George W. Scott papers

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Business correspondence, arranged chronologically, of George W. Scott, one of the first residents of Edgerton, Kansas. A large portion of the collection is correspondence between Scott and Frank S. Hammond, Scott's partner in a 20,000 acre ranch in the Texas panhandle. Much of the correspondence deals with their attempts to raise cattle, lease the land, and sell or trade the property. Hammond worked as a general manager for several railroads (Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company; Kansas City, Shreveport, and Gulf Railway Company; and the Kansas City, Watkins, and Gulf Railway Company) that were in the process of expanding their lines, and mentioned these activities in his letters. Due to their real estate investments in Texas, many letters come from banks, insurance agents, and land surveyors in the panhandle. Scott also served as secretary for the Johnson County Fair Association and owned the Gardner Lumber Company. Scott frequently corresponded with creameries, dairy farmers, wholesale dry goods retailers and seed merchants, including the Kansas Seed House owned by Frederick W. Barteldes in Lawrence. Also included are invoices, checks, contracts, and inventory lists from various businesses.

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Date: 1889-1899

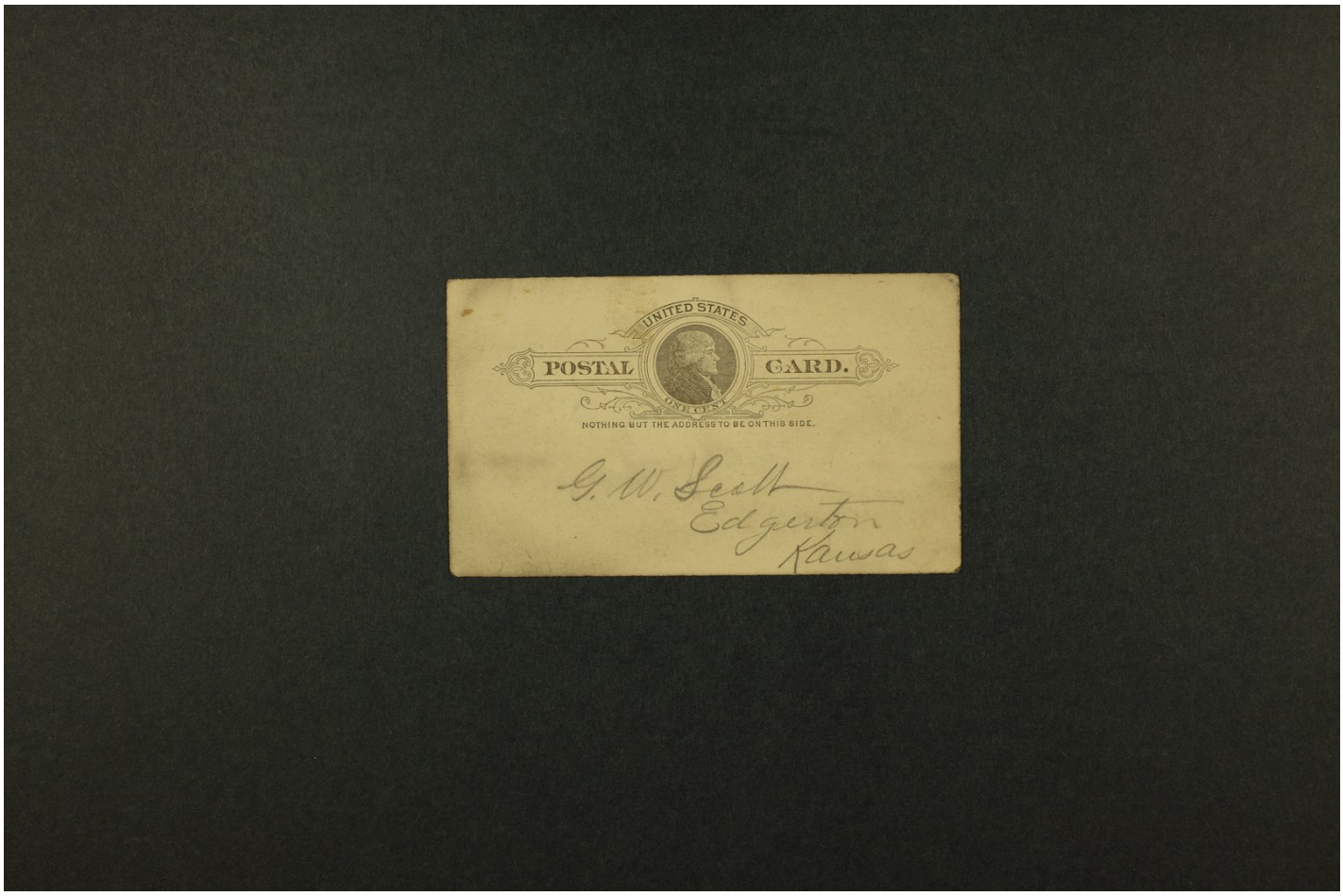
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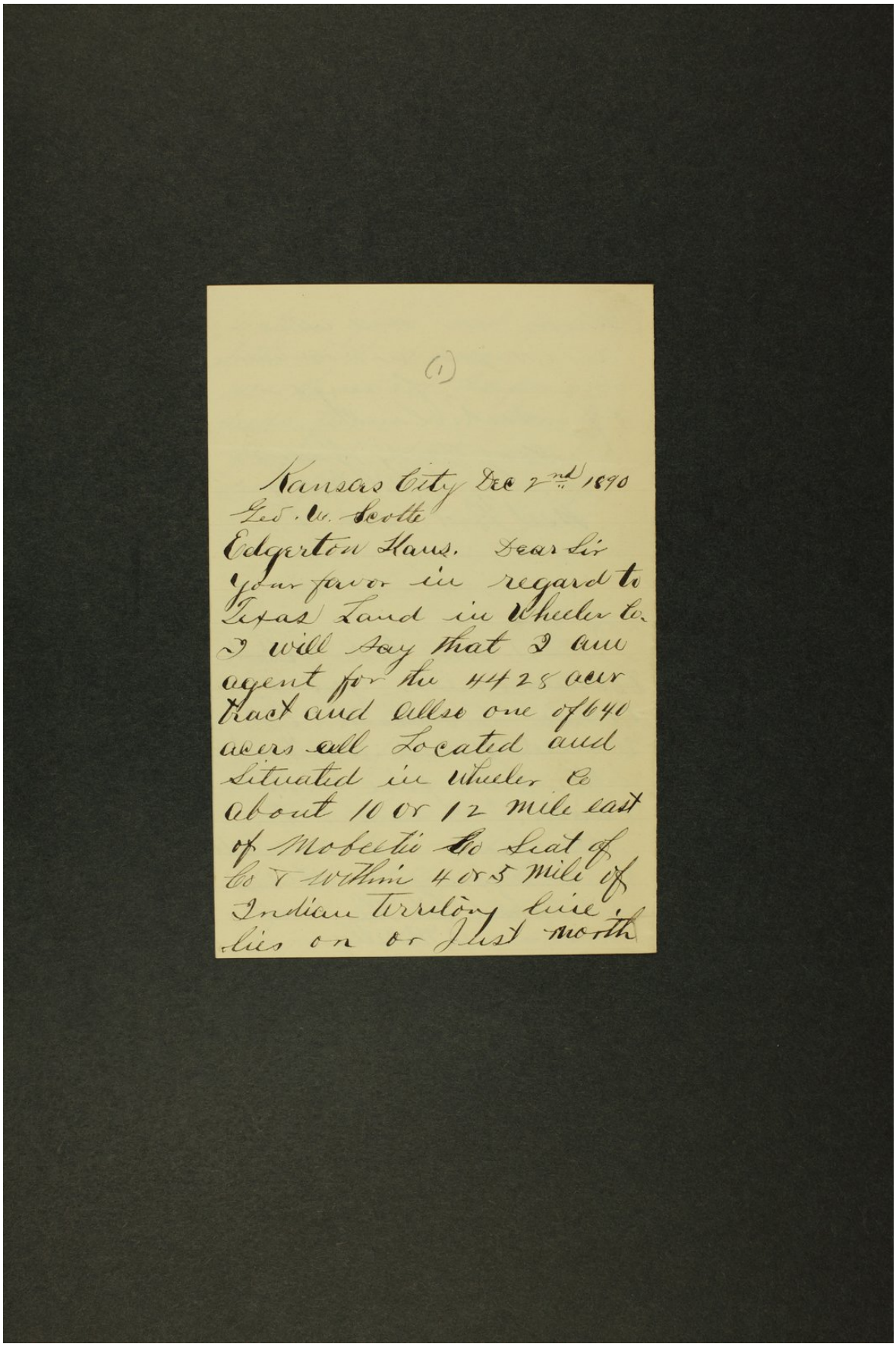
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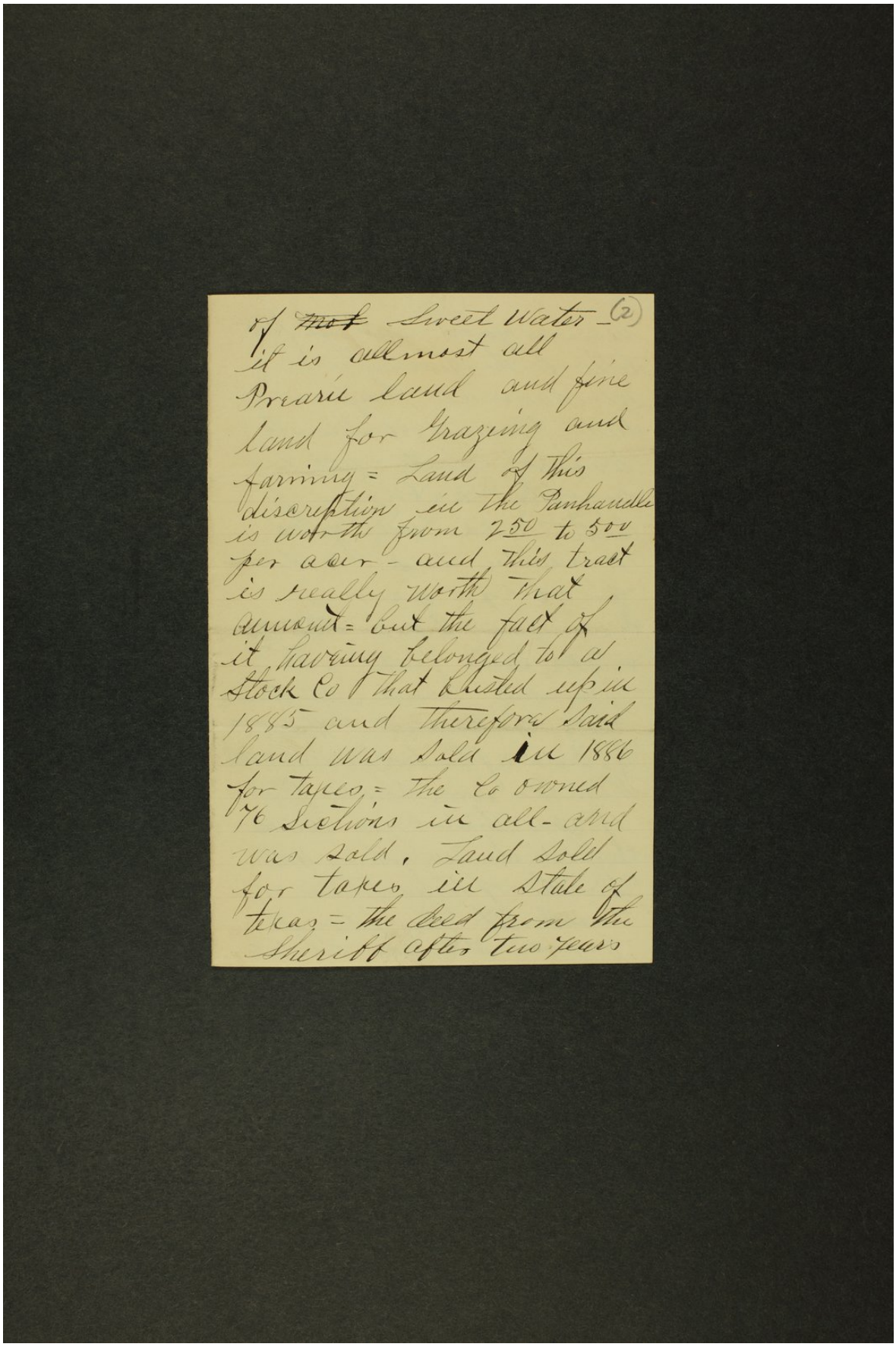
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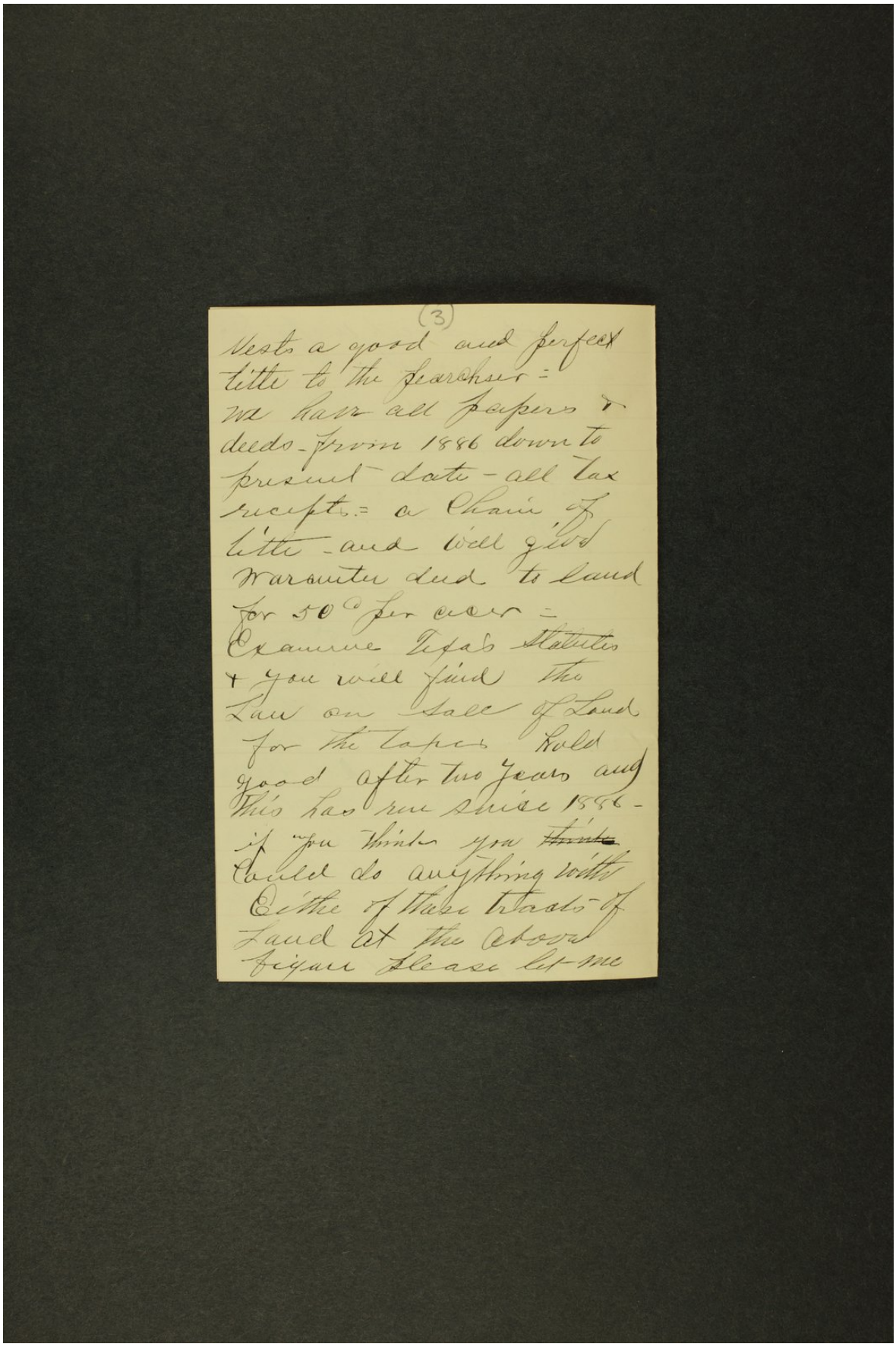


