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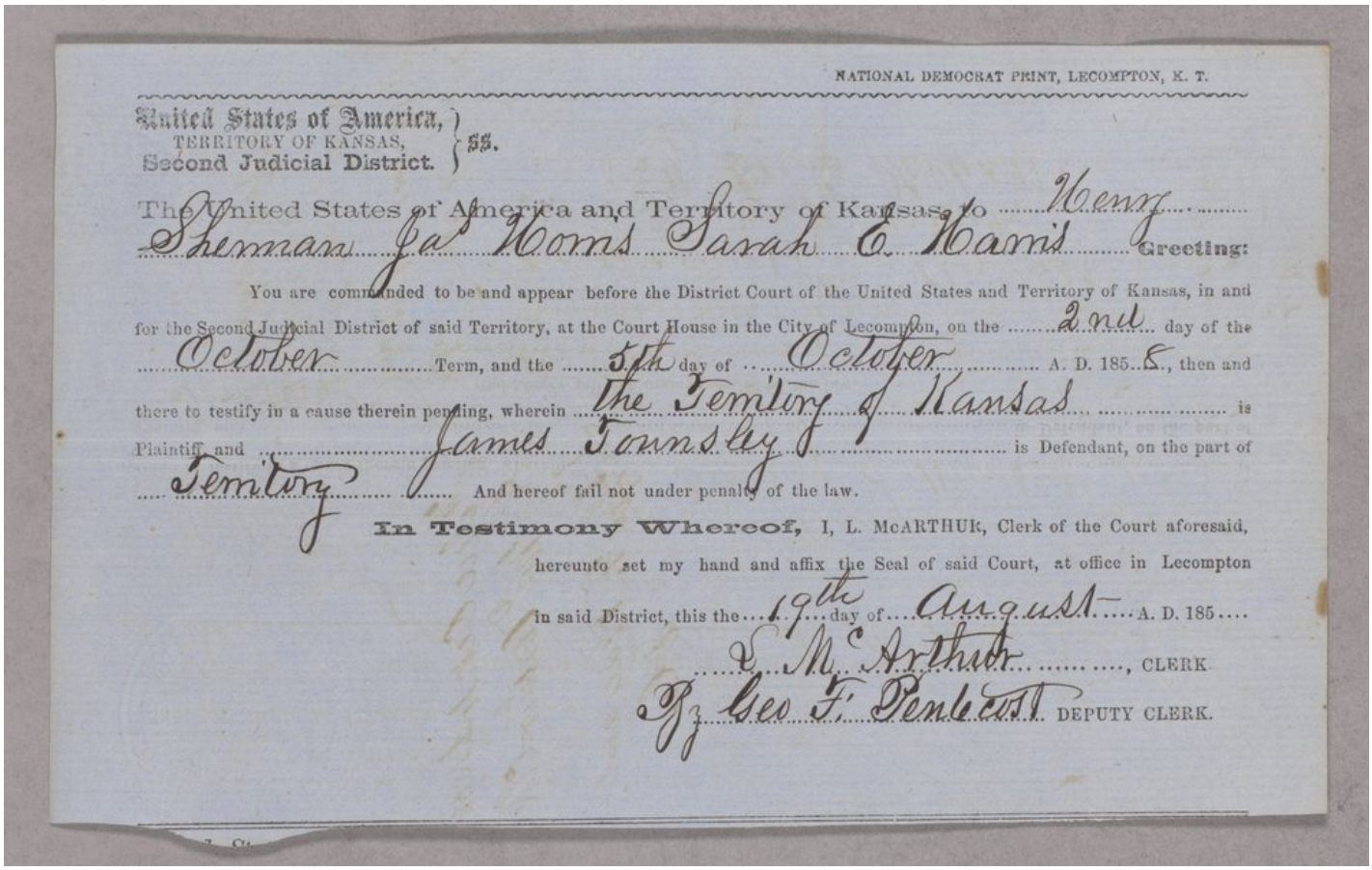
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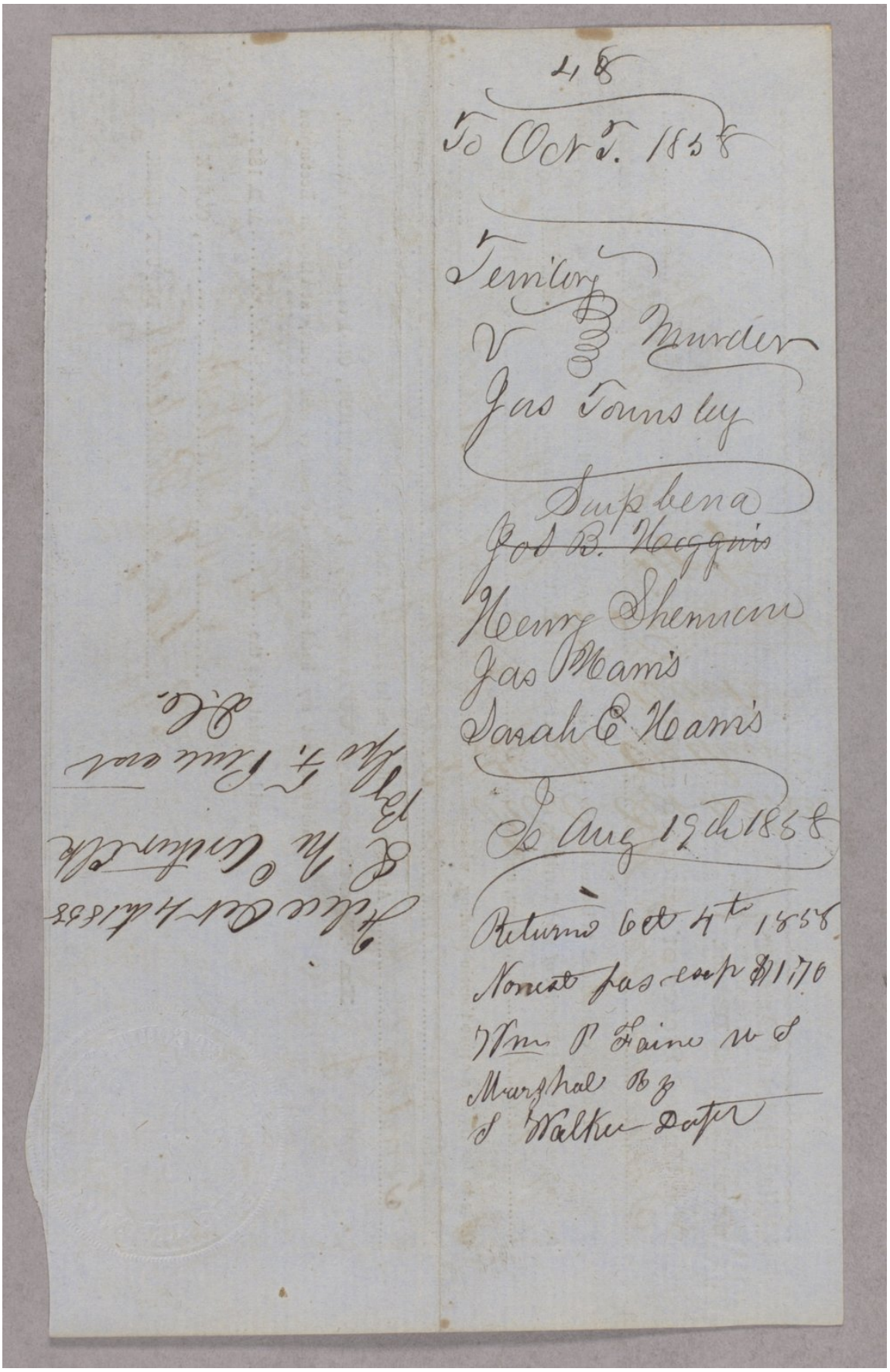
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 19th day of August A. D. 185

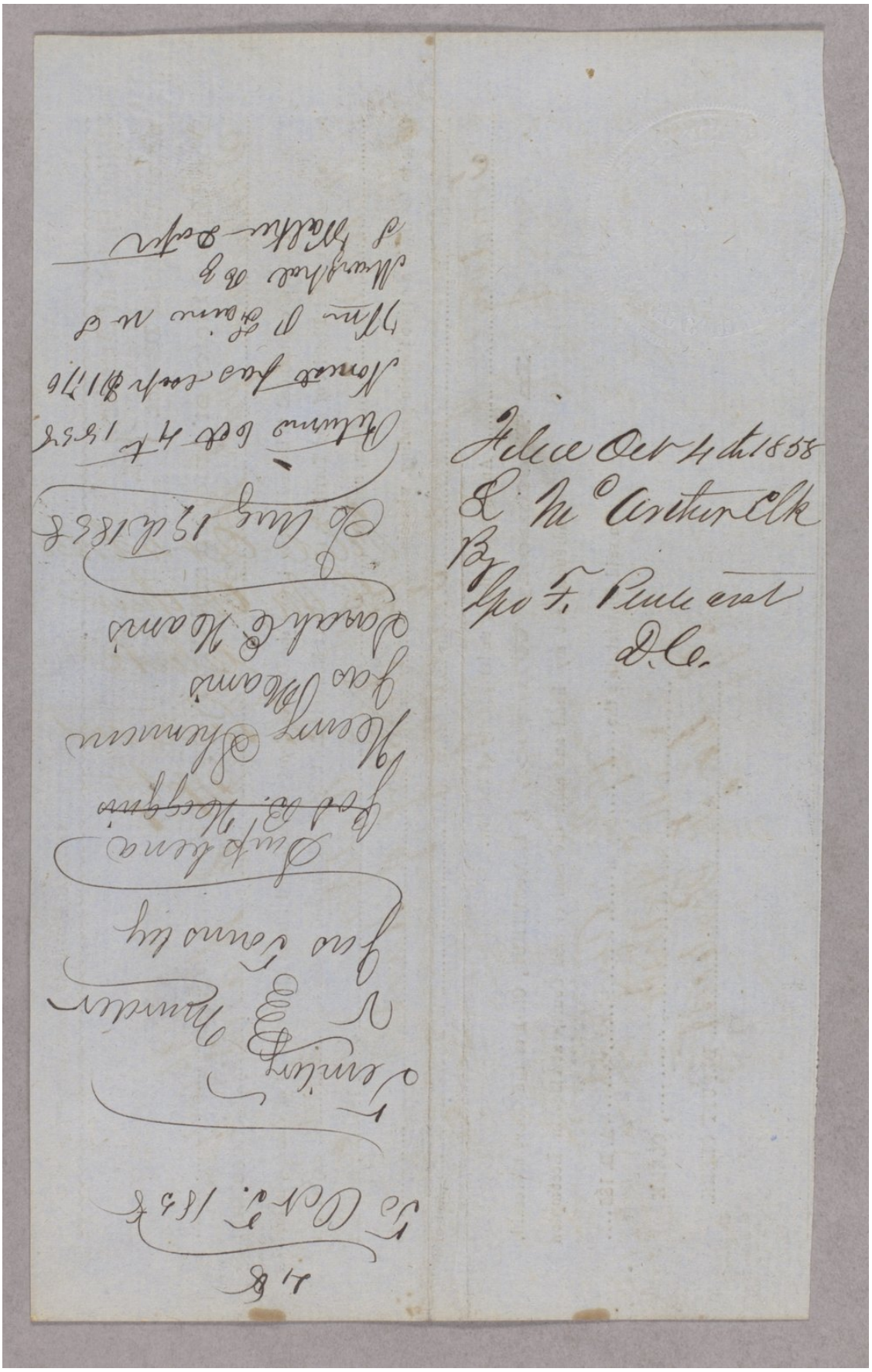
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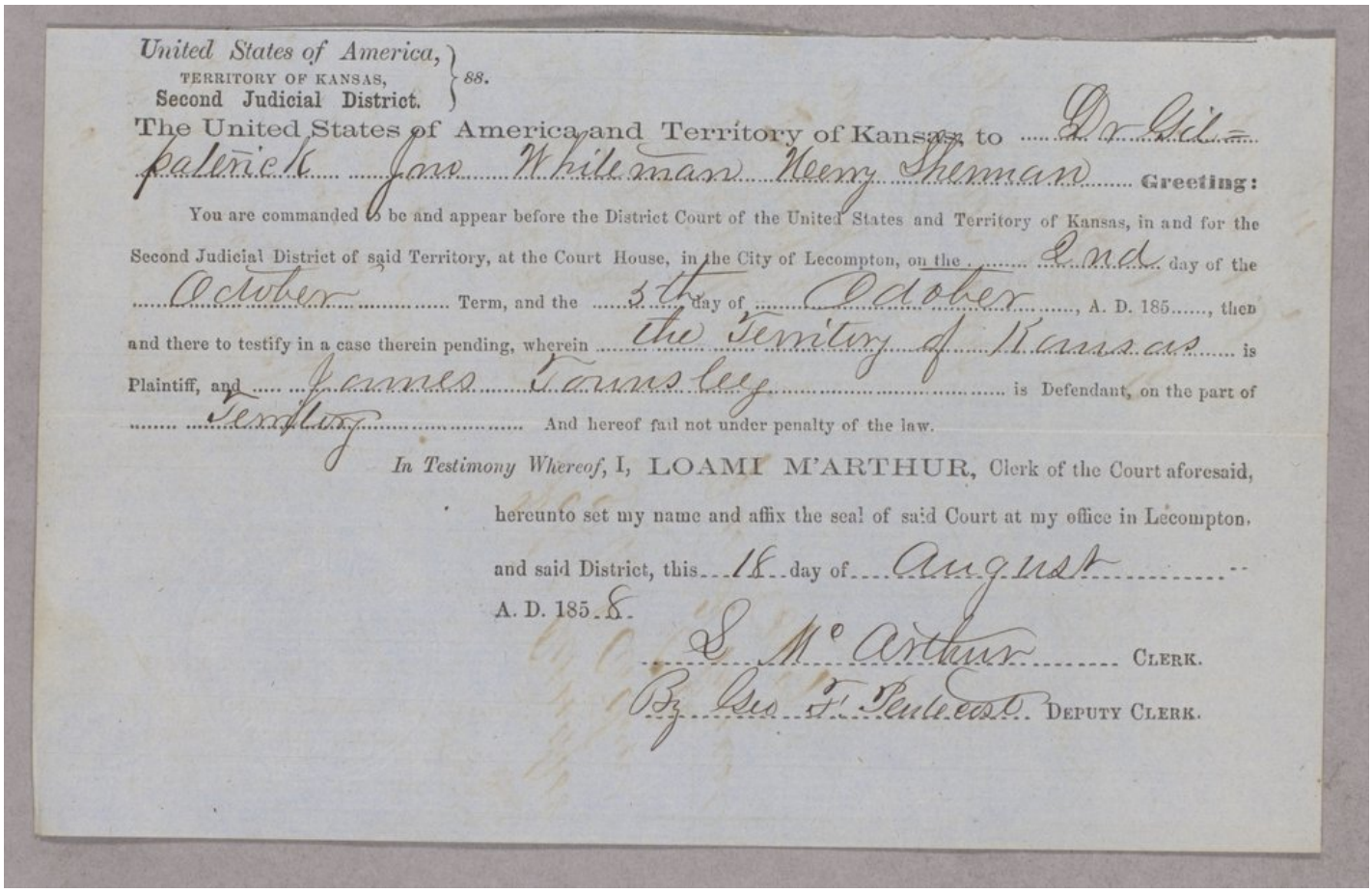
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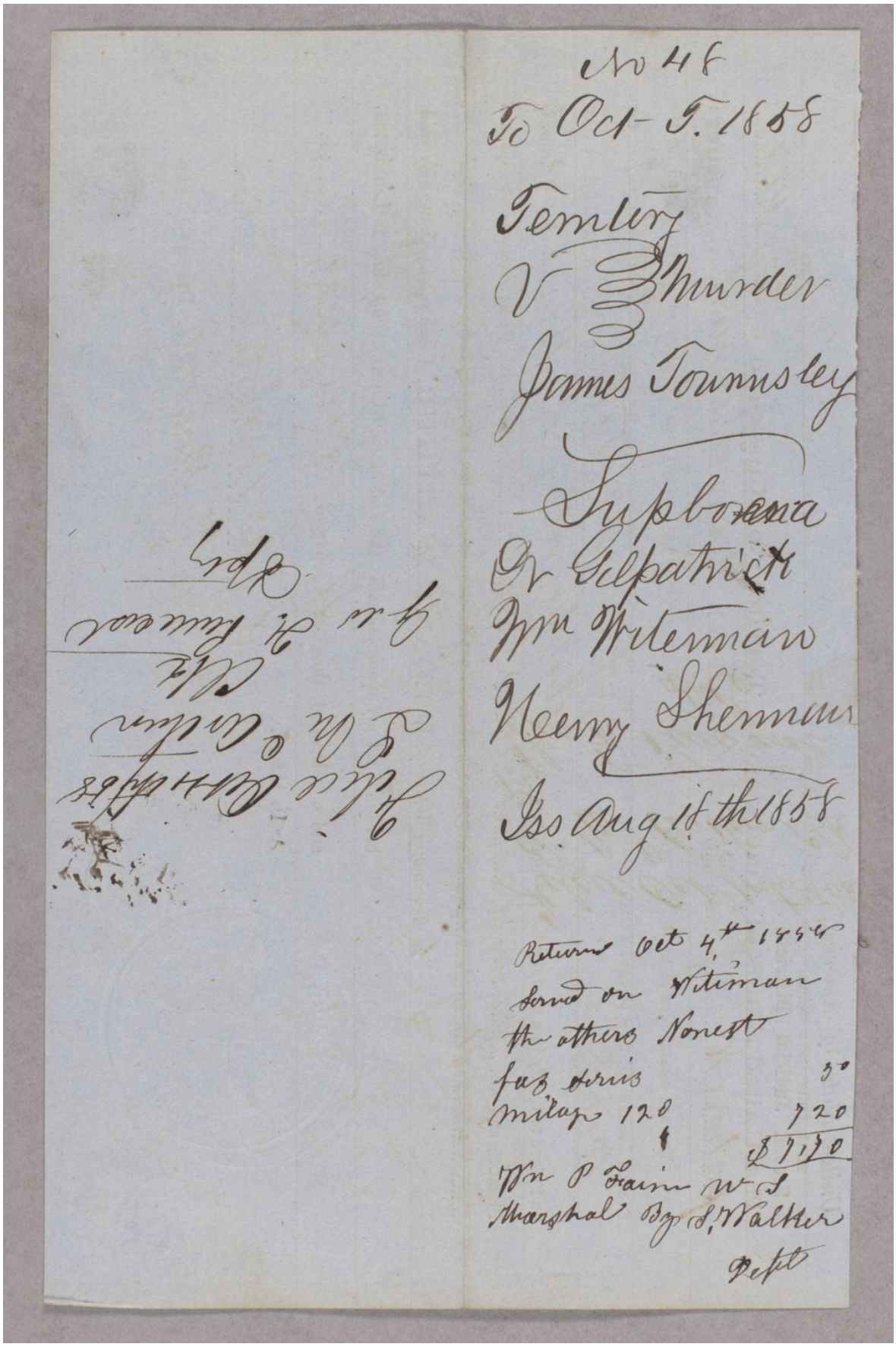
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In Testimony Whereof, I, LOAMI M'ARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my name and affix the seal of said Court at my office in Lecompton, and said District, this 18 day of August A. D. 185 8.

