George W. Scott papers

Section 61, Pages 1801 - 1830

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

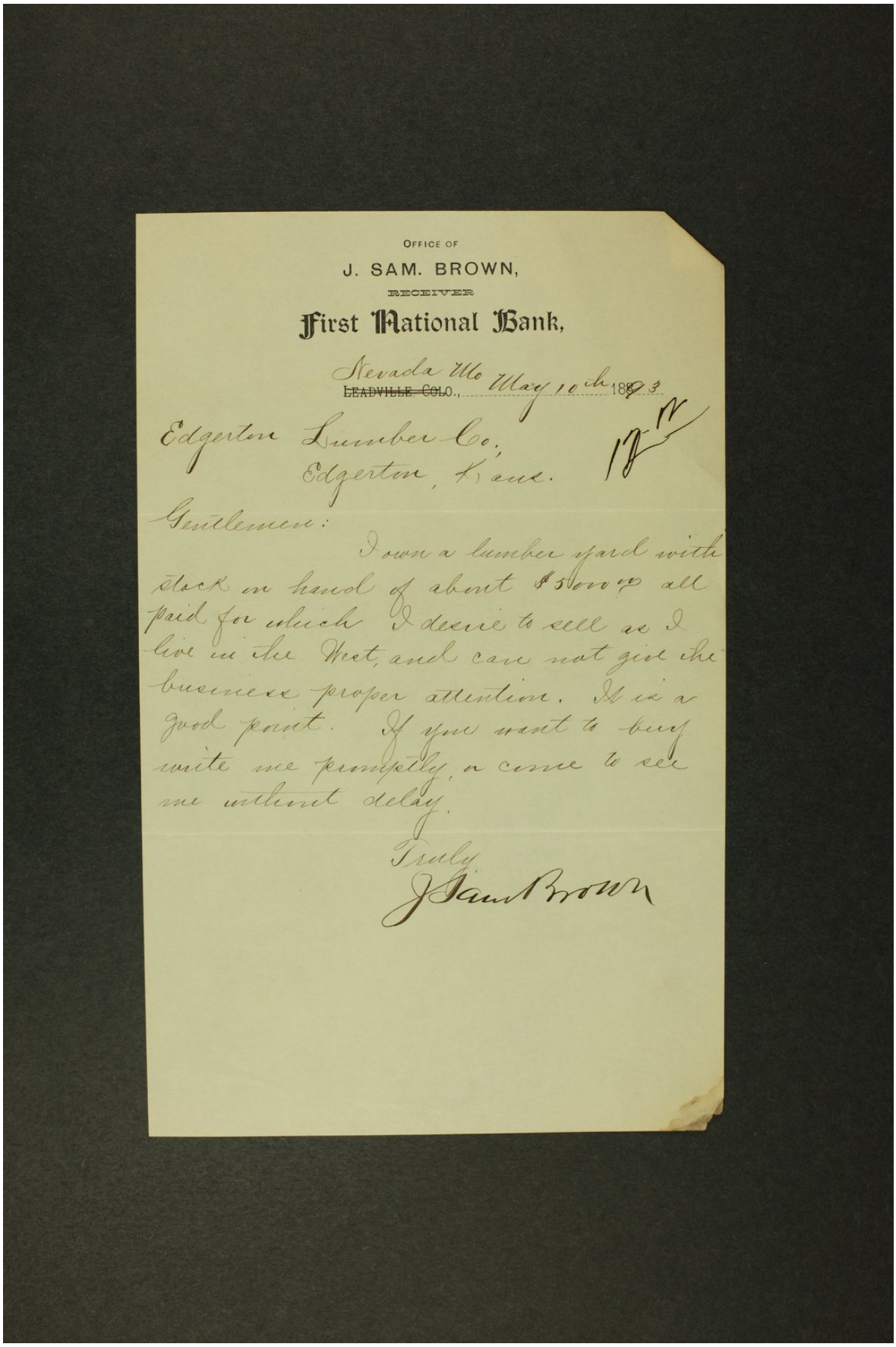
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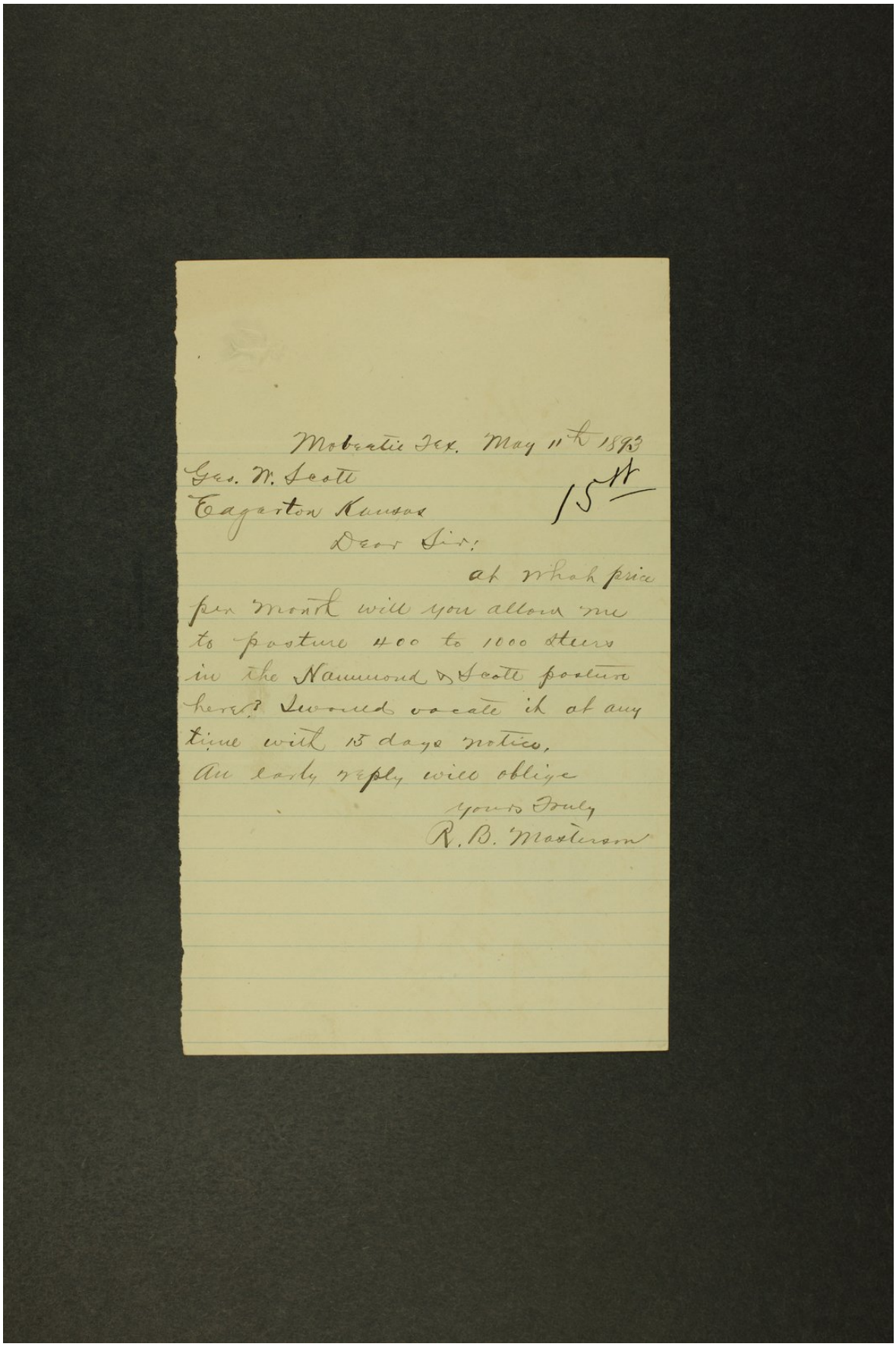
Nevada Mo May 10th 1893.
~~LEADVILLE, COLO.~~,

Edgerton Lumber Co.,
Edgerton, Kans.

Gentlemen:

I own a lumber yard with stock on hand of about $3500.00 all paid for which I desire to sell as I live in the West, and can not give the business proper attention. It is a good point. If you want to buy write me promptly, or come to see me without delay.

Truly
J Sam Brown



Mobratie Tex. May 11th 1883

Geo. W. Scott
Edgerton Kansas

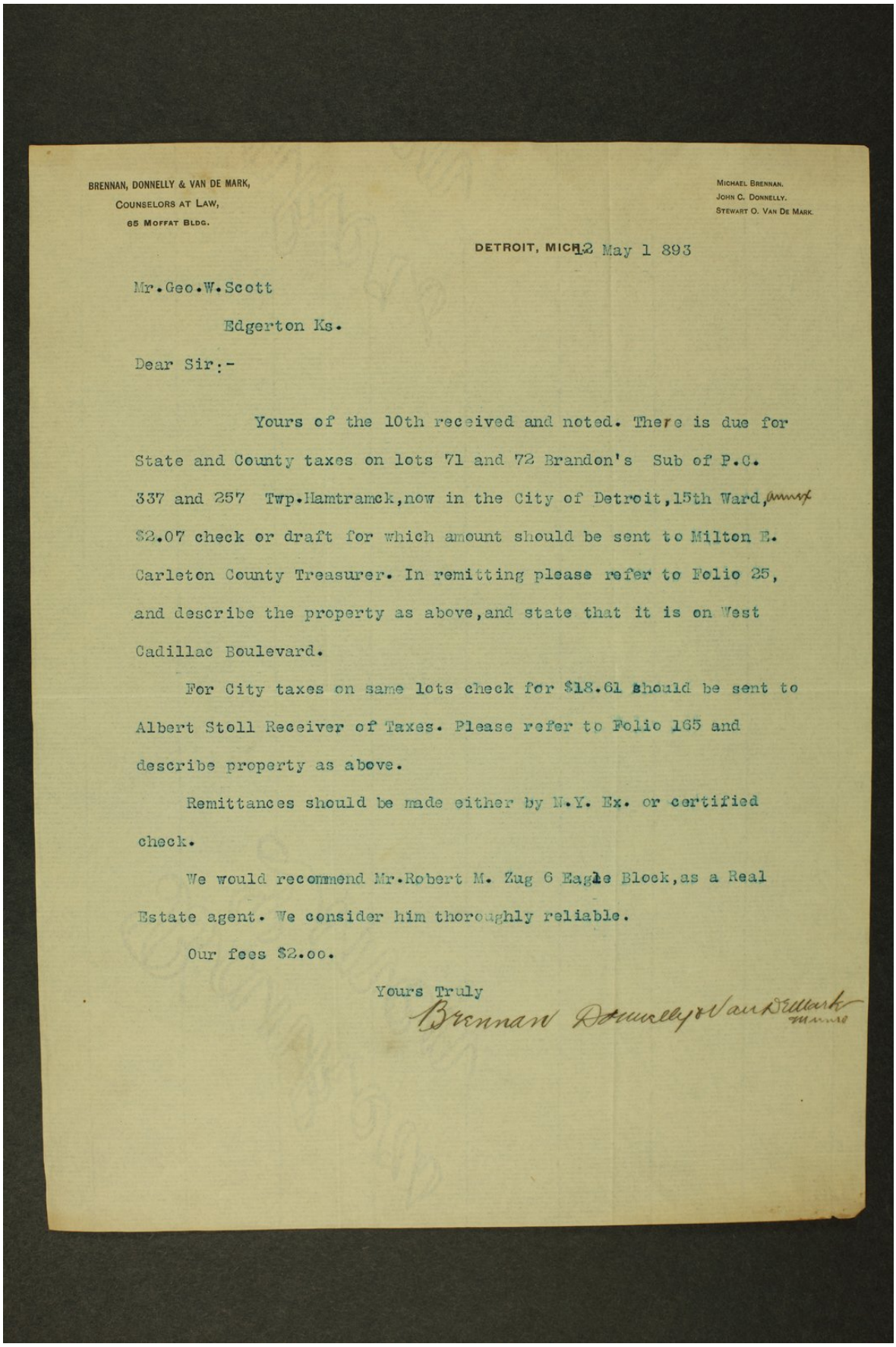
15th

Dear Sir:

At what price per month will you allow me to pasture 900 to 1000 steers in the Hammond & Scott pasture here? I would vacate it at any time with 15 days notice.

An early reply will oblige

Yours Truly
R. B. Masterson



BRENNAN, DONNELLY & VAN DE MARK,
COUNSELORS AT LAW,
65 MOFFAT BLDG.

MICHAEL BRENNAN.
JOHN C. DONNELLY.
STEWART O. VAN DE MARK.

DETROIT, MICH. May 1 893

Mr. Geo. W. Scott

Edgerton Ks.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 10th received and noted. There is due for State and County taxes on lots 71 and 72 Brandon's Sub of P.C. 337 and 257 Twp. Hamtramck, now in the City of Detroit, 15th Ward, amount $2.07 check or draft for which amount should be sent to Milton E. Carleton County Treasurer. In remitting please refer to Folio 25, and describe the property as above, and state that it is on West Cadillac Boulevard.

For City taxes on same lots check for $18.61 should be sent to Albert Stoll Receiver of Taxes. Please refer to Folio 165 and describe property as above.

