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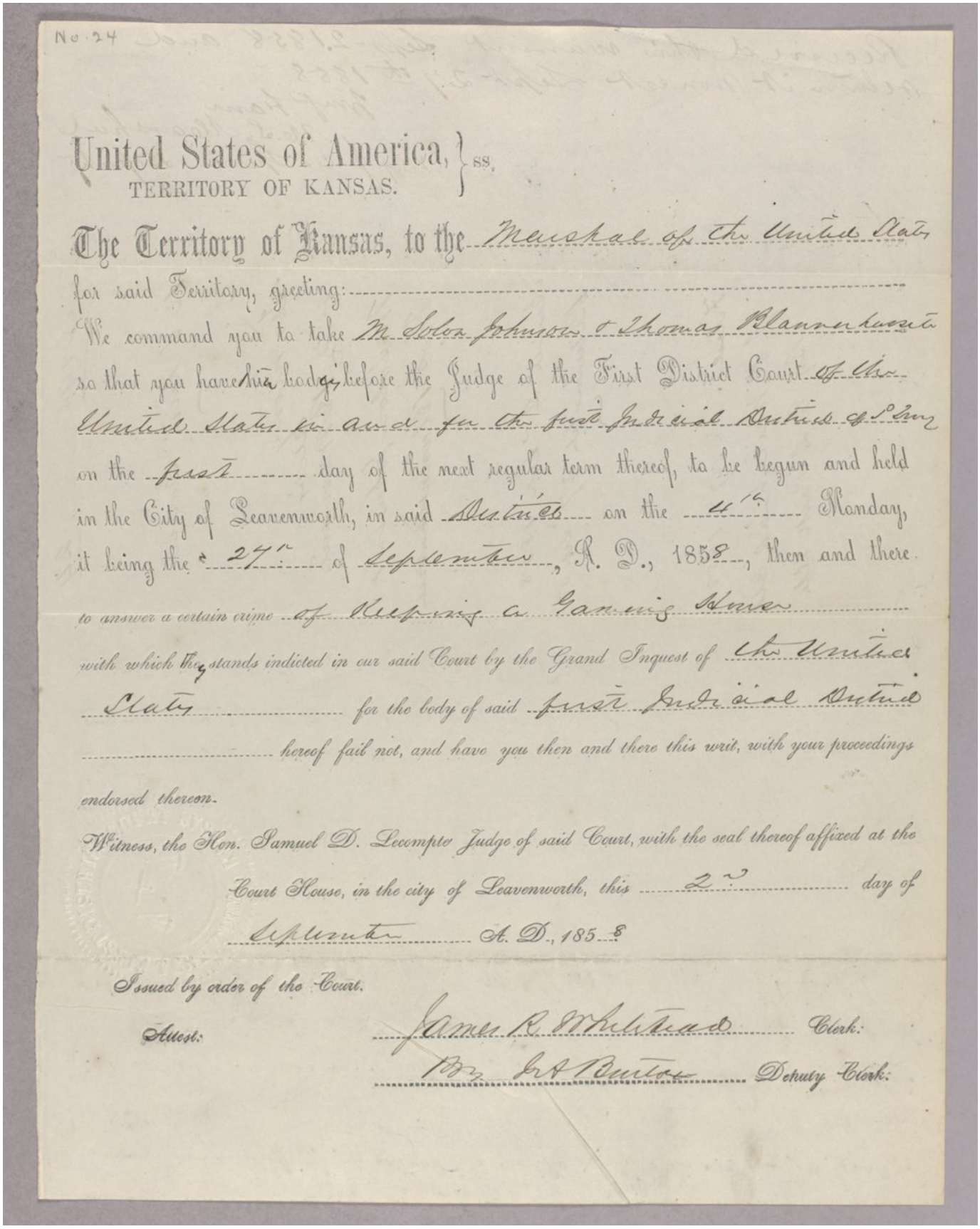
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No. 24

United States of America, } ss.
TERRITORY OF KANSAS.

The Territory of Kansas, to the Marshal of the United States for said Territory, greeting:

We command you to take M. Solon Johnson & Thomas Blonnerhasset so that you have his body before the Judge of the First District Court of the United States in and for the first Judicial District of said on the first day of the next regular term thereof, to be begun and held in the City of Leavenworth, in said District on the 4th Monday, it being the 27th of September, A. D., 1858, then and there to answer a certain crime of Keeping a Gaming House with which they stands indicted in our said Court by the Grand Inquest of the United States for the body of said first Judicial District hereof fail not, and have you then and there this writ, with your proceedings endorsed thereon.