S M° Arthur CLERK.

By Geo F Penwood DEPUTY CLERK.

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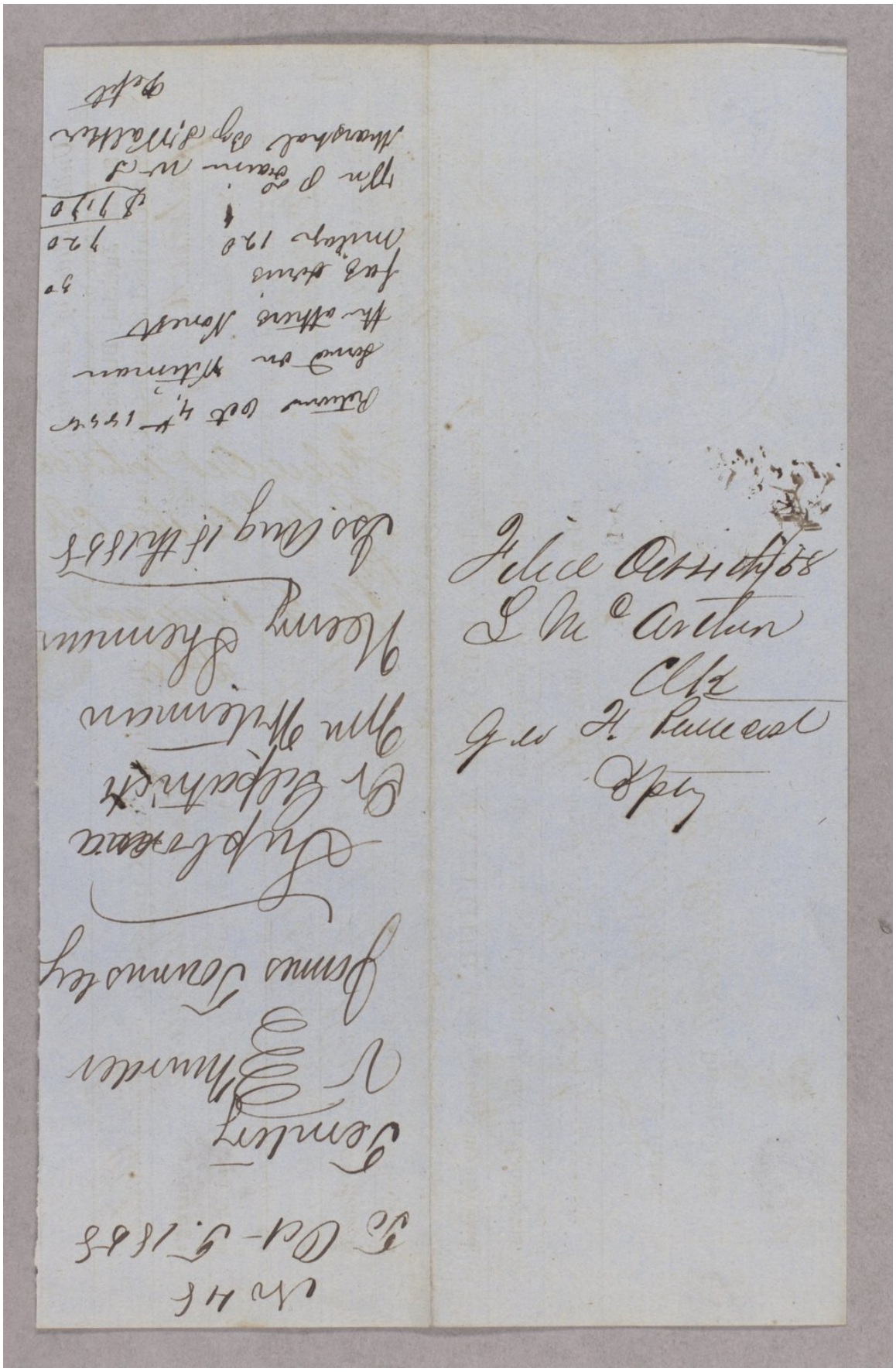

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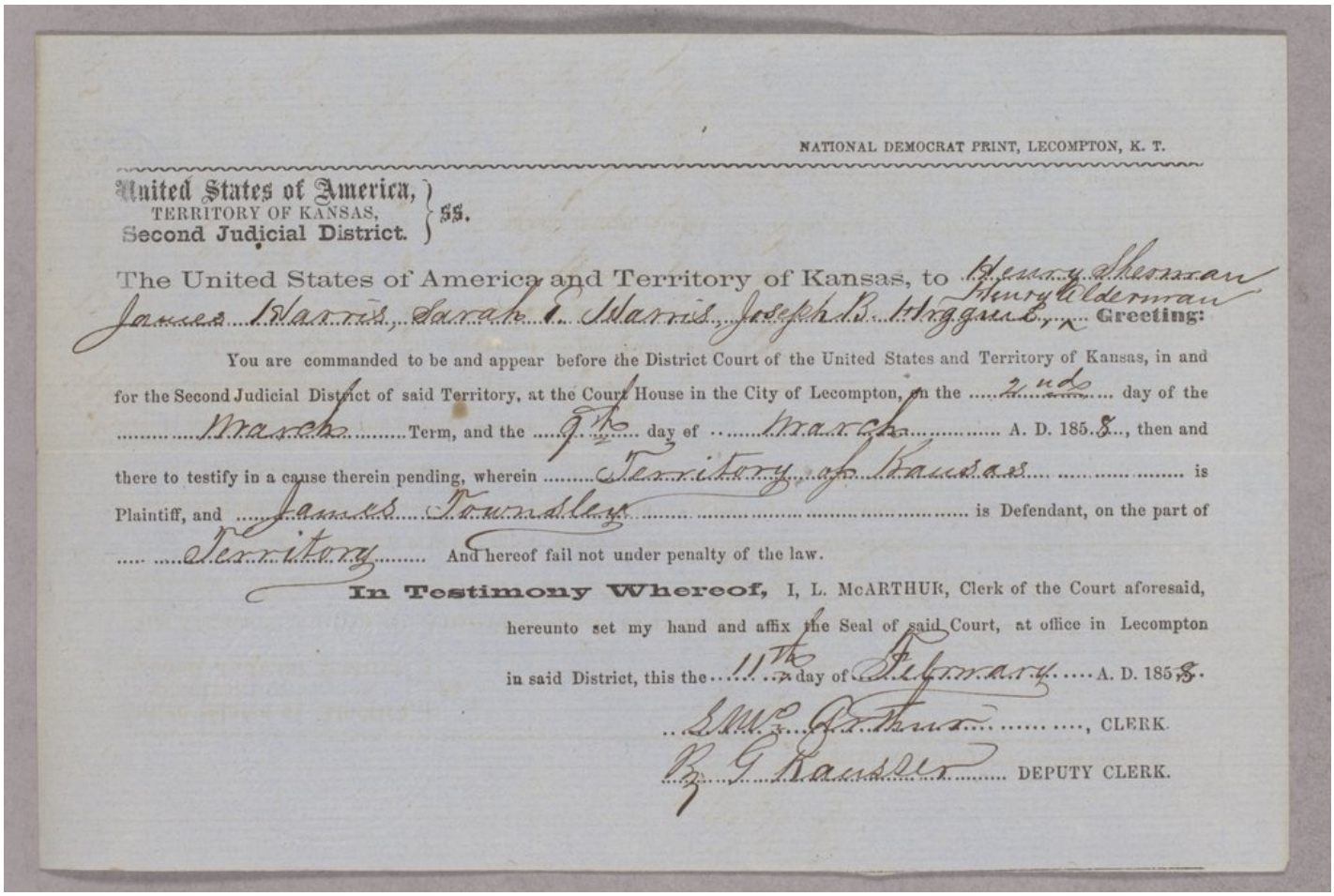
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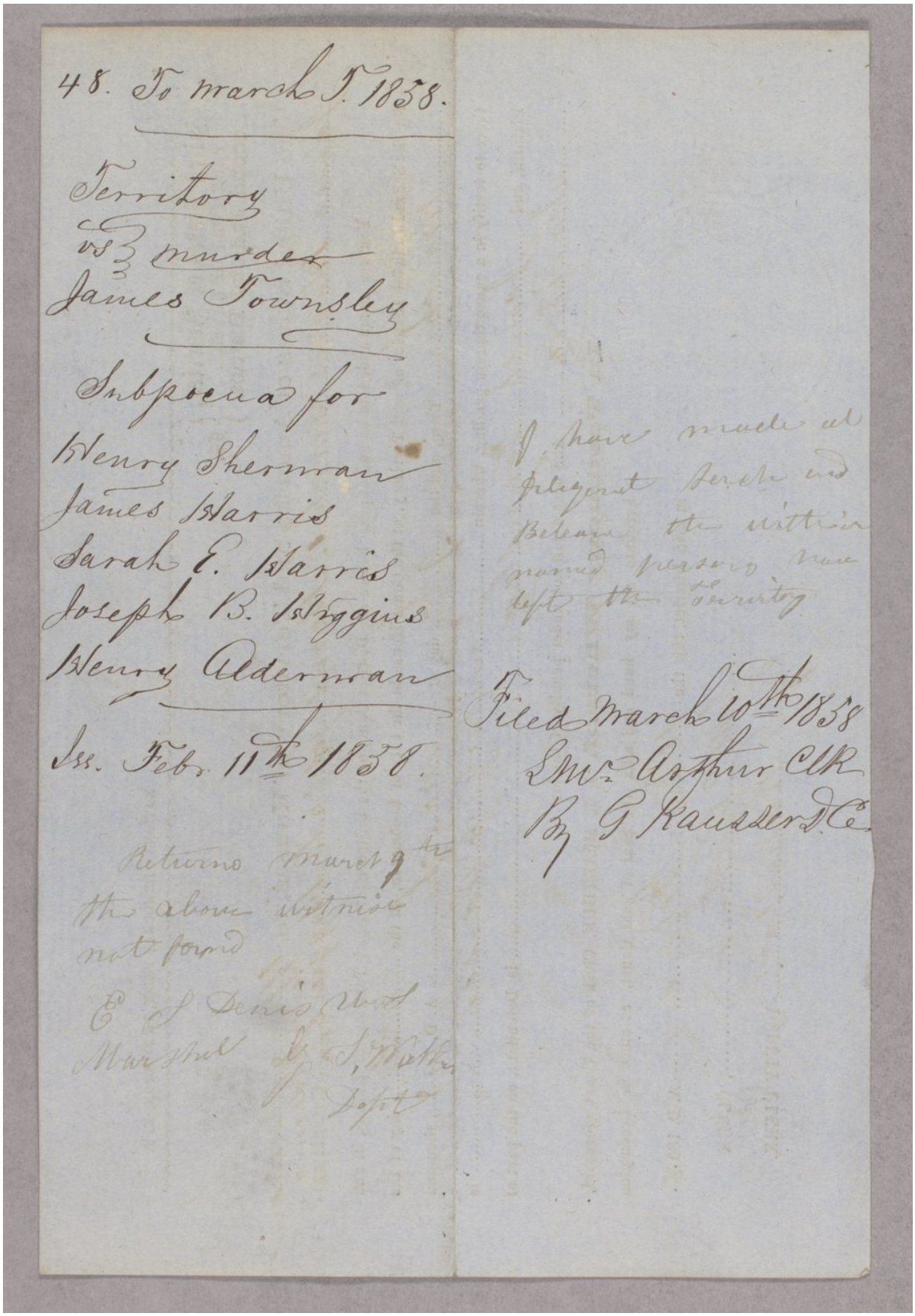
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 11th day of February A. D. 185[illegible].

