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Materials relating to the case of the Kansas Territory, U.S. District Court versus John Brown, Owen Brown, James Townsley, and Thomas Weiner on the charge of horse stealing. Henry Sherman ("Dutch Henry") signs an affidavit identifying the men as the theives on the evening on the Pottawatomie Massacre in Franklin County, Kansas on May 24, 1856.

Date: 1856

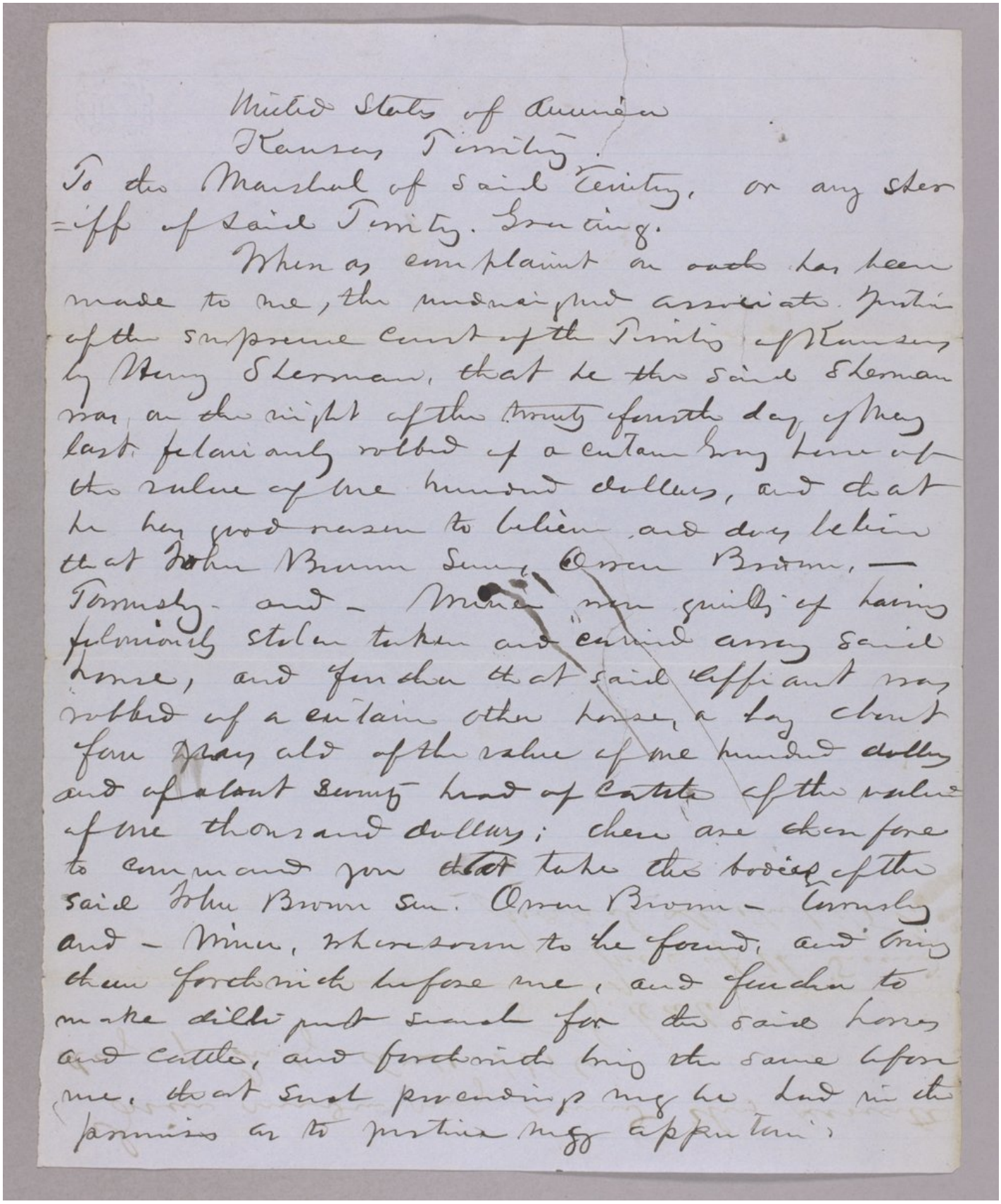
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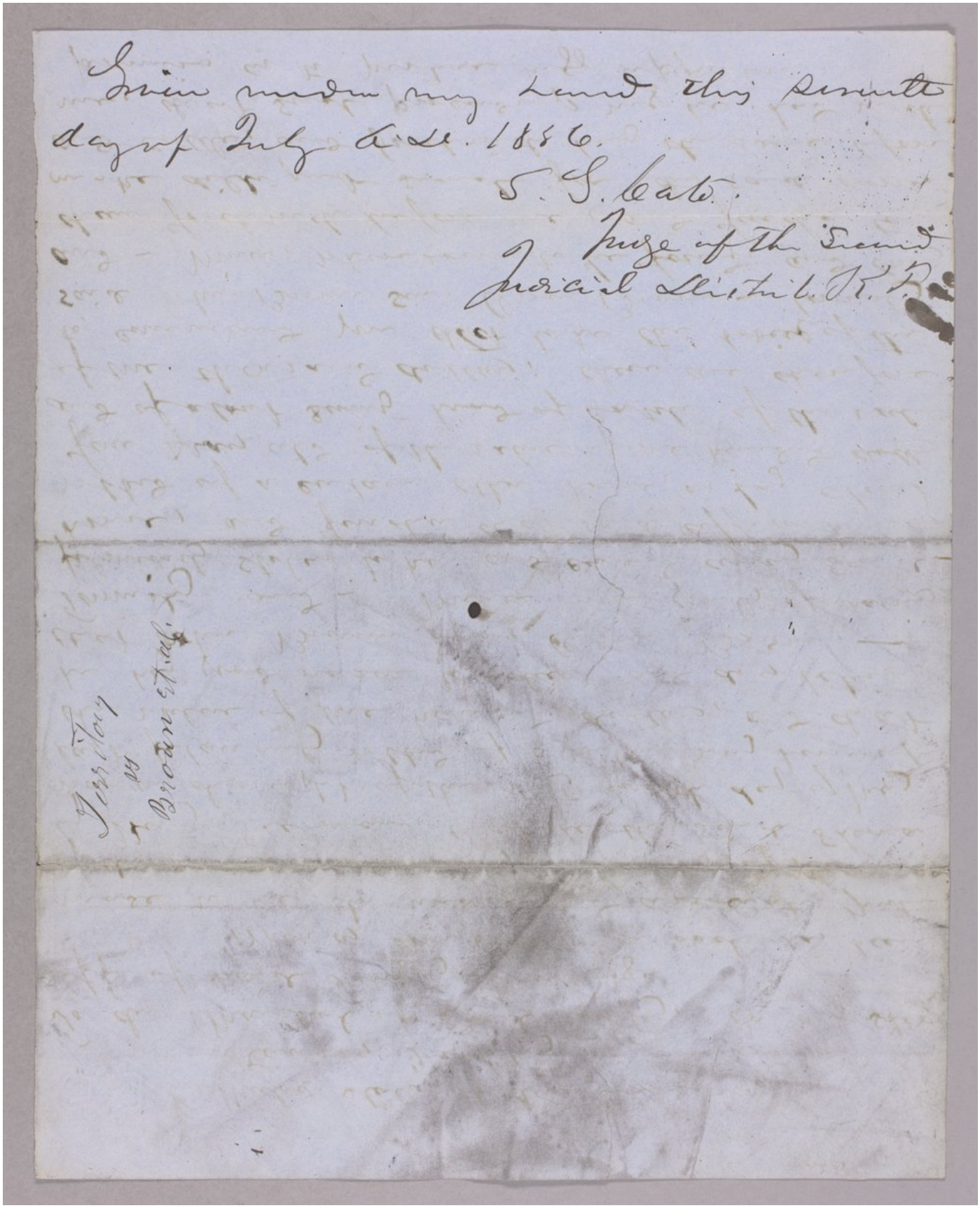


