George W. Scott papers

Section 28, Pages 811 - 840

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.

Creator: Scott, George W., 1850-1920

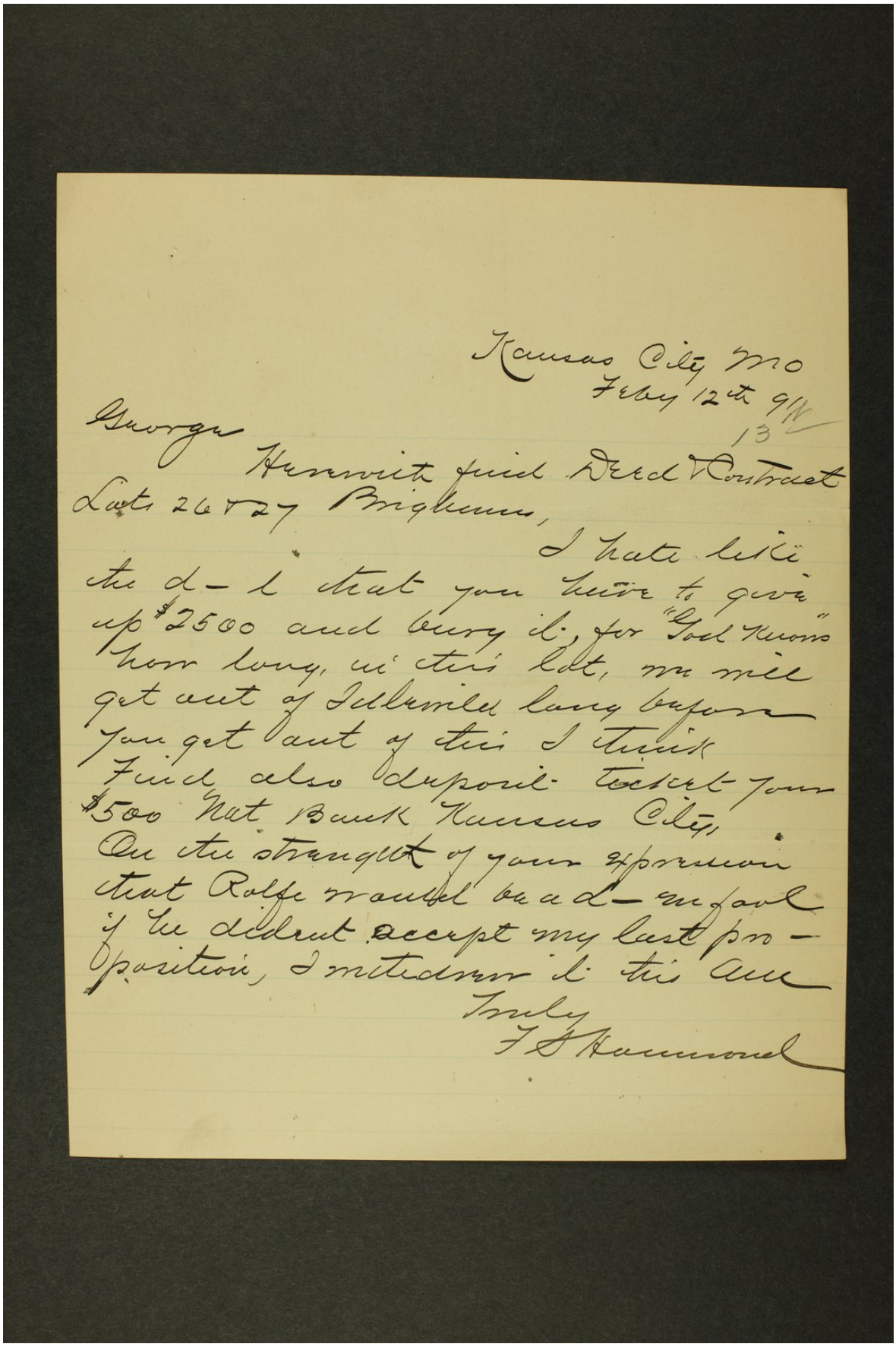
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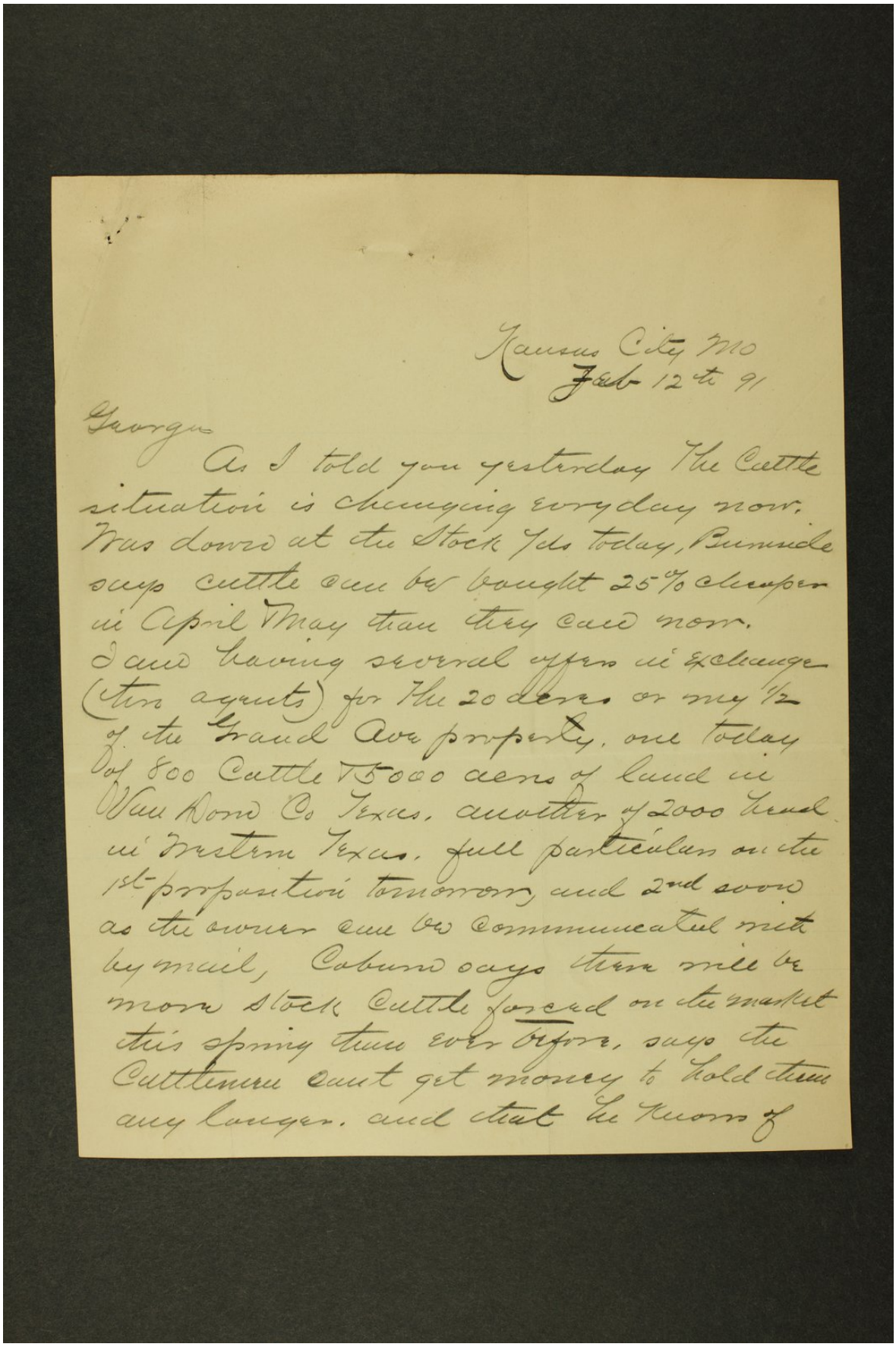
Kansas City Mo
Feby 12th 9/11
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George

Herewith find Deed & Contract
Lots 26 & 27 Brighams,

I hate like
the d— l that you have to give
up $2500 and bury it, for "God knows"
how long, as this lot, we will
get out of Subdivided long before
you get out of this I think
Find also deposit ticket for your
$500 Nat Bank Kansas City,
On the strength of your expression
that Rolfe would be a d— mean fool
if he didn't accept my last pro-
position, I withdrew it this AM

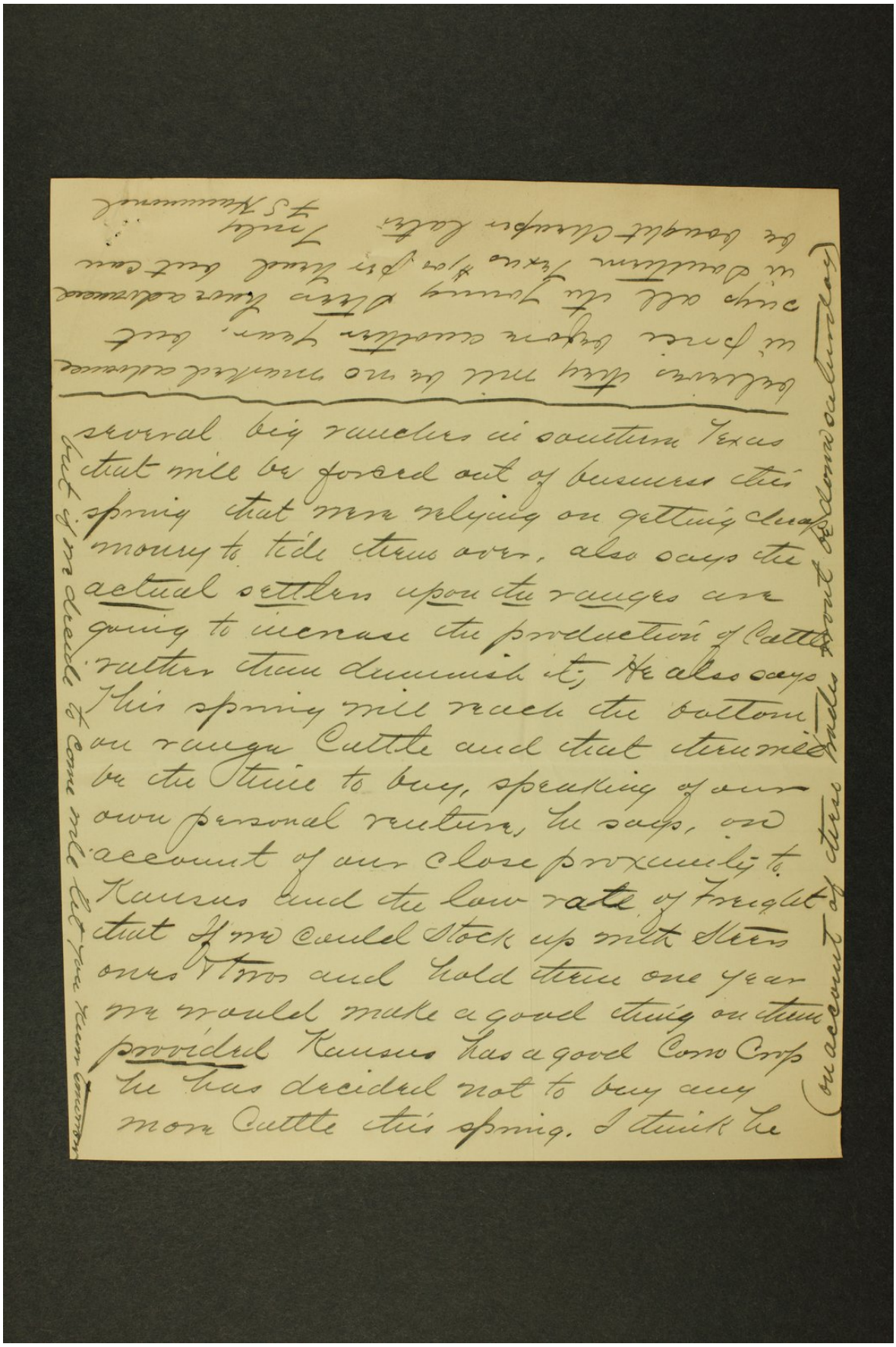
Truly
F S Hammond



Kansas City Mo
Feb 12th 91

George

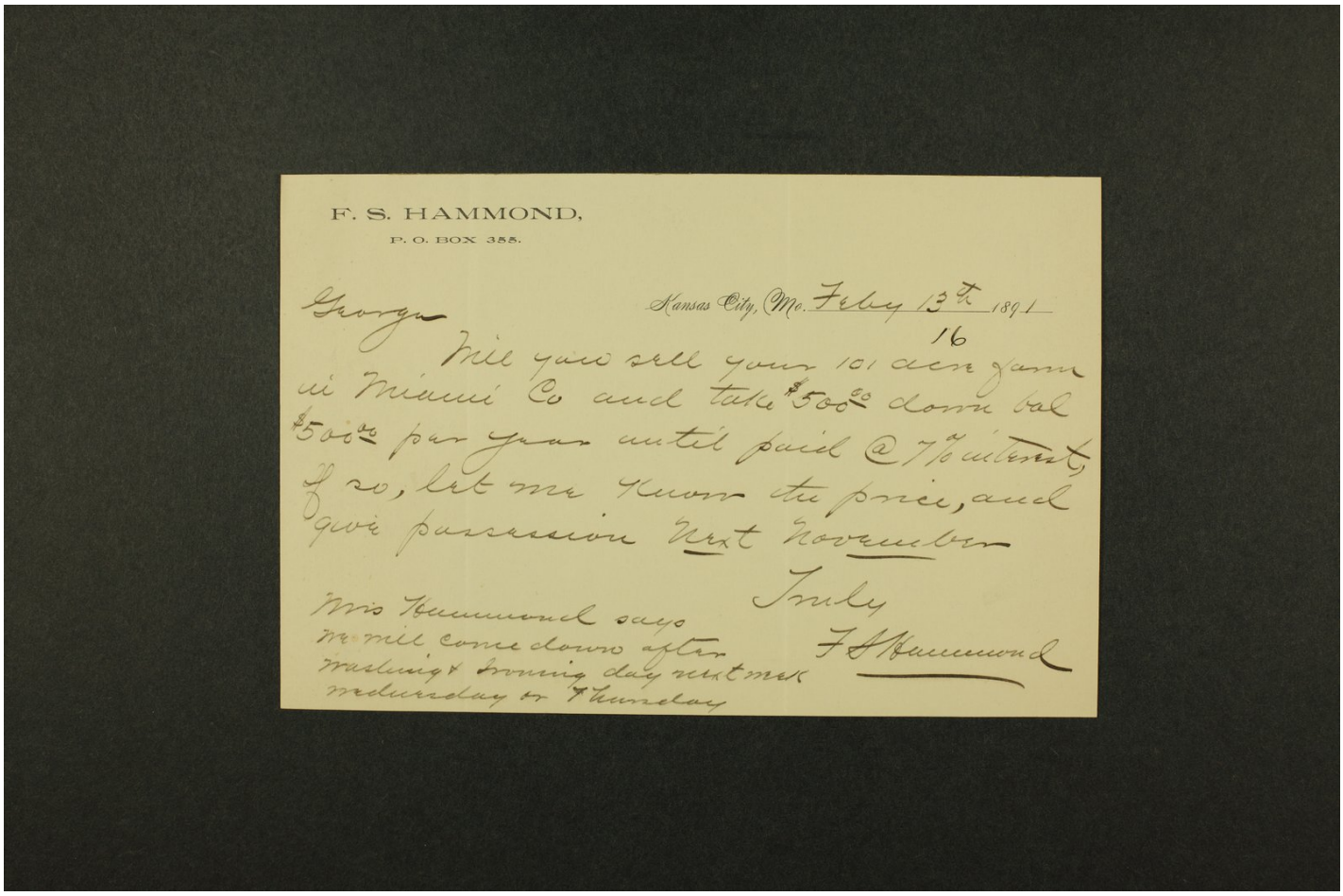
As I told you yesterday the Cattle situation is changing everyday now. Was down at the Stock Yds today, Burnside says cattle can be bought 25% cheaper in April May than they can now. I am having several offers in exchange (ten agents) for the 20 acres or my 1/2 of the Grand Ave property, one today for 800 Cattle 75000 acres of land in Van Zandt Co Texas, another of 2000 head in Western Texas, full particulars on the 1st proposition tomorrow, and 2nd soon as the owner can be communicated with by mail, Coburn says there will be more stock Cattle forced on the market this spring than ever before, says the Cattlemen cant get money to hold them any longer, and that he knows of



several big ranchers in southern Texas that will be forced out of business this spring that are relying on getting cheap money to tide them over, also says the actual settlers upon the ranges are going to increase the production of cattle rather than diminish it, He also says This spring will mark the bottom on range Cattle and that then will be the time to buy, speaking of our own personal venture, he says, on account of our close proximity to Kansas and the low rate of freight that if we could stock up with steers one or two and hold them one year we would make a good thing on them provided Kansas has a good Corn Crop he has decided not to buy any more Cattle this spring. I think he

(on account of these facts about 40 cattlemen

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P. O. BOX 355.