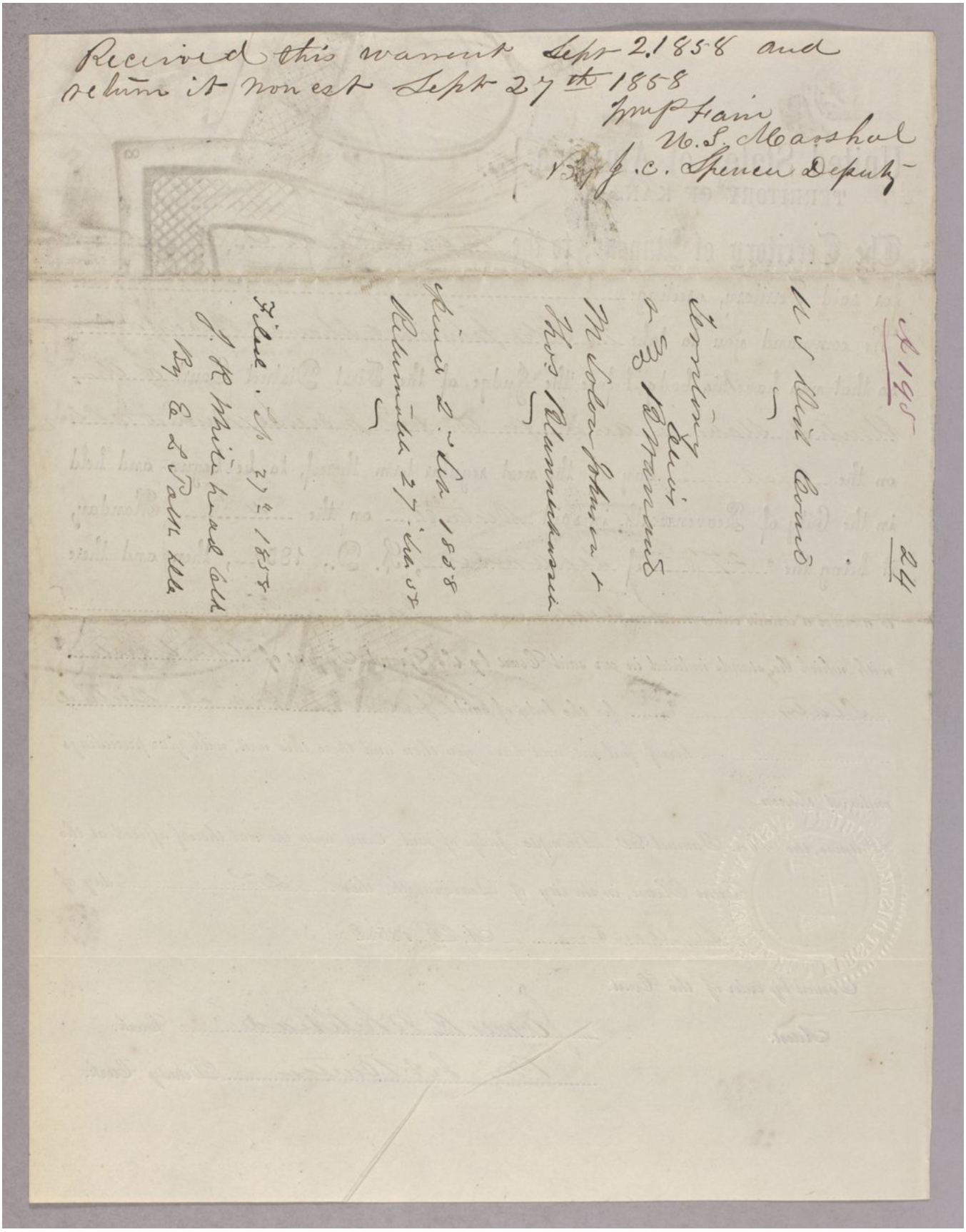
Witness, the Hon. Samuel D. Lecompte Judge of said Court, with the seal thereof affixed at the Court House, in the city of Leavenworth, this 2nd day of September A. D., 185 8

