

Kansas Territory versus George W. Clark (Clarke) and others for grand larceny

These legal documents relate to the case of the Kansas Territory vs. George W. Clark (Clarke) and others for grand larceny. Clarke was accused of leading a force of two to three hundred men through Linn County, Kansas Territory on September 3, 1856, robbing and destroying the property of its citizens. The documents include affidavits sworn by John Jones and William T. Turner before Associate Justice Sterling G. Cato on October 17, 1856. Jones states Clarke and his men held him captive for 5 days before robbing him. Clarke was a slave owner and pro-slavery activist involved in several Bleeding Kansas conflicts.

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No. 1463

Territory of Kansas
County of Douglas

John Jones being sworn says that on the third day of September A.D. 1856 one G. W. Clark together with some two or three hundred men, all armed ~~came~~ met affiant near Enger's mill in the County of Sumner, and turned affiant back from the direction in which he was going and kept affiant as a prisoner, five days. The said G. W. Clark and the other persons with him, took by force, a wagon and team, and some fifteen bushels of corn, and on Friday the said parties went to the home of affiant and took and carried away a mare and rifle gun;

John Jones.

Subscribed and sworn to
this 17 day of October before
me,
S. S. Galt
Ct. Justice

United States of America }
Territory of Kansas } ss:

To the Marshal of the
United States for the Territory
of Kansas

The above information
being laid before me, you
are hereby commanded to ar-
rest G. W. Clark and each
other persons under his com-
mand as ~~may~~ be identified

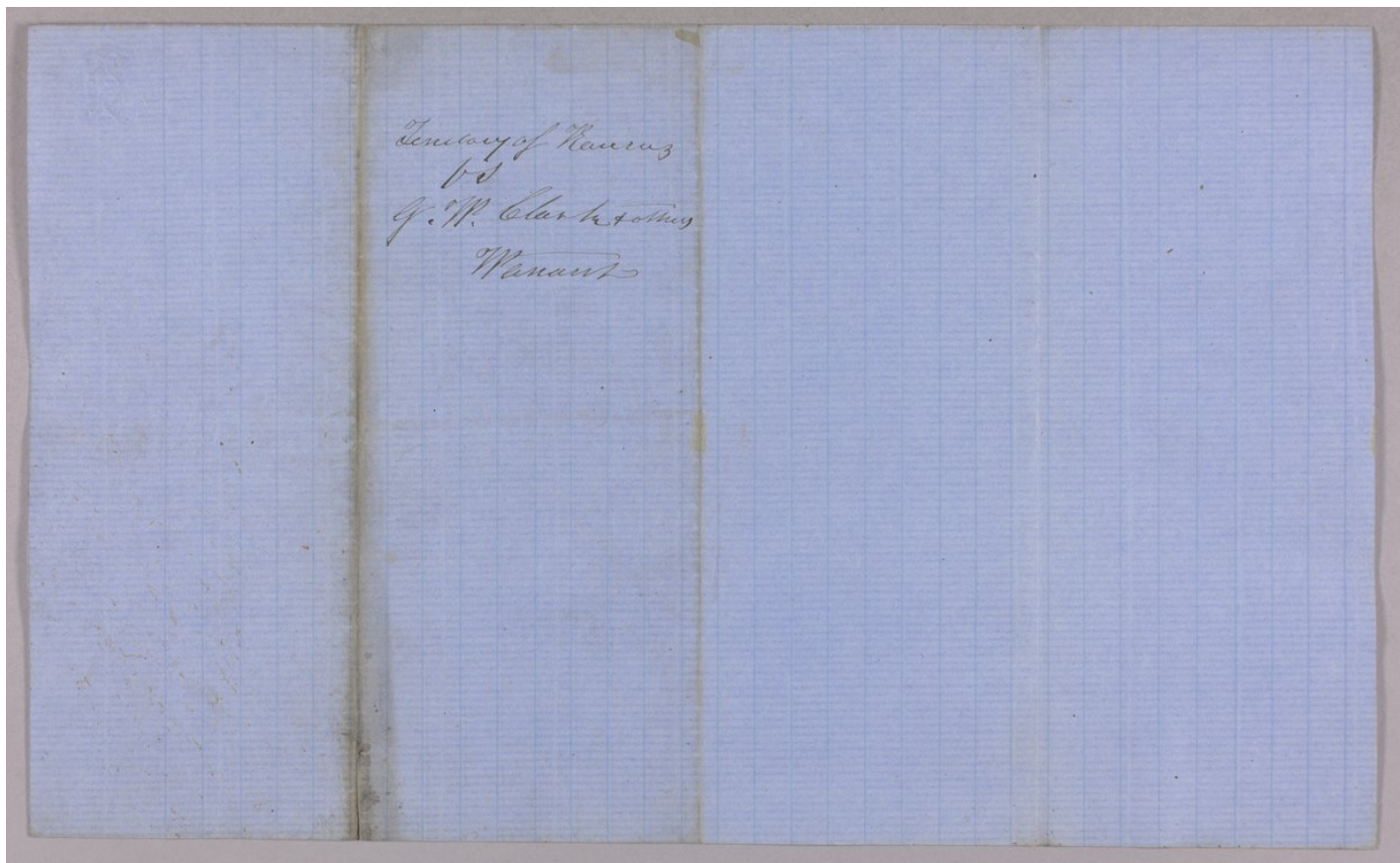
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as engaged in the commission
of the offense charged, and
have then before me, a some
other competent judicial
authority, to assign the
charges to be dealt with
according to law.