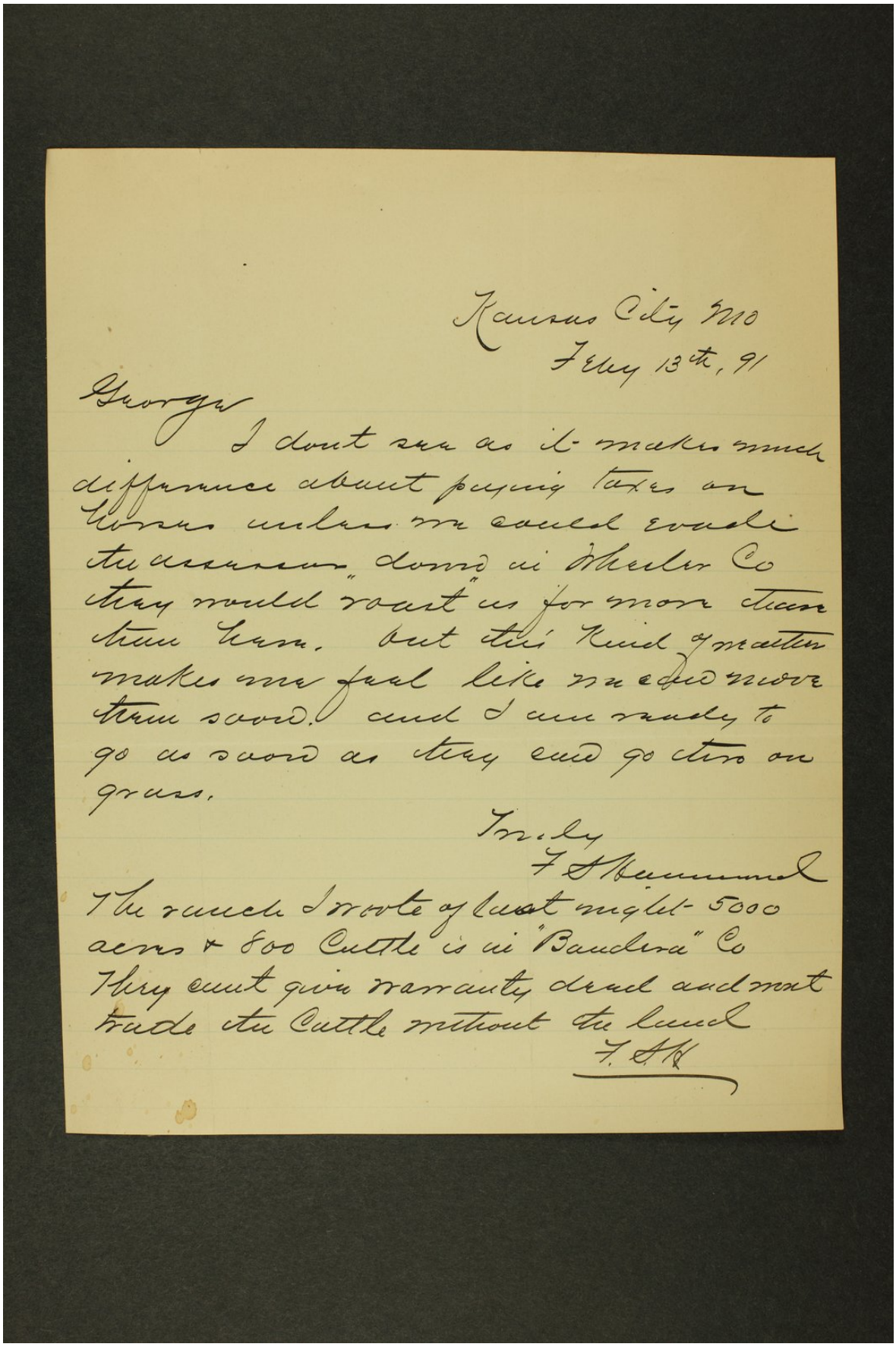
Kansas City, Mo. Feby 13th 1894
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George

Will you sell your 101 acre farm in Miami Co and take $500.00 down bal $500.00 per year until paid @ 7% interest, If so, let me know the price, and give possession Nxt November
July

Mrs Hammond says
he will come down after
washing & ironing day next week
Wednesday or Thursday

F S Hammond



Kansas City Mo
Feby 13th, 91

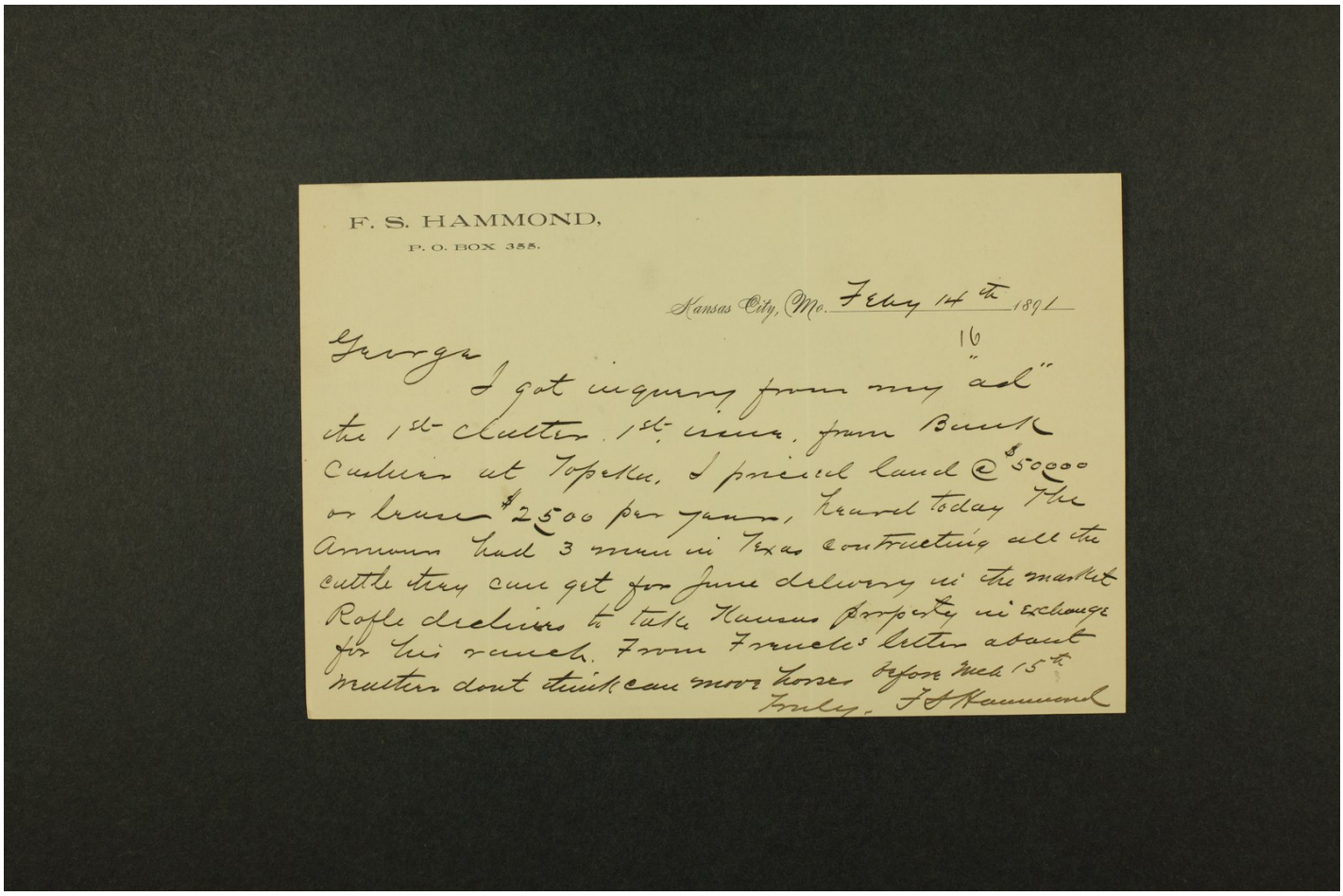
George

I dont see as it makes much diffrence about paying taxes on horses unless we could evade the assessor down in Shelby Co they would want us for more than them have. but this kind of matter makes me feel like we did more than good. and I am ready to go as soon as they end go thro on grass.

Truly
F S Hammond

The ranch I wrote of last night 5000 acres + 800 Cattle is in "Bandera" Co They cant give warranty deed and must trade the Cattle without the land
F. S. H.

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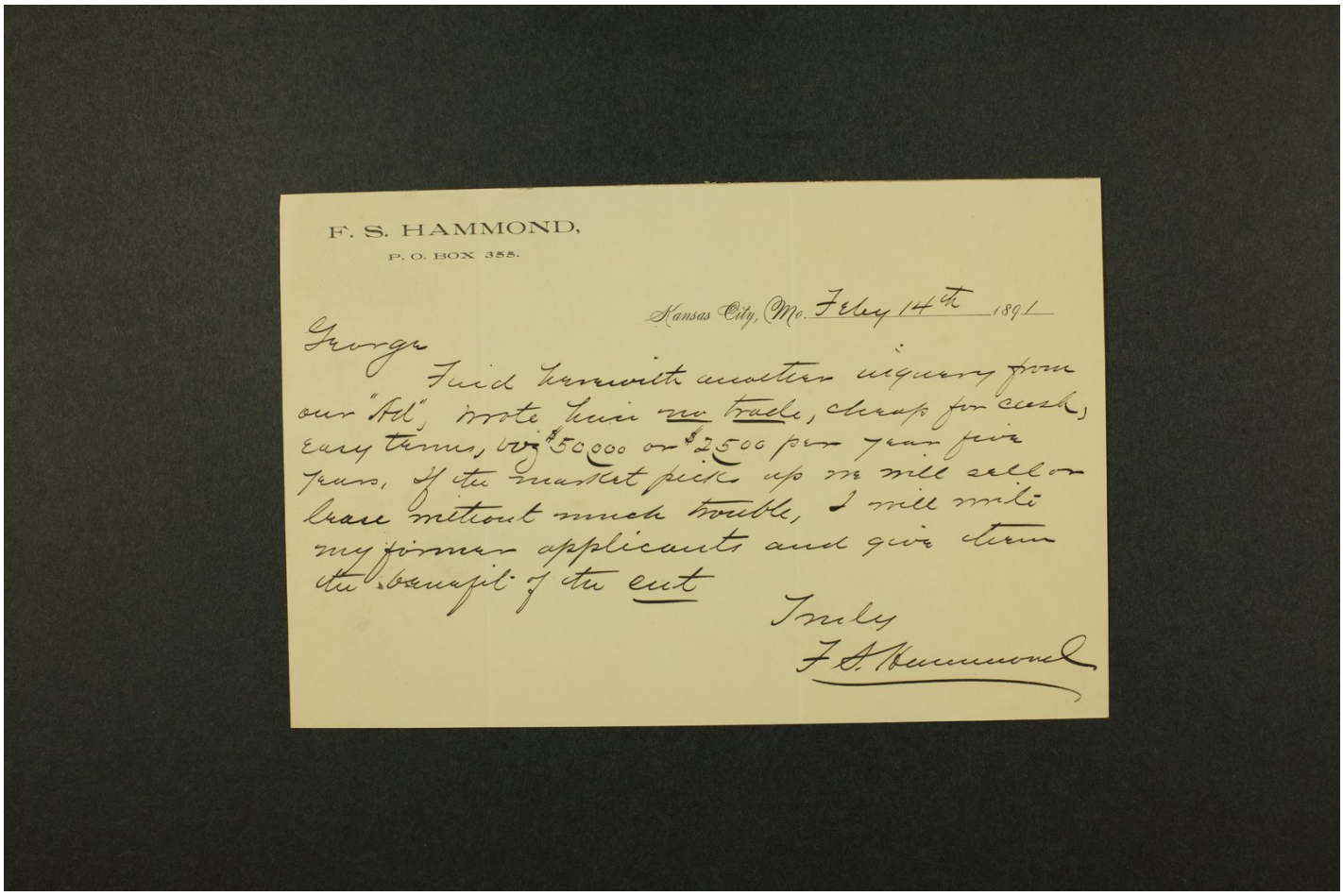


F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. Feby 14th 1891

George I got inquiry from my "ask" the 16th clutter 1st inst. from Bank Cashier at Topeka, I priced land @ $50.00 or lease $2.50 per year, heard today The Ammon had 3 men in Texas contracting all the cattle they can get for June delivery in the market Rofe declines to take Kansas Property in exchange for his ranch. From Frank's letter about matter dont think can move horses before Mch 15th Truly. F S Hammond

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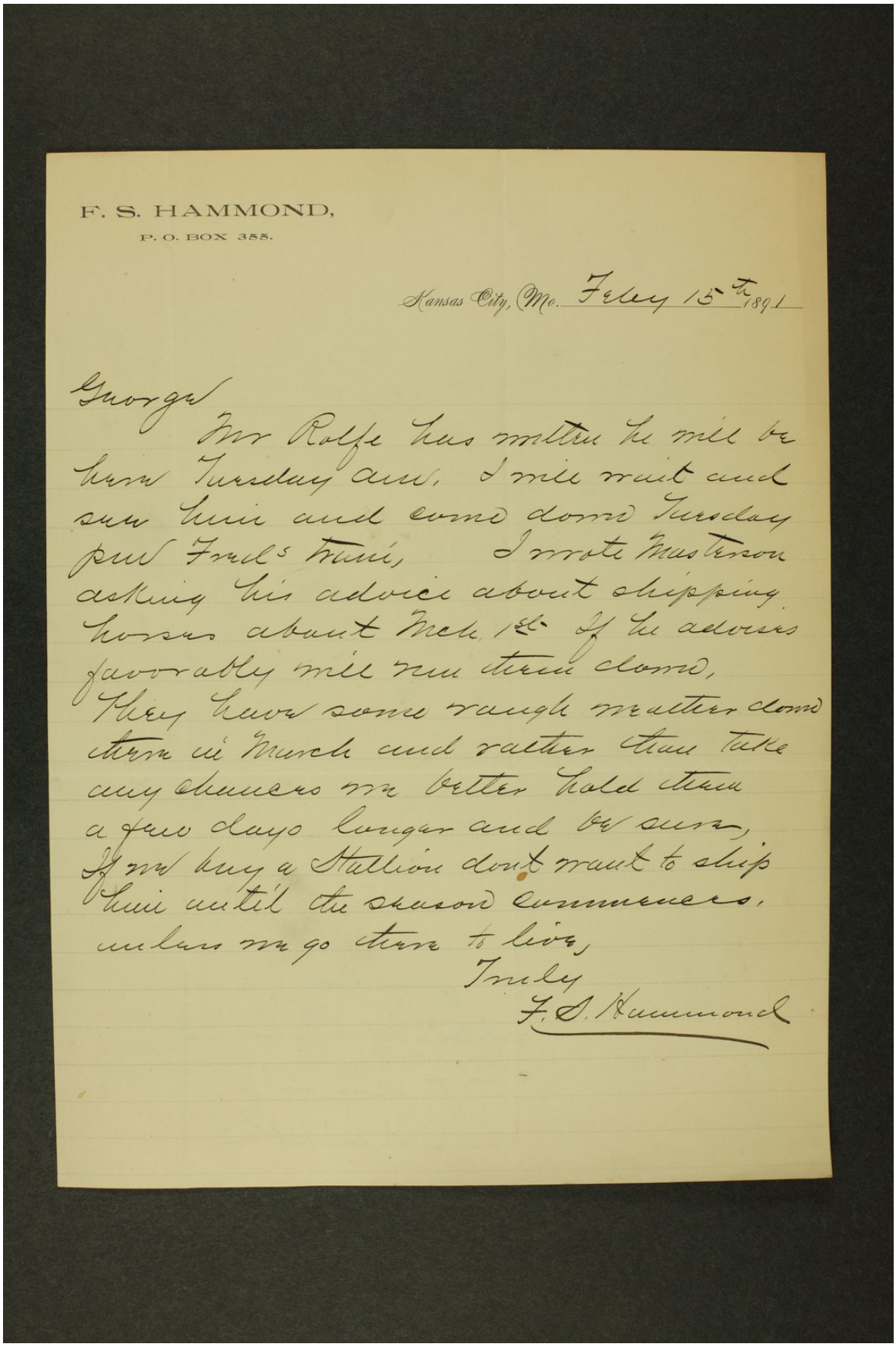
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Kansas City, Mo. Feby 14th 1891