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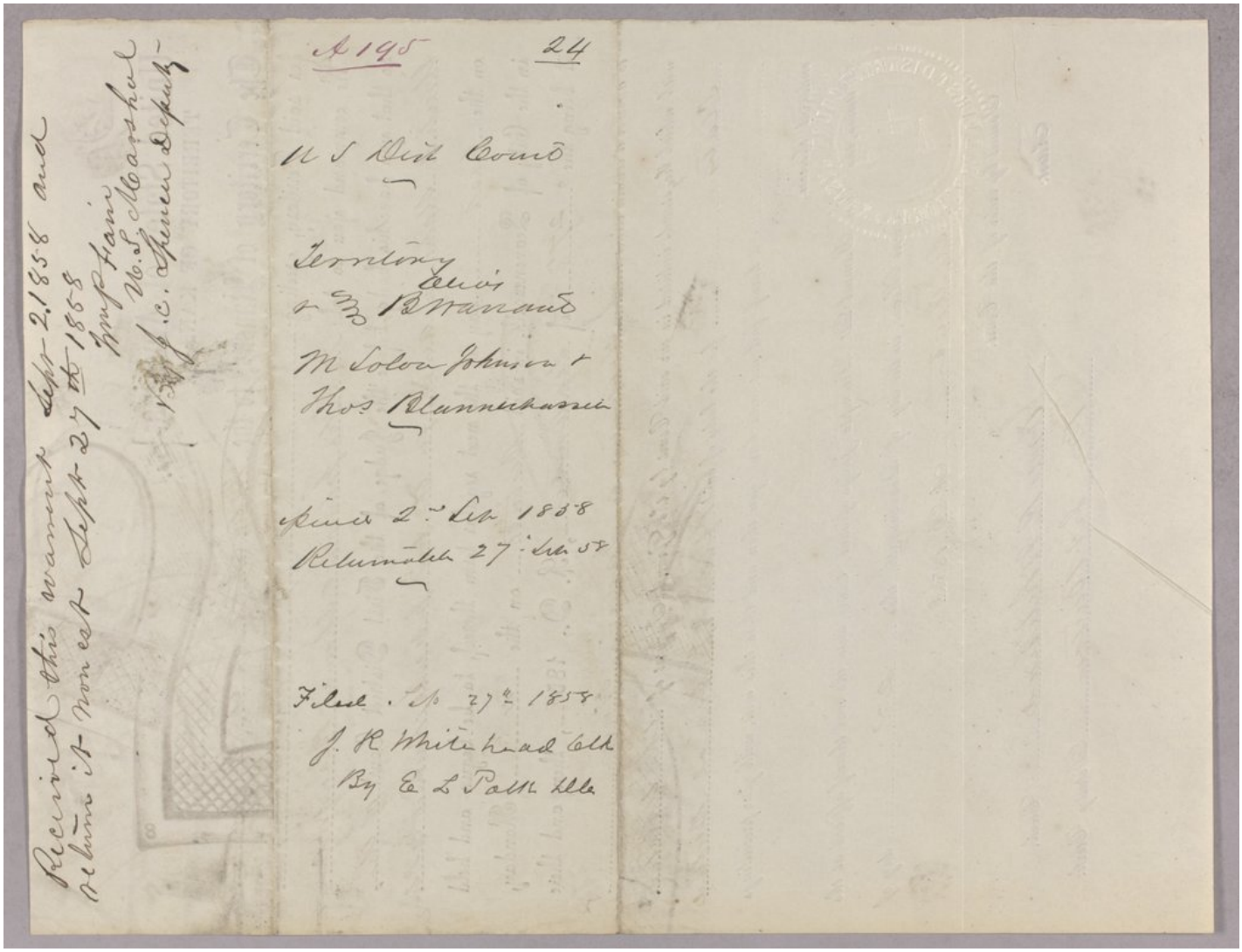
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Wm. H. Barton Deputy Clerk:

