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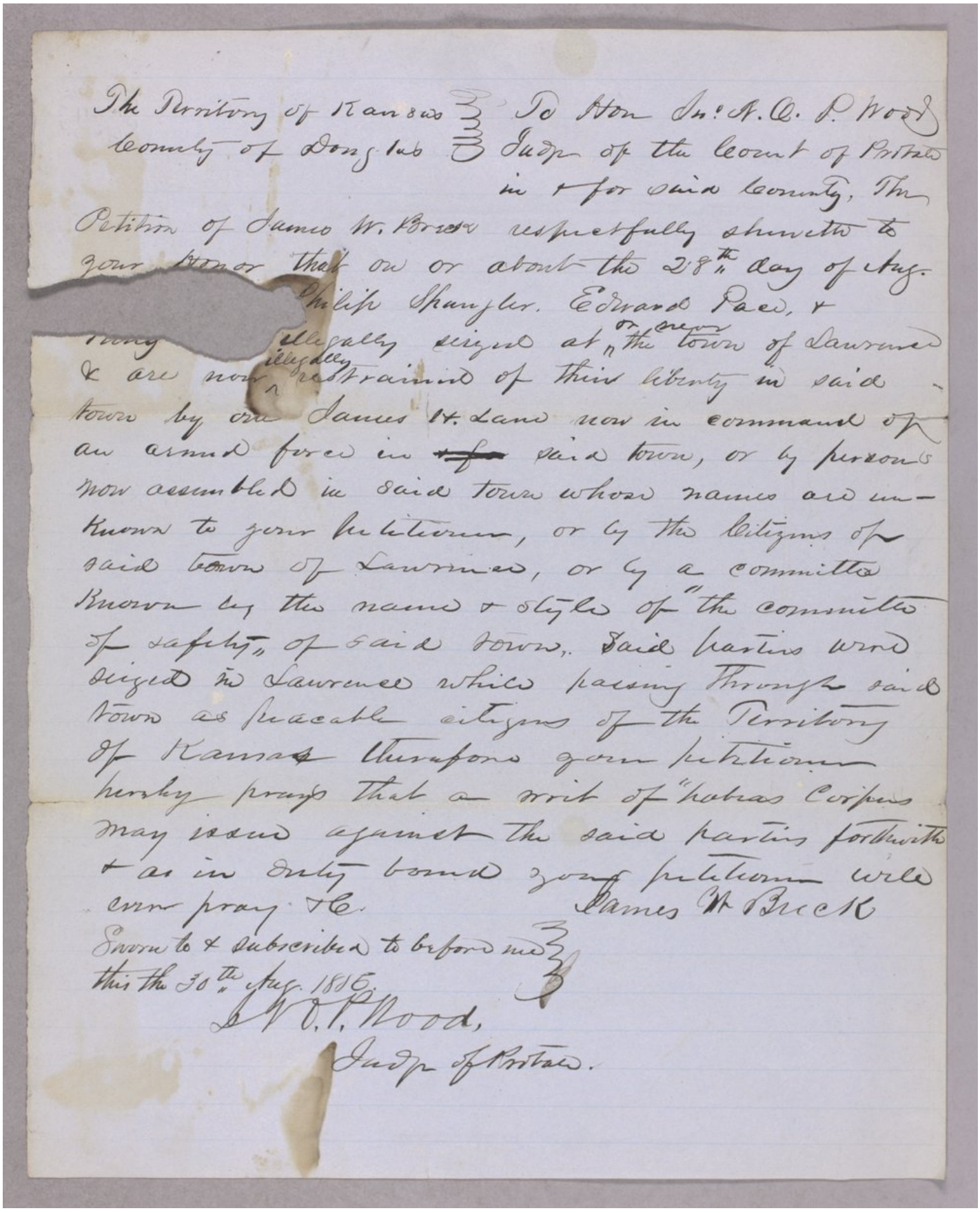
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The Territory of Kansas } To Hon Jno A. C. P. Wood
County of Douglas } Judge of the Court of Probate
in & for said County. The
Petition of James W. Brock respectfully shows to
your Honor that on or about the 28th day of Aug.
Philip Shangler. Edward Dace, &
many illegally seized at the town of Lawrence
& are now illegally restrained of their liberty in said
town by one James H. Lane now in command of
an armed force in said town, or by persons
now assembled in said town whose names are un-
known to your petitioner, or by the citizens of
said town of Lawrence, or by a committee
known by the name & style of "the committee
of safety" of said town. Said parties were
seized in Lawrence which passing through said
town as peaceable citizens of the Territory
of Kansas thereupon your petitioner
hereby prays that a writ of "habeas Corpus
may issue against the said parties forthwith
& as in duty bound your petitioner will
ever pray &c.