(1)

Kansas City Dec 2nd 1890
Geo. W. Scott
Edgerton Kans. Dear Sir
Your favor in regard to
Texas Land in Wheeler Co.
I will say that I am
agent for the 4428 acr
tract and also one of 640
acres all Located and
Situated in Wheeler Co
about 10 or 12 mile east
of Mobeetie the Seat of
Co & within 4 or 5 mile of
Indian Territory line,
lies on or just north

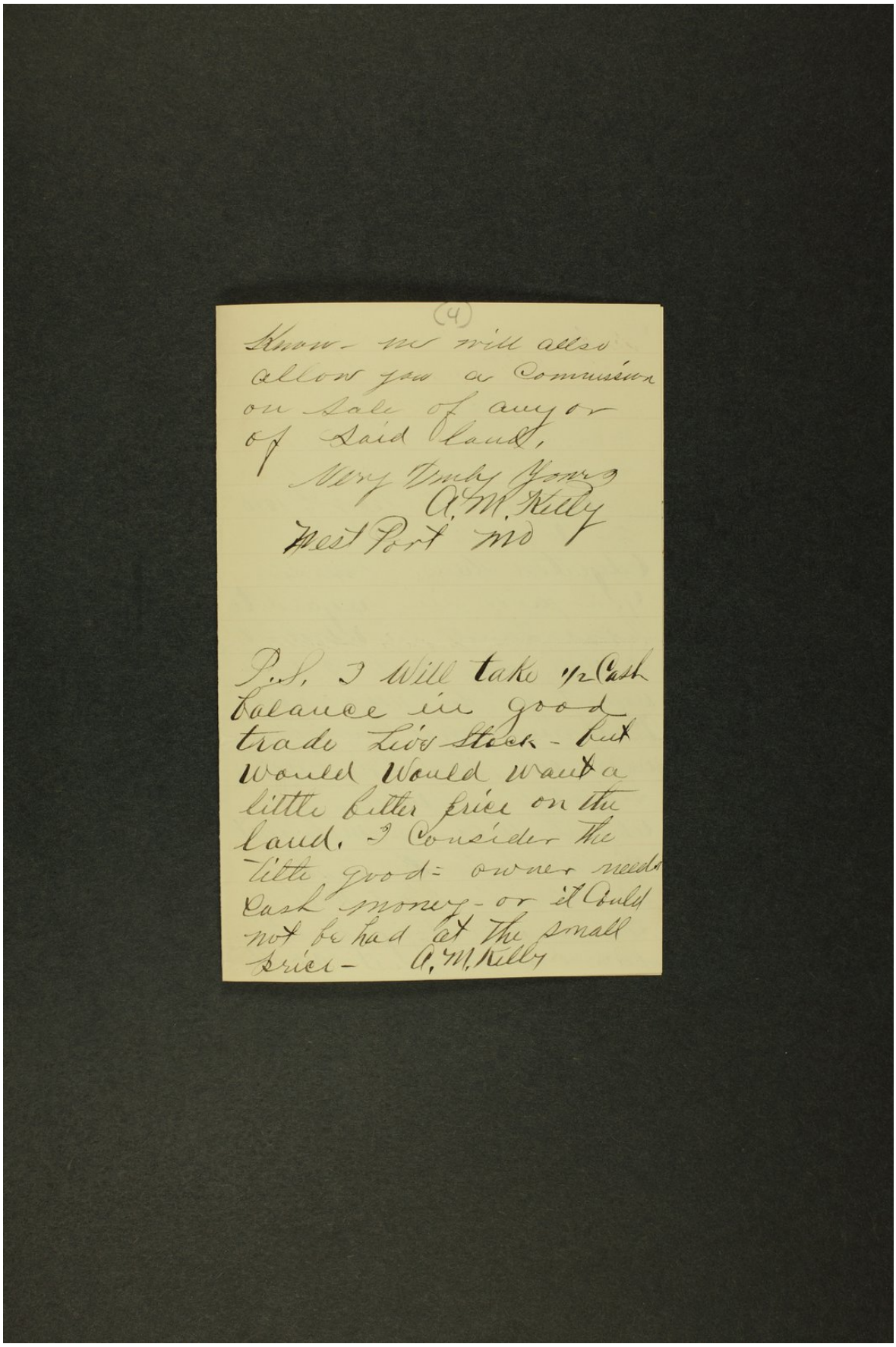


of ~~not~~ Sweet Water (2)
it is allmost all
Prearie land and fine
land for Grazing and
farming = Land of this
discreption in the Panhandle
is worth from 750 to 500
per acer - and this tract
is really worth that
amount = but the fact of
it having belonged to a
Stock Co that busted up in
1885 and therefore said
land was sold in 1886
for taxes = the Co owned
76 Sections in all - and
was sold, Land sold
for taxes in State of
Texas = the deed from the
Sheriff after two years



(3)

vests a good and perfect
title to the purchaser -
we have all papers &
deeds - from 1886 down to
present date - all tax
receipts - a Chain of
title - and will give
warranty deed to land
for 50¢ per acre -
Examine Texas Statutes
& you will find the
Law on Sale of Land
for the taxes Sold
good after two years and
this has run since 1886 -
if you think you ~~think~~
could do anything with
either of these tracts of
Land at the above
figure please let me

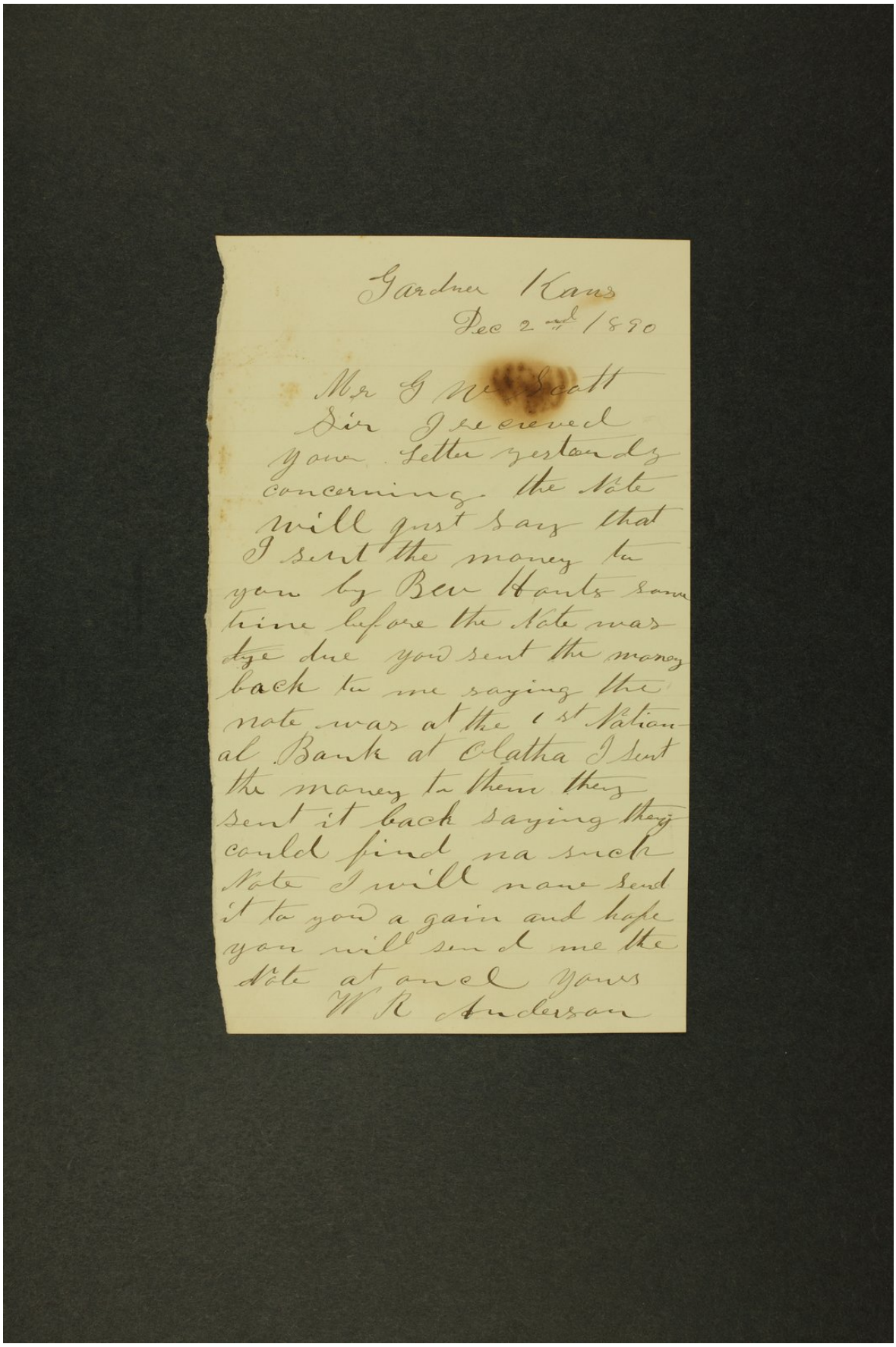


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know- we will also allow you a Commission on Sale of any or of said land.

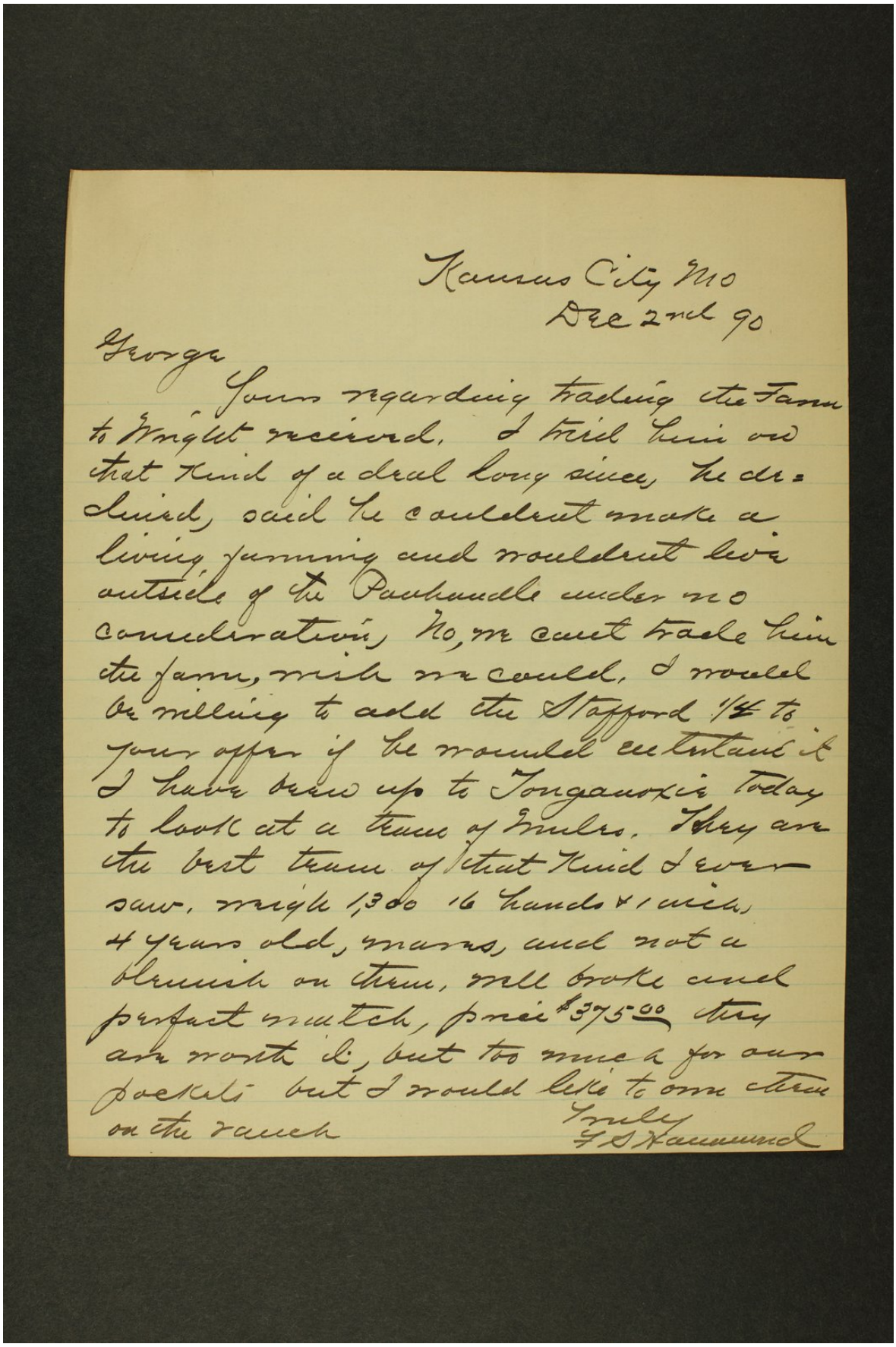
Very Truly Yours
A. M. Kelly
West Port Mo

P.S. I will take 1/2 Cash balance in good trade Live Stock - but would would want a little better price on the land. I Consider the title good- owner needs cash money- or it could not be had at the small price- A. M. Kelly



Gardner Kans
Dec 2nd 1890

Mr G W Scott
Sir I received
your letter yesterday
concerning the Note
will just say that
I sent the money to
you by Ben Hanks some
time before the Note was
due you sent the money
back to me saying the
note was at the 1st National
Bank at Olatha I sent
the money to them they
sent it back saying they
could find no such
Note I will now send
it to you a gain and hope
you will send me the
Note at once Yours
W R Anderson