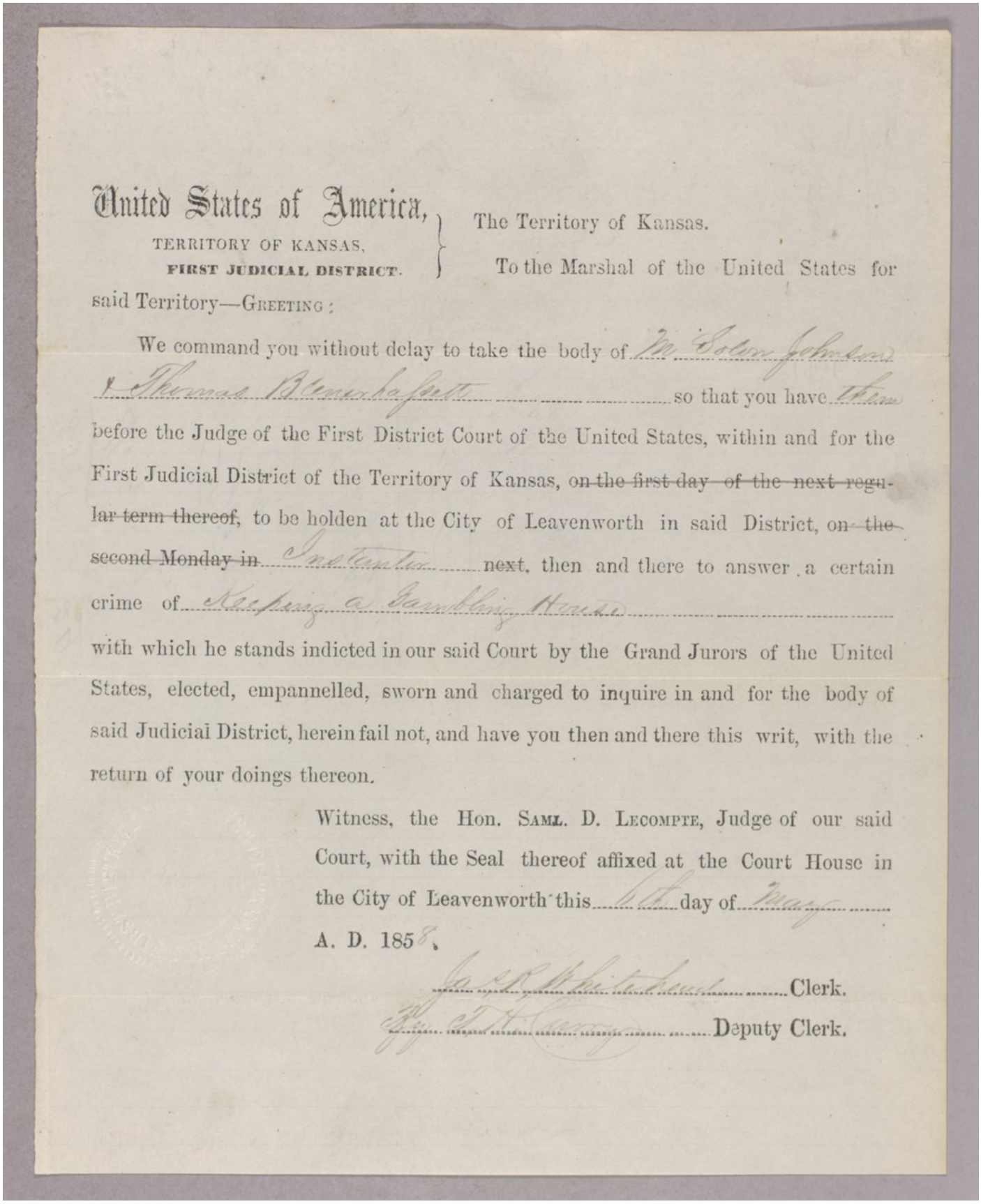
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United States of America,
TERRITORY OF KANSAS,
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

The Territory of Kansas.

To the Marshal of the United States for said Territory—GREETING:

