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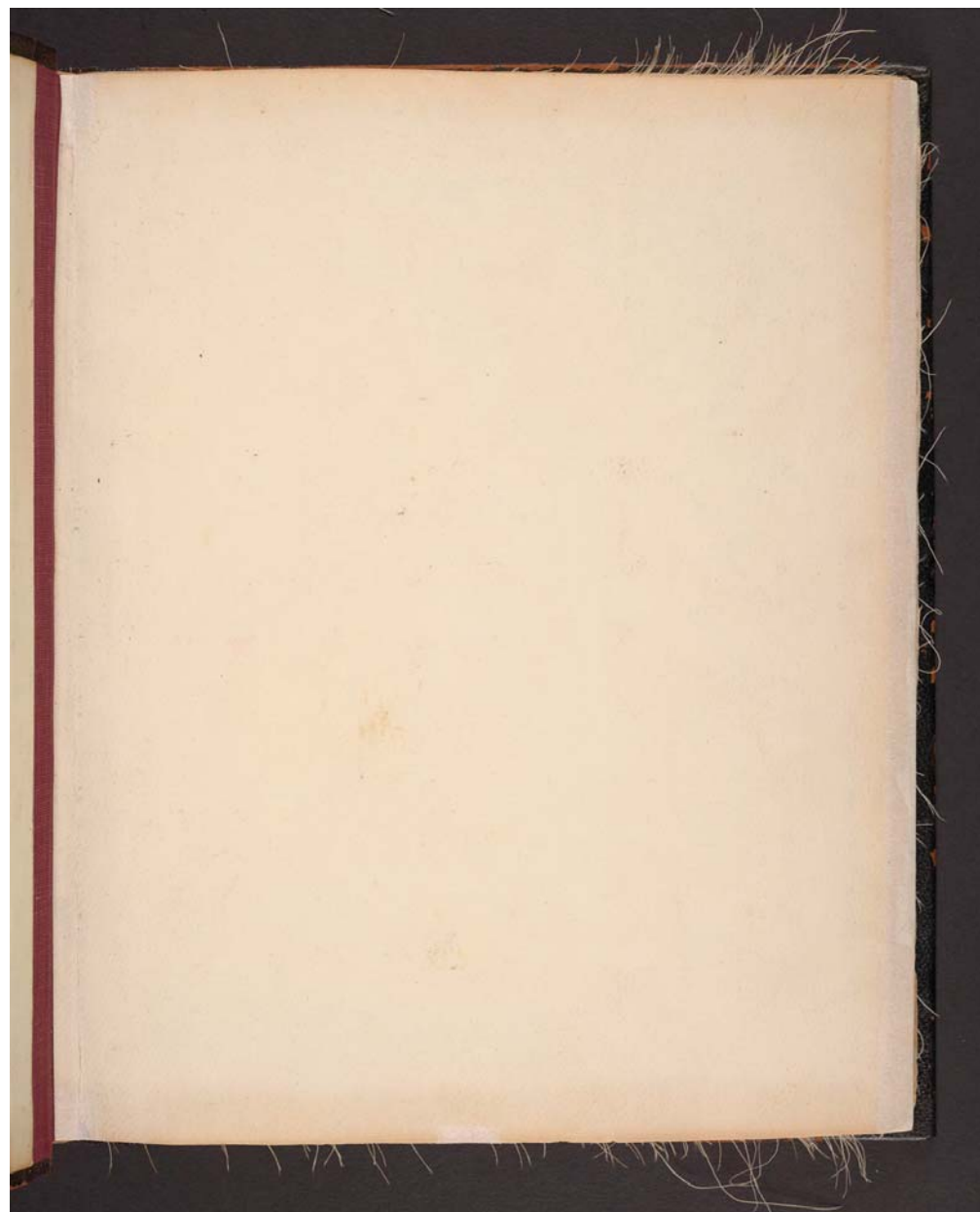
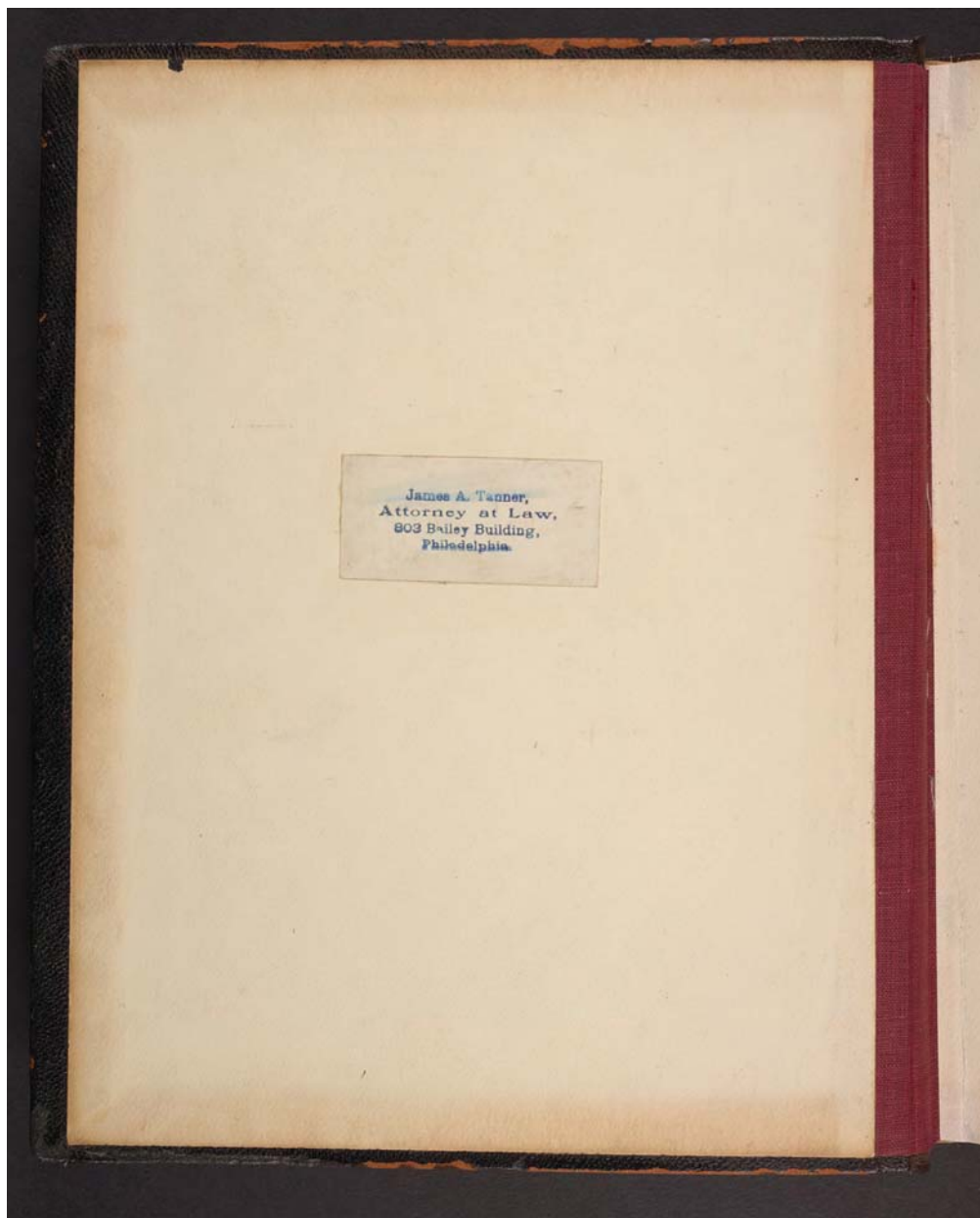
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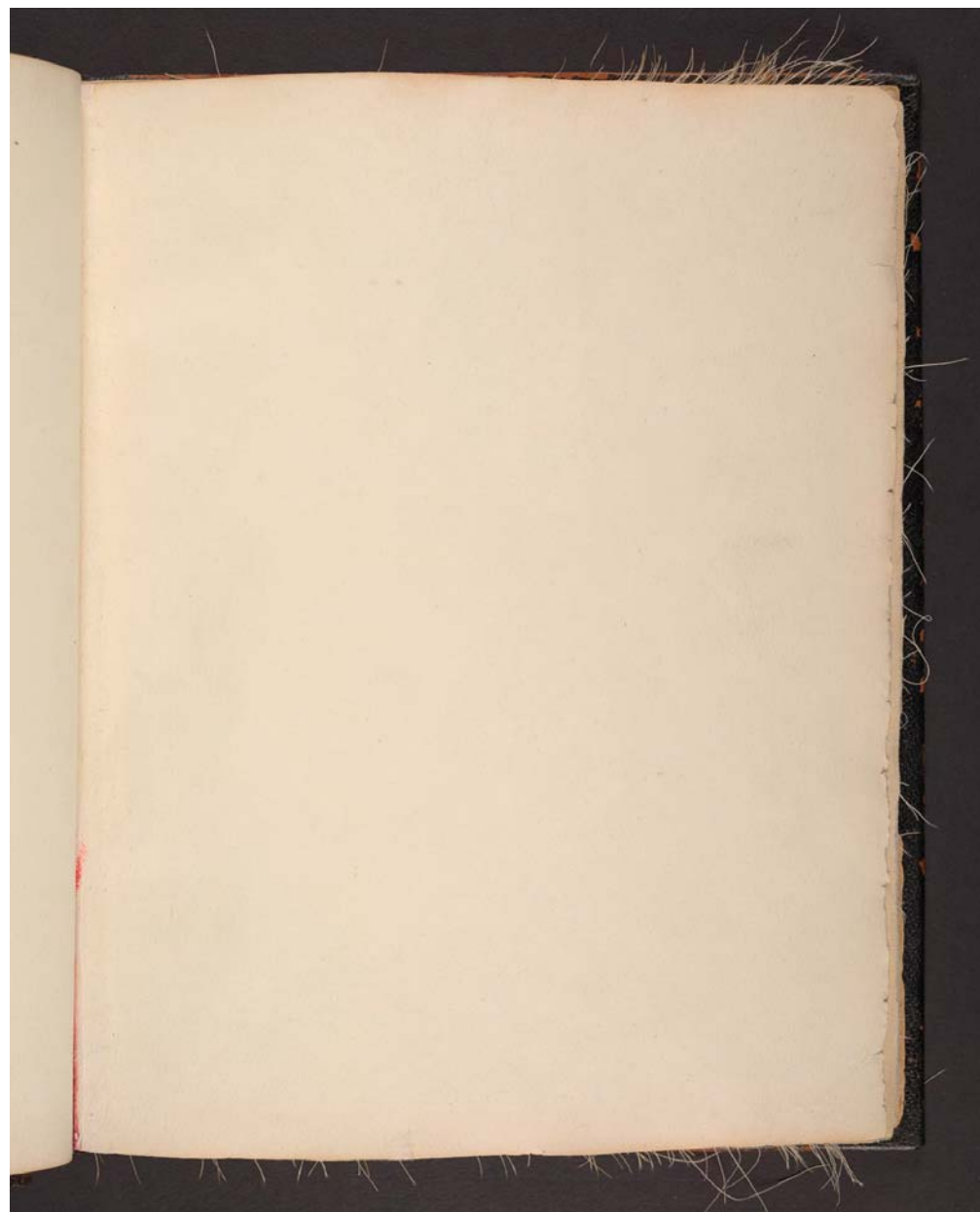
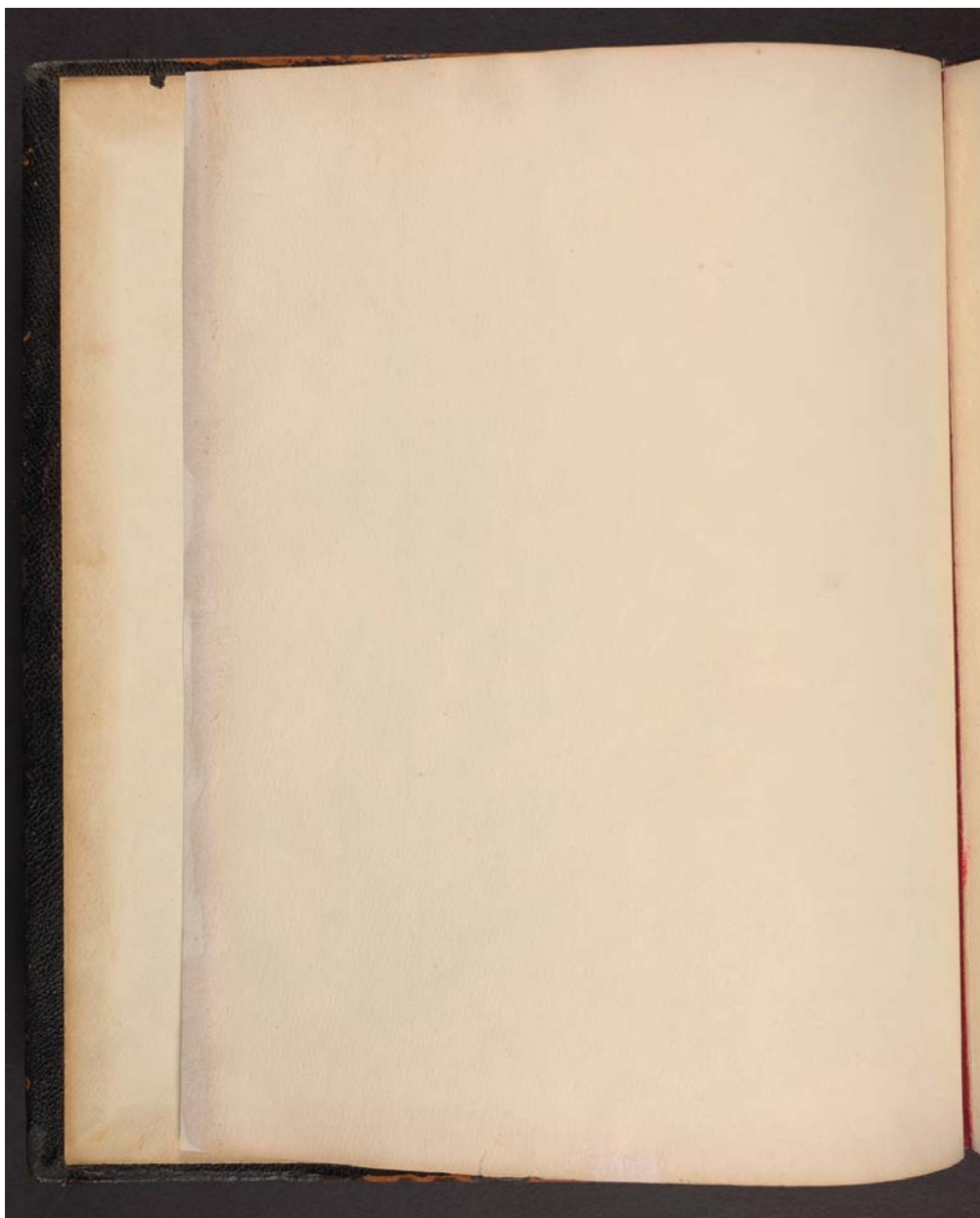
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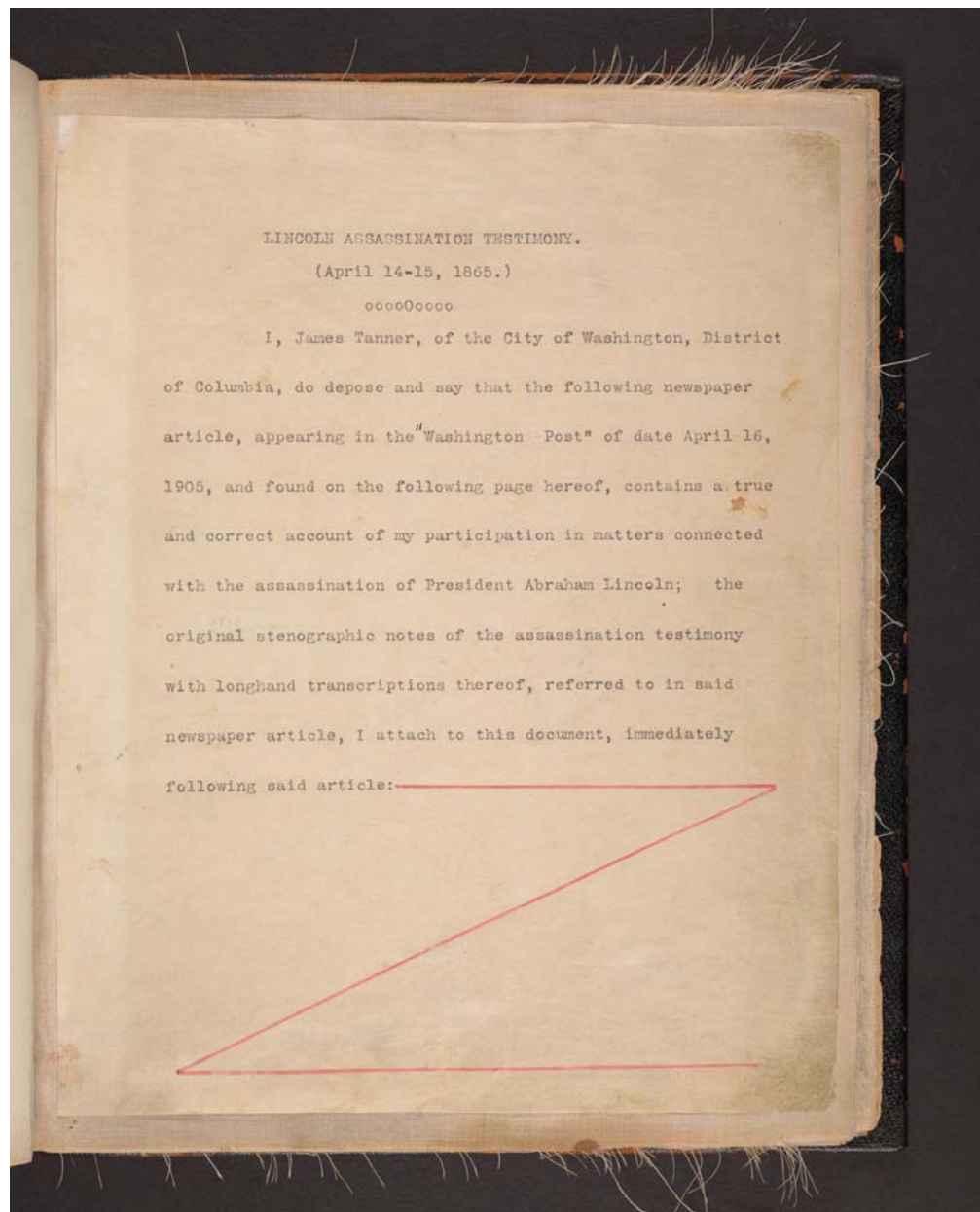
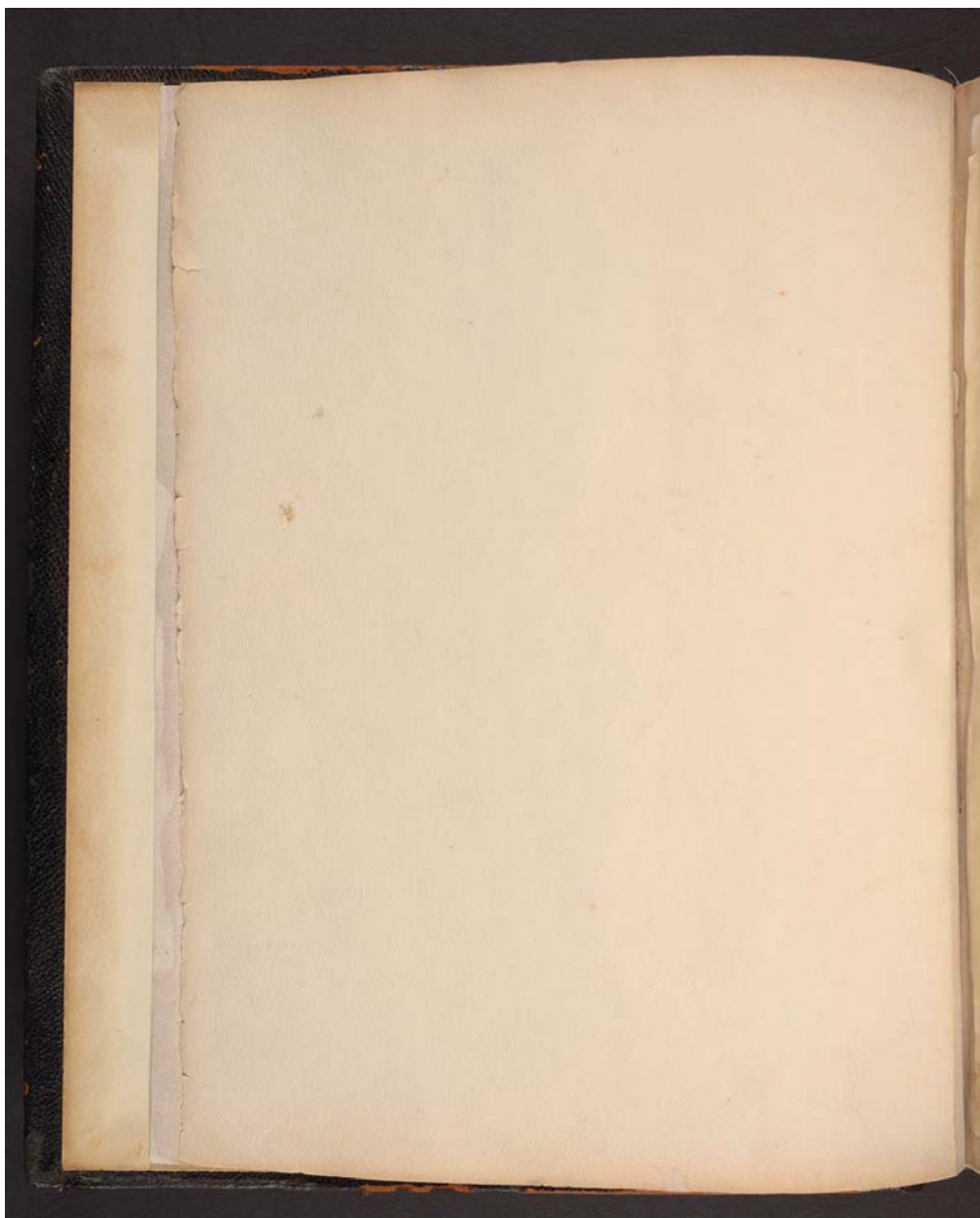
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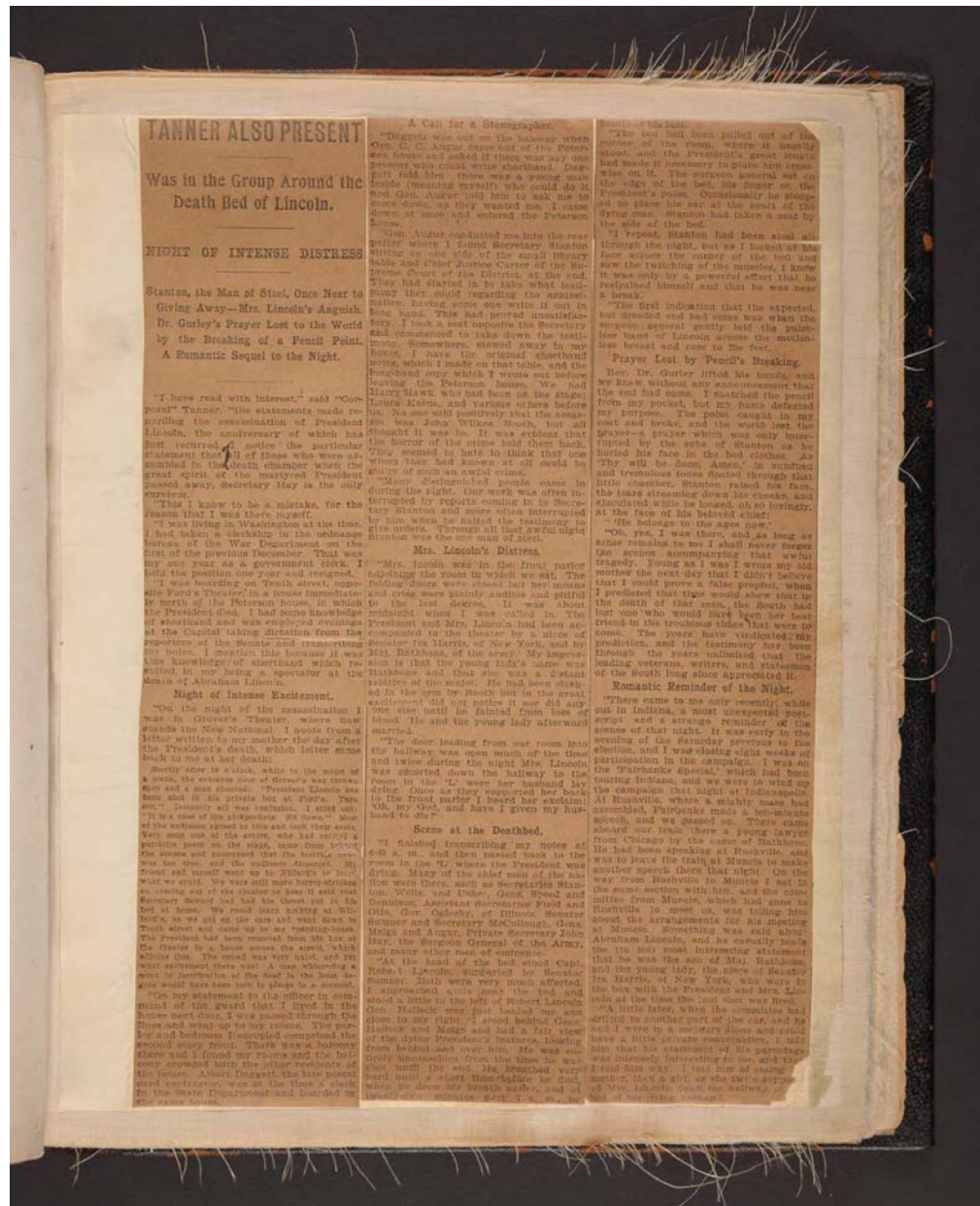
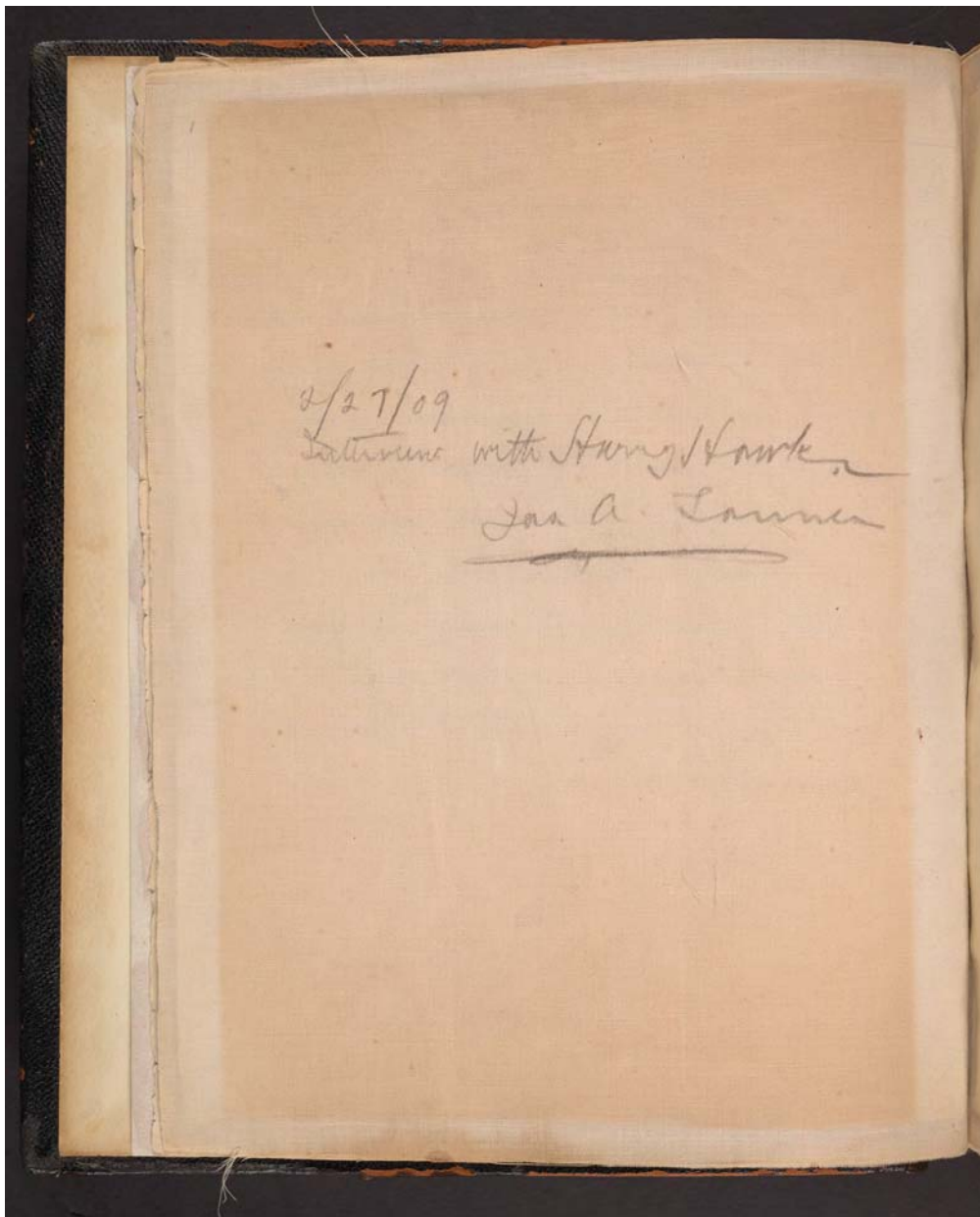
LINCOLN ASSASSINATION TESTIMONY