James W. Brock

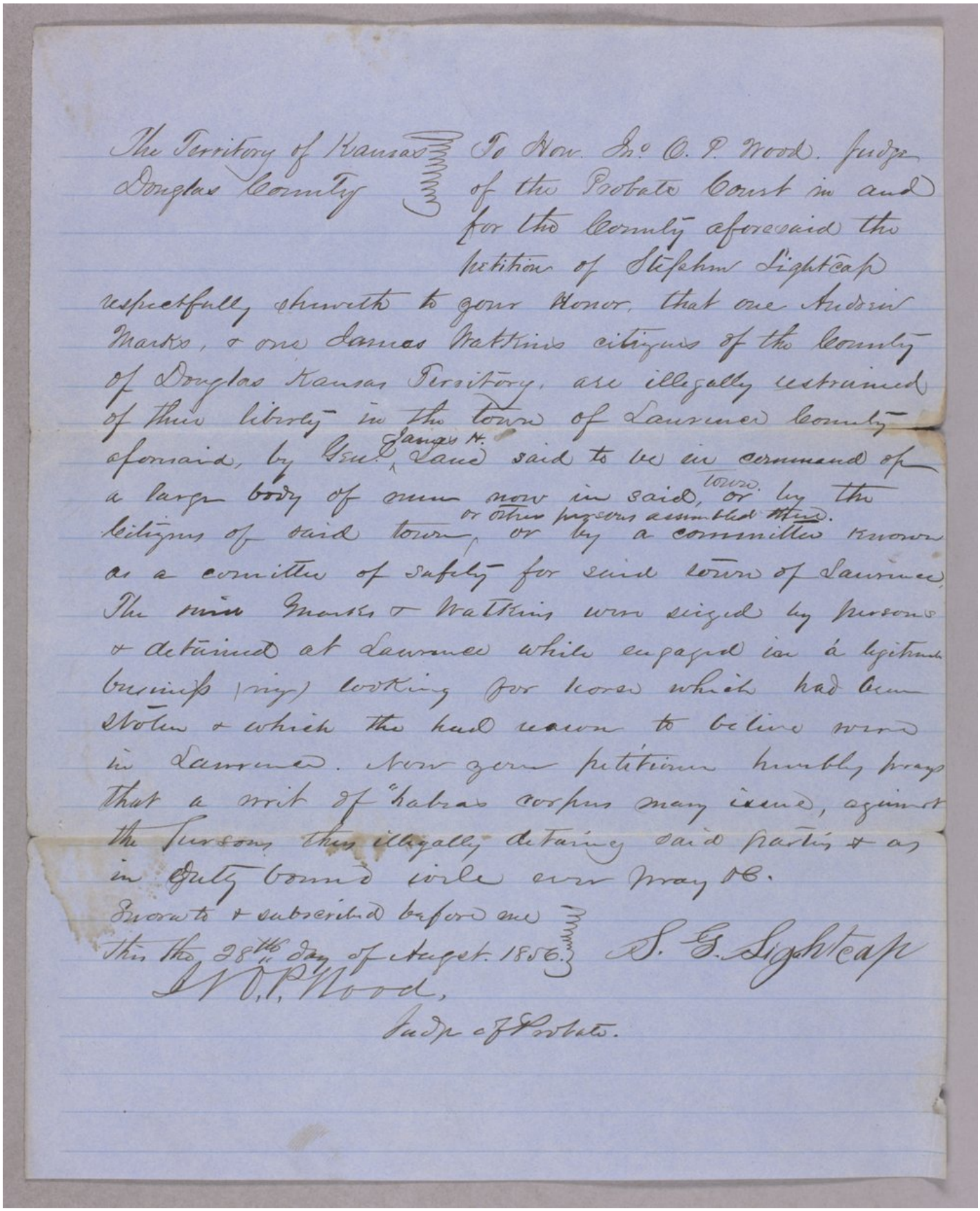
Sworn to & subscribed to before me
this the 30th Aug. 1856