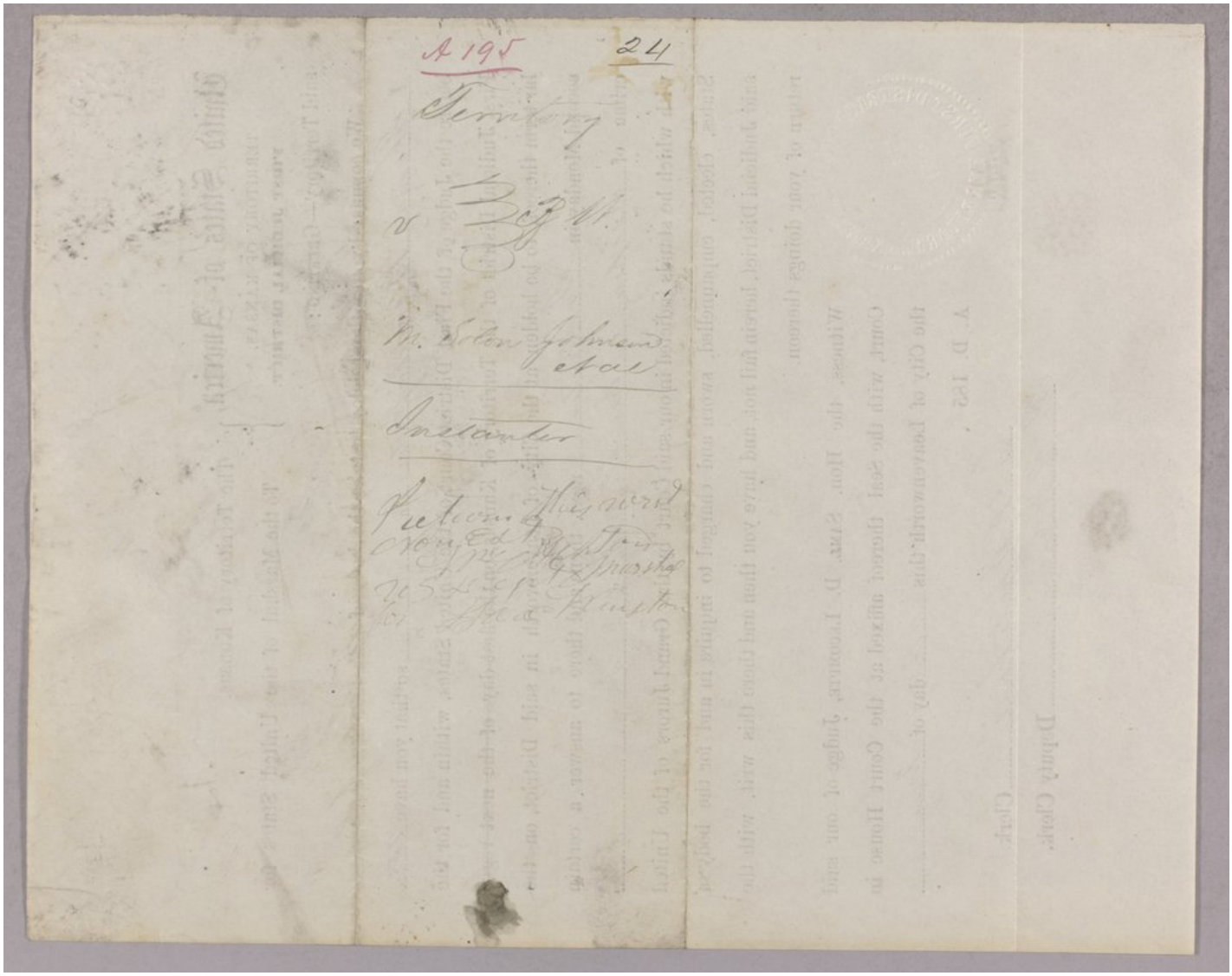
We command you without delay to take the body of Solon Johnson & Thomas Blonnerhasset so that you have them before the Judge of the First District Court of the United States, within and for the First Judicial District of the Territory of Kansas, ~~on the first day of the next regular term thereof~~, to be holden at the City of Leavenworth in said District, ~~on the second Monday in~~ Instanter next, then and there to answer a certain crime of Keeping a Gambling House with which he stands indicted in our said Court by the Grand Jurors of the United States, elected, empannelled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of said Judicial District, herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ, with the return of your doings thereon.

Witness, the Hon. SAML. D. LECOMPTE, Judge of our said Court, with the Seal thereof affixed at the Court House in the City of Leavenworth this 6th day of May A. D. 1858.

Jas. R. Whitehead Clerk.