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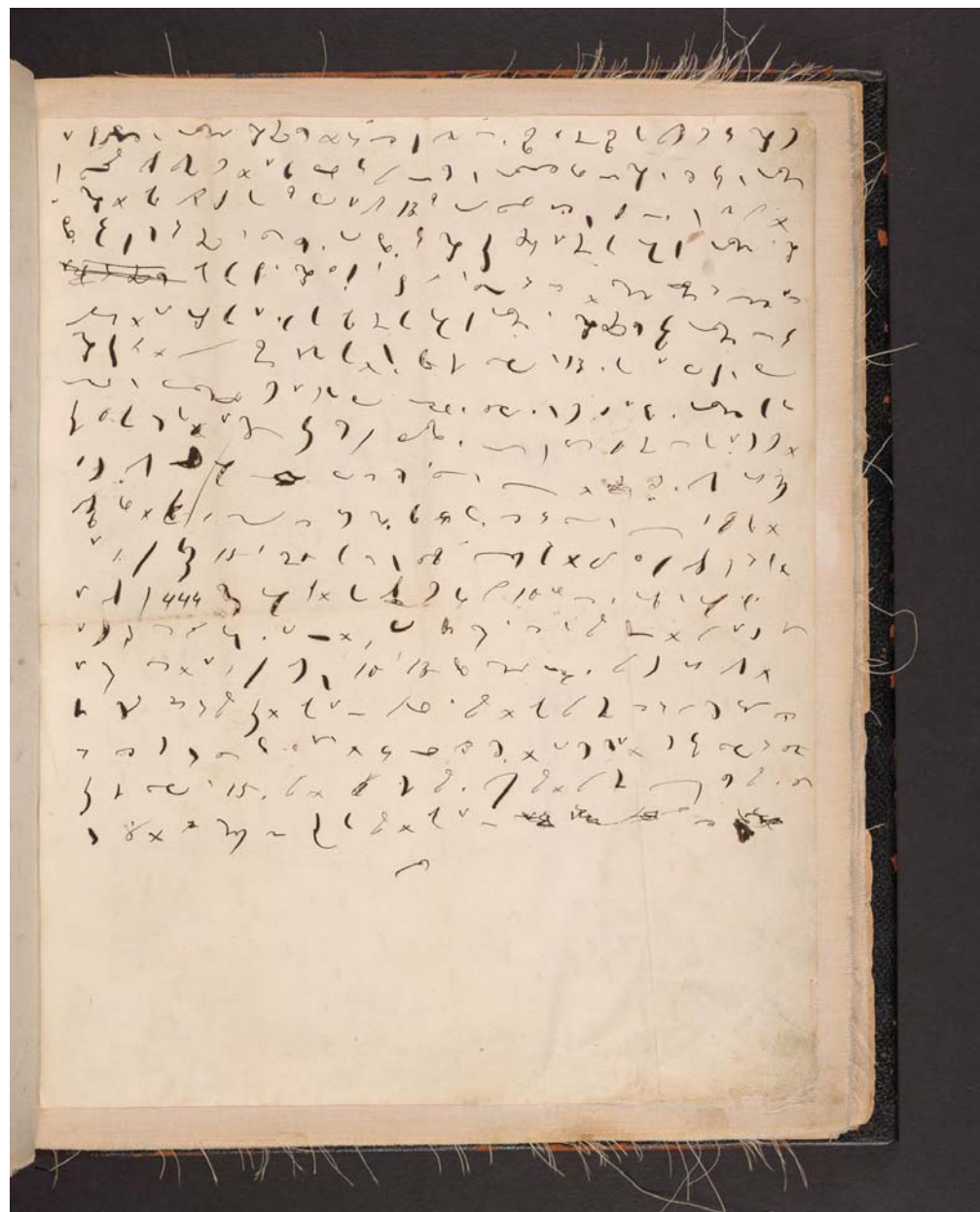
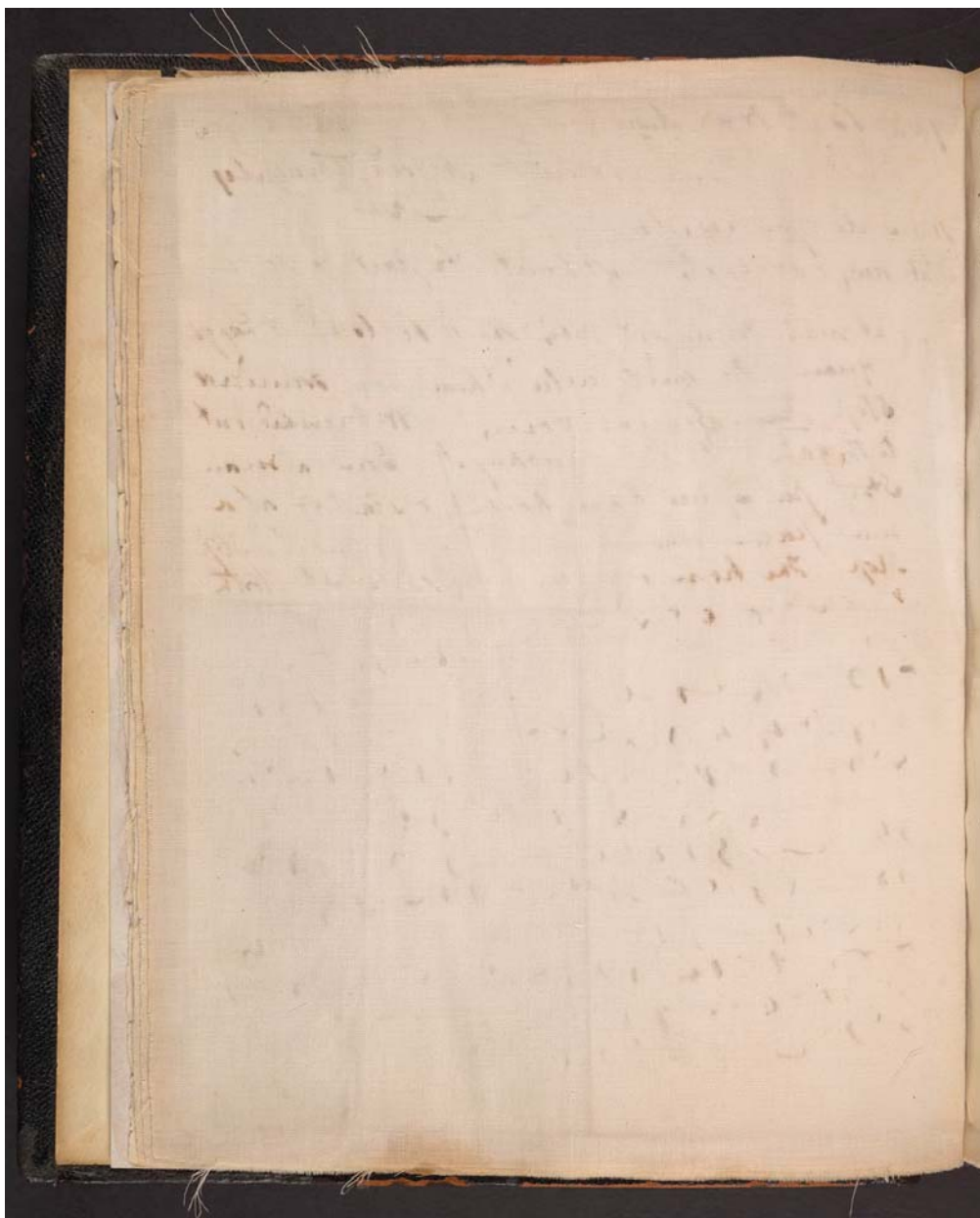








How B. N. Hay ^{Hill & Judge} ^{Carroll}
 What is your name Alfred Cloughly
 Where do you reside
 State any facts About the fact of 10 cells
 walking with a lady in
 A man crying out jake should be look at Lafayette
 Square He inquired after I heard cry murder or
 Stop ~~off~~ Several voices We rushed out
 to the gate Before reaching it Saw a man
 start put spurs to his horse & start off at a
 run faster should judge & crowd called Stop
 Stop The horse was going up 15th St. North
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Reported by Mr James Tanner, Esq. Bureau
Before Chief Justice Carter
Statement of Alfred Cloughley.
By Hon B.A. Hill.

What is your name?

A. Alfred Cloughley.

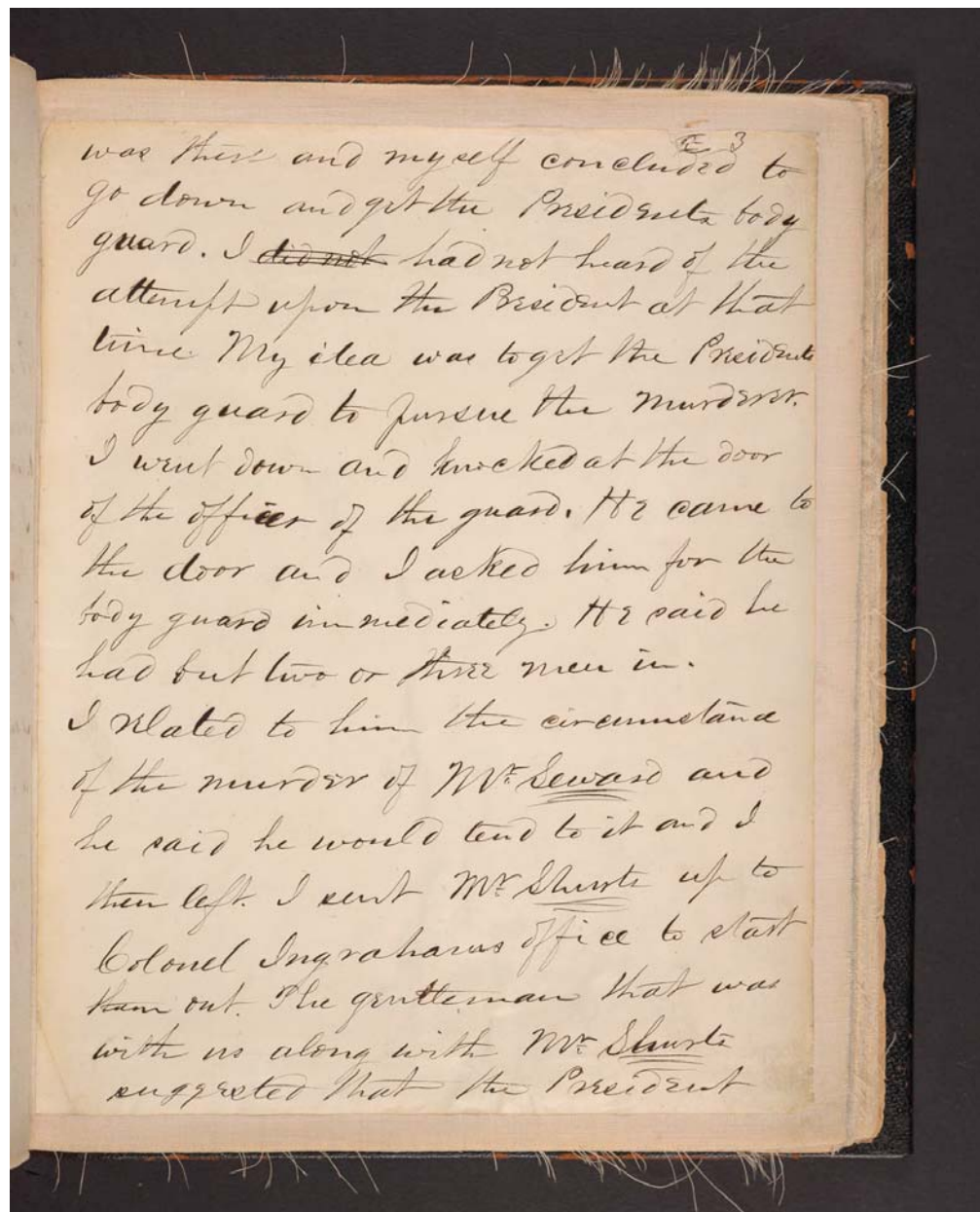
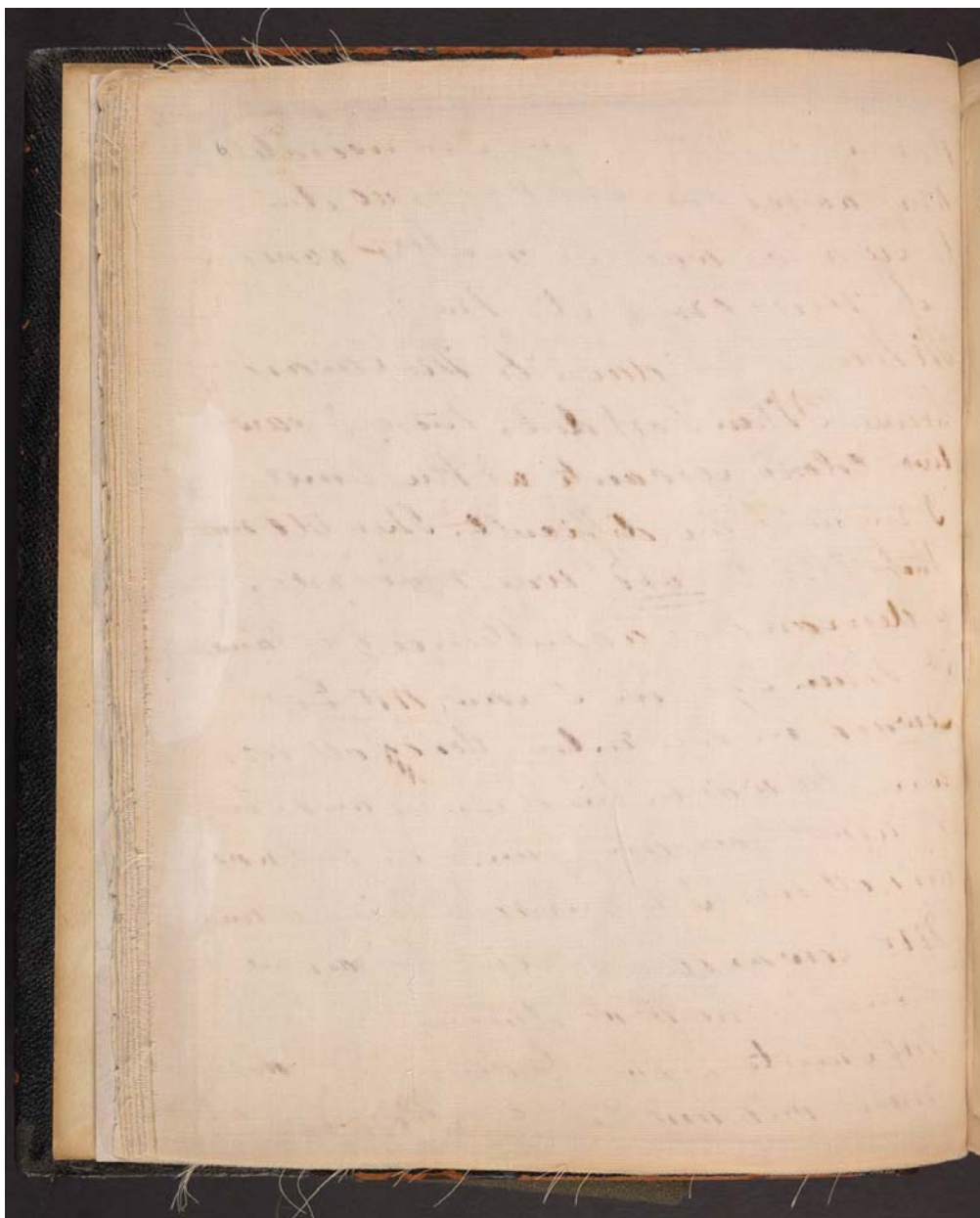
Q. Where do you reside?