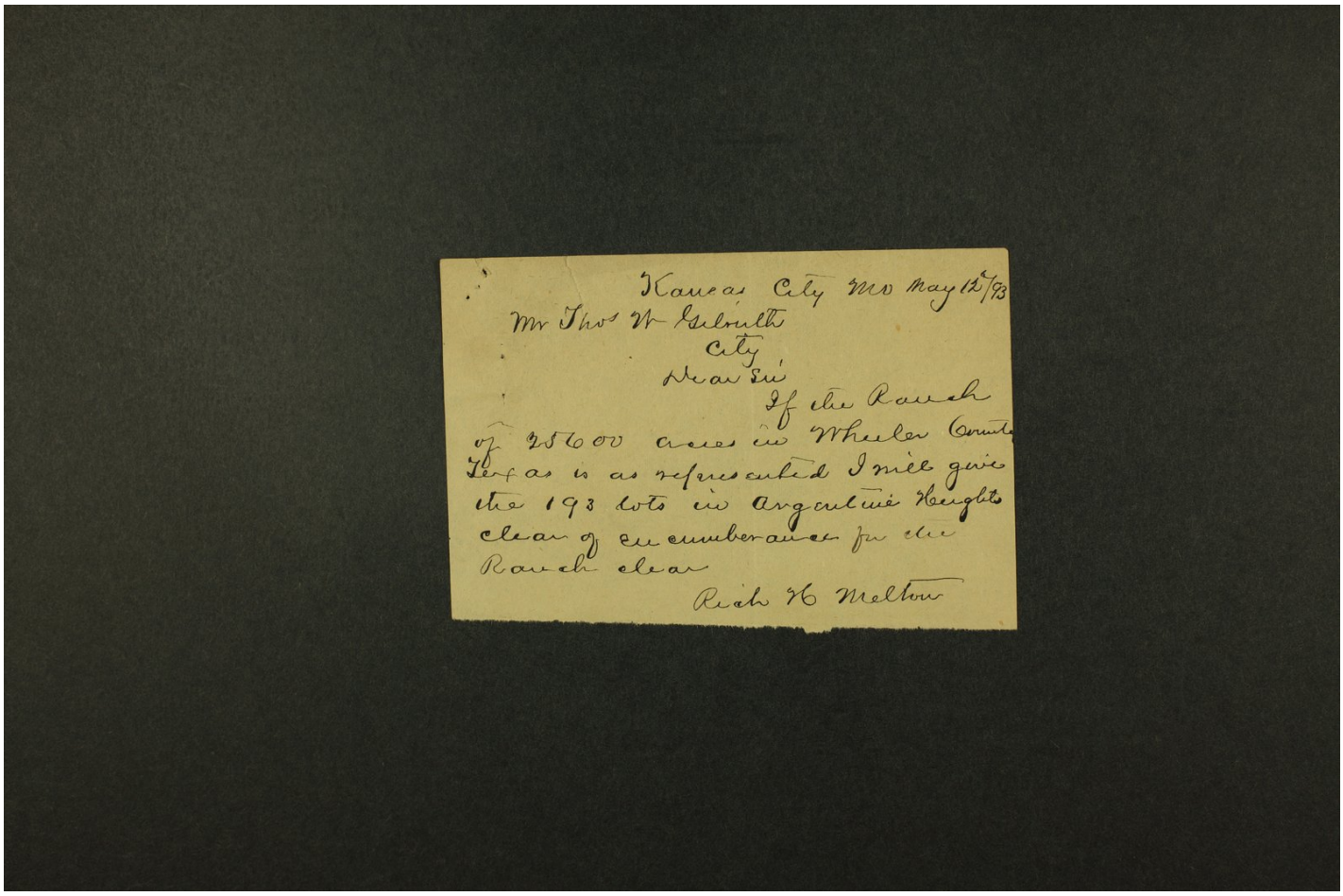
Remittances should be made either by N.Y. Ex. or certified check.

We would recommend Mr. Robert M. Zug 6 Eagle Block, as a Real Estate agent. We consider him thoroughly reliable.

Our fees $2.00.

Yours Truly
Brennan Donnelly & Van De Mark

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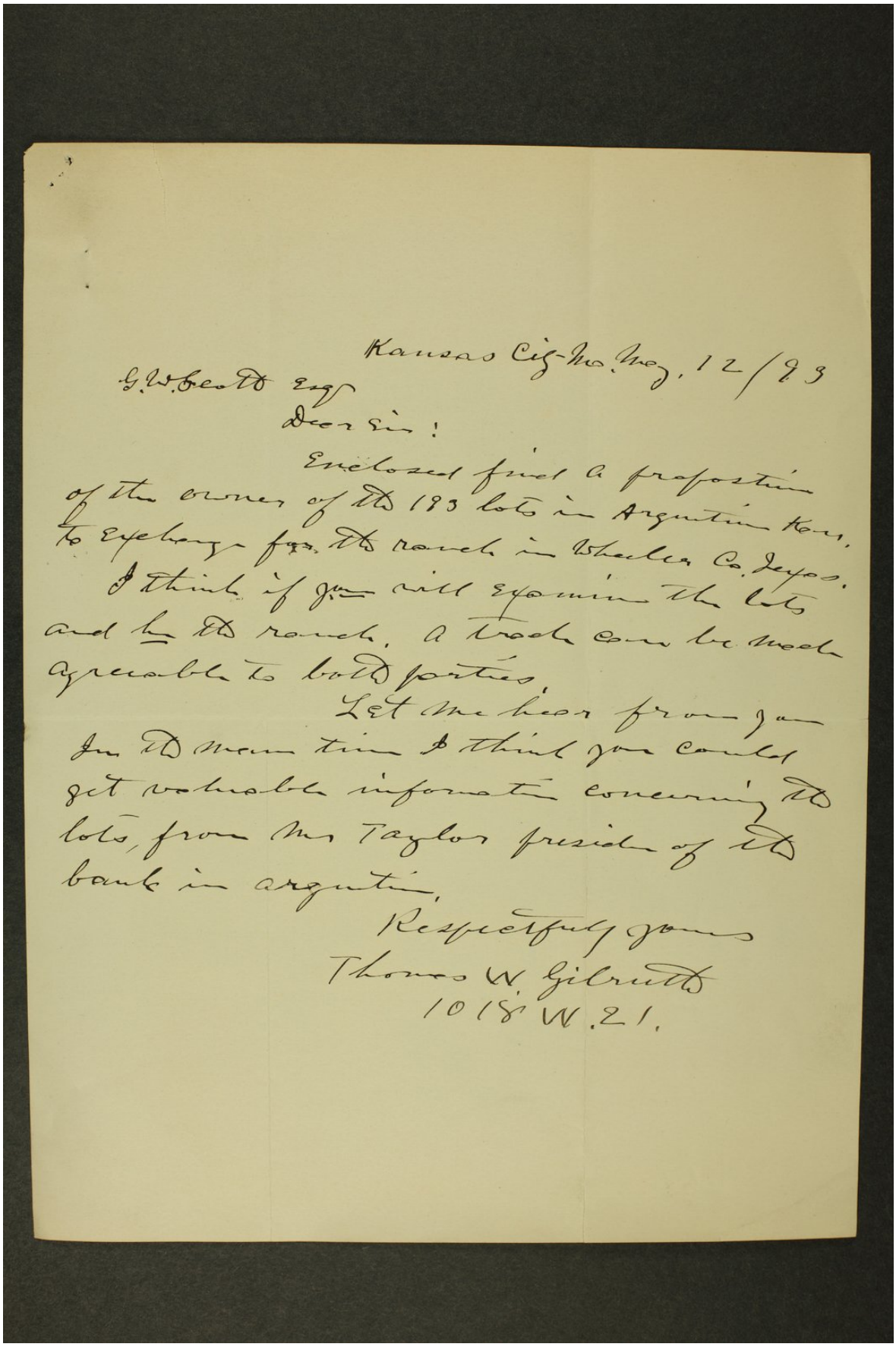
Kansas City Mo May 12/93

Mr Thos W Galbraith
City

Dear Sir

If the Ranch of 25600 acres in Wheeler County Texas is as represented I will give the 193 lots in Argentine Heights clear of encumberance for the Ranch clear

Rich H Melton



Kansas City Mo. Nov. 12/93

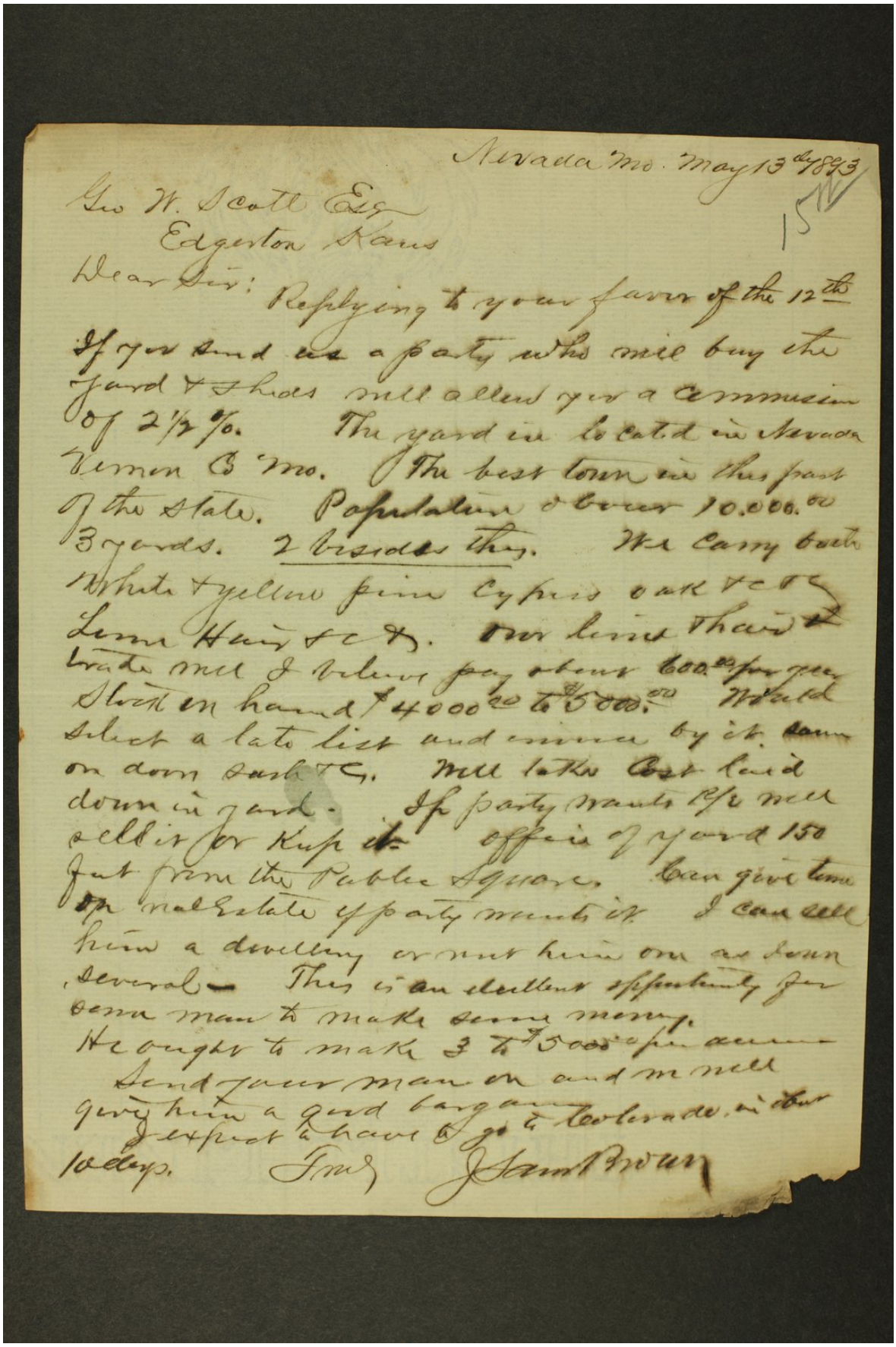
G. W. Scott Esq

Dear Sir!

Enclosed find a proposition of the owners of the 193 lots in Argentine Kans. to exchange for the ranch in Sheridan Co. Kansas. I think if you will examine the lots and the ranch, a trade can be made agreeable to both parties.

Let me hear from you in the meantime & think you could get valuable information concerning the lots, from Mrs Taylor president of the bank in Argentine.

Respectfully yours
Thomas W. Gilruth
1018 W. 21.

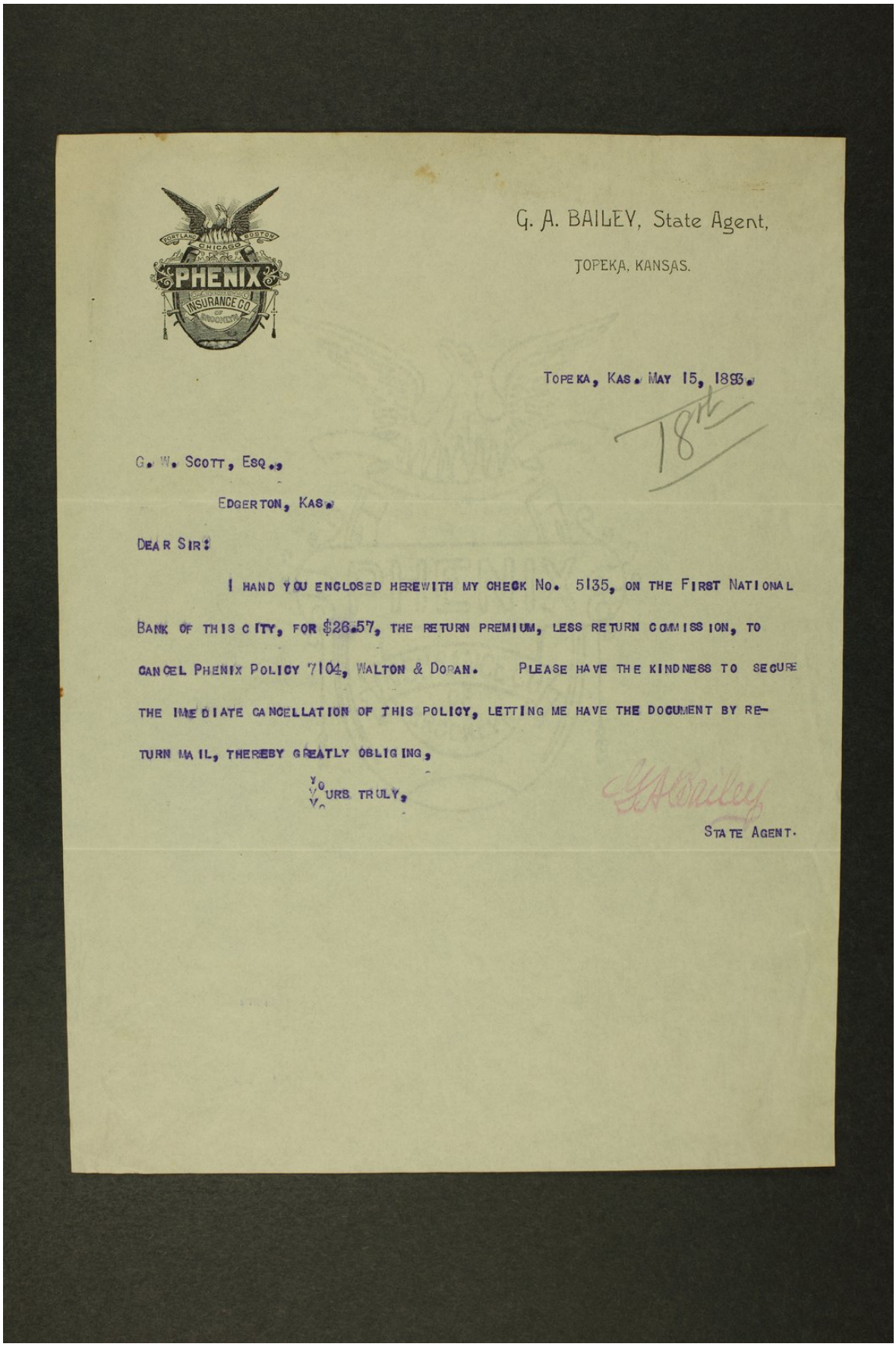


Nevada Mo. May 13 dy 1893

Geo W. Scott Esq
Edgerton Kans

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Dear Sir: Replying to your favor of the 12th
If you and us a party who will buy the
yard & shed will allow you a commission
of 2½%. The yard is located in Nevada
Vernon Co Mo. The best town in this part
of the State. Population over 10.000.00
3 yards. 2 besides this. We carry both
White & yellow pine Cypress oak &c &c
Lime Hair &c &c. Our line that of
trade will I believe pay about 600.00 per year
Stock on hand $4000.00 to $5000.00 Would
select a late list and invoice by it. same
or down basis &c. Will take Cost laid
down in yard. If party wants R/R will
sell it for Kush. Offer 7 yard 150
feet from the Public Square. Can give time
on real estate if party wants it. I can sell
him a dwelling or rent him one as soon
several — This is an excellent opportunity for
some man to make some money.
He ought to make 3 to $5000.00 per annum
Send your man on and we will
give him a good bargain. I expect to have to go to Colorado in four
10 days. Yours J Sam Brown



PORTLAND CHICAGO BOSTON
PHENIX
INSURANCE CO.
OF BROOKLYN

G. A. BAILEY, State Agent,

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KAS. MAY 15, 1893.