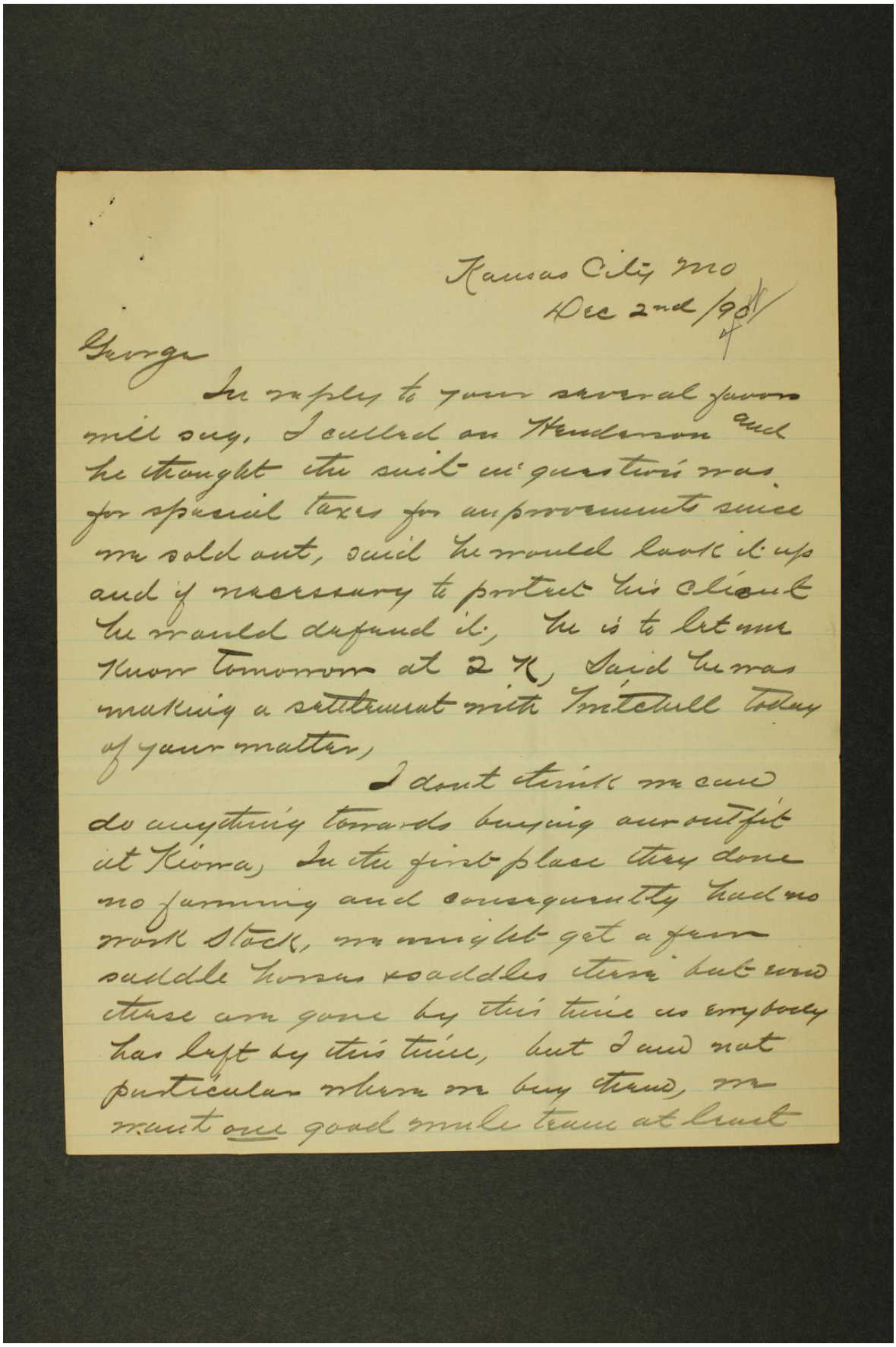


Kansas City Mo
Dec 2nd 90

George

Yours regarding trading the Farm to Knight received. I told him on that kind of a deal long since, he declined, said he couldnt make a living farming and wouldnt live outside of the Panhandle under no consideration, No, he cant trade him the farm, with no cash. I would be willing to add the Stafford 1/4 to your offer if he would entertain it I have been up to Longmont today to look at a team of Mules. They are the best team of that kind I ever saw. weigh 1,300 16 hands high, 4 years old, mares, and not a blemish on them, well broke and perfect match, price $375.00 they are worth it, but too much for our pocket but I would like to own them on the ranch

Truly
F S Hammond

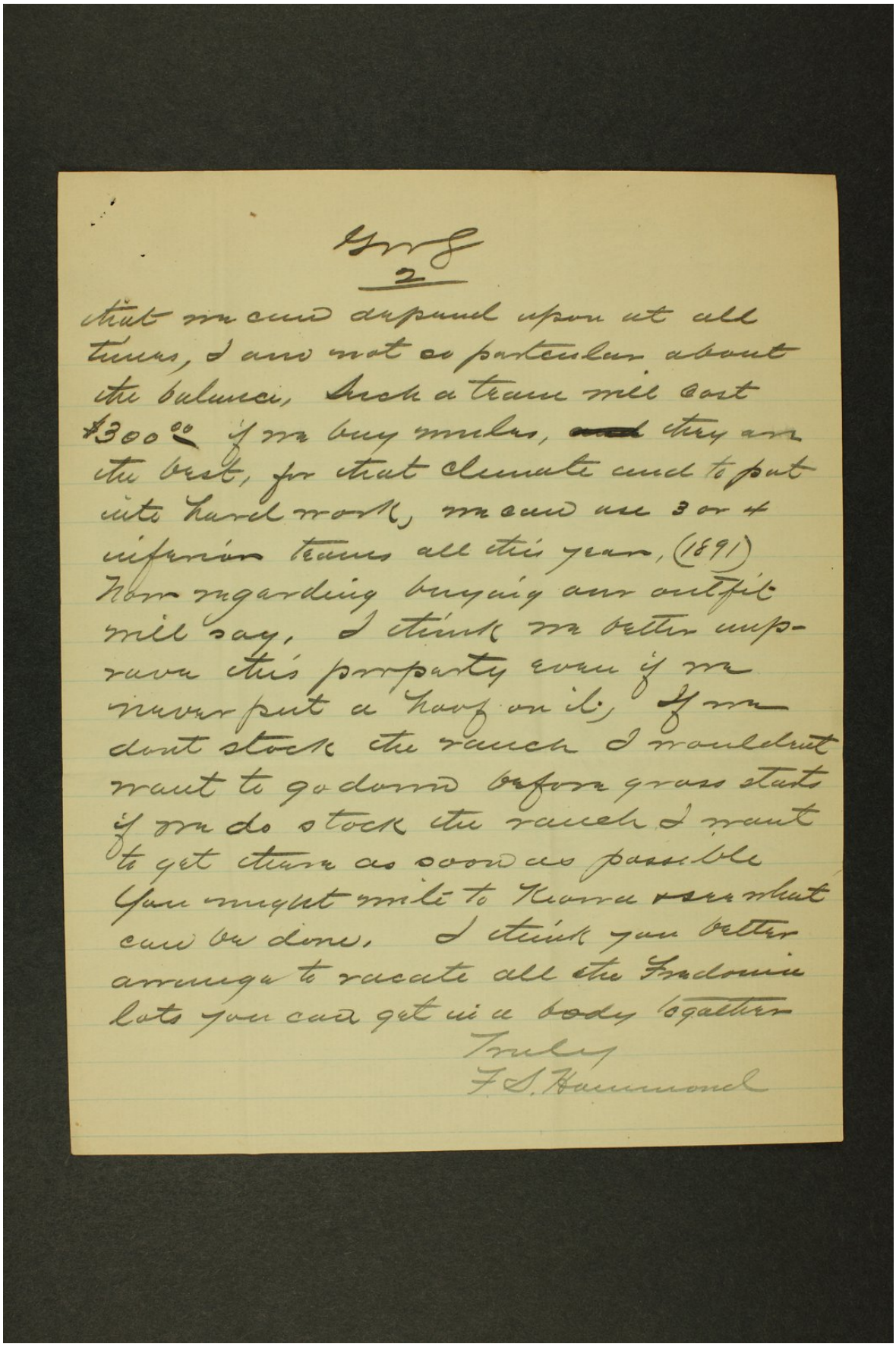


Kansas City Mo
Dec 2nd /98

George

In reply to your several favors will say, I called on Henderson and he thought the suit in question was for special taxes for an improvement since we sold out, said he would look it up and if necessary to protect his client he would defend it, he is to let me know tomorrow at 2 P.M, Said he was making a settlement with Mitchell today of your matter,

I dont think we can do anything towards buying an outfit at Kiowa, In the first place they done no farming and consequently had no work stock, we might get a few saddle horses + saddles there but even those are gone by this time as everybody has left by this time, but I am not particular where we buy them, we must have good mule team at least

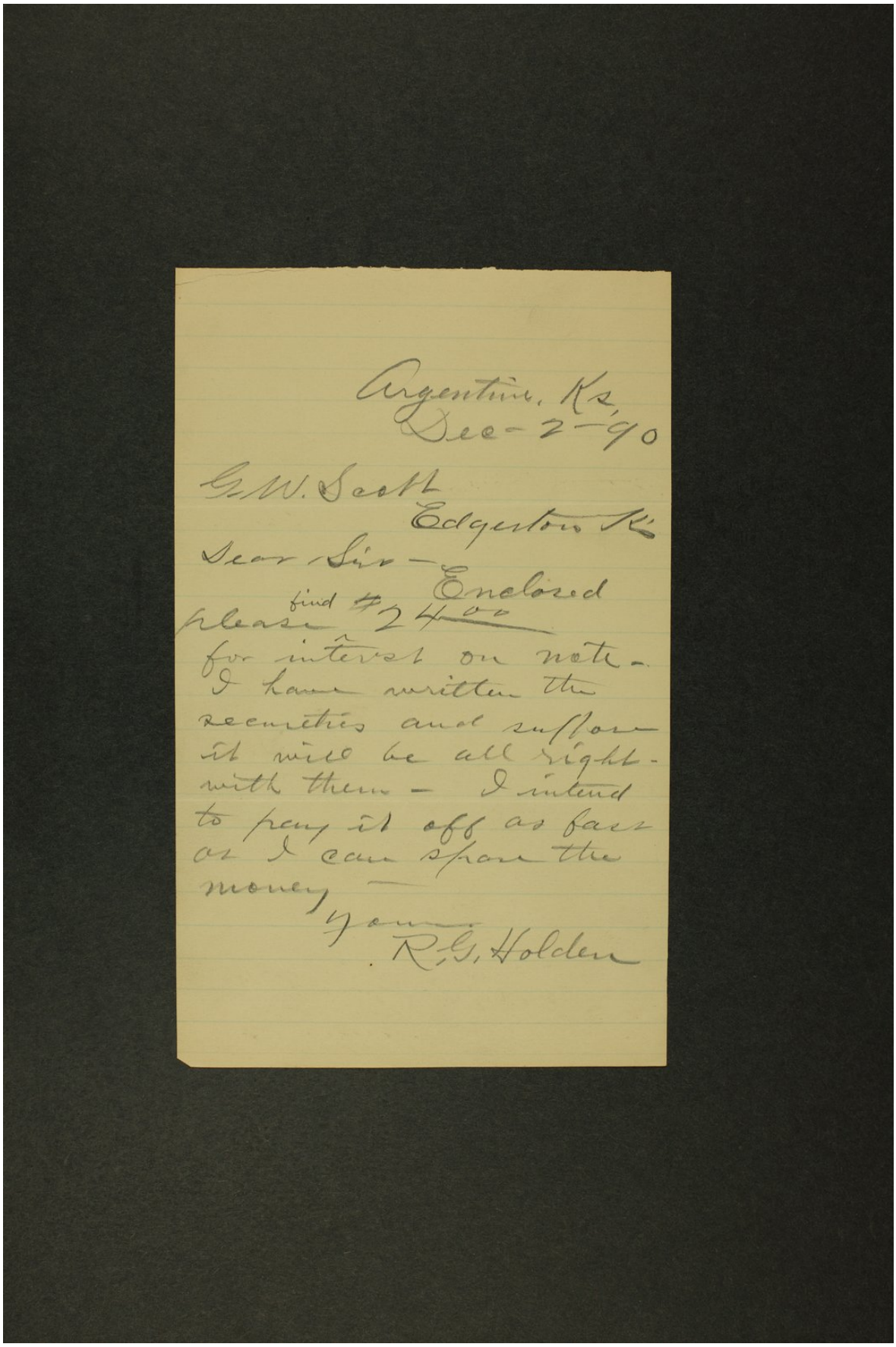


G W S

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that we can depend upon at all times, I am not so particular about the balance, Such a team will cost $300.00 if we buy mules, and they are the best, for that climate and to put into hard work, we can use 3 or 4 inferior teams all this year, (1891) Now regarding buying our outfit will say, I think we better improve this property even if we never put a hoof on it, If we dont stock the ranch I would not want to go down before grass starts if we do stock the ranch I want to get there as soon as possible You might write to Kansas what can be done. I think you better arrange to vacate all the Endowment lots you can get us a body together

Truly
F. S. Hammond



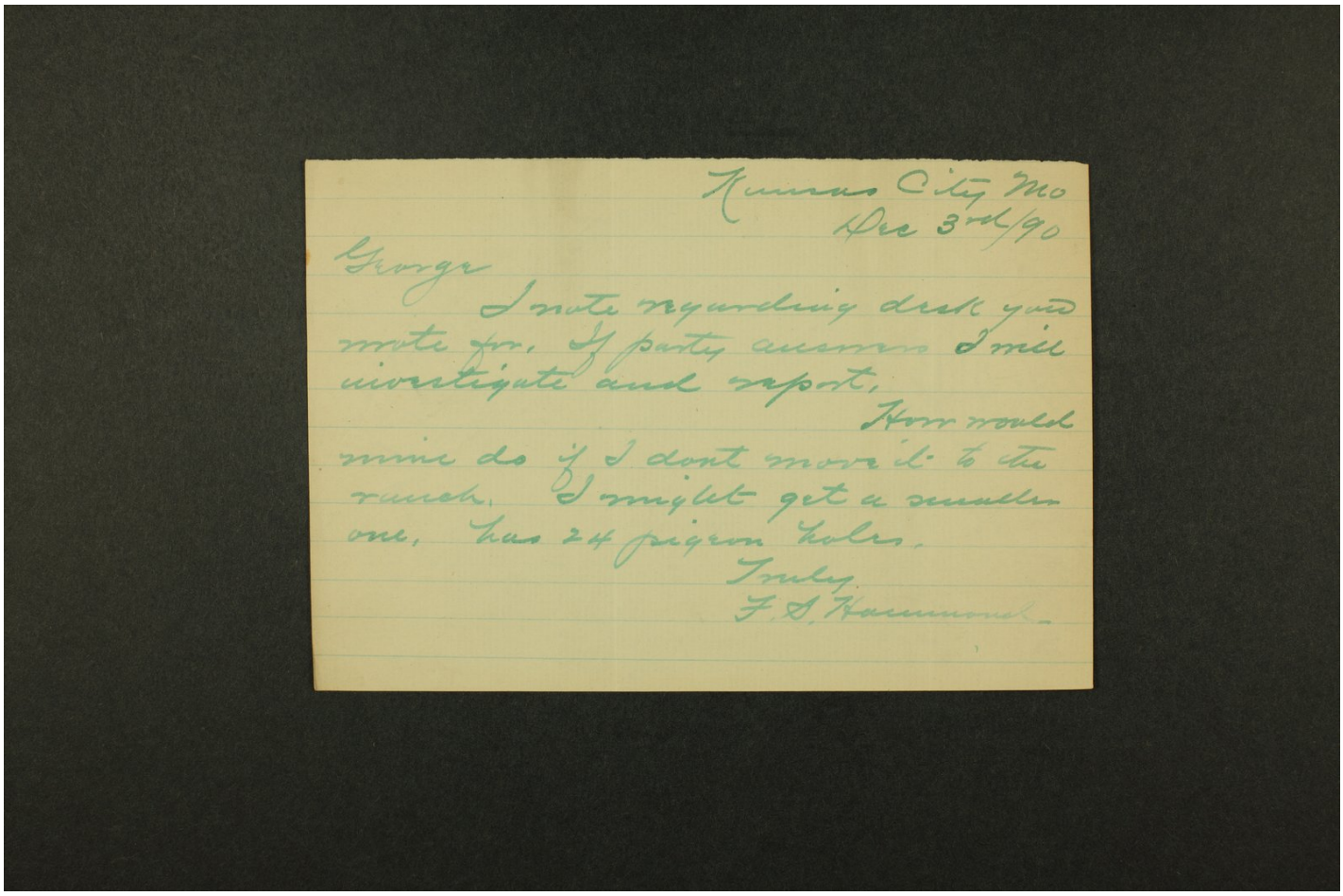
Argentine, Ks,
Dec - 2 - 90

G. W. Scott
Edgerton Ks

Dear Sir - Enclosed
please find $2 40/100
for interest on note -
I have written the
securities and suppose
it will be all right -
with them - I intend
to pay it off as fast
as I can spare the
money -