A. I am a clerk in the Second Audi-
tor's Office in this City.

Q. State any and all the facts in regard
to the assassination of Mr Seward.

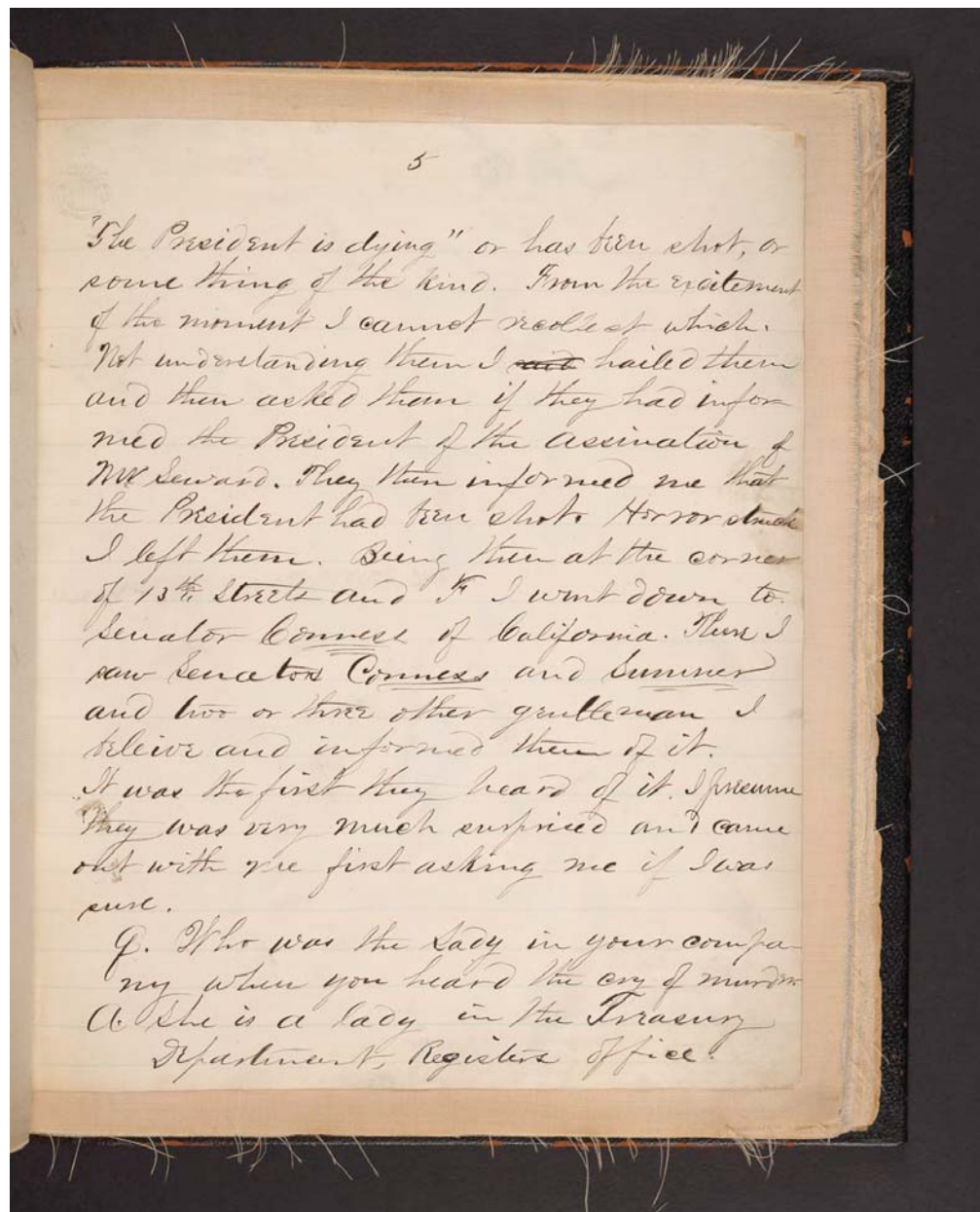
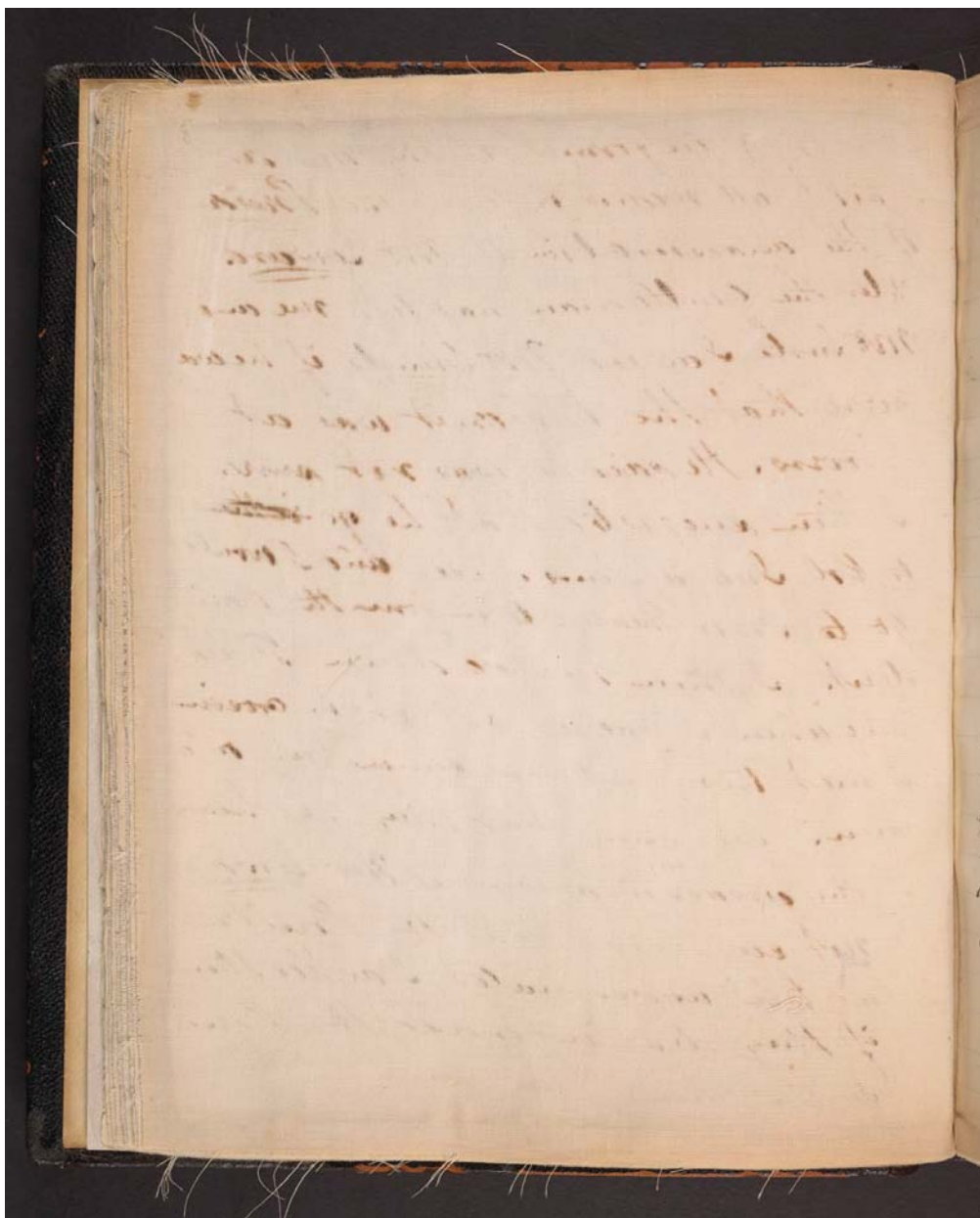
A. About 11 o'clock this evening I was walk-
ing with a lady in Lafayette Square.
I heard some one cry out that the
gates should be shut & immediately after
the cry of murder & stop thief. There were
several voices. We rushed to the gate. Before
reaching it I saw a man on horse
back bending forward & putting ~~the~~
spurs to his horse and start off.
I think the horse was a jacks. The
crowd called stop thief.
The horse was going up 15th Street
North.

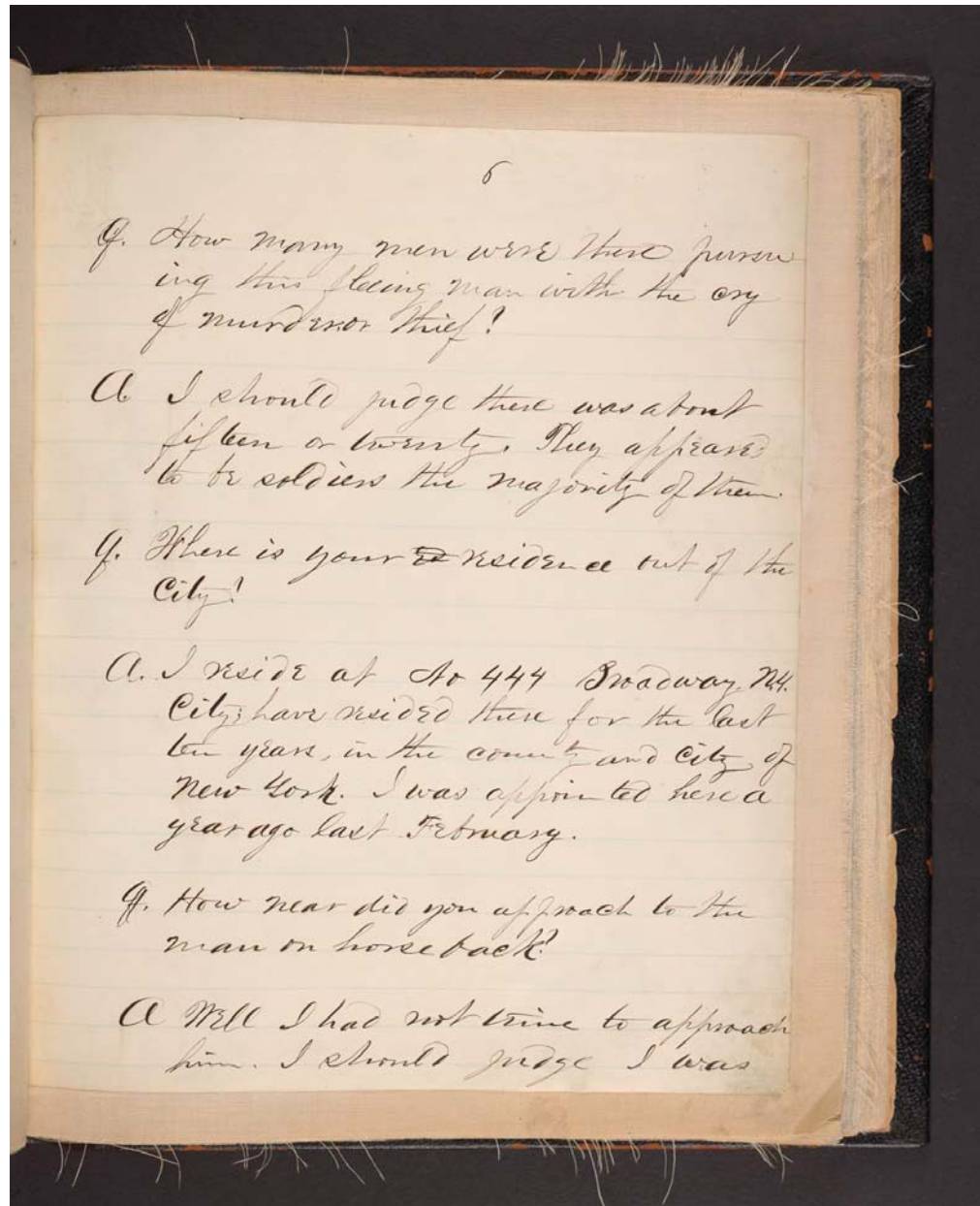
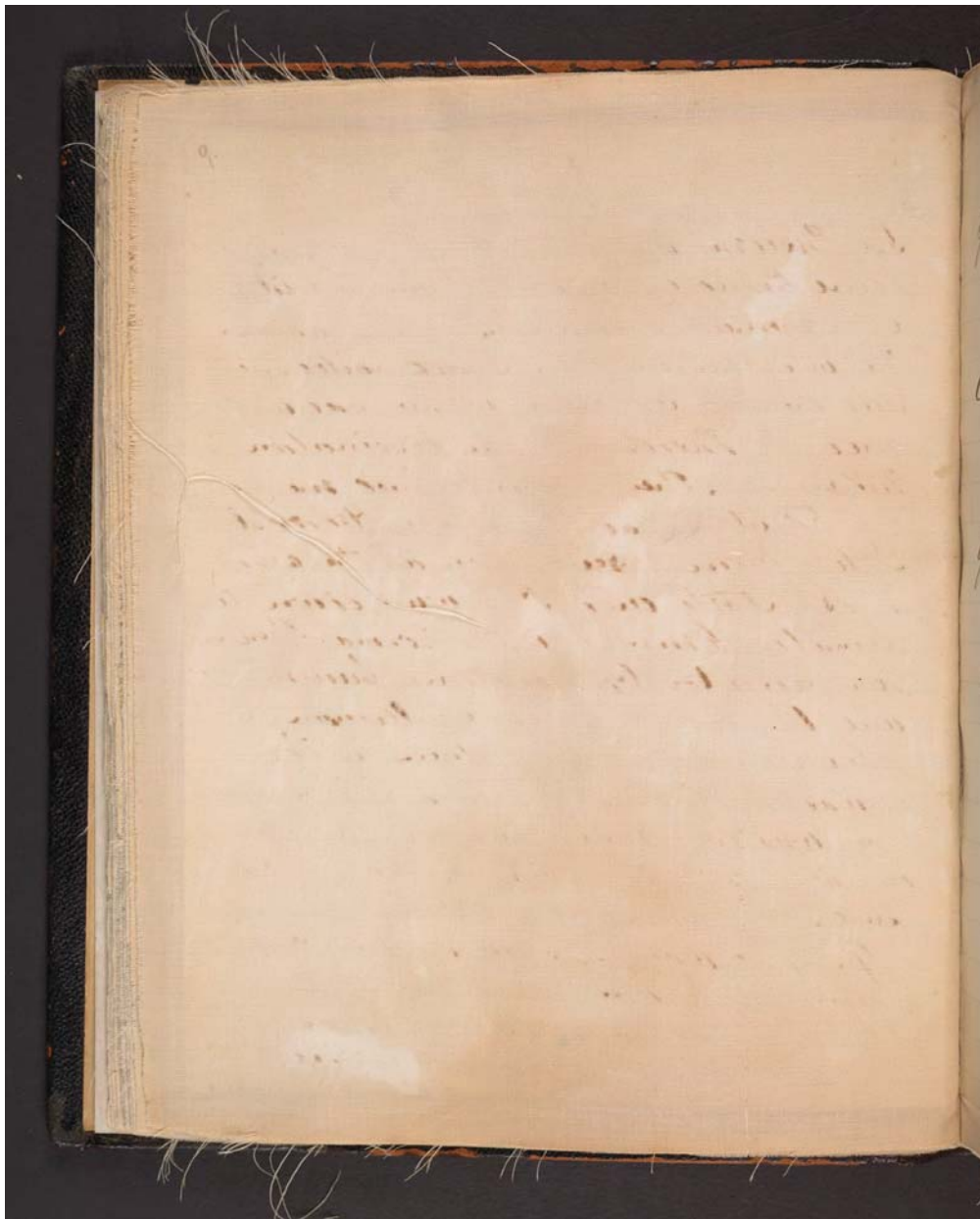
He went up North, then I immediately
went across the street & looked down
to see what was the matter & cried
help murder & stop thief.
We then went down to Mr Seward's
house. When I got down there I saw
two colored servants at the house.
I enquired the difficulty. They told me
that Mr Seward was murdered.
I demanded admittance & obtained
it. When I got in I saw Mr Geo
Seward in the entry, hood all over
him. He was in his drawers and shirt.
He didn't have any pants on but was
hood all over. I enquired of him about
Mr Seward and I believe he said he
thought he was dying.
Mr. Shurtz of the Treasury Depart-
ment and another gentleman was



I should be informed of the murder.
I said by all means inform the President
of the assassination of Mr Seward.
After the gentleman had left me and
Mr Shurt I asked Mr Shurt if he was
sure that the President was at
Groves. He said he was not sure.
I then suggested that he go ~~either~~
to Col Ingraham's office and I would
go to Ford's Theatre to inform the Presi-
dent. I then rushed down 5th St
and when I reached 13th St in crossing
I met two gentlemen coming up on a
run. Supposing that they had heard
of the assassination of Mr Seward
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Q. How many men were there pursuing
this fleeing man with the cry
of murderer thief?

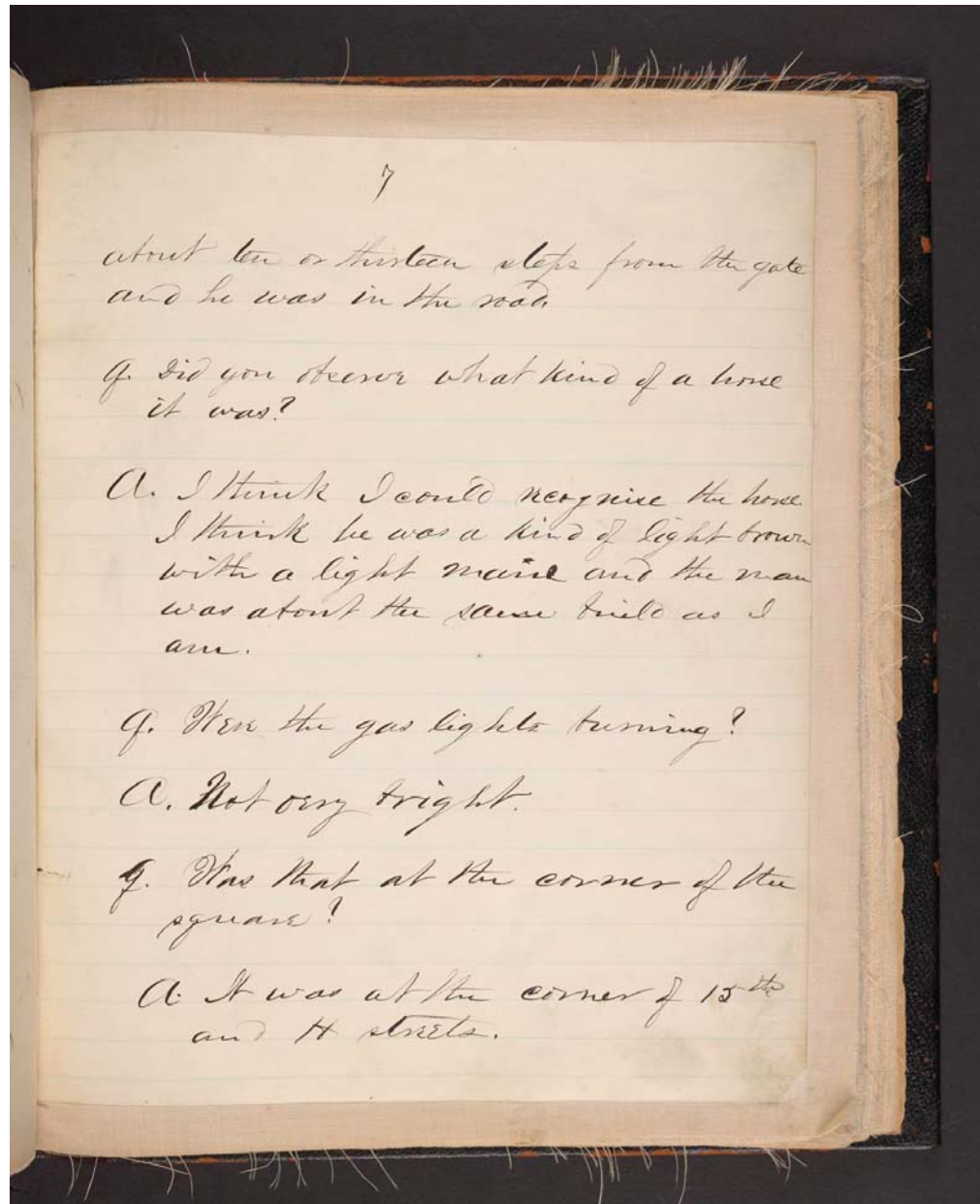
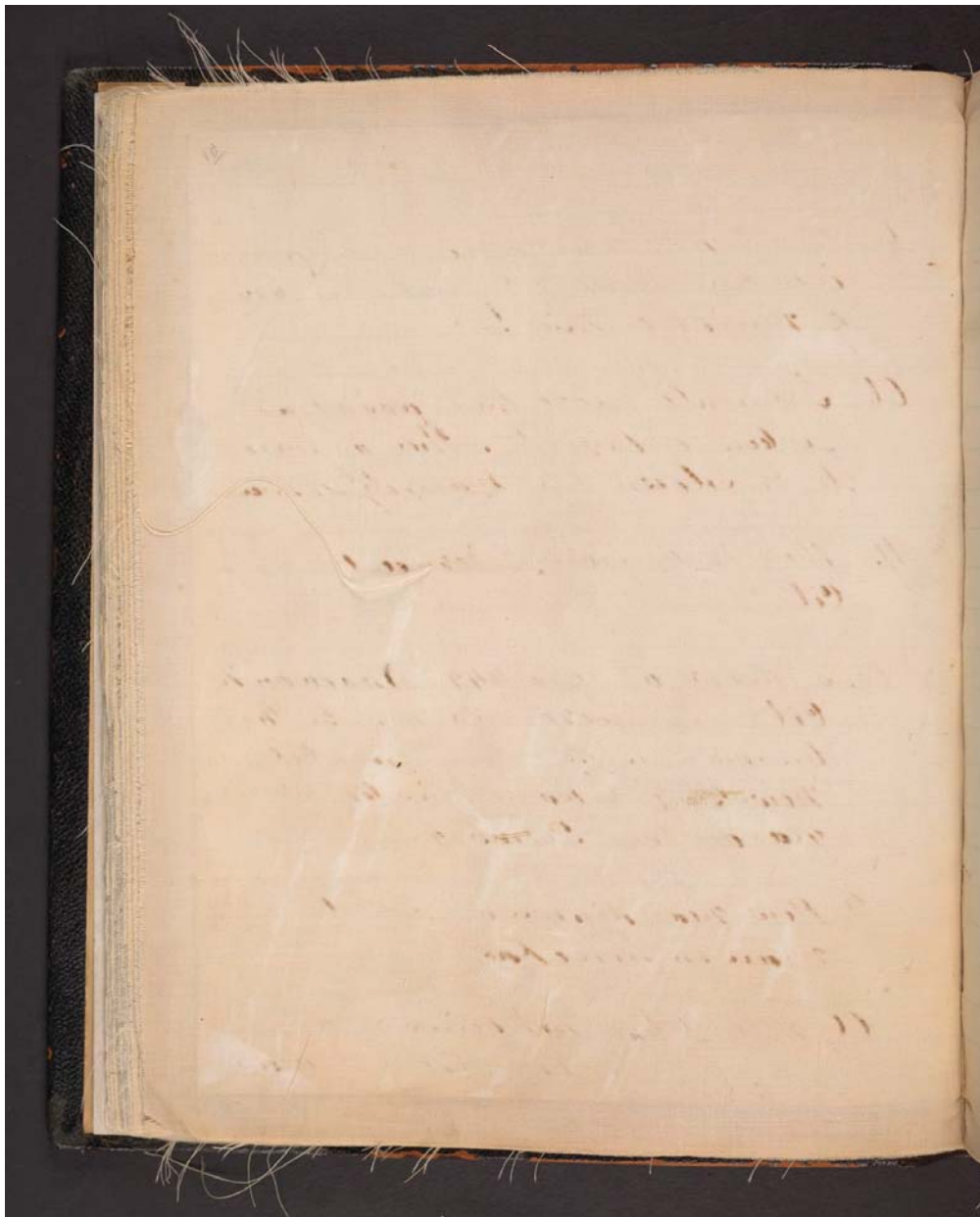
A. I should judge there was about
fifteen or twenty. They appeared
to be soldiers the majority of them.

Q. Where is your residence out of the
City?

A. I reside at No 444 Broadway N.Y.
City. I have resided there for the last
ten years, in the county and City of
New York. I was appointed here a
year ago last February.

Q. How near did you approach to the
man on horseback?

A. Well I had not time to approach
him. I should judge I was



about ten or thirteen steps from the gate
and he was in the road.

Q. Did you observe what kind of a horse
it was?

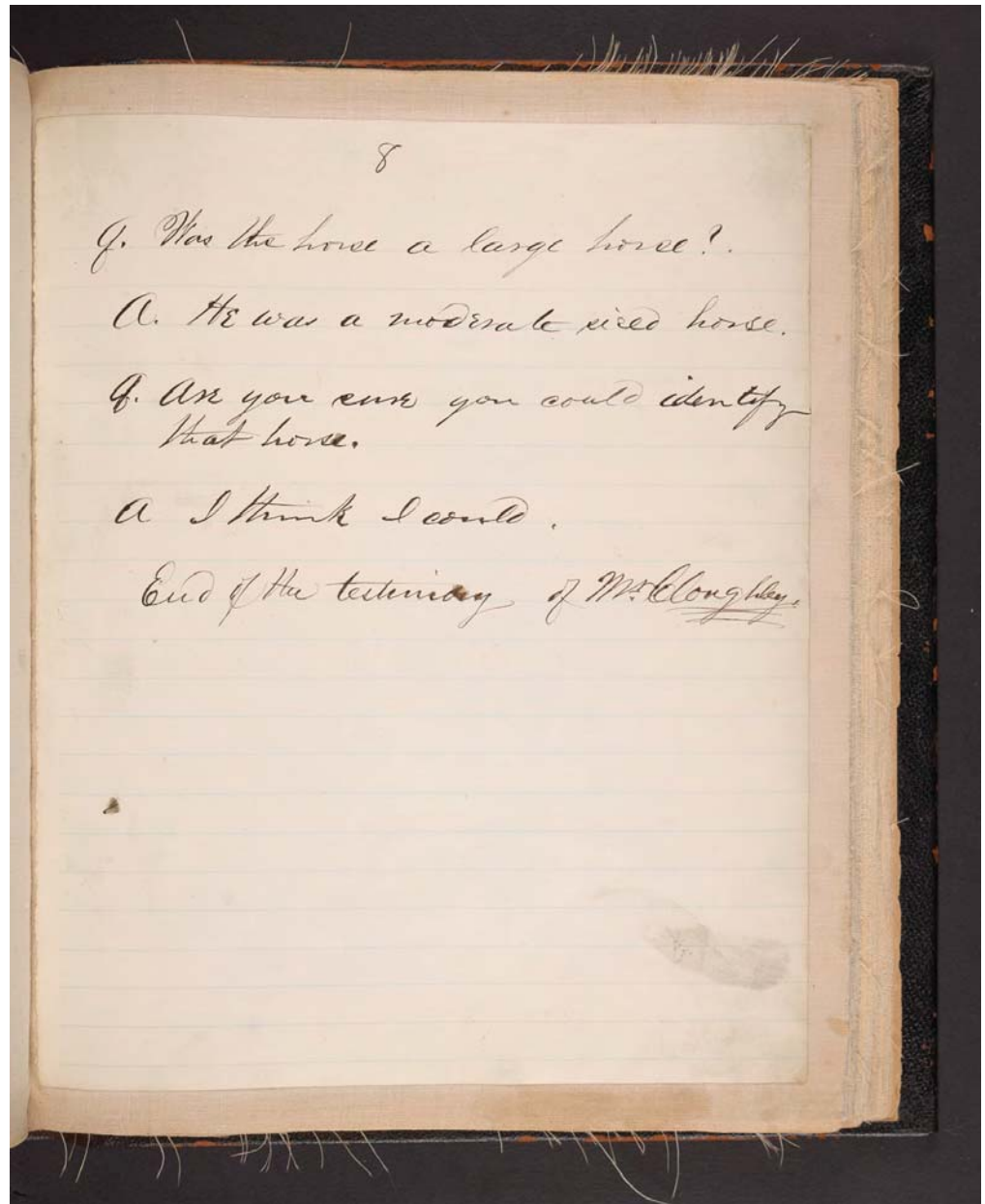
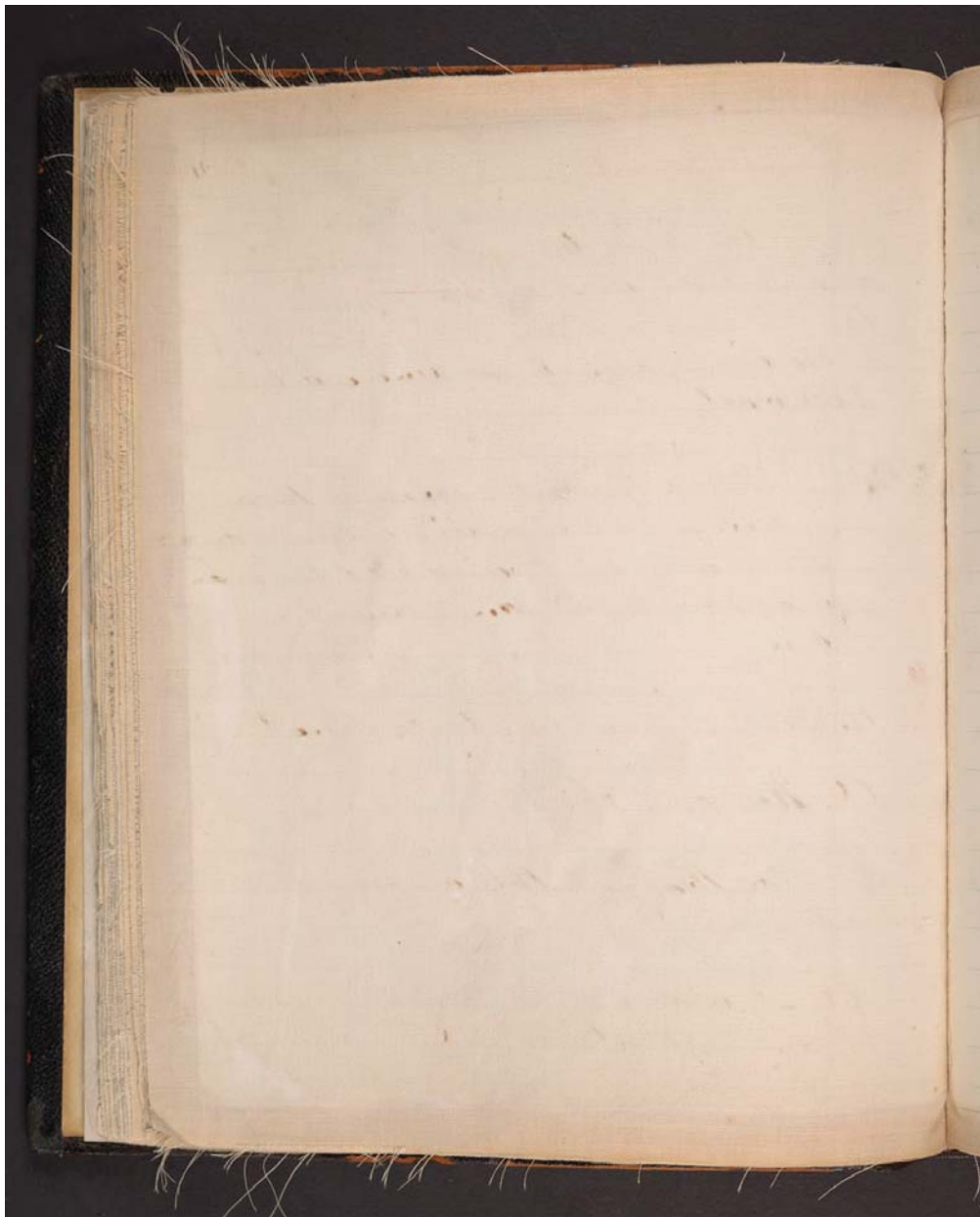
A. I think I could recognize the horse.
I think he was a kind of light brown
with a light mane and the man
was about the same build as I
am.