18th

G. W. SCOTT, ESQ.,

EDGERTON, KAS.

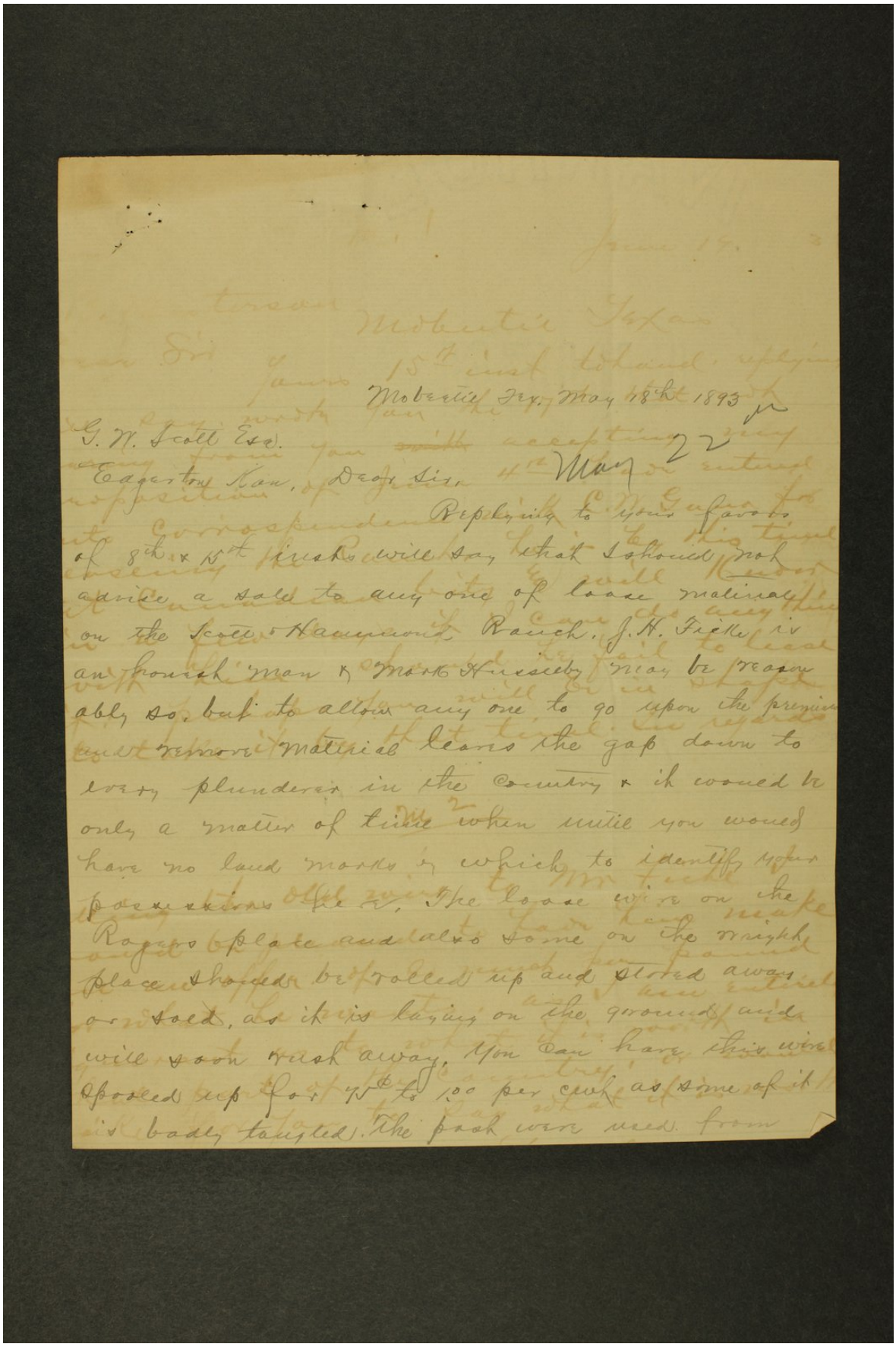
DEAR SIR:

I HAND YOU ENCLOSED HEREWITH MY CHECK No. 5135, ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THIS CITY, FOR $26.57, THE RETURN PREMIUM, LESS RETURN COMMISSION, TO CANCEL PHENIX POLICY 7104, WALTON & DORAN. PLEASE HAVE THE KINDNESS TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THIS POLICY, LETTING ME HAVE THE DOCUMENT BY RETURN MAIL, THEREBY GREATLY OBLIGING,

YOURS TRULY,

G A Bailey

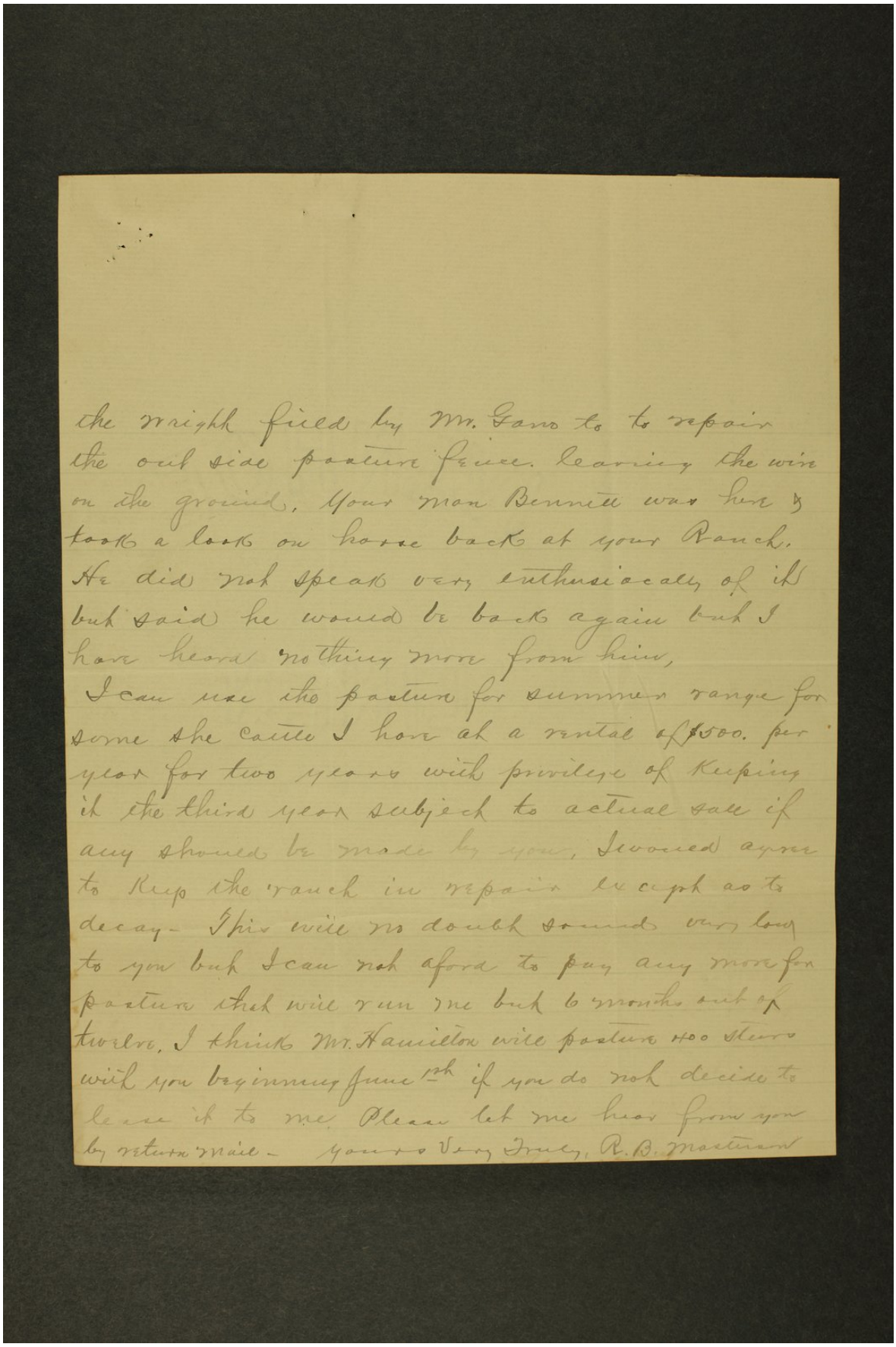
STATE AGENT.



Mobeetie Tex. May 18th 1893

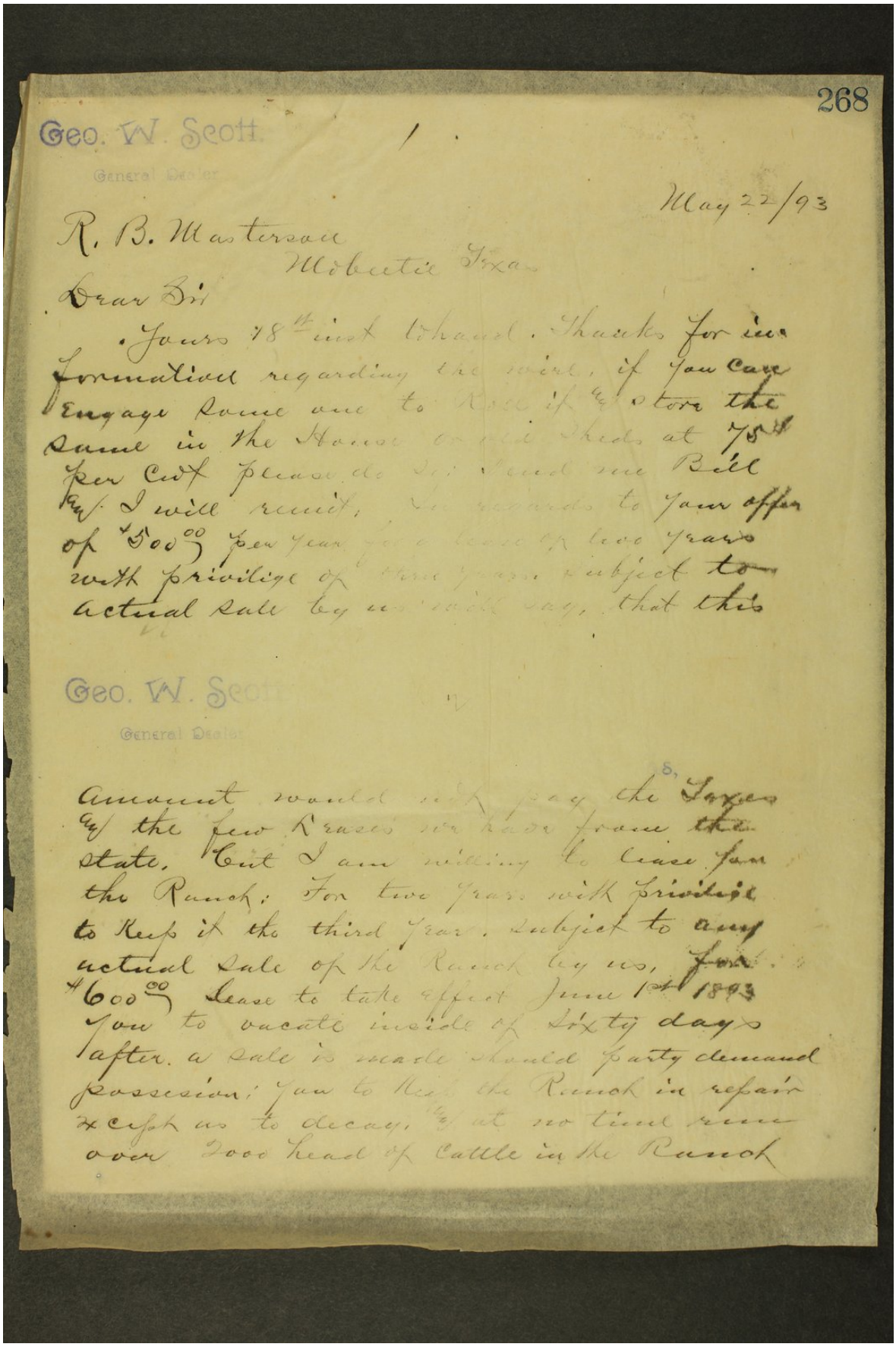
G. W. Scott Esq.
Edgerton Kan. Dear Sir. May 22

Replying to yours favor of 8th inst will say that I should not advise a sale to any one of loose material on the Scott Hammond Ranch. J. H. Fickle is an honest man & most likely may be reasonably so, but to allow any one to go upon the premises removing material leaves the gap down to every plunderer in the country & it would be only a matter of time when until you would have no land marks by which to identify your possessions there. The loose wire on the Rogers place and also some on the Wright place should be rolled up and stored away or sold, as it is laying on the ground and will soon rust away. You can have this wire spooled up for 1½ to 2.00 per cwt as some of it is badly tangled. The posts were used from



the might filed by Mr. Sams to to repair the out side pasture fence. leaving the wire on the ground. Your Mon Bennett was here & took a look on horse back at your Ranch. He did not speak very enthusiacally of it but said he would be back again but I have heard nothing more from him,