J. P. Wood,
Judge of Probate.

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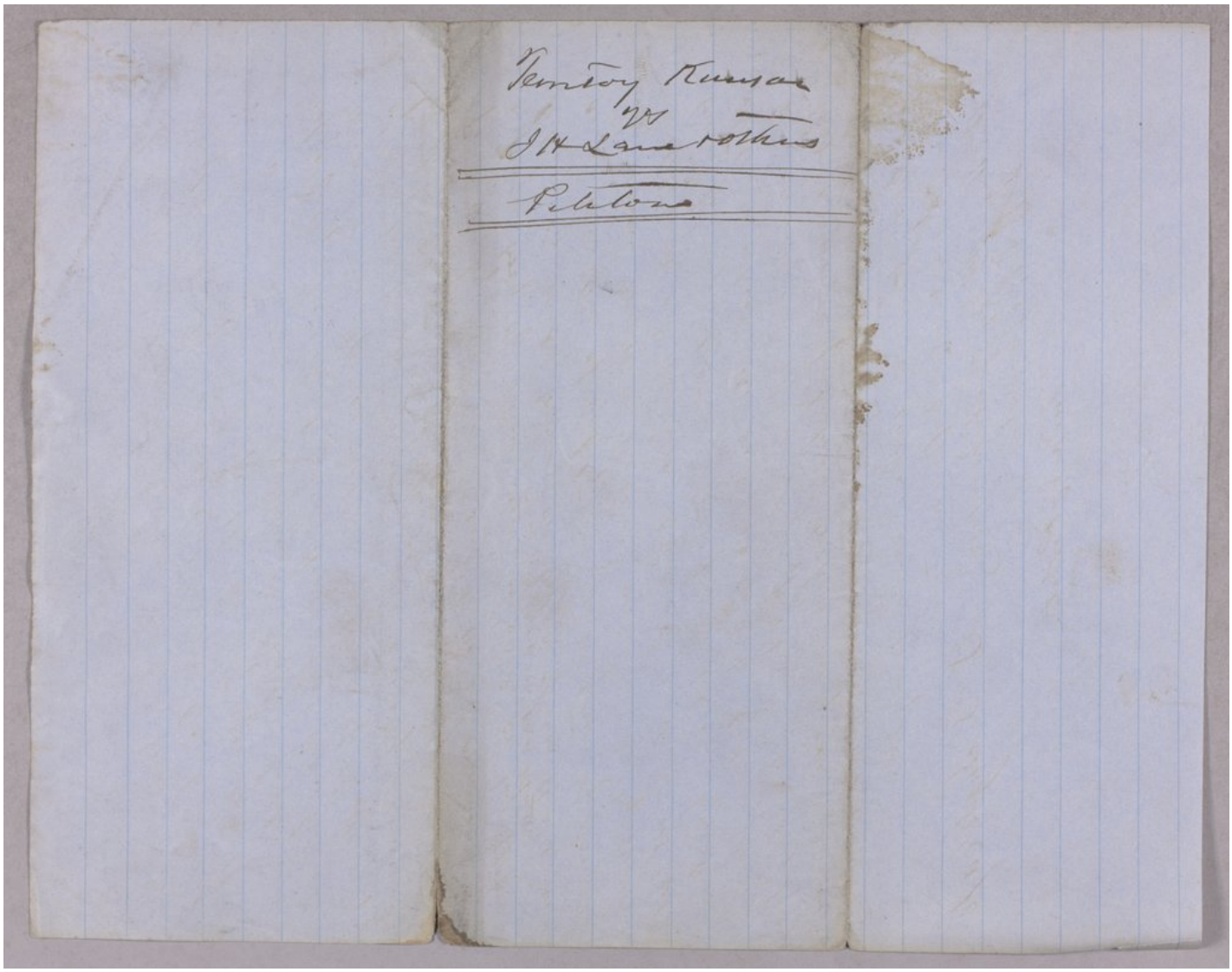


The Territory of Kansas } To Hon. Jno. C. P. Wood. Judge
Douglas County } of the Probate Court in and
for the County aforesaid the
petition of Stephen Lightcap
respectfully showeth to your Honor, that one Andrew
Marks, & one James Watkins citizens of the County
of Douglas Kansas Territory, are illegally restrained
of their liberty in the town of Lawrence County
aforesaid, by Gen. James H. Lane said to be in command of
a large body of men now in said town, or by the
citizens of said town, or other persons assembled there, or by a committee known
as a committee of safety for said town of Lawrence.
The said Marks & Watkins were seized by persons
& detained at Lawrence while engaged in a lightful
business (viz) looking for horses which had been
stolen & which they had reason to believe were
in Lawrence. Now your petitioner humbly prays
that a writ of Habeas corpus may issue, against
the persons thus illegally detaining said parties & as
in duty bound will ever pray &c.