Yours
R. G. Holden

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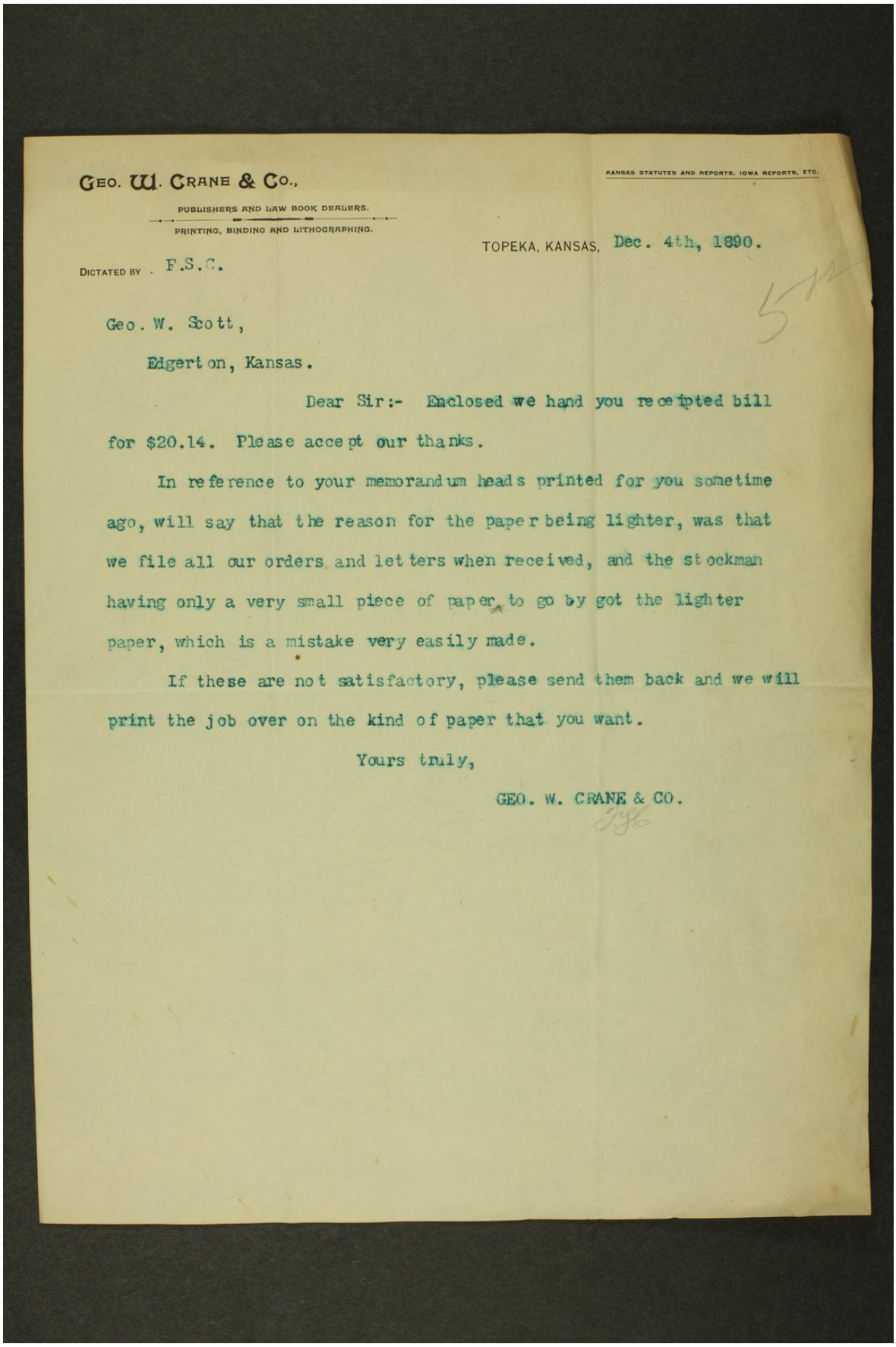
Kansas City Mo
Dec 3rd/90

George

I note regarding desk you
note for. If party answers I will
investigate and report.

How would
mine do if I dont move it to the
ranch. I might get a smaller
one. has 24 pigeon holes.

Truly
F. S. Hammond.



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Geo. W. Scott,

Edgerton, Kansas.

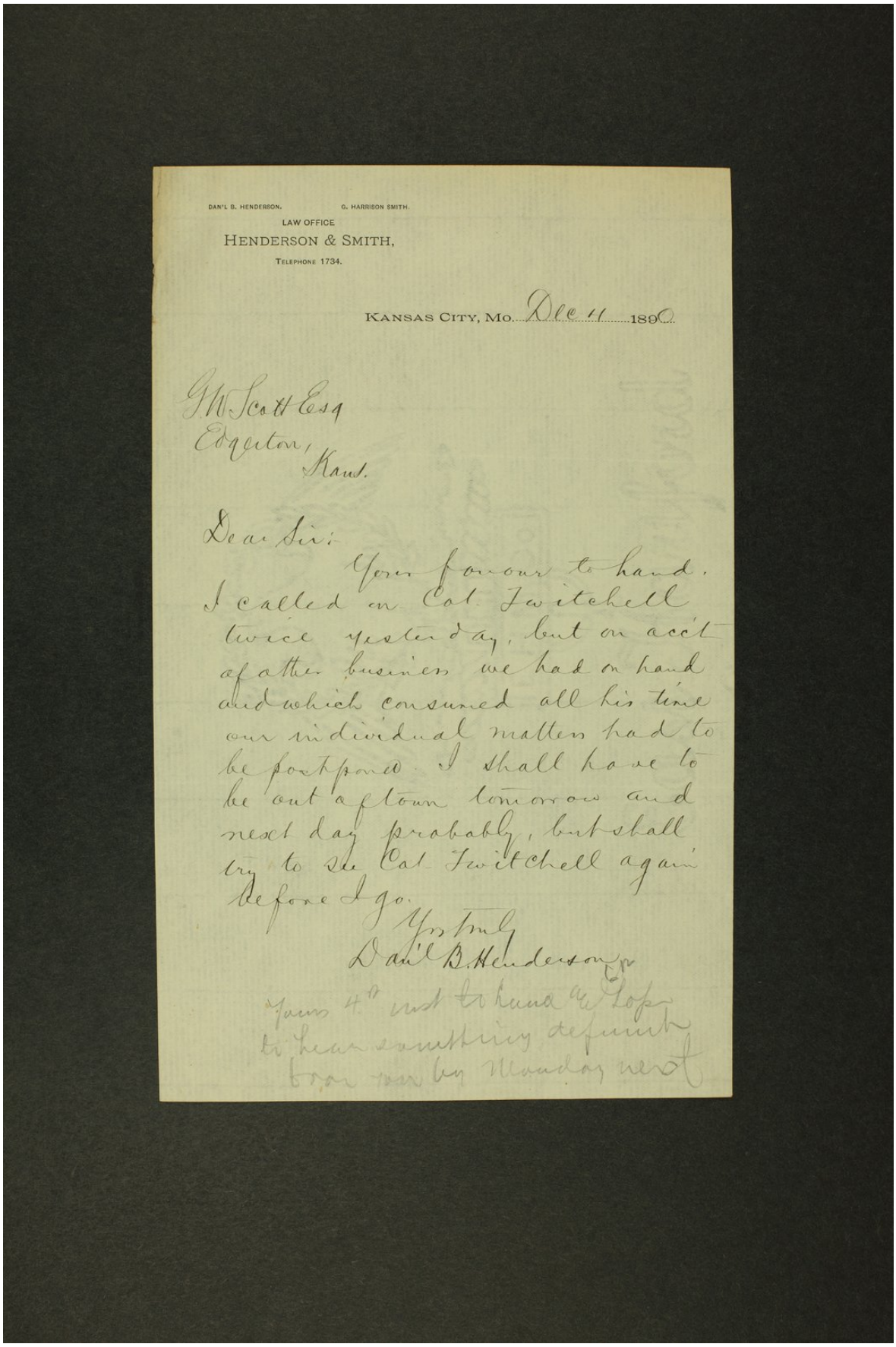
Dear Sir:- Enclosed we hand you receipted bill for $20.14. Please accept our thanks.

In reference to your memorandum heads printed for you sometime ago, will say that the reason for the paper being lighter, was that we file all our orders and letters when received, and the stockman having only a very small piece of paper to go by got the lighter paper, which is a mistake very easily made.

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Yours truly,

GEO. W. CRANE & CO.



DAN'L B. HENDERSON. G. HARRISON SMITH.
LAW OFFICE
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TELEPHONE 1734.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Dec 11 1890

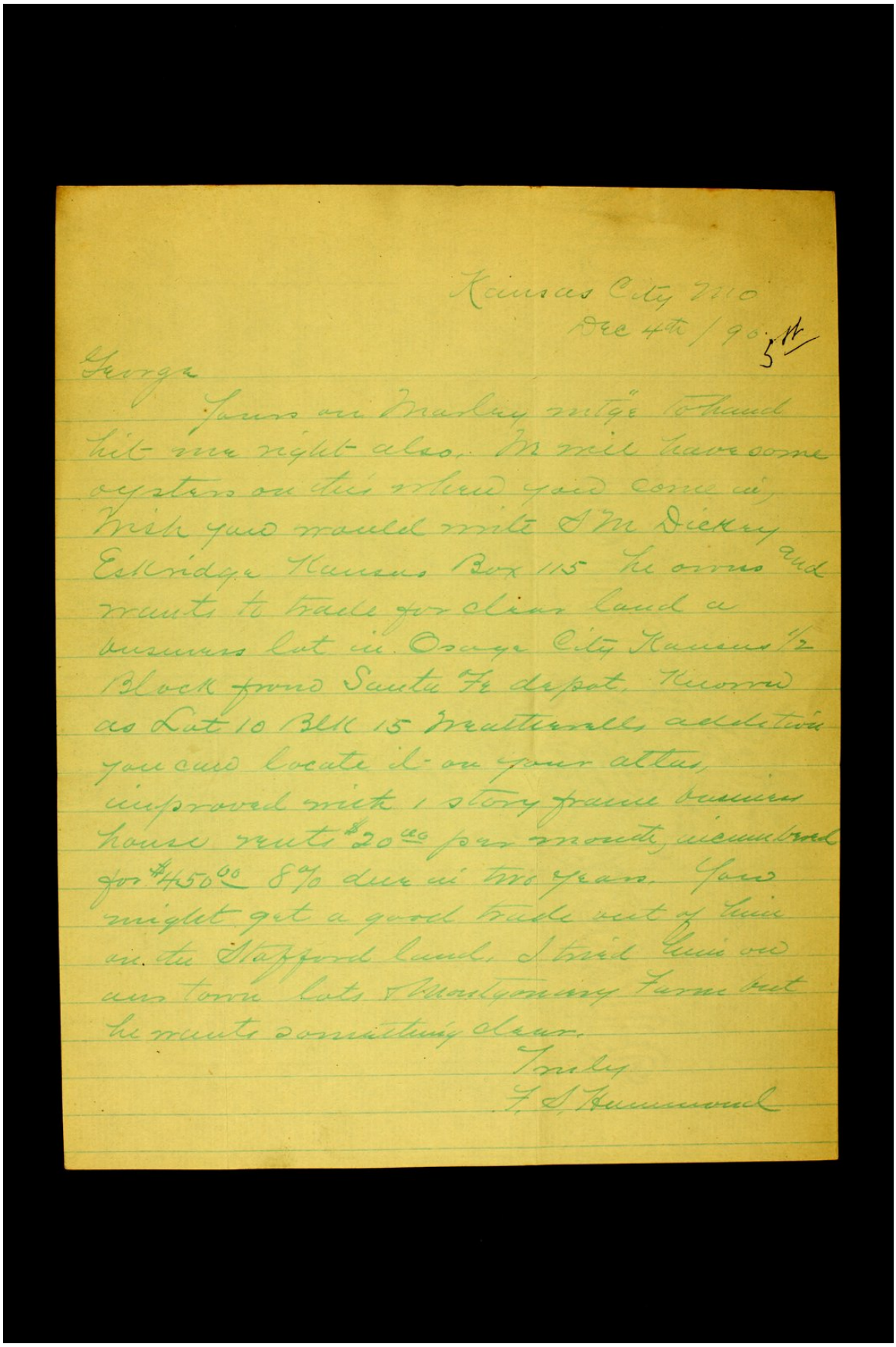
G W Scott Esq
Edgerton,
Kans.

Dear Sir:

Your favour to hand. I called on Col Twitchell twice yesterday, but on acct of other business we had on hand and which consumed all his time our individual matters had to be postponed. I shall have to be out of town tomorrow and next day probably, but shall try to see Col Twitchell again before I go.

Yrs Truly
Dan'l B. Henderson

Yours 4th inst to hand & I hope to hear something definite from you by Monday next



Kansas City Mo
Dec 4th / 90

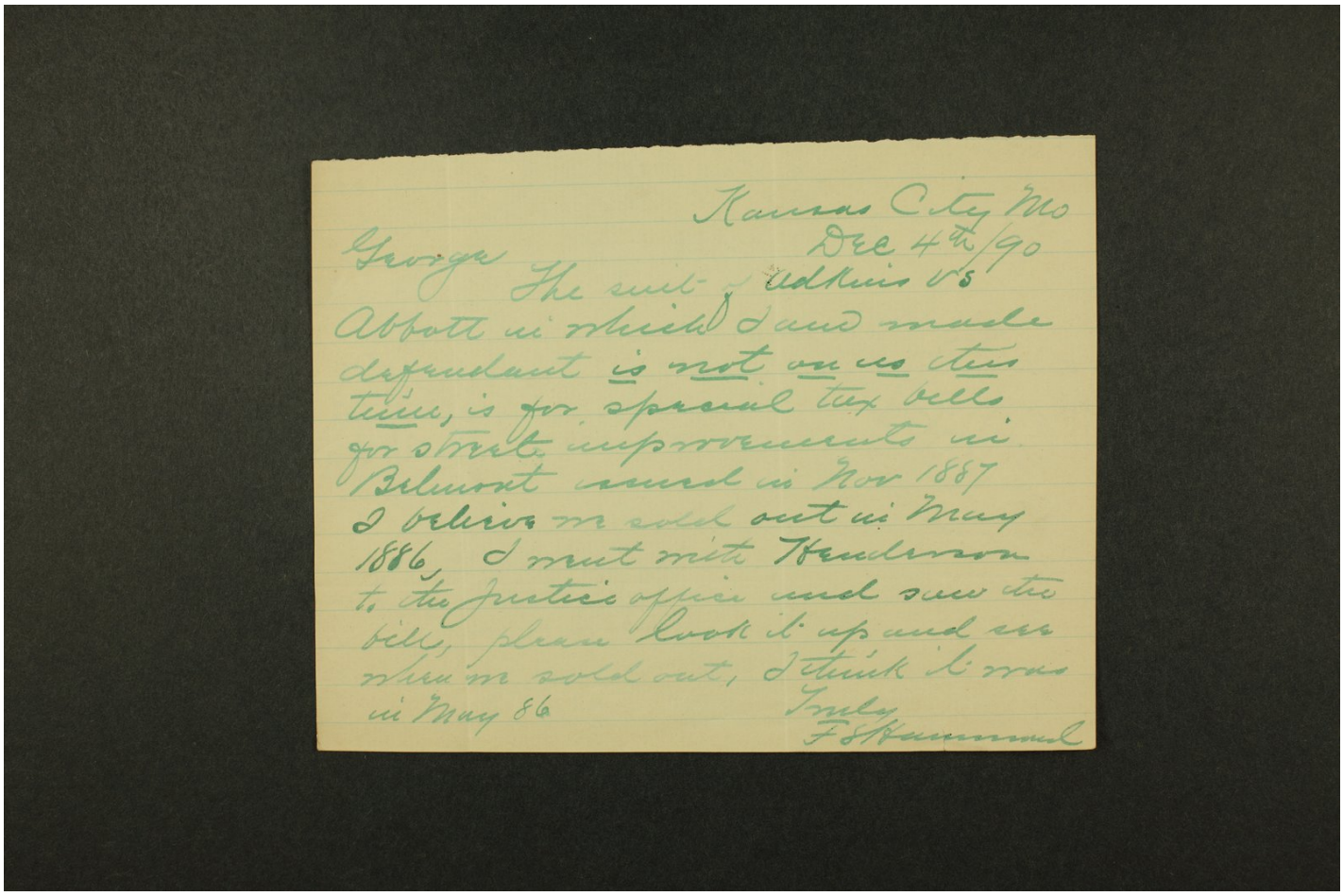
5th

George

Yours on Bradley mtge to hand
hit me right also. Mr Mills have some
oysters on this which you could come in,
Wish you would write J M Dickey
Eskridge Kansas Box 115 he owns and
wants to trade for clear land a
business lot in Osage City Kansas 1/2
Block from Santa Fe depot. Known
as Lot 10 Blk 15 Brattons addition
you can locate it on your atlas,
improved with 1 story frame business
house rents $20.00 per month, incumbered
for $450.00 8% due in two years. You
might get a good trade out of this
in the Stafford land. I tried Linn on
our town lots & Montgomery Farm but
he wants something clear.