L. McArthur, CLERK.

By G. Ransler DEPUTY CLERK.

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48. To march T. 1858.

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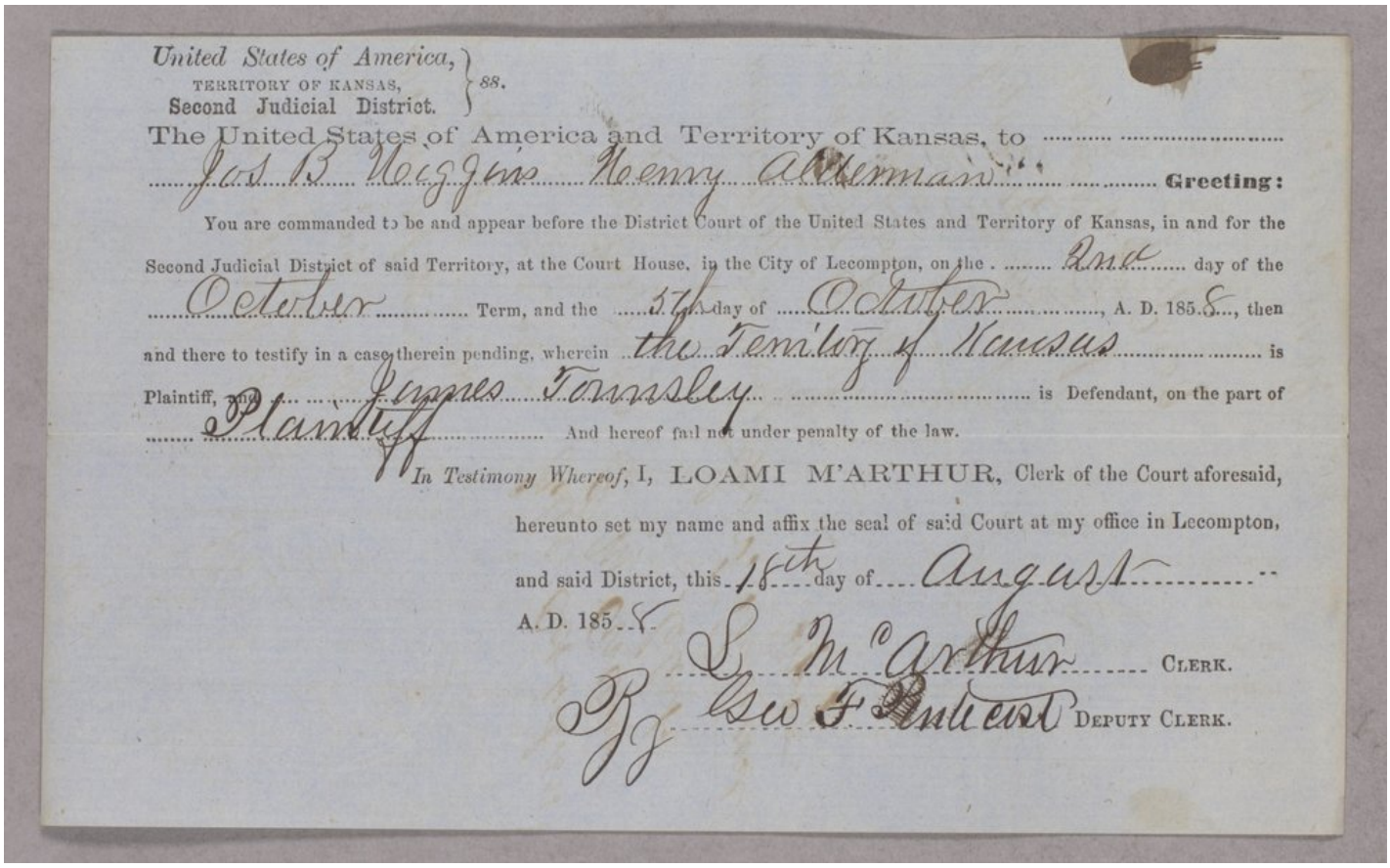
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I have made diligent search and believe the within named persons have left the Territory

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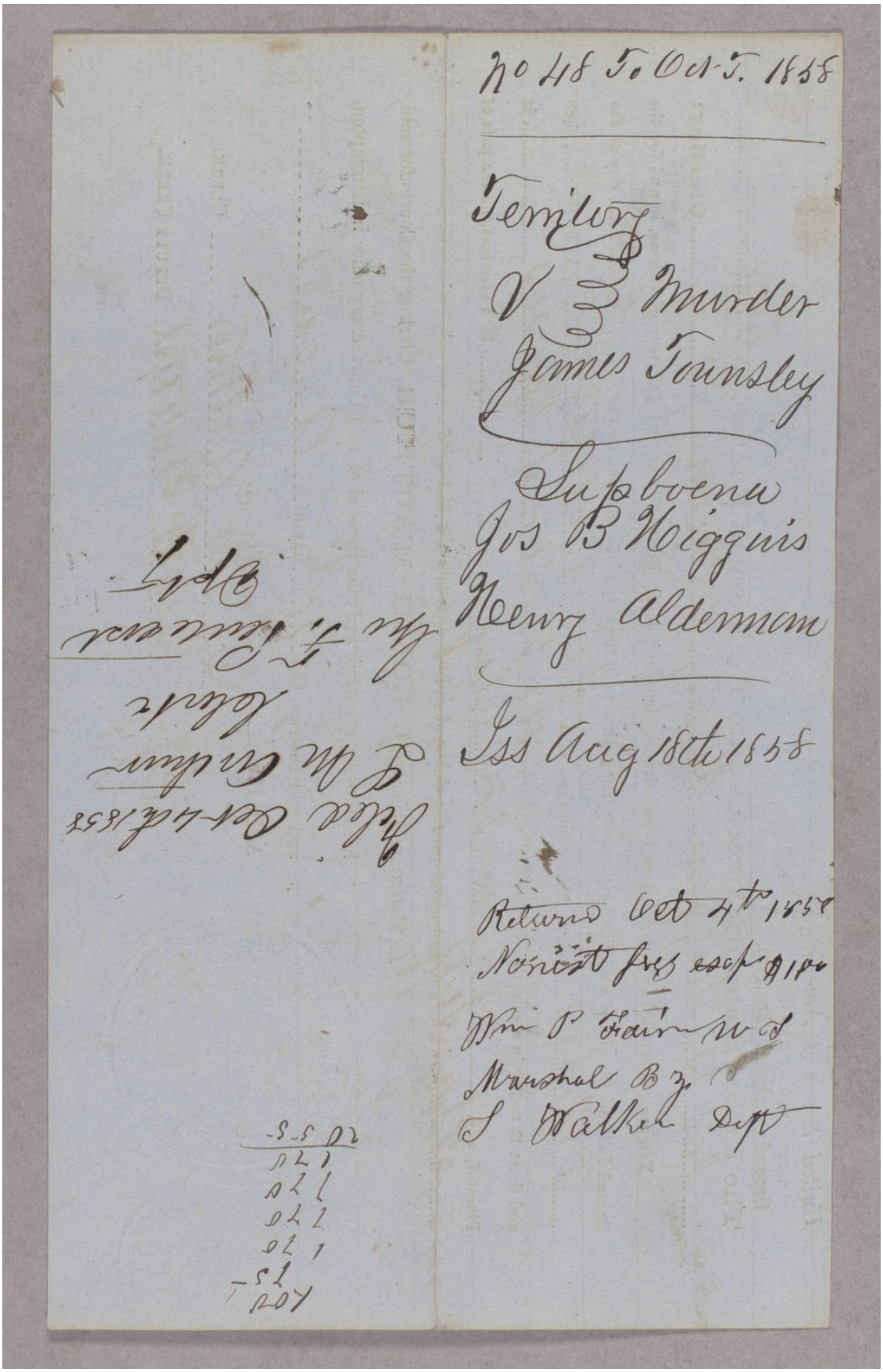
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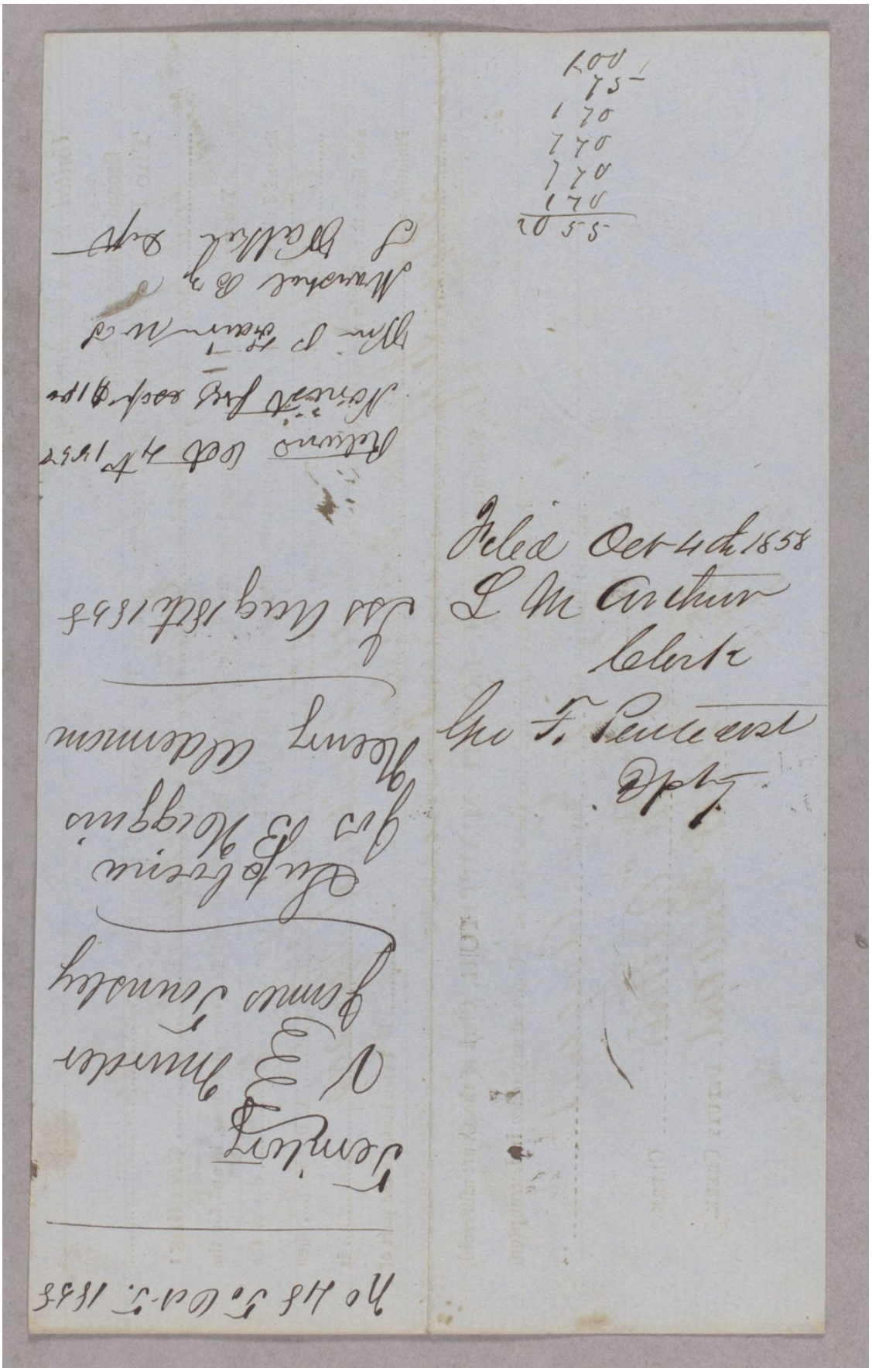
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L. M'Arthur CLERK.