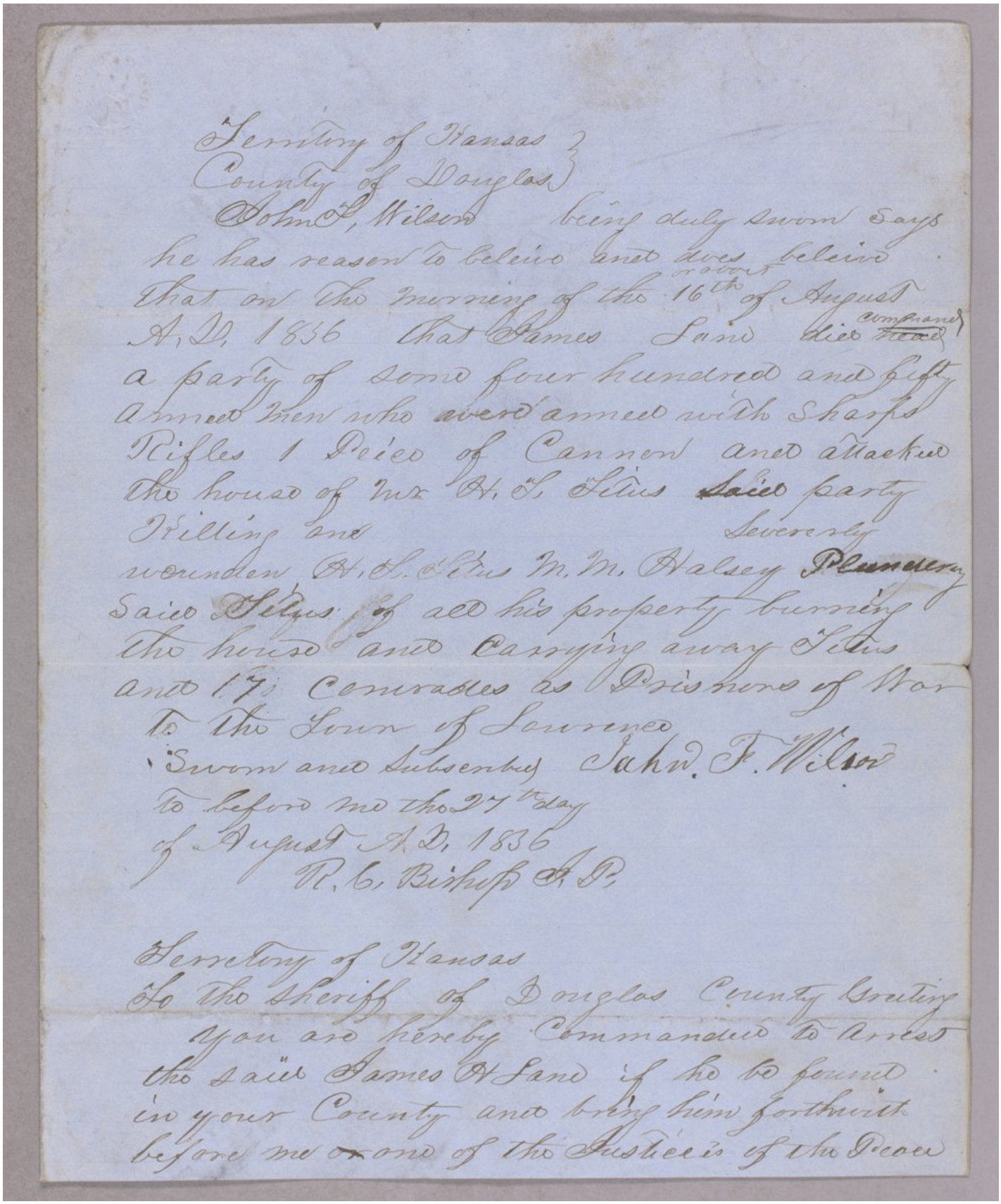
Sworn to & subscribed before me
this the 28th day of August 1856. } S. G. Lightcap

J. C. P. Wood,
Judge of Probate.

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Territory of Kansas }
County of Douglas }

John F. Wilson being duly sworn says he has reason to believe and does believe that on the morning of the 16th or about of August A. D. 1856 that James H. Lane did command a party of some four hundred and fifty armed men who were armed with Sharps Rifles 1 Peice of Cannon and attacked the house of Wm A. T. Sims said party killing one wounden A. L. Sims W. M. Halsey severely Plundered said Sims of all his property burning the house and carrying away Sims and 17 Comrades as Prisoners of War

