

## **Kansas Territory versus Lieutenant Crittenden and J. W. Randolph**

This warrant for the arrest of Lieutenant Crittenden and J. W. Randolph was issued on November 3, 1857 by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Kansas Territory Sterling G. Cato for Douglas County. In the warrant, Cato accuses Randolph, a member of the constitutional convention, and Crittenden of a "contemplated hostile meeting". Randolph and Crittenden were arrested on October 3, 1857 and later released, suggesting they were arrested before the warrant was issued or one of the dates is incorrect. The constitutional convention likely refers to the pro-slavery Lecompton Constitutional Convention, which took place on from September to November 1857.

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Territory of Kansas - Territory of Kansas  
County of Douglas } to the Marshal of said  
Territory. ~~Writing~~  
Whereas satisfactory information has been laid  
before me, of a contemplated hostile meeting  
between Lieut. Crittenden of the United  
States Army and J. W. Randolph, a  
member of the constitutional convention  
these are therefore to Command you to arrest  
the said Lieut. Crittenden and Randolph  
and bring them before me, or some other  
provident officer, forthwith, to be dealt  
with according to law.

Given under my hand this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1857.

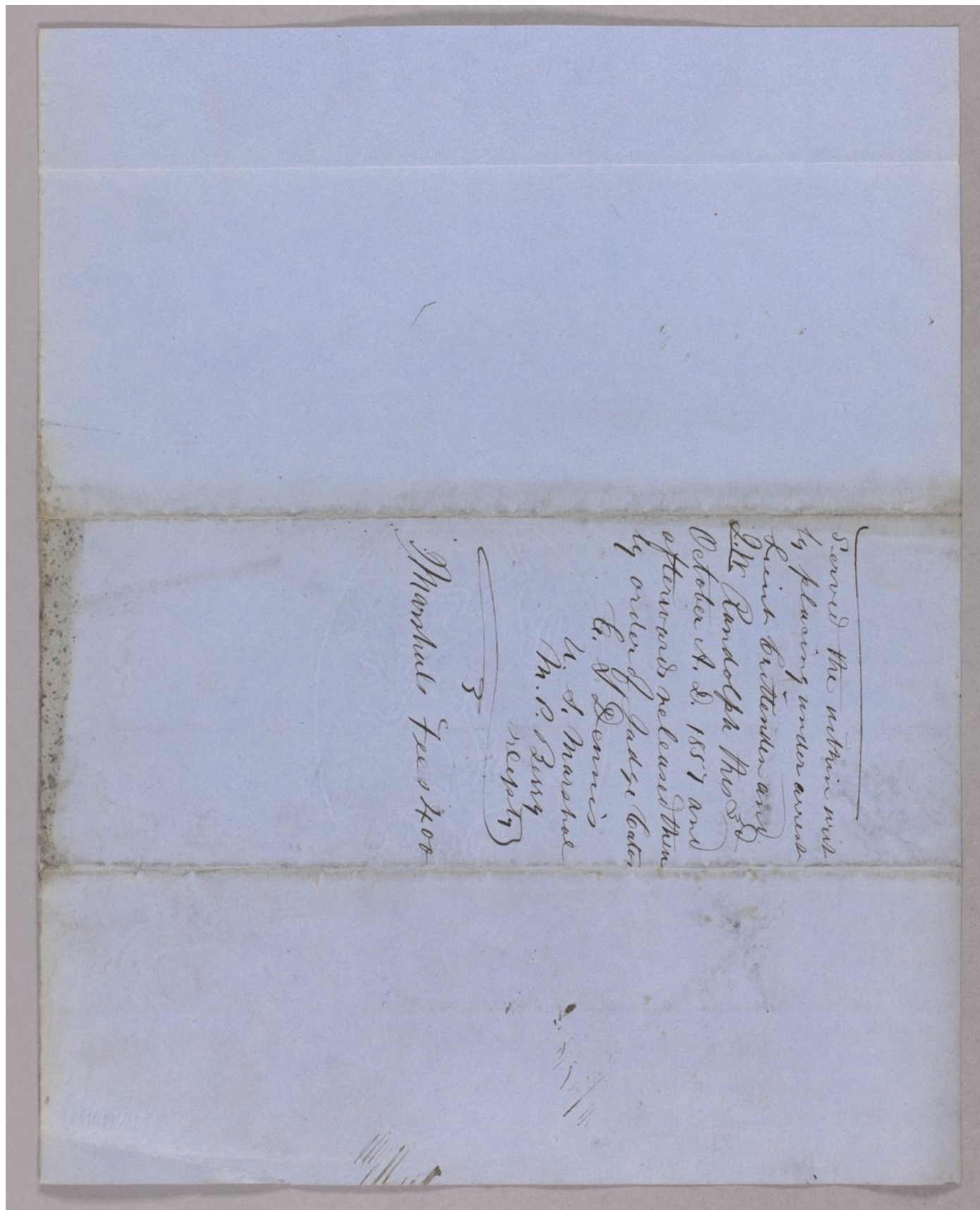
Stirling G. Cat

Not Justice

Supreme Court



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Served the within writ  
by placing under arrest  
Lieut Crittenden and  
J. W. Randolph this  
October A. D. 1857 and  
afterwards released them  
by order of Judge Cates  
C. J. Dennis  
U. S. Marshal  
M. P. Berry  
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Marshals Fee \$400