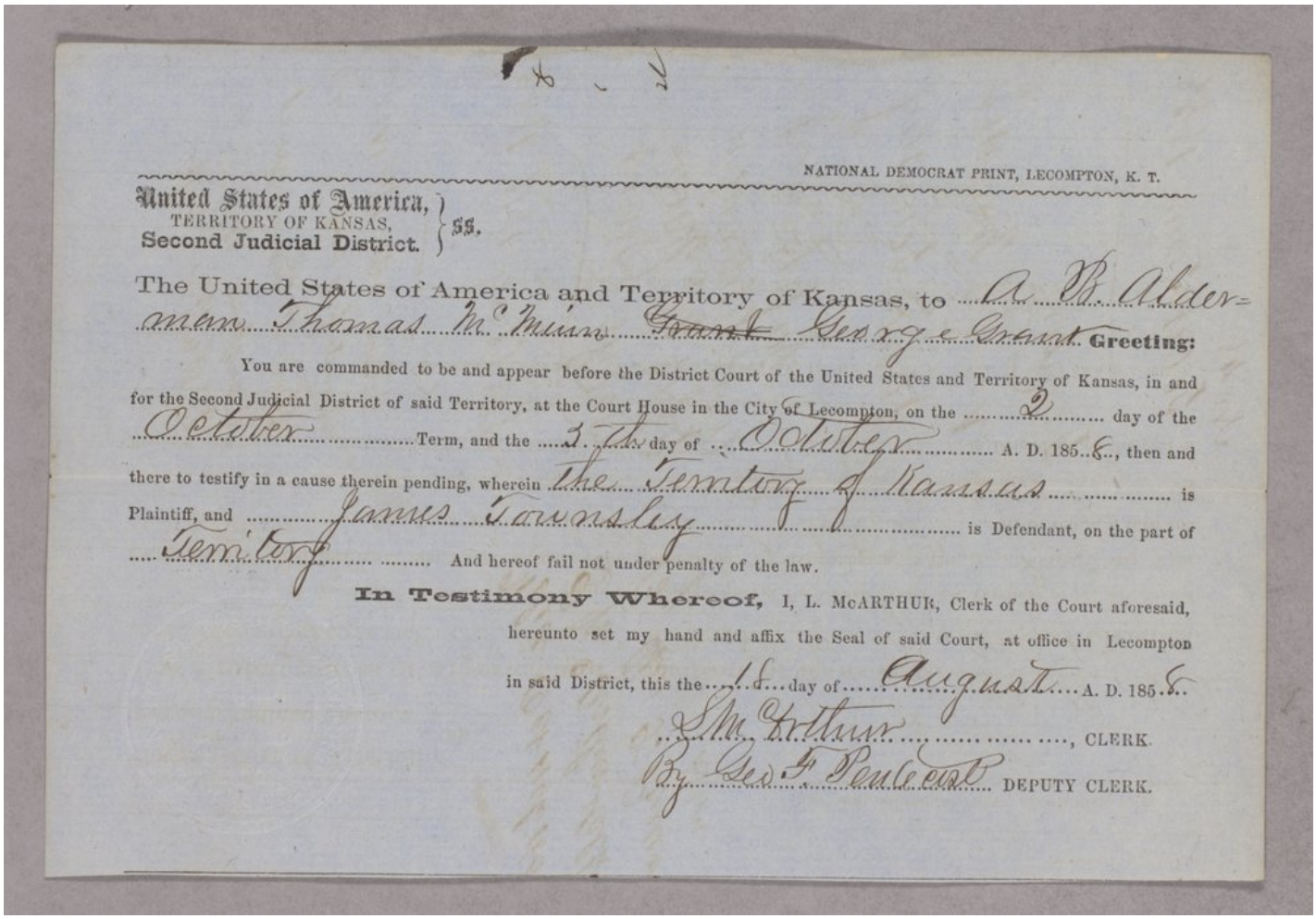
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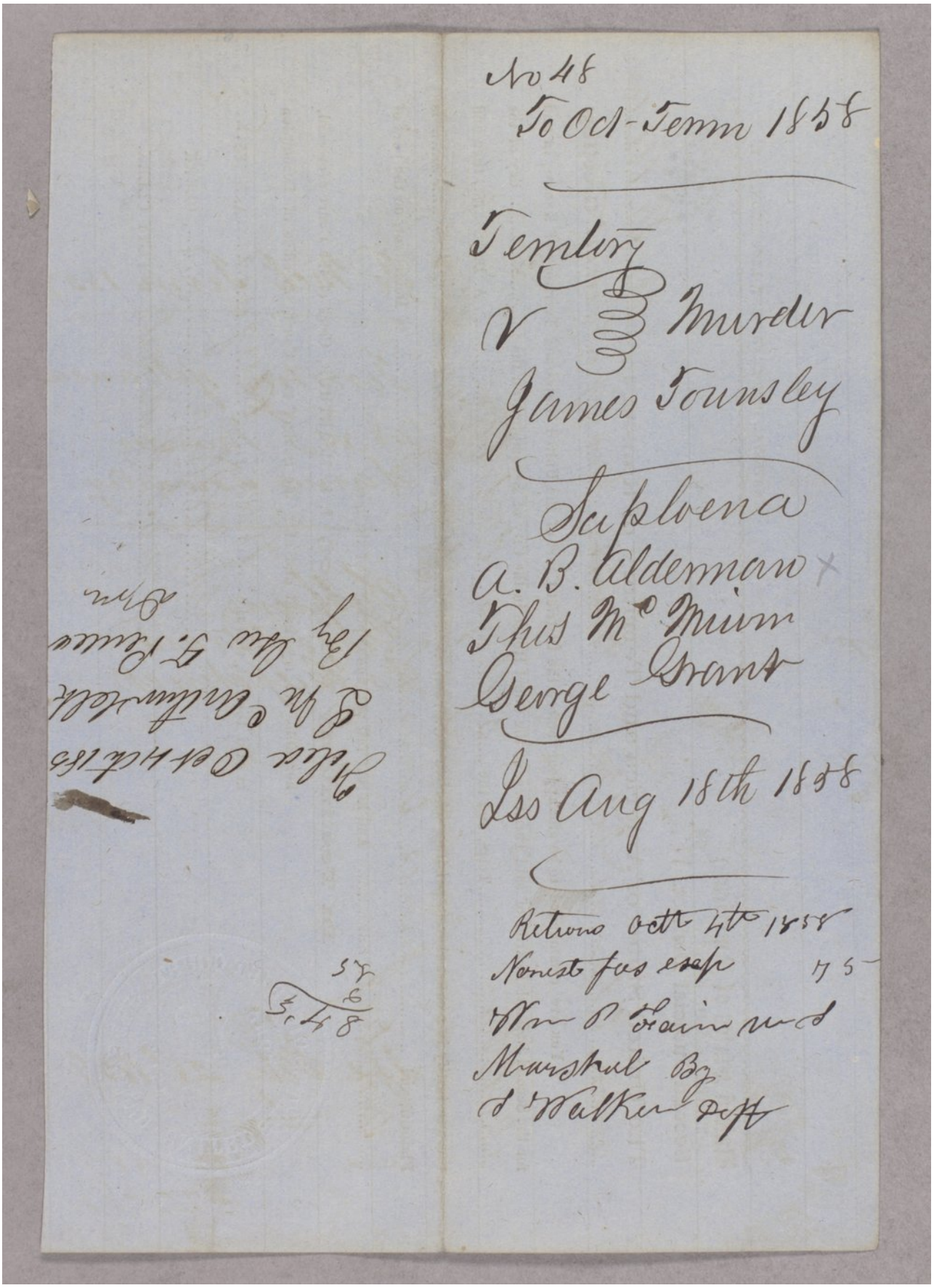
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 14 day of August A. D. 185 6.

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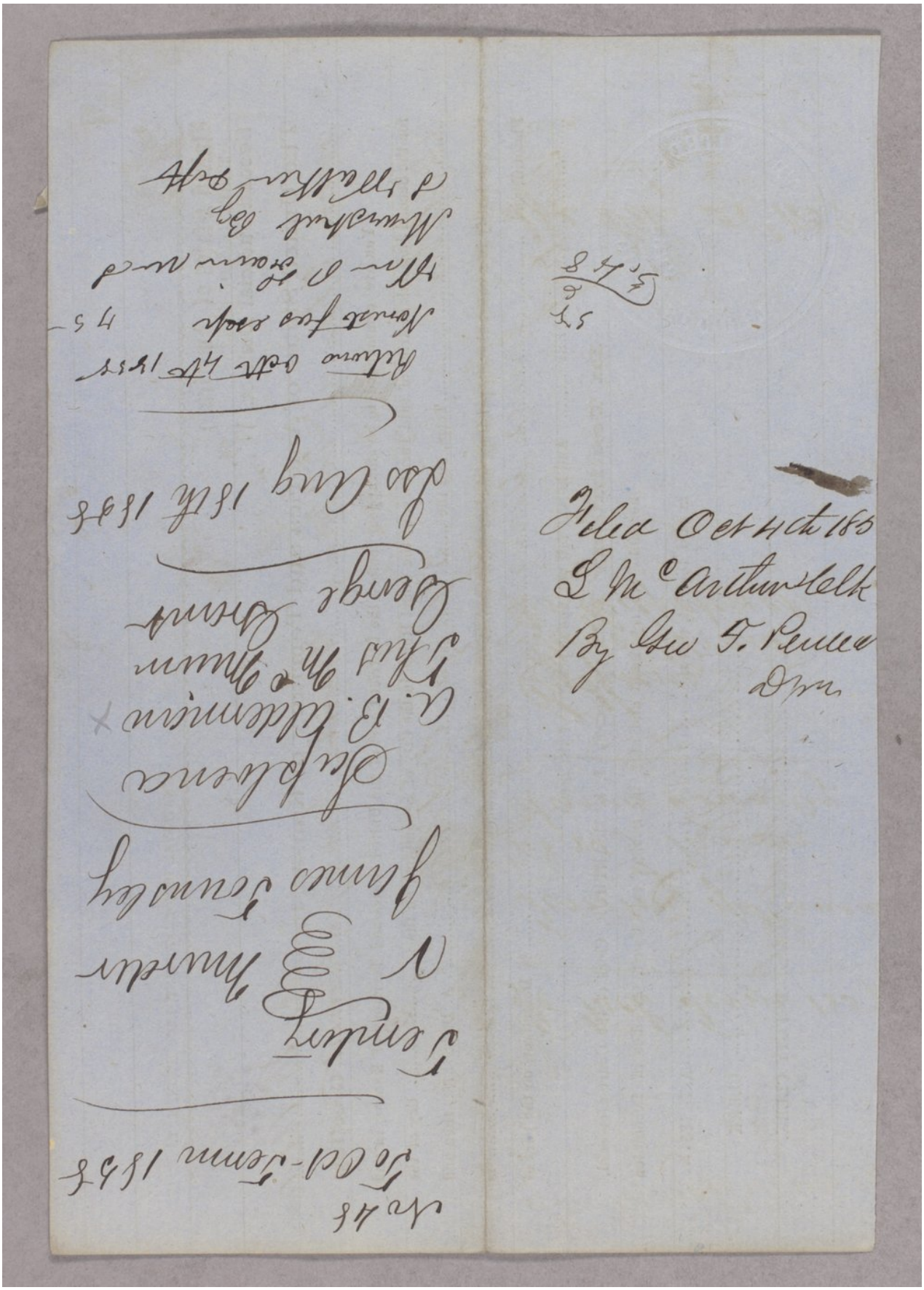

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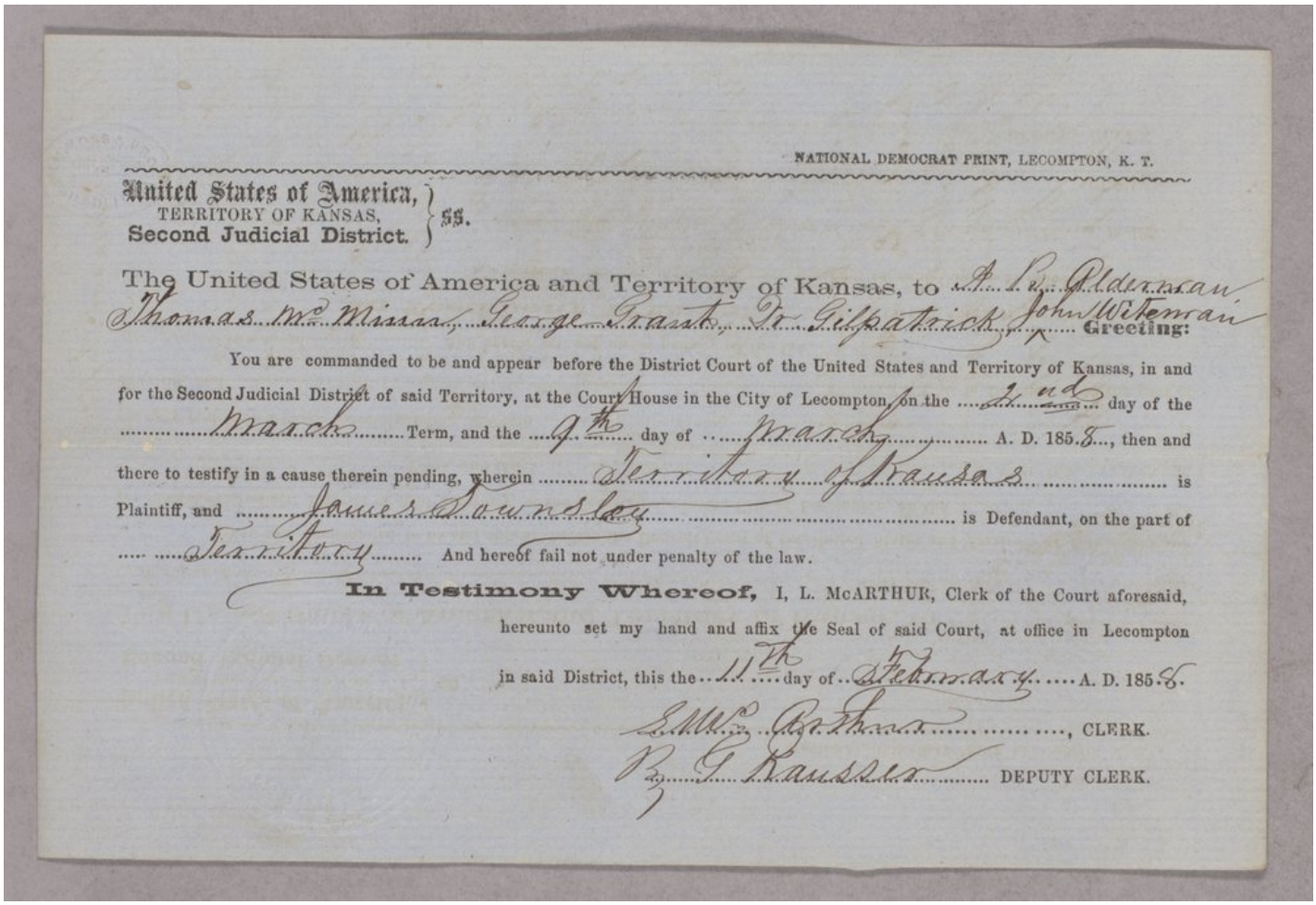
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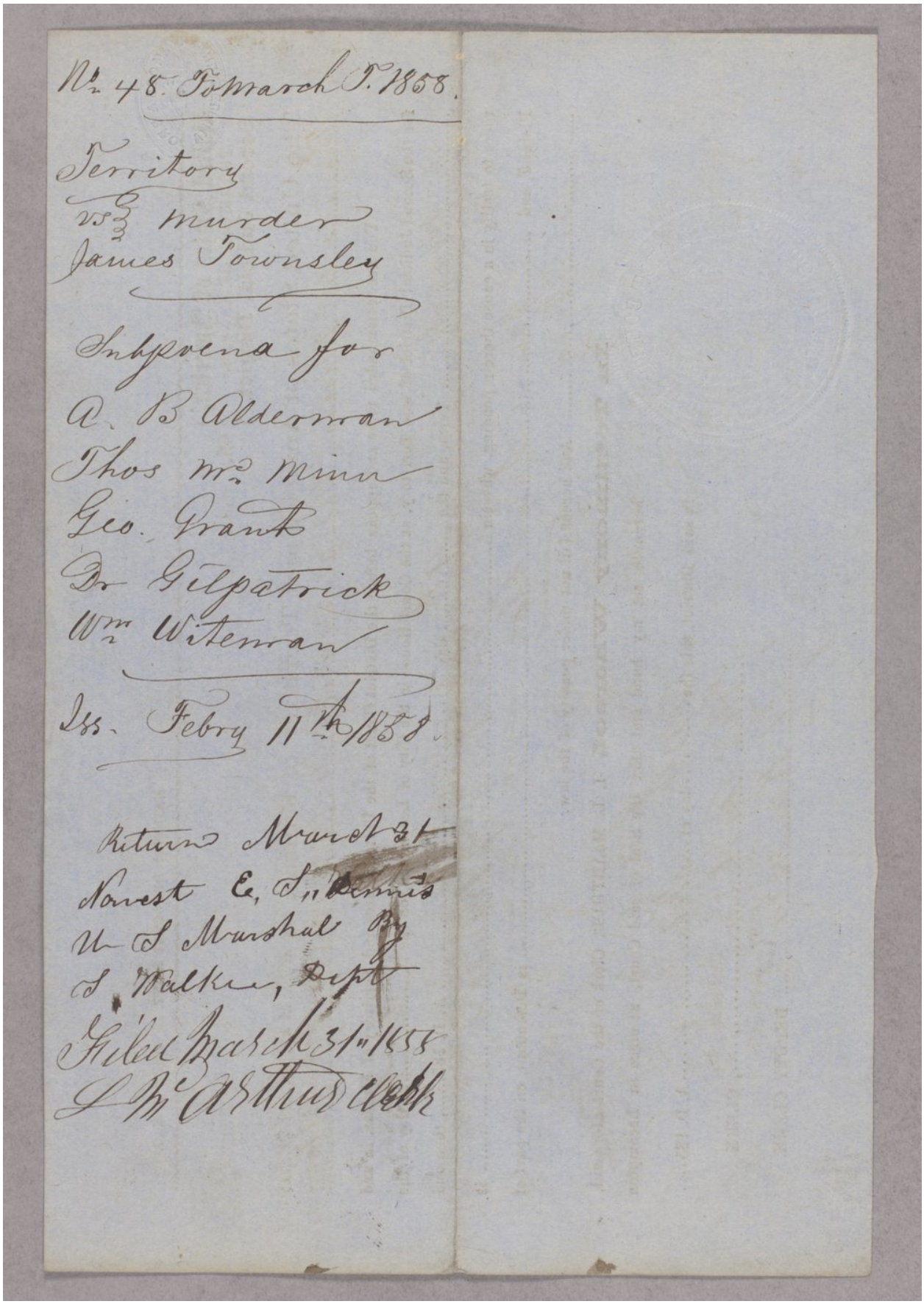
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 11th day of February A. D. 185.8.