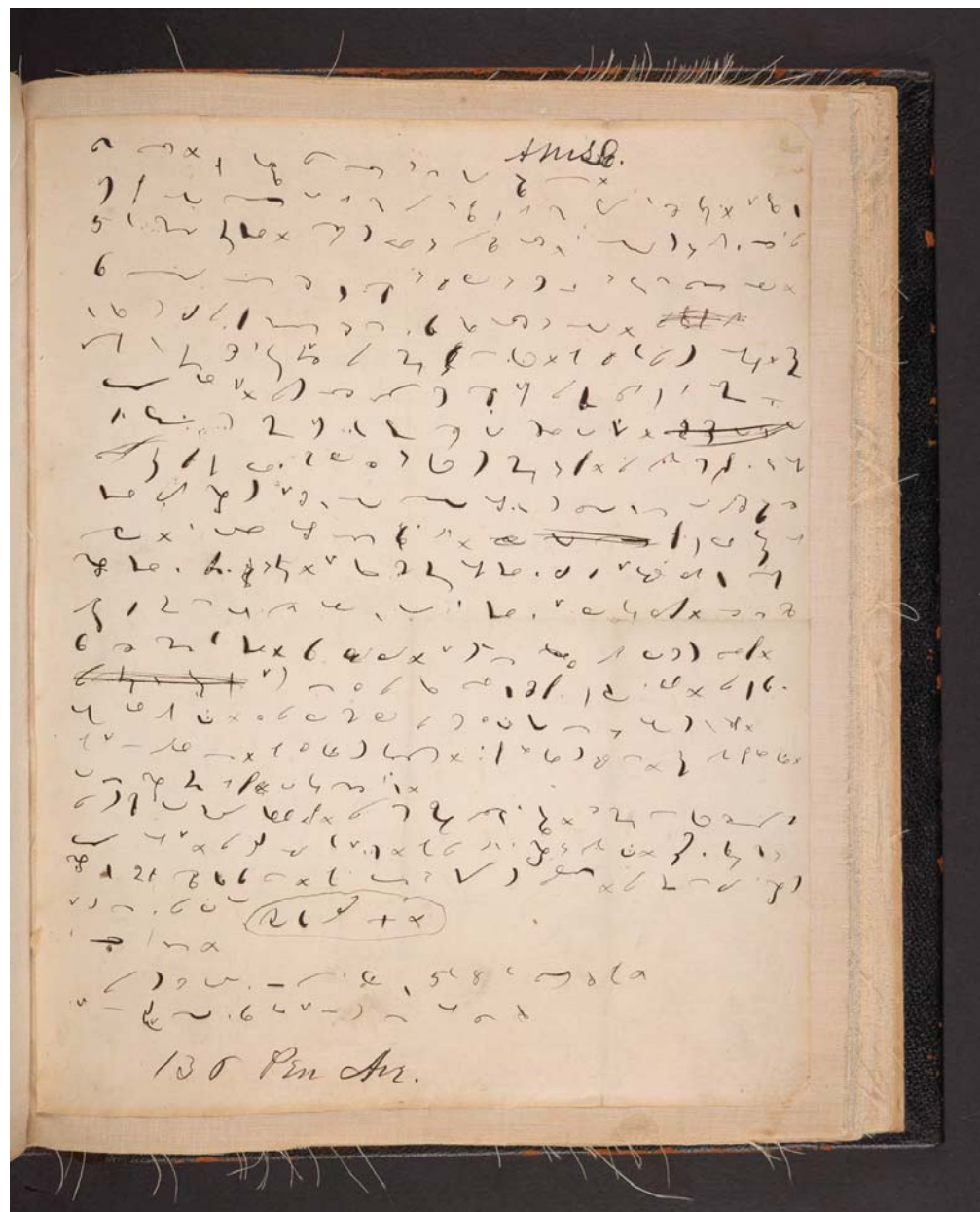
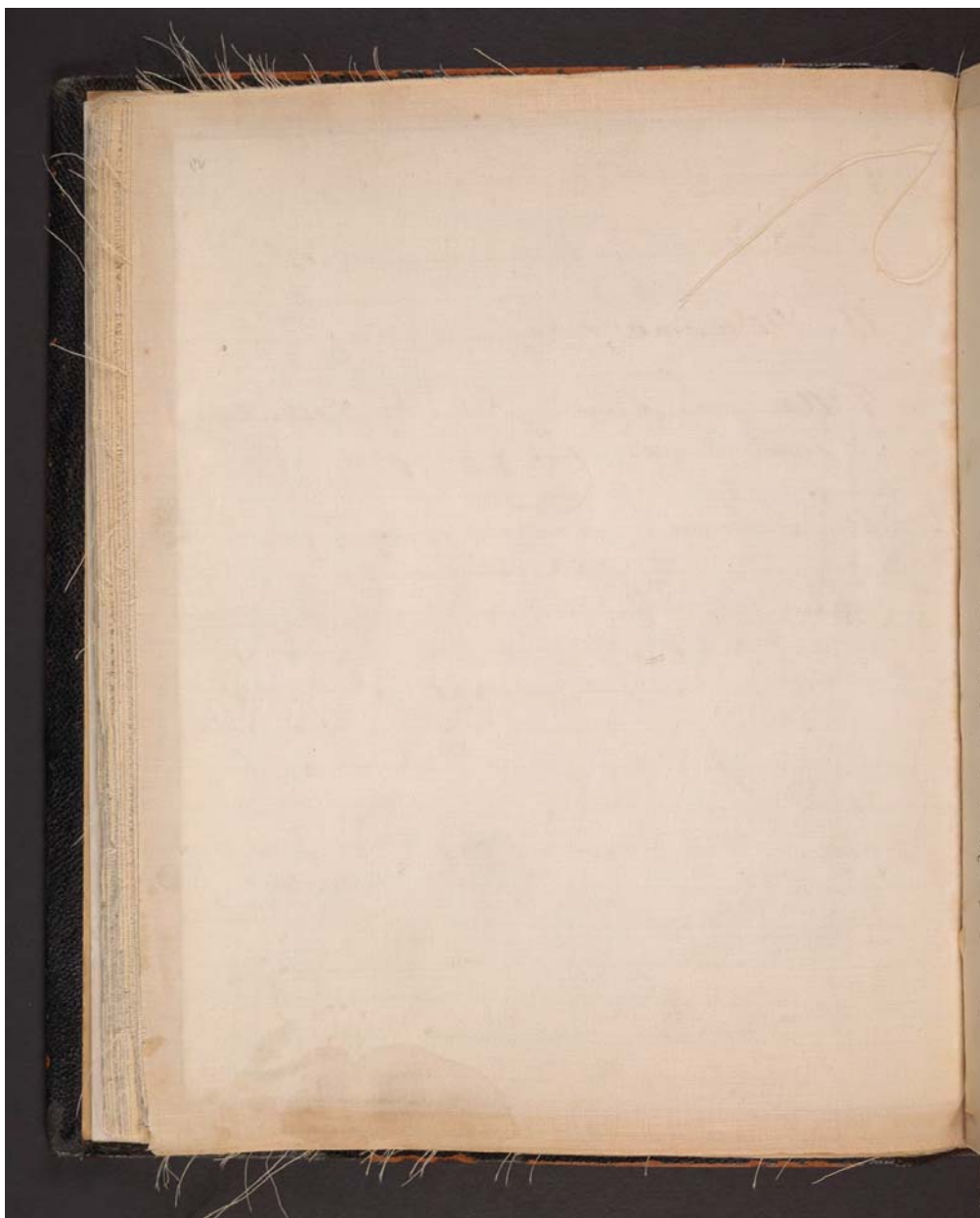
Q. Were the gas lights burning?

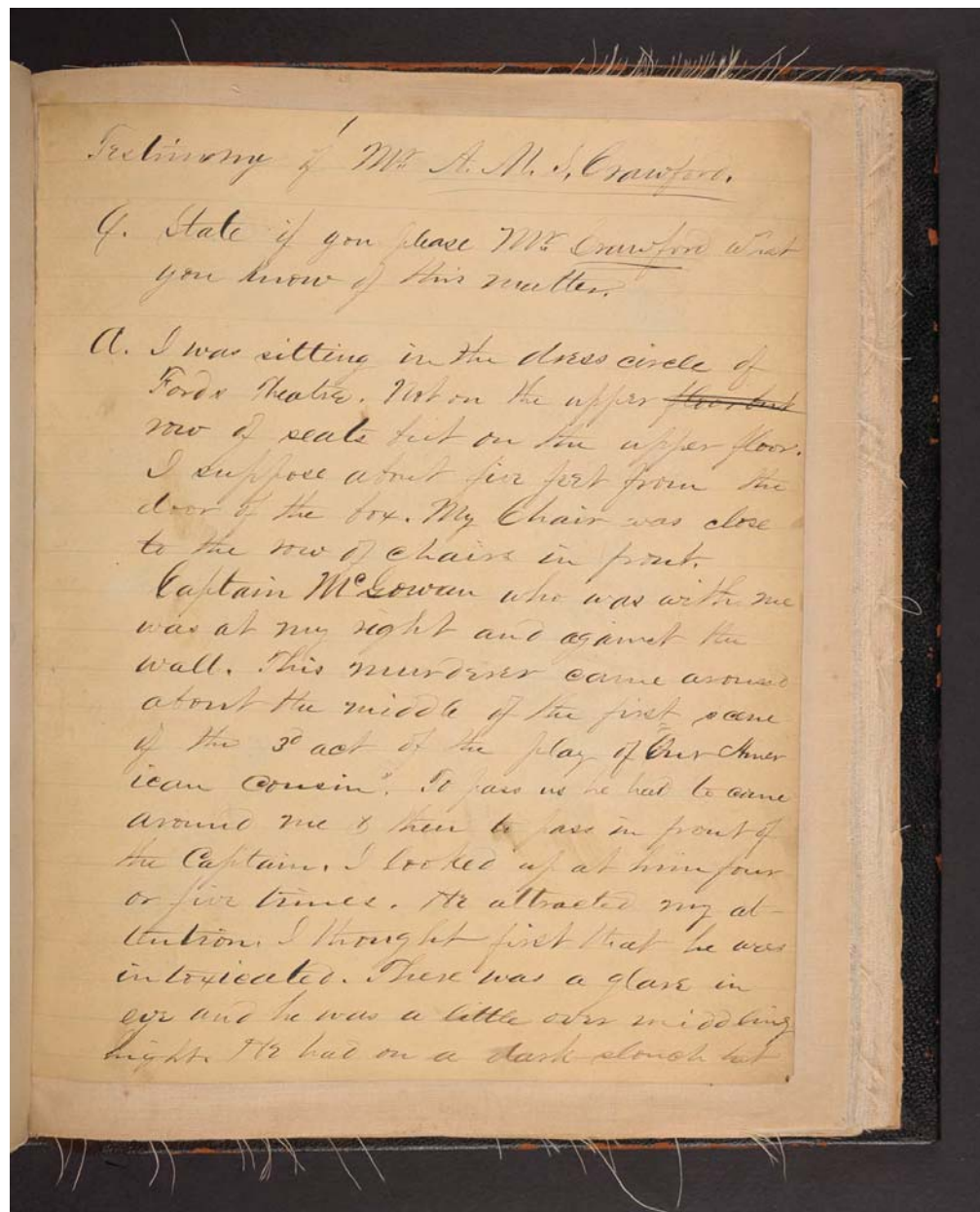
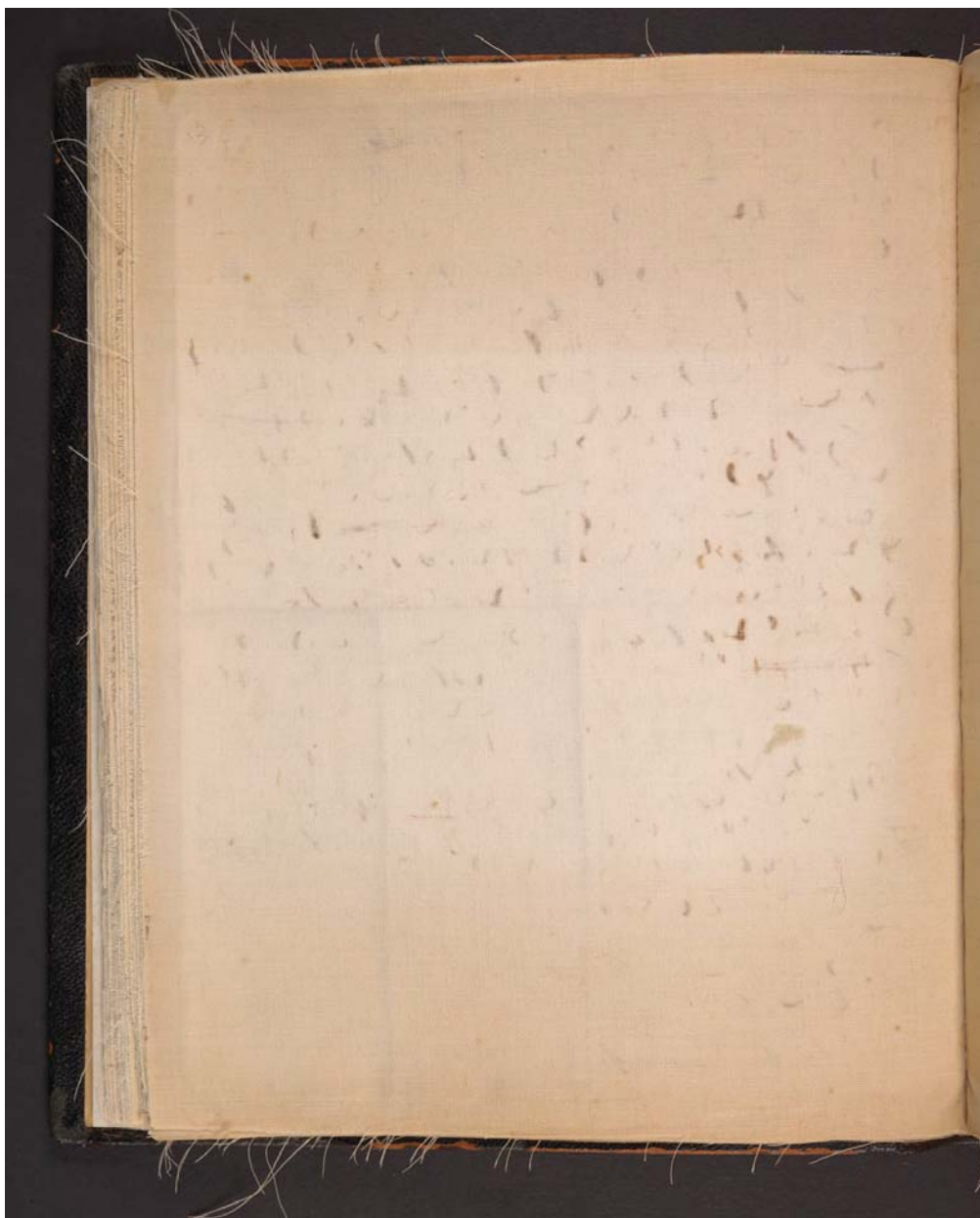
A. Not very bright.

Q. Was that at the corner of the
square?

A. It was at the corner of 15th
and H streets.



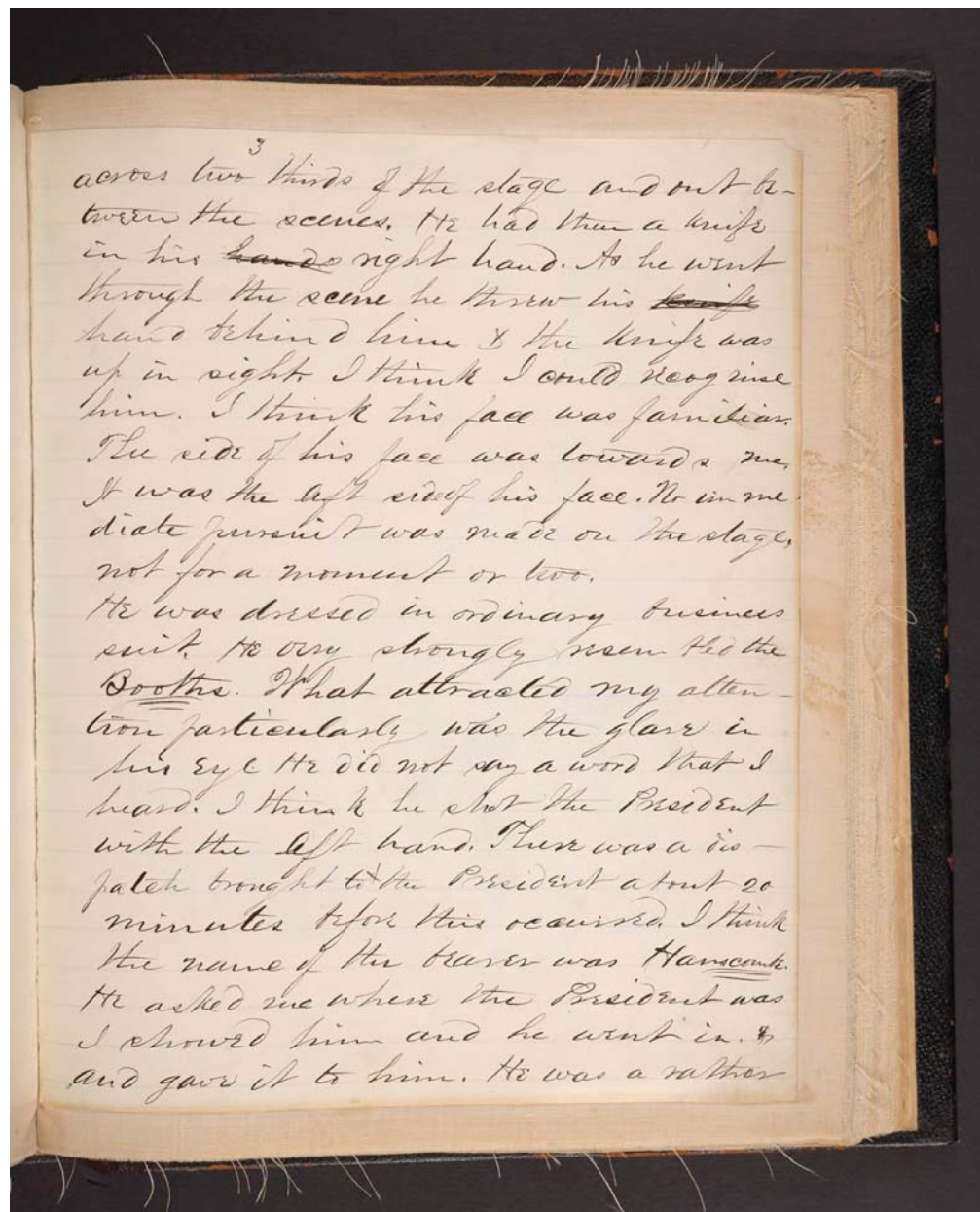
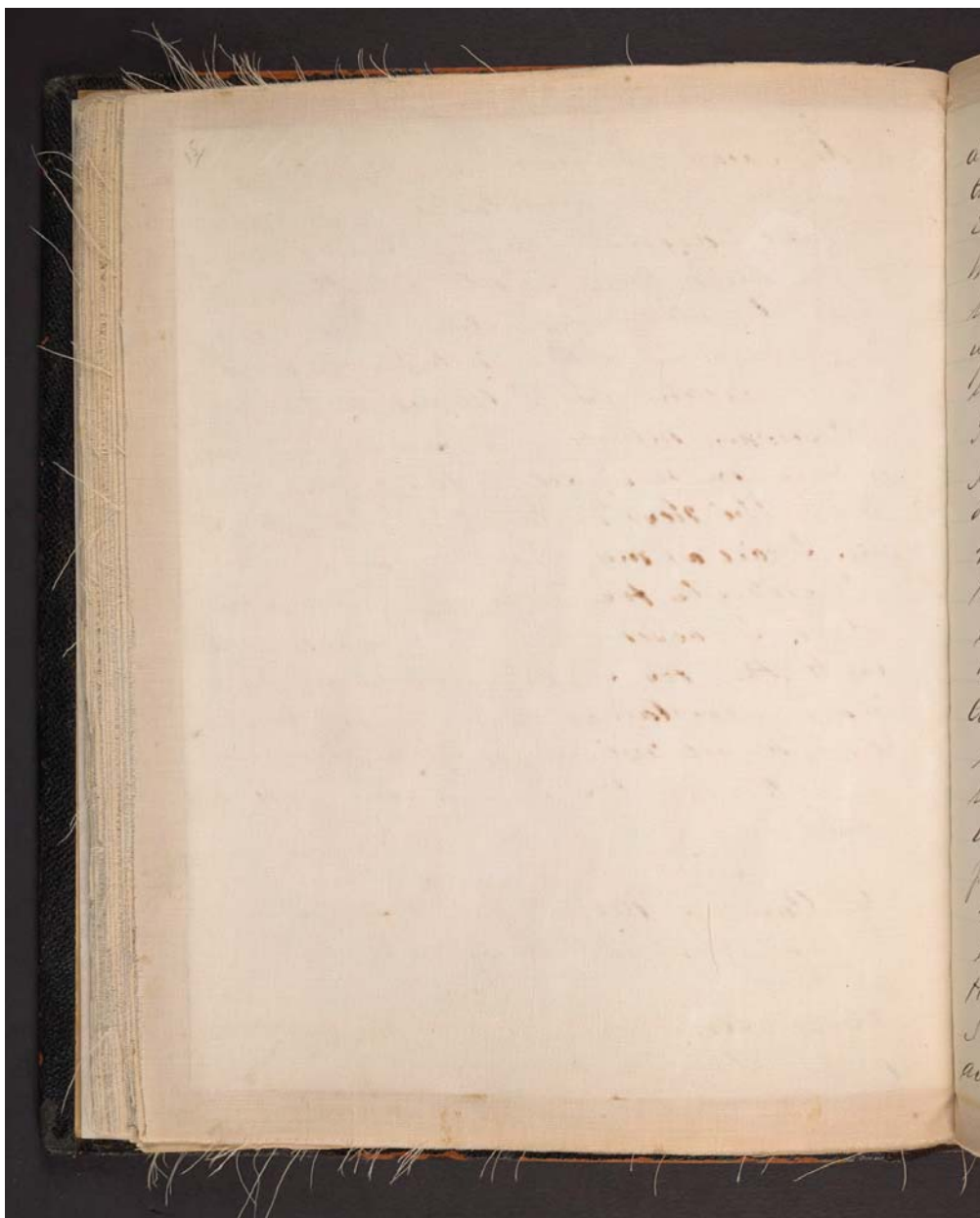