H. J. Hoag Deputy Clerk.

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The Territory of Kansas,

To Wm F. Harrison & R. Tuttle & Chas. Trask

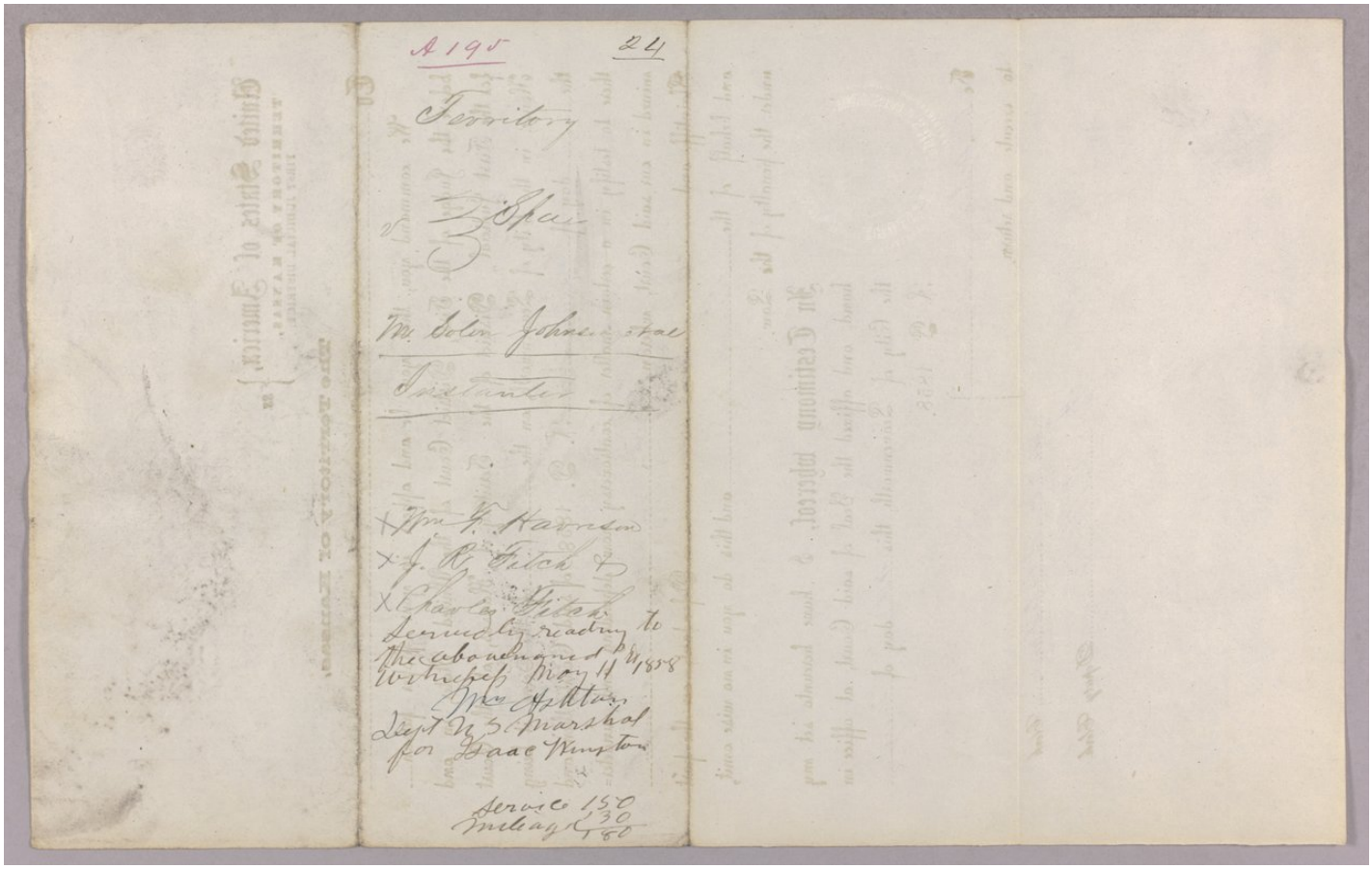
We command you, that you be and appear in your proper person before the Judge of the First District Court of the United States, in and for the First Judicial District of the Territory of Kansas, at the Court House, in the City of Leavenworth, ~~on the ..... of the Term, it being the ..... day of~~ Instanter A. D. 1858, of said Court, then and there to testify in a certain matter of controversy now depending and undetermined in our said Court, wherein The Territory of Kansas is Plaintiff, and Thos Solon Johnson et al are Defendant, ~~on the part and behalf of the~~ Territory and this do you in no wise omit, under the penalty of the Law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in the City of Leavenworth, this 6th day of May A. D. 1858.