L. McArthur, CLERK.

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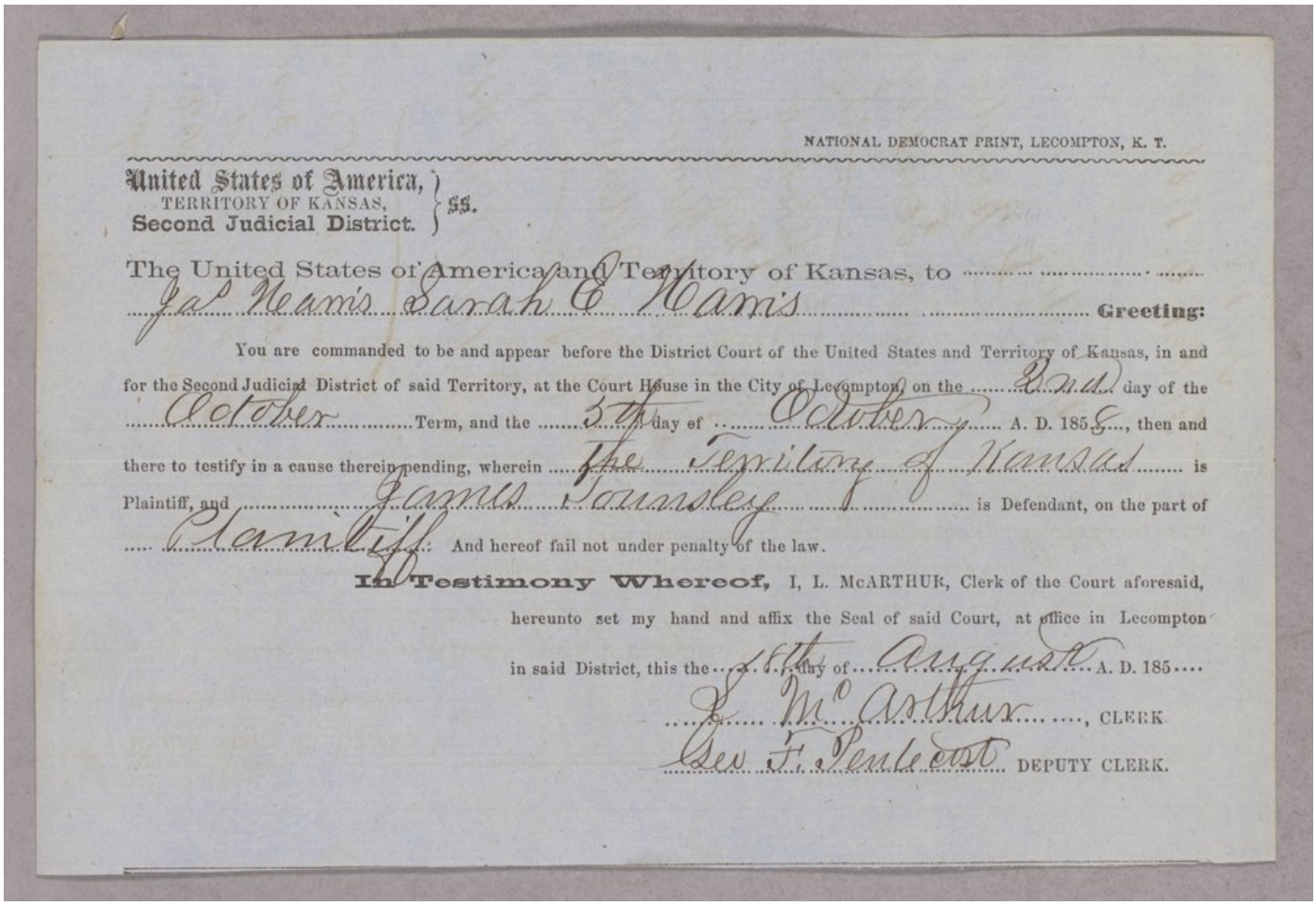
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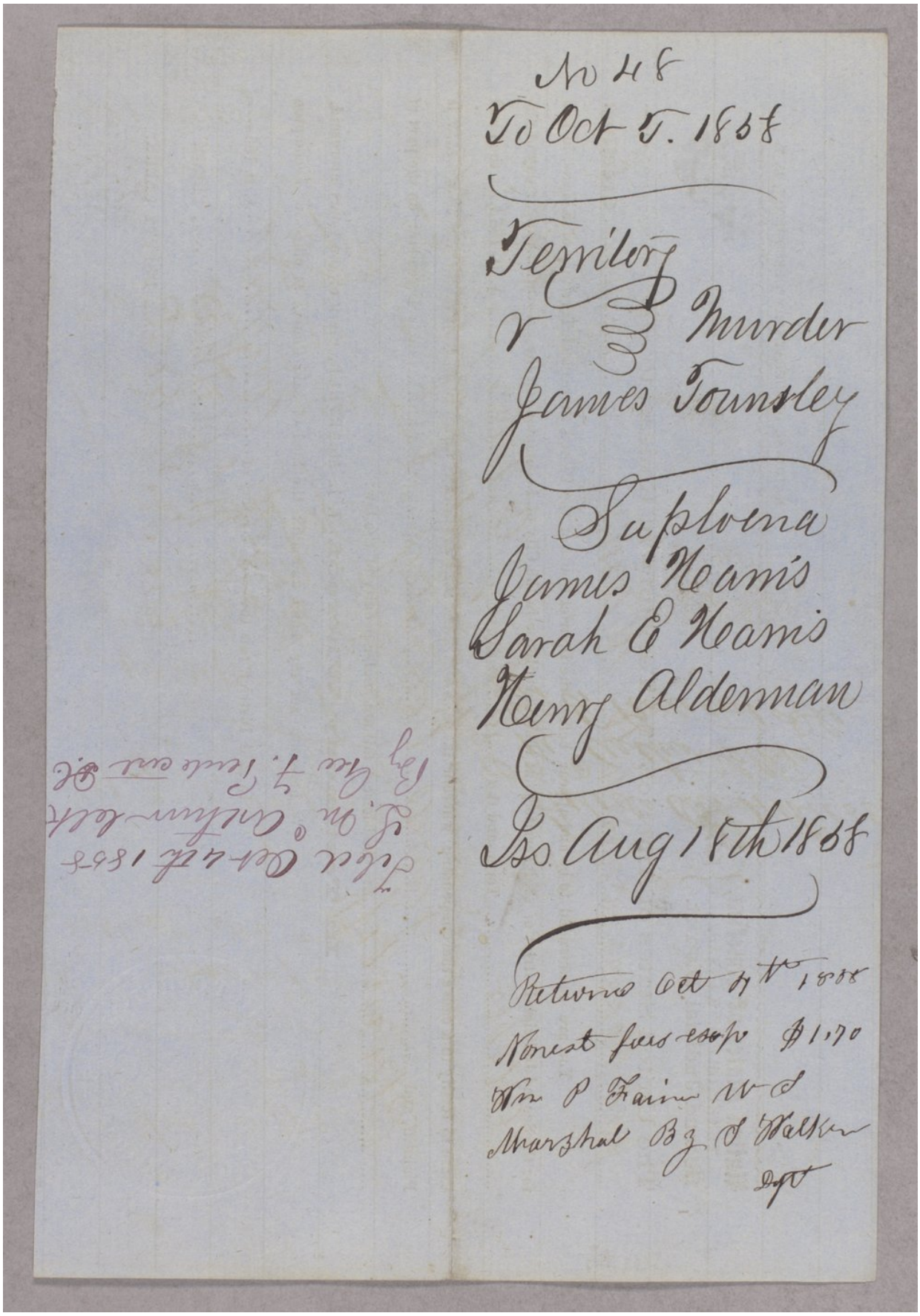
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 18th day of August A. D. 185

