George W. Scott papers

Section 33, Pages 961 - 990

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

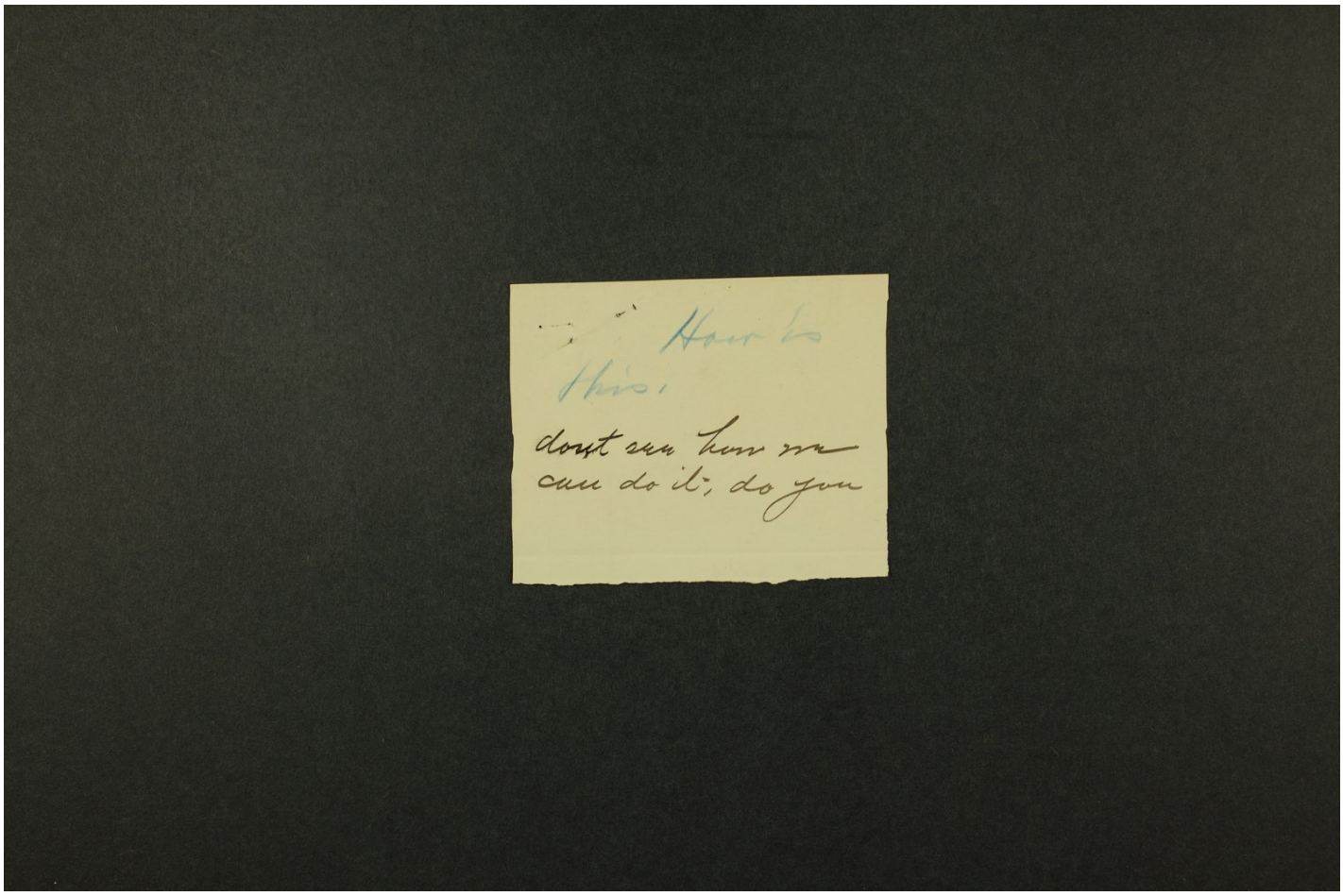
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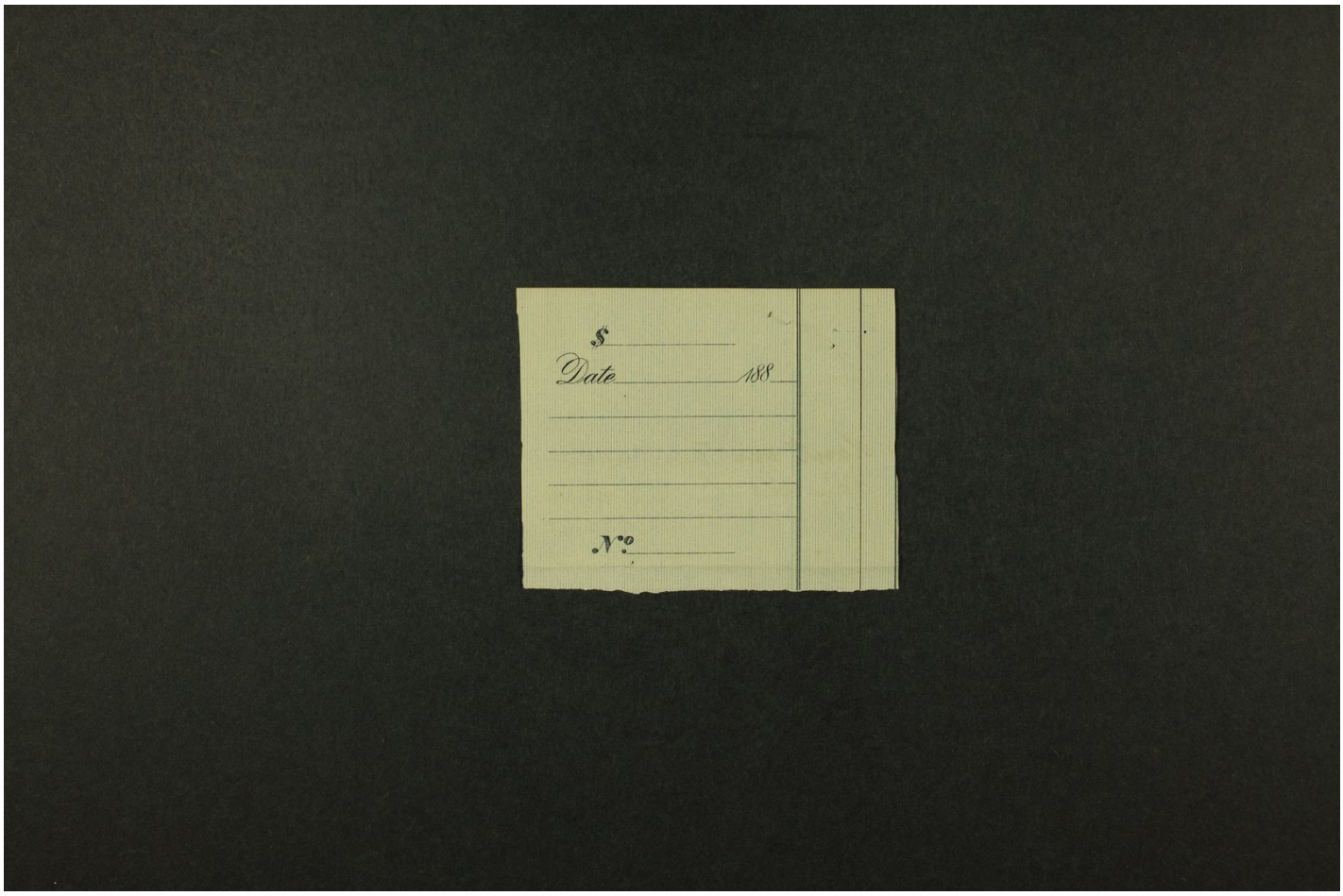
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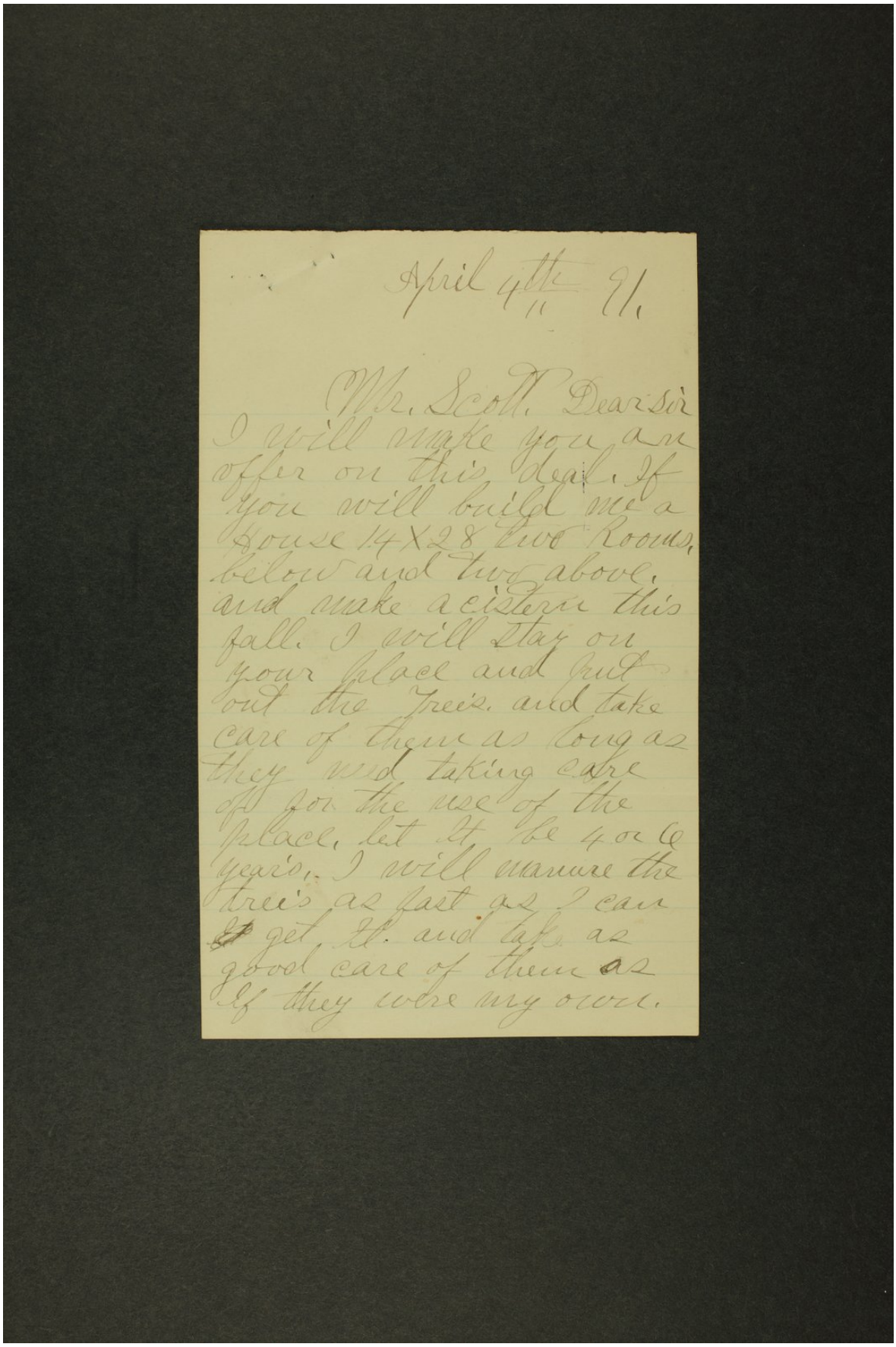
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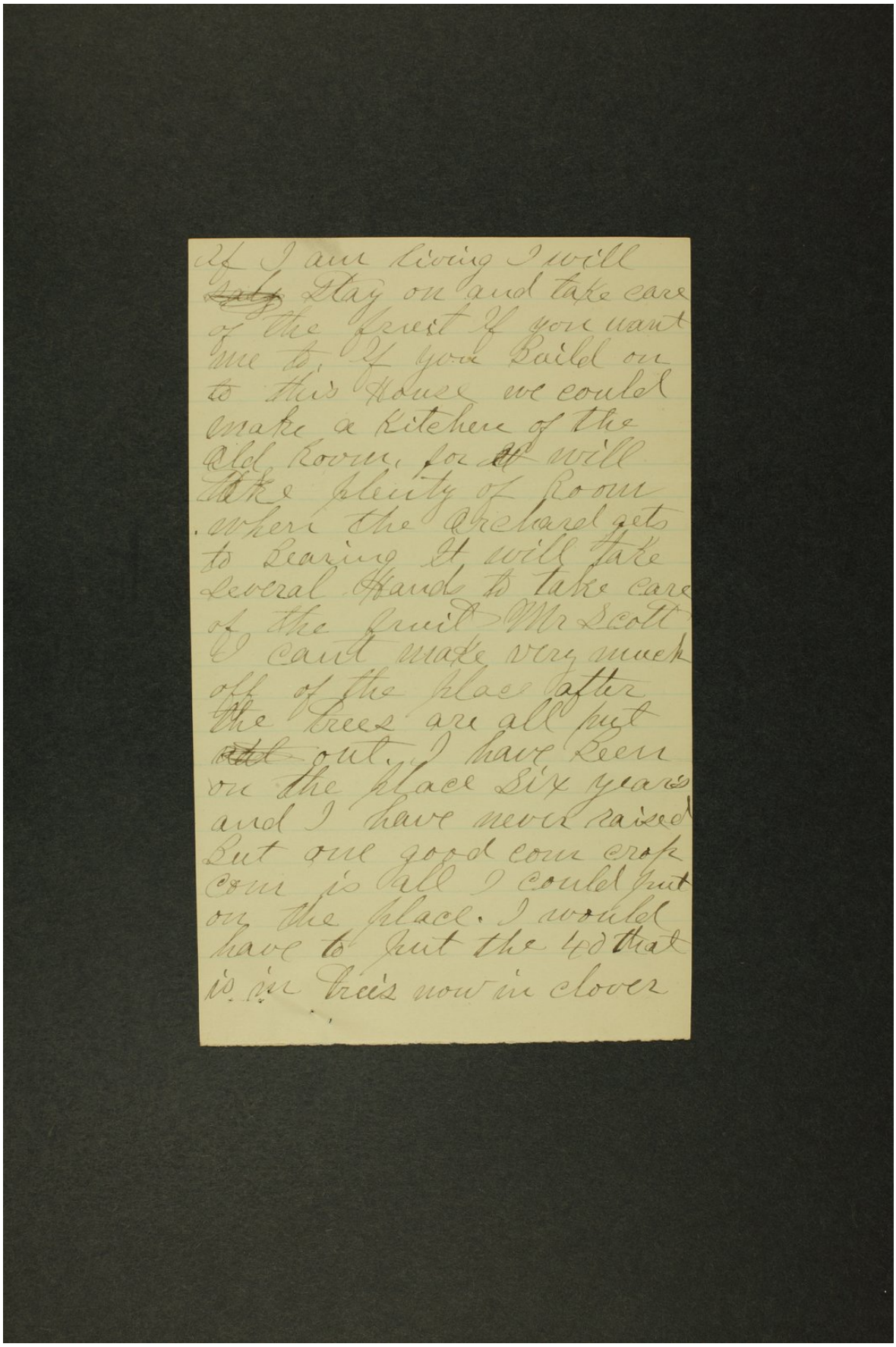
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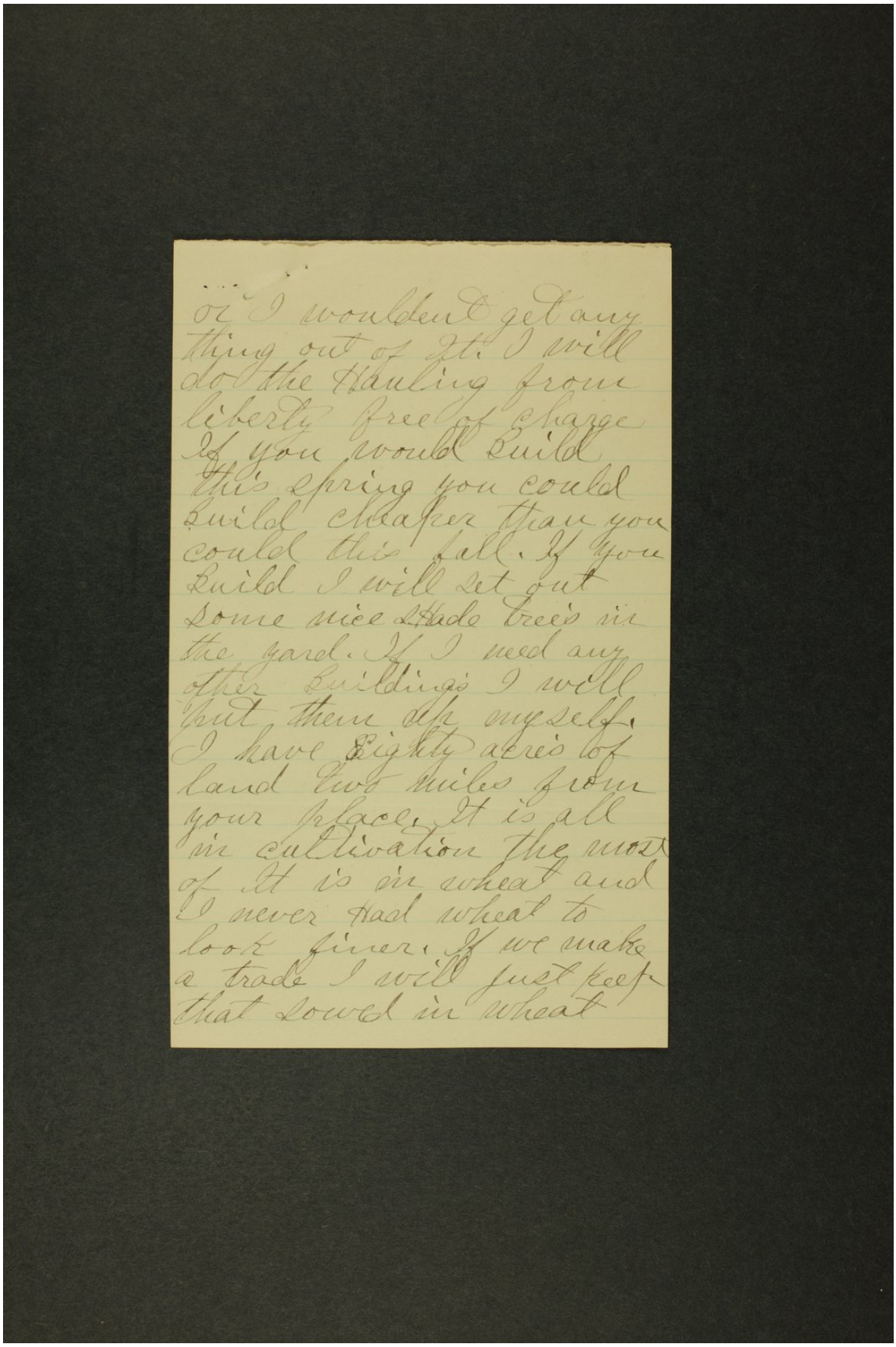