I can use the pasture for summer range for some the cattle I have at a rental of $500. per year for two years with privilege of Keeping it the third year subject to actual sale if any should be made by you, I would agree to Keep the ranch in repair to keep as to decay- This will no doubt sound very low to you but I can not afford to pay any more for pasture that will run me but 6 months out of twelve. I think Mr. Hamilton will pasture 400 steers with you beginning June 1st if you do not decide to lease it to me Please let me hear from you by return mail- Yours Very Truly, R. B. Masterson



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Geo. W. Scott
General Dealer

May 22/93

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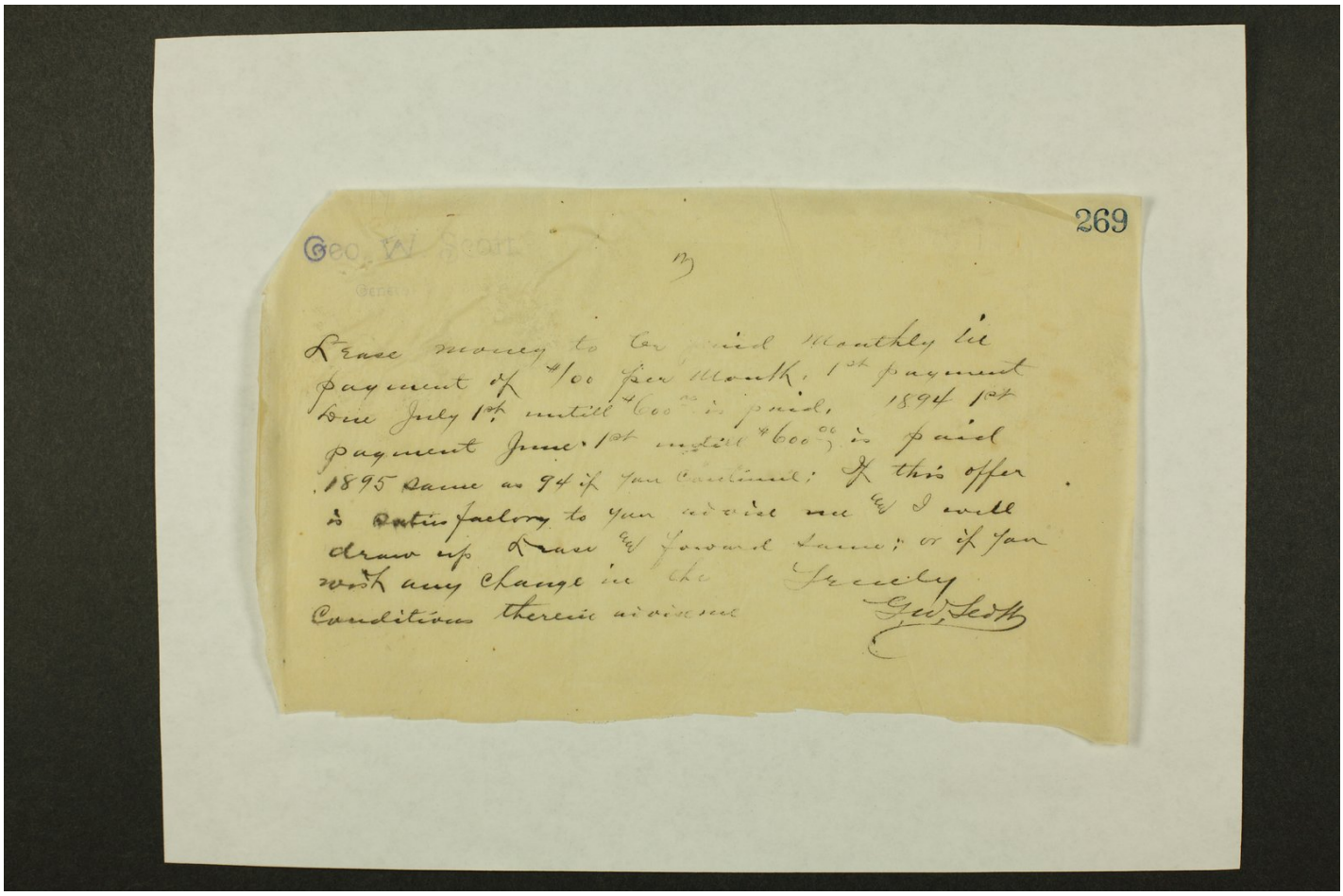
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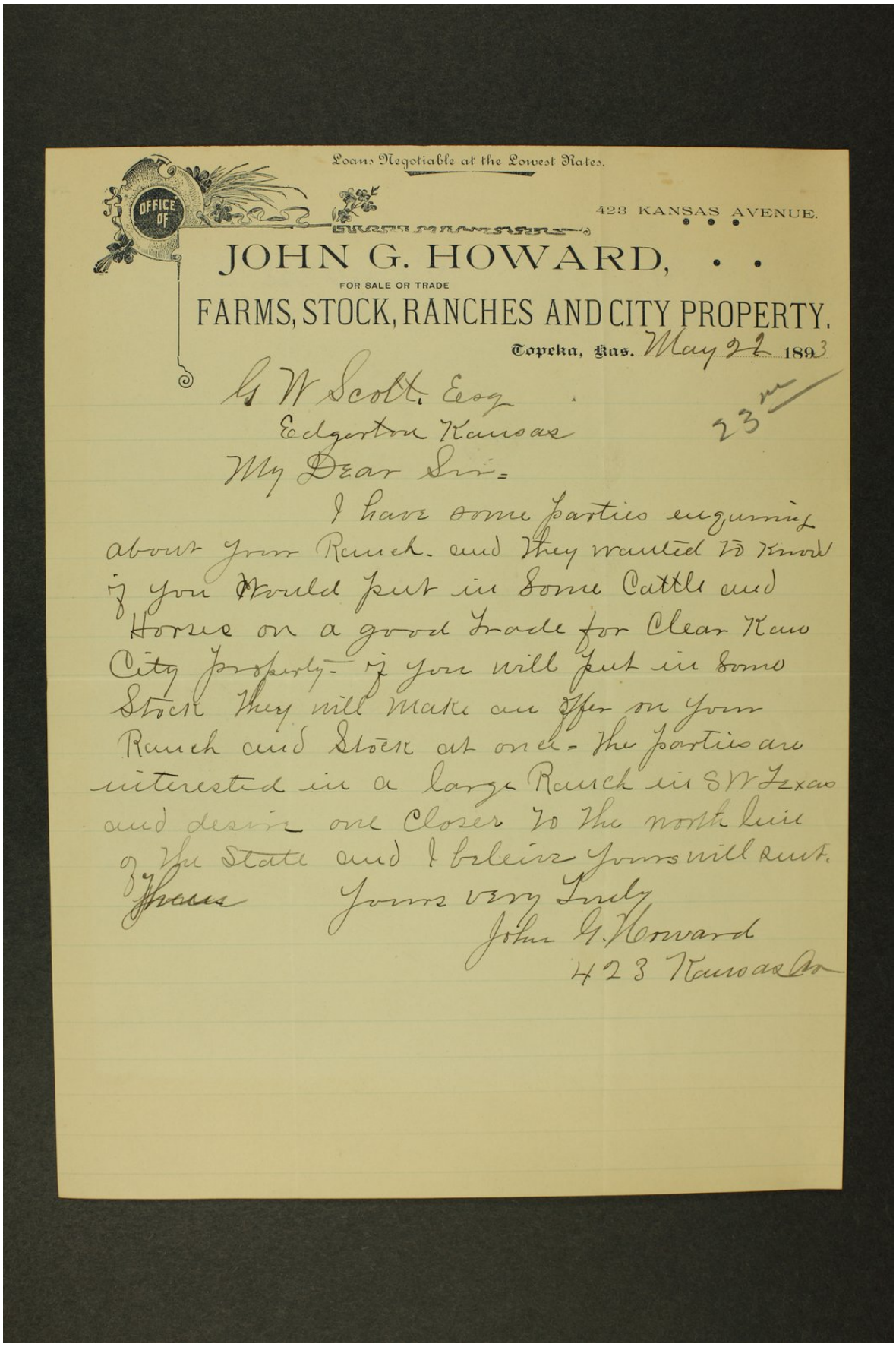
Yours 18th inst to hand. Thanks for information regarding the ranch, if you care engage some one to look after the same in the House on the Sheds at 75 per cent please do so & send me Bill & I will remit. In regards to your offer of $500.00 per year for a lease of two years with privilege of third year subject to actual sale by us will say, that this

Geo. W. Scott
General Dealer

Amount would not pay the Taxes & the few Cases we have from the state. But I am willing to lease for the Ranch. For two years with privilege to keep it the third year, subject to any actual sale of the Ranch by us, for $600.00 Lease to take effect June 1st 1893 You to vacate inside of Sixty days after a sale is made should party demand possession. You to keep the Ranch in repair except as to decay, & at no time run over 2000 head of Cattle in the Ranch

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Topeka, Kas. May 22 1893

23rd

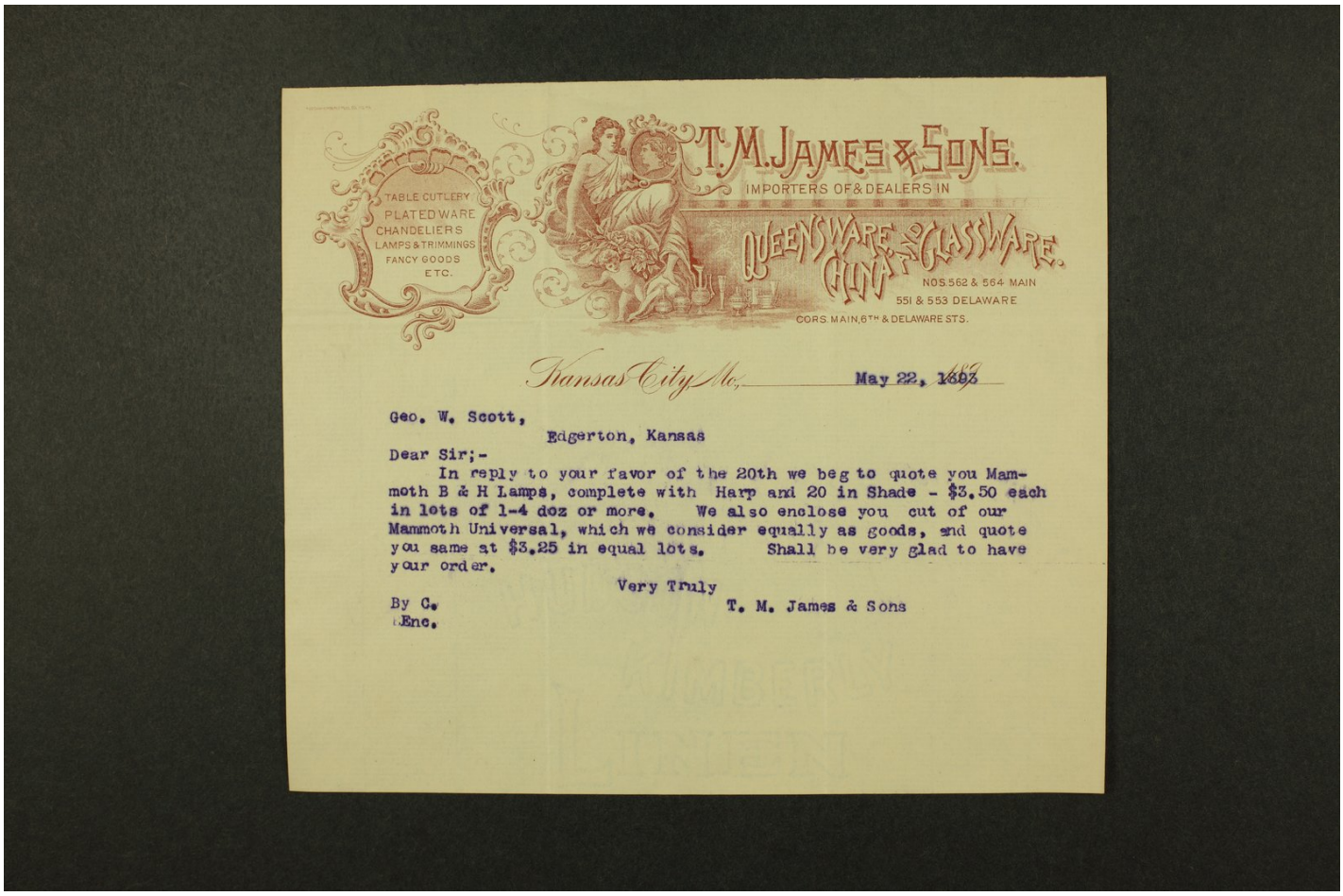
G W Scott Esq
Edgerton Kansas

My Dear Sir=

I have some parties enquiring about your Ranch. and they wanted to know if you would put in some Cattle and Horses on a good trade for Clear Kans City property- if you will put in some Stock they will make an Offer on your Ranch and Stock at once- the parties are interested in a large Ranch in S W Texas and desire one Closer to the north line of the State and I believe yours will suit.

Yours very Truly
John G. Howard
423 Kansas Ave

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Kansas City Mo, May 22, 1893

Geo. W. Scott,
Edgerton, Kansas

Dear Sir;-
In reply to your favor of the 20th we beg to quote you Mammoth B & H Lamps, complete with Harp and 20 in Shade - $3.50 each in lots of 1-4 doz or more. We also enclose you cut of our Mammoth Universal, which we consider equally as goods, and quote you same at $3.25 in equal lots. Shall be very glad to have your order.

Very Truly
T. M. James & Sons

By C.
Enc.

"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OPERATING DEPARTMENT.

F. S. HAMMOND.
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. May 24,1893

G. W. Scott, Esq.,

Edgerton, Kansas.

Dear George:

Answering yours of the 18th,if I remember right,the Montgomery County farm stands us in the neighborhood of $4500. I am willing to let it go for $3600, or $30 per acre. If this price is considered too high you may name your own price, as well as terms for my interest.