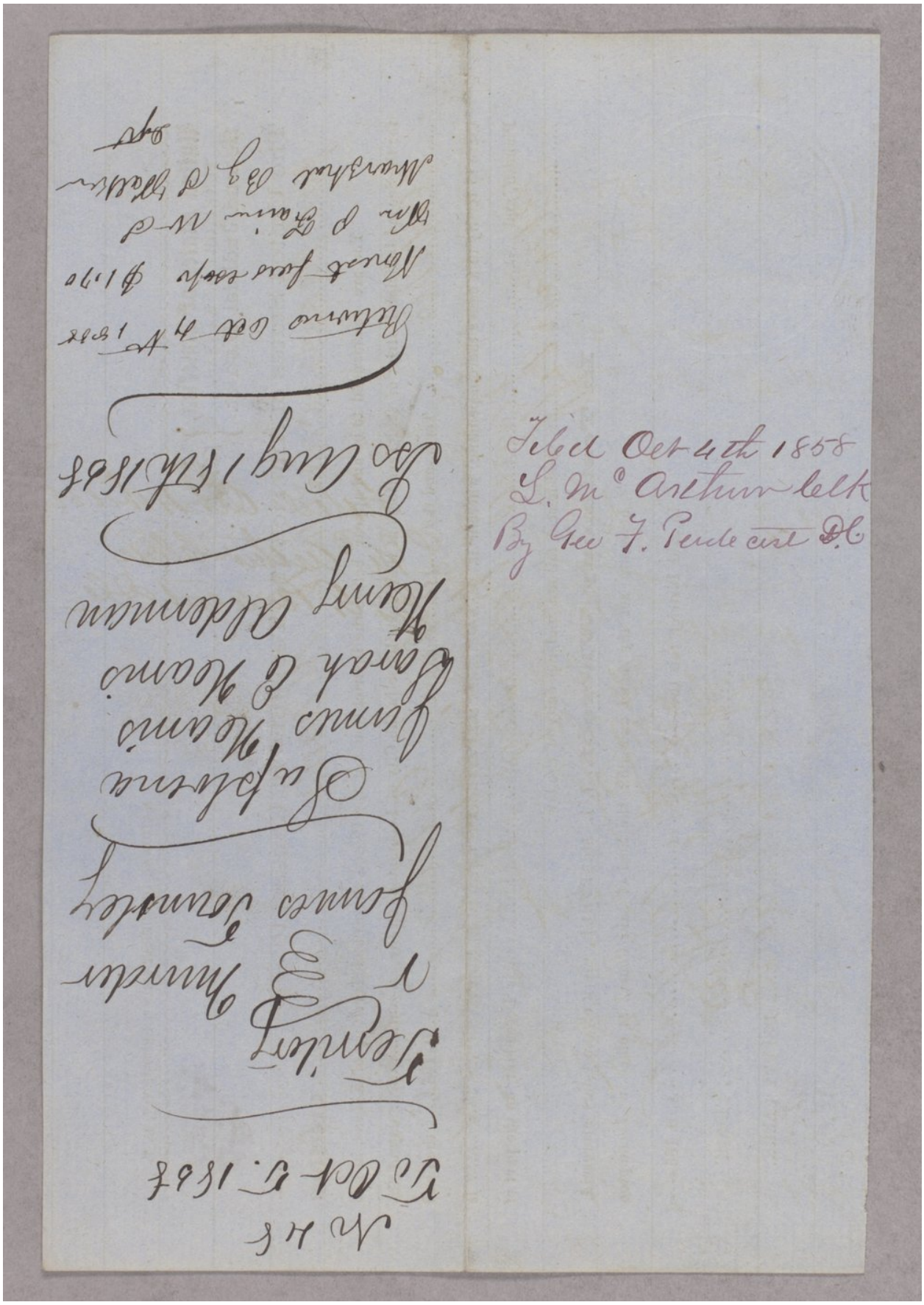
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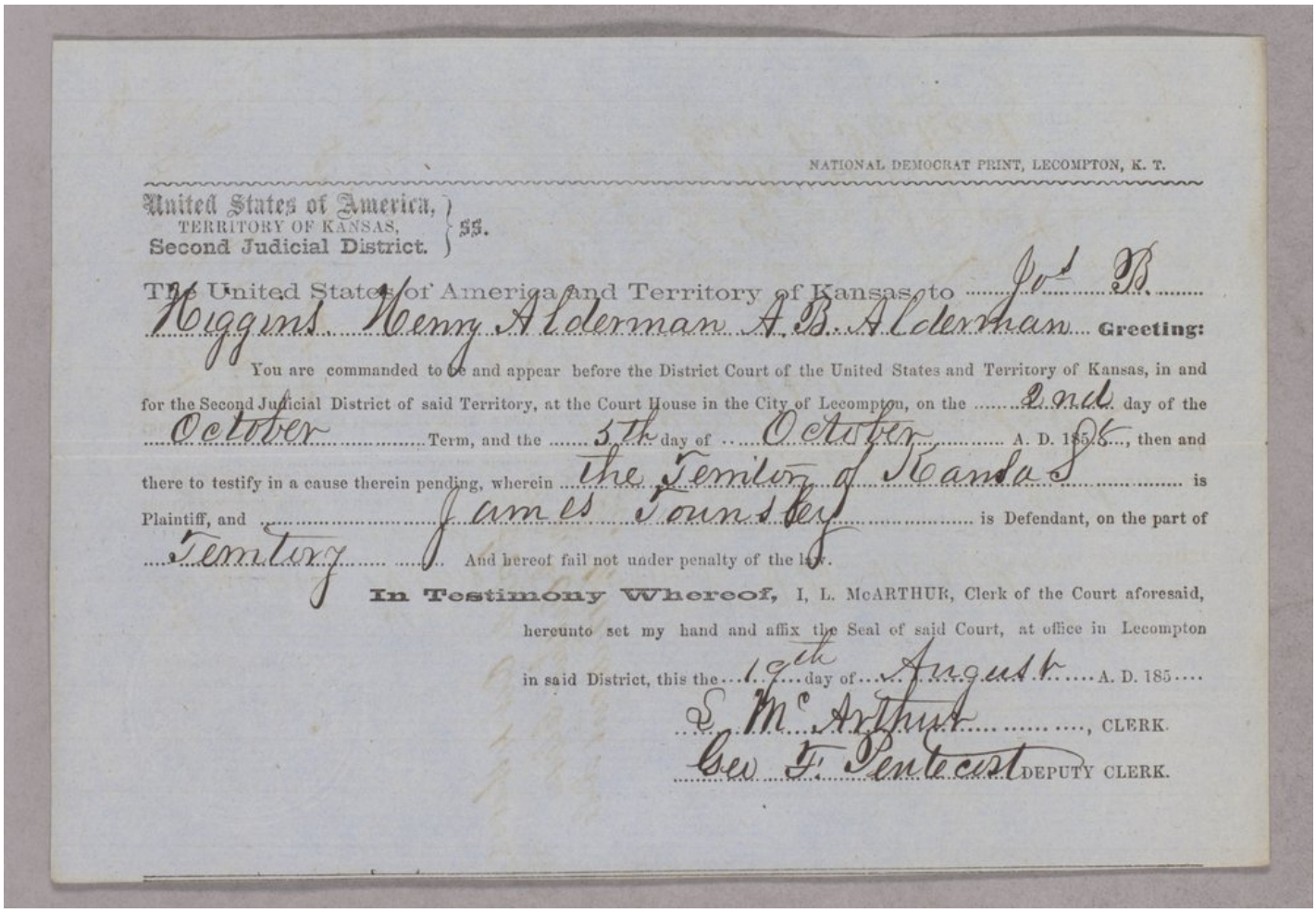
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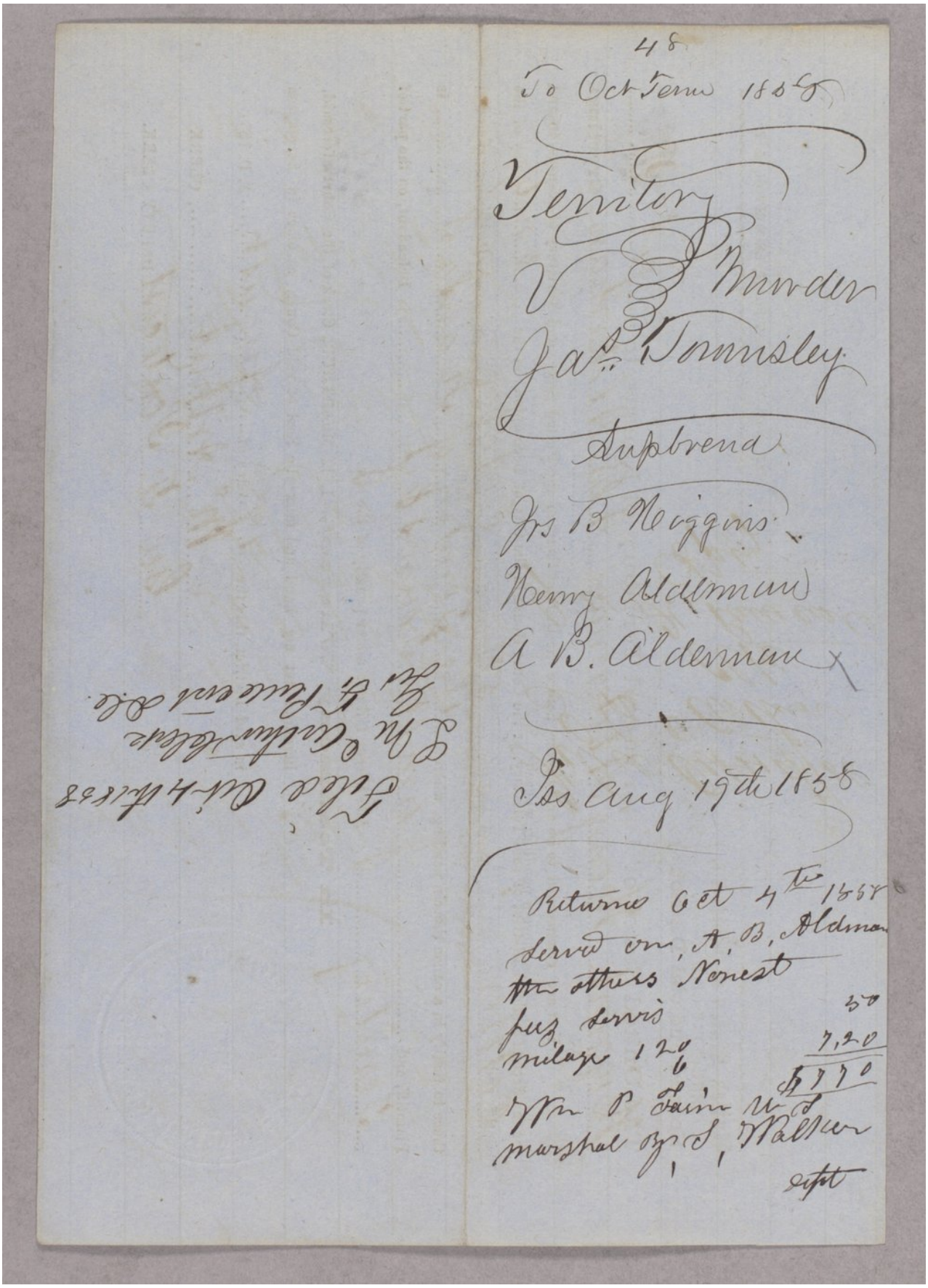
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In Testimony Whereof, I, L. McARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court, at office in Lecompton in said District, this the 19th day of August A. D. 185..

L. McArthur, CLERK.
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Kansas Territory versus James Townsley for murder


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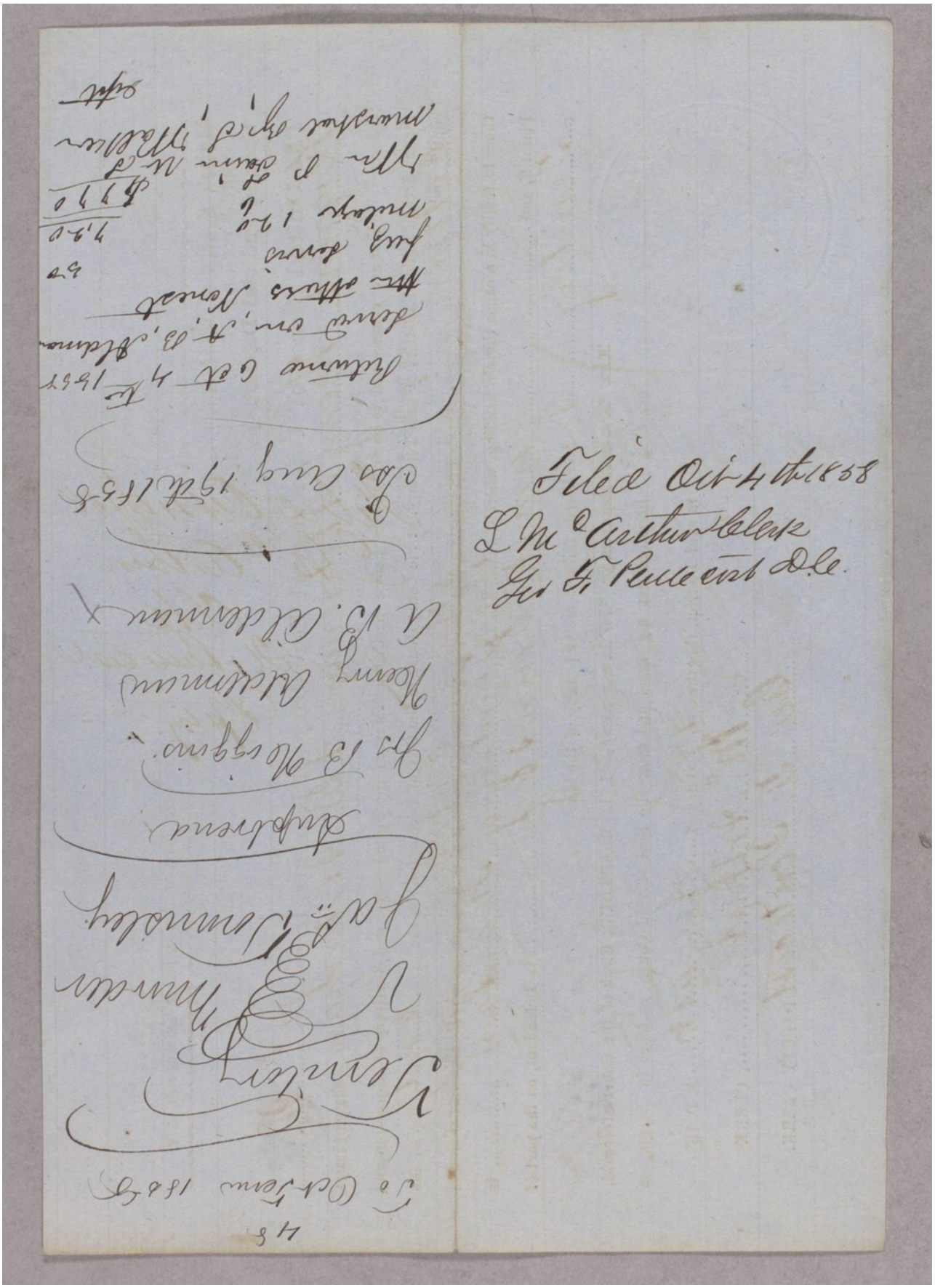
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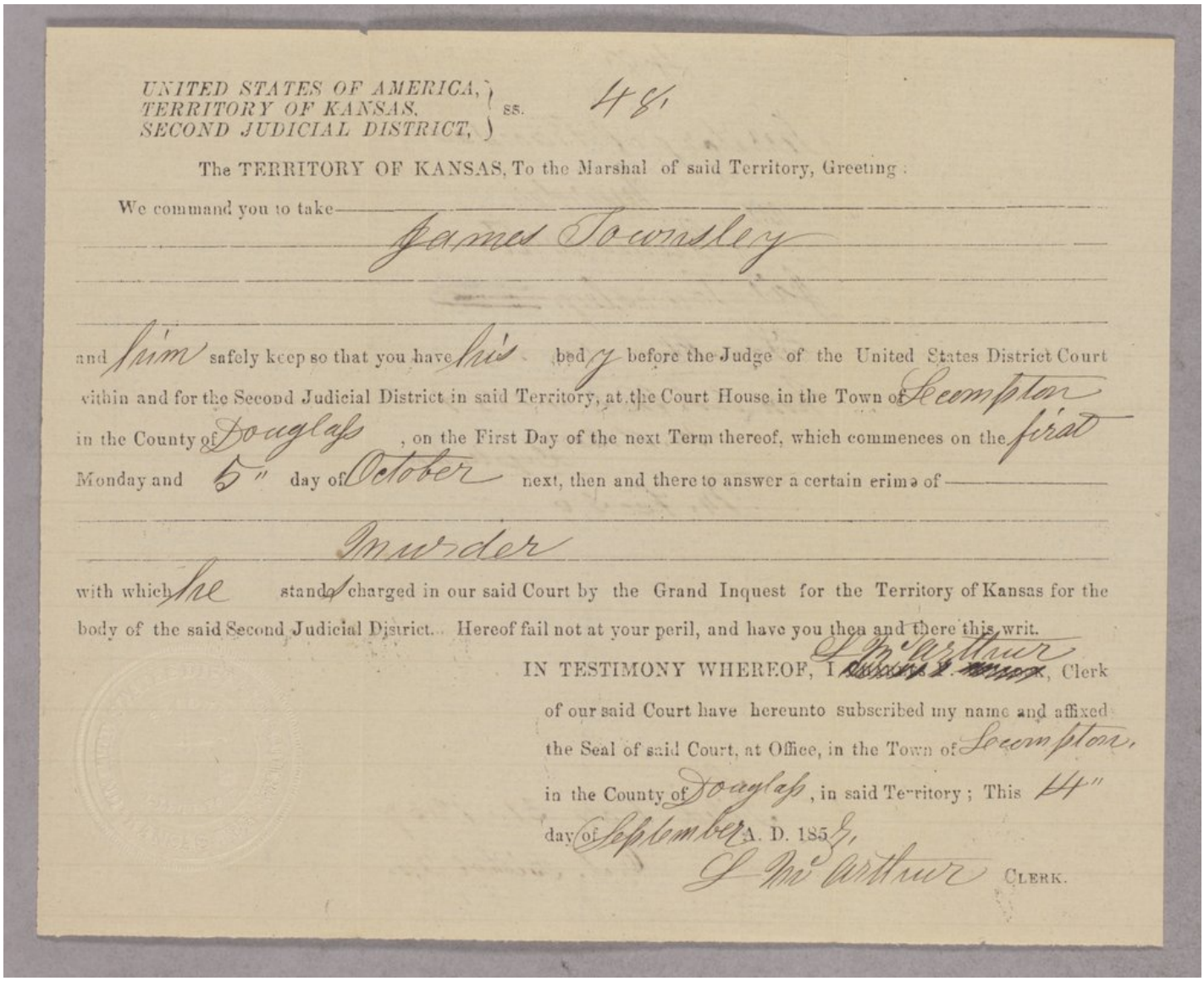
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF KANSAS,
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, } ss. 46