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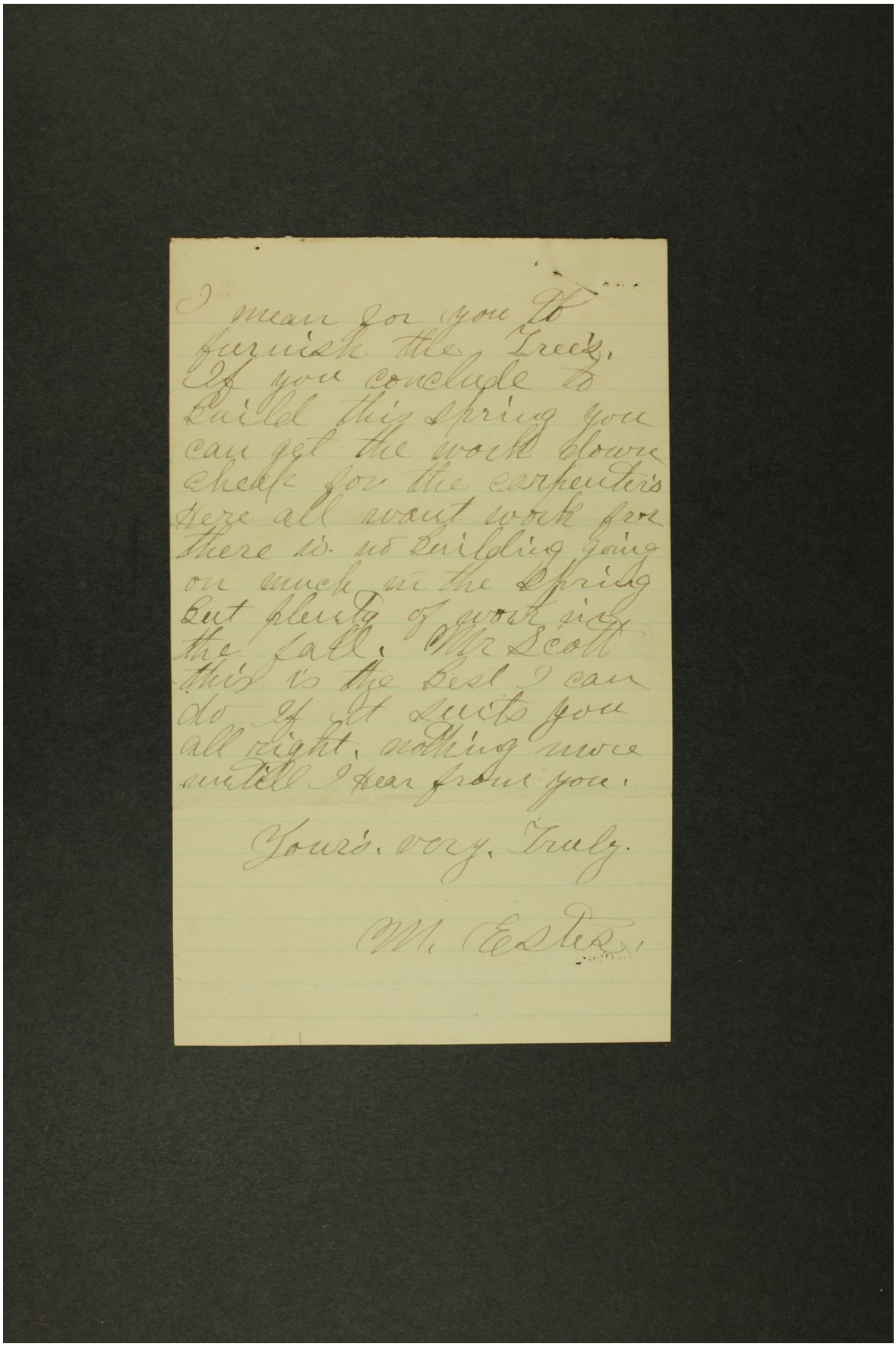
Mr. Scott. Dear Sir
I will make you an
offer on this deal. If
you will build me a
House 14 X 28 two Rooms
below and two above.
and make a cistern this
fall. I will stay on
your place and put
out the Trees. and take
care of them as long as
they and taking care
of for the use of the
place. let it be 4 or 6
years. I will manure the
trees as fast as I can
get it. and take as
good care of them as
if they were my own.



If I am living I will ~~help~~ Play on and take care of the fruit if you want me to. If you build on to this House we could make a Kitchen of the old room for it will take plenty of room when the Orchard gets to bearing it will take several Hands to take care of the fruit Mr Scott I cant make very much off of the place after the trees are all put out. I have been on the place Six years and I have never raised But one good corn crop corn is all I could put on the place. I would have to put the 40 that is in trees now in clover



or I wouldent get any thing out of it. I will do the Hauling from liberty free of charge If you would build this spring you could build cheaper than you could this fall. If you build I will set out some nice Shade trees in the yard. If I need any other Buildings I will but them of you myself. I have Eighty acres of land two miles from your place. It is all in cultivation the most of it is in wheat and I never had wheat to look finer. If we make a trade I will just keep that sowed in wheat

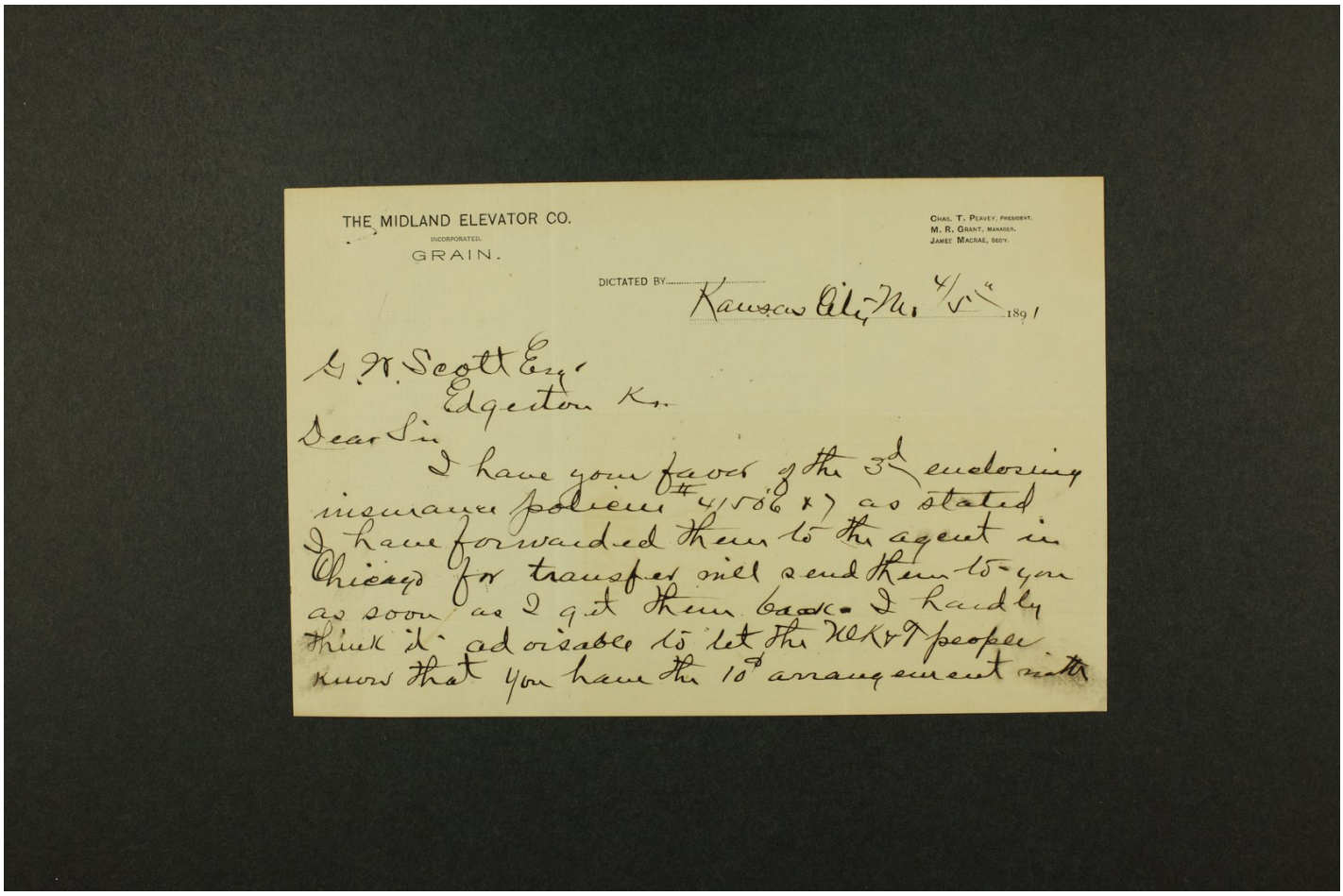


I mean for you to
furnish the Teck.
If you conclude to
build this Spring you
can get the work down
check for the carpenters
Here all want work for
there is no building going
on much in the Spring
But plenty of work in
the Fall. Mr Scott
this is the best I can
do If it Suits you
all right. nothing more
until I hear from you.

Yours. very. Truly.