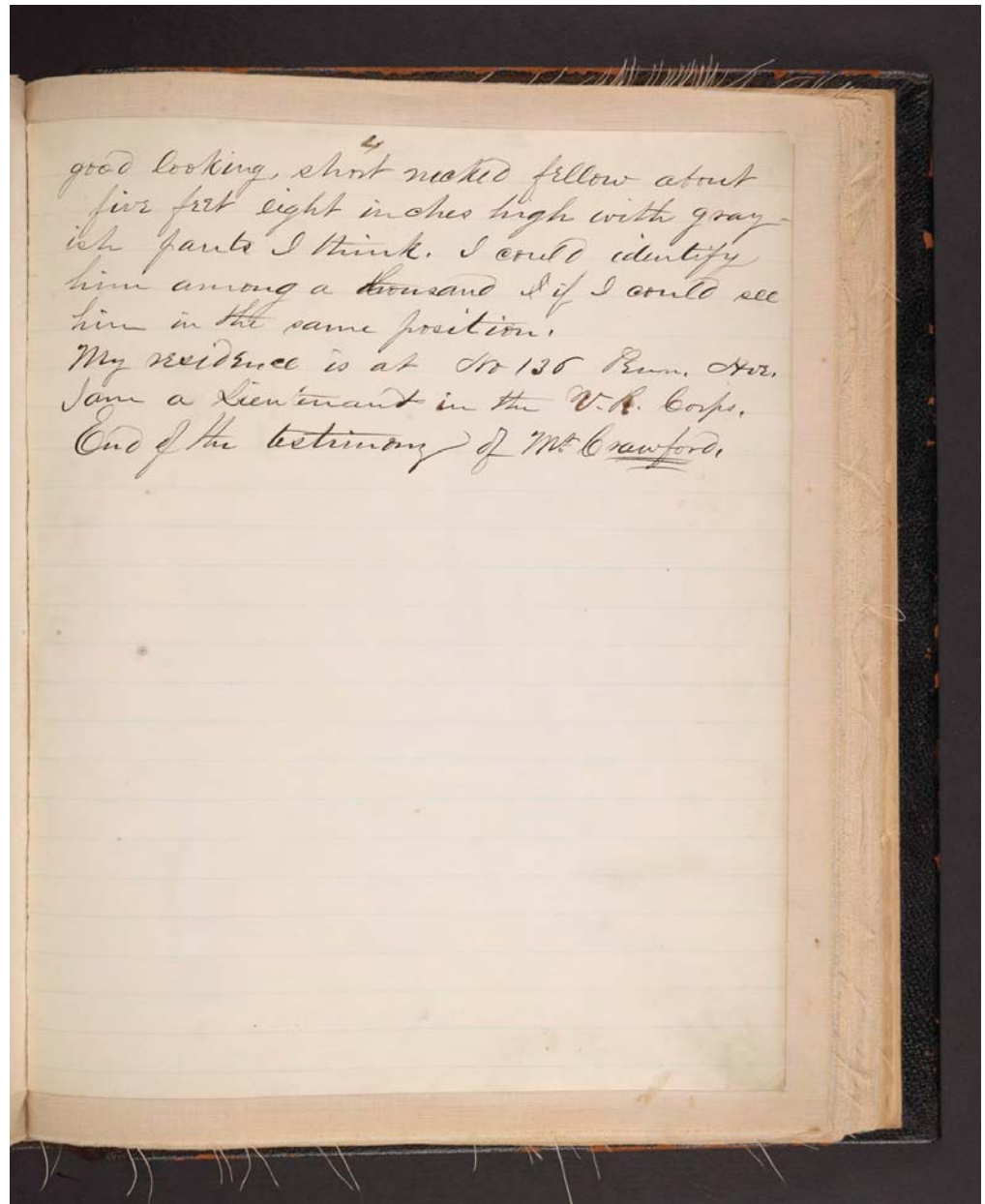
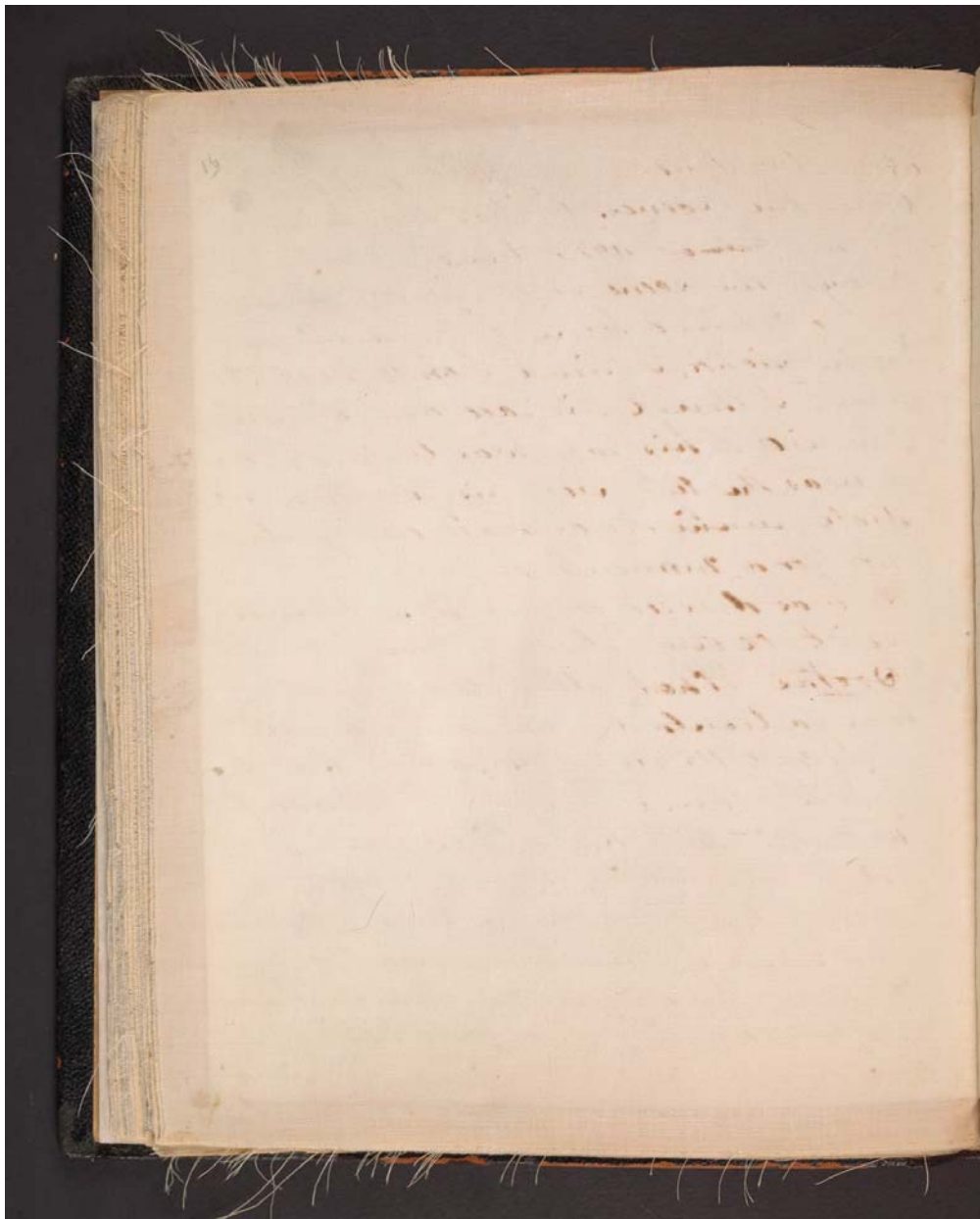
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a dark coat, jet black hair, dark eyes,
a heavy black moustache, no whiskers
and no beard. It was just at the close
of the third scene as all the attention
was directed to the stage. He left very
suddenly and stepped into the box where
the President was. I turned to Capt.
McGowan intending to say some thing
to him in reference to this mans man-
ner. The next instant the shot was fi-
red. I said at once that it was in the
Presidents box and jumped to the
door. I passed through the door and
into the box. A gentleman whom I after-
wards ascertained to be Major Rathbone
~~who~~ asked me not to allow any one
to enter the box and I sent for a sur-
geon.

Q. Can you describe the mans form
that jumped from the box.

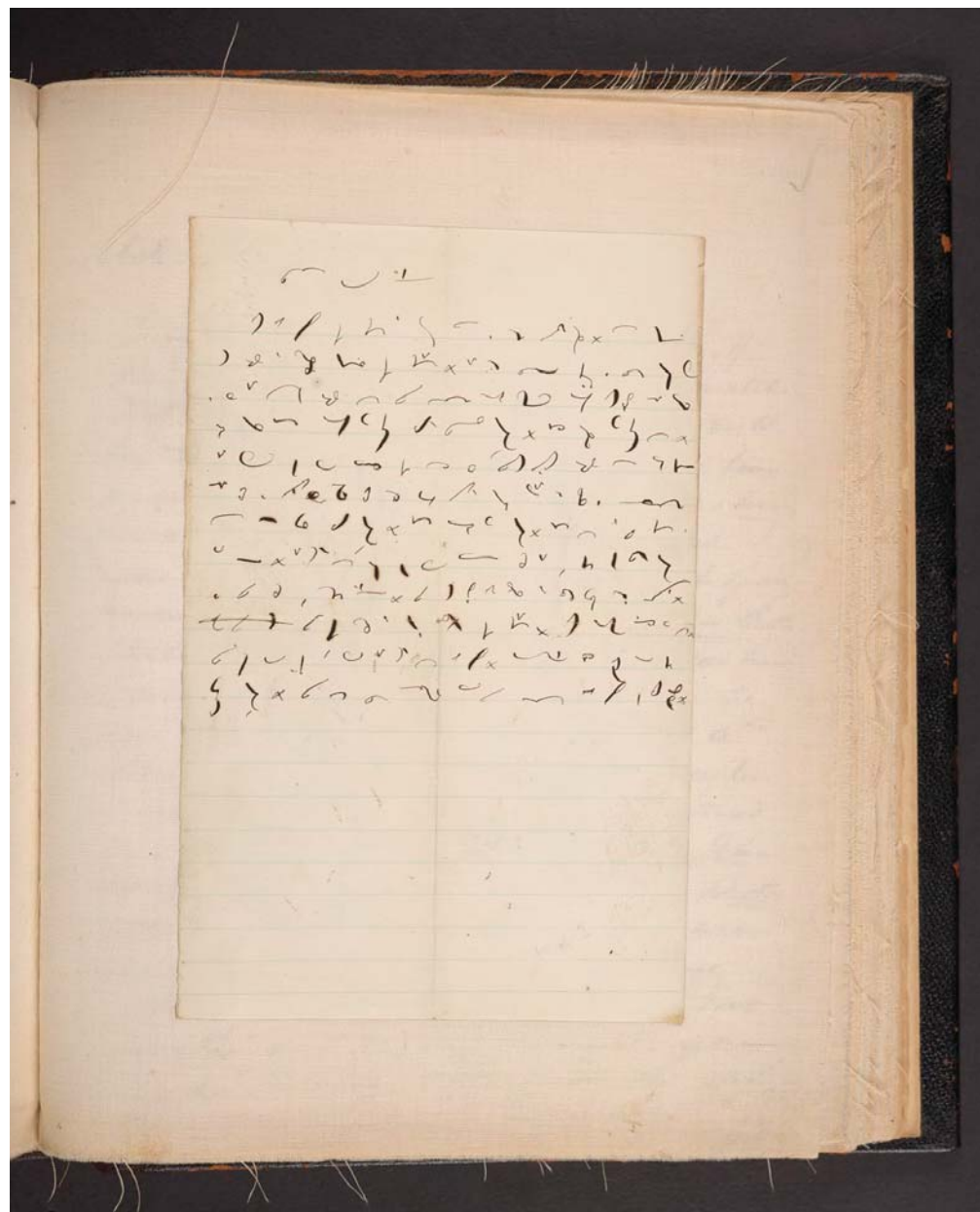
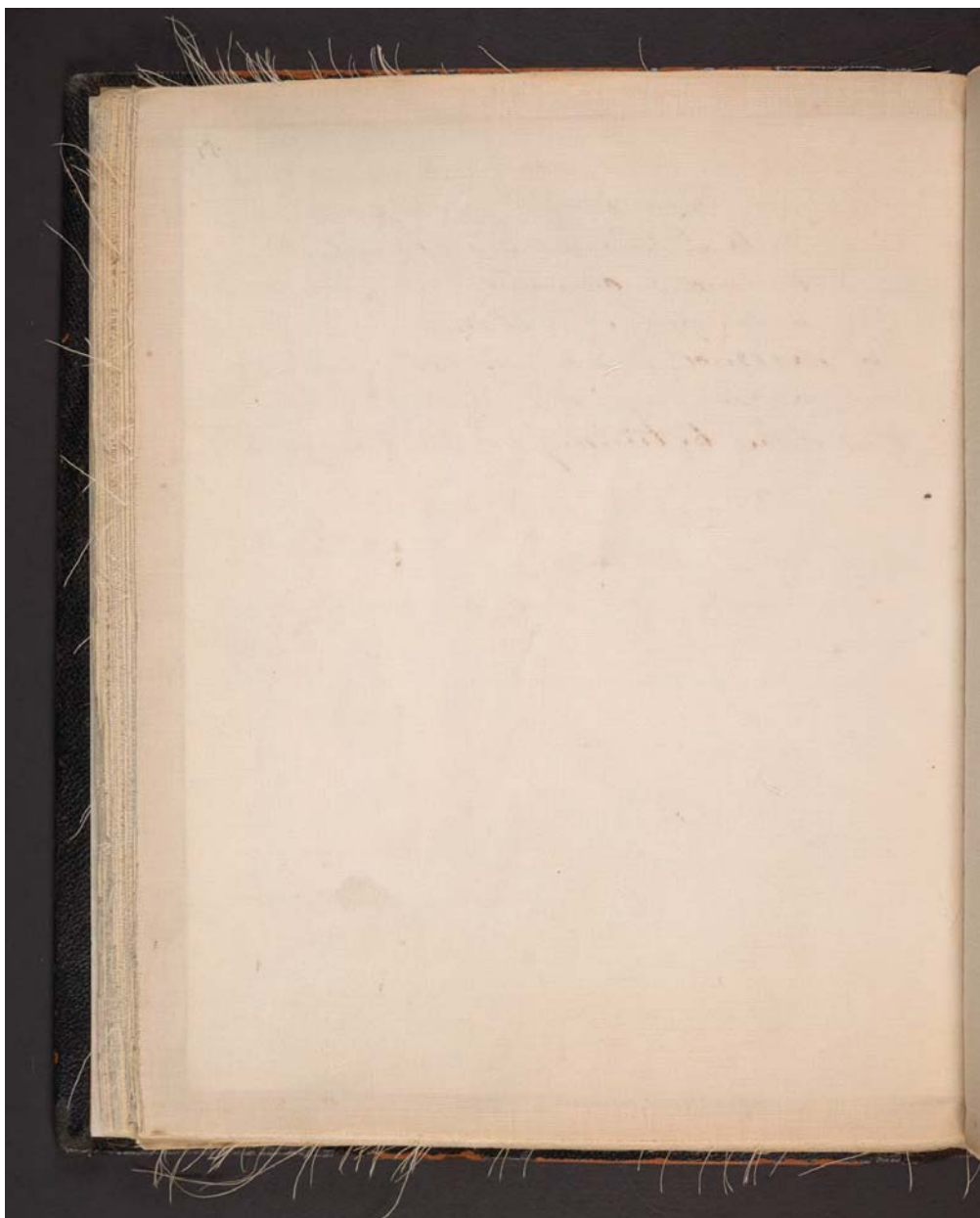
A. Yes Sir. I saw him as he ran across
the stage. I saw him as he passed



across two thirds of the stage and out be-
tween the scenes. He had then a knife
in his ~~hand~~ right hand. As he went
through the scene he threw his ~~knife~~
hand behind him & the knife was
up in sight. I think I could recognize
him. I think his face was familiar.
The side of his face was toward me.
It was the left side of his face. No im-
mediate pursuit was made on the stage,
not for a moment or two.
He was dressed in ordinary business
suit. He very strongly resembled the
Dooty. What attracted my atten-
tion particularly was the glare in
his eye. He did not say a word that I
heard. I think he shot the President
with the left hand. There was a dis-
patch brought to the President about 20
minutes before this occurred. I think
the name of the bearer was Hancock.
He asked me where the President was
I showed him and he went in, &
and gave it to him. He was a rather



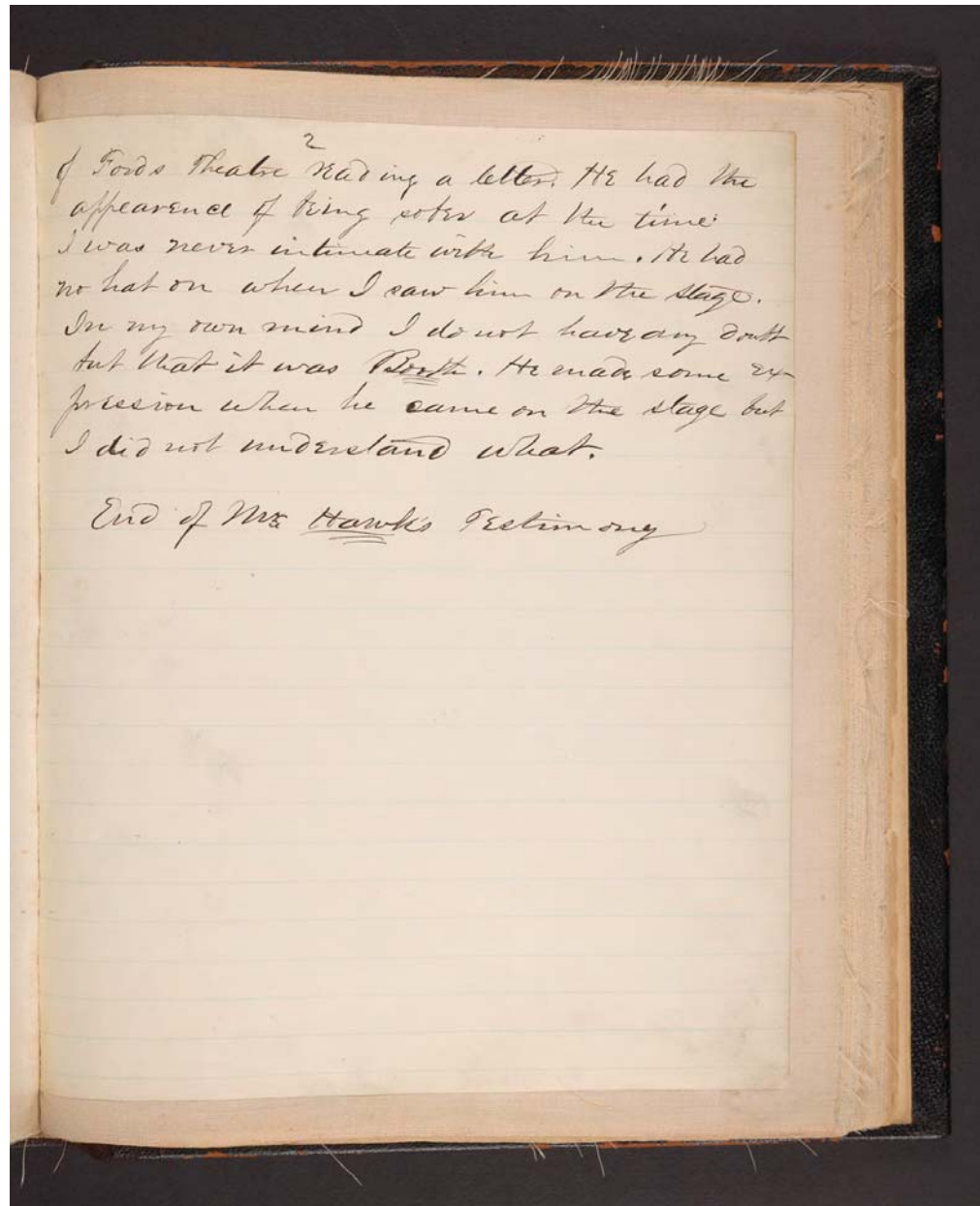
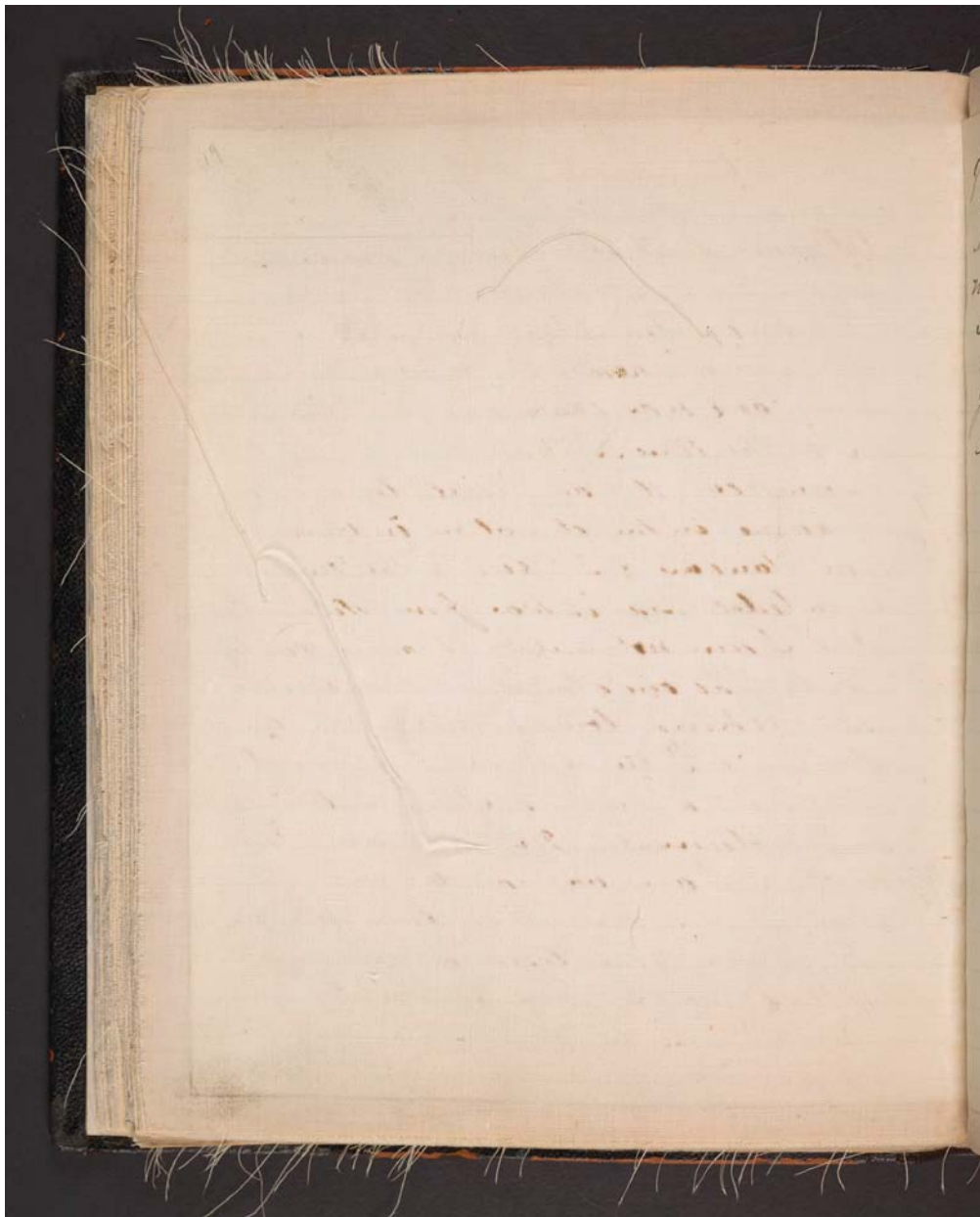
good looking, short necked fellow about
five feet eight inches high with gray-
ish pants I think. I could identify
him among a thousand if I could see
him in the same position.
My residence is at No 136 Penn. Ave.
I am a Lieutenant in the U.S. Corps.
End of the testimony of Mr Crawford.