The TERRITORY OF KANSAS, To the Marshal of said Territory, Greeting:

We command you to take James Townsley

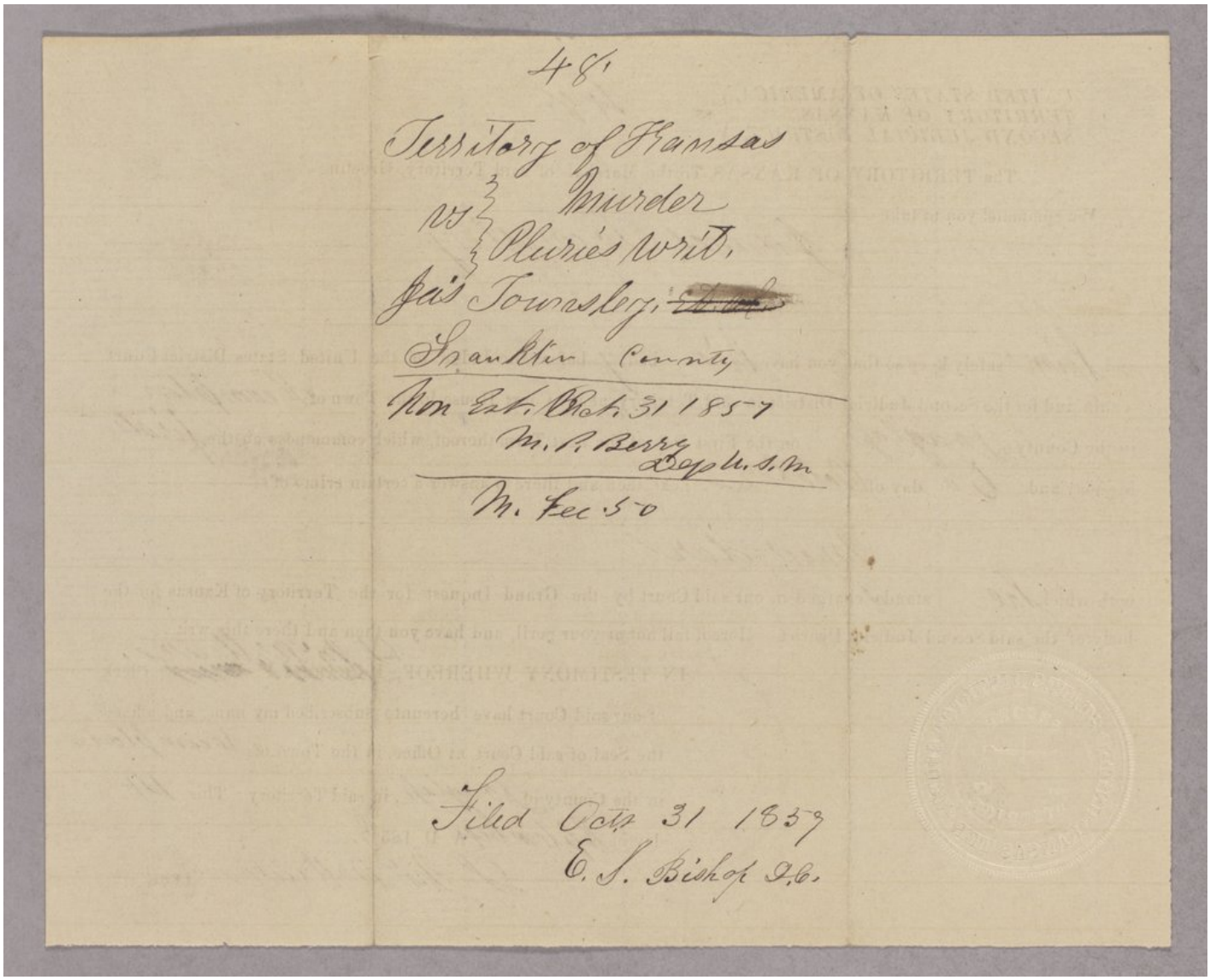
and him safely keep so that you have his body before the Judge of the United States District Court within and for the Second Judicial District in said Territory, at the Court House in the Town of Lecompton in the County of Douglas, on the First Day of the next Term thereof, which commences on the first Monday and 5th day of October next, then and there to answer a certain crime of murder

with which he stands charged in our said Court by the Grand Inquest for the Territory of Kansas for the body of the said Second Judicial District. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I L. McArthur, Clerk of our said Court have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Office, in the Town of Lecompton, in the County of Douglas, in said Territory; This 14th day of September A. D. 1857.

L. McArthur CLERK.

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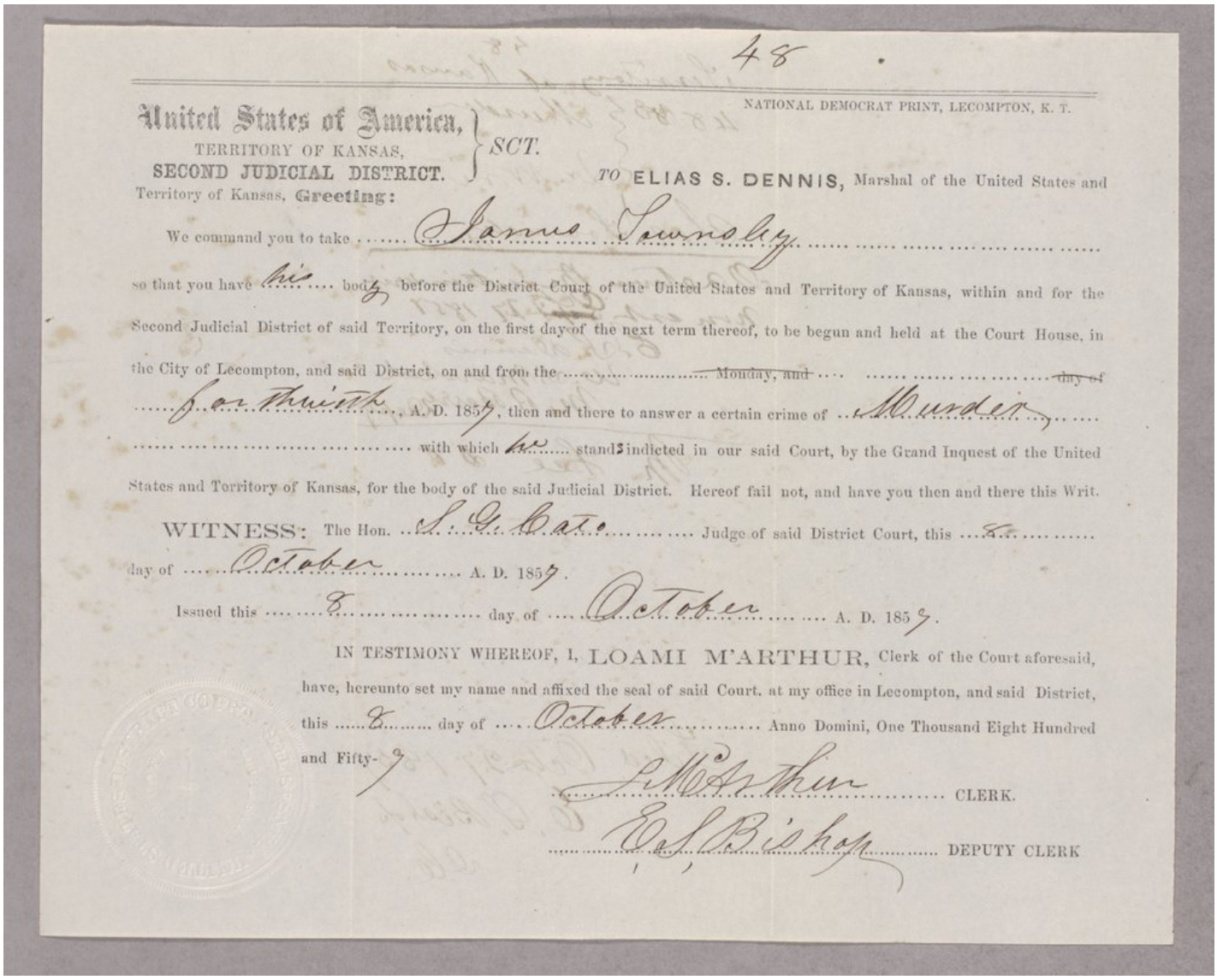
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NATIONAL DEMOCRAT PRINT, LECOMPTON, K. T.

United States of America, } SCT.
TERRITORY OF KANSAS,
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

TO ELIAS S. DENNIS, Marshal of the United States and Territory of Kansas, Greeting:

We command you to take James Townsley

so that you have his body before the District Court of the United States and Territory of Kansas, within and for the Second Judicial District of said Territory, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of Lecompton, and said District, on and from the ~~Monday, and~~ ~~day of~~ 4th Monday in March, A. D. 1857, then and there to answer a certain crime of Murder with which he stands indicted in our said Court, by the Grand Inquest of the United States and Territory of Kansas, for the body of the said Judicial District. Hereof fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

WITNESS: The Hon. S. G. Cate Judge of said District Court, this 8 day of October A. D. 1857.

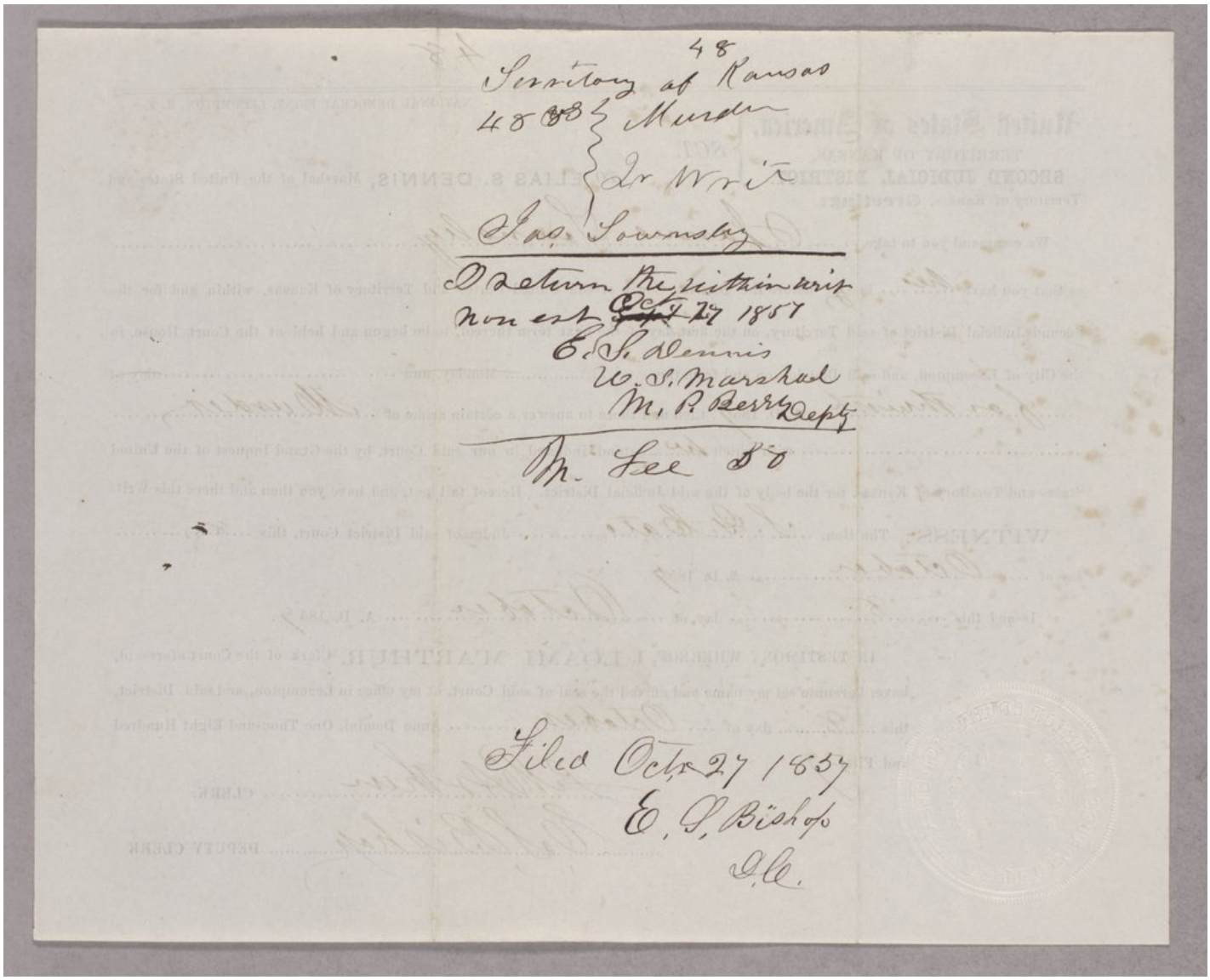
Issued this 8 day of October A. D. 1857.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, LOAMI M'ARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, have, hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Lecompton, and said District, this 8 day of October Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-7