I note your prospects with Chick on the ranche. Take Twenty-five thousand rather than miss a sale. I don't know what to think of Bolen, as he always tried to carry the impression with me as well as with others that he was pleased with the property and considered it cheap. I wish I was with you to assist. I believe,after all, I am the best trader,as I am confident I could have made some kind of a sale by this time. But I am entirely satisfied,and while I would like very much to make a sale of it,I am resigned to wait until the "sucker" can be found who will relieve us of it.

In fact, I am waiting for the World's Fair to terminate,and then if we don't realize a change in the conditions of the real estate market I will feel like giving up the ghost. We will not attend the Fair before September. I have gone broke again paying interest and taxes on property. It's just getting good and hot here; wish you were with us to enjoy it.

With best wishes, I am as ever

Very truly yours,

F. S. Hammond

May 27
Mont Co Farm Equity 1440

Assess. 11,00
Equity 14,40
Cost 700
2440

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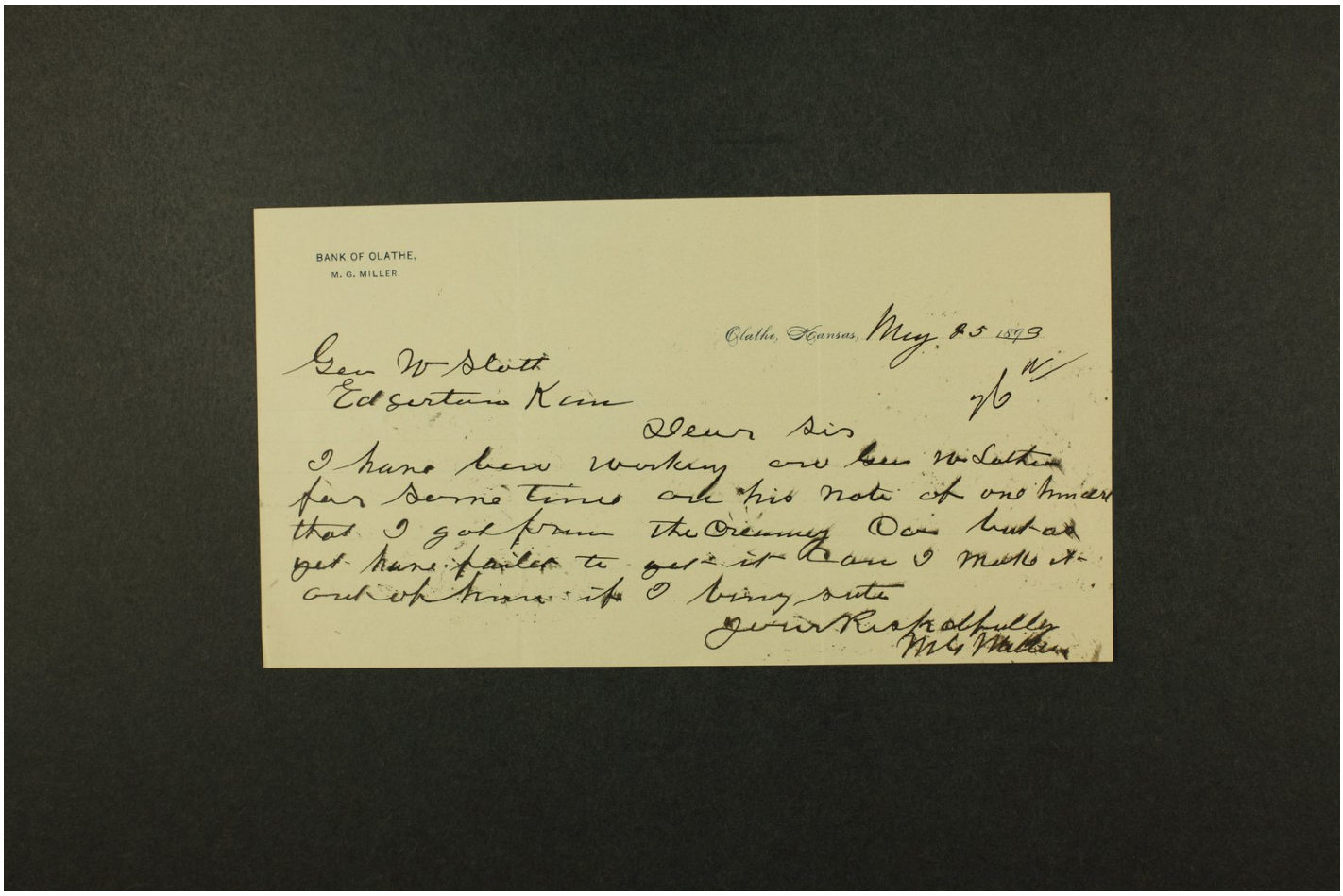
Chicago, May 25 1893

G W Scott.
Edgerton Kans

Sir
What is the trouble with Libbs and how is it that he is Jumping on me

Yours &c
C E Hastings

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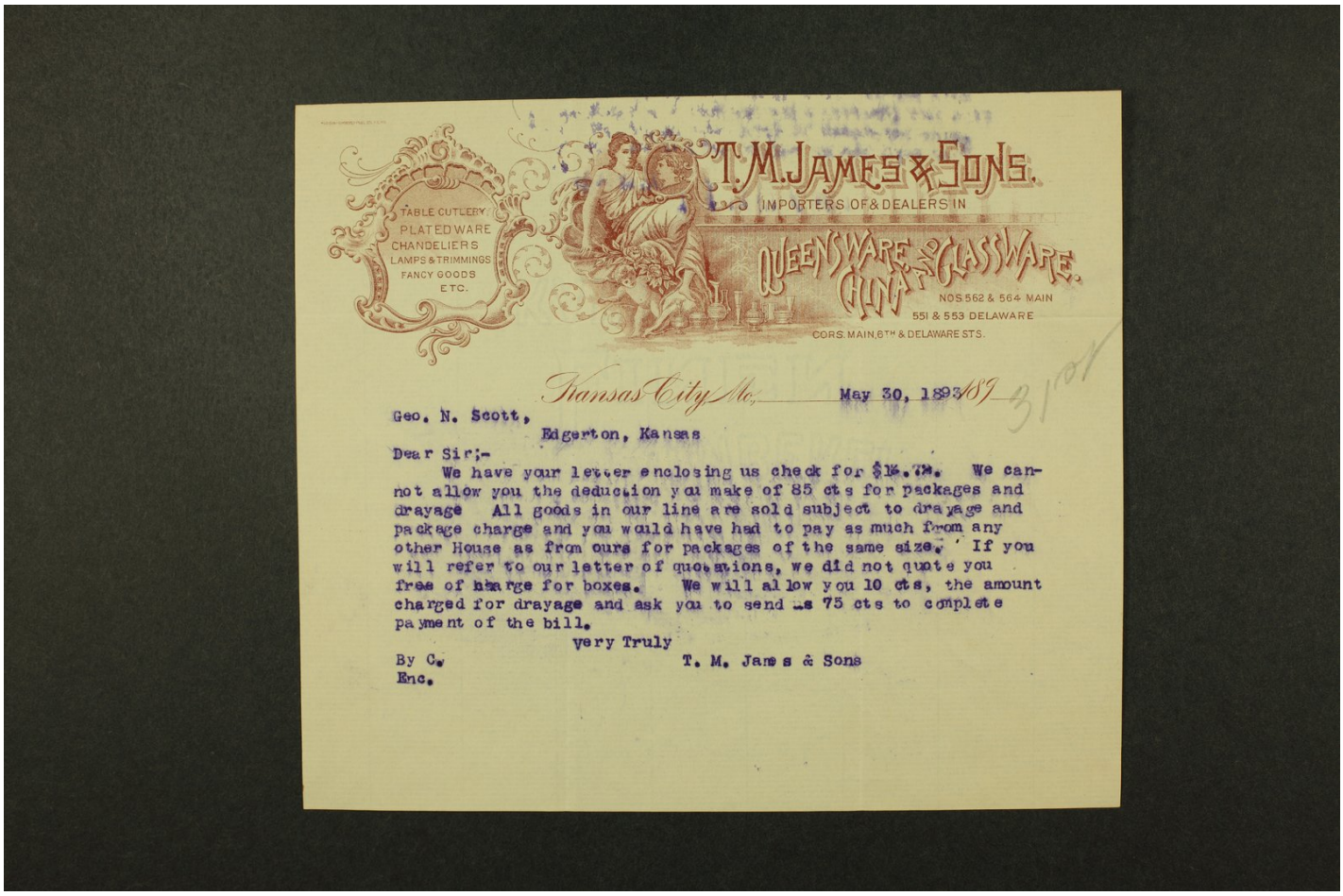
BANK OF OLATHE,
M. G. MILLER.

Olathe, Kansas, May 25 1879

Gen W Scott
Edgerton Kan

Dear Sir
I have been working on Ben Watkins
for some time on his note of one hundred
that I got from the Creamery Co but can
get him to pay it Can I make it
out ok time if I bring suit
Yours Respectfully
M G Miller

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FANCY GOODS
ETC.

Kansas City Mo. May 30, 1893

Geo. N. Scott,
Edgerton, Kansas

Dear Sir;-

We have your letter enclosing us check for $1[illegible]. We cannot allow you the deduction you make of 85 cts for packages and drayage All goods in our line are sold subject to drayage and package charge and you would have had to pay as much from any other House as from ours for packages of the same size. If you will refer to our letter of quotations, we did not quote you free of charge for boxes. We will allow you 10 cts, the amount charged for drayage and ask you to send us 75 cts to complete payment of the bill.

very Truly

By C.
Enc.

T. M. James & Sons

"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

KANSAS CITY, WATKINS & GULF RAILWAY.

OPERATING DEPARTMENT.

F. S. HAMMOND,
GENERAL MANAGER.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. May 26/93

George

Yours 22nd inclosing draft not rec'd. which I will return to you later. The matter is very hot here now and I presume may be so for it for the next 6 months

Too bad for my master mechanic he leaves me next week for Ottawa. If he should meet you he can give you a history of our life & troubles here.

I am sorry to lose him but presume I can replace him

I would leave here myself if I could raise enough money to get away, and may go anyway

I was in hopes you would make a sale to Chick. I think we better take 20 M cash for

"THE WATKINS ROUTE."

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OPERATING DEPARTMENT.

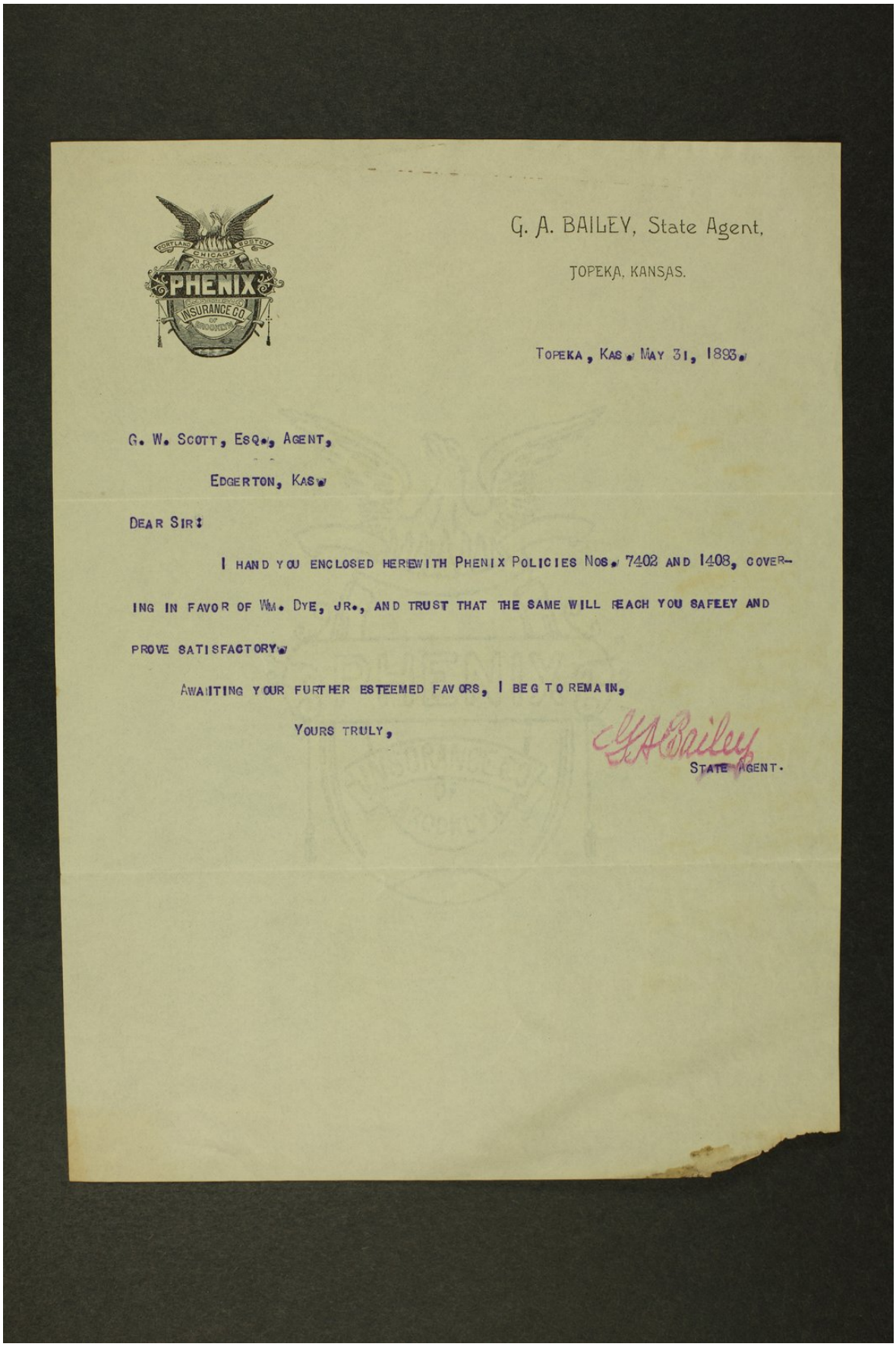
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LAKE CHARLES, LA.

hand them to hold it. we could with that amount put in a decent Bank at Gardner and do something If we could sell our K C property It would be money enough to start in with, I have never been satisfied with our situation here and have only remained on account of my mother, so strain yourself if possible and but us get at something we can make some money on and live in a while mans country

Wish I could see you, I get blue as h-l down here sometimes, We manage to get enough to eat, and thank You for your offer to assist by sending us something I would like to send Mrs A north this hot weather but cant afford it

Truly Yours



PHENIX INSURANCE CO. BROOKLYN

G. A. BAILEY, State Agent,

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KAS., MAY 31, 1893.