Truly
F. S. Drummond

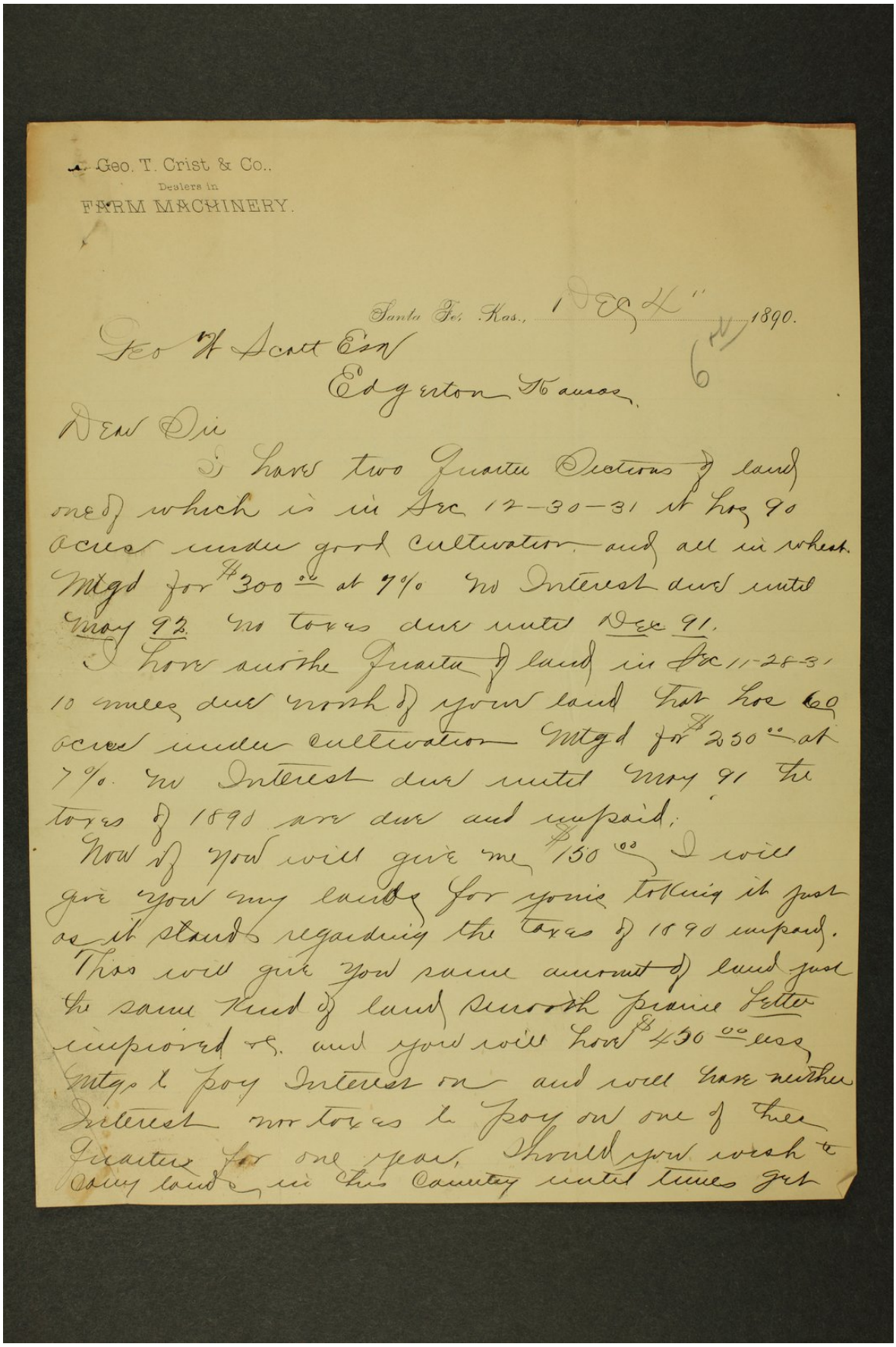
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Dec 4th/90

George The suit - Addison vs
Abbott in which I am made
defendant is not on us ten
tion, is for special tax bills
for street improvements in
Belmont and in Nov 1887
I believe we sold out in May
1886, I met with Henderson
& the Justice appin and saw the
bills, please look it up and see
when we sold out, I think it was
in May 86

Truly
F S Hammond



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Santa Fe. Kas., Dec 4" 1890.

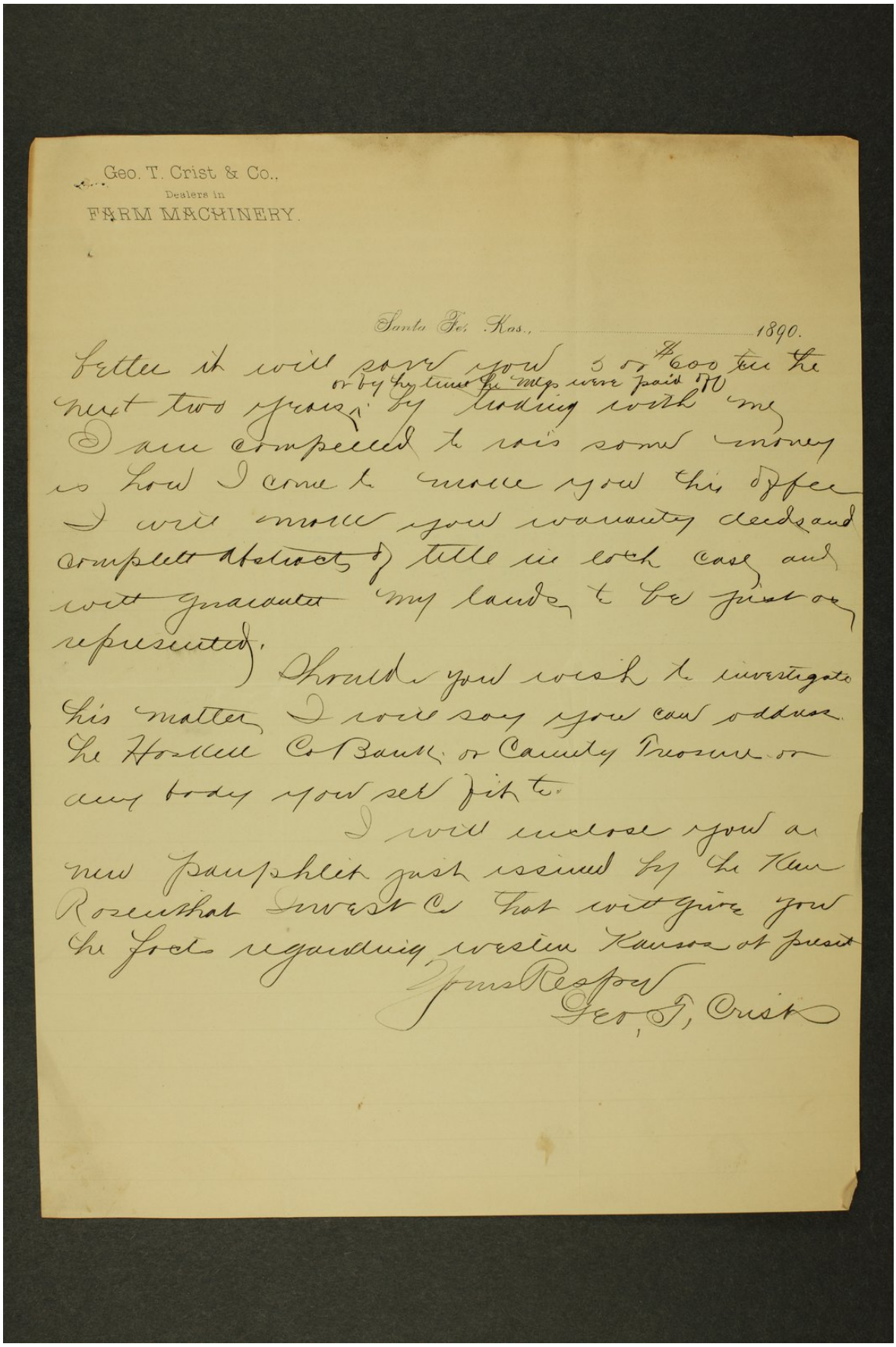
Geo W Scott Esq
Edgerton Kansas.

Dear Sir

I have two Quarter Sections of land one of which is in Sec 12-30-21 it has 90 acres under good cultivation and all in wheat. Mtgd for $300.00 at 7% No Interest due until May 92. No taxes due until Dec 91.

I have another Quarter of land in Sec 11-20-21 10 miles due north of your land that has 60 acres under cultivation Mtgd for $250.00 at 7%. No Interest due until May 91 the taxes of 1890 are due and unpaid.

Now if you will give me $150.00 I will give you my land for yours taking it just as it stands regarding the taxes of 1890 unpaid. This will give you same amount of land just the same kind of land smooth prairie Better improved &c. and you will have $450.00 less Mtgs & pay Interest on and will have neither Interest nor taxes to pay on one of these Quarters for one year. Should you wish to carry land in this Country untel times get



Geo. T. Crist & Co.,
Dealers in
FARM MACHINERY.

Santa Fe, Kas., 1890.

Better it will save you $ 5 or $600 for the
or by the time the Mtg. were paid off
next two years by trading with me
I am compelled to rais some money
as how I come to make you this offer
I will make you warranty deeds and
complete abstract of title in each case and
will guarantee my lands to be just as
represented.
Should you wish to investigate
this matter I would say you can address
the Hodges Co Bank or County Treasurer or
any body you see fit to.
I will inclose you a
new pamphlet just issued by the Kan
Rosenthal Invest Co that will give you
the facts regarding western Kansas at present
Yours Respy
Geo. T. Crist

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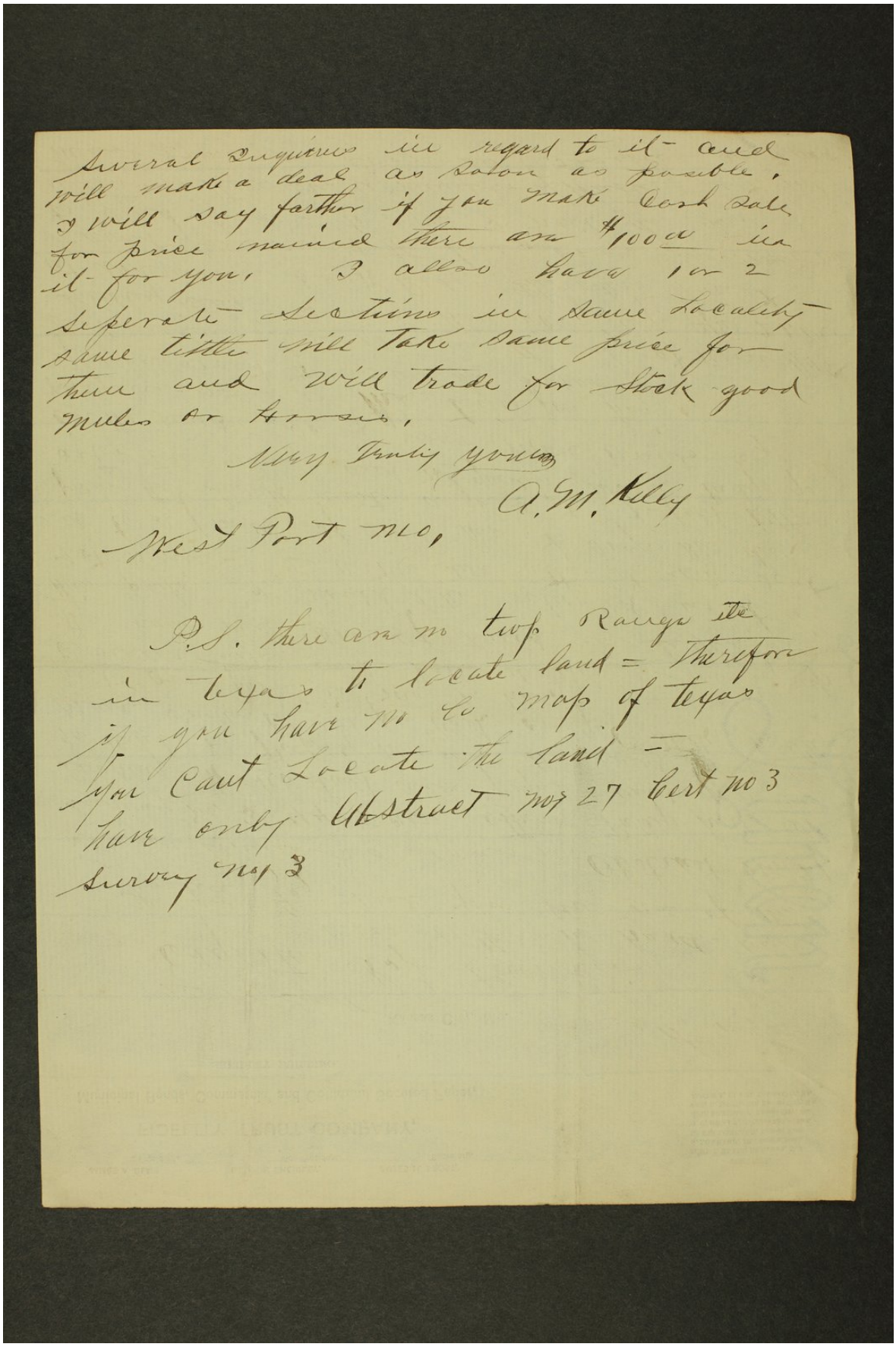
FIDELITY TRUST COMPANY,

Municipal Bonds, Commercial and Collateral Secured Paper,

SHEIDLEY BUILDING.