L. M'Arthur CLERK.

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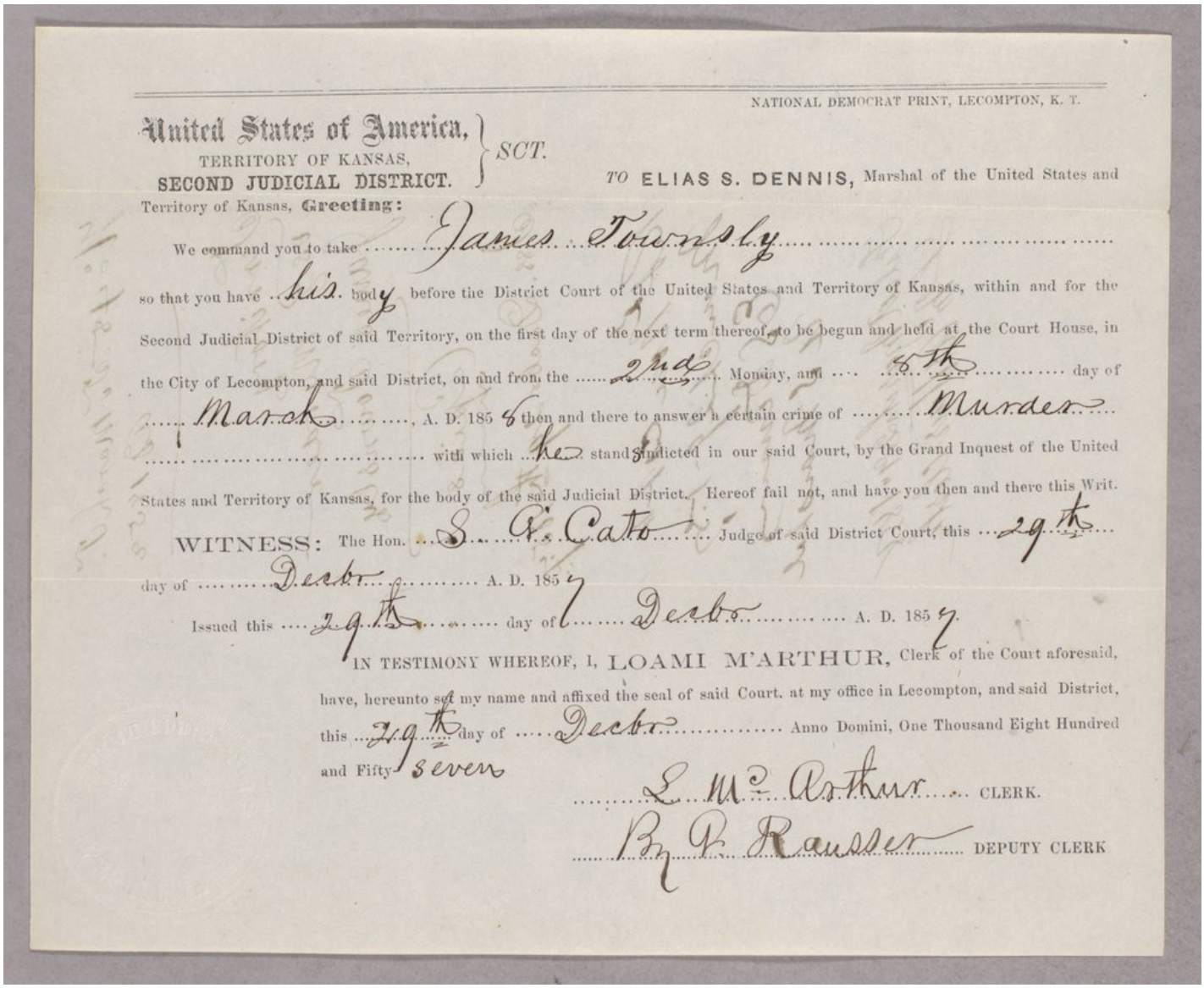
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so that you have his body before the District Court of the United States and Territory of Kansas, within and for the Second Judicial District of said Territory, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of Lecompton, and said District, on and from the 2nd Monday, and 6th day of March, A. D. 185 6 then and there to answer a certain crime of Murder with which he stand indicted in our said Court, by the Grand Inquest of the United States and Territory of Kansas, for the body of the said Judicial District. Hereof fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

WITNESS: The Hon. S. G. Cato Judge of said District Court, this 29th day of Decbr A. D. 185 7

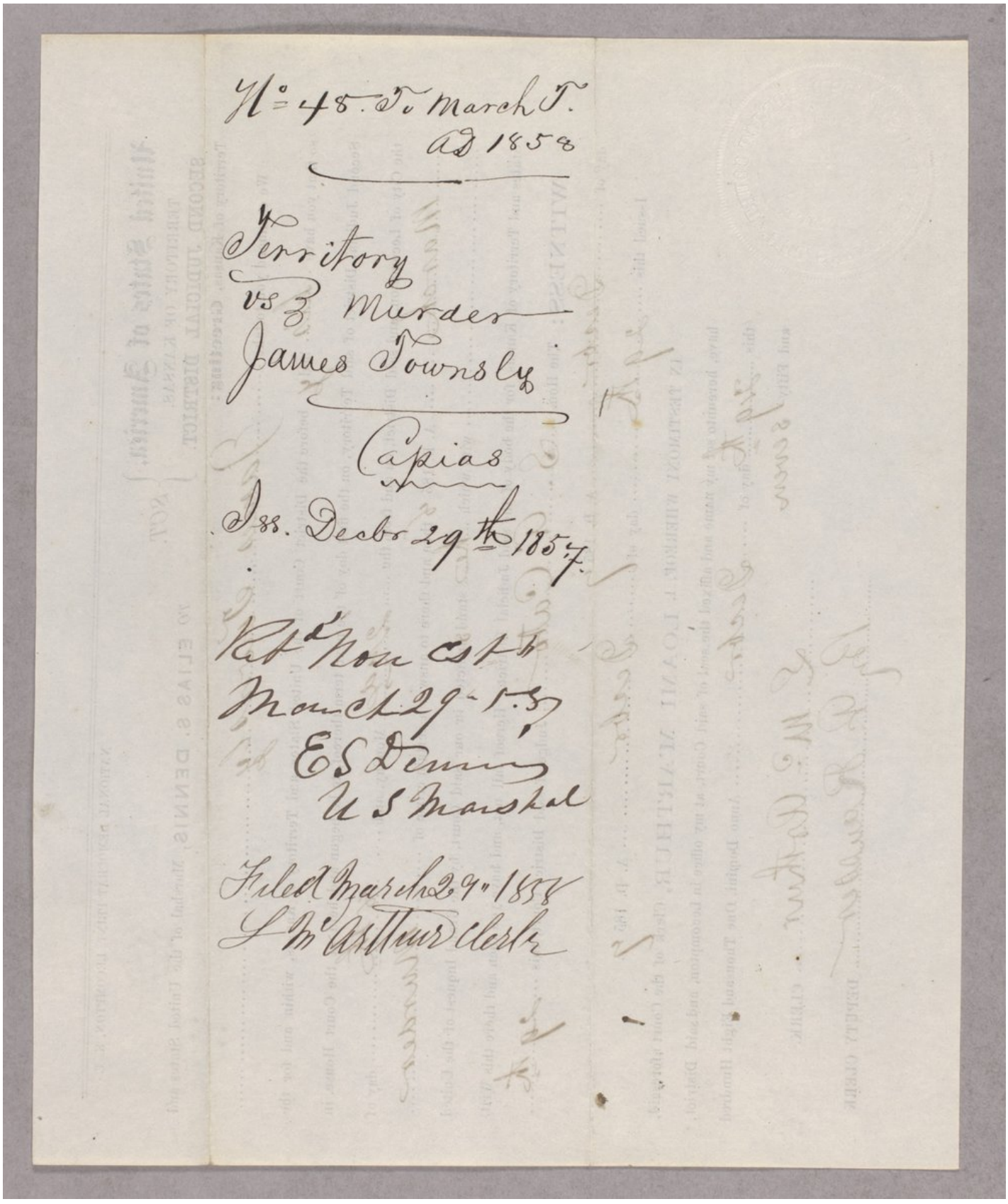
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, LOAMI M'ARTHUR, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, have, hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Lecompton, and said District, this 29th day of Decbr Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty seven

L. McArthur CLERK.

By P. Rausser DEPUTY CLERK

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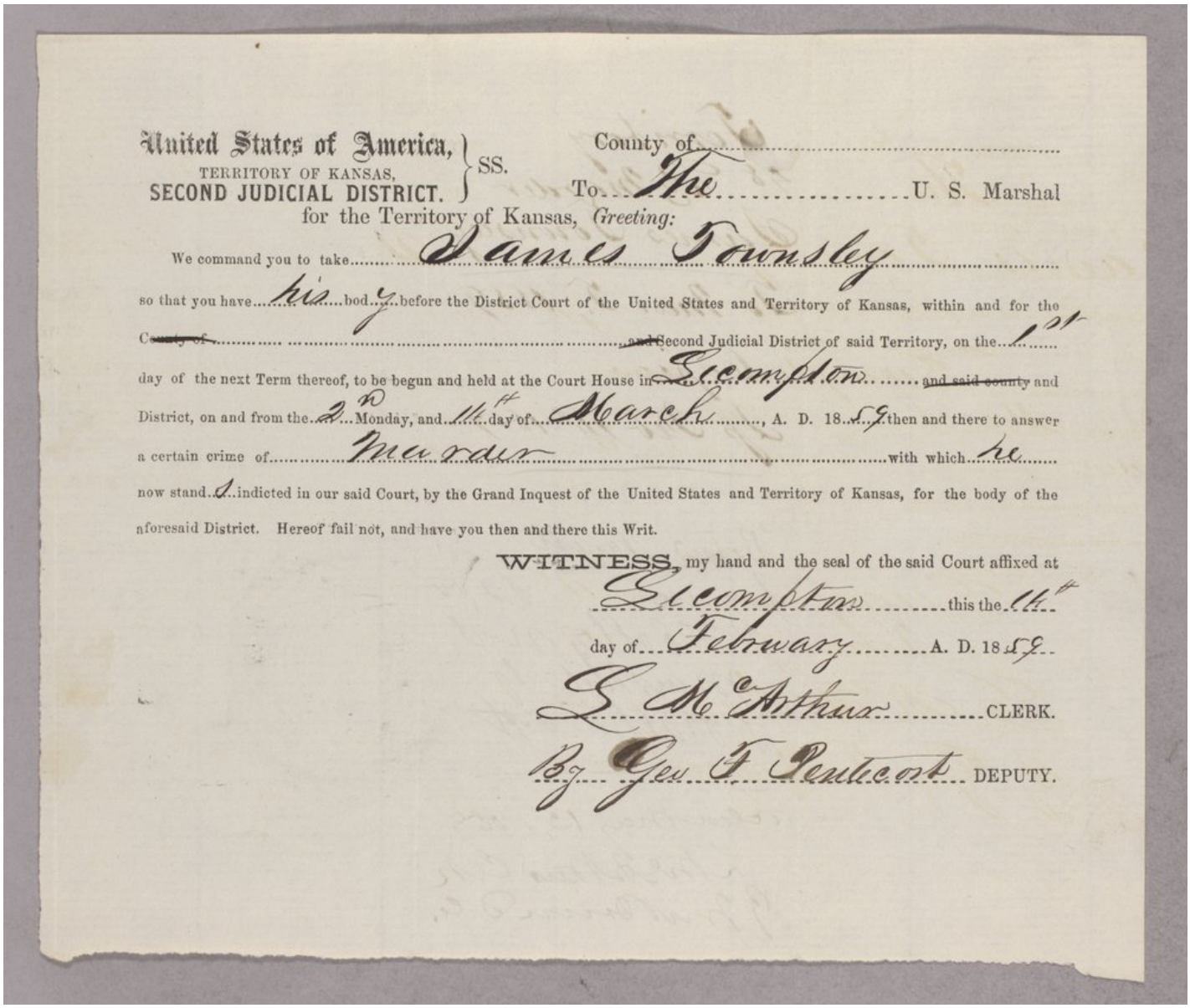
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United States of America, } SS.
TERRITORY OF KANSAS,
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

County of .....

To The ..... U. S. Marshal
for the Territory of Kansas, *Greeting:*

We command you to take James Townsley

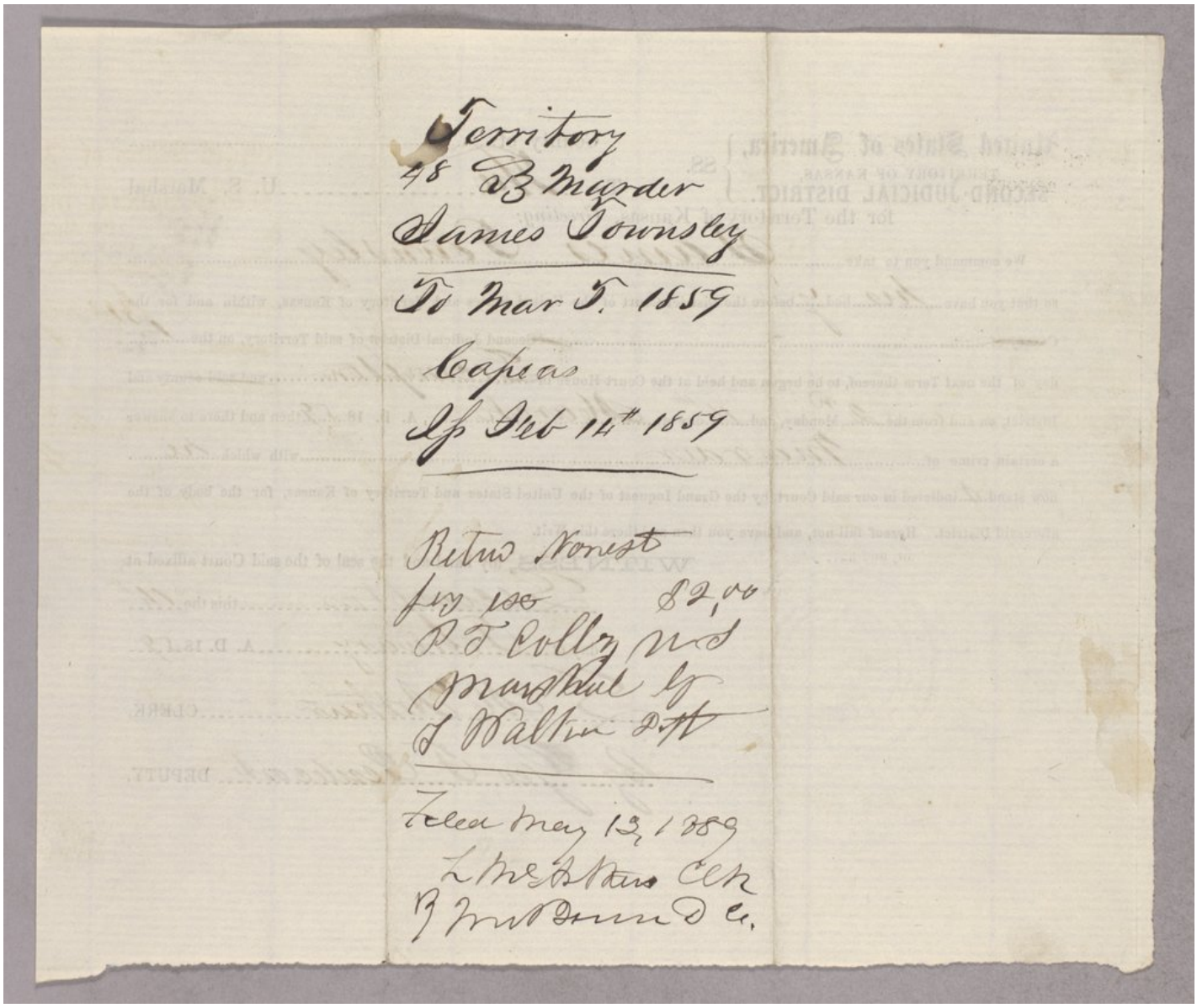
so that you have his bod y before the District Court of the United States and Territory of Kansas, within and for the ~~County of~~ ..... and Second Judicial District of said Territory, on the 1st day of the next Term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House in Lecompton ~~and said county~~ and District, on and from the 2d Monday, and 14th day of March, A. D. 18 59 then and there to answer a certain crime of murder with which he now stand indicted in our said Court, by the Grand Inquest of the United States and Territory of Kansas, for the body of the aforesaid District. Hereof fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the said Court affixed at Lecompton this the 16th day of February A. D. 1859

S. M. Arthur CLERK.

By Geo. F. Pentecost DEPUTY.

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