M. Estes.

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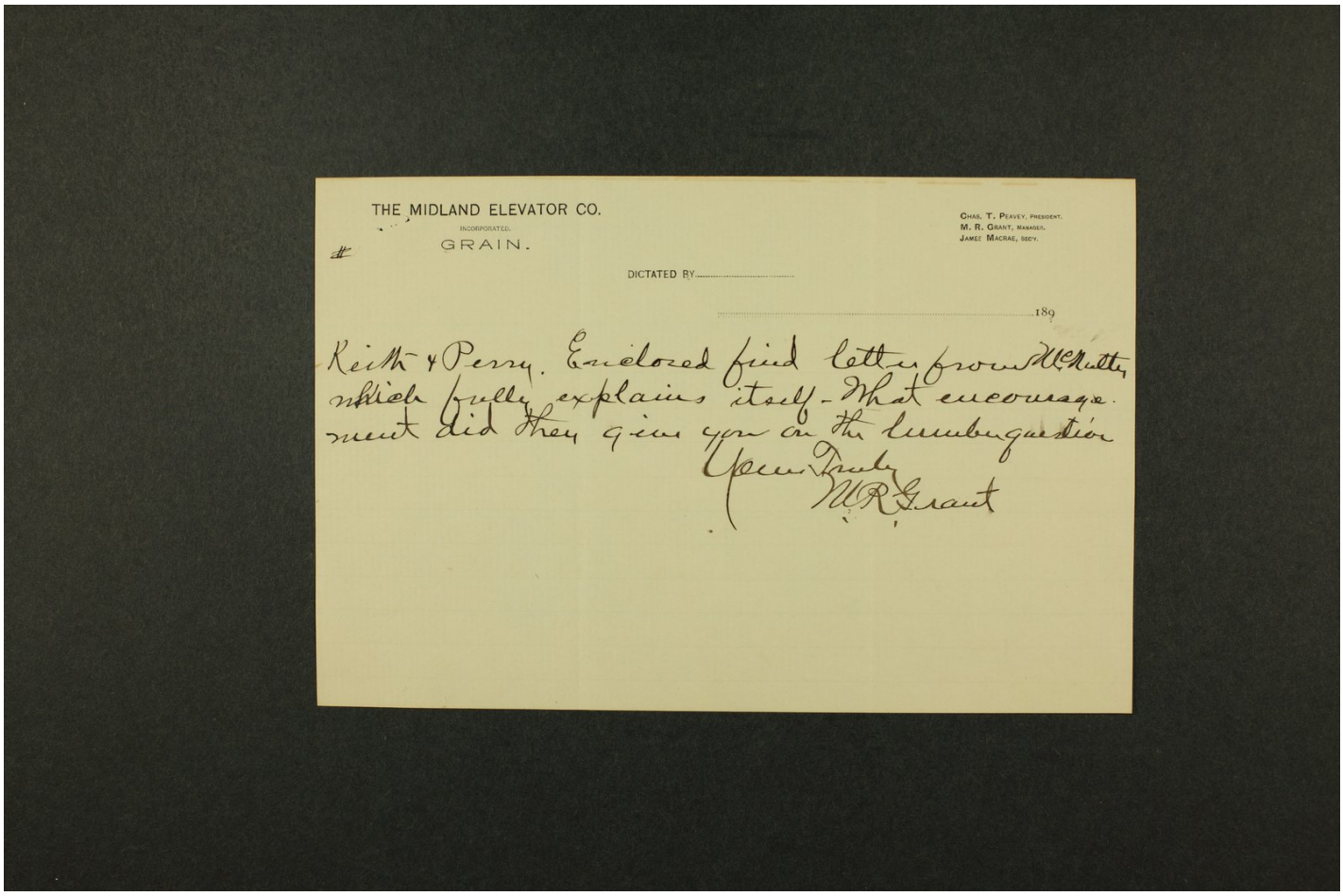
Kansas City, Mo. 4/5 1891

G. W. Scott Esq'
Edgerton Ks.

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 3d enclosing insurance policies #4586 & 7 as stated I have forwarded them to the agent in Chicago for transfer will send them to you as soon as I get them back. I hardly think it advisable to let the K.K.& T. people know that you have the 10% arrangement with

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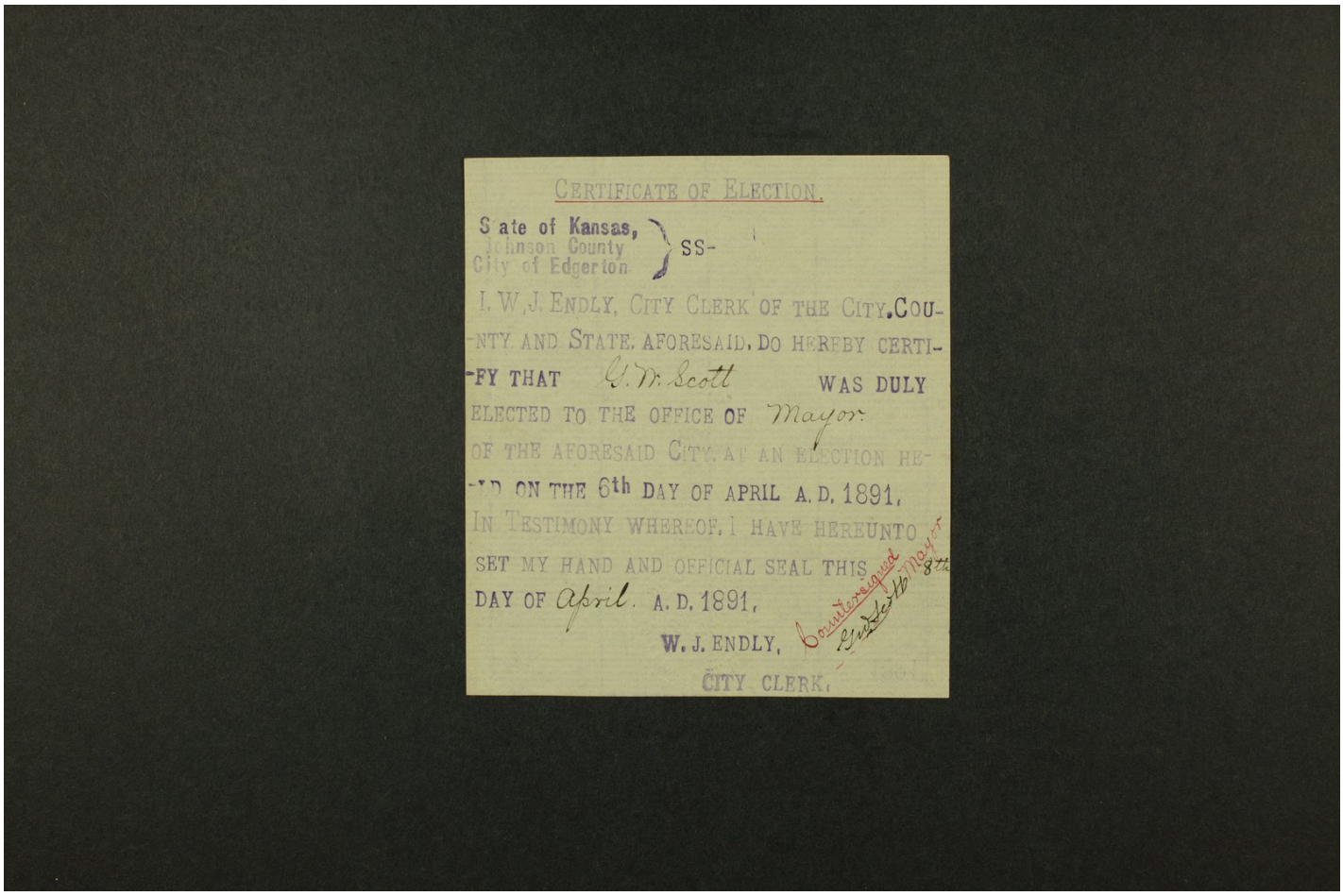
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Keith & Perry. Enclosed find letter from McCutcheon which fully explains itself - What encouragement did they give you on the lumber question

Yours Truly
M R Grant

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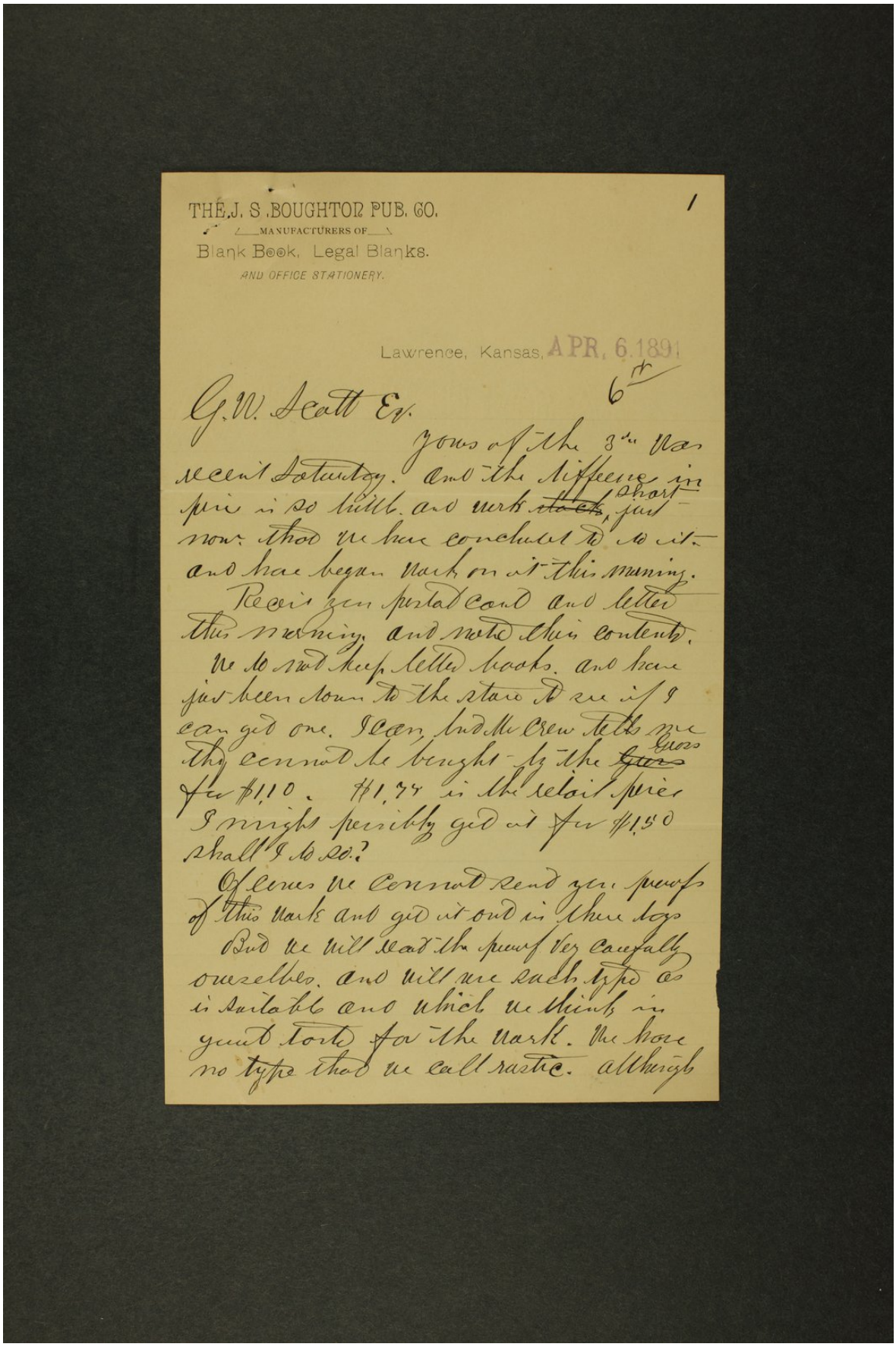
State of Kansas, Johnson County City of Edgerton } SS-

I, W. J. ENDLY, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT G. W. Scott WAS DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF Mayor OF THE AFORESAID CITY, AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL A. D. 1891.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 8th DAY OF April A. D. 1891.

countersigned Geo. W. Scott Mayor

W. J. ENDLY,
CITY CLERK.



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Lawrence, Kansas, APR. 6. 1891

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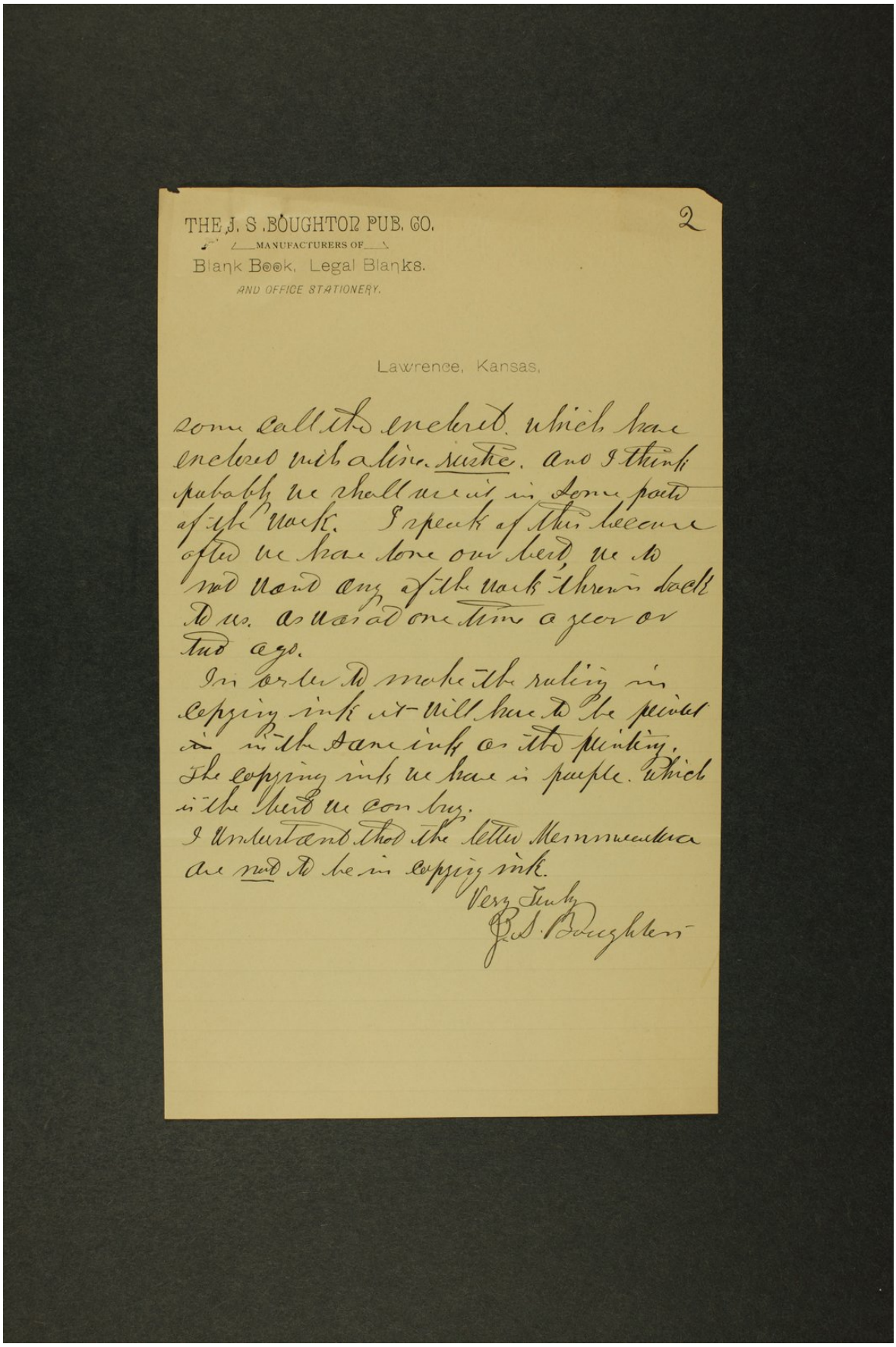
G. W. Scott Esq.