George

Said Yarmouth matter inquiry from our "Ad", wrote him no trade, cheap for cash, easy terms, viz $50,000 or $2500 per year five years. If the market picks up we will sell or lease without much trouble, I will mail my firmer applicants and give them the benefit of the cut

Truly
F. S. Hammond



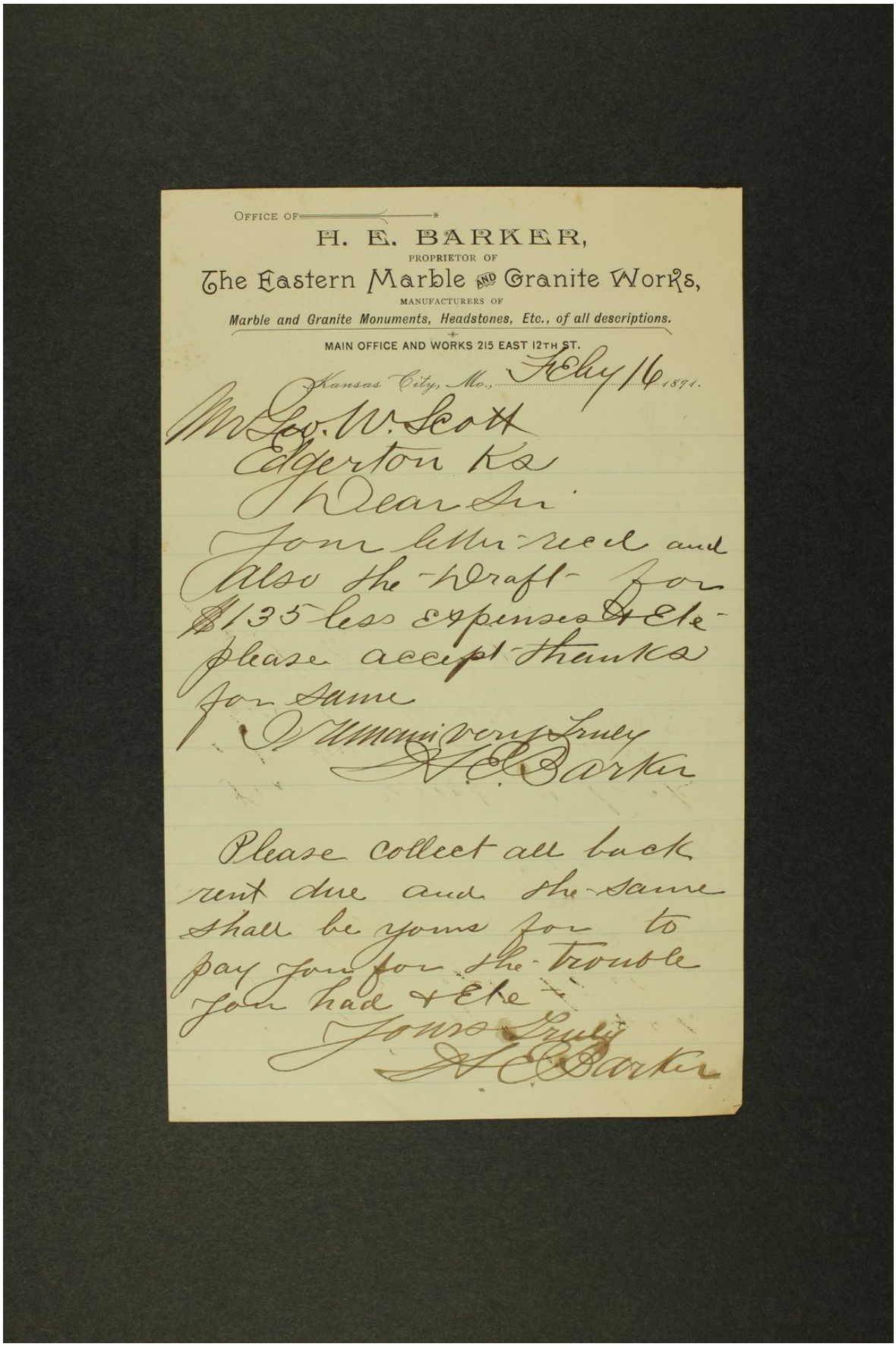
F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. Feby 15th 1891

George

Mr Rolfe has written he will be here Tuesday am. I will wait and see him and come down Tuesday pm Fred's train, I wrote Masterson asking his advice about shipping horses about March 1st If he advises favorably will run them down, They have some rough weather down there in March and rather than take any chances we better hold them a few days longer and be sure, If we buy a Stallion don't want to ship him until the season commences. unless we go there to live,

Truly
F. S. Hammond



OFFICE OF

H. E. BARKER,

PROPRIETOR OF

The Eastern Marble and Granite Works,

MANUFACTURERS OF

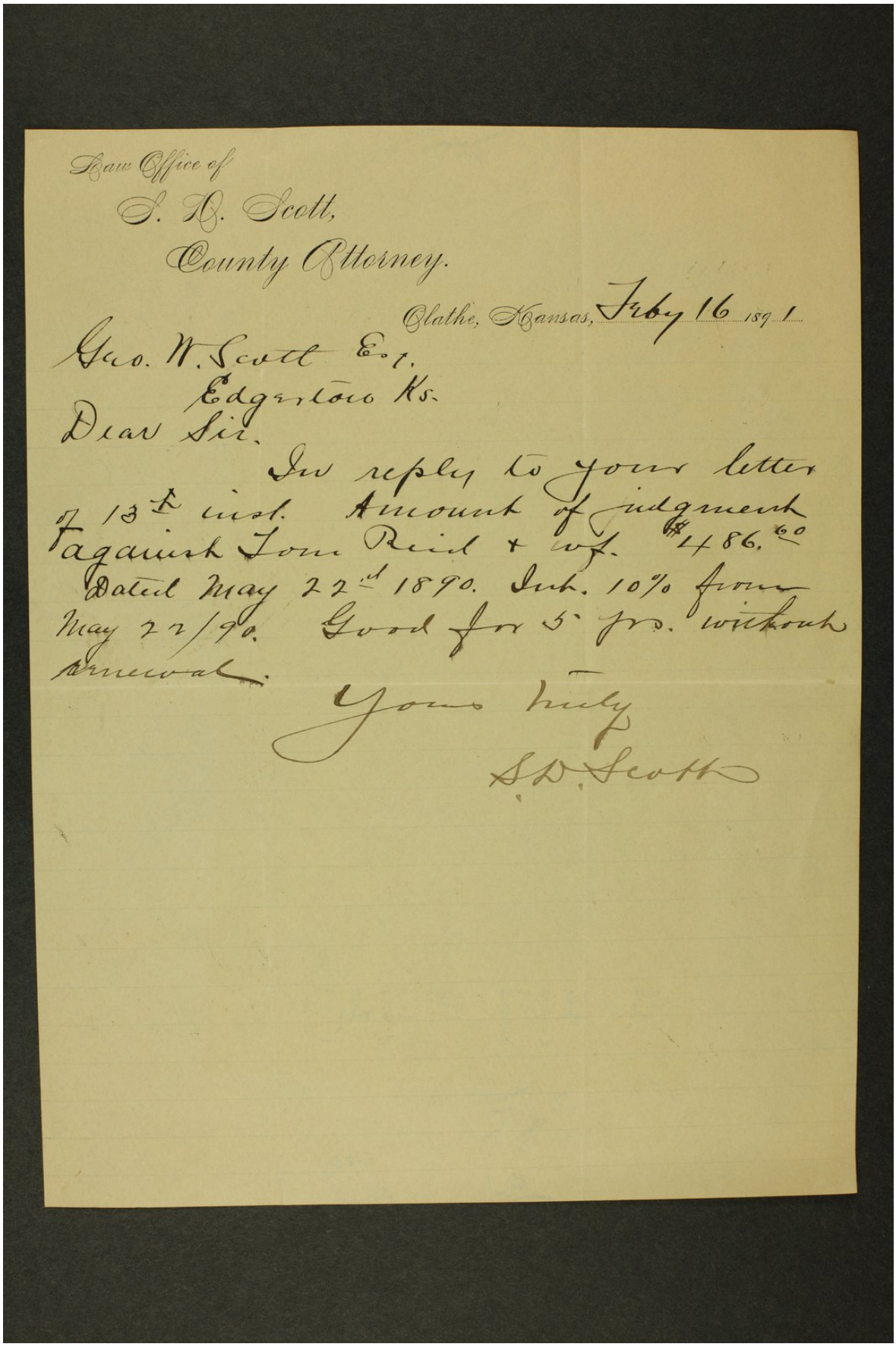
Marble and Granite Monuments, Headstones, Etc., of all descriptions.

MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS 215 EAST 12TH ST.

Kansas City, Mo., Feby 16 1891.

Mr Geo. W. Scott
Edgerton Ks
Dear Sir
Your letter rec'd and
also the Draft for
$135 less expense &c &c
please accept thanks
for same
Yours very truly
H. E. Barker

Please collect all back
rent due and the same
shall be yours for to
pay you for the trouble
you had &c &c
Yours truly
H. E. Barker



Law Office of
S. D. Scott,
County Attorney.

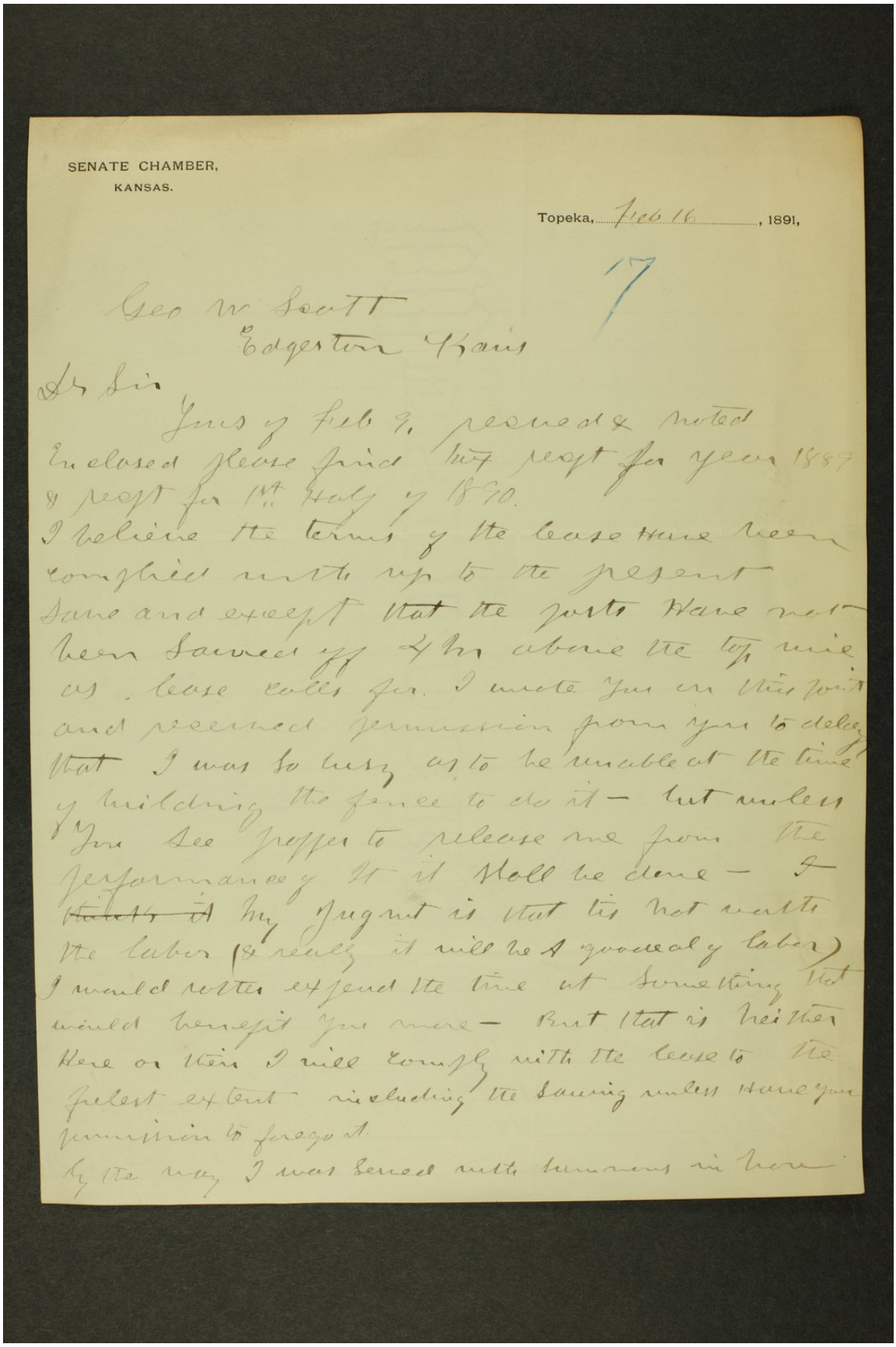
Olathe, Kansas, Feby 16 1891

Geo. W. Scott Esq.
Edgerton Ks.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of 13th inst. Amount of judgment against Tom Reid & wf. $486.60 Dated May 22nd 1890. Int. 10% from May 22/90. Good for 5 yrs. without renewal.

Yours truly
S. D. Scott



SENATE CHAMBER,
KANSAS.