Kansas City, Mo. Dec 5th 1894

Mr. W. Scott
Edgerton Kas
Dear Sir
Yours 1st to hand - and
hasten to send you the nos of the
League Whelan Co Texas, Abstract no. 27
Survey no. 3 4428 acres. other Partys here are
looking at abstract and papers and offer us
½ Cash & Property here for the land but my
man wants to sell for Cash or get Stock he can
put on farm in mo he has.
Enclosed please find late decision showing up
the law on Sale of Land in Texas -
this paper I would like returned as it is
not mine - Geo W Mendell atty at Law sent
it to a friend of mine here & says the deed
from the Sheriff Vests a good & perfect title
after two years - and no question where Partys go
on the Land - So if your man wants a good
bargain - now is the time for him.
if you want to see all the papers you can
either see them here in the City at Room 445
Sheidley Bldg - I am there every day after 2 P.M.
at American Bank Bldg - Shroders Wheat -
Market balance of the time, or if you want me
to send papers to you I will do so,
allthough there are a number of them - Let me
hear from you soon as possible - as I had



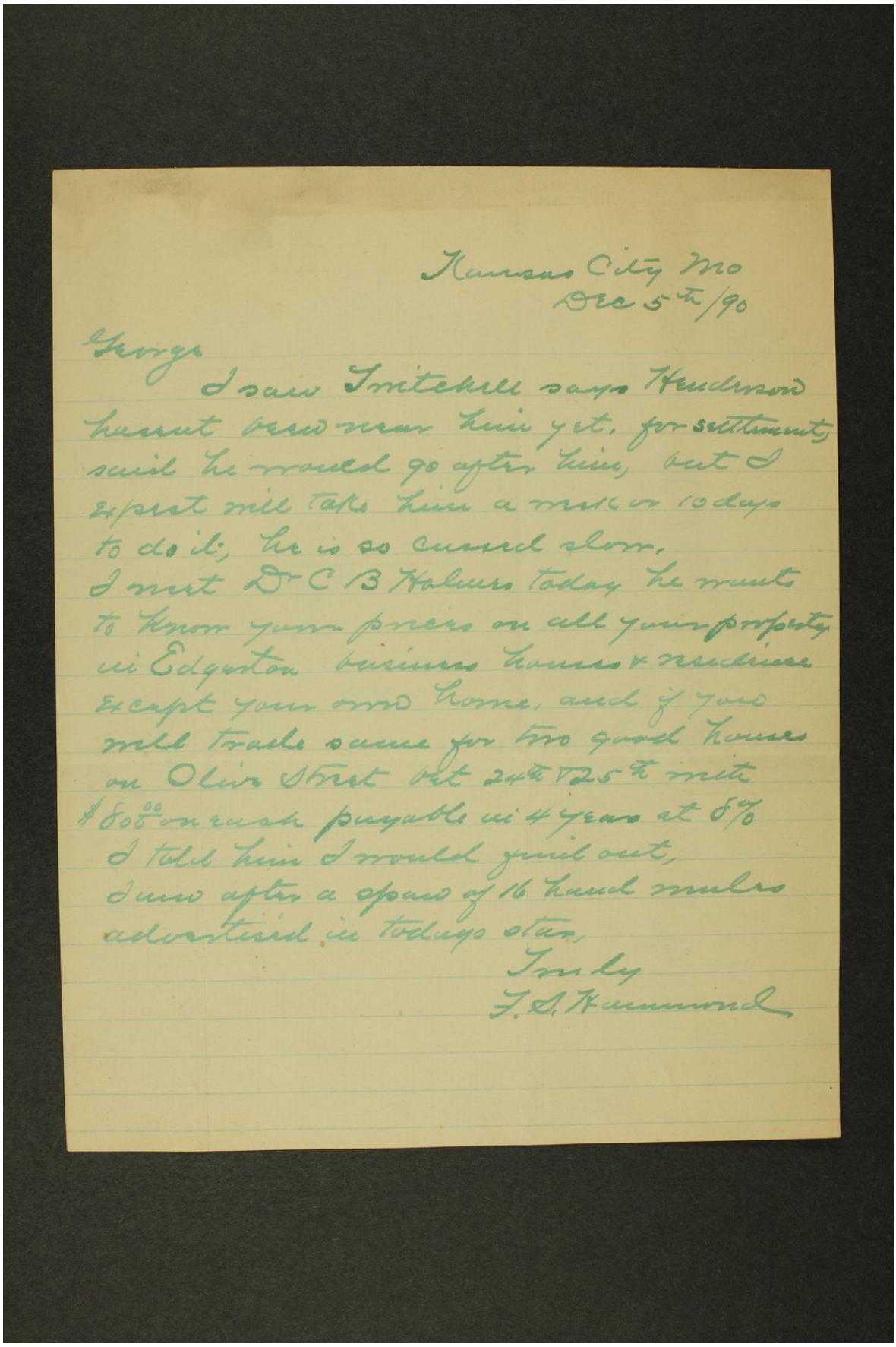
several inquiries in regard to it and will make a deal as soon as possible. I will say farther if you make cash sale for price named there am $100.00 in it for you. I also have 1 or 2 seperate sections in same locality same title will take same price for them and will trade for stock good mules or horses.

Very Truly yours

A. M. Kelly

West Port Mo,

P.S. there are no twp Range etc in Texas to locate land = therefore if you have no Co map of Texas you Cant Locate the land — I have only Abstract No 27 Cert No 3 Survey No 3

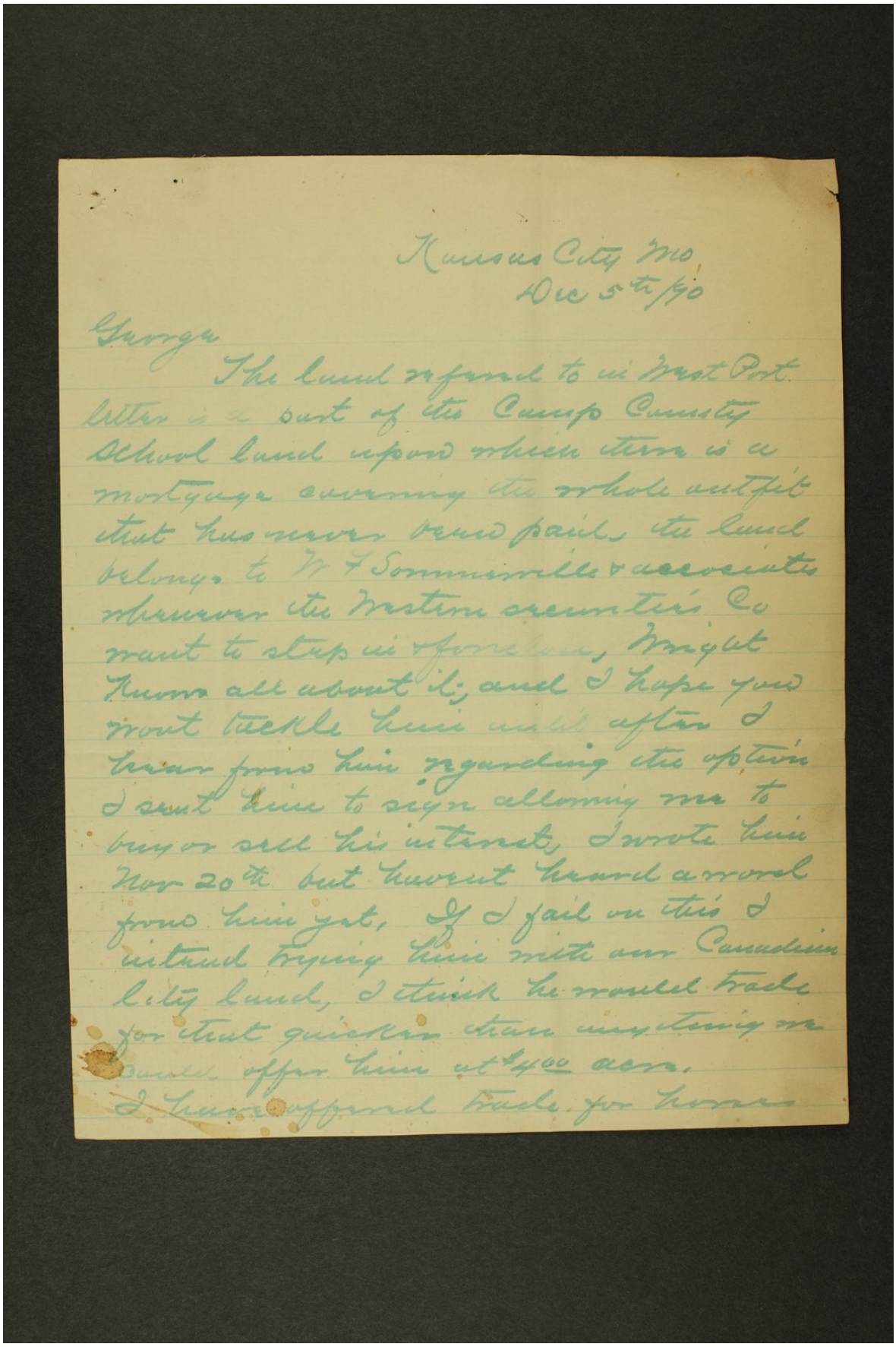


Kansas City Mo
Dec 5th/90

George

I saw Mitchell says Hudnood hasnt seed near him yet, for settlement, said he would go after him, but I expect will take him a week or 10 days to do it, he is so cussed slow.
I met Dr C B Walters today he wants to know your prices on all your property in Edgerton business houses & residence Except your own home, and if you will trade some for two good houses on Olive Street lot 24ft ✕ 125 ft with $800.00 on each payable in 4 years at 8%
I told him I would find out, I saw after a span of 16 hand mules advertised in todays star,

Truly
F. S. Hammond

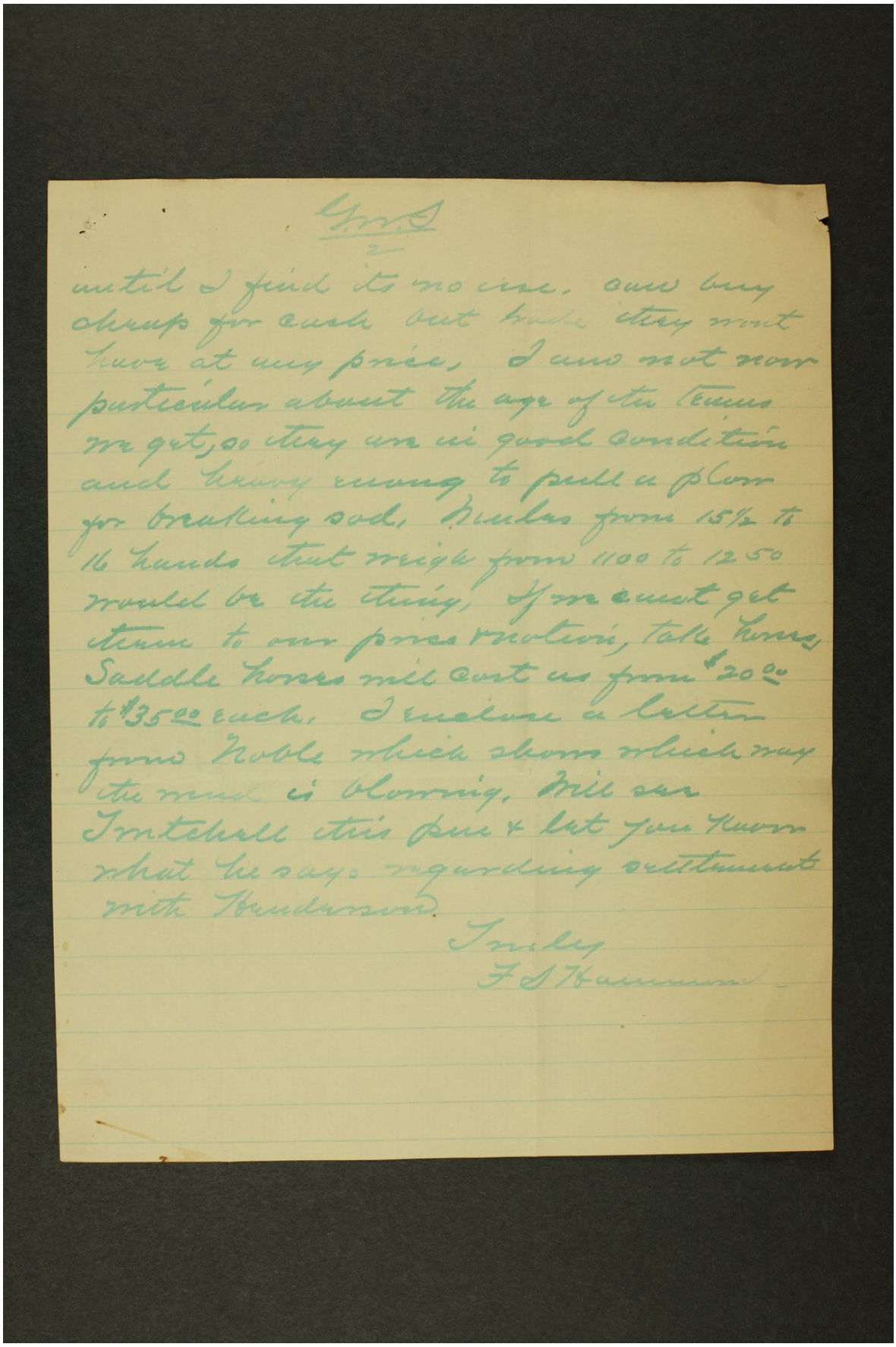


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George

The land report to us from Fort Scott is a part of the Camp County School land upon which there is a mortgage covering the whole outfit that has never been paid, the land belongs to W F Sommerville & associates Whenever the Western creamery Co want to step us & foreclose, Might know all about it; and I hope you wont trouble them until after I hear from him regarding the option I sent him to sign allowing me to buy or sell his interest, I wrote him Nov 20th but haven't heard a word from him yet, If I fail on this I intend trying him with our Canadian Lily land, I think he would trade for that quicker than anything we could offer him at $4.00 acre.

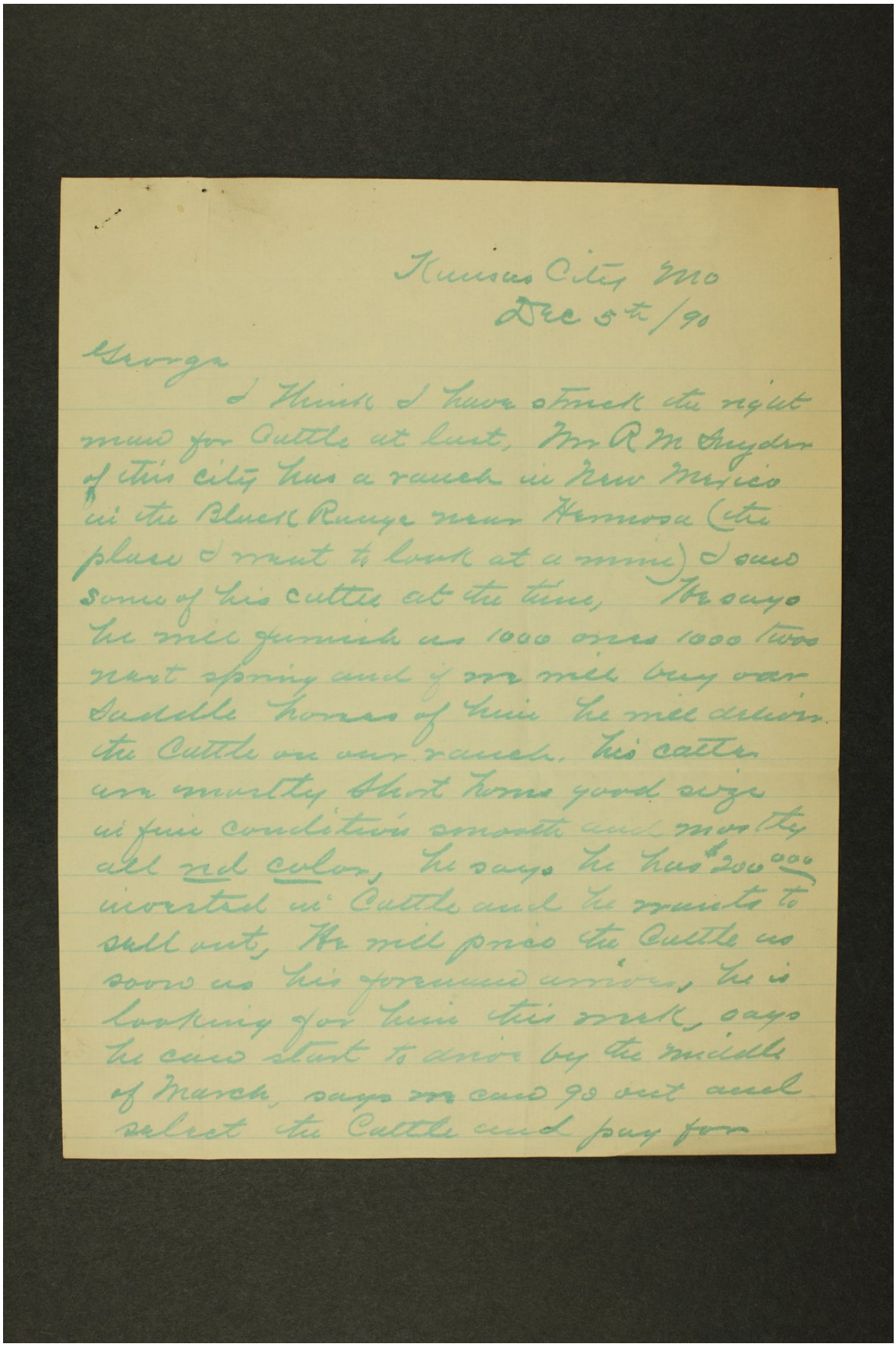
I have opened back for home



G.W.S.
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until I find its no use. can buy
chaps for cash but trade they must
have at any price. I am not now
particular about the age of the teams
we get, so they are in good condition
and heavy enough to pull a plow
for breaking sod. Mules from 15½ to
16 hands that weigh from 1100 to 1250
would be the thing. If we cant get
them to our price notice, take horses.
Saddle horses will cost us from $120.00
to $135.00 each. I enclose a letter
from Noble which shows which way
the wind is blowing. Will see
Mitchell this p.m. & let you know
what he says regarding settlement
with Henderson.