Yours of the 3rd was recd Saturday. and the difference in price is so little. and work short, just now. that we have concluded to do it. and have began work on it this morning.

Recd yesterday card and letter this morning, and noted their contents.

We do not keep letter books. and have just been down to the store to see if I can get one. I can, but Mr Crew tells me they cannot be bought by the Gross for $1.10. $1.44 is the retail price I might possibly get it for $1.30 shall I do so?

Of course we cannot send you proofs of this work and get it out in three days But we will read the proof very carefully ourselves. and will use such type as is suitable and which we think is your best for the work. We have no type that we call rustic. although



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Lawrence, Kansas,

some call the enclosed which have enclosed with a few sinks. and I think probably we shall need it in some parts of the work. I speak of this because often we have some one send us and want any of the work thrown back to us. as we had one time a year or two ago.

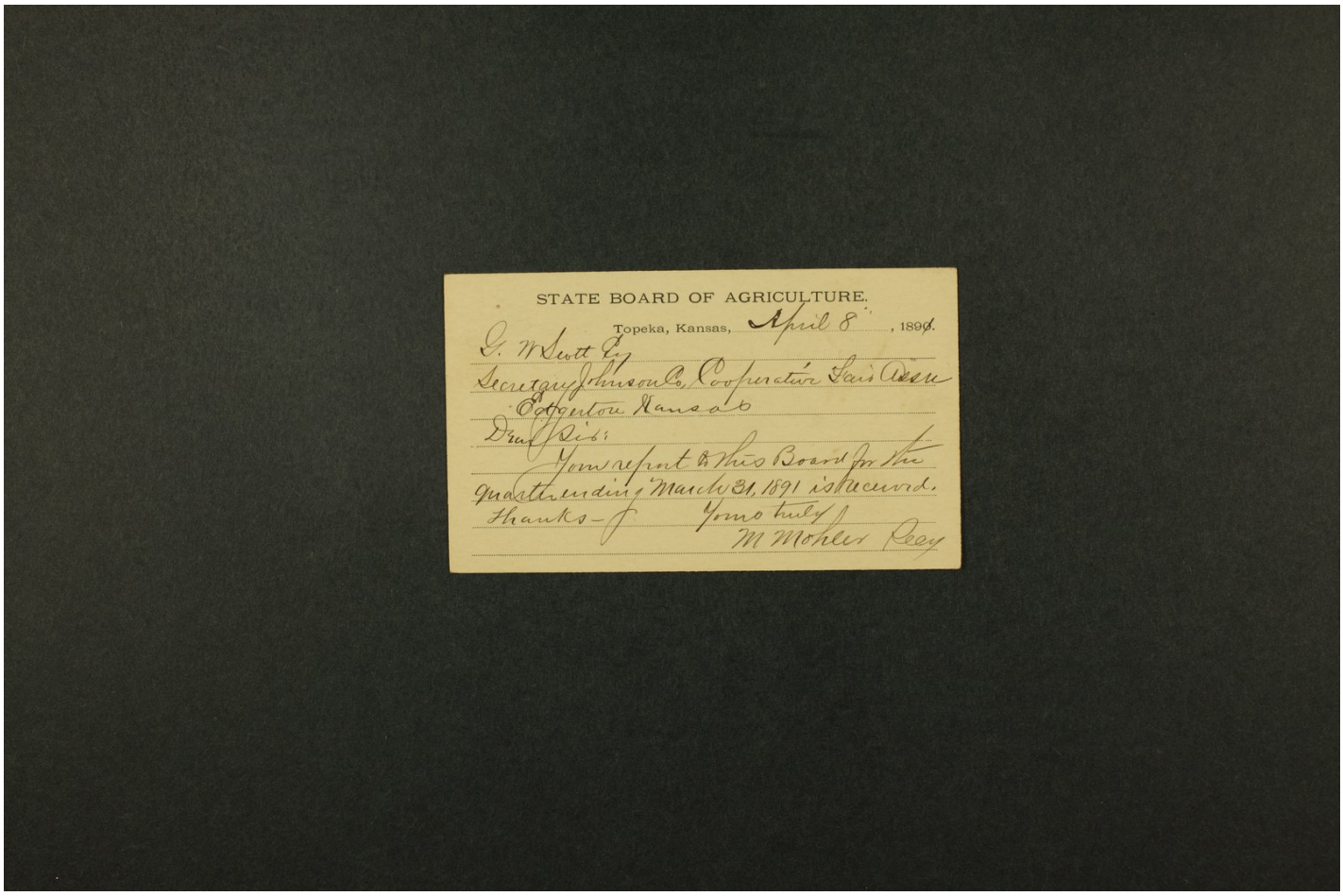
In order to make the ruling in copying ink it will have to be printed in with the same ink as the printing. The copying inks we have is purple. which is the best we can buy.

I understand that the letter Memorandum are said to be in copying ink.

Very Truly

J. S. Boughton

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STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Topeka, Kansas, April 8, 1891.

G. W. Scott Esq
Secretary Johnson Co. Cooperative Fair Assn
Olathe Kansas

Dear Sir:

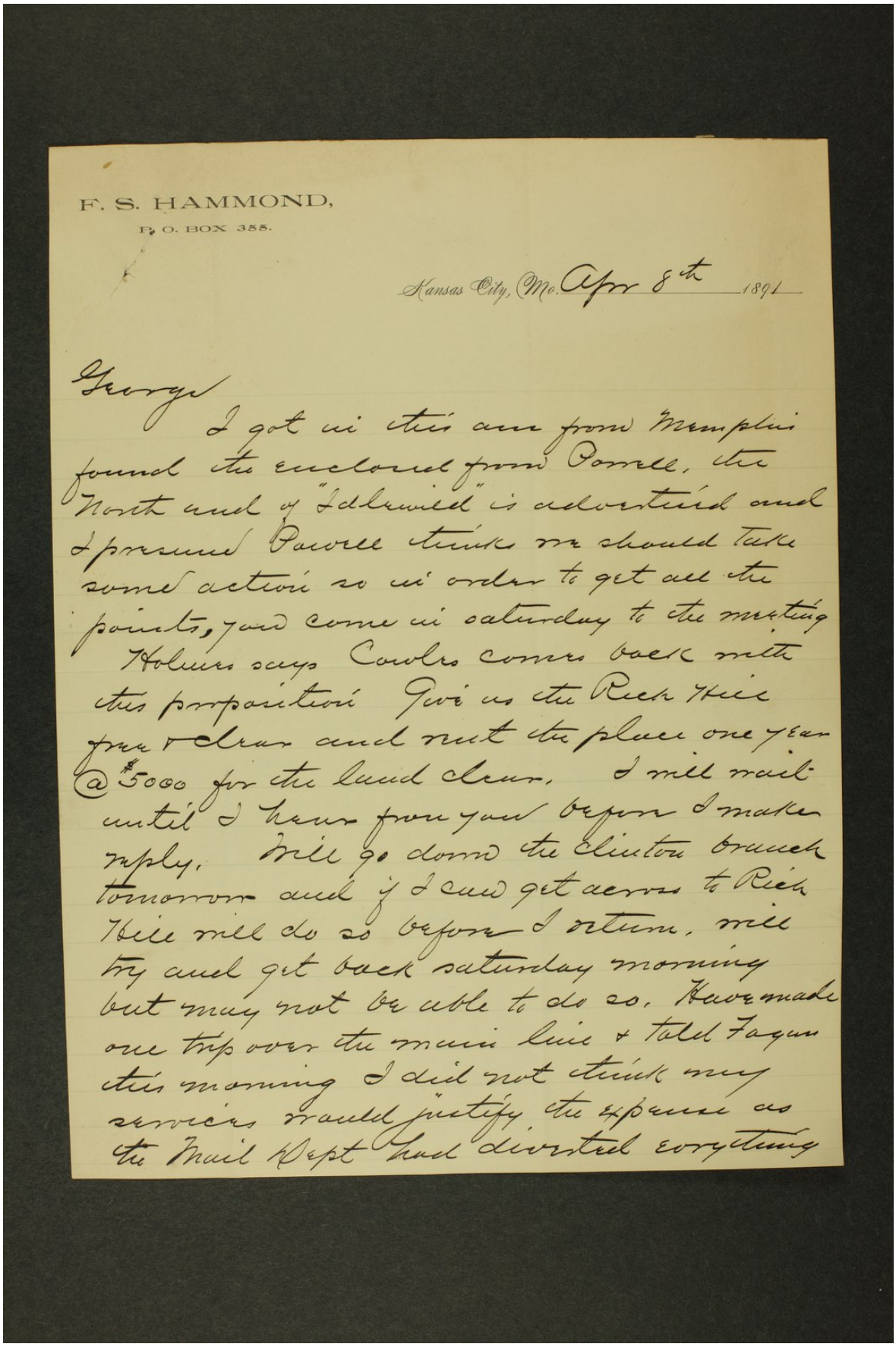
Your report to this Board for the quarter ending March 31, 1891 is received.

Thanks—

Yours truly,
M. Mohler Secy

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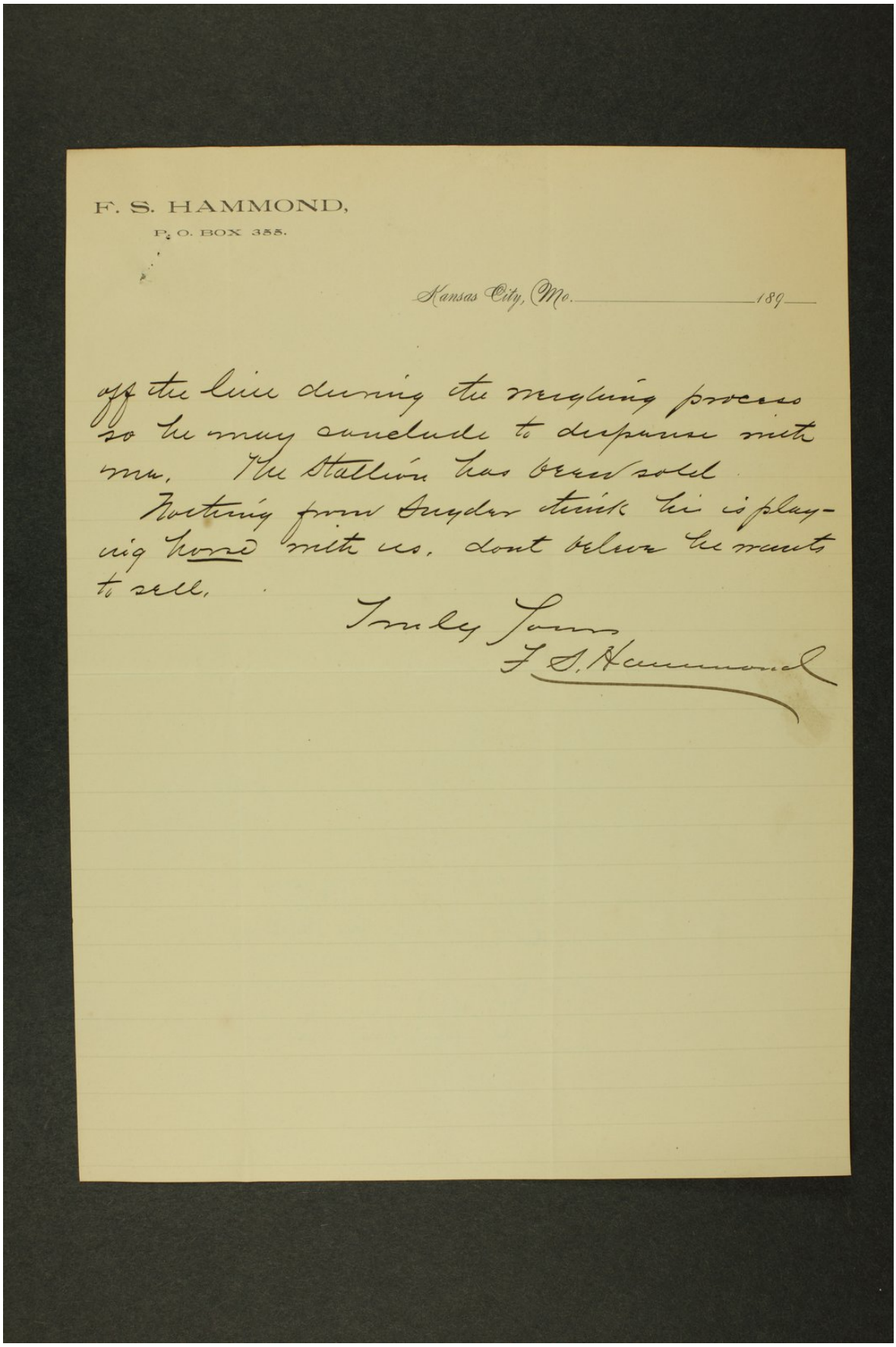


F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. Apr 8th 1891

George

I got in this am from Memphis found the enclosed from Powell, the North end of "Idlewild" is advertised and I presume Powell thinks we should take some action so in order to get all the points, you come in saturday to the meeting Holmes says Cowles comes back with this proposition Give us the Rich Hill property clear and rent the place one year @ $5000 for the land clear. I will wait until I hear from you before I make reply. Will go down the Clinton branch tomorrow and if I can get across to Rich Hill will do so before I return, will try and get back saturday morning but may not be able to do so. Have made one trip over the main line & told Fagan this morning I did not think my services would justify the expense as the Mail Dept had diverted everything