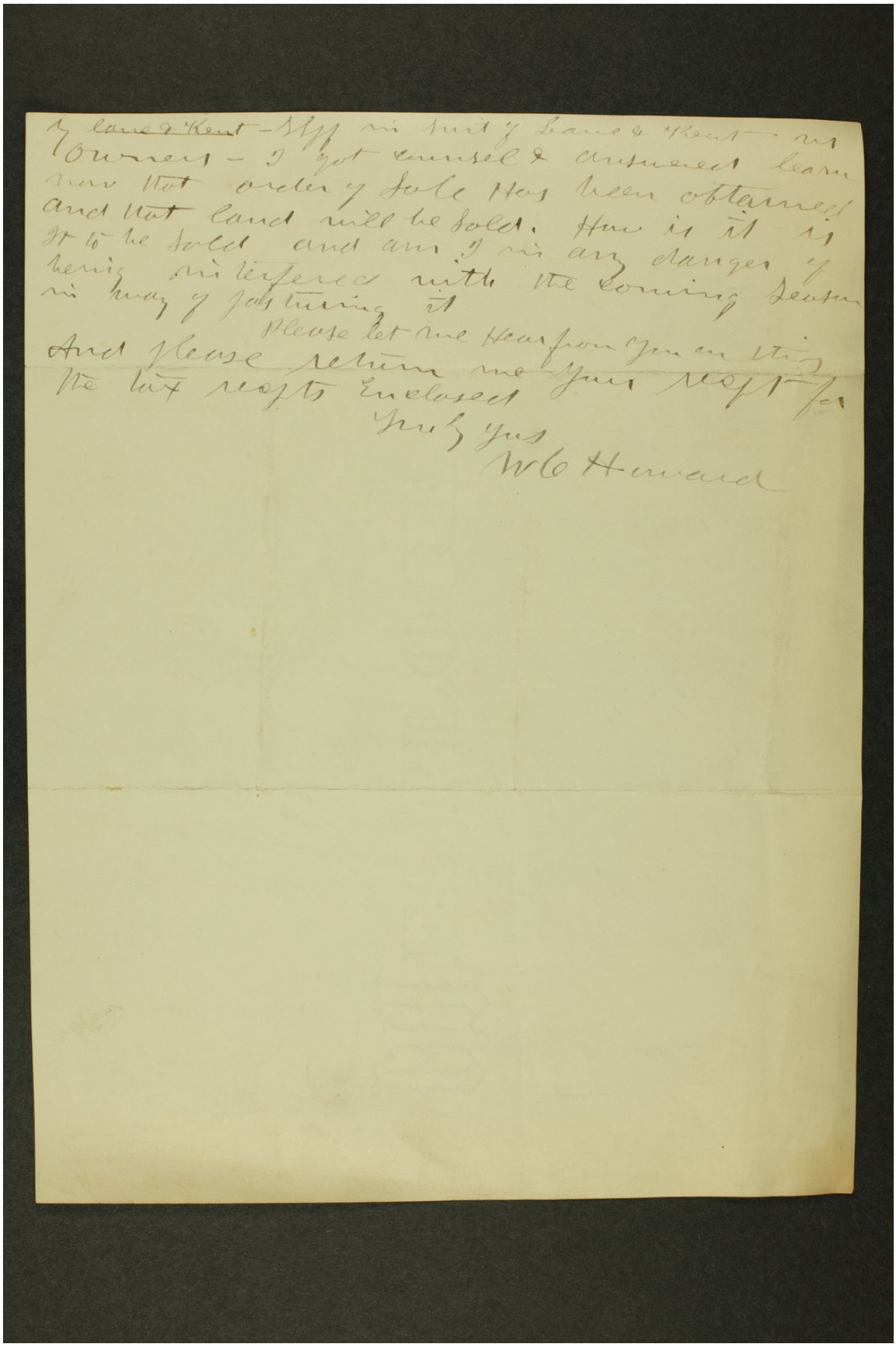
Topeka, Feb 16, 1891,

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Geo W Scott
Edgerton Kans

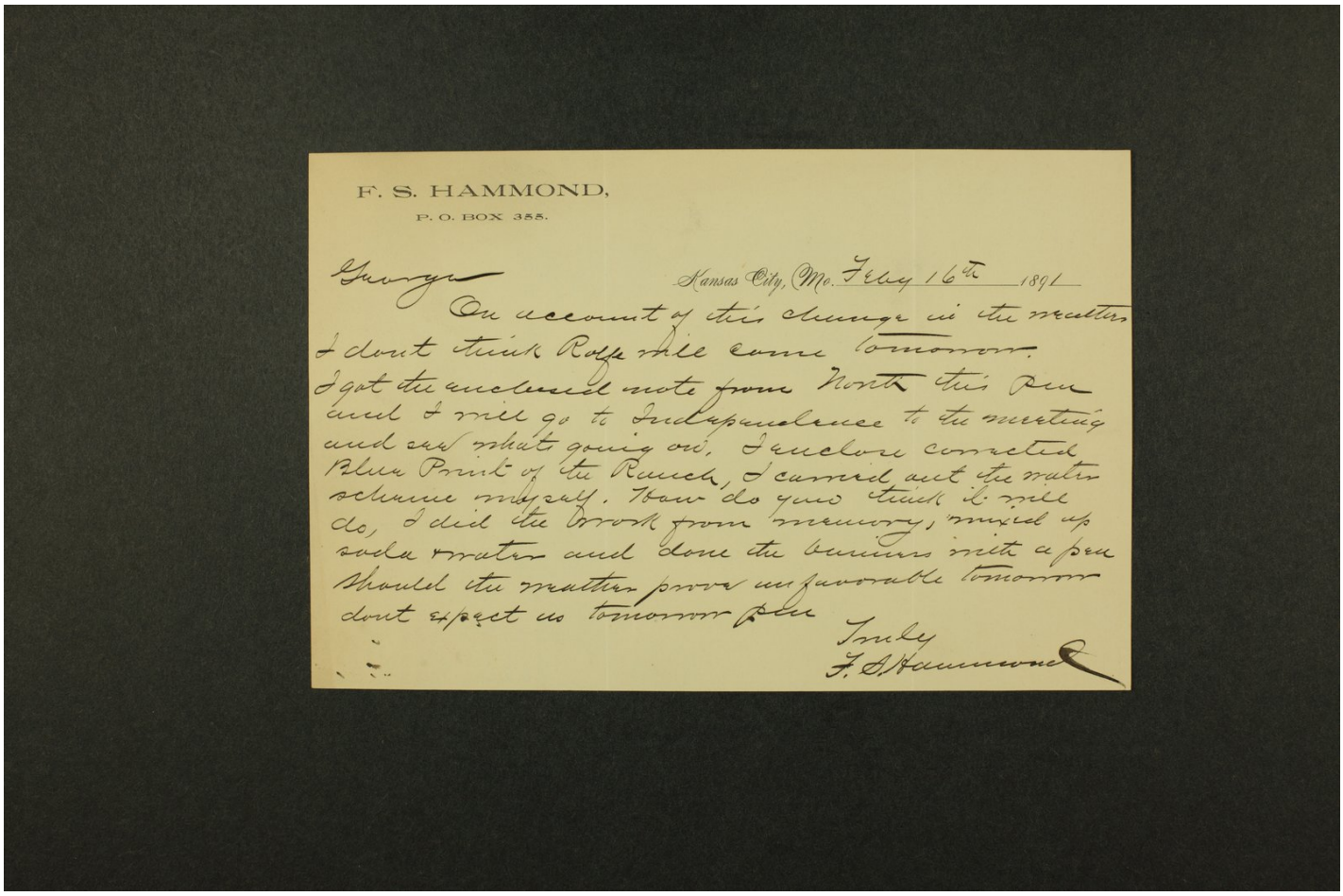
Dr Sir

Yours of Feb 9, received & noted
Enclosed please find receipt for year 1889
& receipt for 1st Half of 1890.
I believe the terms of the lease have been
complied with up to the present
time and except that the posts have not
been sawed off 4 ft above the top wire
as lease calls for. I wrote you on this point
and received permission from you to delay
that I was so busy as to be unable at the time
of building the fence to do it — but unless
you see proper to release me from the
performance of it it shall be done — I
~~think~~ think it my judgment is that it is not worth
the labor (& really it will be a gratuitous labor)
I would rather expend the time at something that
would benefit you more — But that is neither
here or there I will comply with the lease to the
fullest extent including the sawing unless have your
permission to forego it.
By the way I was served with summons in two



y Lane & Kent – Yly ni hut y Lane & Kent – as
Owners – I got counsel & answered learn
now not order y Sale Has been obtained
and not land will be sold. How is it is
It to be sold and am I in any danger of
being interfered with the coming Session
in hury y Jayhawking it
Please let me Hear from you in this
And Please return me your Receipt for
the last rents Enclosed
Truly Yrs
W C Howard

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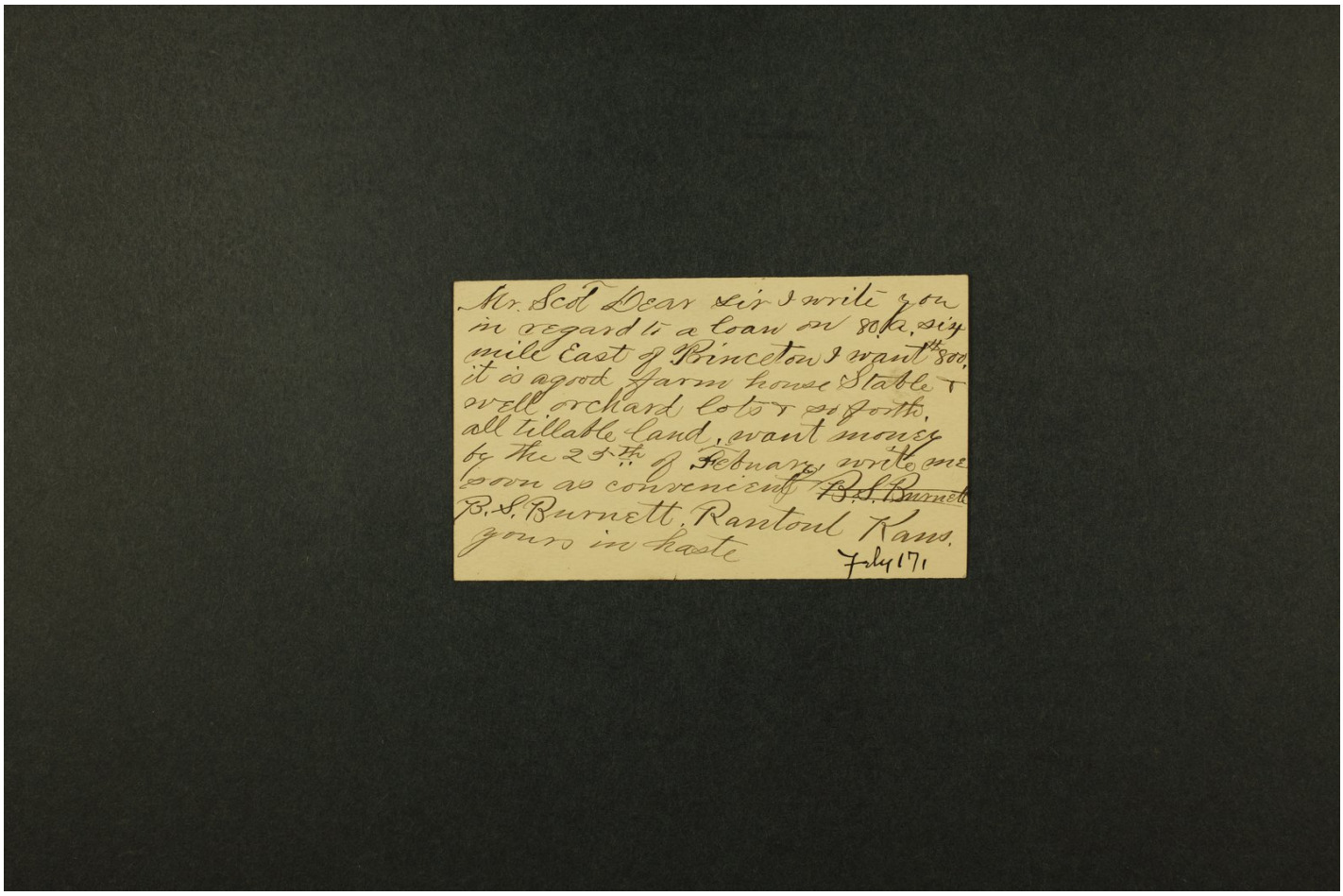
Kansas City, Mo. July 16th 1894

George

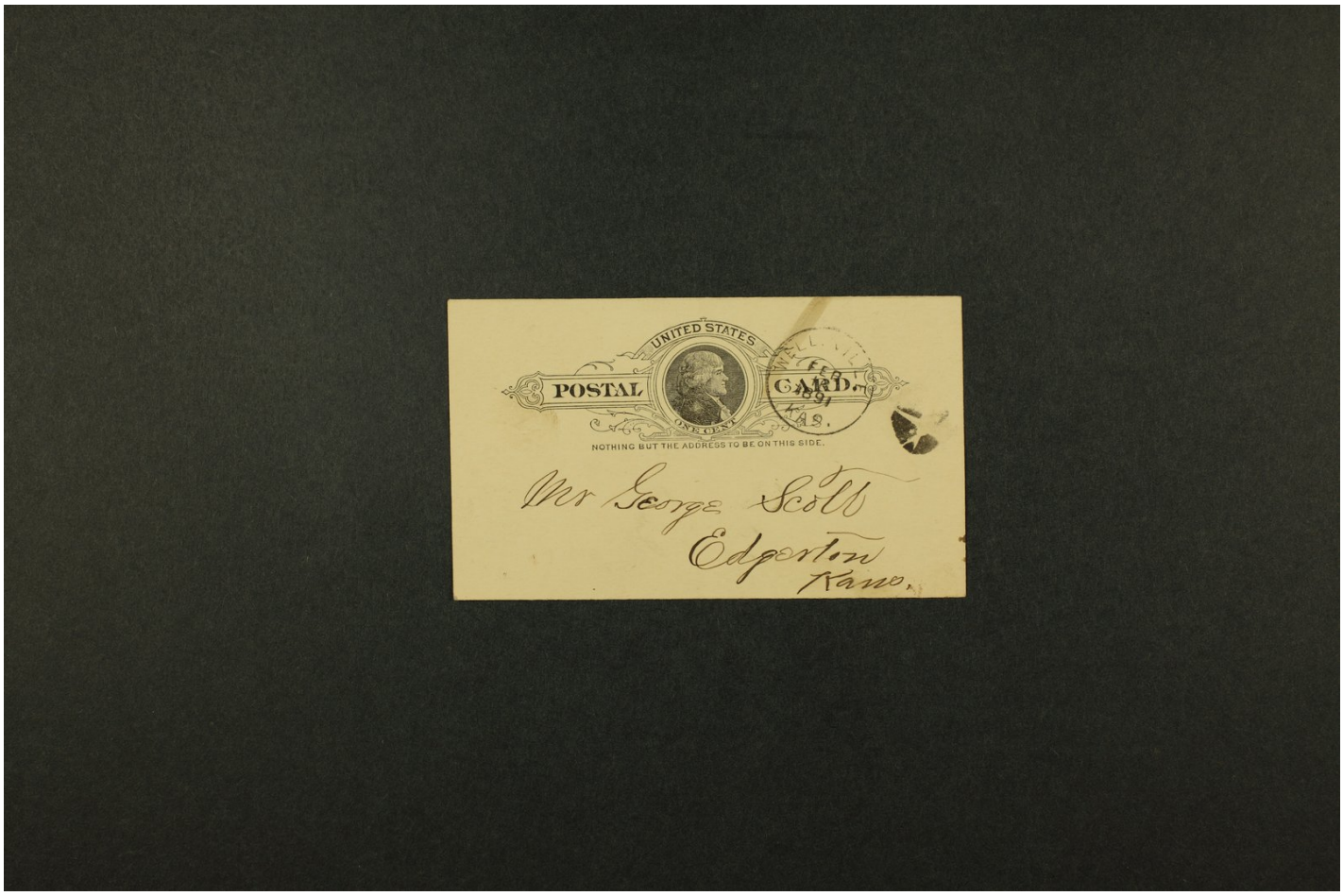
On account of this change in the matter I dont think Rolfe will come tomorrow. I got the inclosed note from North this pm and I will go to Independence to the meeting and see what going on. I inclose corrected Blue Print of the Ranch, I carried out the matter scheme myself. How do you think it will do, I did the work from memory, mixed up soda water and done the business with a pen Should the matter prove unfavorable tomorrow dont expect us tomorrow pm