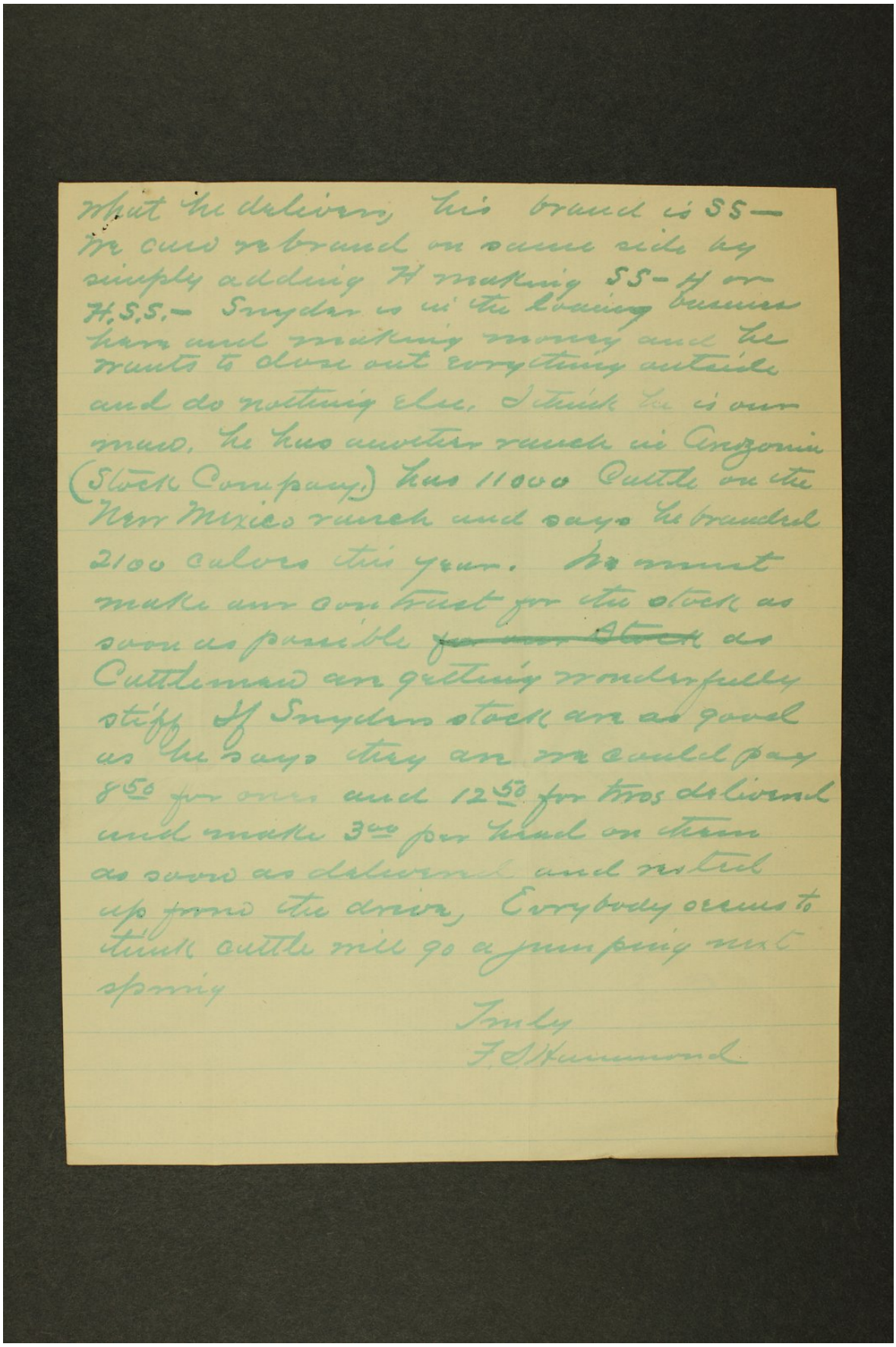
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F S Hamm



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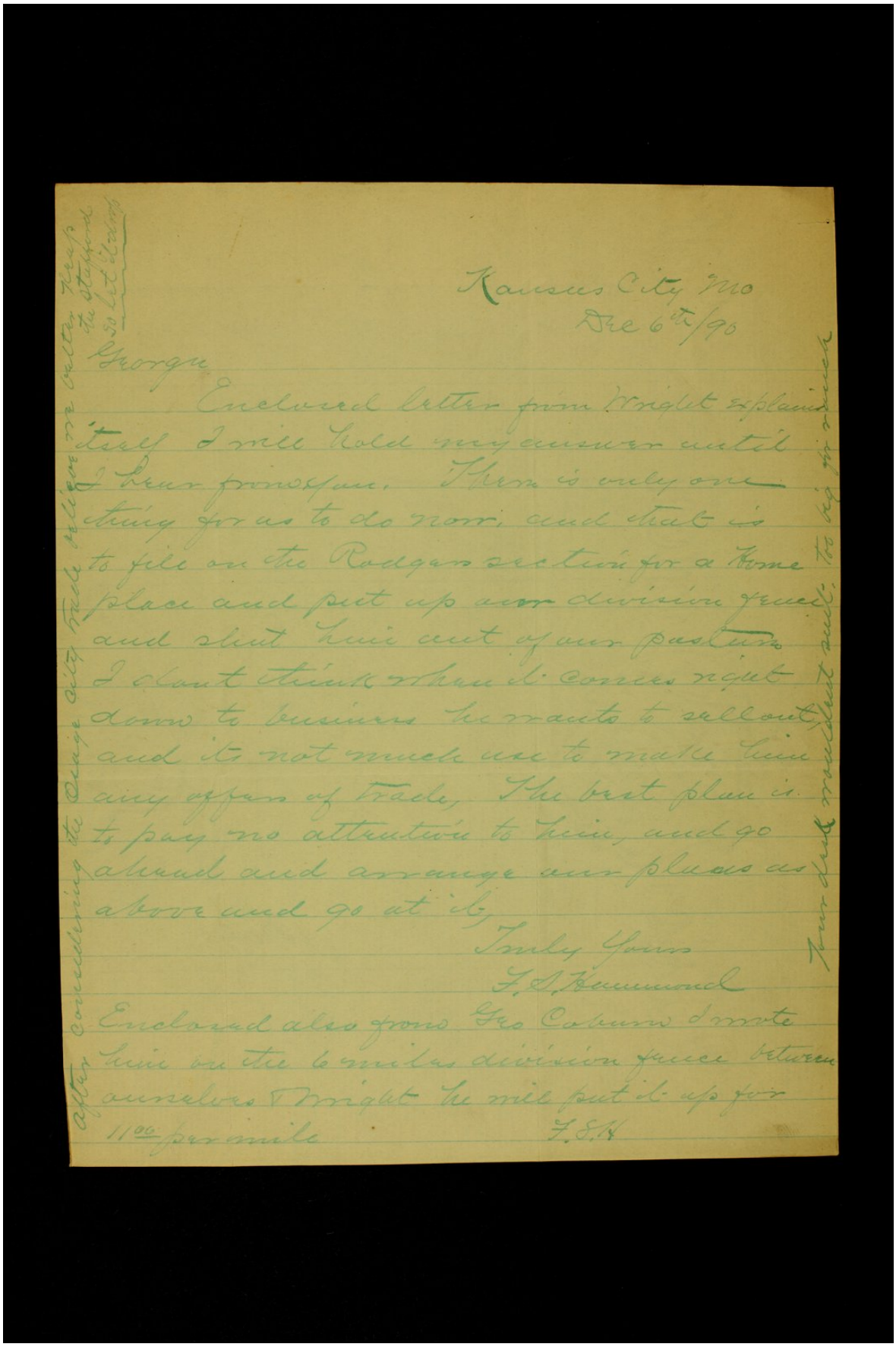
George

I think I have struck the right
mind for Cattle at last, Mr R M Snyder
of this city has a ranch in New Mexico
in the Black Range near Hermosa (the
place I want to look at a mine) I found
some of his cattle at the time, He says
he will furnish us 1000 ones 1000 twos
next spring and if we will buy our
Saddle horses of him he will drive
the Cattle on our ranch. His cattle
are mostly Short horns good size
in fine condition smooth and mostly
red and color, he says he has $200.00
invested in Cattle and he wants to
sell out, He will price the Cattle as
soon as his foreman arrives, he is
looking for him this week, says
he can start to drive by the middle
of March, says we can go out and
select the Cattle and pay for



What he delivers, his brand is SS—
He can re brand on same side by
simply adding H making SS-H or
H.S.S.— Snyder is in the loaning business
han and making money and he
wants to close out everything outside
and do nothing else. I think he is over
mud. he has another ranch in Arizona
(Stock Company) has 11000 Cattle on the
New Mexico ranch and says he branded
2100 calves this year. he must
make an contract for the stock as
soon as possible ~~for our Stock~~ as
Cattlemen are getting wonderfully
stiff. If Snyders stock are as good
as he says they are we could pay
8.50 for ones and 12.50 for twos delivered
and make 3.00 per head on them
as soon as delivered and return
up from the drive, Everybody seems to
think cattle will go a jumping next
spring

Truly
F. S. Hammond



Kansas City Mo
Dec 6th/90

Georgie

Enclosed letter from Wright explains itself I will hold my answer until I hear from you. There is only one thing for us to do now, and that is to file on the Rodgers section for a home place and put up our division fence and shut him out of our pasture. I don't think when it comes right down to business he wants to sell out and its not much use to make him any offers of trade. The best plan is to pay no attention to him, and go ahead and arrange our plans as above and go at it.

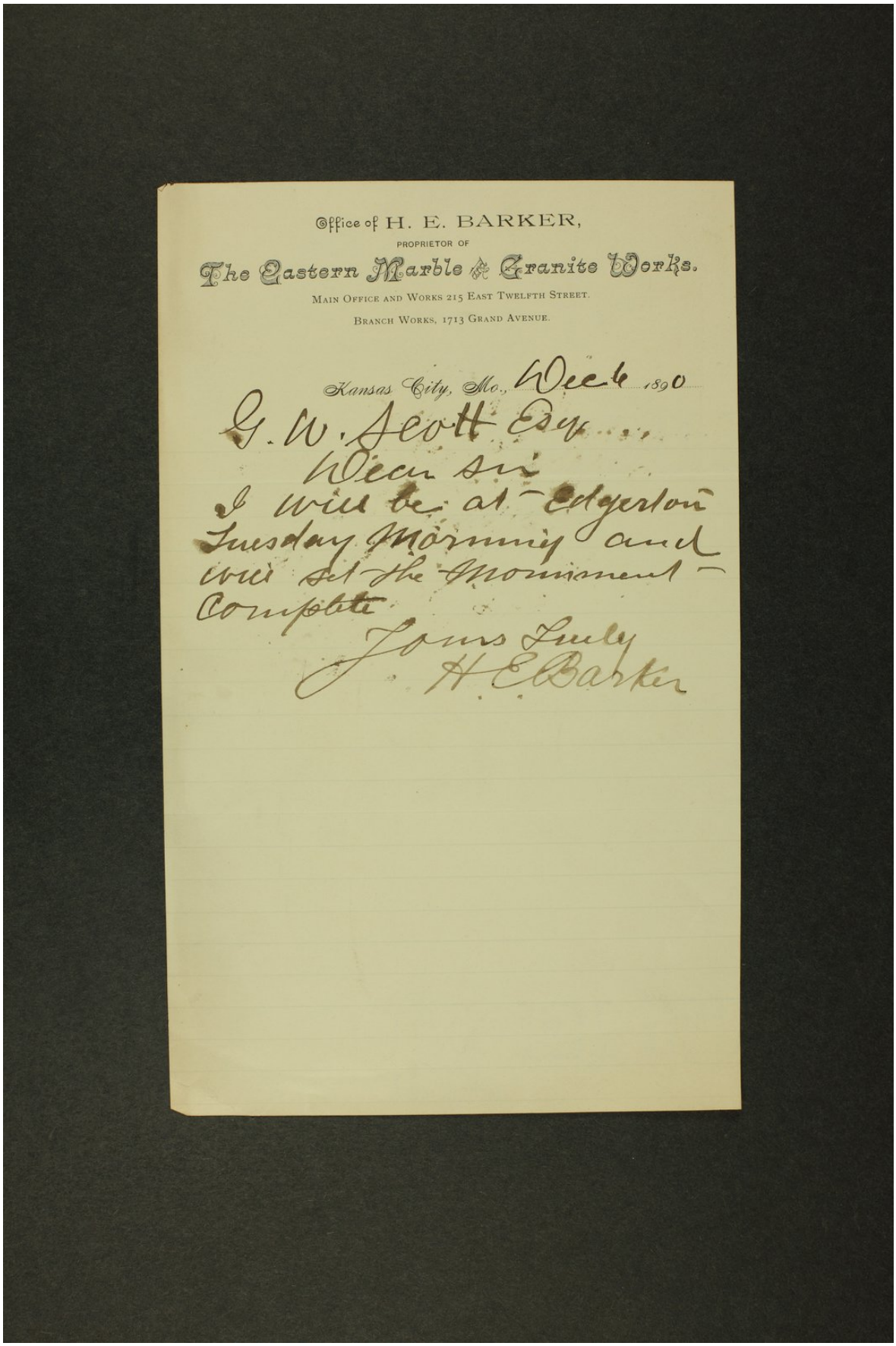
Truly Yours
F. A. Hammond

Enclosed also from Geo Coburn I note him on the 6 miles division fence between ourselves & Wright he will put it up for 11.00 per mile F. A. H.