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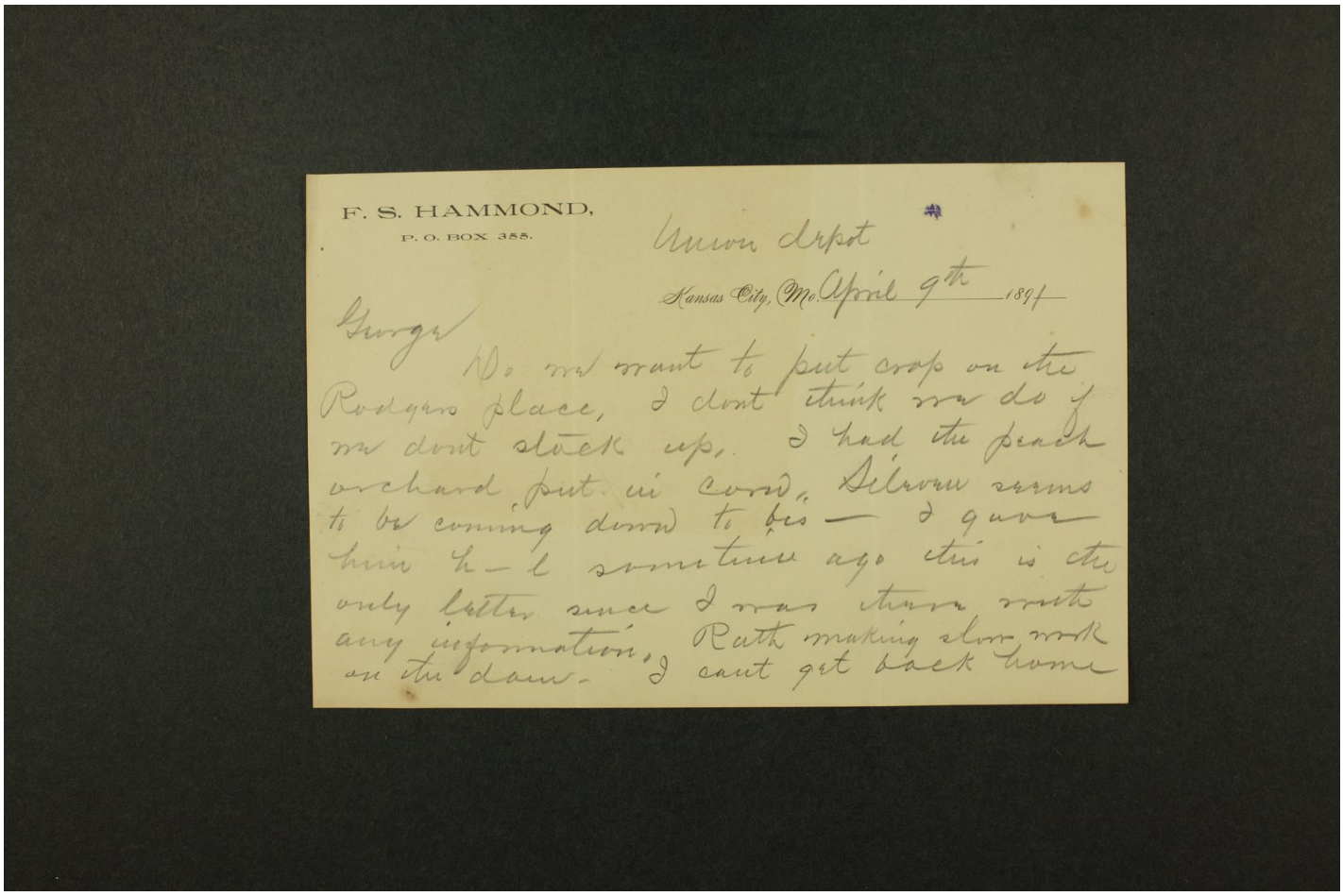
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off the line during the mating process so he may conclude to dispense with me. The Stallion has been sold.

Nothing from Snyder think he is playing horse with us. dont believe he wants to sell.

Truly Yours
F. S. Hammond

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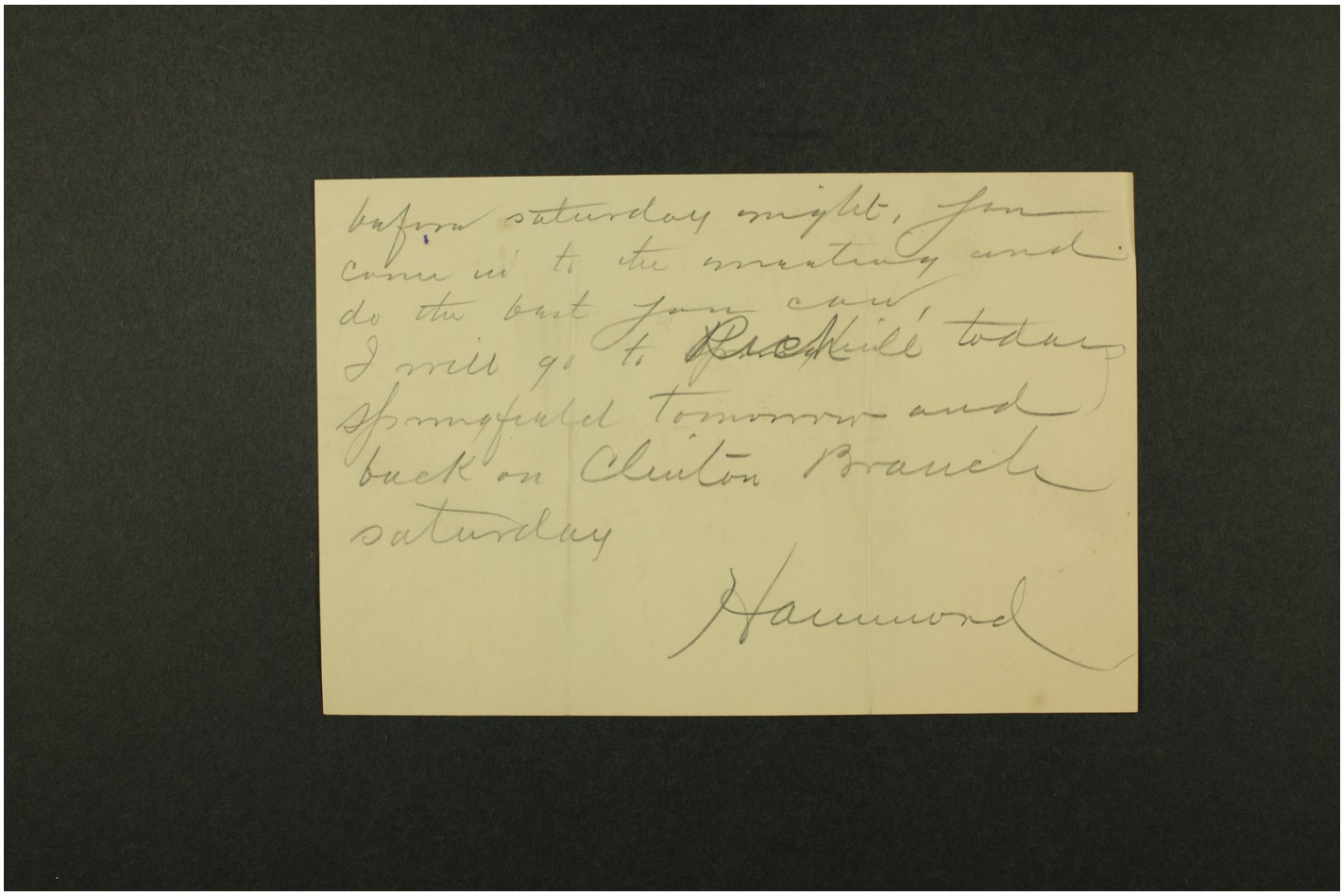
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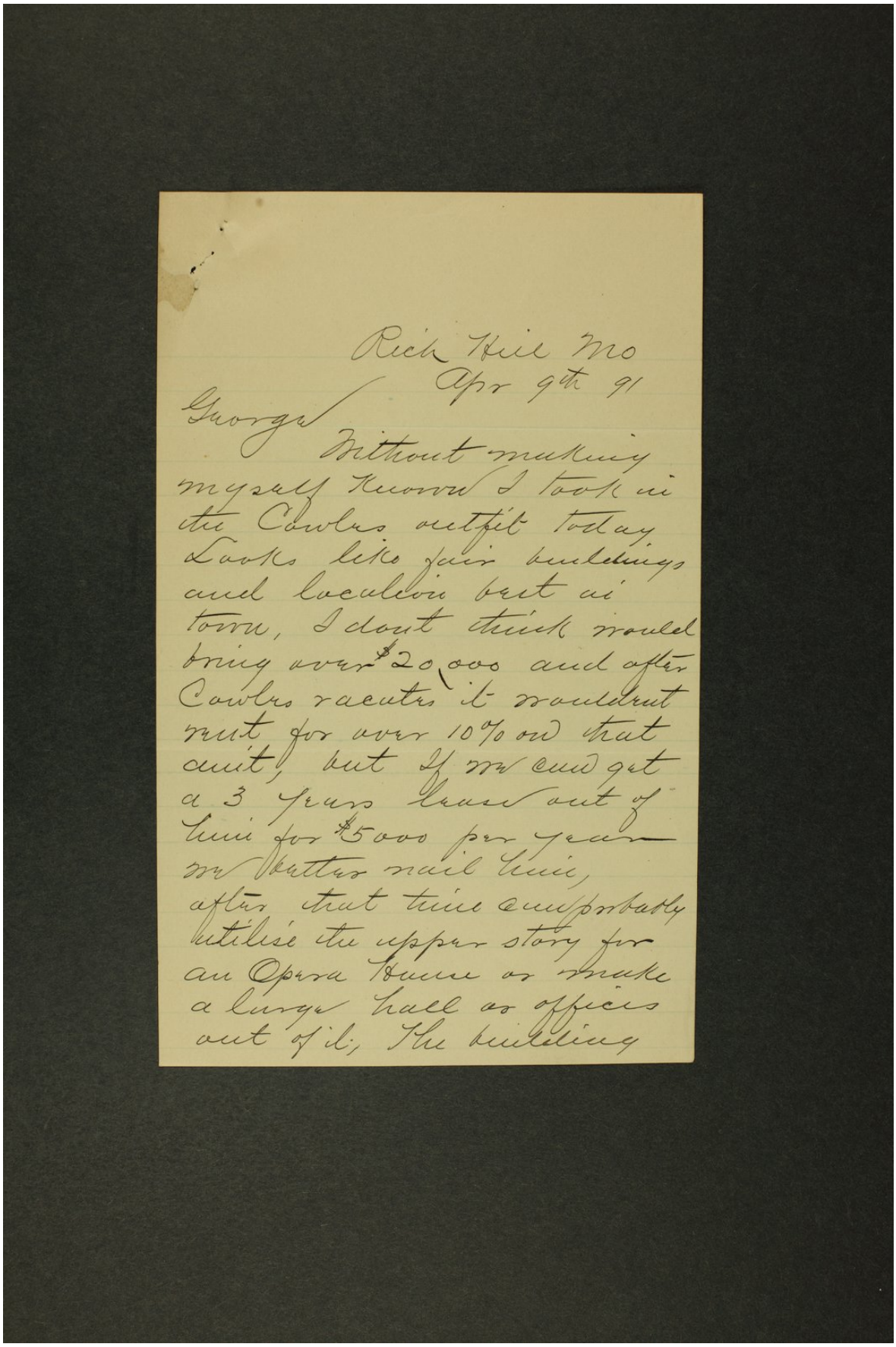
Union Depot
Kansas City, Mo. April 9th 1894

George

No we want to put crop on the Rodgers place, I dont think we do if we dont stock up. I had the peach orchard put in corn, Silvan seems to be coming down to see — I gave him h — l sometime ago this is the only letter since I was there with any information, Ruth making slow work on the dam. I cant get back home

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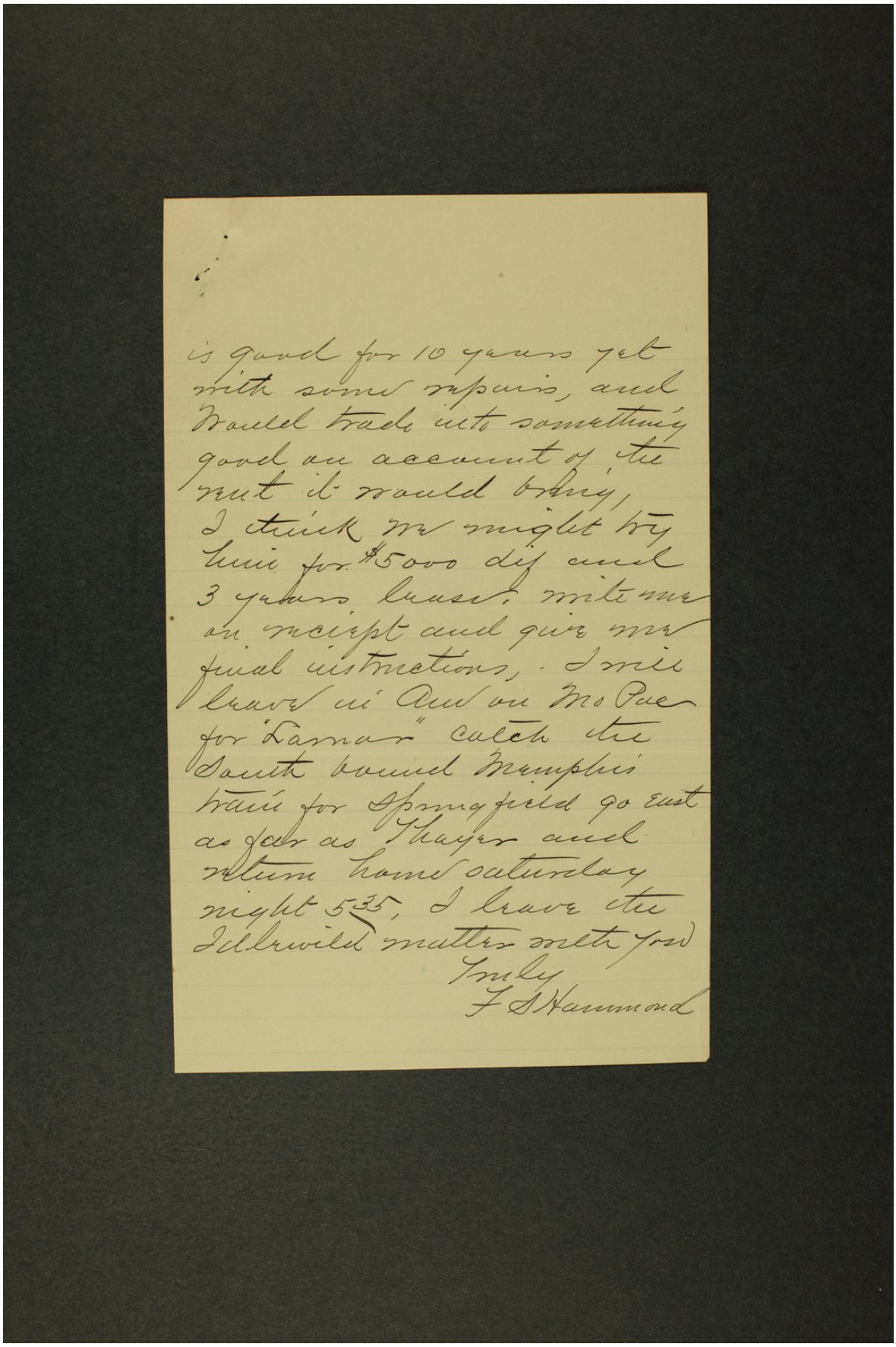

before saturday night, Jim
come in to the meeting and
do the best Jim can
I will go to Rockhill today
Springfield tomorrow and
back on Clinton Branch
saturday
Hammond