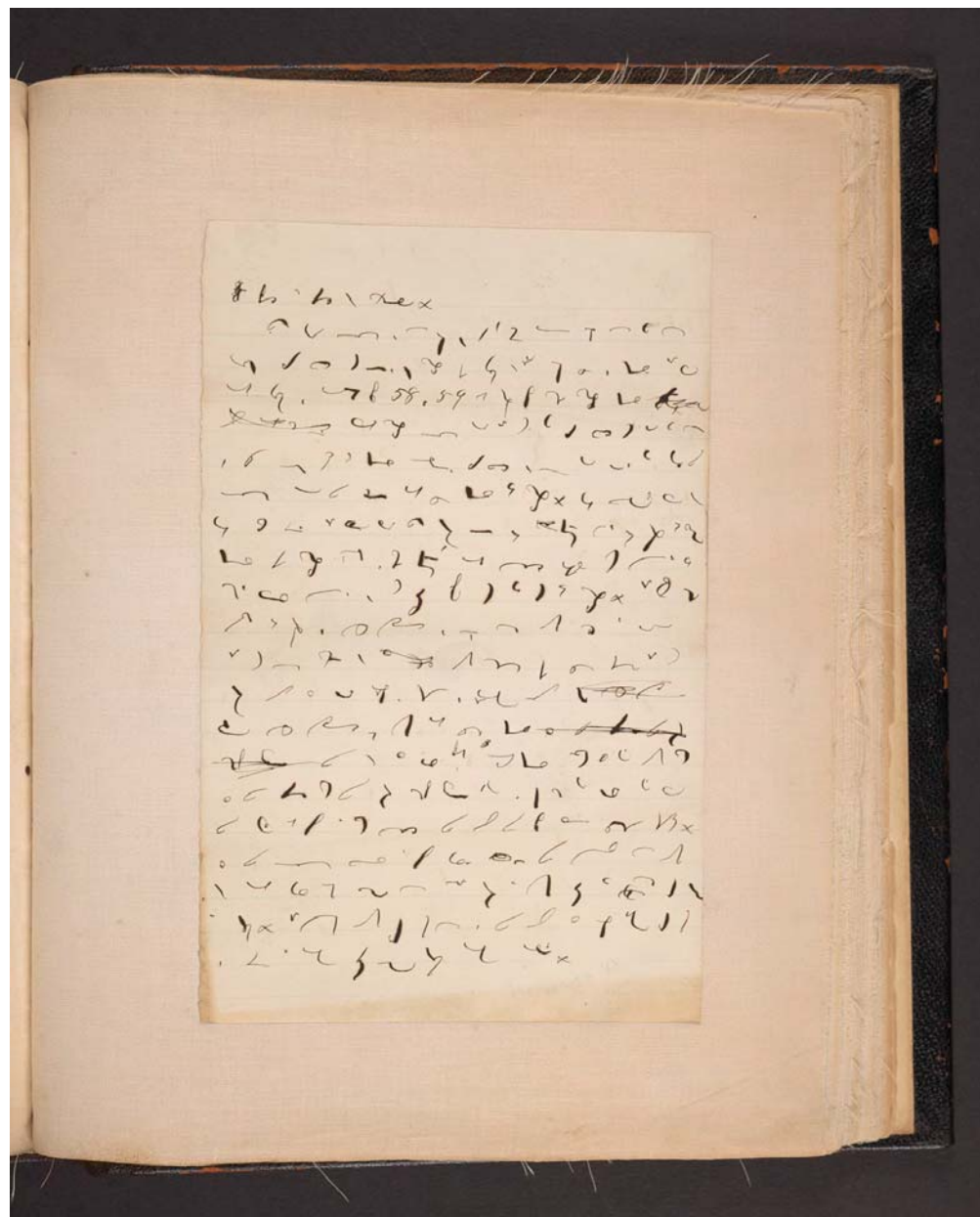
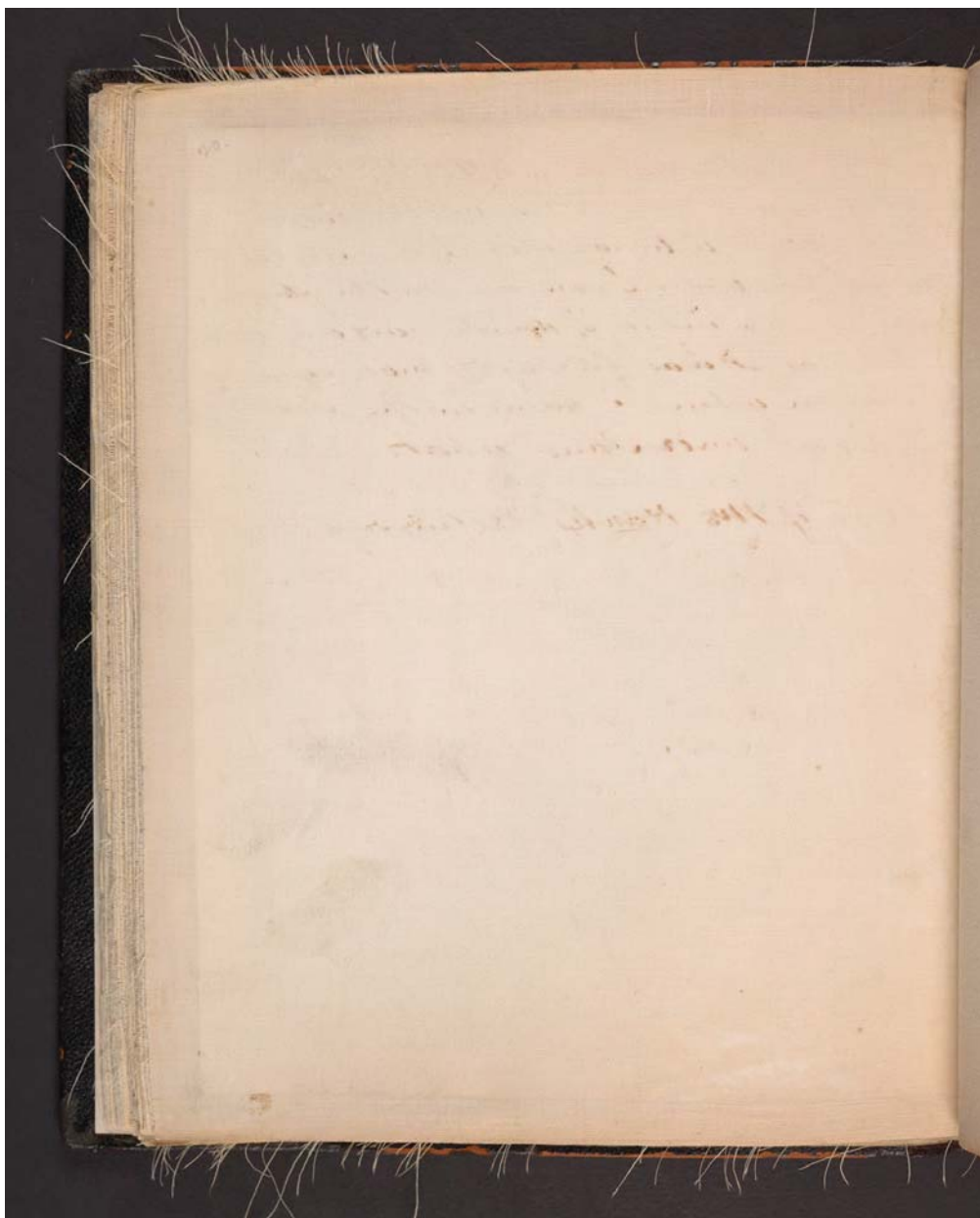


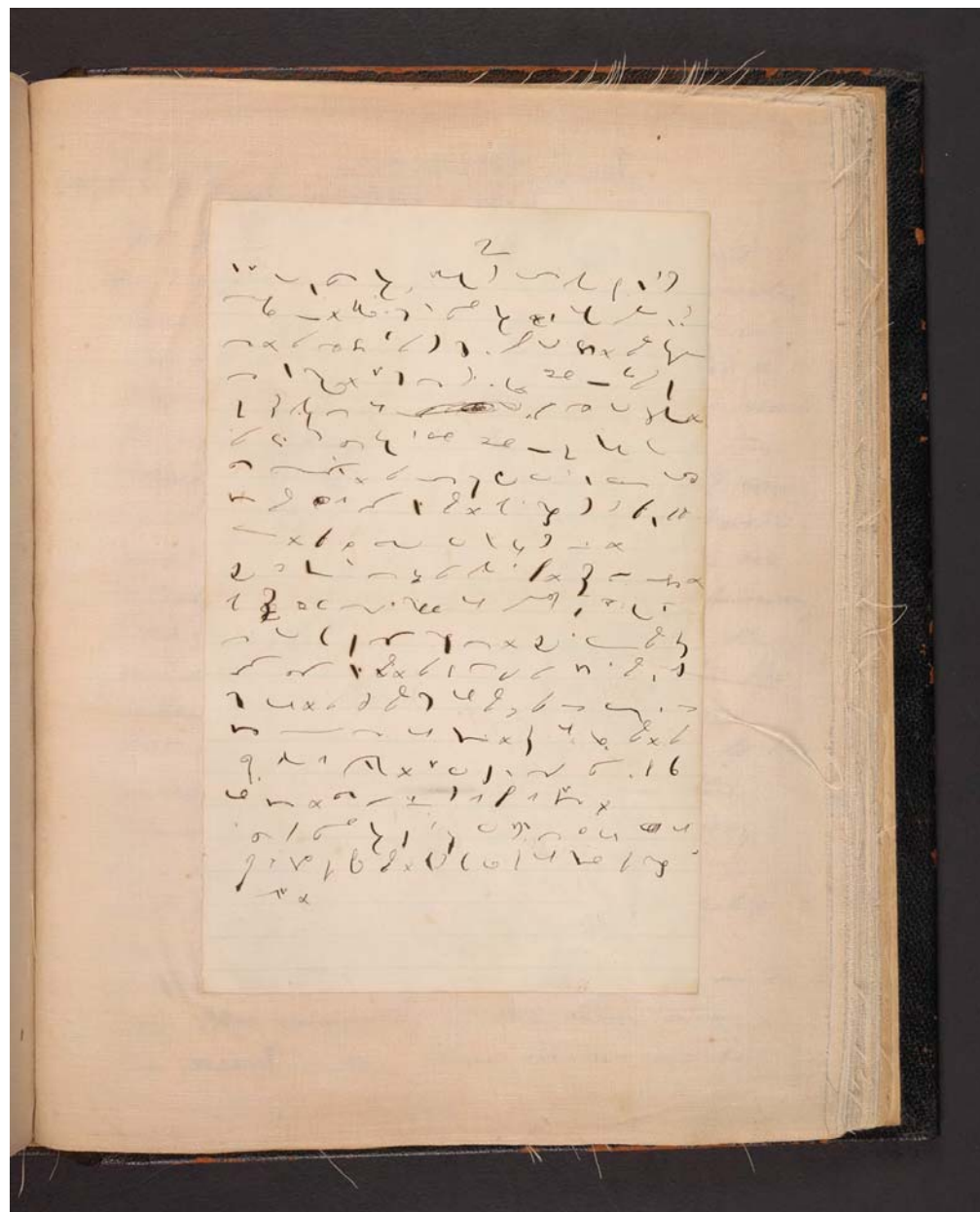
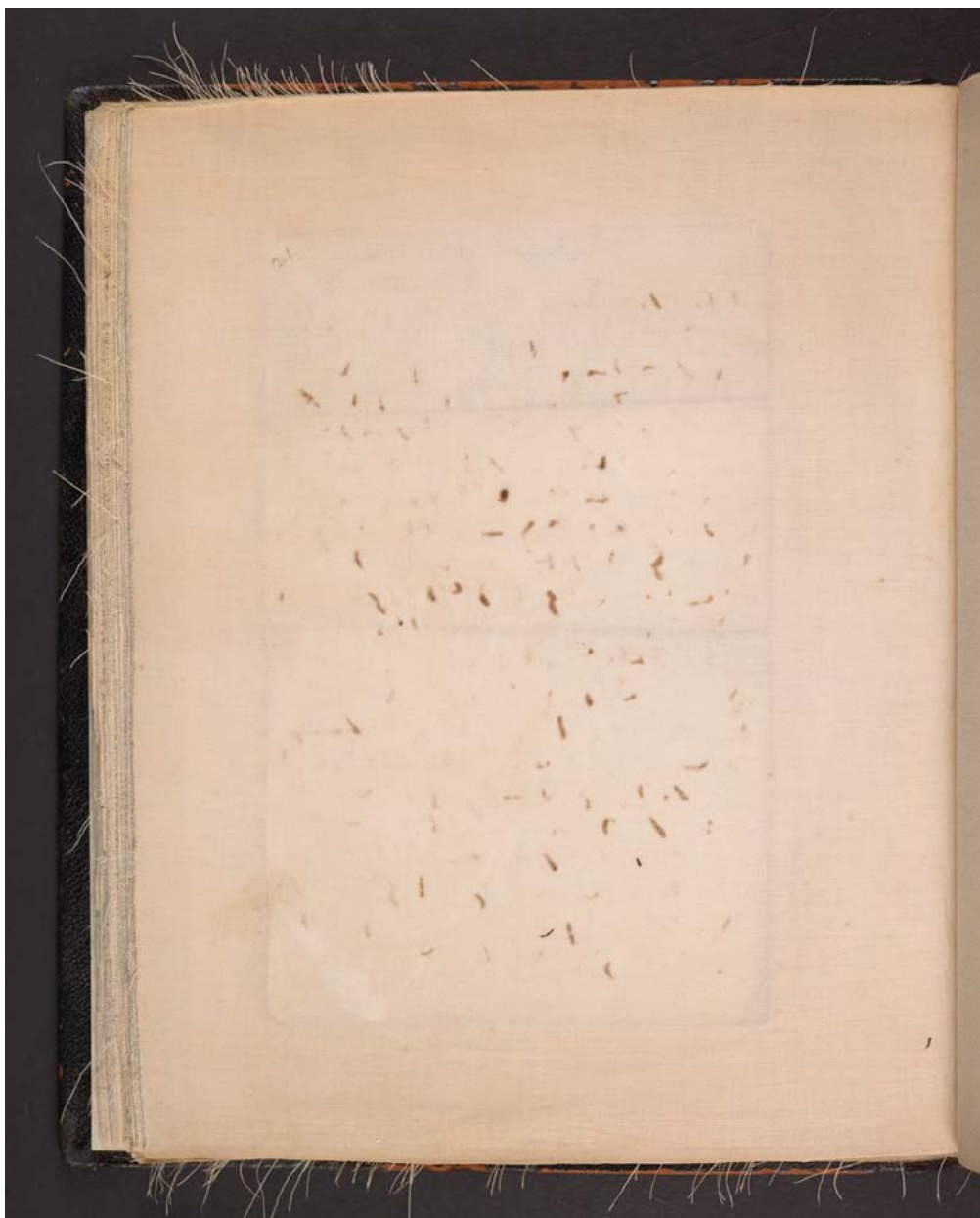
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Interview with Mr. Henry Hawk
Jan. 6. 1919

Statement of H. Wm Henry, Hawk.

I was on the stage at the time of the firing & heard the report of the pistol. My back was towards the President's box at the time. I heard something crash & somebody fell & as I looked towards him he came in the direction in which I was standing & I knew to the best of my knowledge that it was John Wilkes Booth. Still I am not positive that it was him. I only had one glance at him as he was rushing towards me with a dagger & I turned and ran & after I ran up a flight of stairs I turned and exclaimed "My God that's John Booth." I am acquainted with Booth. I met him the first time a year ago. I saw him today about one o'clock. said I "How do you do Mr. Booth" and he says "How are you Hawk." He was sitting on the steps



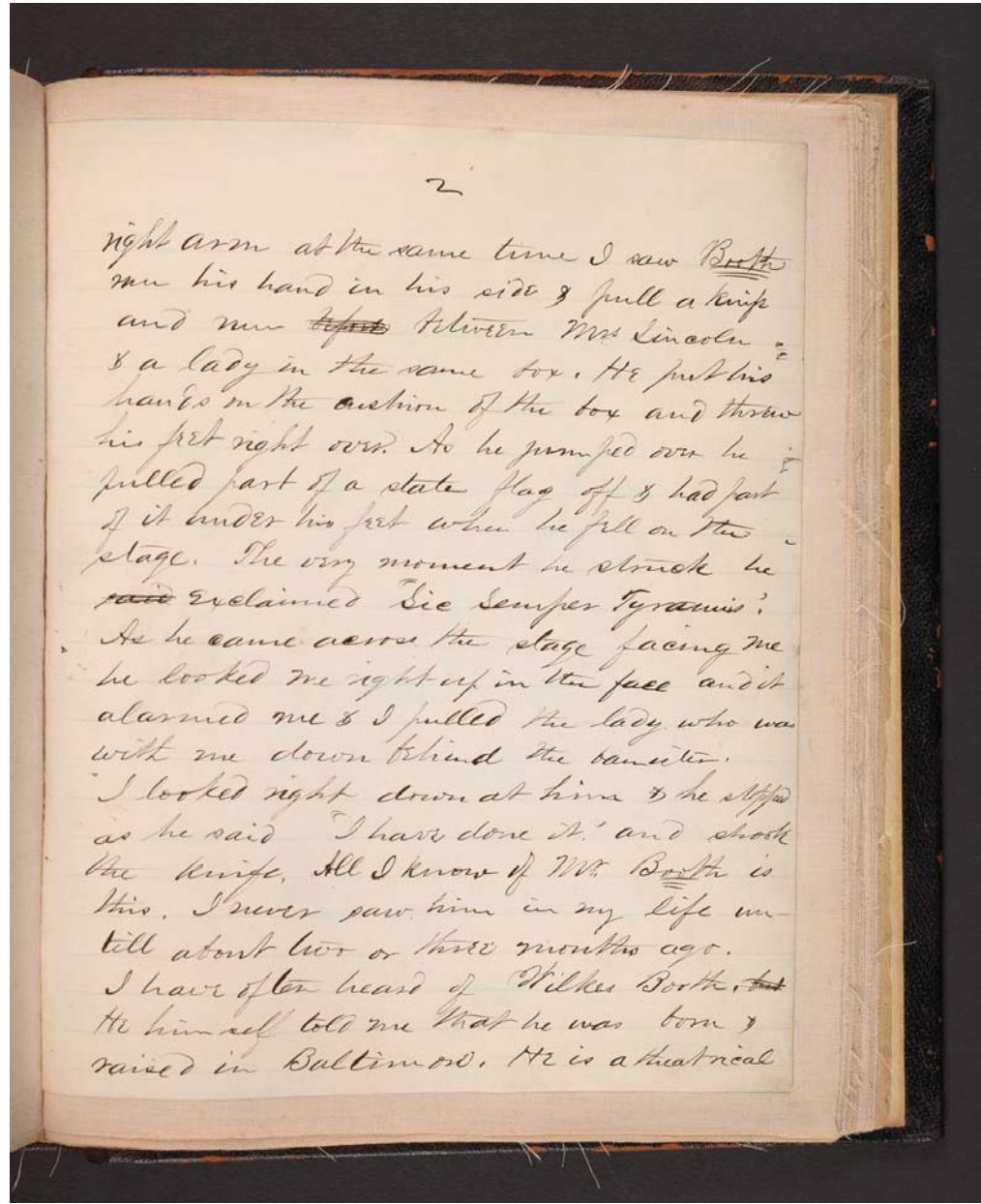
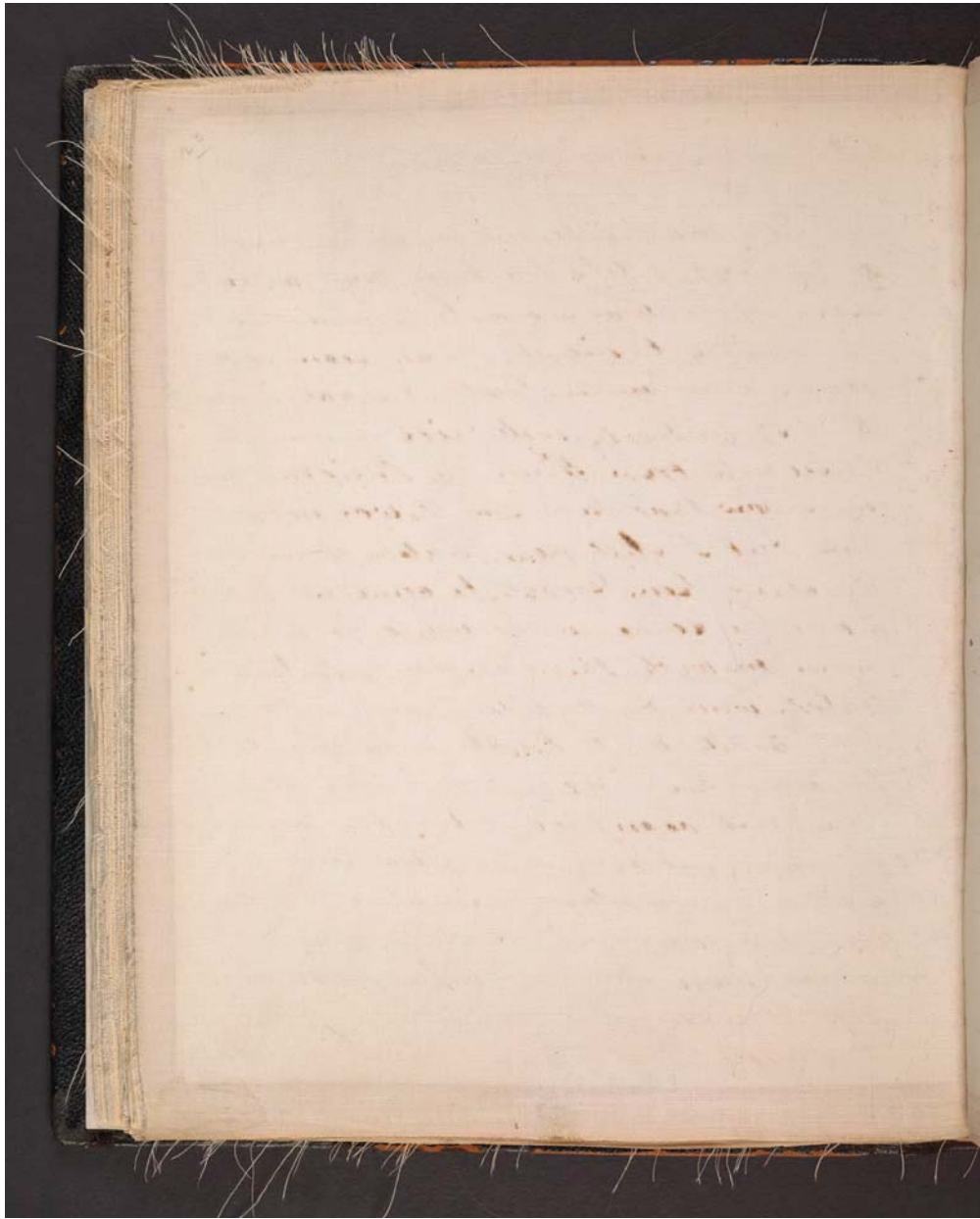