United States of America
Kansas Territory.

To the Marshal of said Territory, or any Sheriff of said Territory. Greeting.

Whereas complaint on oath has been made to me, the undersigned associate Justice of the supreme Court of the Territory of Kansas by Henry Sherman, that he the said Sherman was on the night of the twenty fourth day of May last feloniously robbed of a certain bay horse of the value of one hundred dollars, and that he has good reason to believe, and does believe that John Brown Sen. Owen Brown, — Townsley and — Wilkinson are guilty of having feloniously stolen taken and carried away said horse, and further that said affiant was robbed of a certain other horse, a bay about four years old of the value of one hundred dollars and of about seven head of cattle of the value of one thousand dollars; these are therefore to command you that take the bodies of the said John Brown Sen. Owen Brown — Townsley and — Wilkinson, wheresoever to be found, and bring them forthwith before me, and further to make diligent search for the said horses and cattle, and forthwith bring the same before me, that such proceedings may be had in the premises as to justice may appertain;

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Given under my hand this Seventh
day of July A.D. 1856.
S. S. Lecompte.
Judge of the Second
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} S.S. Henry Sherman

a resident of said Territory, over the age of twenty one years, being Sworn says that, on the night of the twenty fourth of May last he this affiant was robbed of a Gray horse of the value of one hundred dollars; & that this affiant has good reason to believe and does believe that John Brown Senior, Owen Brown — Townsley — & Winer — are guilty of having feloniously stolen, taken and carried away said Gray horse from the possession of affiant. Affiant further says that some person or persons unknown to this affiant, about the fifteenth day of June last did feloniously steal take and carry away, a certain other horse of this affiant, a bay, aged four years old, of the value of one hundred dollars and further this affiant says that some person or persons unknown to this affiant, about the thirtieth day of May last did feloniously steal take and carry away from the possession of this affiant, about twenty five head of cattle of the value of one thousand dollars.

Sworn to & subscribed this 7 July 1856.
S. D. Cato. Justice of the 2nd District.

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