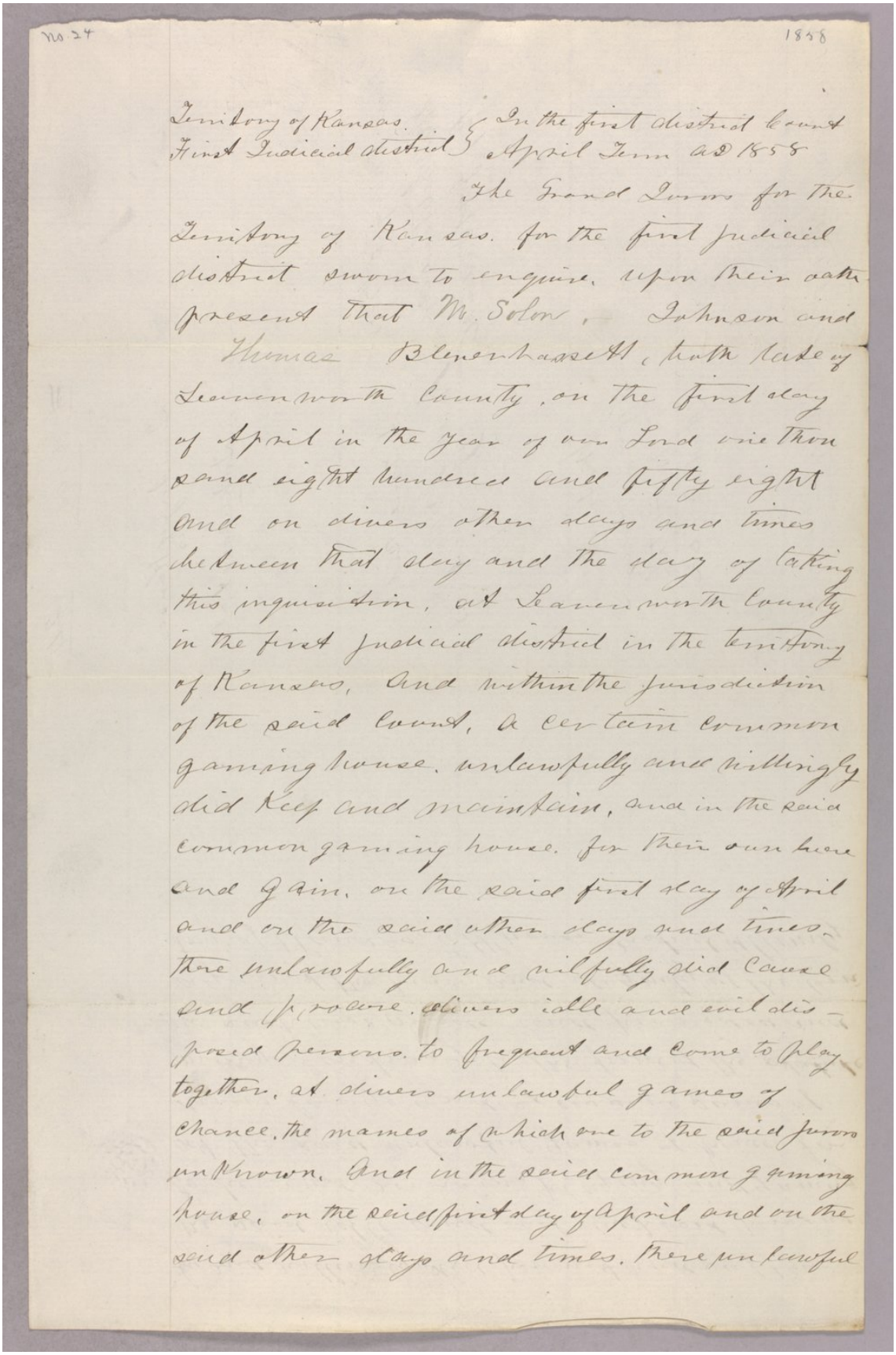
To the U. S. Mr. .....
to execute and return.

Jas R. Whitehead Clerk.
By C. H. Mayo Deputy Clerk.