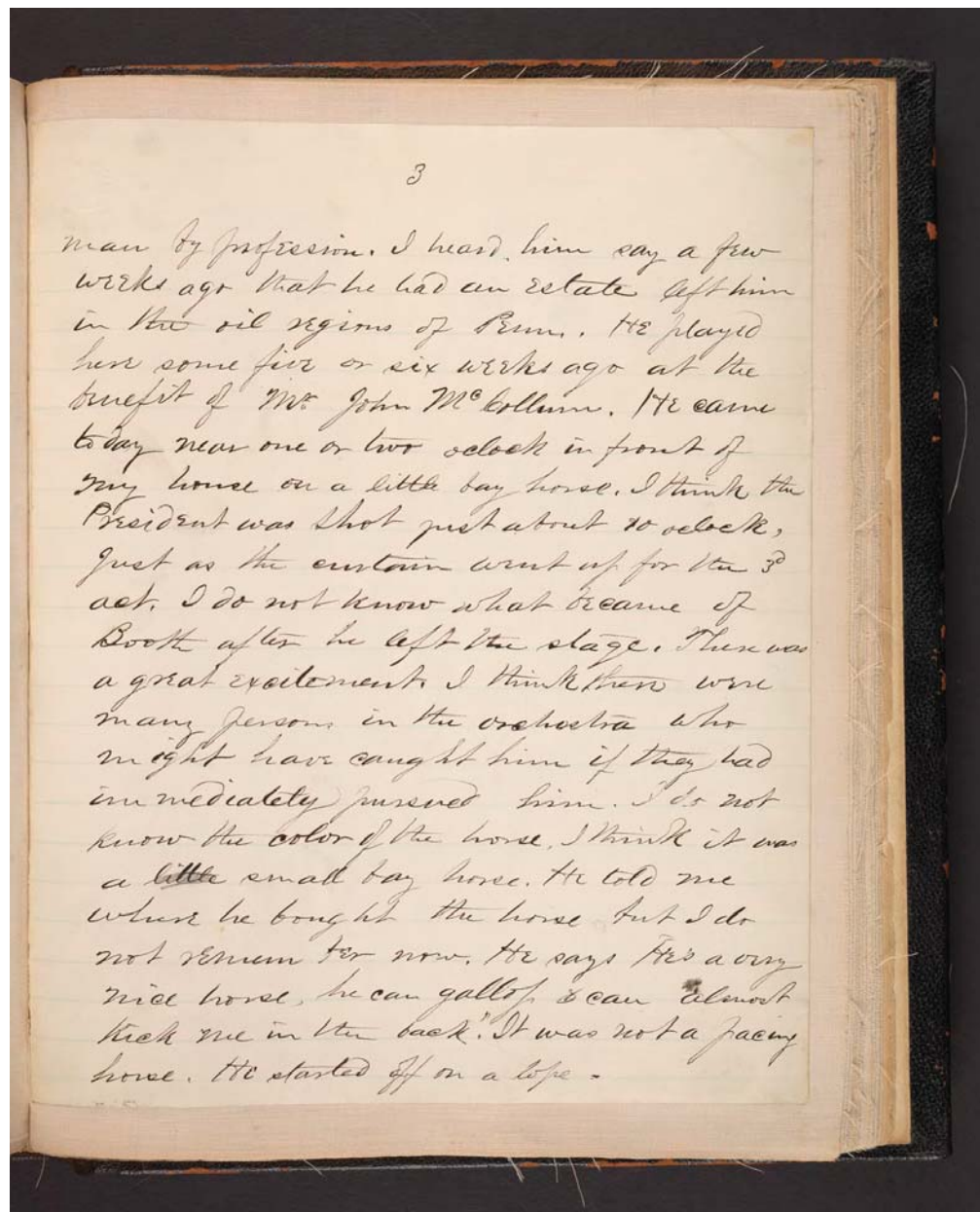
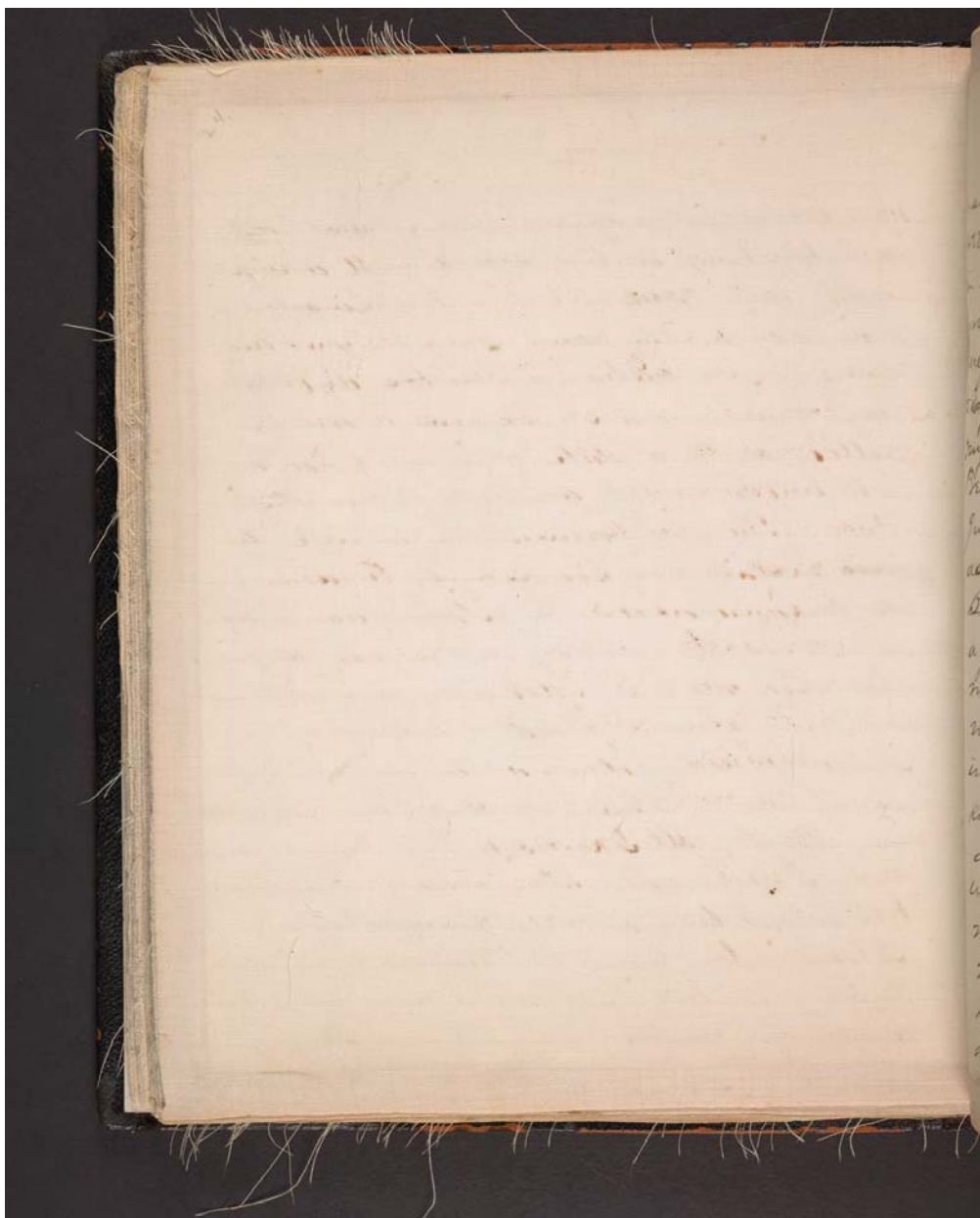


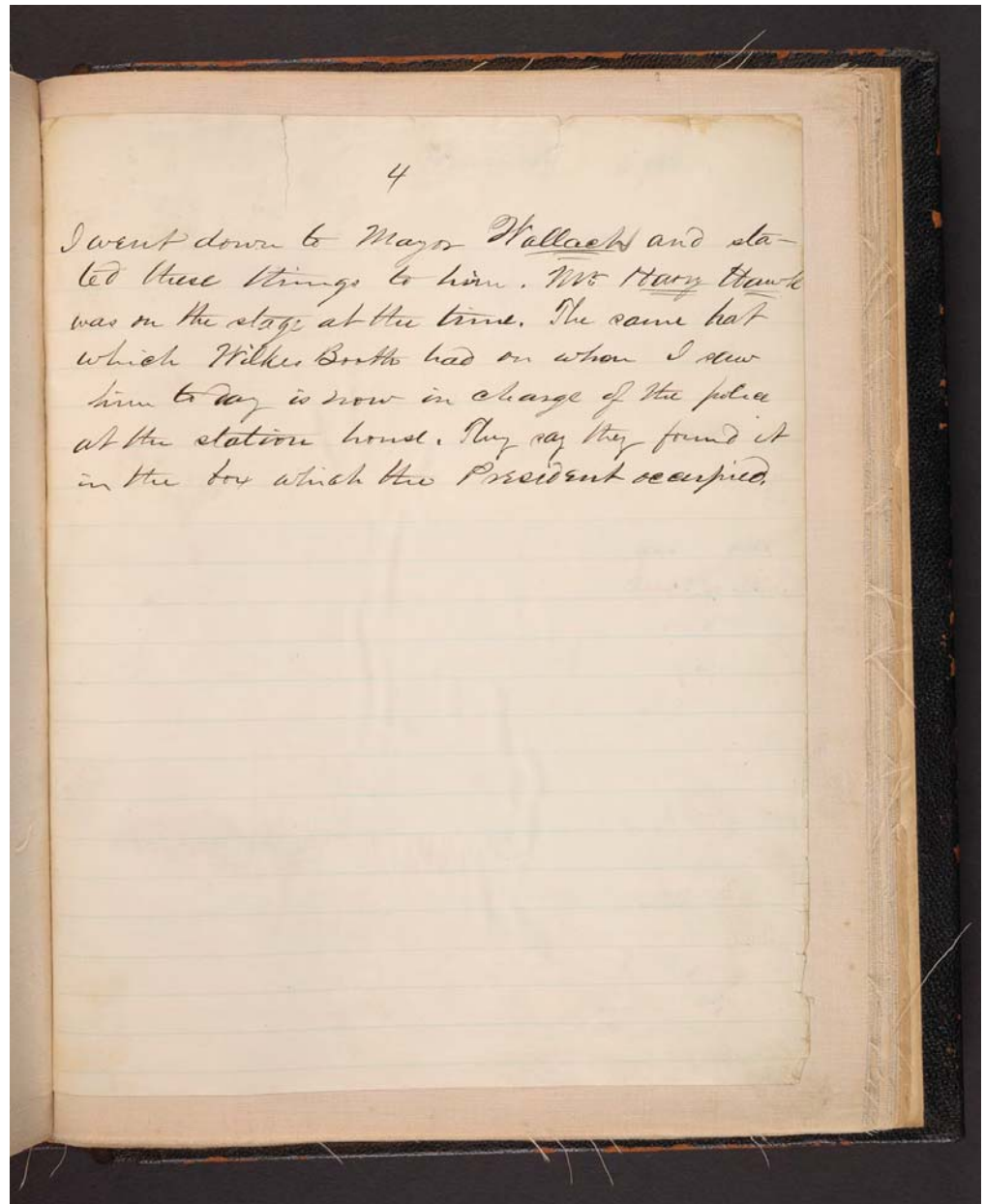
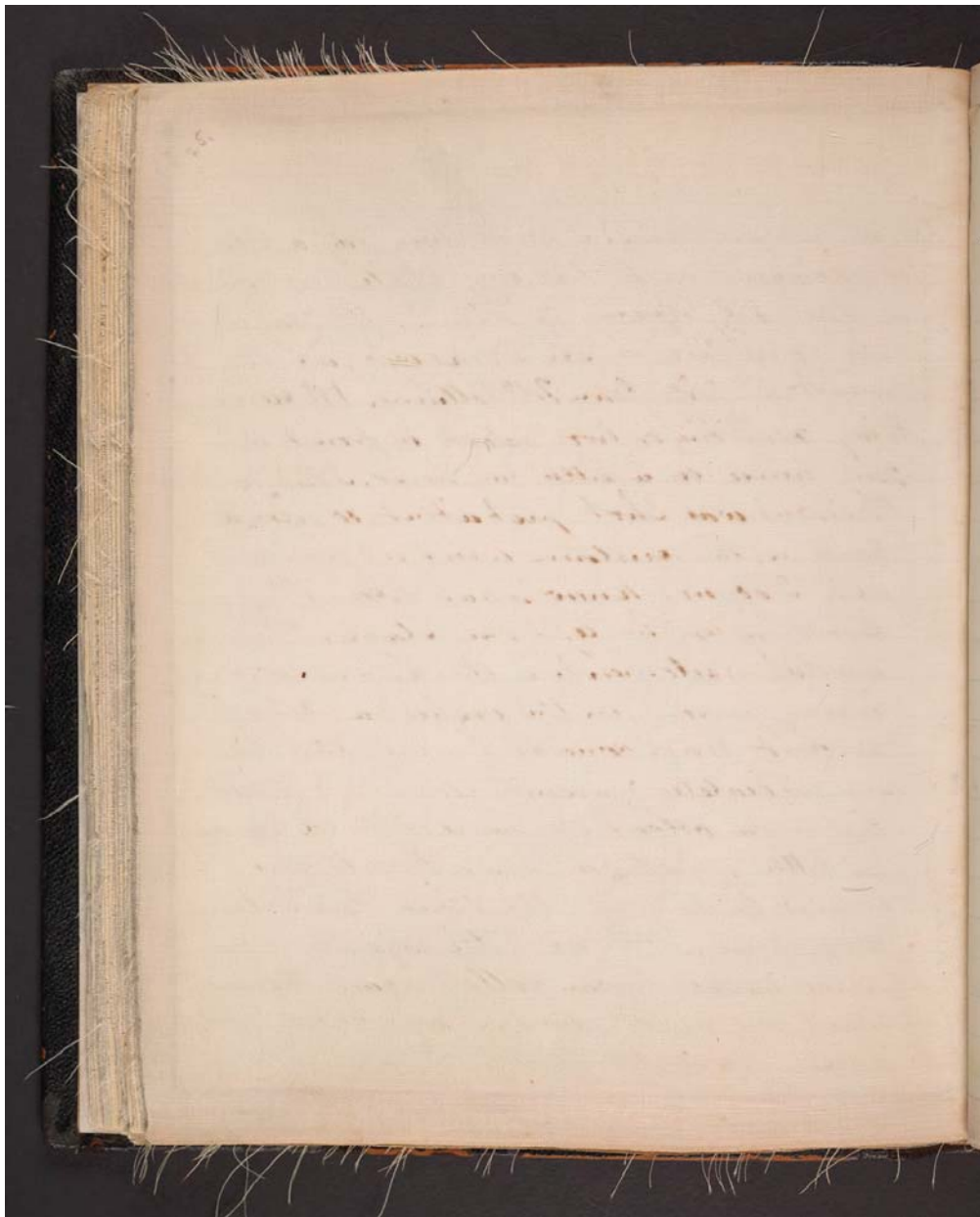
James C. Ferguson
kept a saloon next to Ford's
Theatre—

Statement of James C. Ferguson.

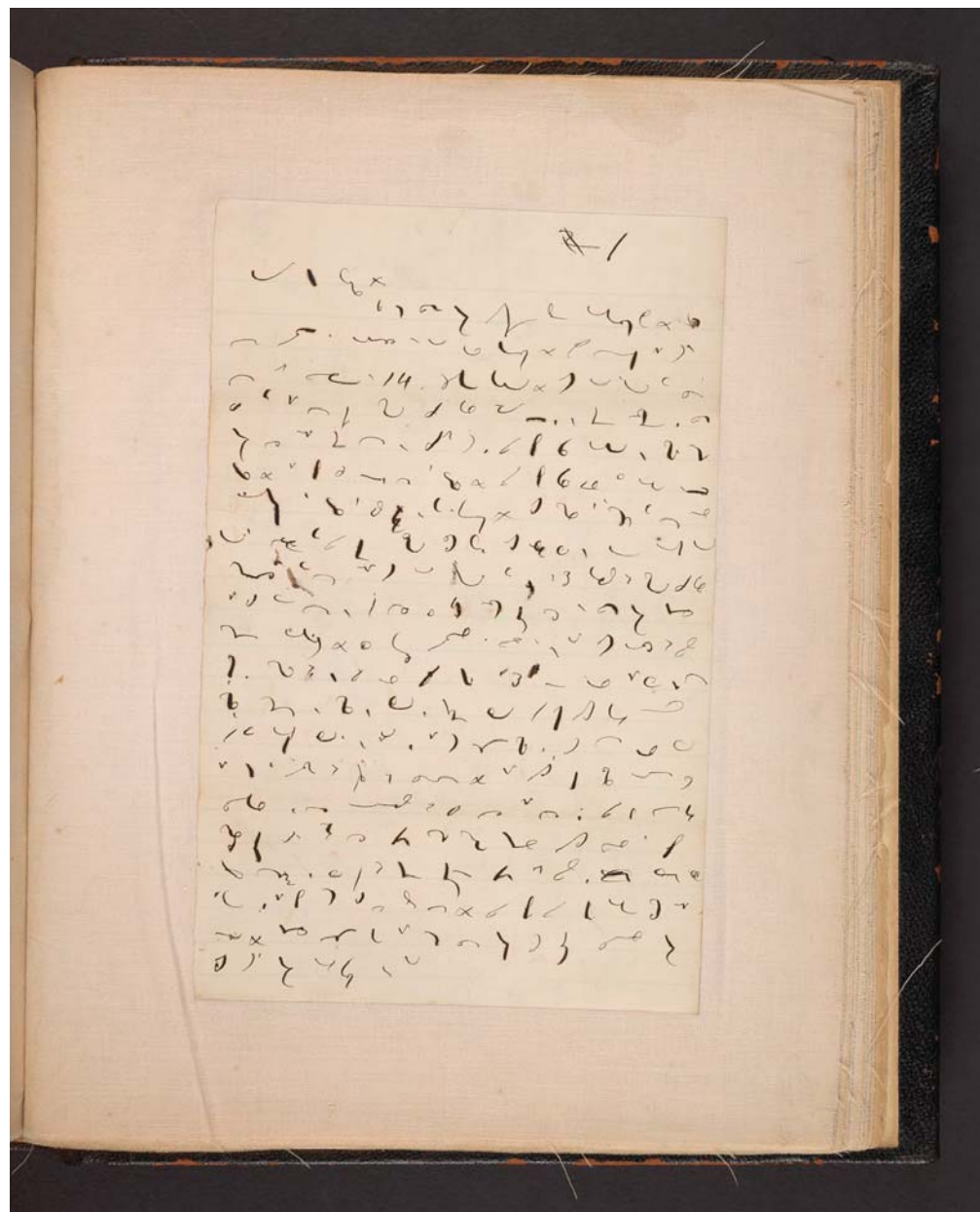
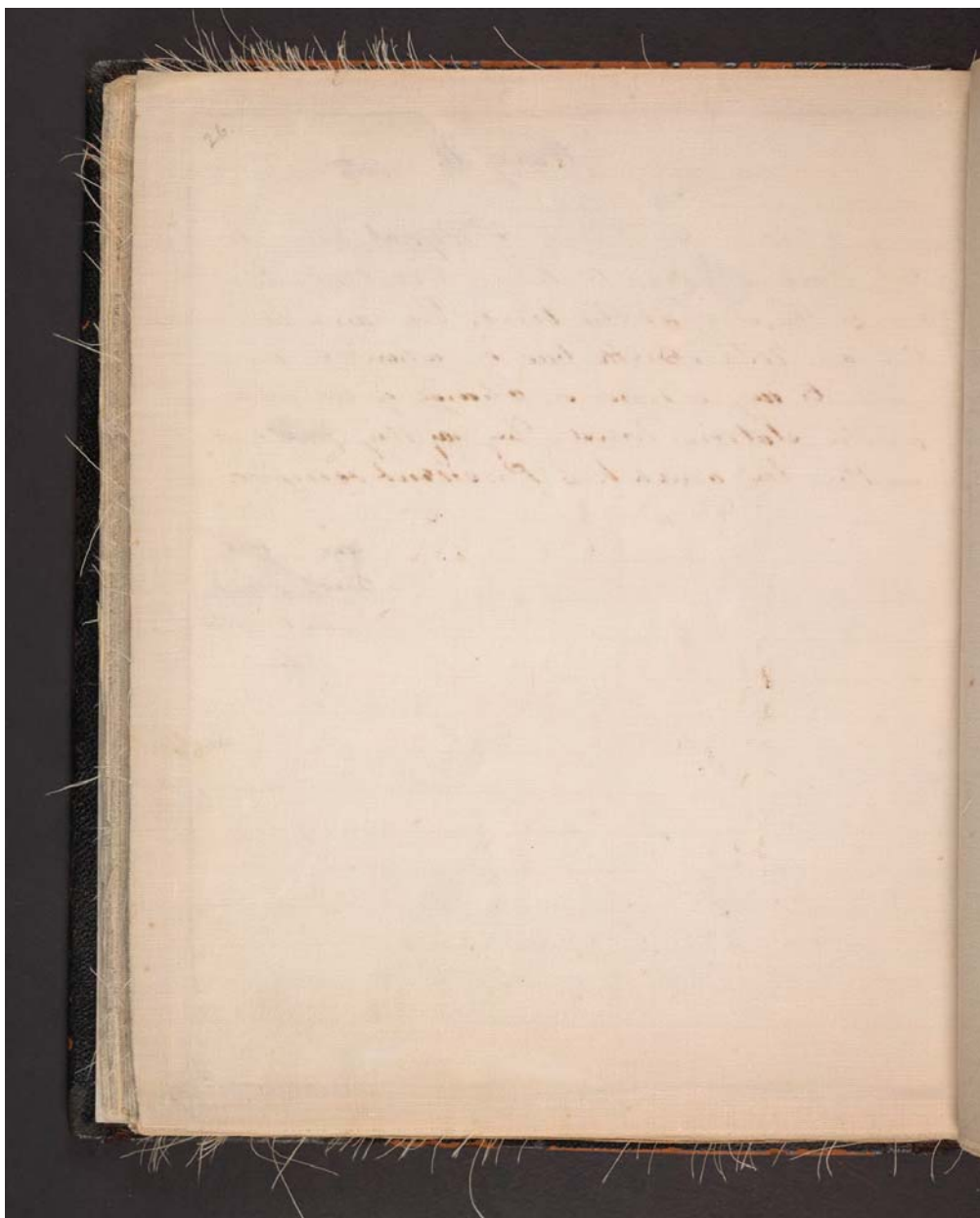
Mr Ford came to me today about 1
or 2 o'clock & told me that my favorite,
Gen. Grant was going to be present at
the theatre to night & had secured a
box. I went in the theatre & engaged seats
58 & 59 on the opposite side from the
President's box. When the President came
in I saw that Gen. Grant was not with
him but I still kept watch of the box
expecting Gen. Grant to come in knowing
that if he came in he would go in the
same box with the President. After the
curtain went up for the 3^d act I saw
Mr Booth go to the door leading to the
passage of the private box which the
President occupied & by the door.
In a moment afterwards I was looking
with an opera glass to see who the citizen
was that was with the President.
I then heard the report of the pistol and
saw Mrs Lincoln catch him around
the neck. I saw him throw up his