G. W. SCOTT, ESQ., AGENT,

EDGERTON, KAS.

DEAR SIR:

I HAND YOU ENCLOSED HEREWITH PHENIX POLICIES NOS. 7402 AND 1408, COVERING IN FAVOR OF WM. DYE, JR., AND TRUST THAT THE SAME WILL REACH YOU SAFEEY AND PROVE SATISFACTORY.

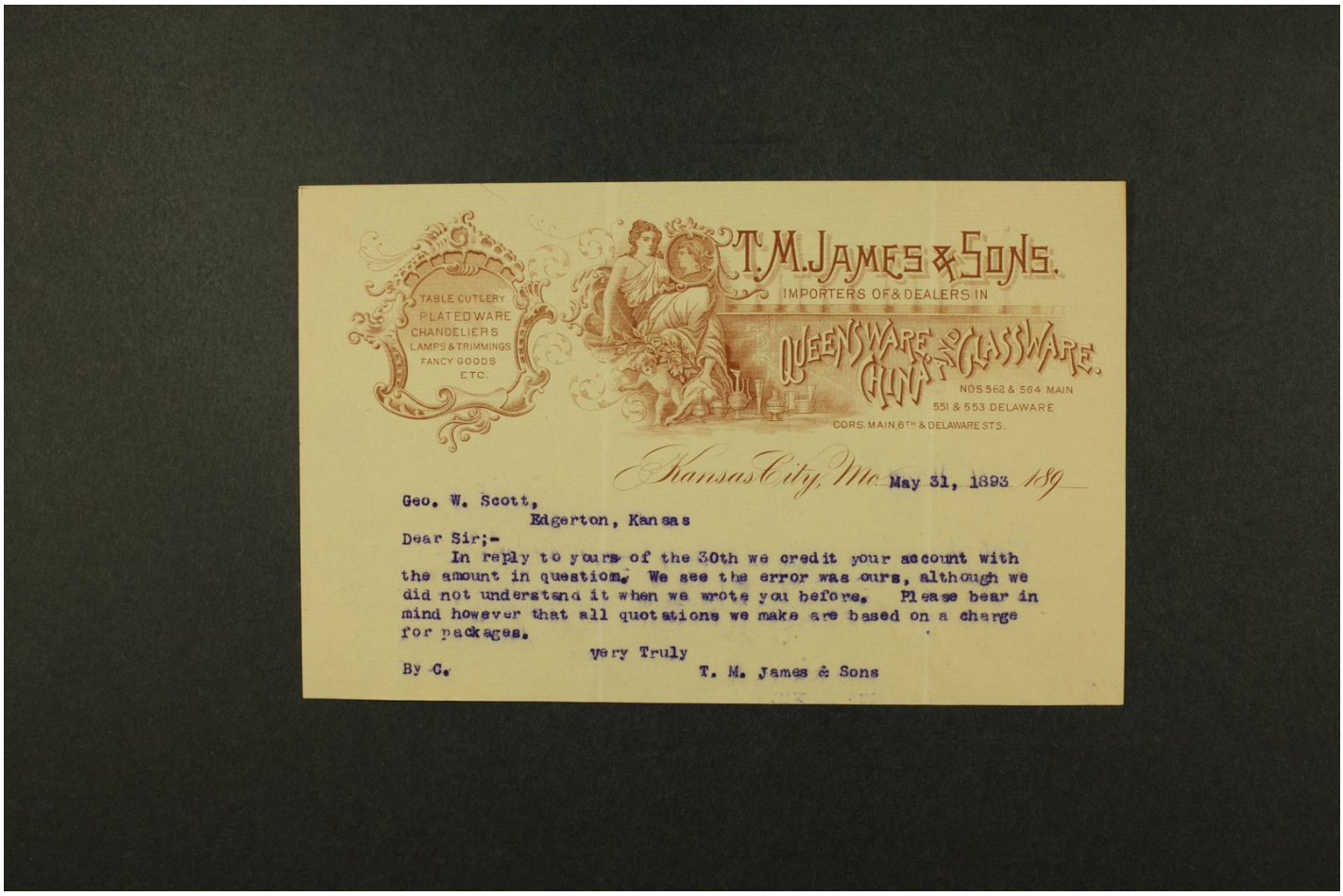
AWAITING YOUR FURTHER ESTEEMED FAVORS, I BEG TO REMAIN,

YOURS TRULY,

G. A. Bailey

STATE AGENT.

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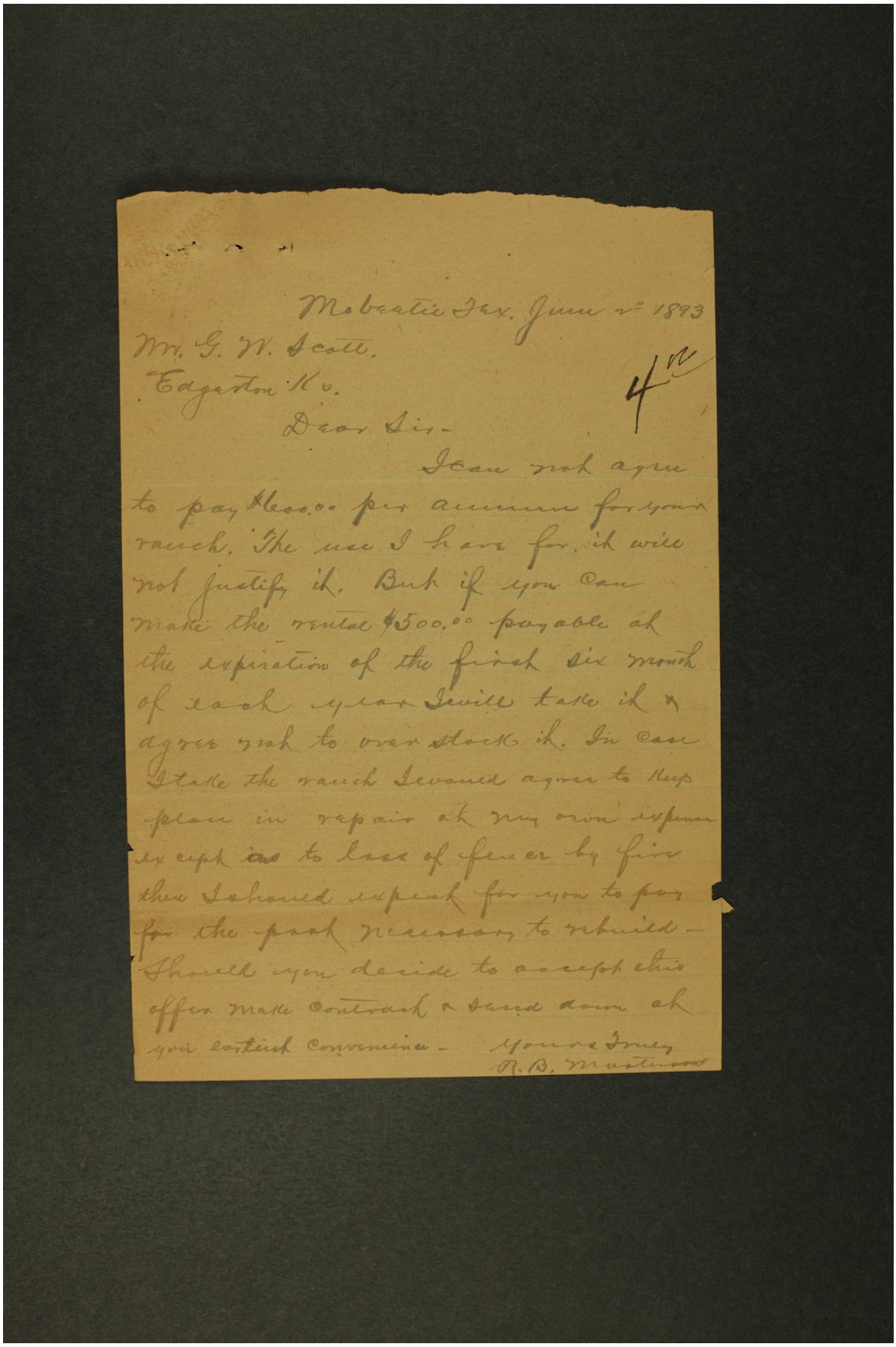
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Kansas City, Mo. May 31, 1893 189

Geo. W. Scott,
Edgerton, Kansas

Dear Sir;-
In reply to yours of the 30th we credit your account with the amount in question. We see the error was ours, although we did not understand it when we wrote you before. Please bear in mind however that all quotations we make are based on a charge for packages.

very Truly
By C. T. M. James & Sons



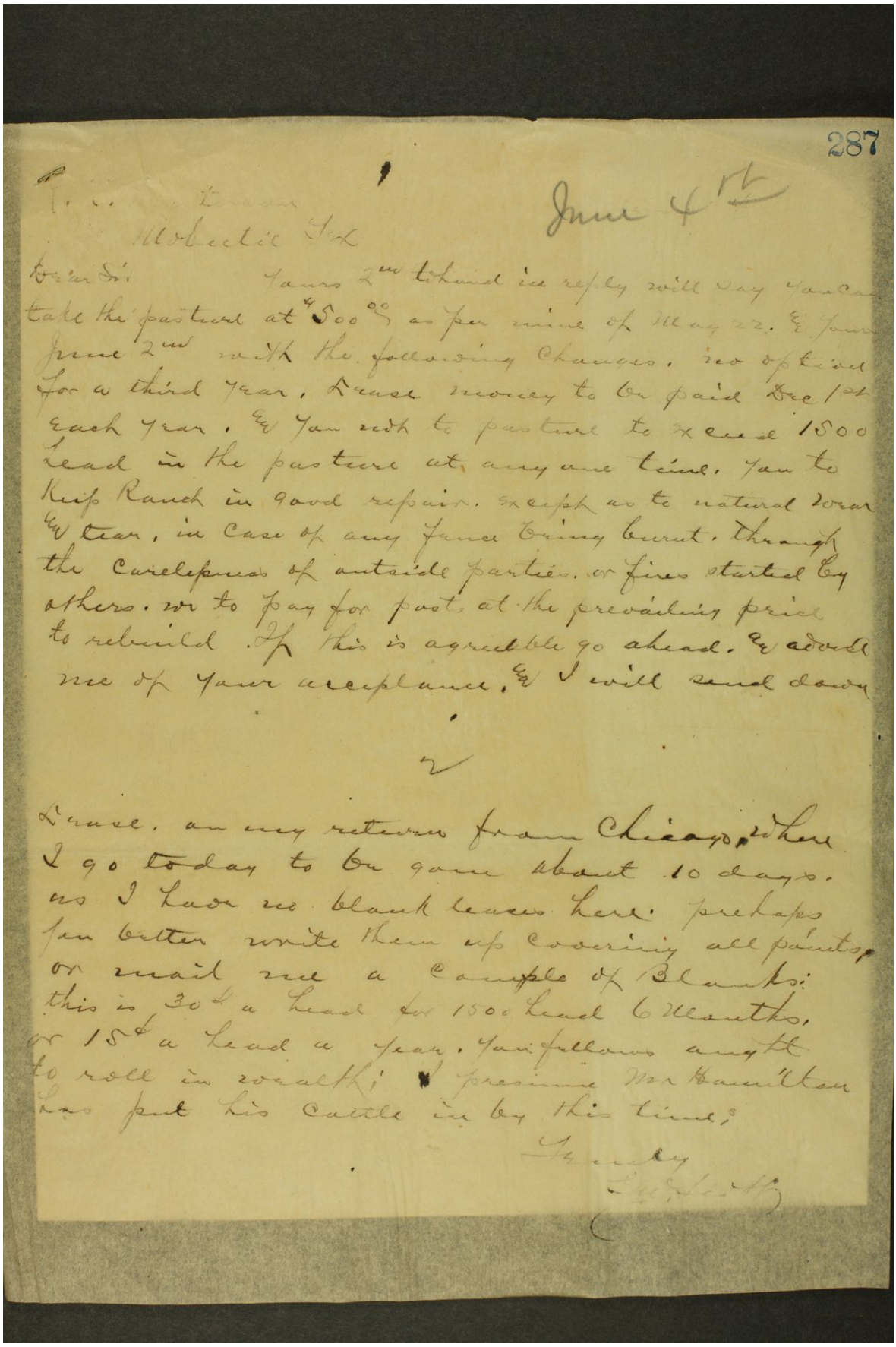
Mobeatie Tex. June 1st 1893

Mr. G. W. Scott.
Edgerton Ks.