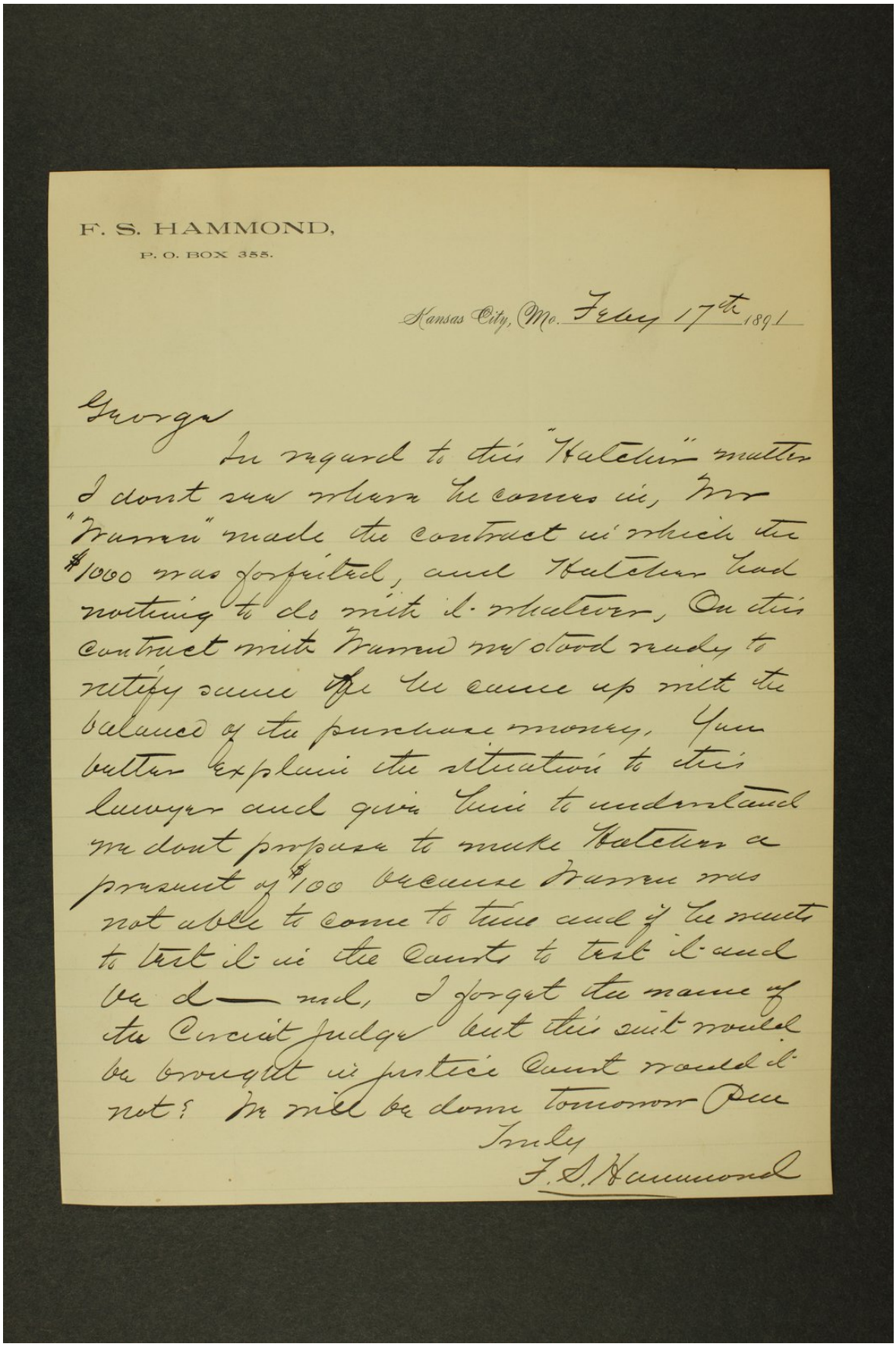
Truly
F. S. Hammond

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Mr. Scott Dear sir I write you
in regard to a loan on 80 A. six
mile East of Princeton I want $800.
it is a good farm house Stable &
well orchard lots & so forth.
all tillable land, want money
by the 25th of February write me
soon as convenient B.S. Burnett
B.S. Burnett, Rantoul Kans.
yours in haste
July 17

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F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

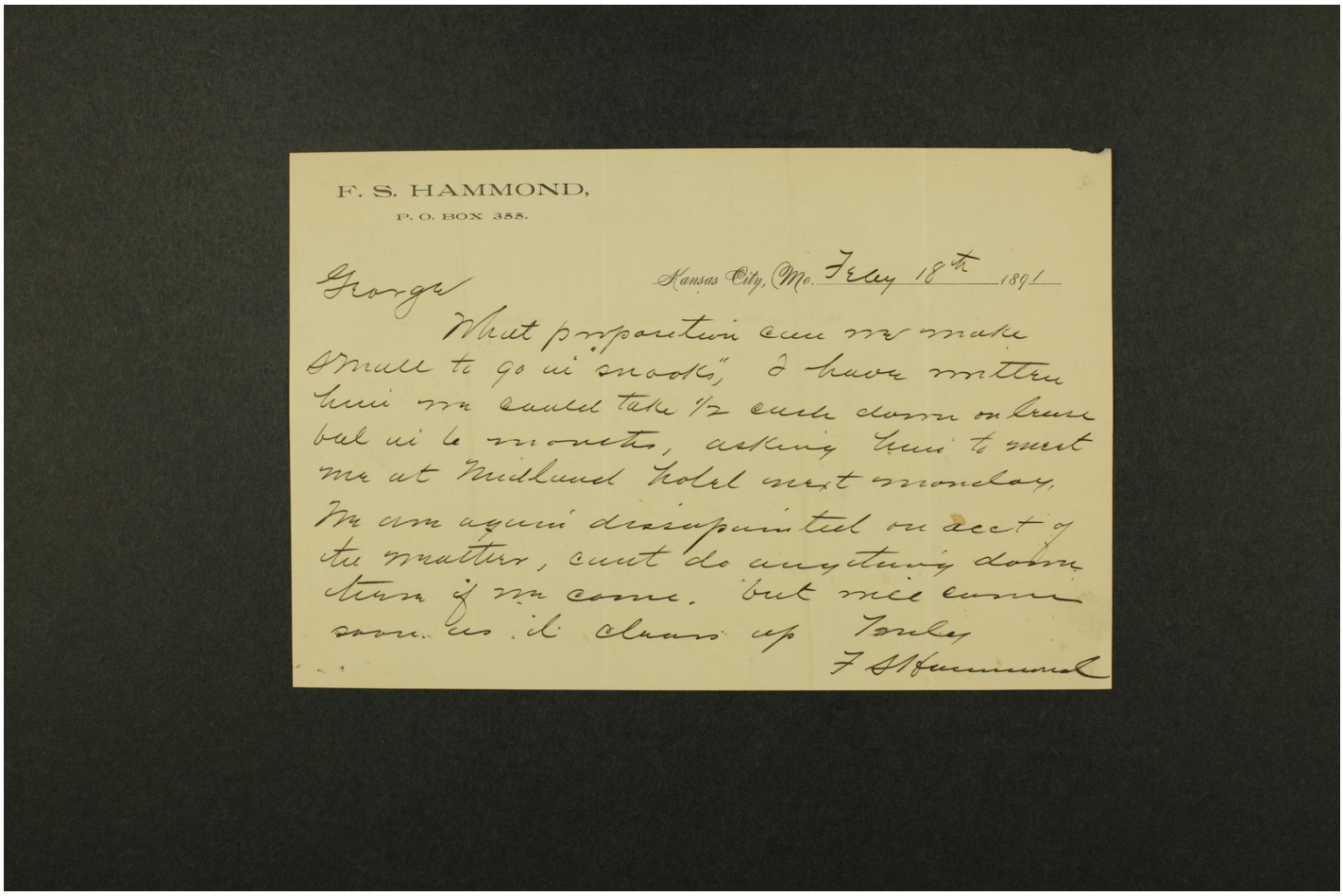
Kansas City, Mo. Feby 17th 1891

George

In regard to this "Hatcher" matter I dont see where he comes in, Mr "Warren" made the contract in which the $1000 was forfeited, and Hatcher had nothing to do with it whatever, On this contract with Warren we stood ready to ratify same after he came up with the balance of the purchase money, Your better explain the situation to this lawyer and give him to understand we dont propose to make Hatcher a present of $100 because Warren was not able to come to time and if he wants to test it in the Courts to test it and be d—nd, I forget the name of the Circuit judge but this suit would be brought in justice Court would it not? It will be done tomorrow Pm

Truly
F. S. Hammond

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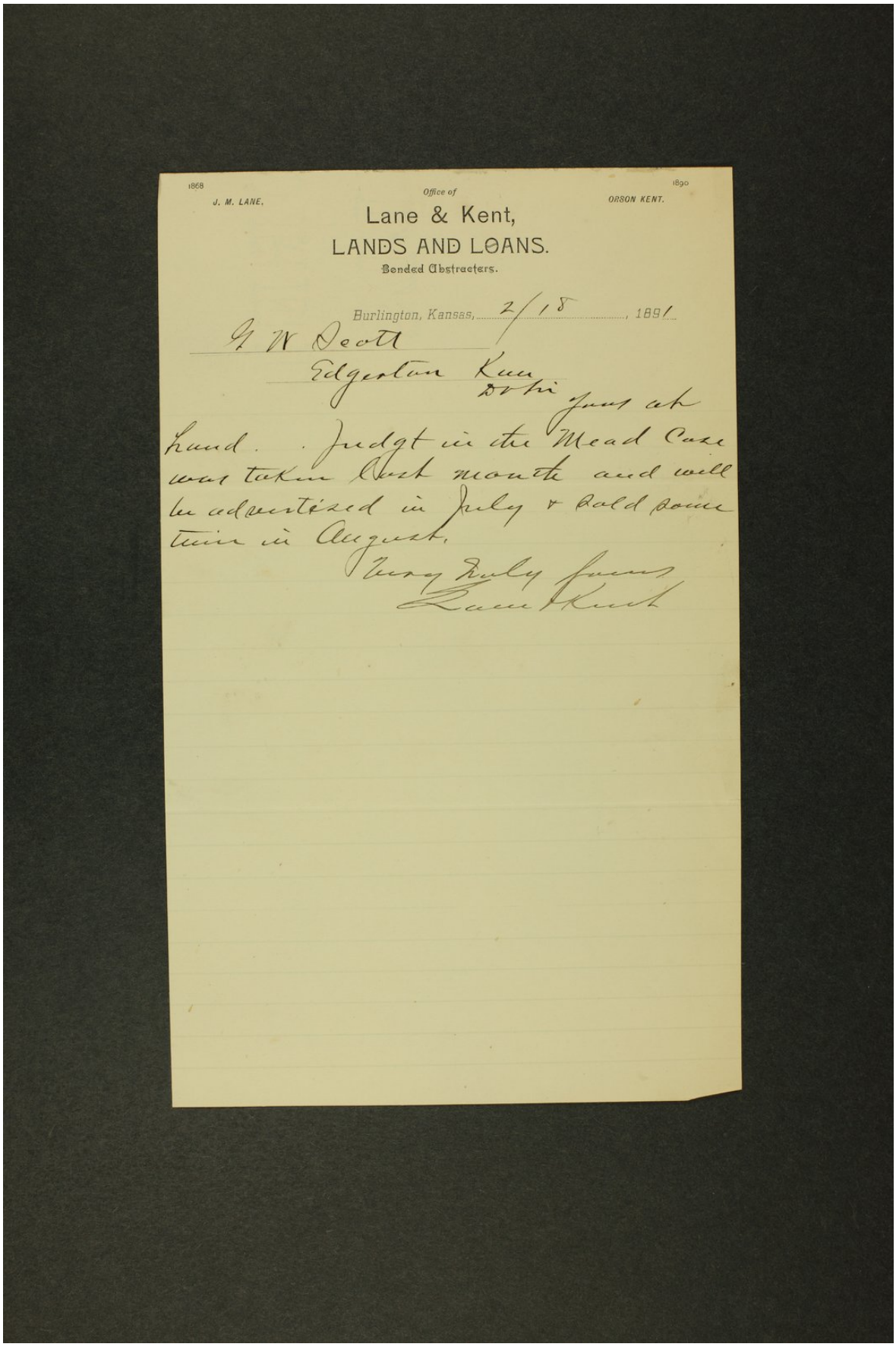


F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. Feby 18th 1891

George

What proportion can we make
Small to go in "smoke", I have written
him we could take 1/2 cash down on him
but in 6 months, asking him to meet
me at Midland Hotel next Monday,
I am again disappointed on acct of
the matter, can't do anything down
town if we come. but will come
soon as it clears up Today
F S Hammond



1868 J. M. LANE. Office of ORSON KENT. 1890

Lane & Kent,
LANDS AND LOANS.
Bonded Abstracters.

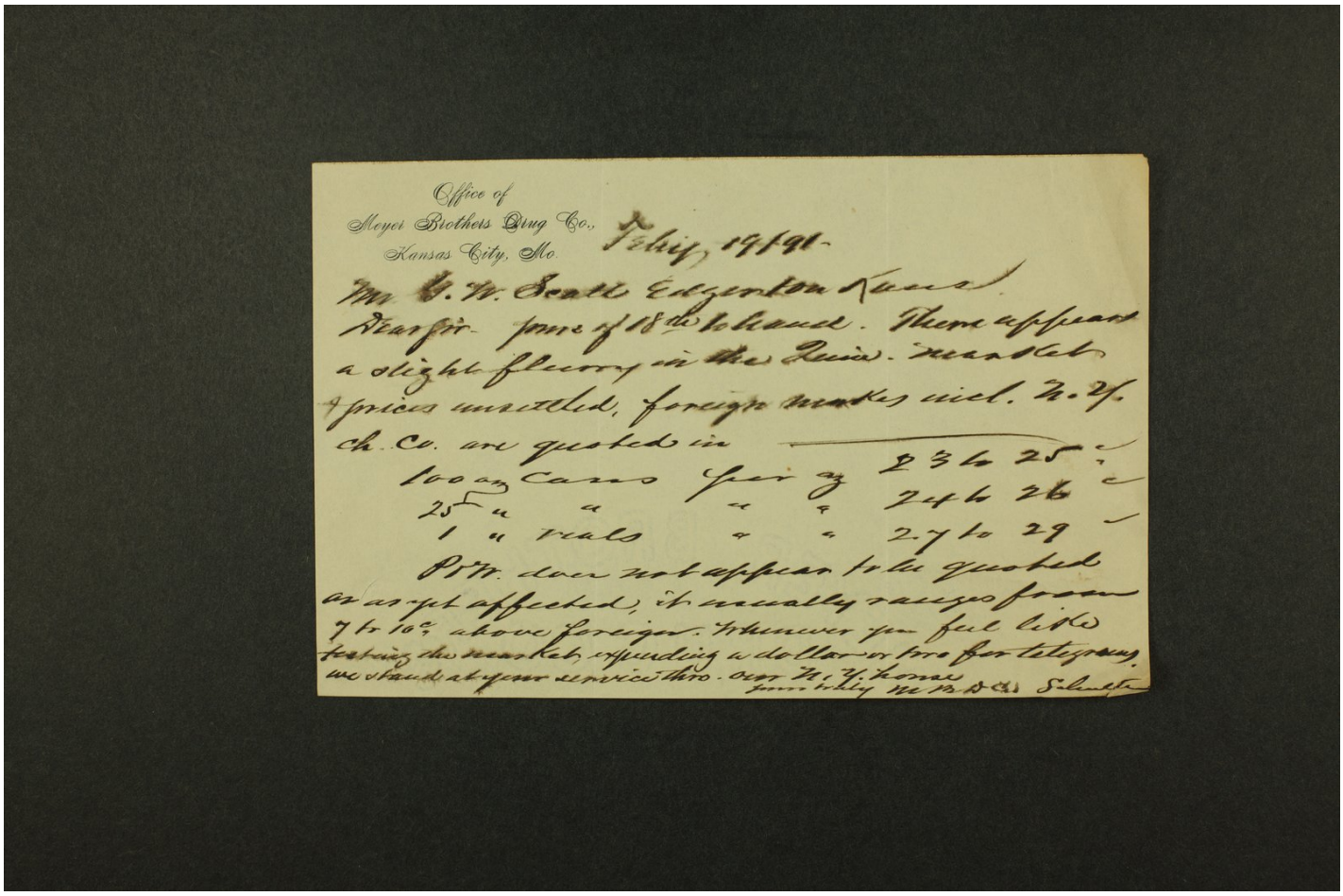
Burlington, Kansas, 2/18, 1891

G W Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear Sir Just at hand. Judgt in the Mead case was taken last month and will be advertised in July & sold some time in August.

Very Truly Yours
Lane & Kent

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Office of
Meyer Brothers Drug Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Feby, 1891.

