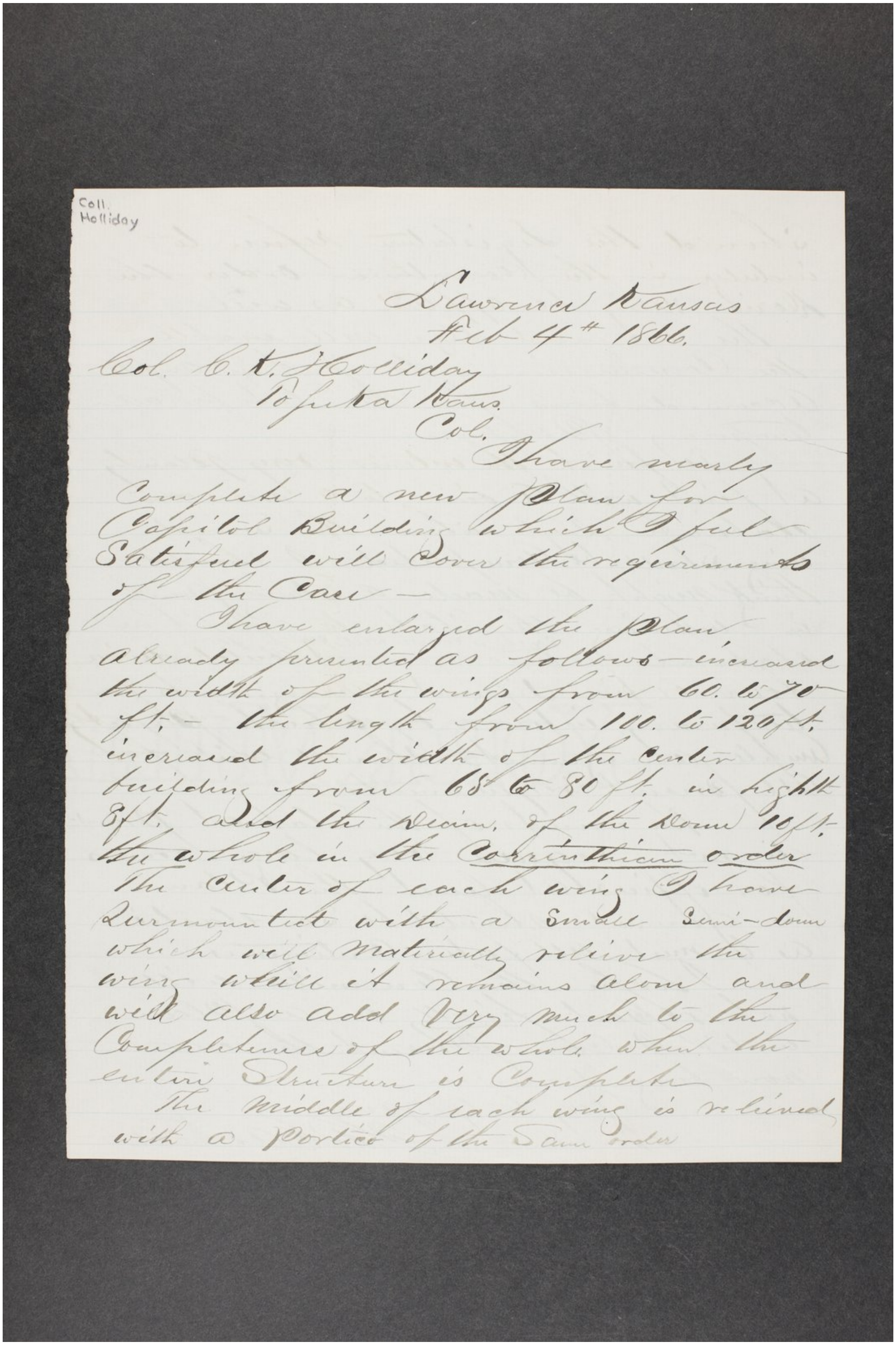

Coll.
Holliday

Lawrence Kansas
Feb 4th 1866.

Col. C. K. Holliday
Topeka Kans.

Col.

I have nearly Complete a new plan for Capitol Building which I feel Satisfied will cover the requirements of the Case —

I have enlarged the plan already presented as follows — increased the width of the wings from 60. to 70 ft. — the length from 100. to 120 ft. increased the width of the center building from 65 to 80 ft. in hight 8 ft. add the Diam. of the Dome 10 ft. the whole in the Corrinthian order The center of each wing I have surmounted with a small semi-dome which will materially relieve the wing while it remains alone and will also add very much to the Completeness of the whole when the entire Structure is Complete

The middle of each wing is relieved with a Portico of the Same order

Should the Legislature refuse to indulge in the Corinthian order the Doric may be applied as well

The increased size will enable the Commissioners to put in ample accomodations for the State for all temporary Purposes.—

To finish the interior very plainly at first with a view to a more ~~a~~ elaborate style when the second wing shall be completed I should think it might be made a strong point in inducing the State to adopt an elaborate exterior, such a course will surely pay — I could devise four or five different arrangements for temporary interior by which perfectly ample arrangements should exist for all present requirements

The wants of the State at present do not require very large rooms for offices at least the Plan in general should be so elastic as to meet all future contingencies

I hope the Committee will not report finally on a Plan until I can present the one now being drawn—

Very truly yours
J. G. Haskell