Witness my hand this
18th day of Oct. 1838

Saml. D. Beaman
Ch. Jus. Terr. St.
Terr. of Kansas

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No. 1467

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William T Turner being sworn says that on the third day of September A.D. 1886 in the County of Lincoln, one G. W. Clark, and two or three hundred men under him, all armed, came to the house of Isaac A. Decimus, and affiant says that some one of the said company whose name is unknown to affiant, put fire to the dwelling and stole some of the said decimus, and that the said house was consumed together with their contents, except some furniture which was saved from the dwelling. affiant further says that the same party on the same day, and at same place went to the home of George Barnes, and robbed said house of his clothes and wearing apparel killed the chickens, and then proceeded to the Post Office, broke it open, tore up and took out a good many letters, and took and carried away some two or three hundred post office stamps, affiant further states that the same party at the place and time aforesaid took and carried away some thirty or forty dozen bundles of goods the property of the said Barnes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th Oct A.D. 1886

S. S. Gato
Ct. Justice.

Wm T Turner

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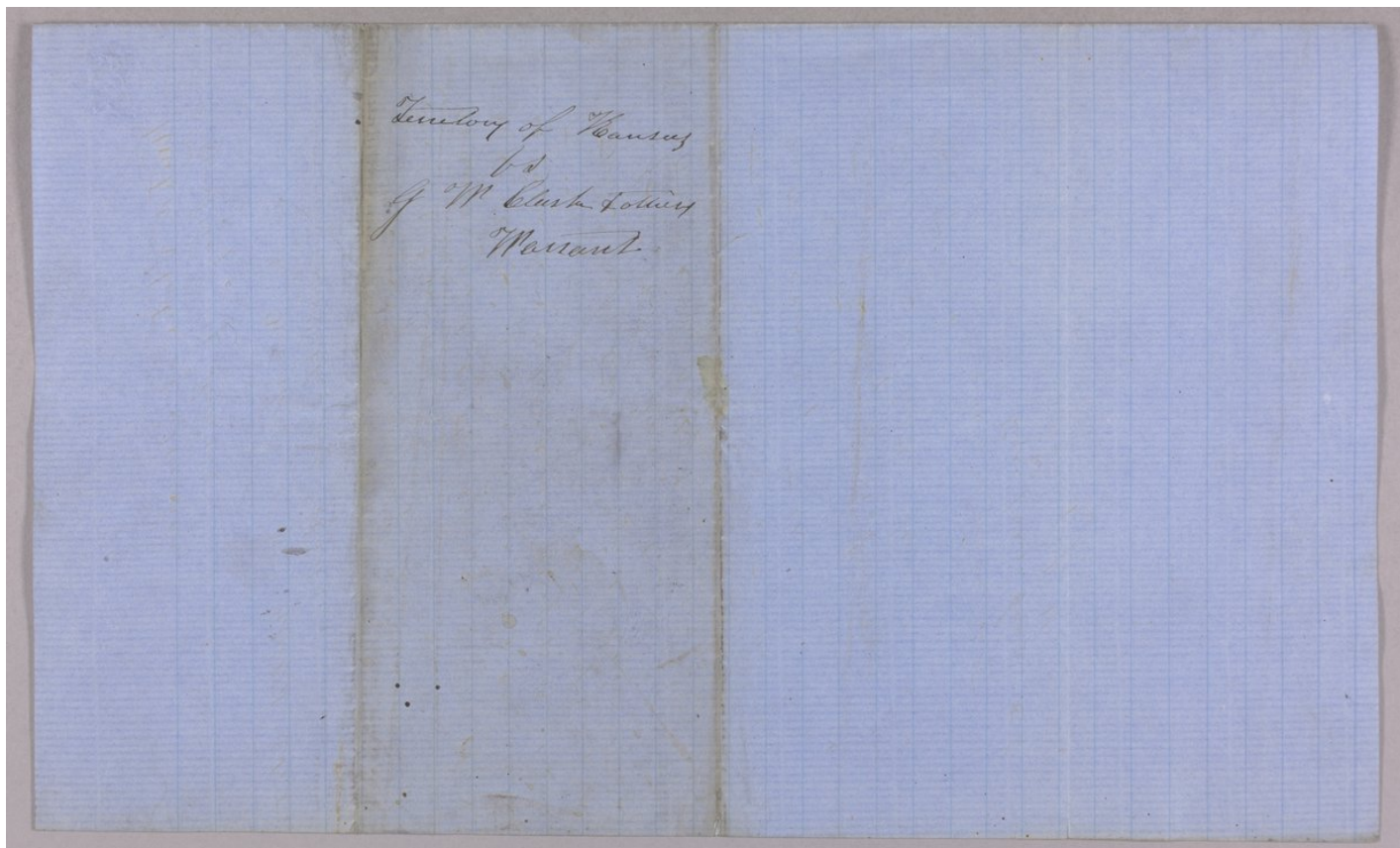
do the Marshal of the United States
for the Territory of Kansas

Upon the foregoing information
laid before me, you are hereby
commanded to arrest G. W. Clark
and such persons under his command
as can be identified as engaged in
the destruction of the property
therein mentioned, and have them
before the undersigned, or some
other competent judicial au-
thority, to answer the charges
therein specified & to be dealt
with according to law.

Given under my hand
this 18th day of October Anno
Domini Eighteen hundred &
fifty six -

Sam. D. Brown
Ch. Sec. Sup. Ct.
Terr. of Kansas

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Sanctuary of Kansas &
Danglap country }