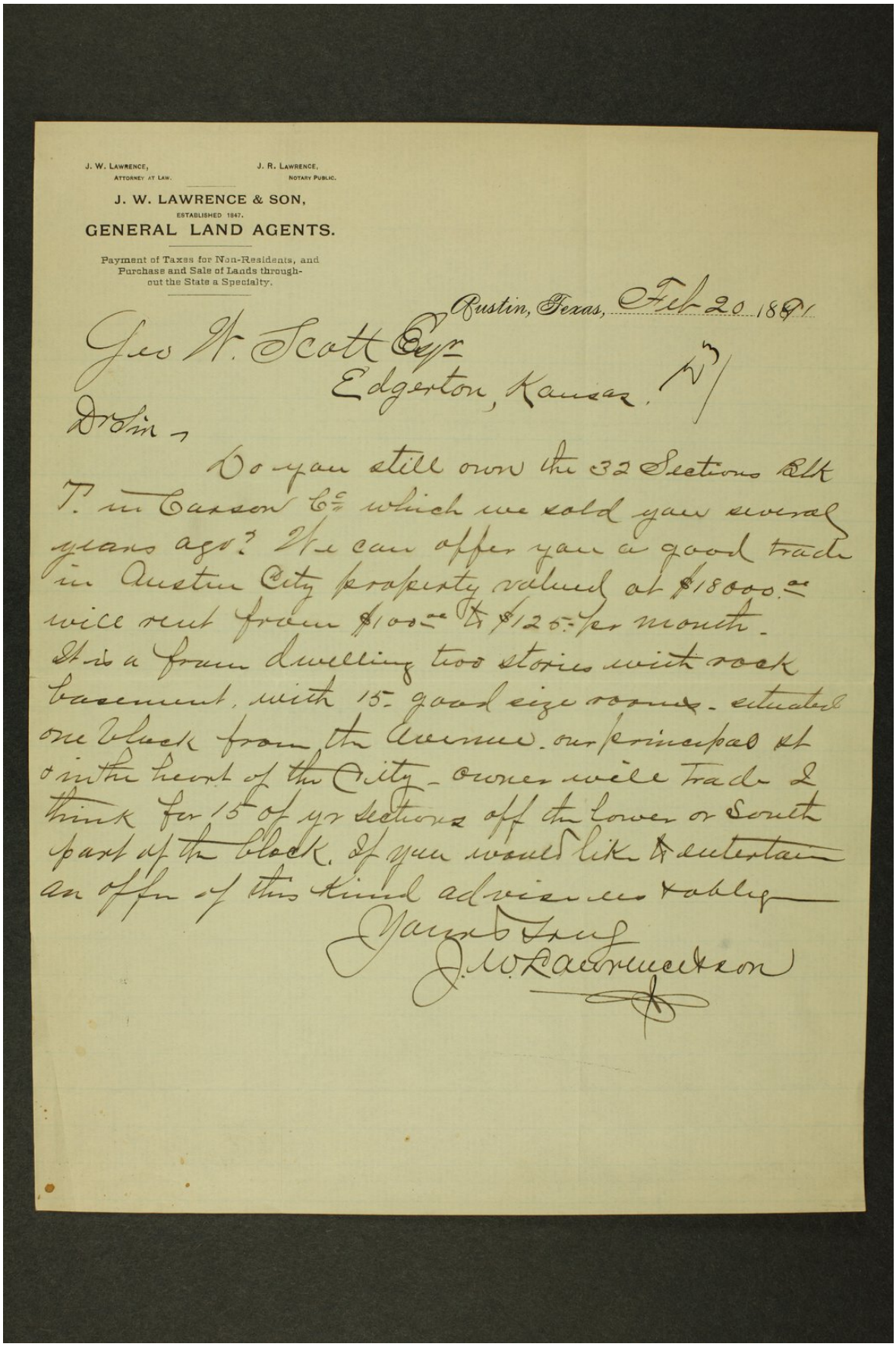
Mr G. W. Scott Edgerton Kans

Dear Sir- June of 18th to hand. There appears a slight flurry in the Lard market & prices unsettled, foreign markets incl. N. Y. ch. Co. are quoted in

100 lb Cans Spot 23½ to 25 c
25 " " " " 24½ to 26 "
1 " Pails " " 27 to 29 "

P.S. does not appear to be quoted as as yet affected, it usually ranges from 7 to 10 ct above Lard. Whenever you feel like testing the market, expending a dollar or two for telegram, we stand at your service thro. our N. Y. house

Yours truly Meyer Bros Drug Co



J. W. LAWRENCE, ATTORNEY AT LAW. J. R. LAWRENCE, NOTARY PUBLIC.

J. W. LAWRENCE & SON,
ESTABLISHED 1847.
GENERAL LAND AGENTS.

Payment of Taxes for Non-Residents, and Purchase and Sale of Lands throughout the State a Specialty.

Austin, Texas, Feb 20 1891

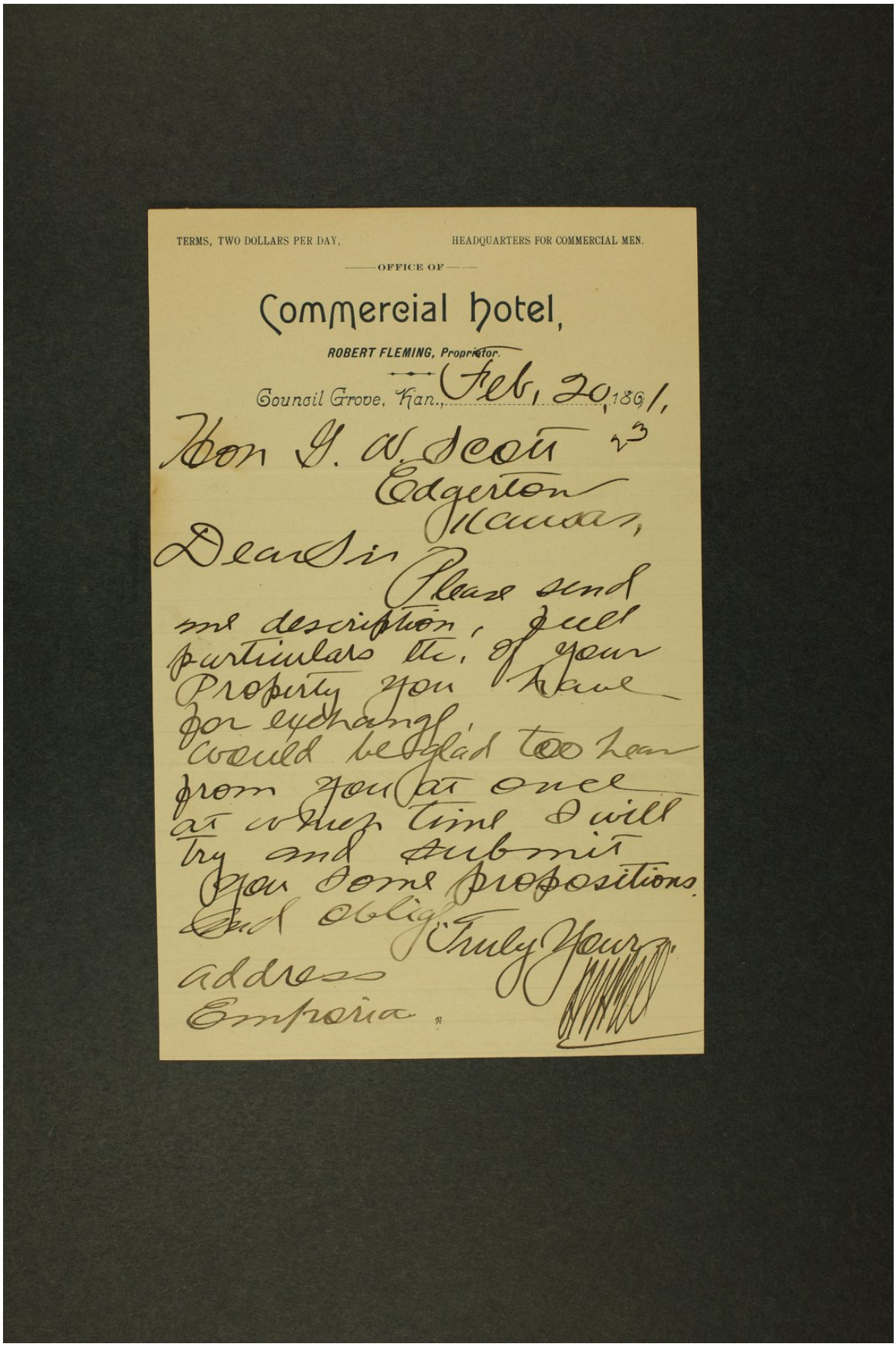
Jas W. Scott Esqr
Edgerton, Kansas. No

Dr Sir -

Do you still own the 32 Sections Blk T. in Carson Co which we sold you several years ago? We can offer you a good trade in Austin City property valued at $1800.00 will rent from $100.00 to $120.- per month. It is a frame dwelling two stories with rock basement, with 15 good size rooms - situated one block from the Avenue - our principal st - in the heart of the City - owner will trade & think for 15 of yr sections off the lower or South part of the block. If you would like to entertain an offer of this kind advise us & oblige

Yours Truly
J. W. Lawrence & Son

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TERMS, TWO DOLLARS PER DAY, HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.

OFFICE OF

Commercial Hotel,

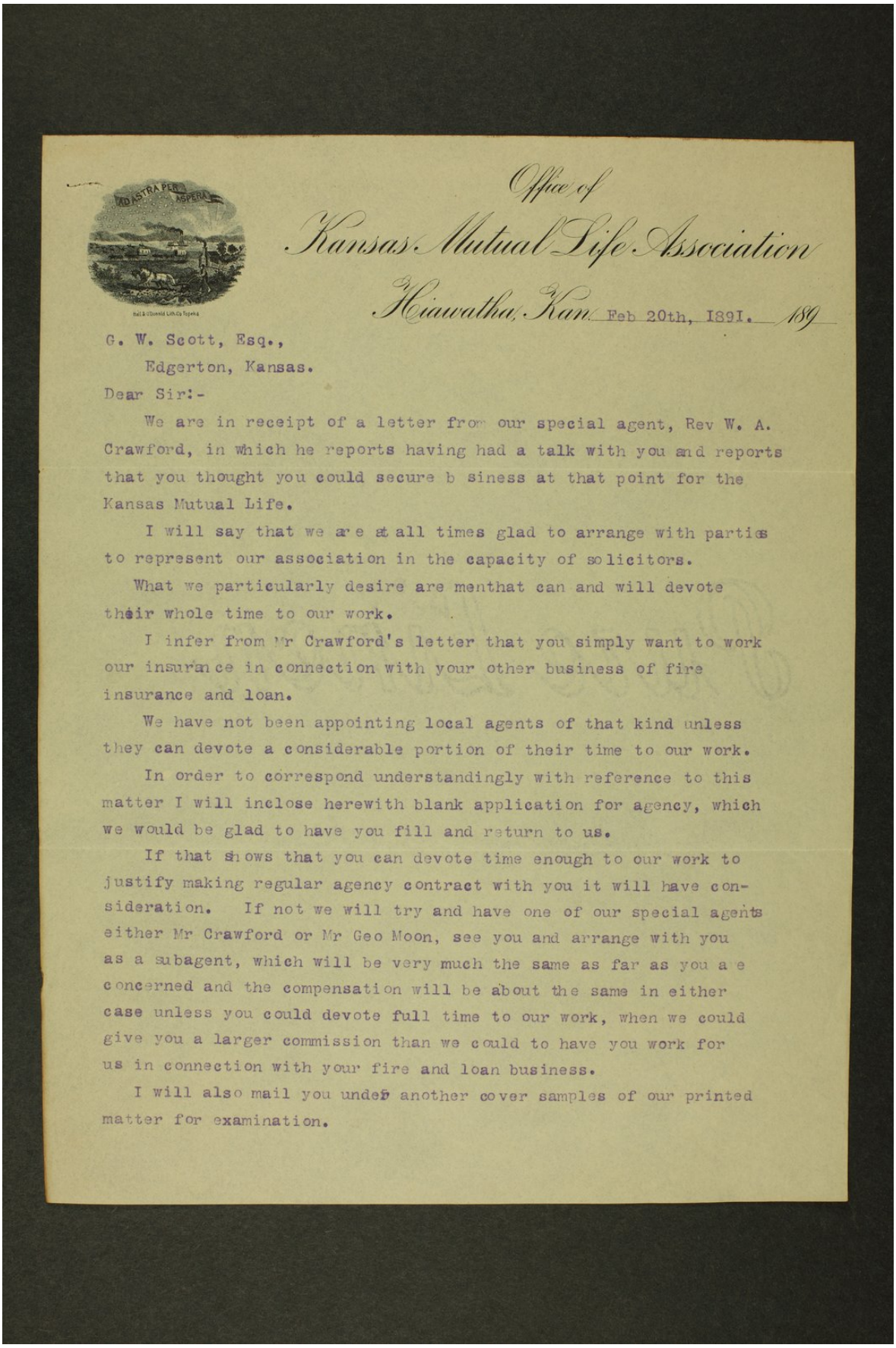
ROBERT FLEMING, Proprietor.

Council Grove, Kan., Feb. 20, 1891,

Hon G. W. Scott
Edgerton
Kansas,

Dear Sir Please send me description, & all particulars &c. of your Property you have for exchange, & would be glad to hear from you at once & at which time I will try and submit you some propositions. And oblige Truly Yours

address
Emporia.



Office of
Kansas Mutual Life Association
Hiawatha, Kan. Feb 20th, 1891. 189

G. W. Scott, Esq.,
Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of a letter from our special agent, Rev W. A. Crawford, in which he reports having had a talk with you and reports that you thought you could secure b siness at that point for the Kansas Mutual Life.

I will say that we are at all times glad to arrange with parties to represent our association in the capacity of solicitors.

What we particularly desire are menthat can and will devote their whole time to our work.

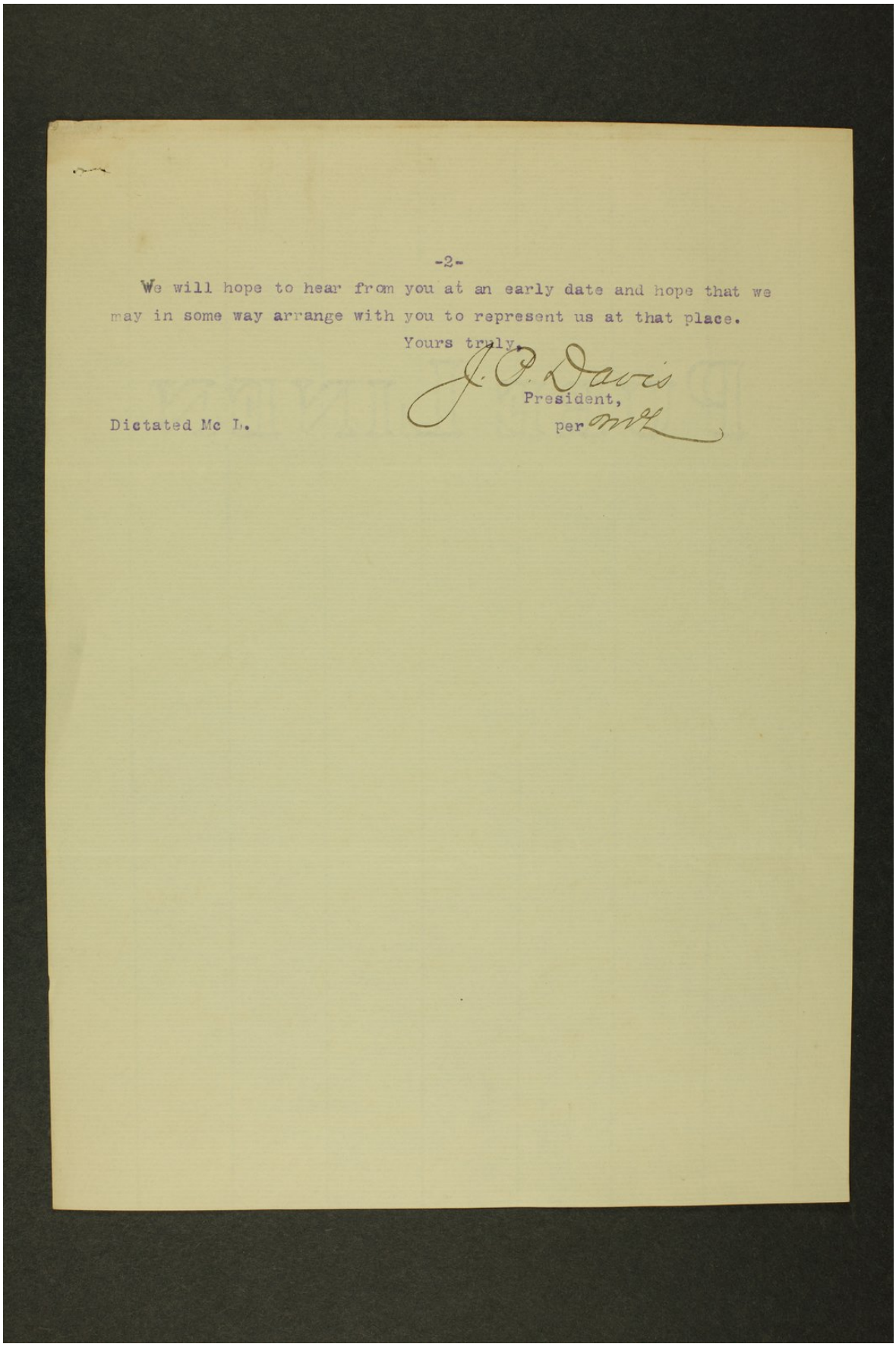
I infer from Mr Crawford's letter that you simply want to work our insurance in connection with your other business of fire insurance and loan.