Rich Hill Mo
Apr 9th 91

George

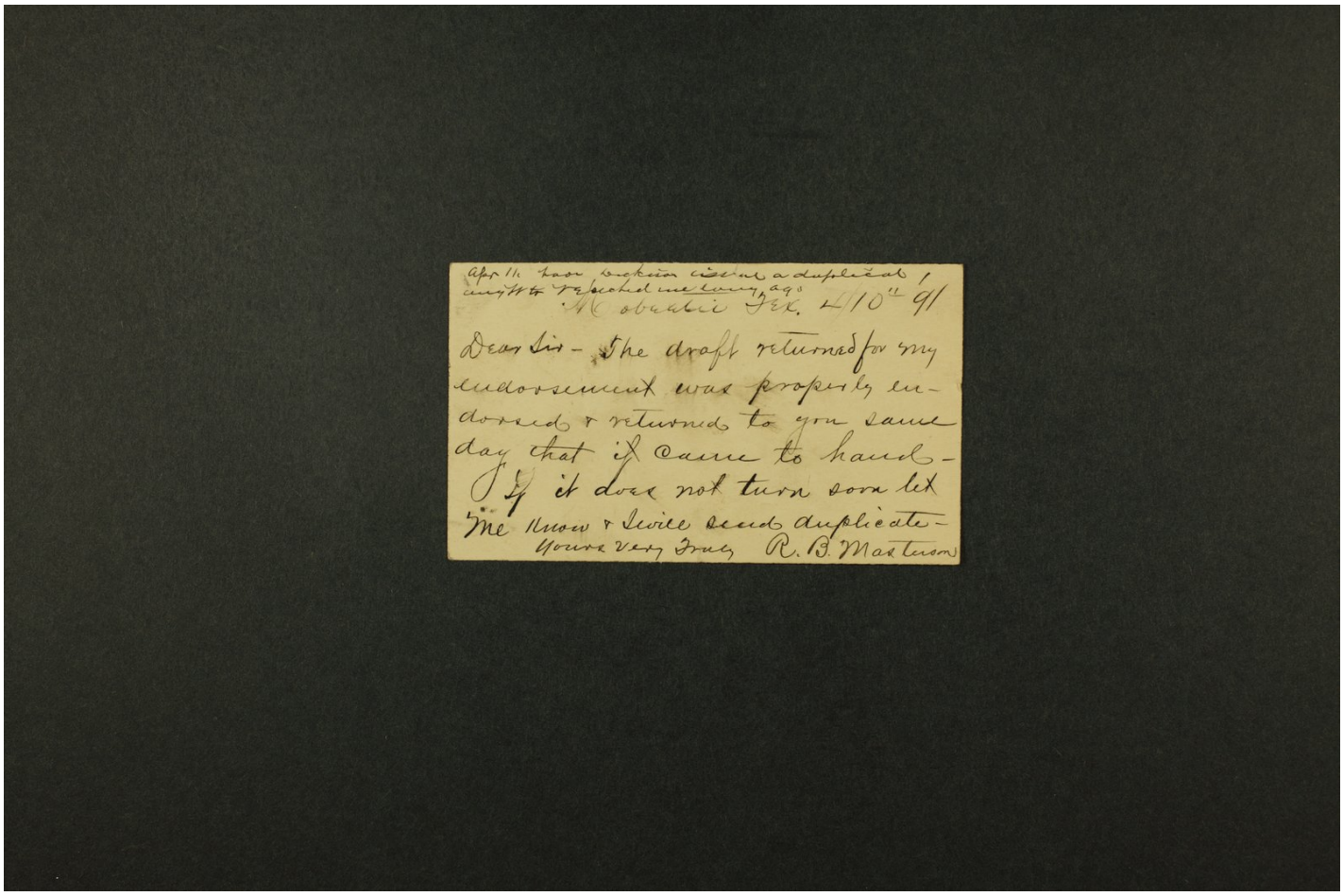
Without making myself known I took in the Cowles outfit today. Looks like fair buildings and location but in town, I dont think would bring over $20,000 and after Cowles vacates it wouldnt rent for over 10% on that cost, but if we could get a 3 years lease out of him for $5000 per year — we better rail him, after that time can probably utilize the upper story for an Opera House or make a large hall as offices out of it; The building



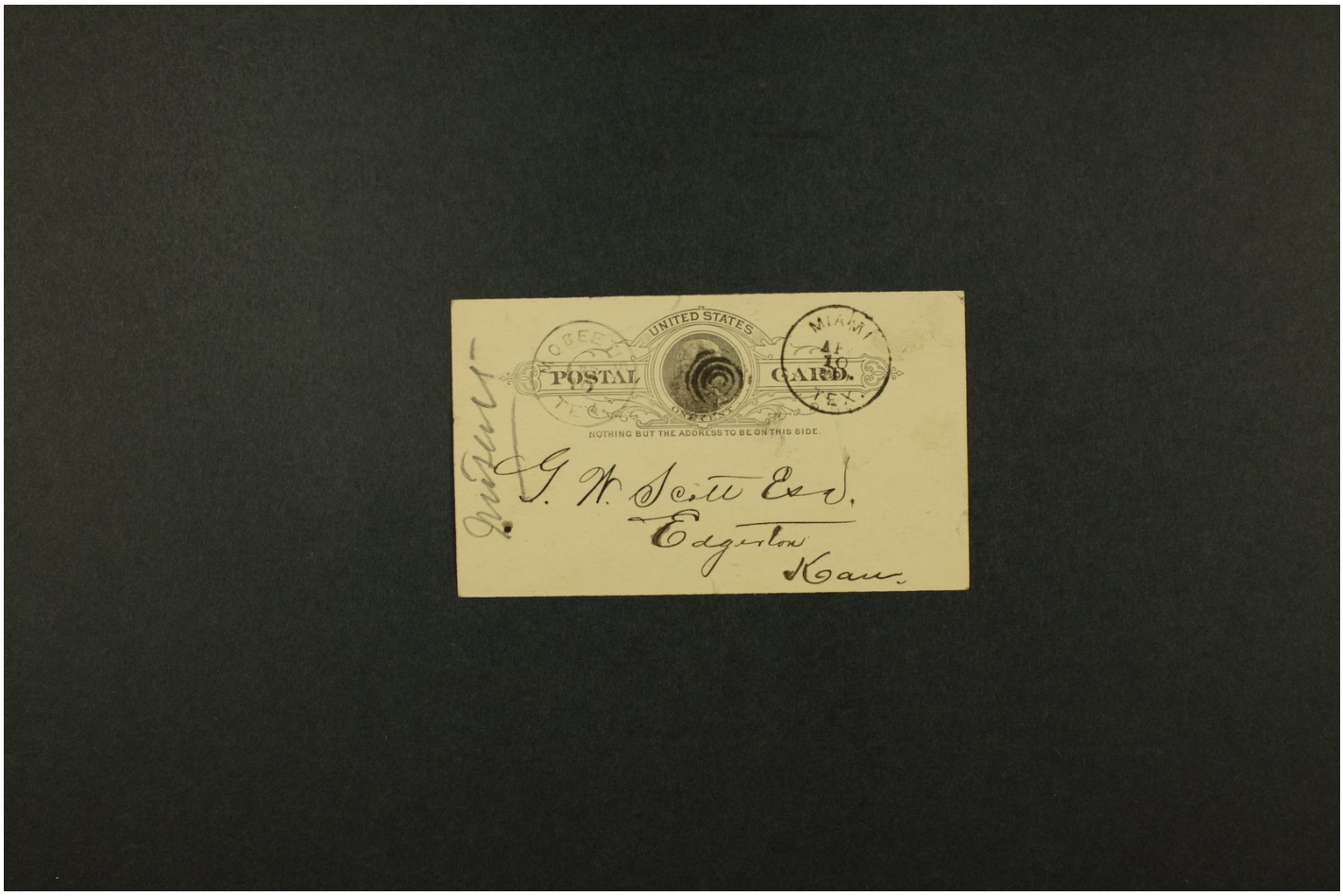
is good for 10 years yet with some repairs, and would trade into something good on account of the rent it would bring, I think we might buy him for $5000 dy and 3 years hence. Write me an receipt and give me final instructions. I will leave it And on Mo Pac for "Lamar" catch the South bound Memphis train for Springfield go east as far as Thayer and return home saturday night 5:35, I leave the Idlewild matter with you

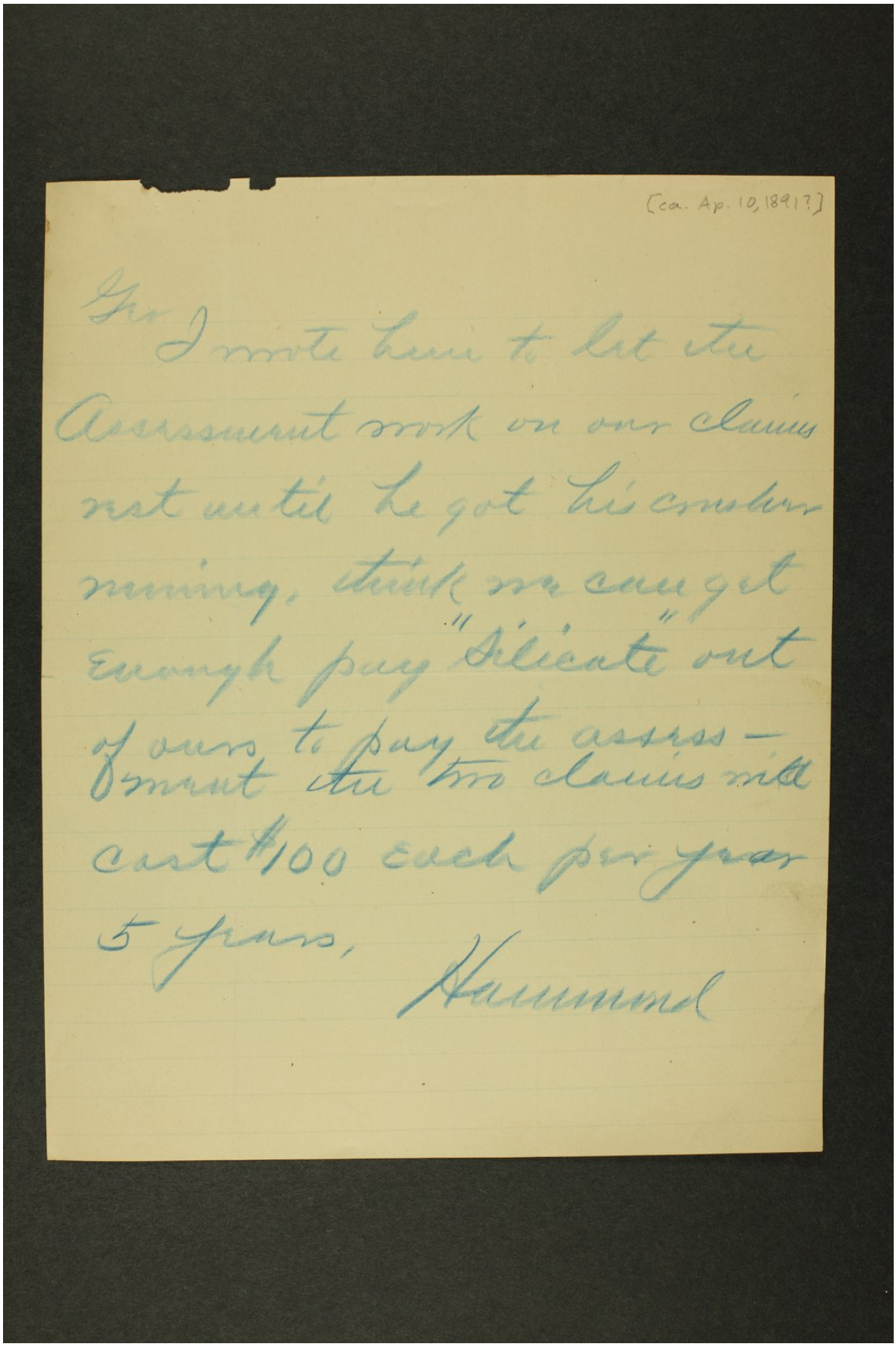
Truly
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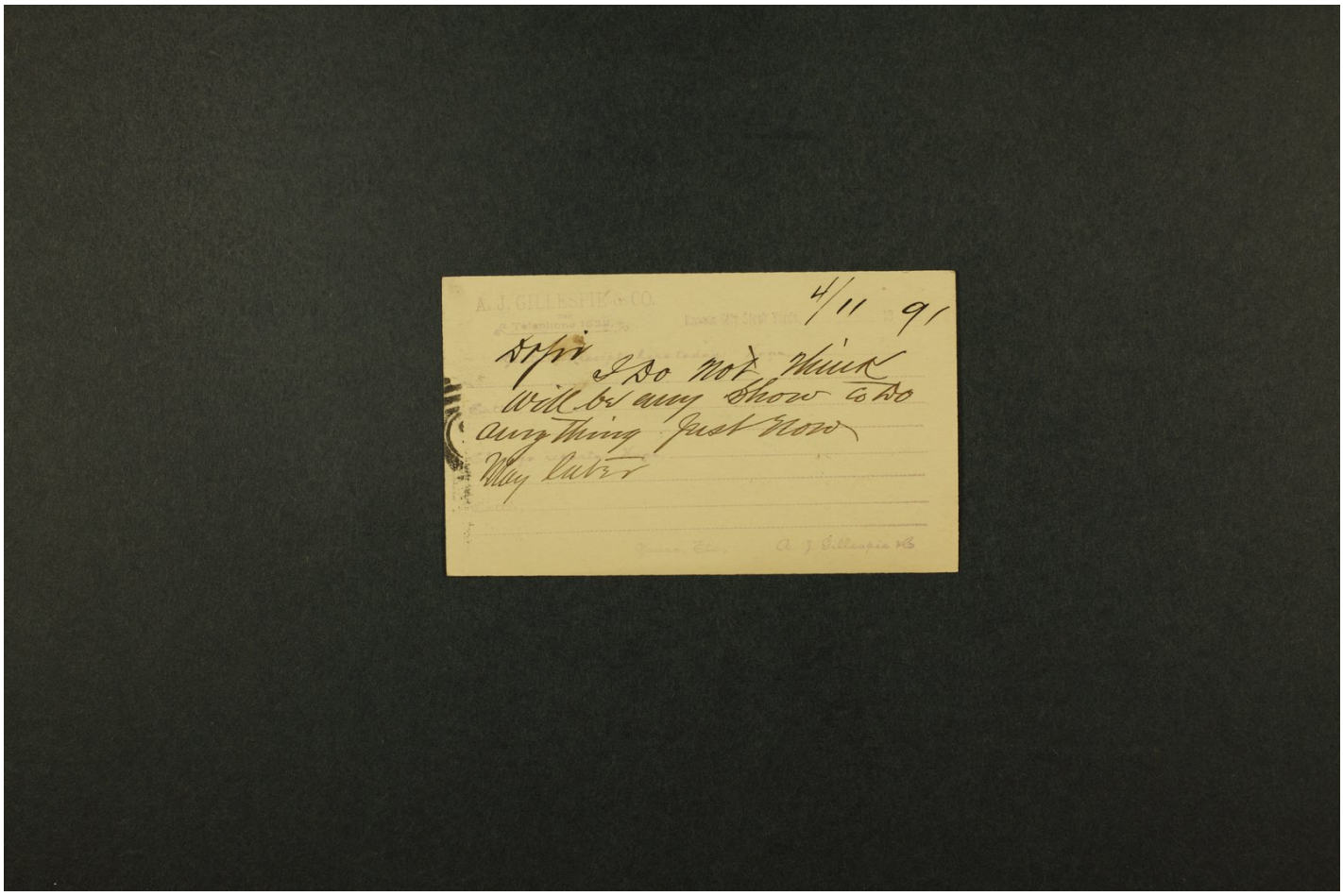