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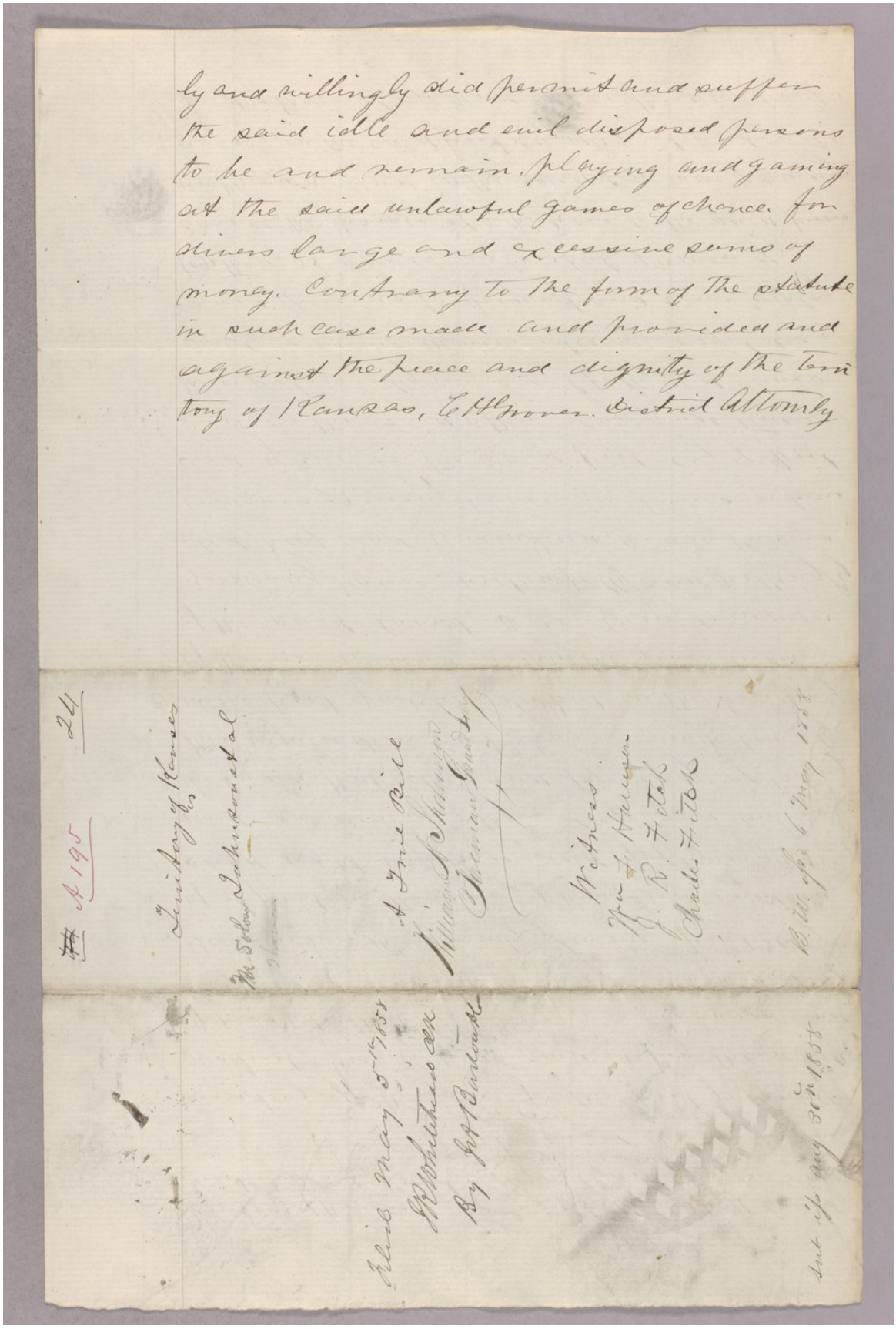


No. 24 1858

Territory of Kansas } In the first district Court
First Judicial district } April Term AD 1858

The Grand Jurors for the Territory of Kansas for the first judicial district sworn to enquire upon their oath present that M. Solon Johnson and Thomas Blennerhassett both late of Leavenworth County, on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight and on divers other days and times between that day and the day of taking this inquisition, at Leavenworth County in the first judicial district in the territory of Kansas, and within the jurisdiction of the said Court, a certain common gaming house unlawfully and willingly did keep and maintain, and in the said common gaming house for their own lucre and gain, on the said first day of April and on the said other days and times there unlawfully and wilfully did cause and procure divers idle and evil disposed persons to frequent and come to play together at divers unlawful games of chance, the names of which one to the said jurors unknown. And in the said common gaming house, on the said first day of April and on the said other days and times there unlawful

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by and willingly did permit and suffer the said idle and evil disposed persons to be and remain playing and gaming at the said unlawful games of chance for diners large and excessive sums of money. Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the Territory of Kansas. C. H. Horner District Attorney

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