4th

Dear Sir-

I can not agree to pay $600.00 per annum for your ranch. The use I have for it will not justify it. But if you can make the rental $500.00 payable at the expiration of the first six month of each year I will take it & agree not to over stock it. In case I take the ranch I would agree to keep place in repair at my own expense except as to loss of fence by fire then I should expect for you to pay for the post necessary to rebuild - Should you decide to accept this offer make contract & send down at your earliest convenience - Yours Truly
R. B. Masterson



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[illegible] June 4th

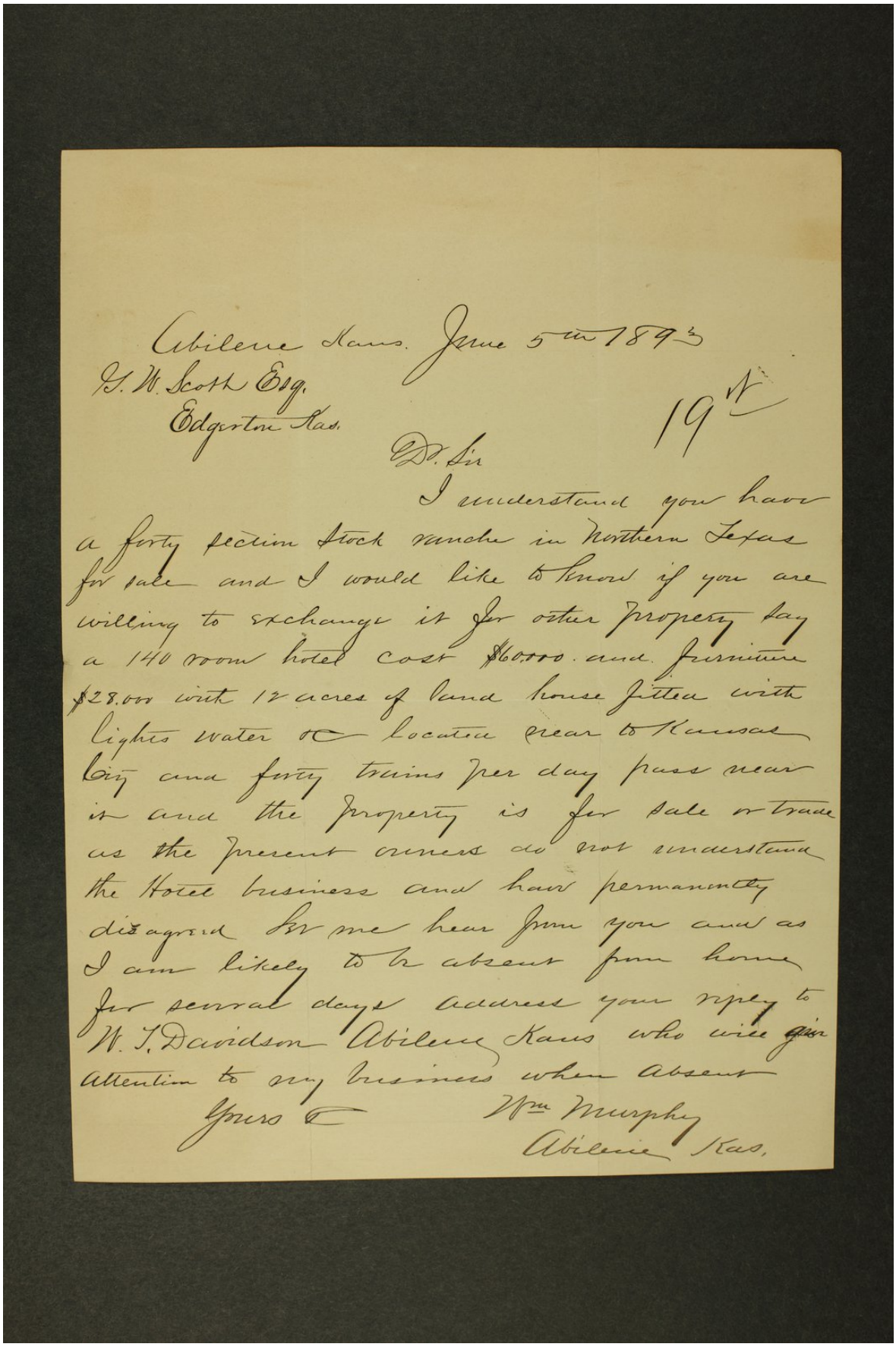
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Dear Sir: Yours 2nd to hand in reply will say you can take the pasture at $500.00 as per mine of May 22. & your June 2nd with the following Changes. no option for a third year. Rent money to be paid Dec 1st each year. & You not to pasture to exceed 1500 head in the pasture at any one time. You to keep Ranch in good repair. except as to natural wear & tear, in case of any fence being burnt. through the carelessness of outside parties. or fires started by others. or to pay for post at the prevailing price to rebuild. If this is agreeable go ahead. & advise me of your acceptance. & I will send down

Rent. on my return from Chicago. where I go today to be gone about 10 days. as I had no blank leases here. perhaps you better write them up covering all points, or mail me a couple of Blanks: this is 30¢ a head for 1500 head 6 Months, or 15¢ a head a year. You fellows ought to roll in wealth! I presume Mr Hamilton has put his cattle in by this time?

Yours truly

E W Scott



Abilene Kans. June 5th 1893

G. W. Scott Esq.
Edgerton Kas.

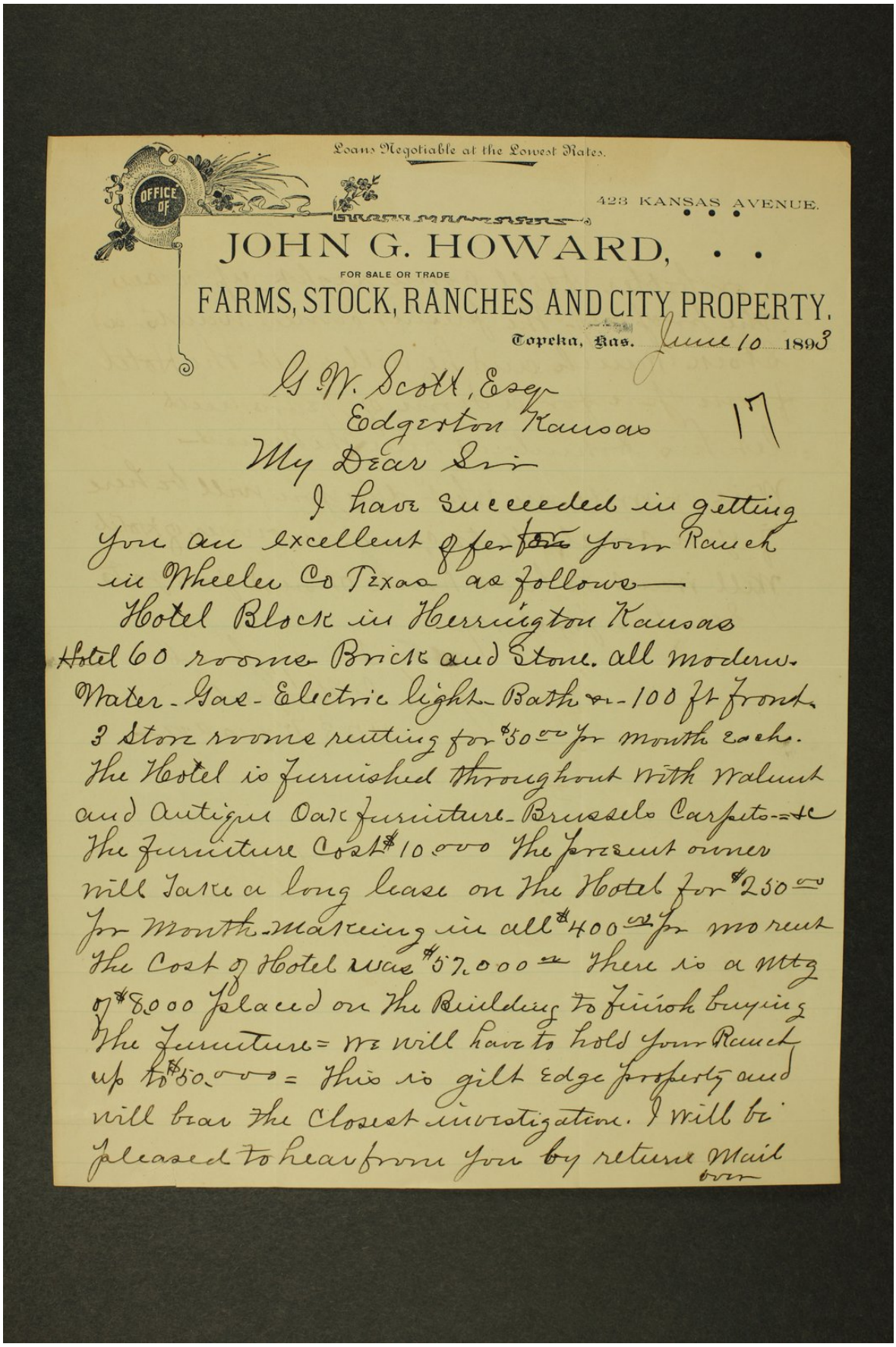
19th

Dr. Sir

I understand you have a forty section stock ranche in Northern Texas for sale and I would like to know if you are willing to exchange it for other property say a 140 room hotel cost $60.000. and furniture $28.000 with 12 acres of land house fitted with lights water &c location near to Kansas City and forty trains per day pass near it and the property is for sale or trade as the present owners do not understand the Hotel business and have permanently disagreed for me hear from you and as I am likely to be absent from home for several days address your reply to W. T. Davidson Abilene Kans who will give attention to my business when absent

Yours &c

Wm Murphy
Abilene Kas.



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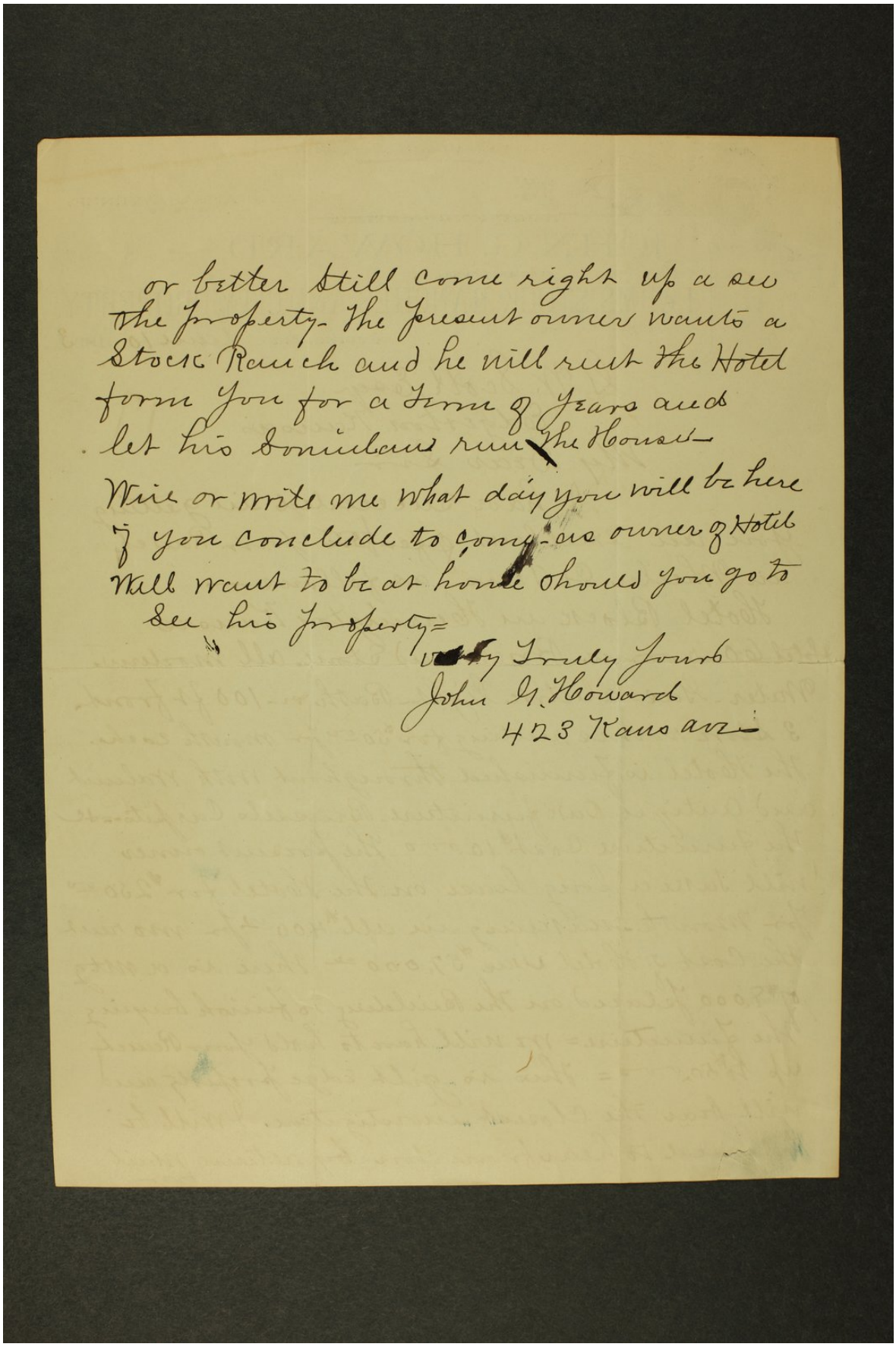
G W. Scott, Esq
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My Dear Sir

I have succeeded in getting you an excellent ~~offer~~ for your Ranch in Wheeler Co Texas as follows—

Hotel Block in Herrington Kansas Hotel 60 rooms Brick and Stone. all modern. Water - Gas - Electric light - Bath &c - 100 ft front. 3 Story rooms renting for $50.00 per month each. The Hotel is furnished throughout with Walnut and Antique Oak furniture - Brussels Carpets - &c The furniture Cost $10.000 The present owner will take a long lease on the Hotel for $250.00 per Month - Making in all $400.00 per month rent The Cost of Hotel was $57,000.00 There is a Mtg of $8,000 placed on the Building to finish buying the furniture = We will have to hold your Ranch up to $50.000 = This is gilt edge property and will bear the Closest investigation. I will be pleased to hear from you by return Mail

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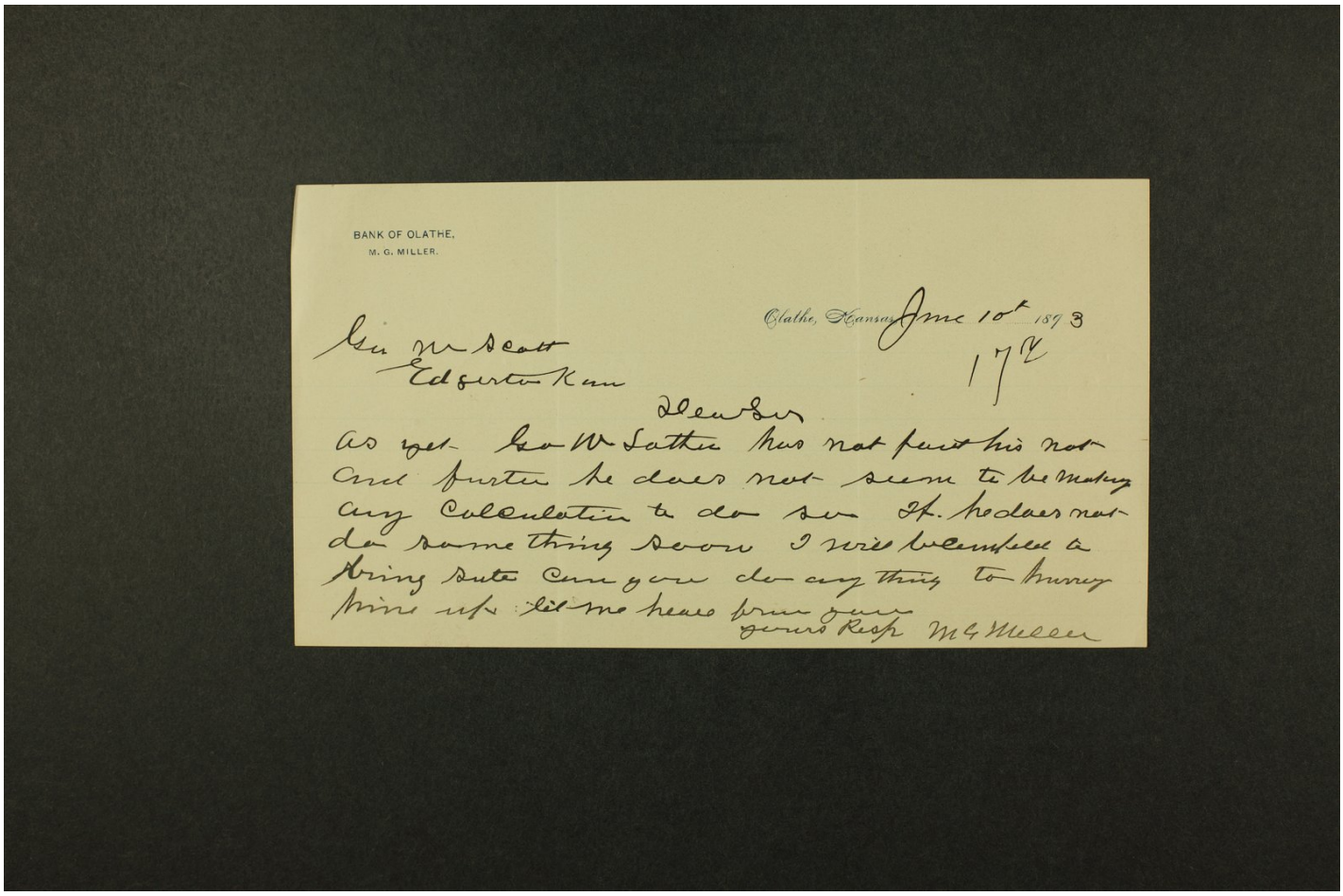


or better still come right up & see the property. The present owner wants a Stock Ranch and he will rent the Hotel form you for a Term of Years and let his Son in law run the House—