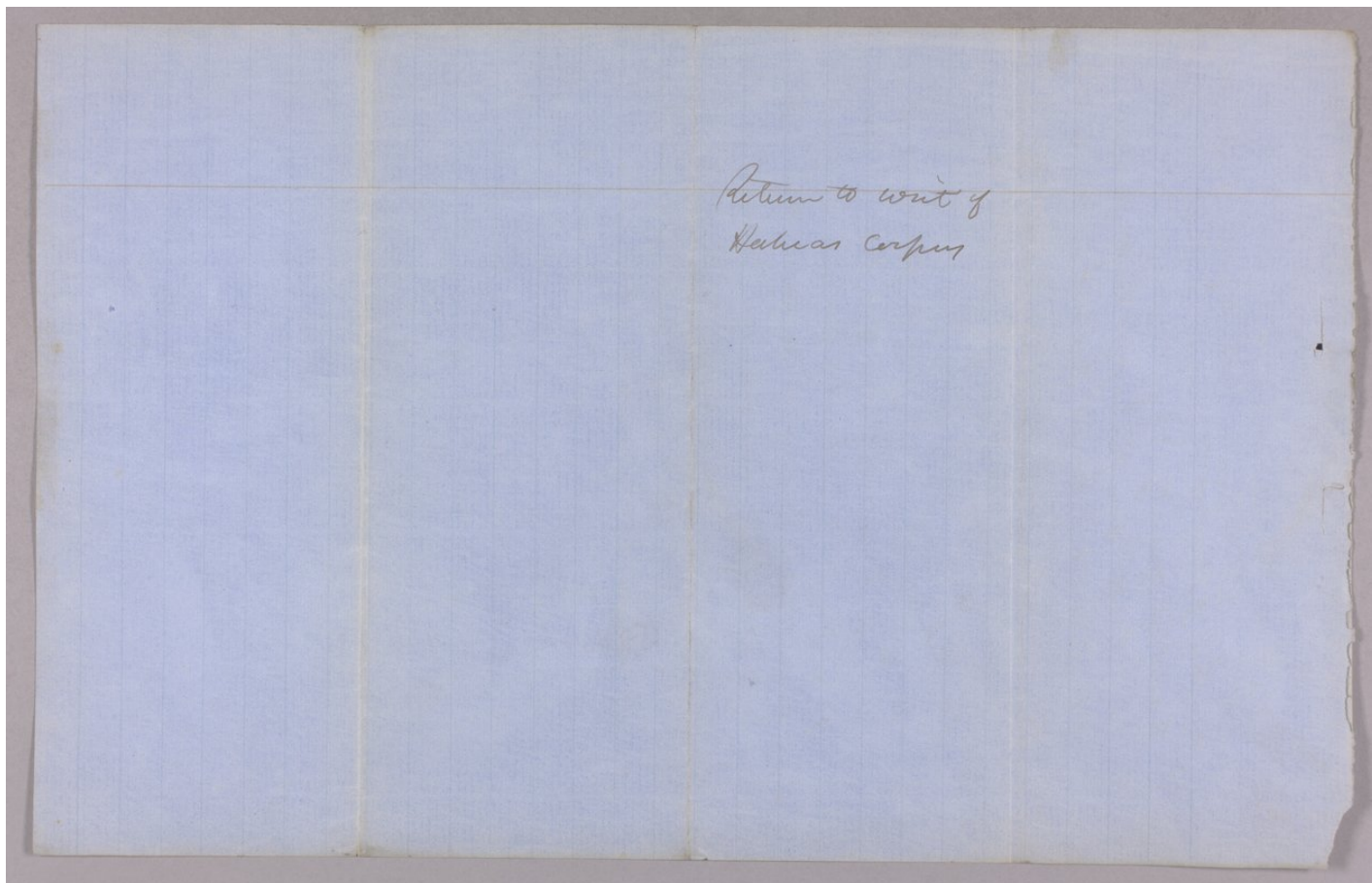
To the Hon Shirlip G. Leato, judge
of the Second judicial District of the United
States court in the Territory of Kansas -

I have the said George W. Clark in
Custody and hold him by virtue
of a Bench warrant issued by the
Clerk of the District court of the U. States
for the first judicial District and
dated the 13th day of October A. D. 1856 -
and issued the following return in
which writ was executed by me
on the 13th of January 1857 - a copy
of which is here with returned -

I B. Donaldson U. S.
Marshal N. T.

Jan 31st 1856.