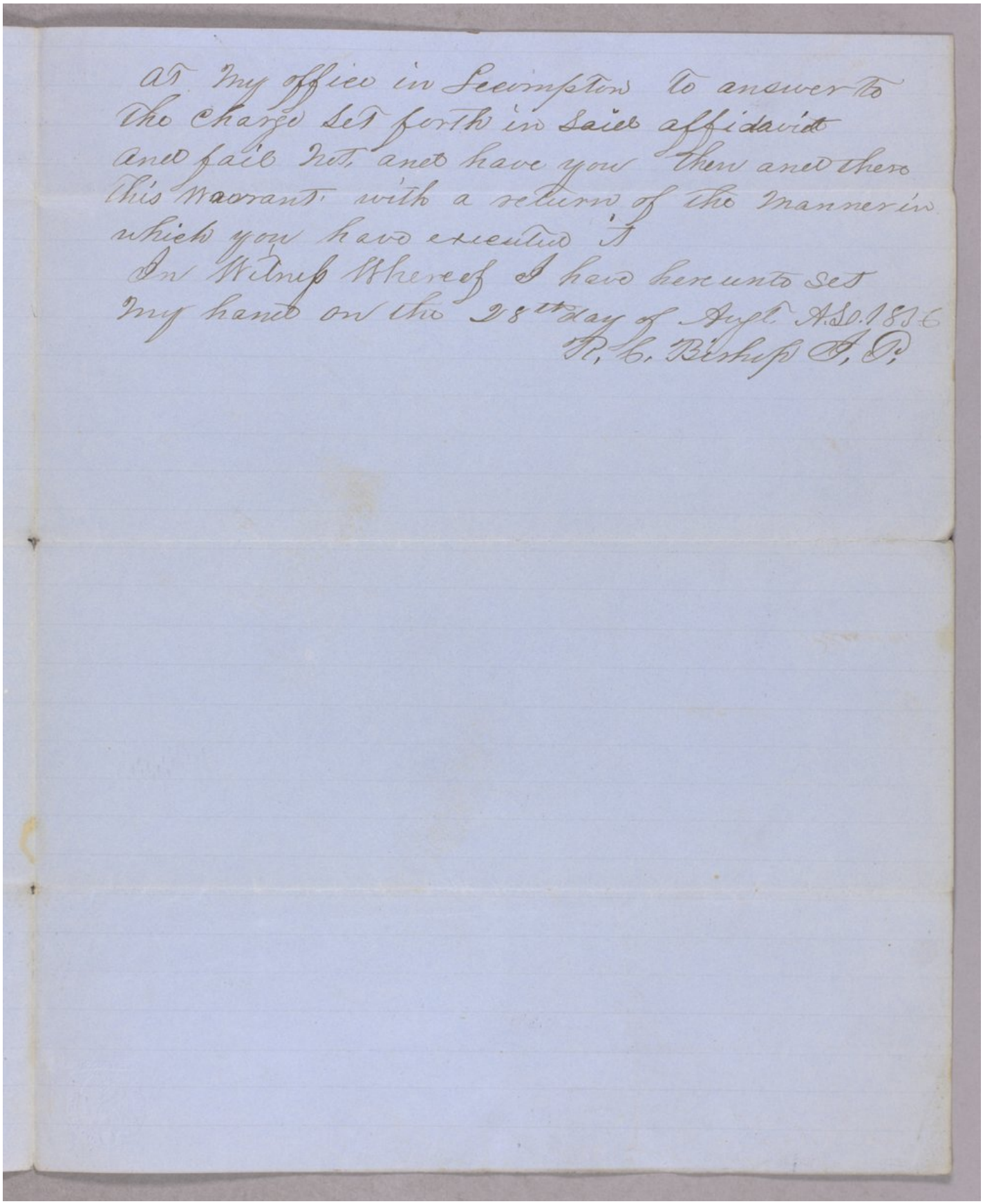
To the Town of Lawrence

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 27th day of August A. D. 1856
R. C. Bishop J. P.

John F. Wilson

Territory of Kansas
To the Sheriff of Douglas County Greeting

You are hereby Commanded to Arrest the said James H Lane if he be found in your County and bring him forthwith before me or one of the Justices of the Peace



at my office in Lecompton to answer to the charge set forth in said affidavit and said Pet. and to have you then and there this Warrant with a return of the manner in which you have executed it

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand on the 28th day of Sept. A.D. 1856

P. C. Bishop J. P.

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