Wire or write me what day you will be here if you conclude to come—as owner of Hotel will want to be at home should you go to see his property—

Very Truly Yours
John G. Howard
423 Kansas Ave—

George W. Scott papers



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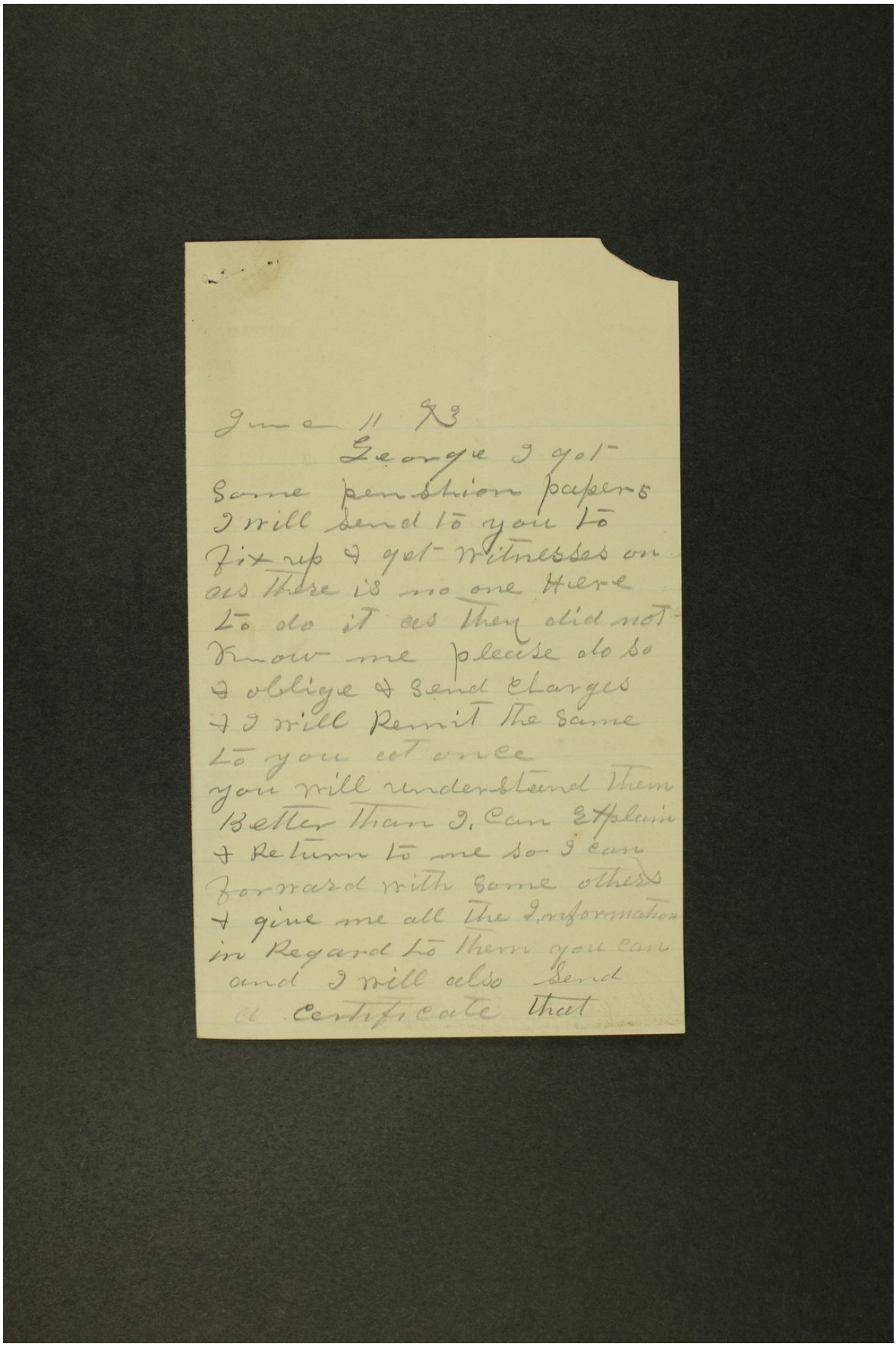
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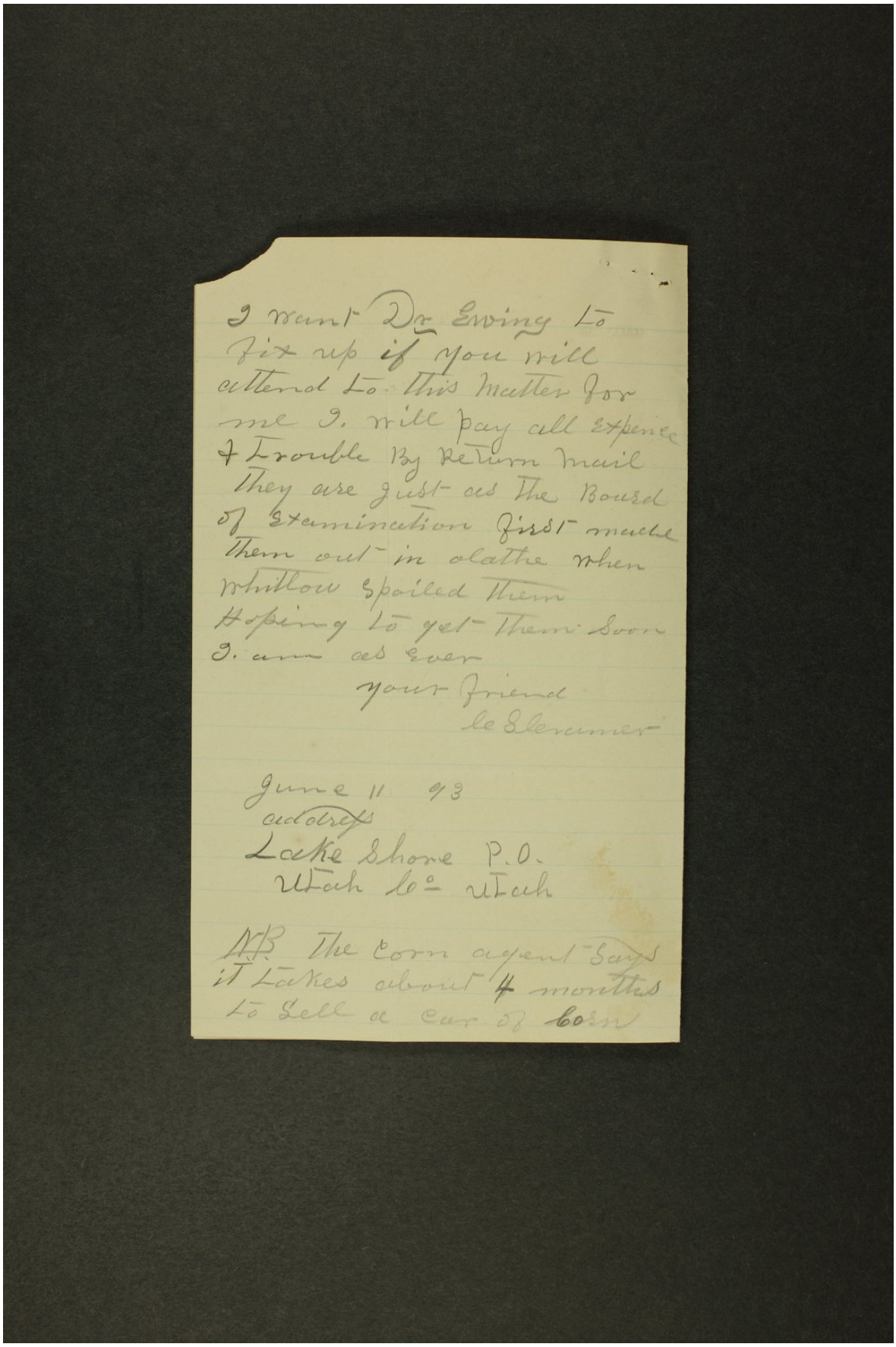
As yet Geo W Sather has not paid his note and further he does not seem to be making any calculation to do so. If he does not do something soon I will be compelled to bring suit. Can you do anything to hurry him up? Let me hear from you.

Yours Resp M G Miller



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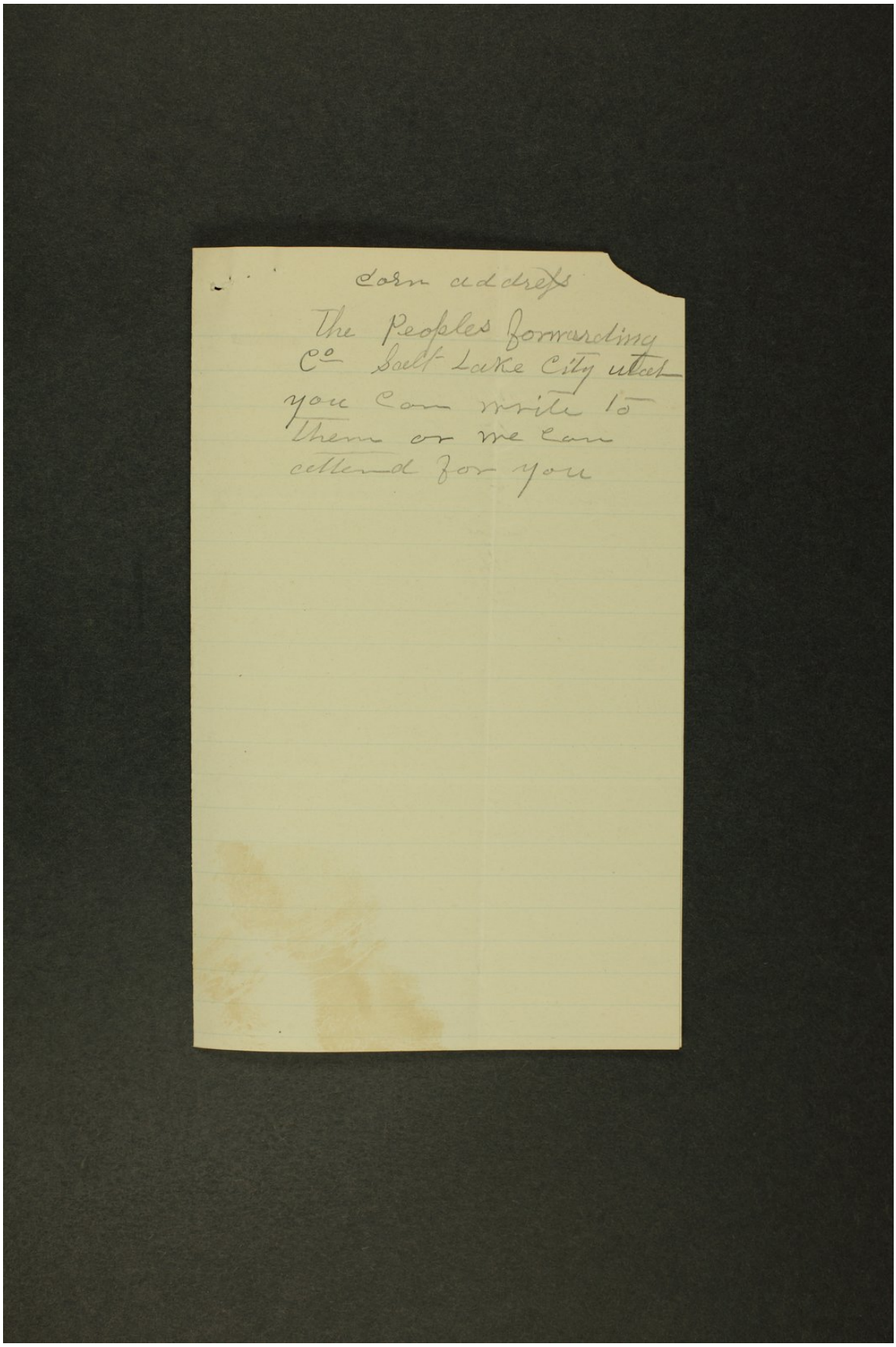
George I got
Some pension papers
I will send to you to
fix up & get Witnesses on
as there is no one Here
to do it as they did not
know me please do so
& oblige & Send Charges
& I will Remit the Same
to you at once
you will understand them
Better than I. Can Explain
& Return to me so I can
Forward with Some others
& give me all the Information
in Regard to them you can
and I will also Send
a Certificate that



I want Dr Ewing to
fix up if you will
attend to this matter for
me I will pay all expence
& Trouble By Return mail
They are just as the Board
of Examination first made
them out in olathe when
whitlow spoiled them
Hoping to get them Soon
I am as ever
your friend
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Utah Co Utah

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it takes about 4 months
to sell a car of corn


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