[ca. Ap. 10, 1891?]

Geo I wrote him to let the Assessment work on our claims rest until he got his crushing running, think we can get enough pay "Silicate" out of ours to pay the assessment the two claims will cost $100 each per year 5 years.

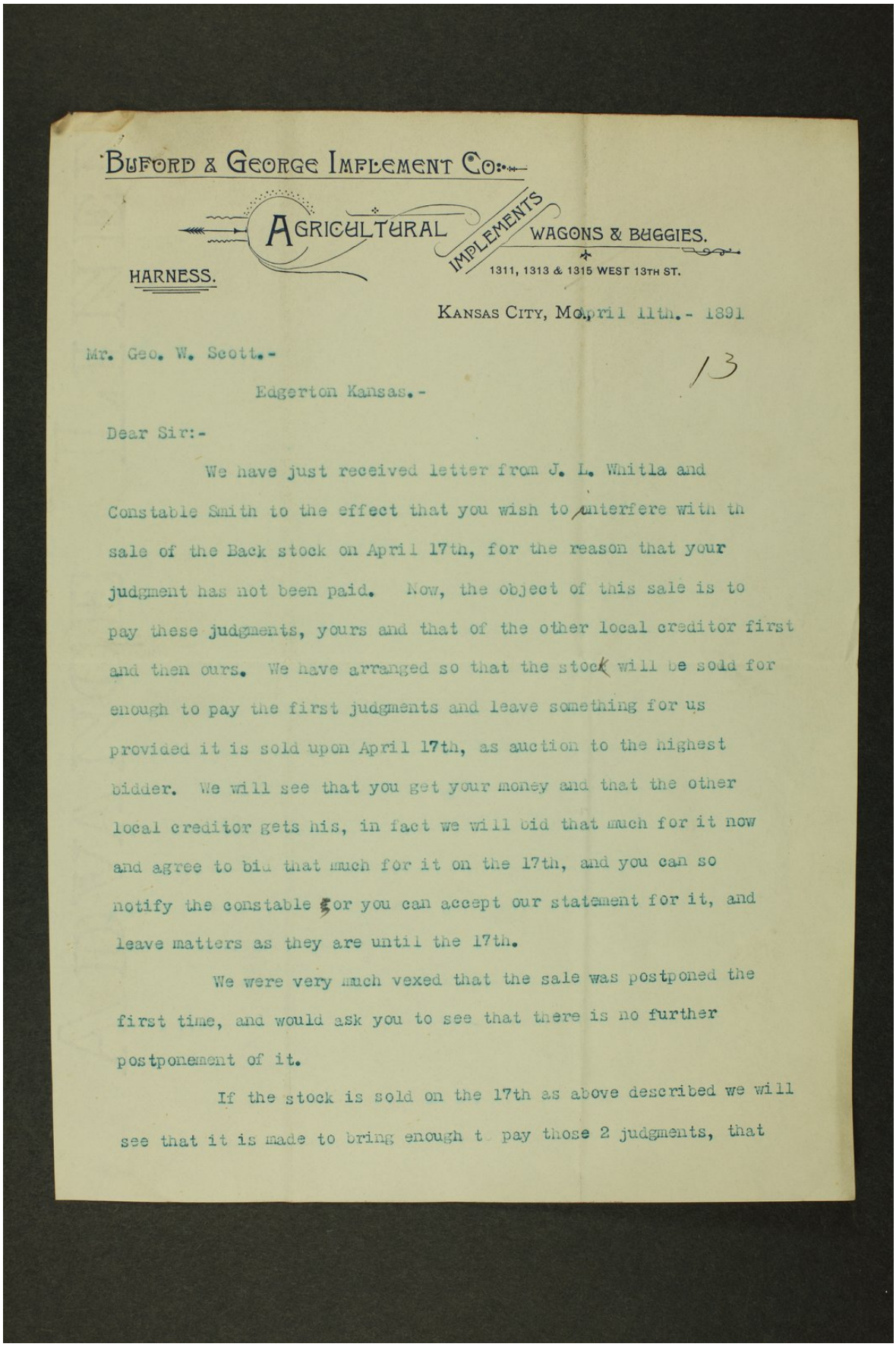
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. April 11th.- 1891

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Mr. Geo. W. Scott.-

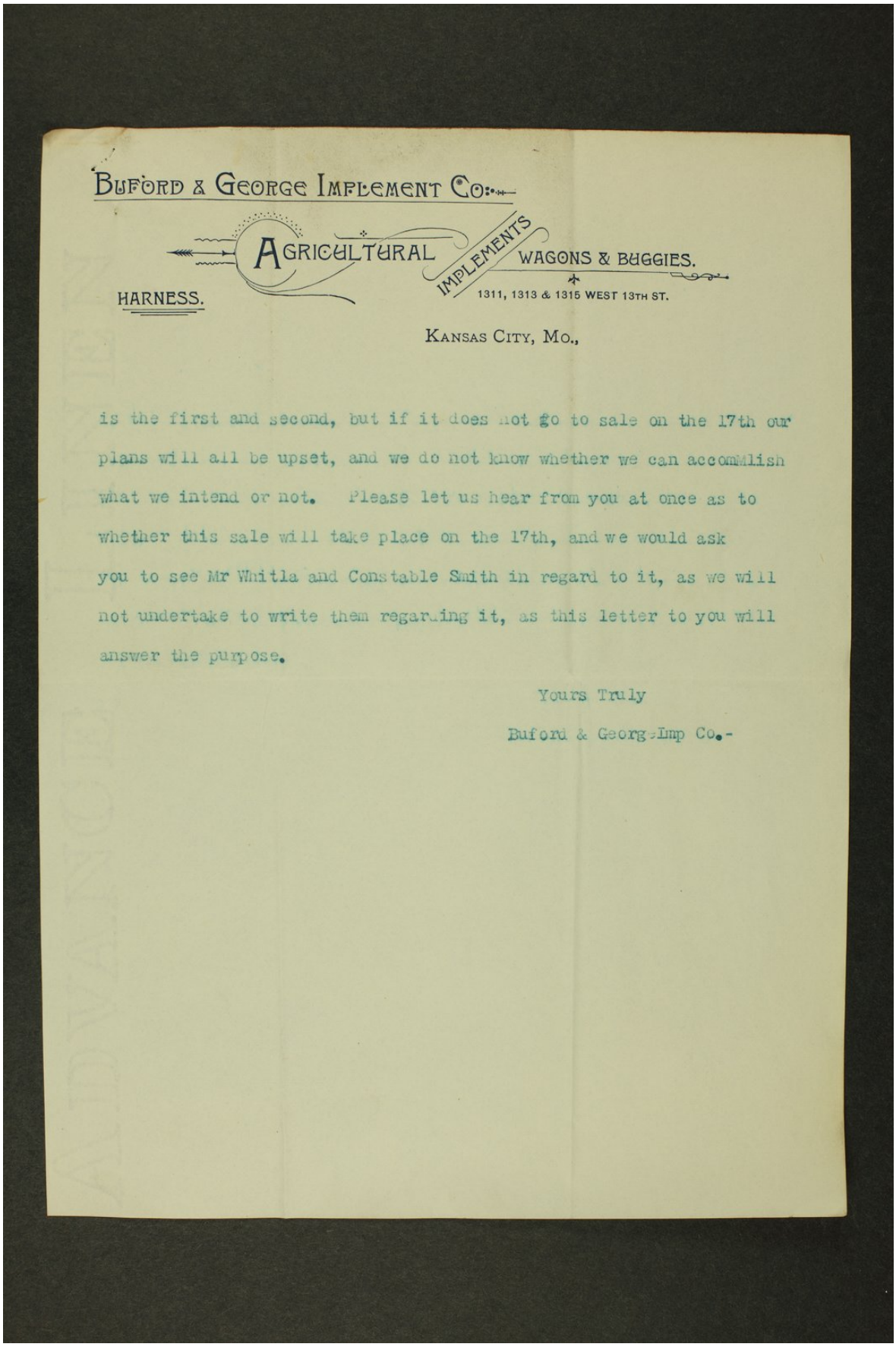
Edgerton Kansas.-

Dear Sir:-

We have just received letter from J. L. Whitla and Constable Smith to the effect that you wish to interfere with th sale of the Back stock on April 17th, for the reason that your judgment has not been paid. Now, the object of this sale is to pay these judgments, yours and that of the other local creditor first and then ours. We have arranged so that the stock will be sold for enough to pay the first judgments and leave something for us provided it is sold upon April 17th, as auction to the highest bidder. We will see that you get your money and that the other local creditor gets his, in fact we will bid that much for it now and agree to bid that much for it on the 17th, and you can so notify the constable or you can accept our statement for it, and leave matters as they are until the 17th.

We were very much vexed that the sale was postponed the first time, and would ask you to see that there is no further postponement of it.

If the stock is sold on the 17th as above described we will see that it is made to bring enough t pay those 2 judgments, that



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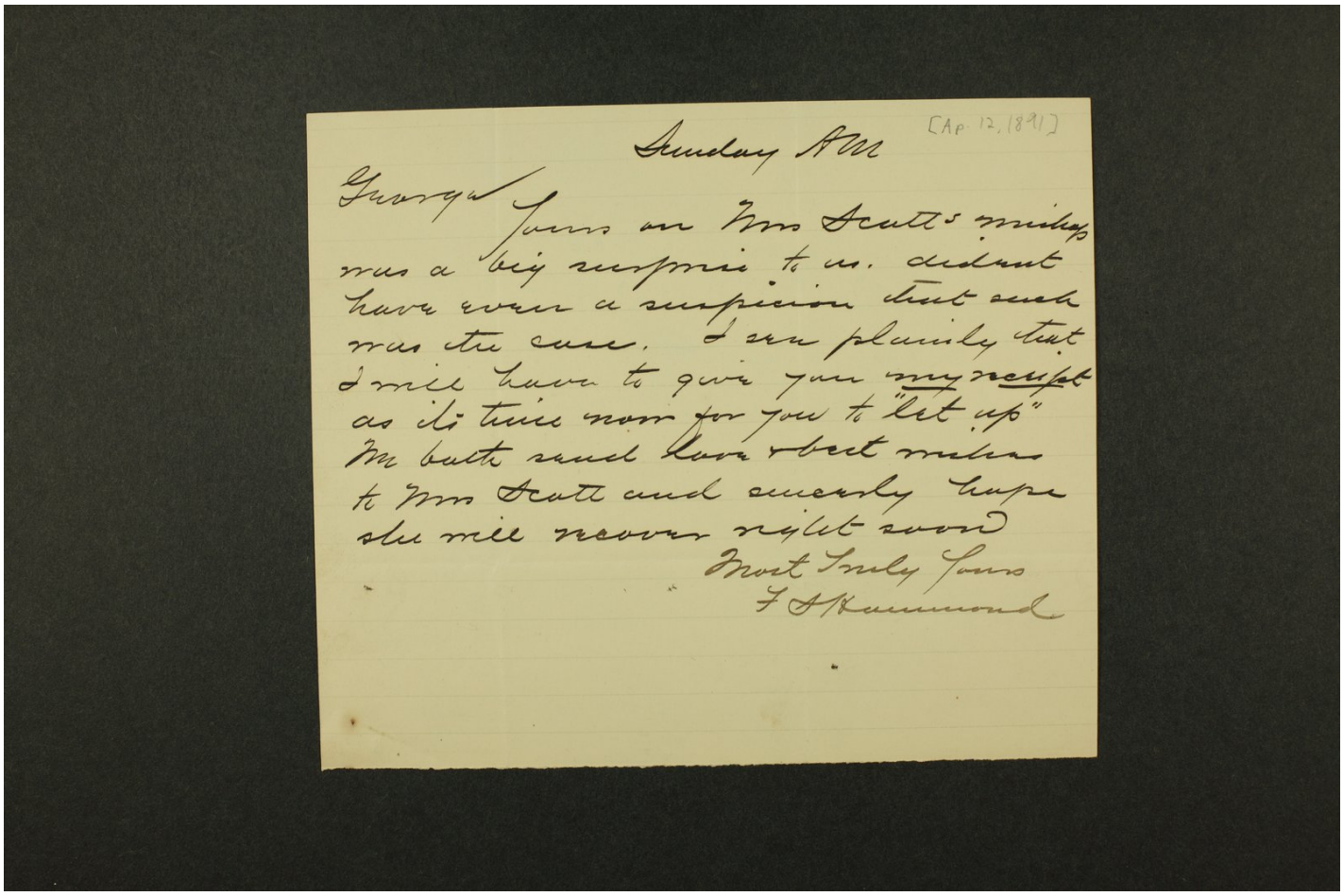
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is the first and second, but if it does not go to sale on the 17th our plans will all be upset, and we do not know whether we can accomMlish what we intend or not. Please let us hear from you at once as to whether this sale will take place on the 17th, and we would ask you to see Mr Whitla and Constable Smith in regard to it, as we will not undertake to write them regarding it, as this letter to you will answer the purpose.