We have not been appointing local agents of that kind unless they can devote a considerable portion of their time to our work.

In order to correspond understandingly with reference to this matter I will inclose herewith blank application for agency, which we would be glad to have you fill and return to us.

If that shows that you can devote time enough to our work to justify making regular agency contract with you it will have consideration. If not we will try and have one of our special agents either Mr Crawford or Mr Geo Moon, see you and arrange with you as a subagent, which will be very much the same as far as you are concerned and the compensation will be about the same in either case unless you could devote full time to our work, when we could give you a larger commission than we could to have you work for us in connection with your fire and loan business.

I will also mail you under another cover samples of our printed matter for examination.



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We will hope to hear from you at an early date and hope that we may in some way arrange with you to represent us at that place.

Yours truly,

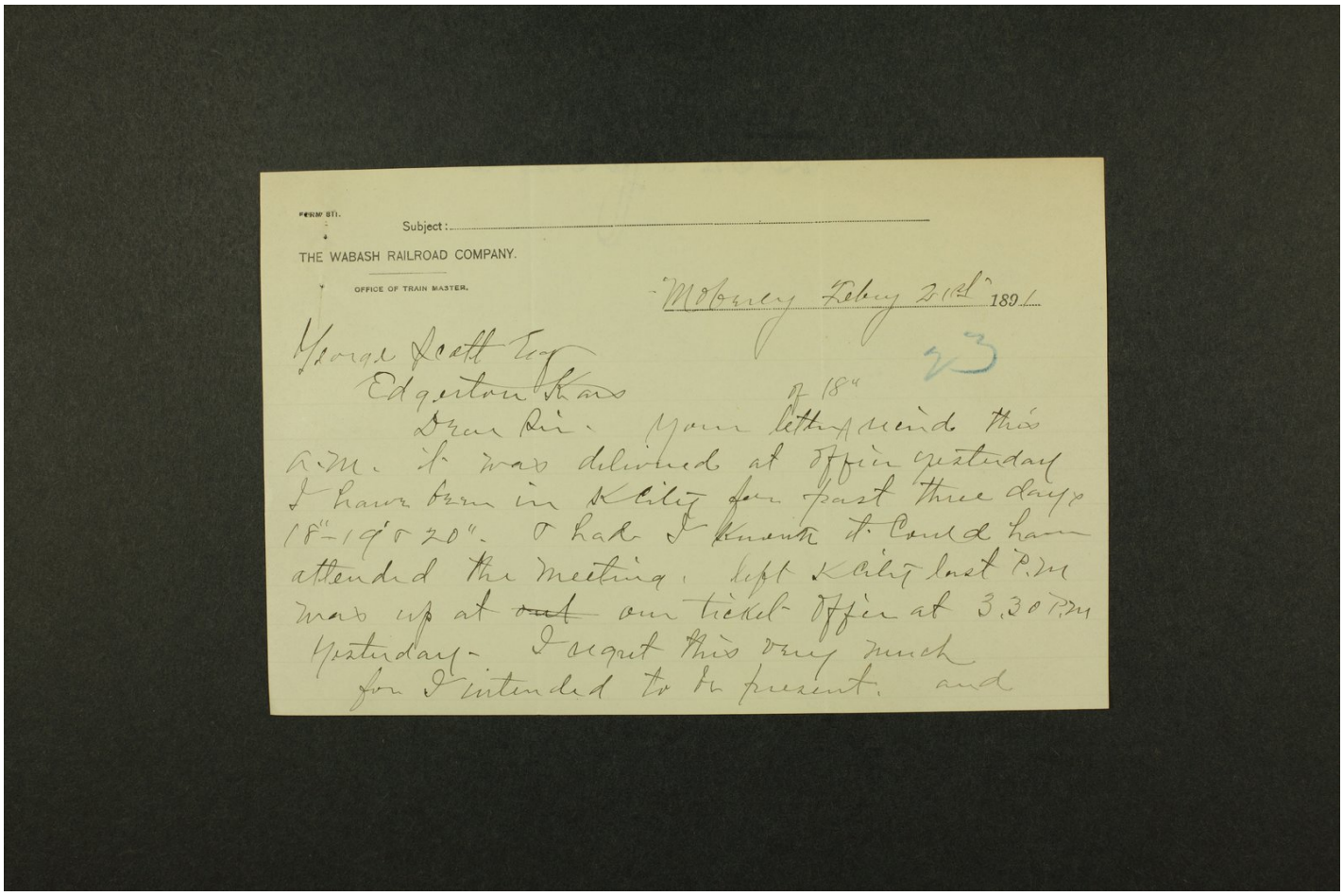
J. O. Davis

President,

Dictated Mc L.

per MCL

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FORM 871.

Subject:

THE WABASH RAILROAD COMPANY.

OFFICE OF TRAIN MASTER.

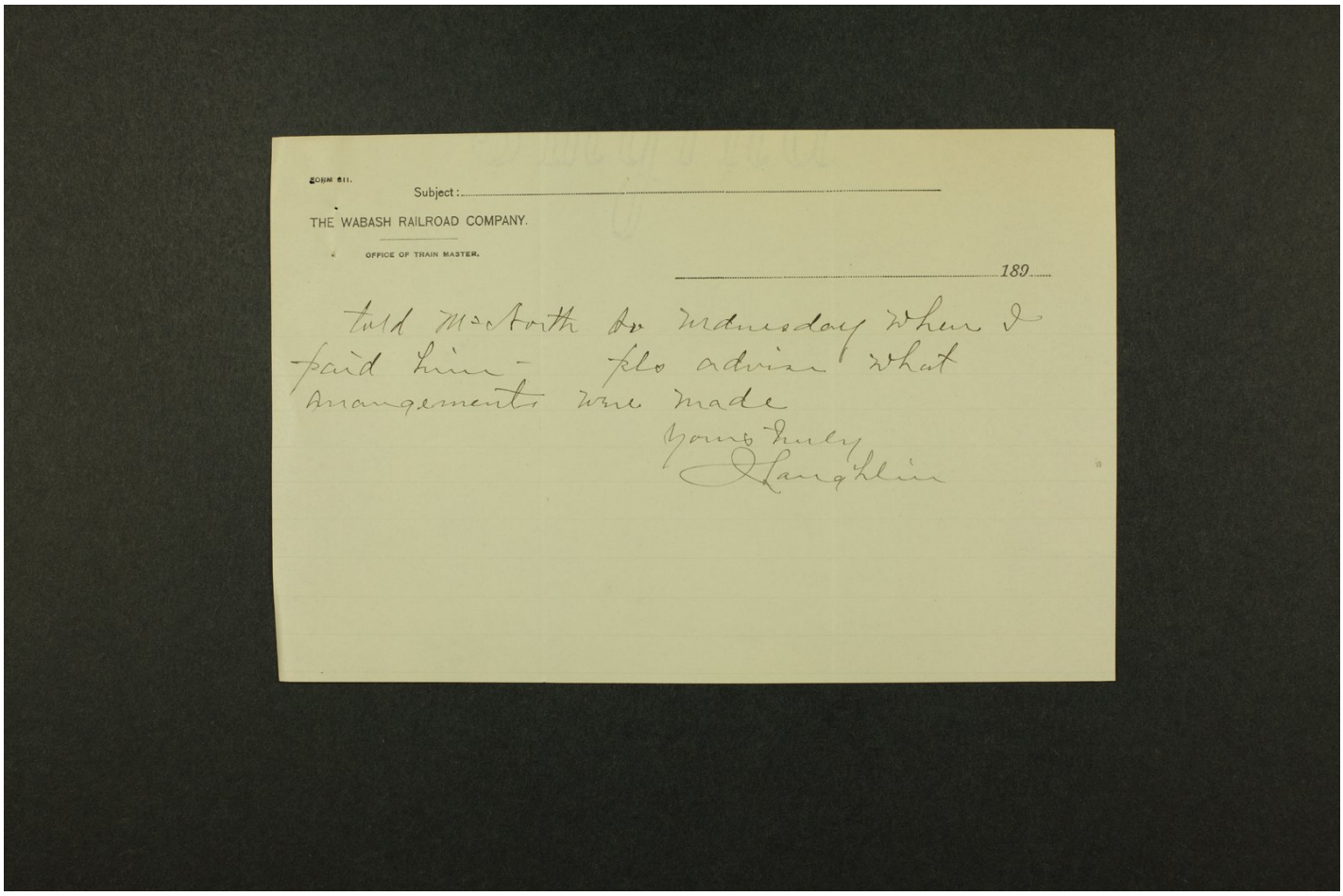
Moberly Feby 21st 1894

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George Scott Esq
Edgerton Kans

Dear Sir. Your letter of 18th inst. this A.M. it was delivered at Office yesterday I have been in K City for past three days 18"-19th & 20th. If had I known it I could have attended the meeting. left K City last P.M. made up at ~~out~~ our ticket Office at 3.30 P.M. Yesterday. I regret this very much for I intended to be present. and

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FORM 811.

Subject:

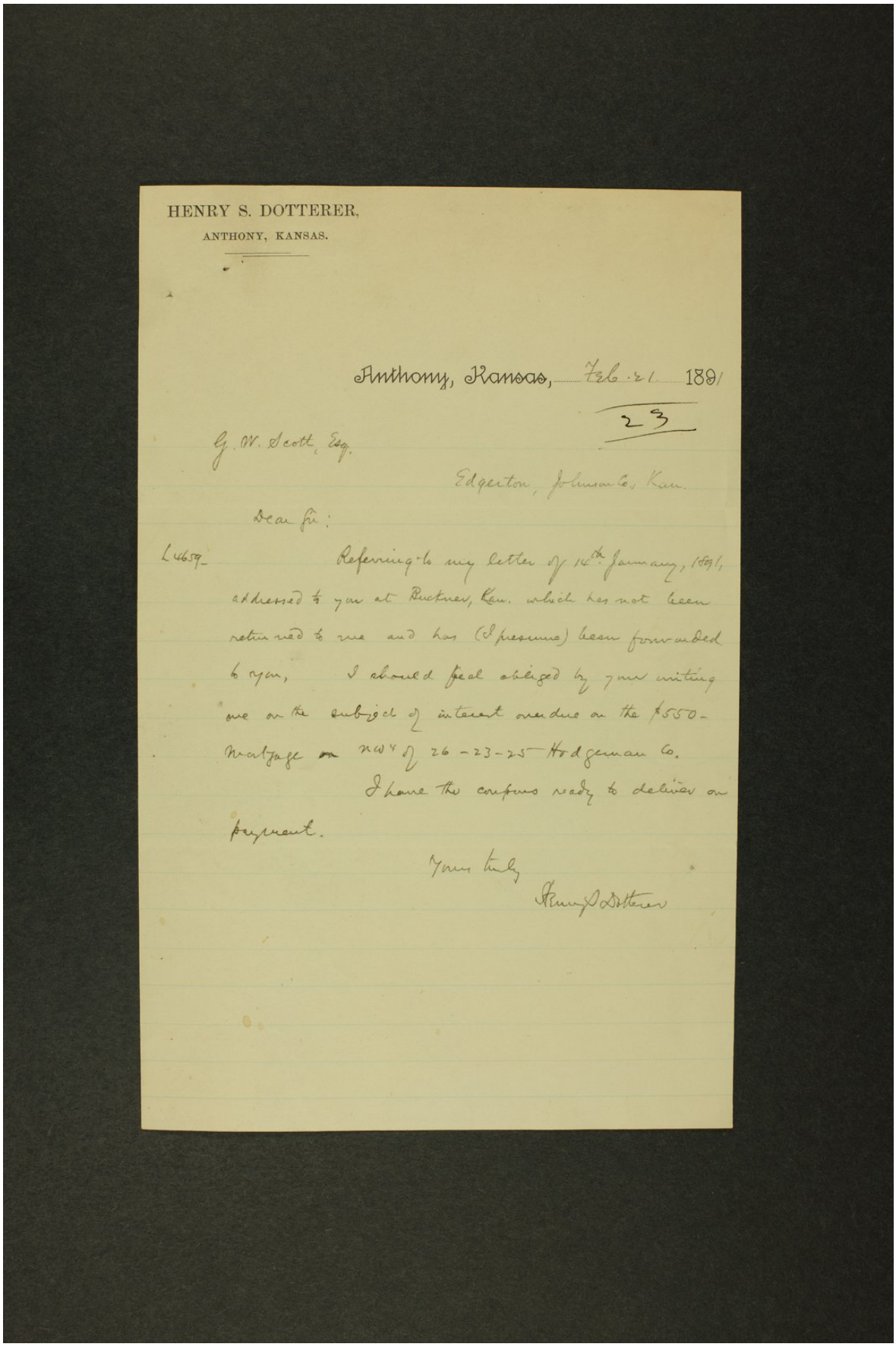
THE WABASH RAILROAD COMPANY.

OFFICE OF TRAIN MASTER.

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told McAuth to Wednesday when I paid him - to advise what arrangements were made

Yours truly,
Laughlin



HENRY S. DOTTERER,
ANTHONY, KANSAS.

Anthony, Kansas, Feb. 21 1891

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G. W. Scott, Esq.
Edgerton, Johnson Co., Kan.