After considering the Kansas City matter we called Mrs Stafford to the 'phone

Your draft received, Tks

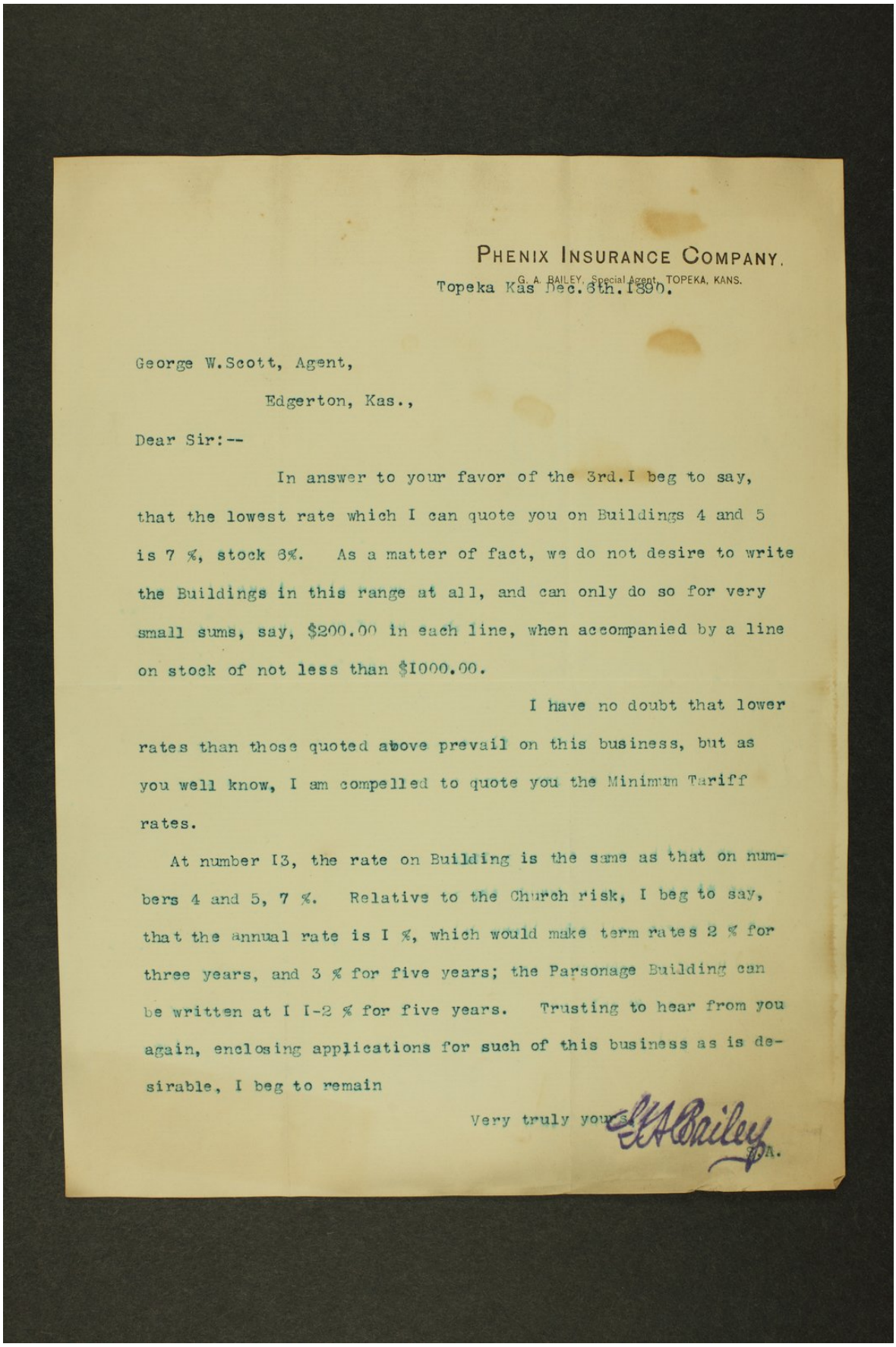
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BRANCH WORKS, 1713 GRAND AVENUE.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec 6 1890

G. W. Scott Esq
Dear Sir
I will be at Edgerton Tuesday Morning and will set the Monument Complete
Yours Truly
H E Barker



PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY.
G. A. BAILEY, Special Agent, TOPEKA, KANS.

Topeka Kas Dec. 6th. 1890.

George W. Scott, Agent,

Edgerton, Kas.,

Dear Sir:--

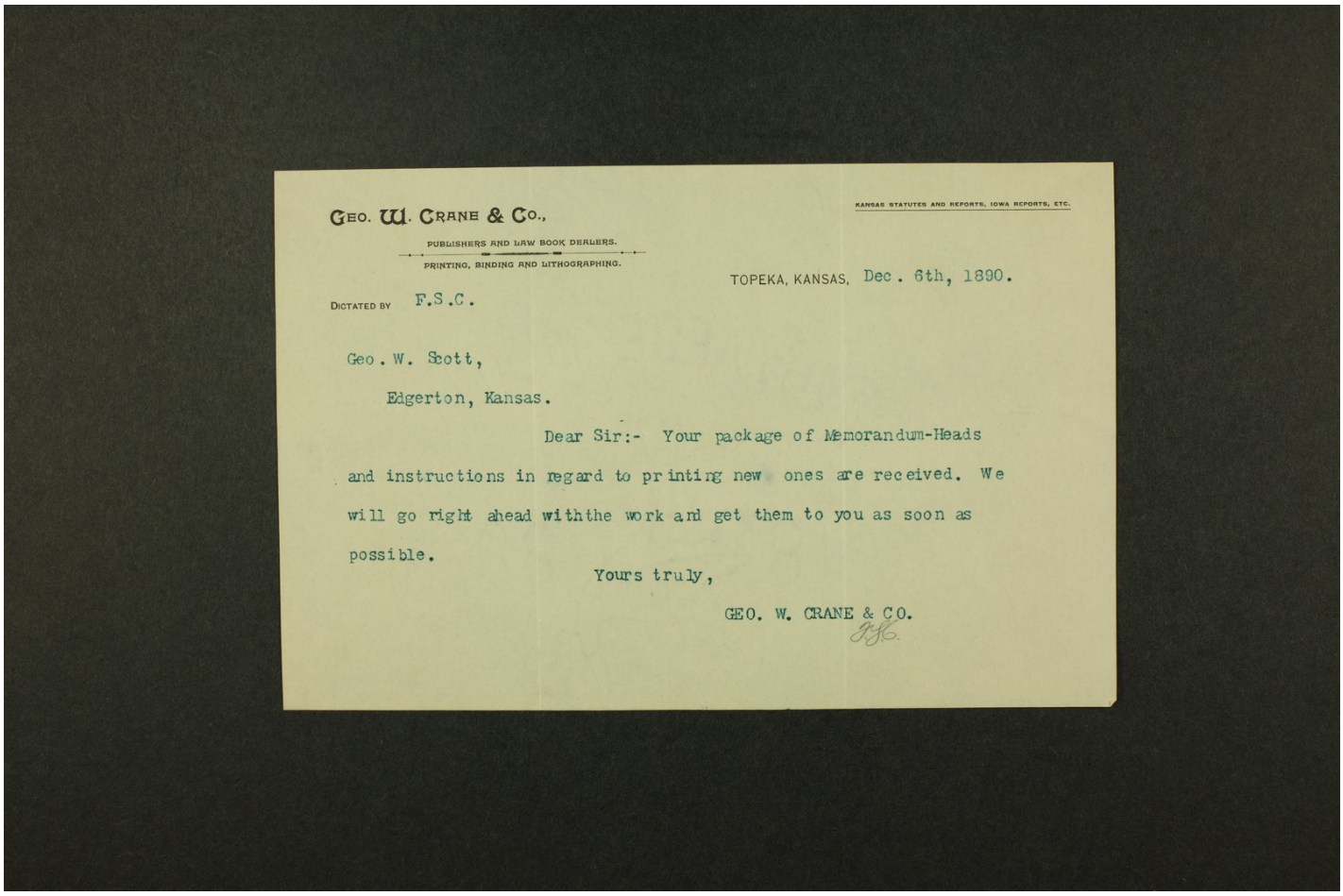
In answer to your favor of the 3rd. I beg to say, that the lowest rate which I can quote you on Buildings 4 and 5 is 7 %, stock 6%. As a matter of fact, we do not desire to write the Buildings in this range at all, and can only do so for very small sums, say, $200.00 in each line, when accompanied by a line on stock of not less than $1000.00.

I have no doubt that lower rates than those quoted above prevail on this business, but as you well know, I am compelled to quote you the Minimum Tariff rates.

At number 13, the rate on Building is the same as that on numbers 4 and 5, 7 %. Relative to the Church risk, I beg to say, that the annual rate is 1 %, which would make term rates 2 % for three years, and 3 % for five years; the Parsonage Building can be written at 1 1-2 % for five years. Trusting to hear from you again, enclosing applications for such of this business as is desirable, I beg to remain

Very truly yours, G. A. Bailey, G. A.

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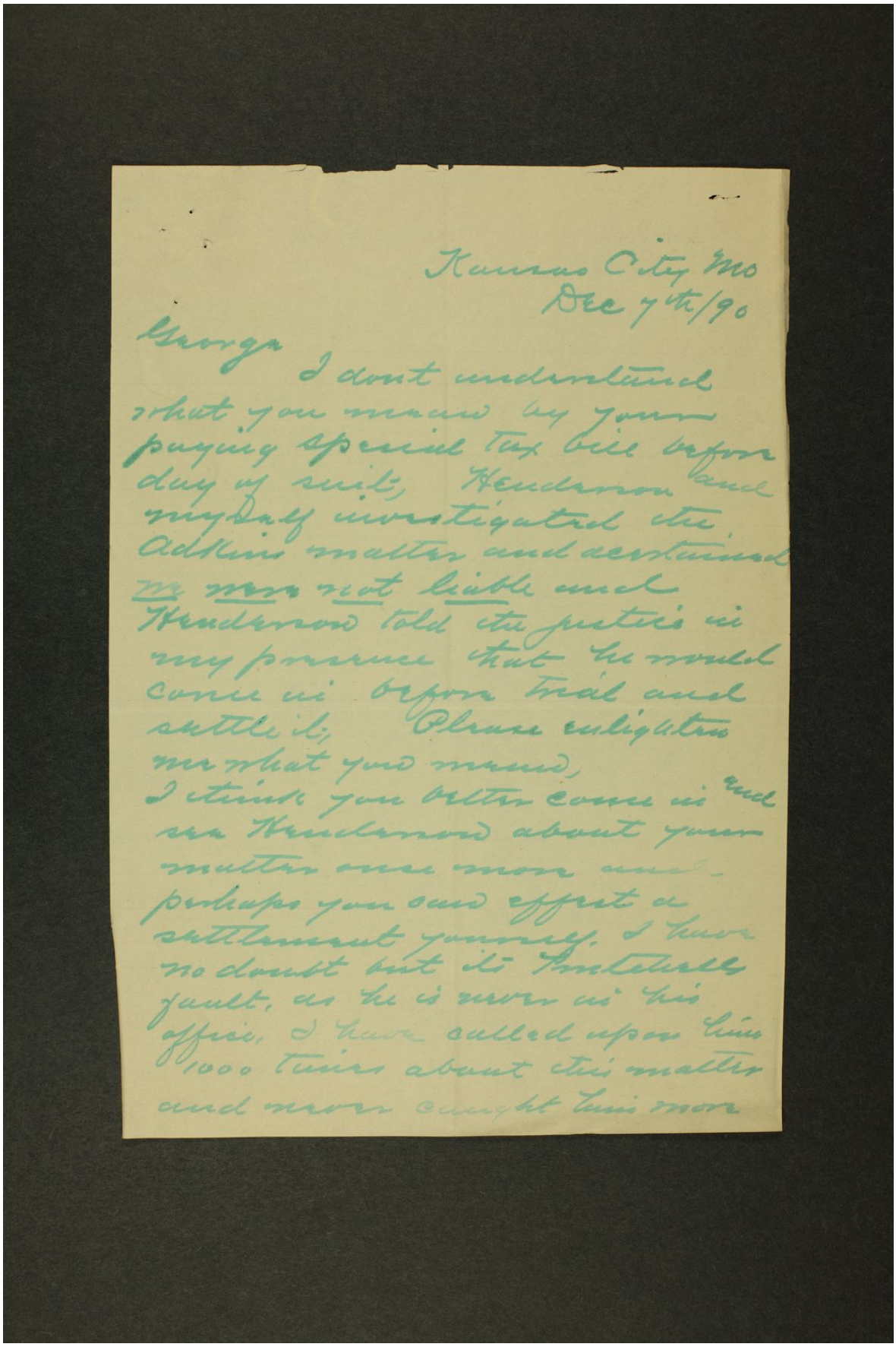
Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:- Your package of Memorandum-Heads and instructions in regard to printing new ones are received. We will go right ahead withthe work and get them to you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

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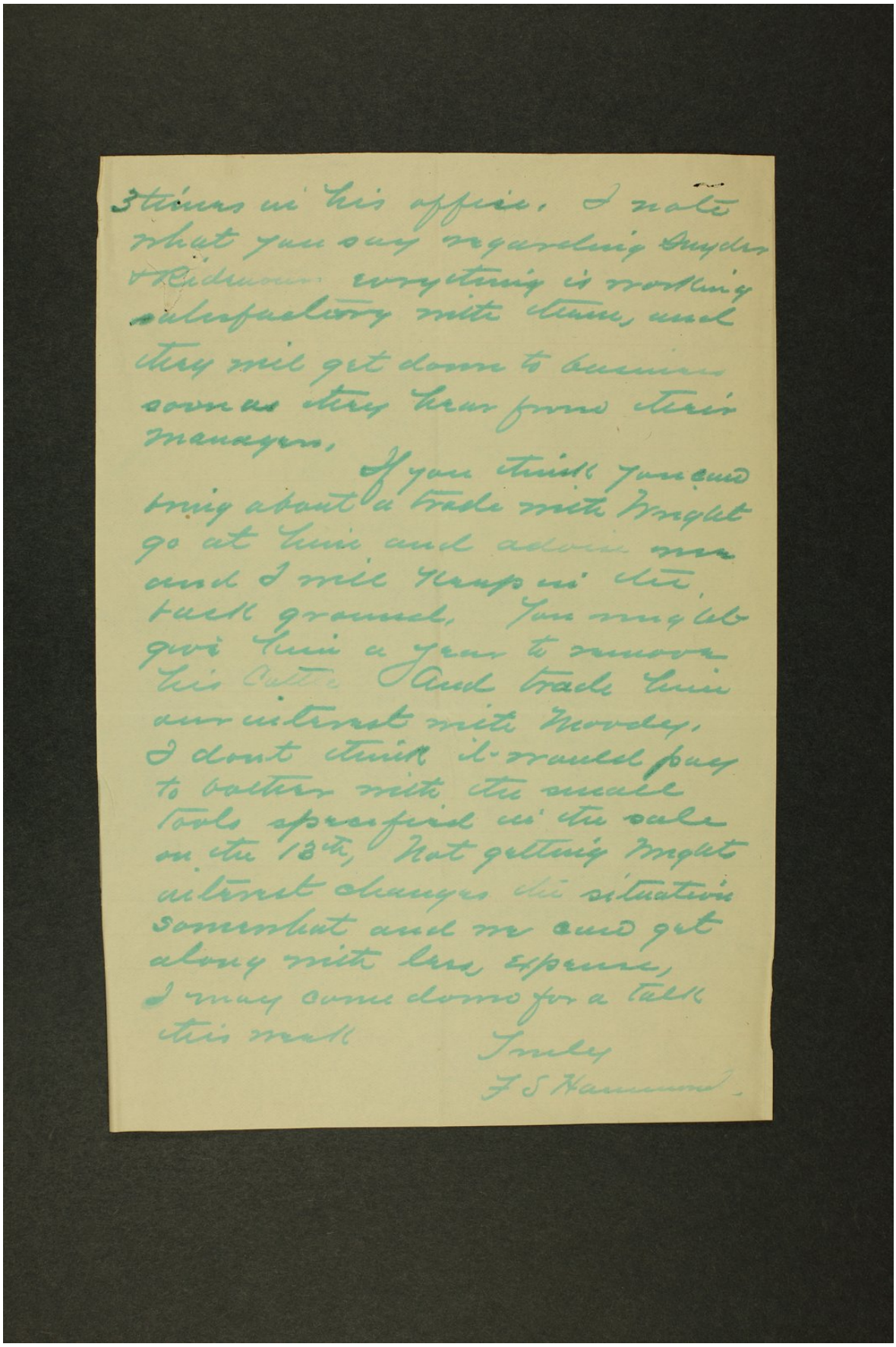
GWC.



Kansas City Mo
Dec 7th/90

George

I dont understand what you mean by your paying special tax bill before day of suit, Henderson and myself investigated the Adkins matter and ascertained we were not liable and Henderson told the justice in my presence that he would come in before trial and settle it, Please enlighten me what you mean, I think you better come in and see Henderson about your matter once more and perhaps you can effect a settlement yourself. I have no doubt but it is Pinkerton's fault, as he is never in his office, I have called upon him 1000 times about this matter and never caught him more



Stevens in his office. I note what you say regarding Snyder & Robinson everything is working satisfactory with them, and they will get down to business soon as they hear from their managers.

If you think you and Craig about a trade with Wright go at him and advise me and I will keep in the back ground. You may be give him a year to remove his cattle. And trade him our interest with Moody. I don't think it would pay to bother with the small tools specified in the sale on the 13th. Not getting Wright interest changes the situation somewhat and we can get along with less expense. I may come down for a talk this week.

Truly
F S Hammond.