Yours Truly

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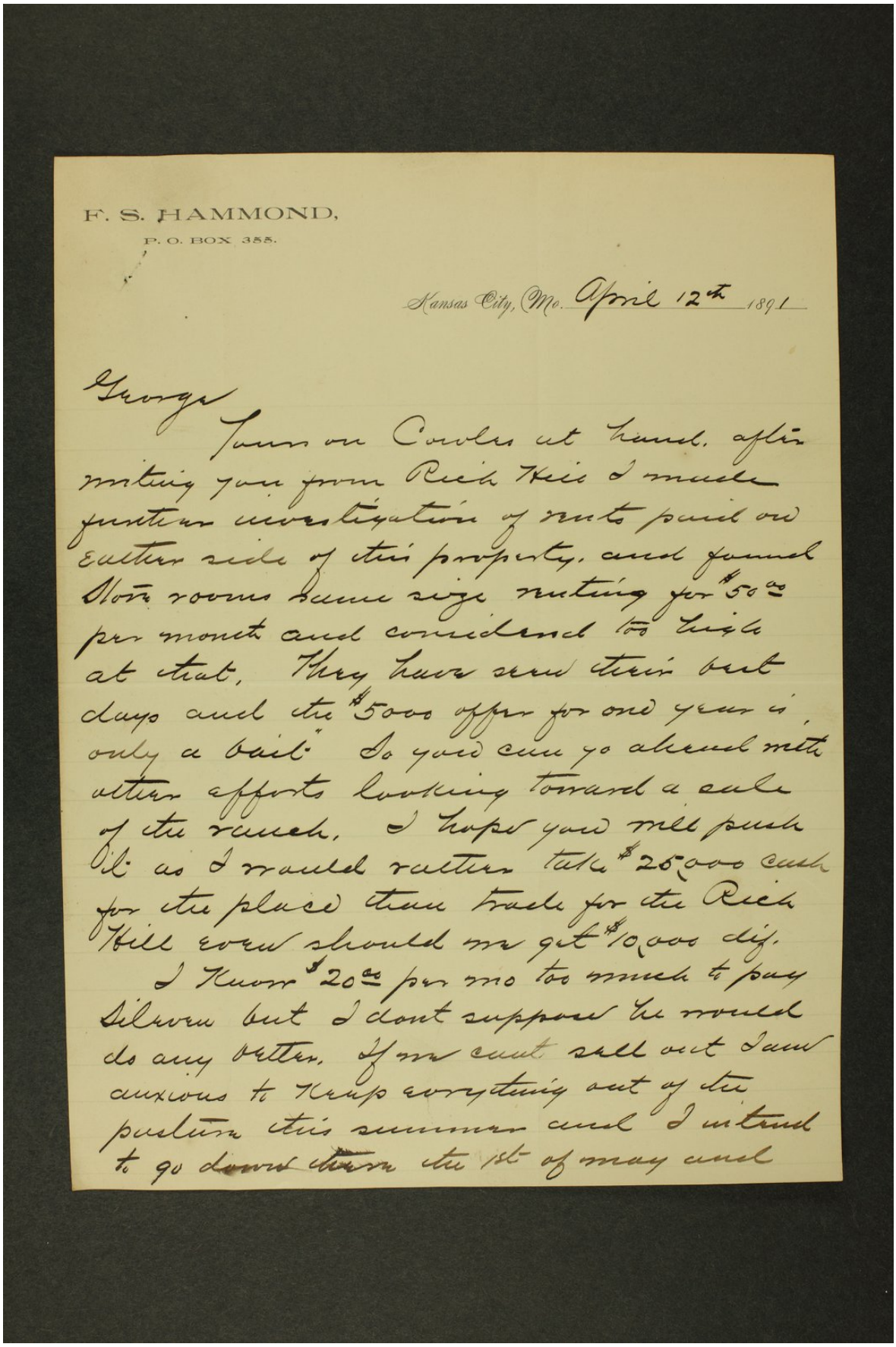


[Ap. 12, 1891]

Sunday Aft

George/ Yours on Mrs Scott's misfortune was a big surprise to us. didnt have even a suspicion that such was the case. I see plainly that I will have to give you my receipt as it time now for you to "let up" We both send love + best wishes to Mrs Scott and sincerly hope she will recover right soon

Most Truly Yours
F S Hammond



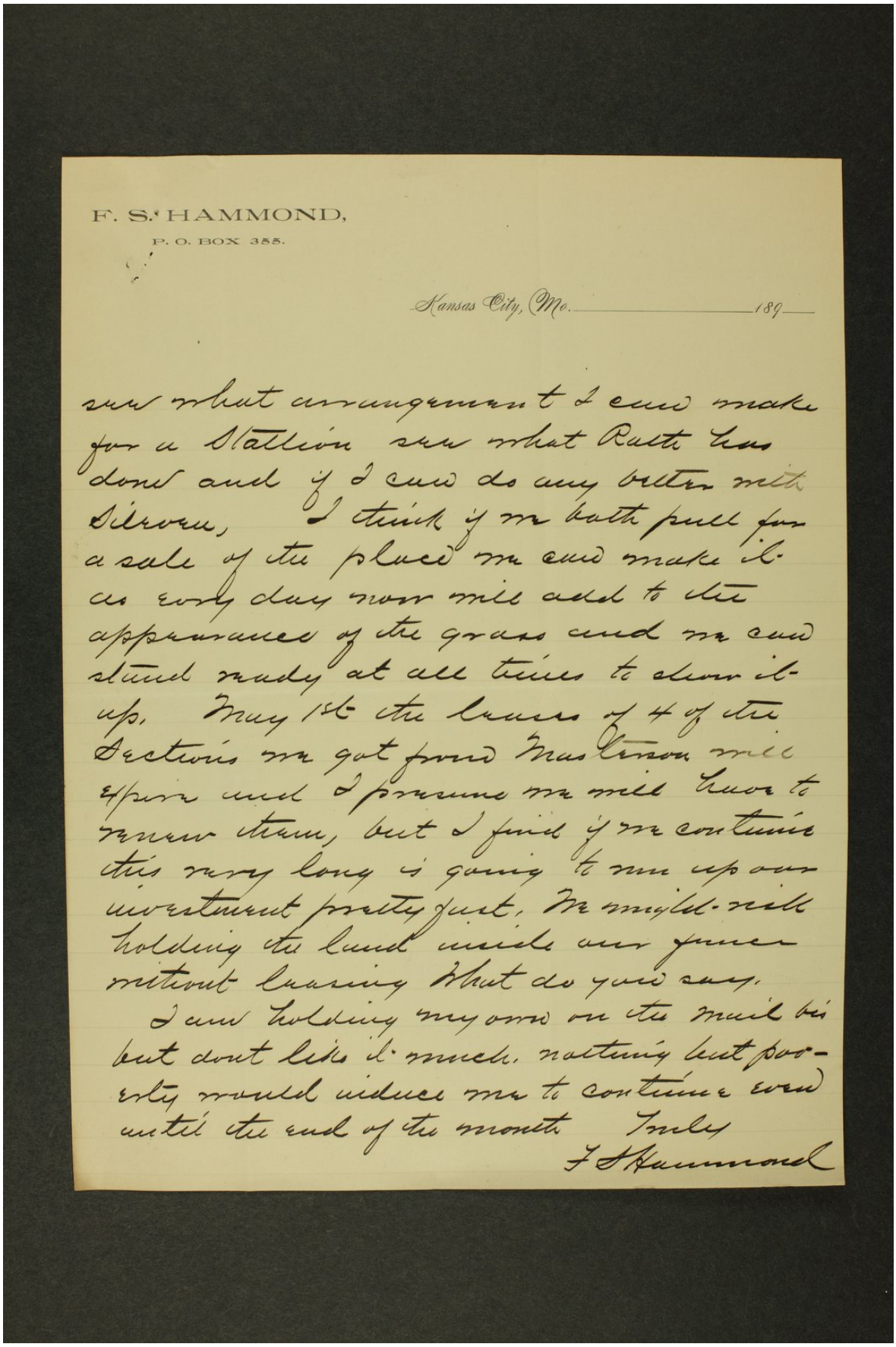
F. S. HAMMOND,
P. O. BOX 355.

Kansas City, Mo. April 12th 1891

George

Yours on Cowles at hand. after writing you from Rich Hill I made further investigation of ruts paid on Eather side of this property, and found 10 rooms same size renting for $50.00 per month and considered too high at that. They have one their but days and the $5000 offer for one year is only a bait. So you can go ahead with other efforts looking toward a sale of the ranch. I hope you will push it as I would rather take $25,000 cash for the place than trade for the Rich Hill even should we get $10,000 dif.

I know $20.00 per mo too much to pay Silvern but I dont suppose he would do any better. If we cant sell out I am anxious to keep everything out of the pasture this summer and I intend to go down there the 1st of may and



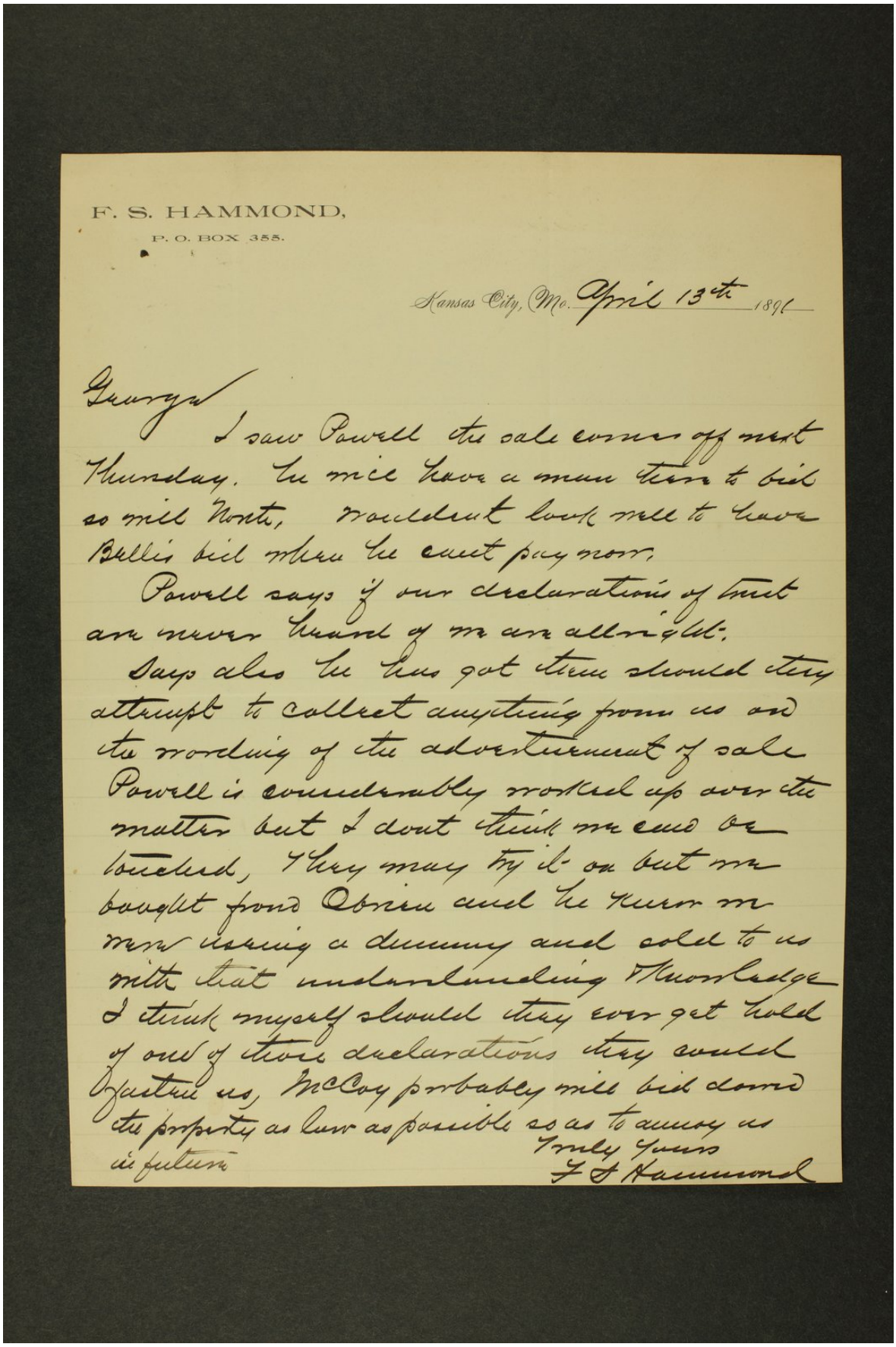
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see what arrangement I can make for a Stallion see what Ralls has done and if I can do any better with Sibrom, I think if we both pull for a sale of the place we can make it as every day now will add to the appearance of the grass and we can stand ready at all times to show it up. May 1st the leases of 4 of the Sections we got from Mastinon will expire and I presume we will have to renew them, but I find if we continue this way long is going to run up our investment pretty fast. We might rent holding the land inside our fence without leasing What do you say.

I am holding my own on the mail bis but dont like it much. nothing but poverty would induce me to continue even until the end of the month Truly

F S Hammond



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

Kansas City, Mo. April 13th 1891

Georges

I saw Powell this a.m. comes off next Thursday. He will have a man there to bid as will North, wouldnt look well to have Bellis bid when he cant pay now.

Powell says if our declarations of trust are never heard of we are all right.

Says also he has got them should they attempt to collect anything from us and the wording of the advertisement of sale Powell is considerably worked up over the matter but I dont think we end or touched, They may try it on but we bought from Obrien and he knew we were dealing a dummy and sold to us with that understanding Thursday I think myself should they ever get hold of one of those declarations they could fasten us, McCoy probably will bid down the property as low as possible so as to annoy us in future

Truly Yours
F S Hammond