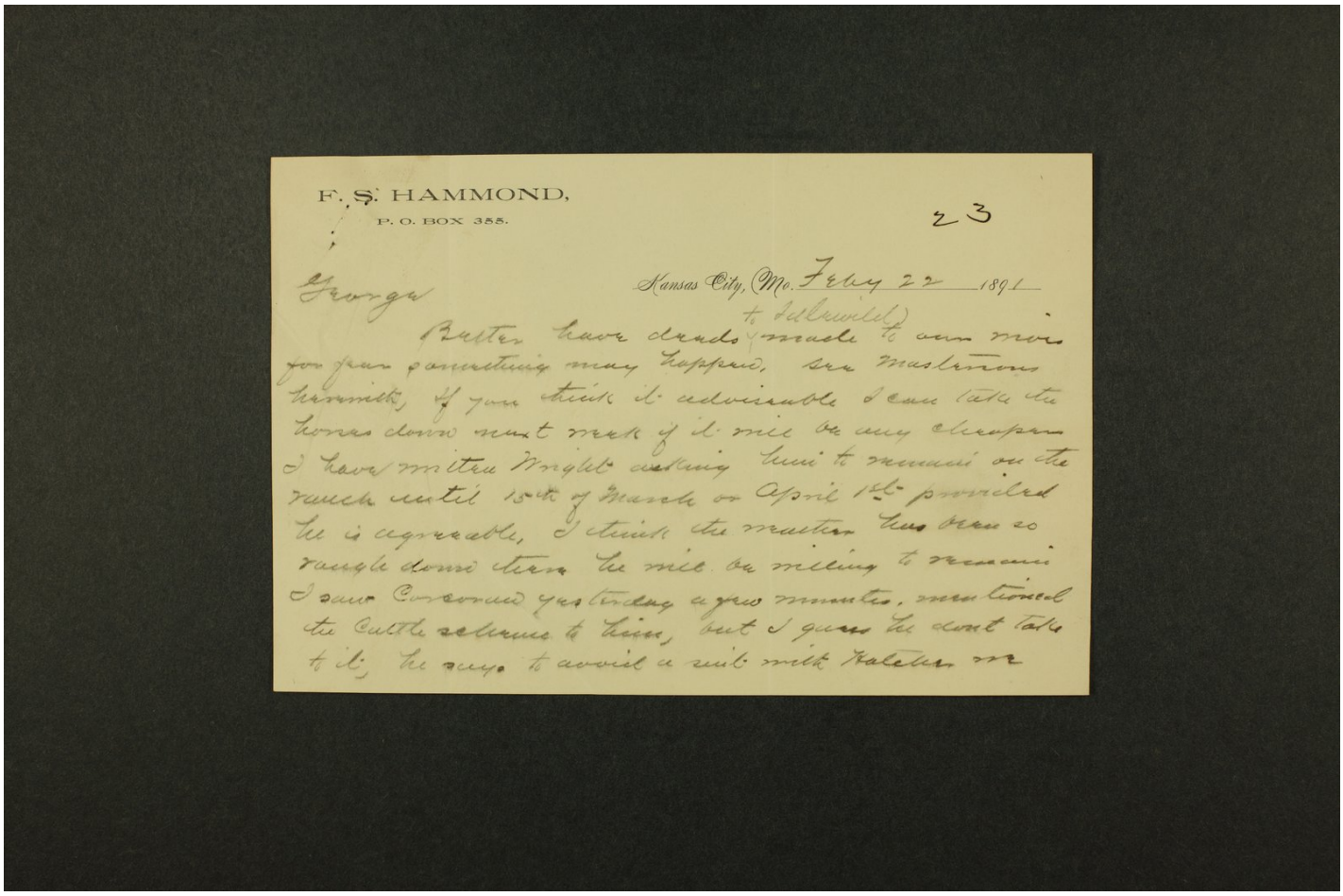
Dear Sir:

L4659 Referring to my letter of 16th January, 1891, addressed to you at Buckner, Kan. which has not been returned to me and has (I presume) been forwarded to you, I should feel obliged by your writing me on the subject of interest overdue on the $550- Mortgage on NW¼ of 26-23-25 Hodgeman Co.

I have the papers ready to deliver on payment.

Yours truly
Henry S. Dotterer

George W. Scott papers



F. S. HAMMOND,
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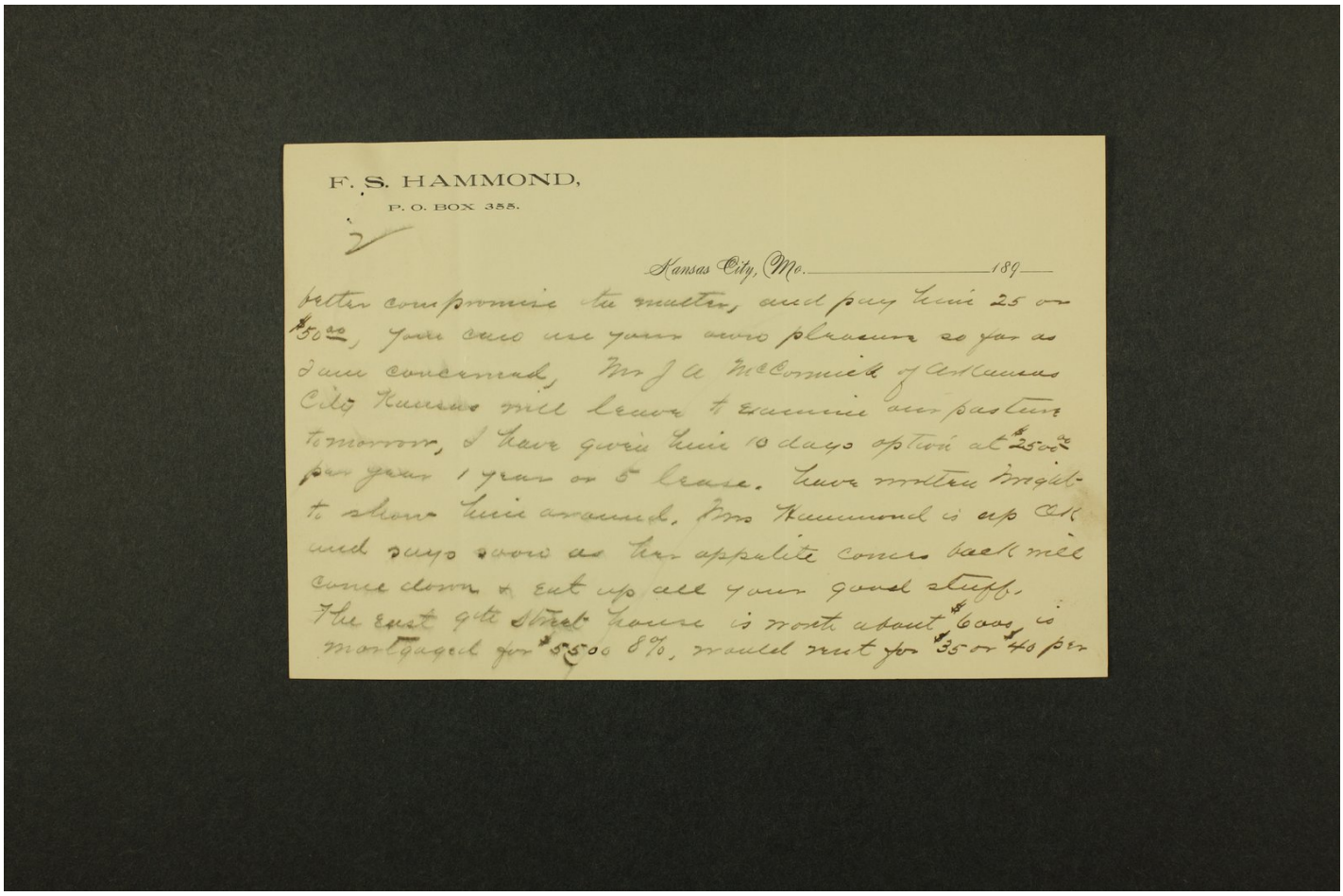
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Butler have deads made to our mor
for your ranching may happen. see Mastersons
brands, if you think it advisable I can take the
horses down next week if it will be any cheaper
I have written Wight asking him to remain on the
ranch until 15th of March or April 1st provided
he is agreeable, I think the matter has been so
much done down he will be willing to remain
I saw Corcoran yesterday a few minutes, mentioned
the Cattle scheme to him, but I guess he don't take
to it, he says to avoid a suit with Valerius we

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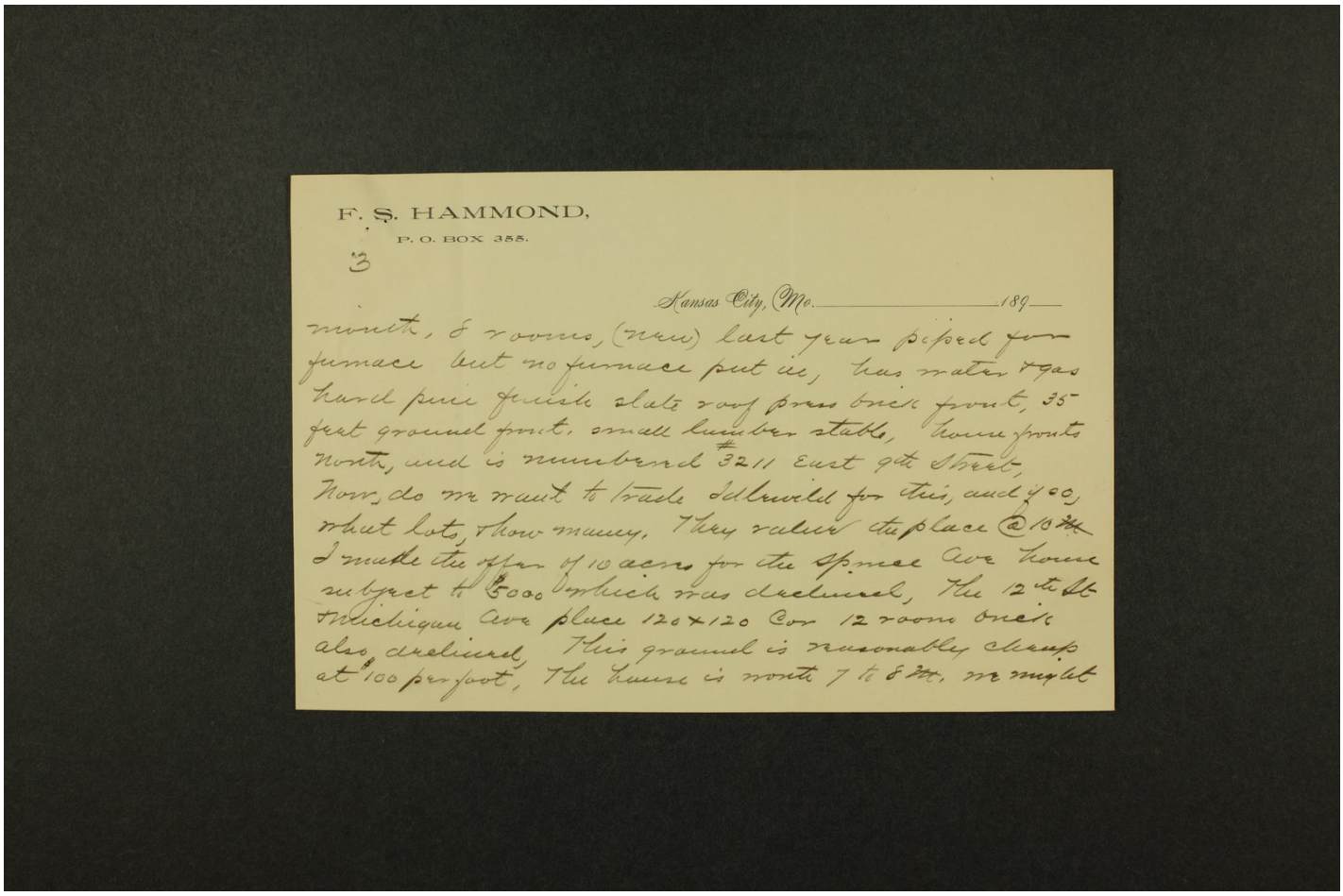


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better compromise the matter, and pay him 25 on $50.00, you can use your own pleasure so far as I am concerned, Mr J A McCormick of Ashburn City Kansas will leave to examine our pasture tomorrow, I have given him 10 days option at $25.00 per year 1 year or 5 lease. Have written Ingalls to show him around, Mrs Hammond is up at and says soon as her appetite comes back will come down & eat up all your good stuff. The east gate Street house is worth about $6000 is mortgaged for $3500 8%, would rent for $35 or $40 per

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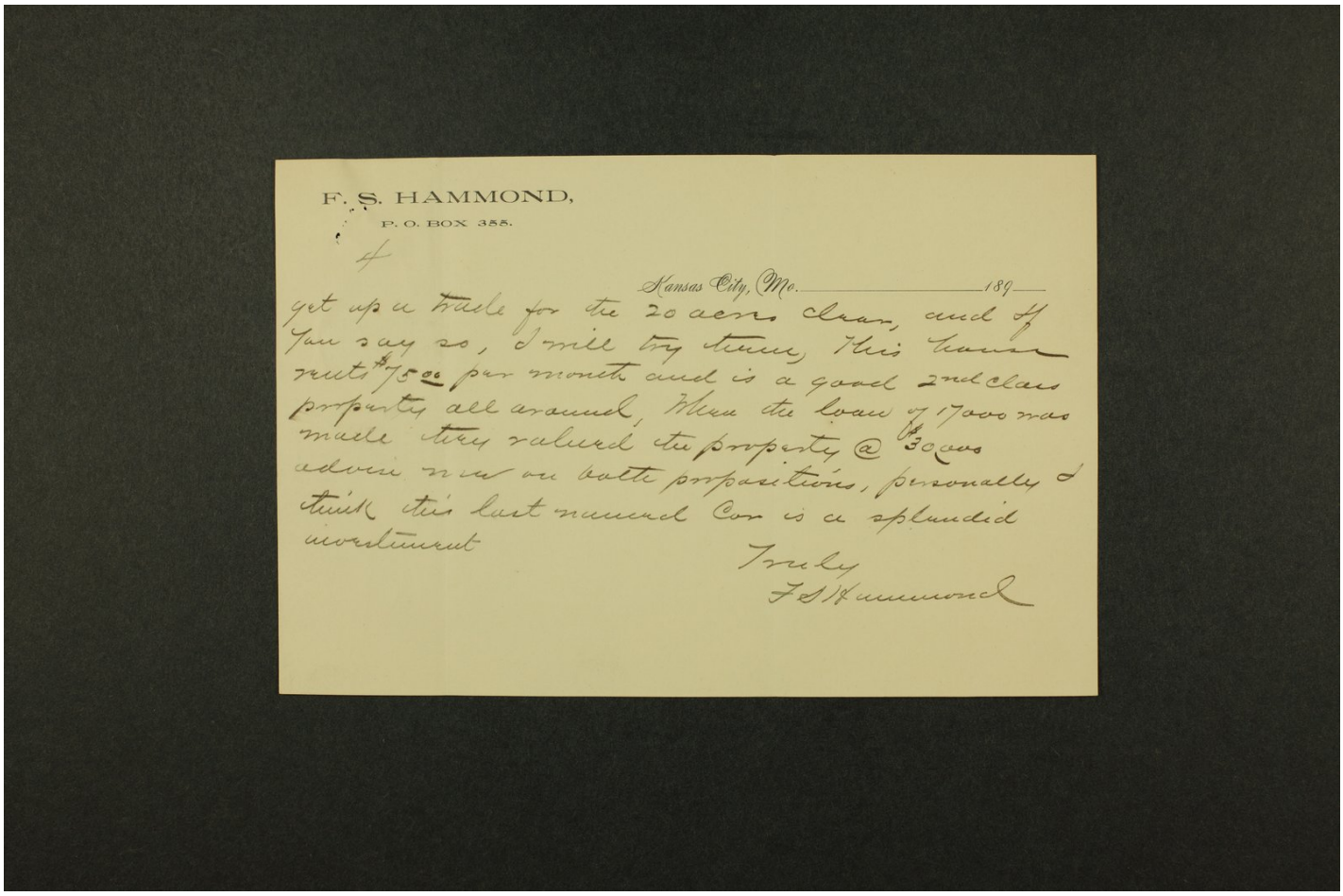
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ninth, 8 rooms, (new) last year piped for furnace but no furnace put in, has water + gas hard pine finish slate roof press brick front, 35 feet ground front. small lumber stable, house fronts north, and is numbered #3211 East 9th Street.
Now, do we want to trade Selmwild for this, and $?00, what lots, how many, They value the place @ 10M
I make the offer of 10 acres for the Spruce ave house subject to $2000 which was declined, The 12 th St Michigan ave place 120×120 Cor 12 room brick also declined, This ground is reasonably cheap at $100 per foot, The house is worth 7 to 8 M, we might

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get up a trade for the 20 acres clear, and if you say so, I will try them. This house rents $75.00 per month and is a good 2nd class property all around. When the loan of $17000 was made they valued the property @ $30,000 advise me on both propositions, personally I think this last named one is a splendid investment

Truly
F S Hammond