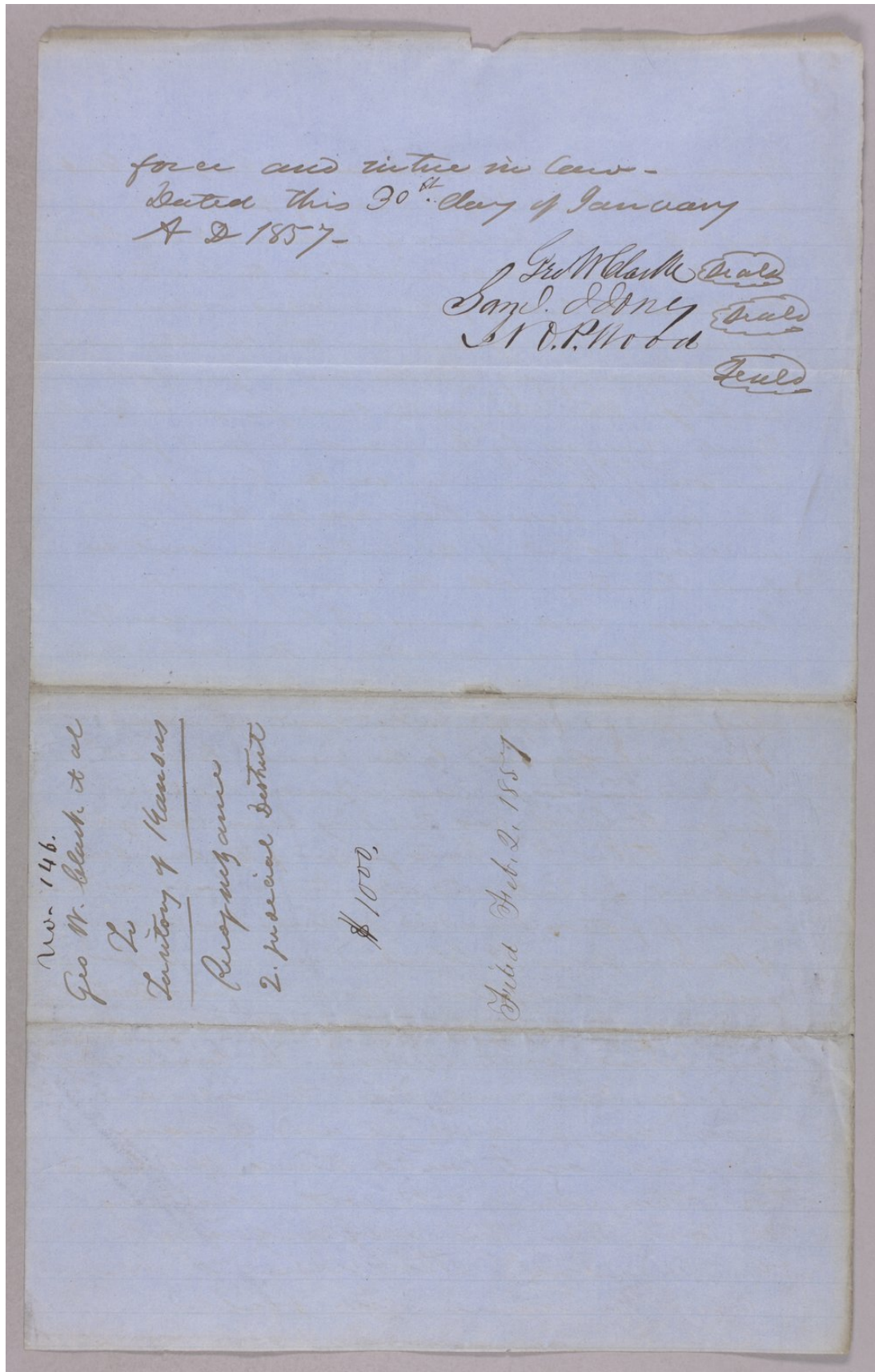
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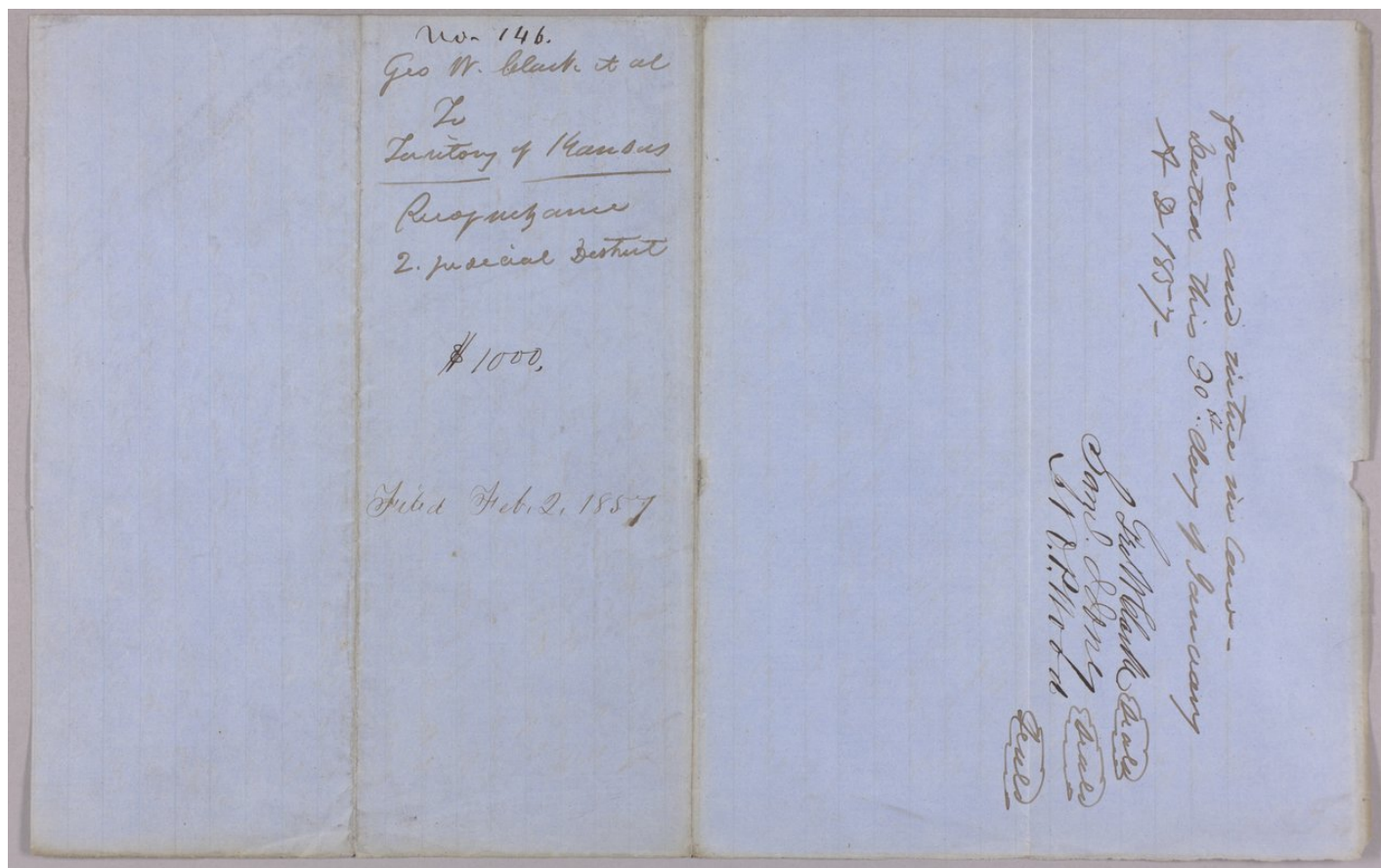
I know all men by these presents that George W. Clark, Samuel S. Jones and W. P. Wood of the County of Douglas in the Territory of Kansas acknowledge themselves to owe and be indebted to the Territory of Kansas in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be levied and made of their goods and chattels, lands and tenements and chattels real & yet upon condition that whereas the said George W. Clark stands charged by the Grand Jurquest for the Territory of Kansas sitting in the Town of Leavenworth in the Town of Shawnee in the second judicial District of the United States Court in said Territory with the crime of Grand larceny - And whereas the said George W. Clark has been arrested by the United States Marshall for said Territory on a warrant duly issued on the indictment aforesaid found as aforesaid by the Grand Jurquest of said Territory - And whereas the said George W. Clark has this day been brought before the said Court to judge of the said second judicial District and admitted to bail in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars - Now therefore if the said George W. Clark shall in proper person be and appear before the said District Court on the first day of the next Term of said District Court wherever the same may be held then and there to answer said charge and he and remain in said court until thence discharged or otherwise dealt with according to law then this recognizance to be void otherwise to be and remain in full

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To J B Donaldson United States Marshall
for said Territory.

We command you that the body of
George W. Clark in your custody detained
as it is laid together with the day and cause
of his capture and detention you safely
have before us at My Room in
the town of Leecompton in said Territory
on the 31 day of January A.D. 1857.
at 2 o'clock P.M. of said day to do
and view all and singular those things
which we shall then and there consider
of him in this behalf. And have you
then there this writ.

S. J. G. at
Judge &c

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