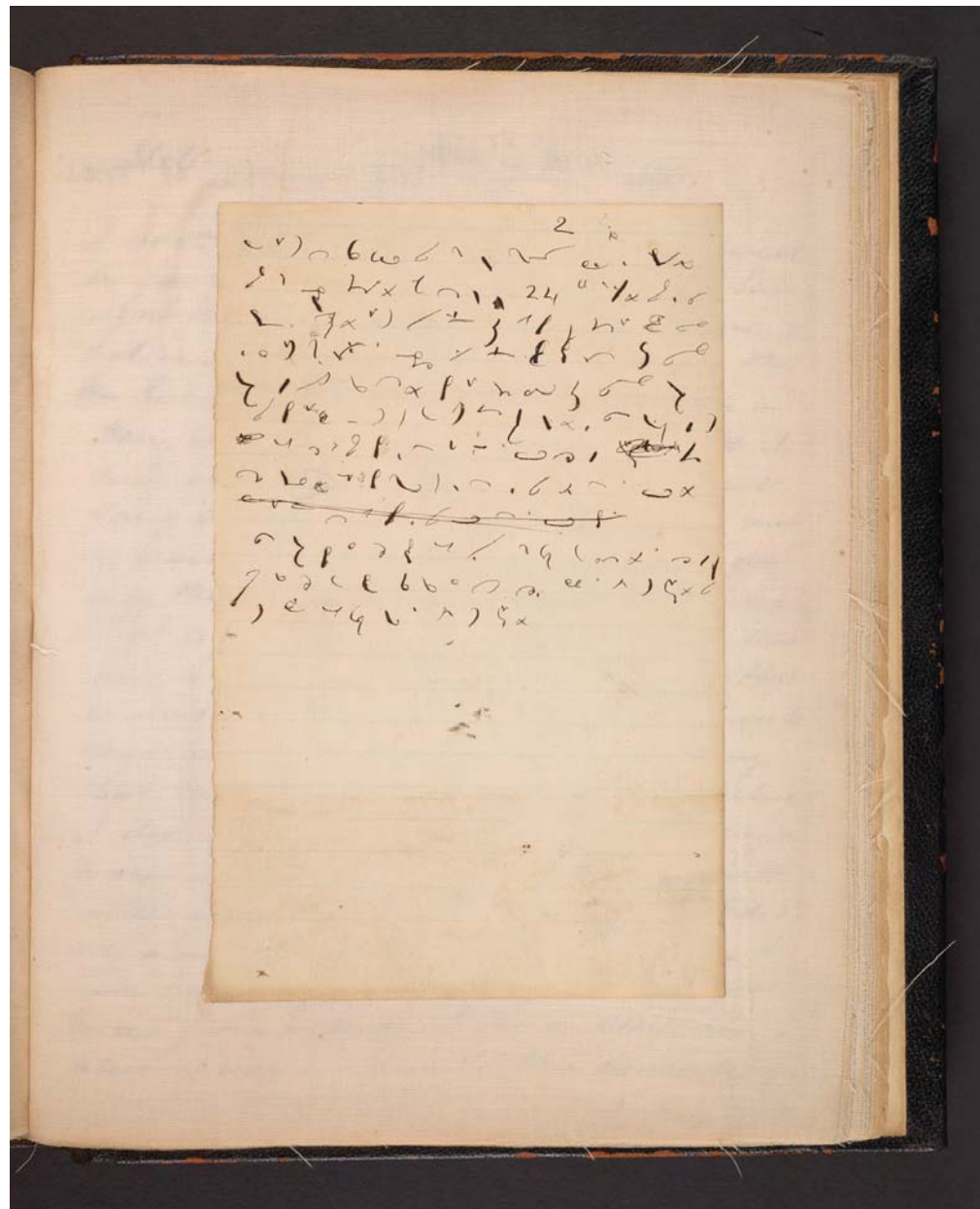
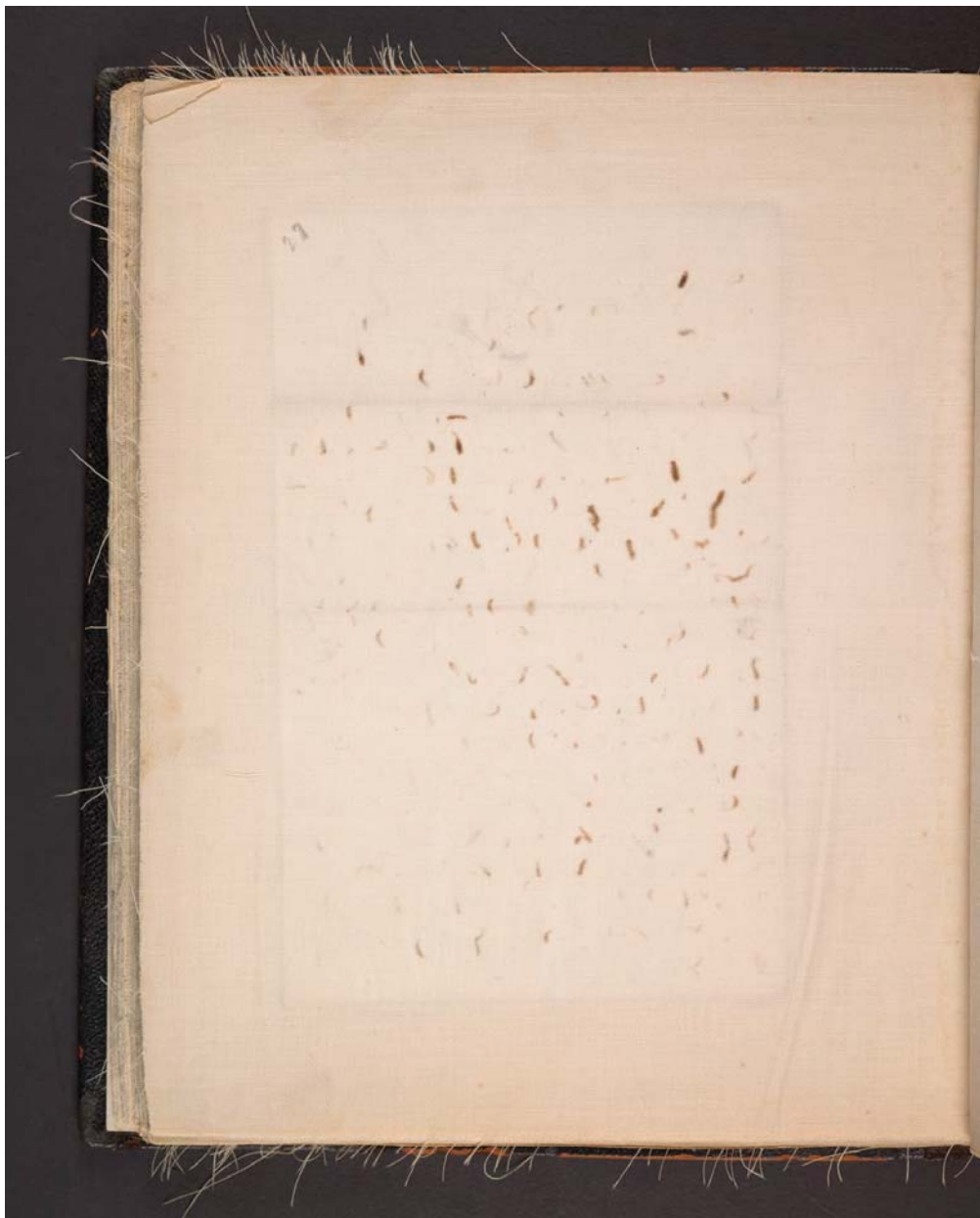






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I went down to Mayor Wallace and sta-
ted these things to him. Mr. Harry Hawk
was on the stage at the time. The same hat
which Wilkes Booth had on when I saw
him today is now in charge of the police
at the station house. They say they found it
in the box which the President occupied.



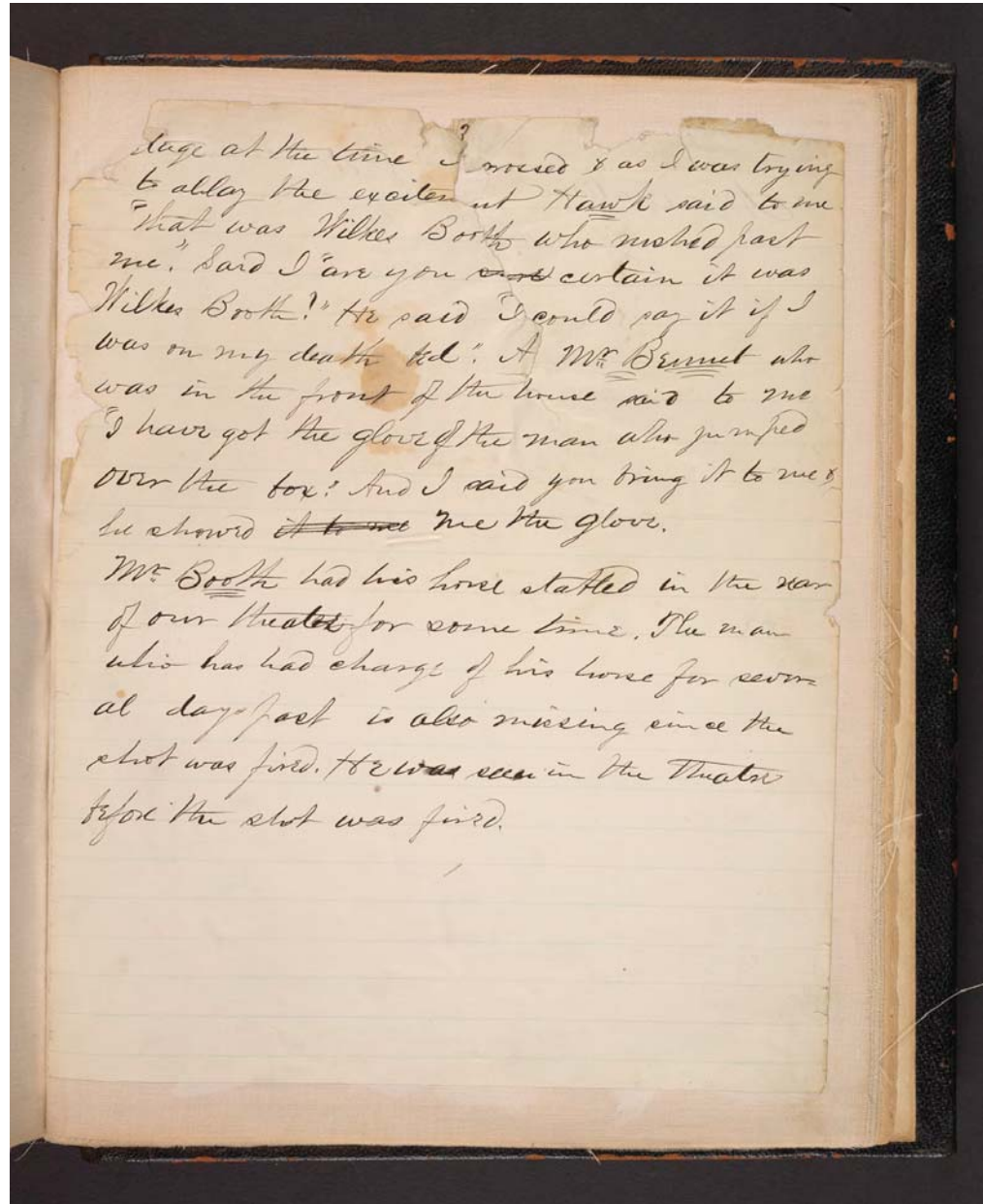
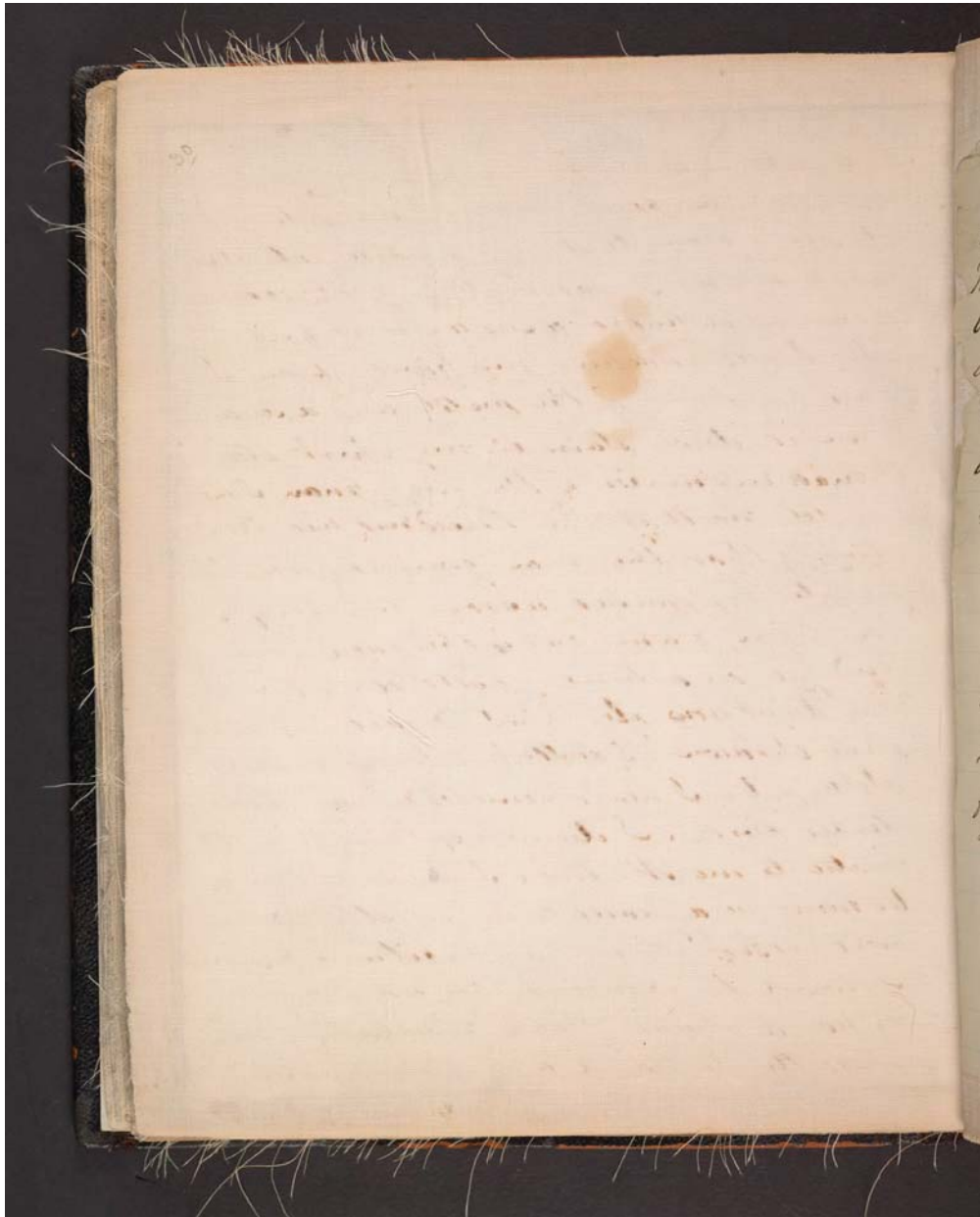


H. B. Phillips -
Stage manager at Fords.
and an old Philadelphia -

Statement of Mr. Henry B. Phillips.

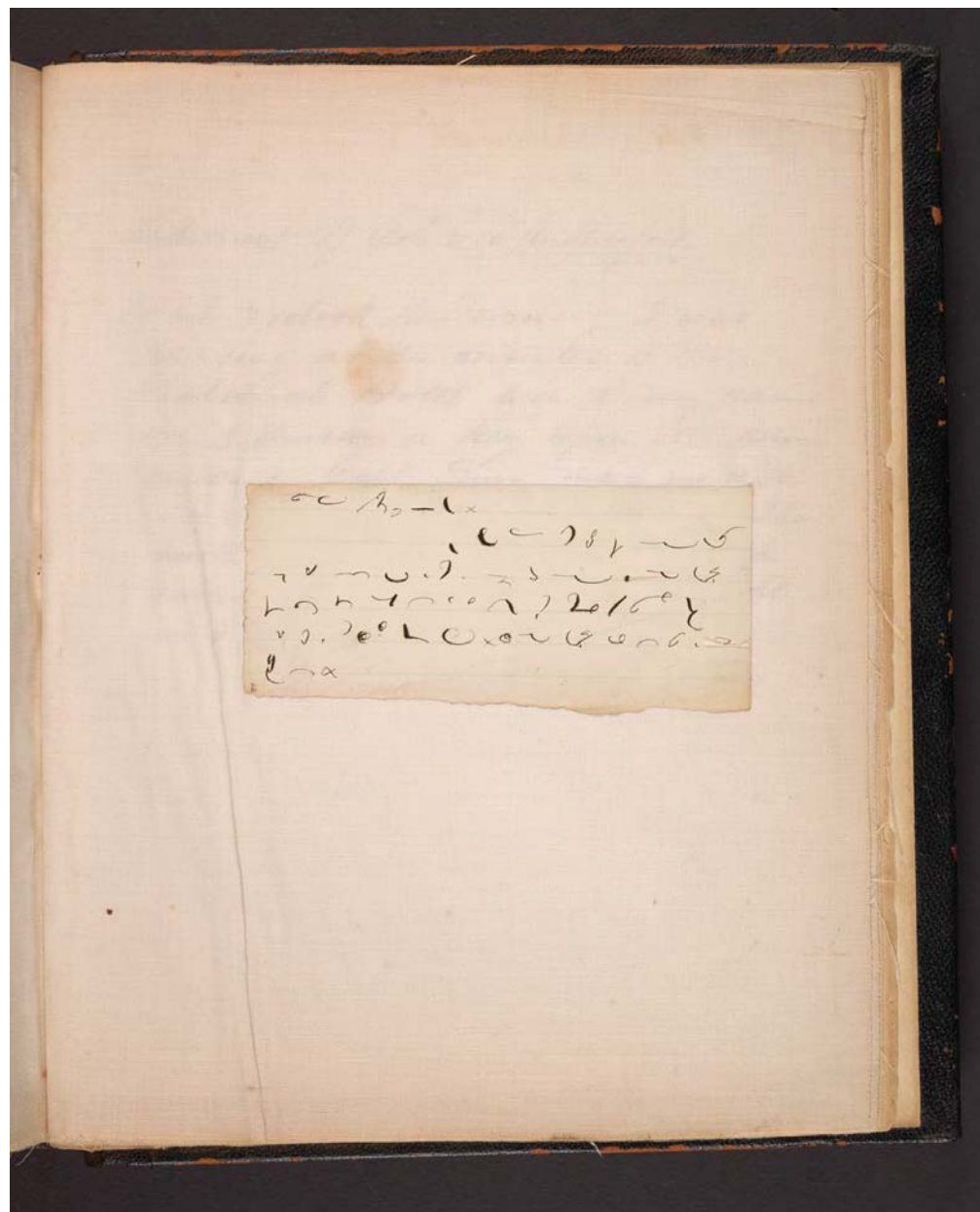
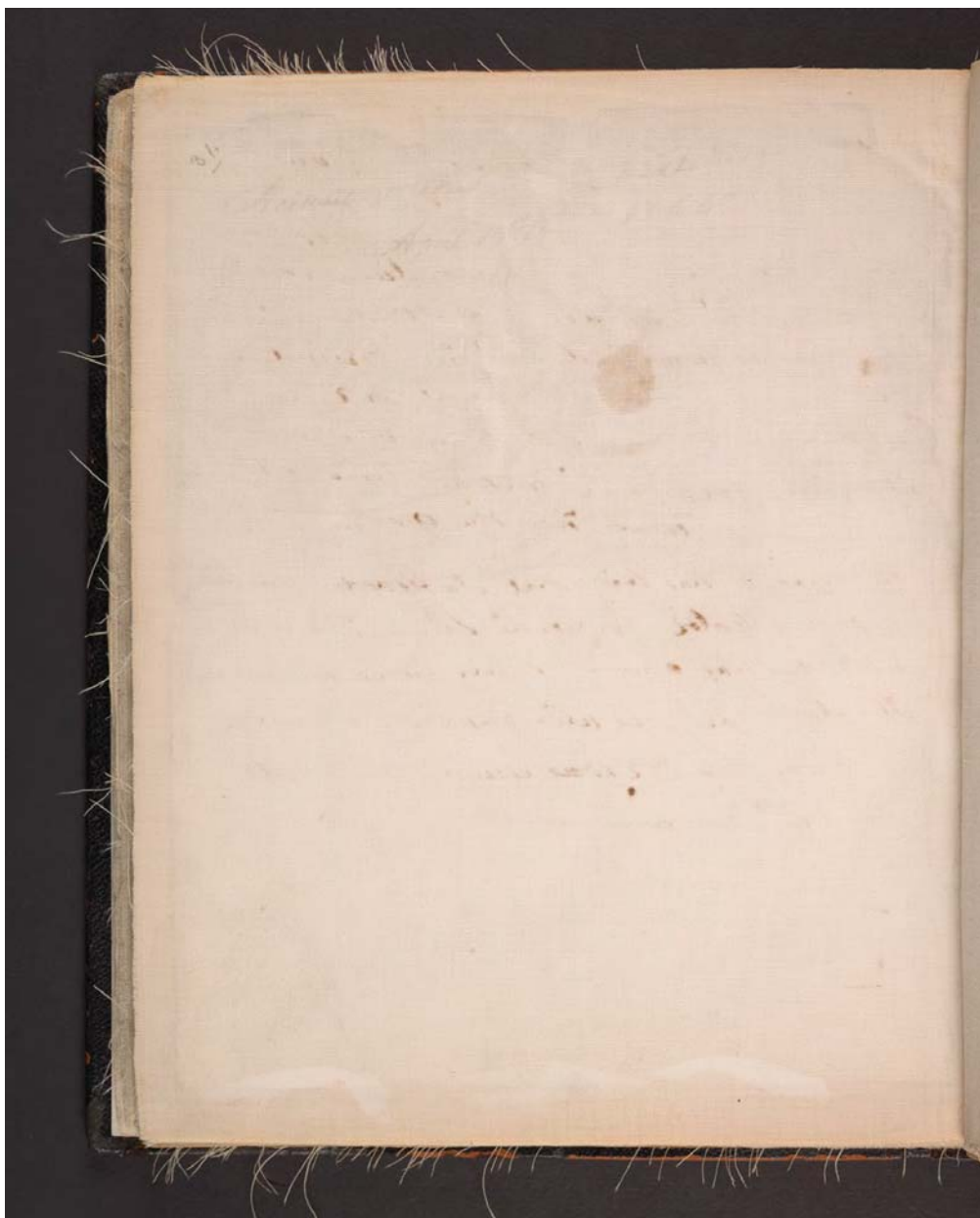
I have heard Mr. Booth repeated by speak
in favor of the South. I have heard him
reject the announcement of any Union
victory. Last Monday I saw him on the
corner of 14th St & Penn. Av. I was in
company with some gentleman that I
met at the Atty Gen's Office & we were
going to take a drink & Mr. Booth met
us & asked him to join us & he said "no
anything to drive away the blues." I said
"What is giving you the blues?" He said "This
news is enough to give any body the blues
or words to that effect. I did not propose to
converse with him because knowing
that he had a strong southern feeling
I did not want to enter in to any argu-
ment with him. I was in company with
three officers of the Atty Gen's Office & I did
not want him to commit himself as I
have been a very dear friend of Mr. Booth's at
most from infancy. As far as regard the
case I was in front of the house during

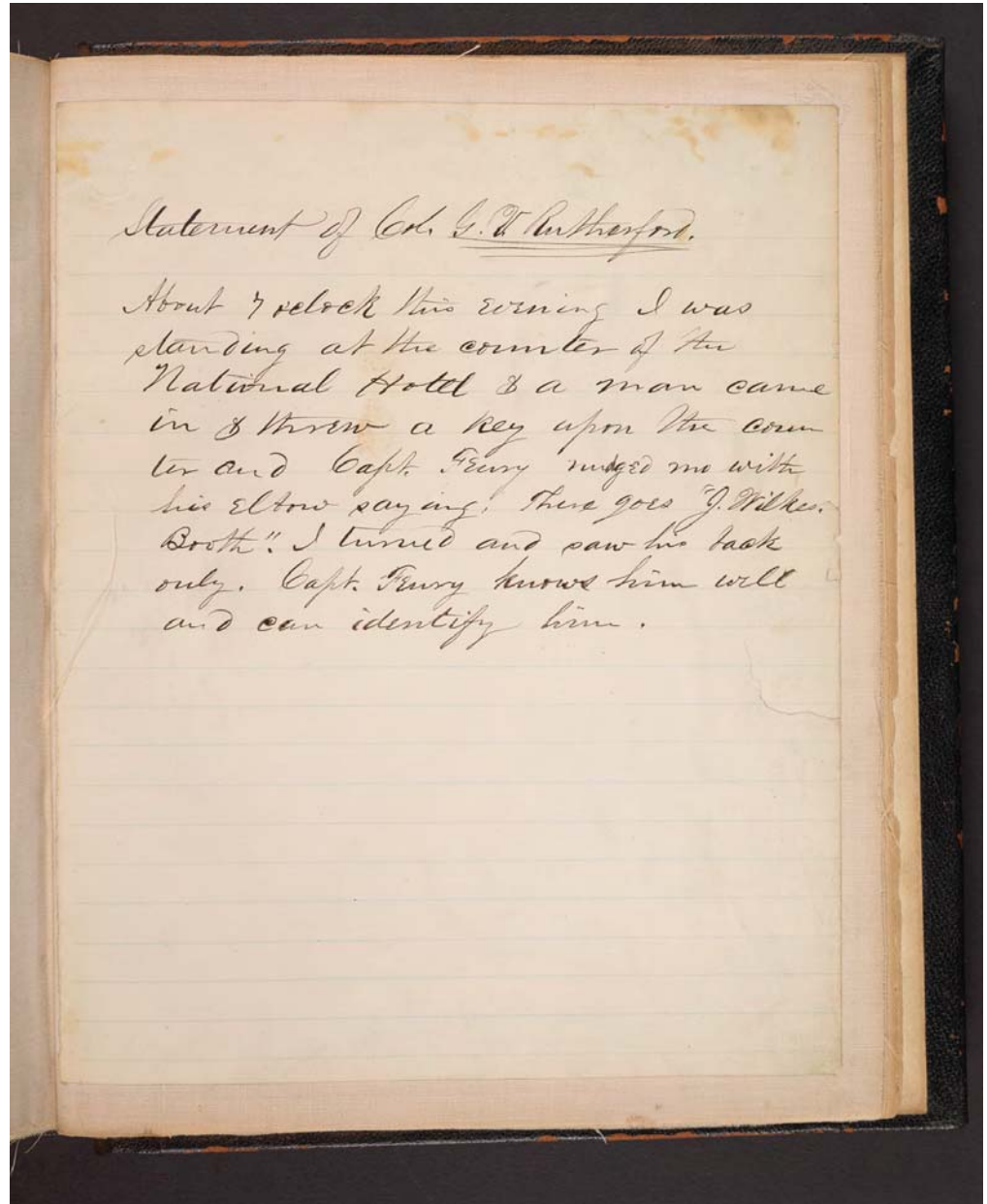
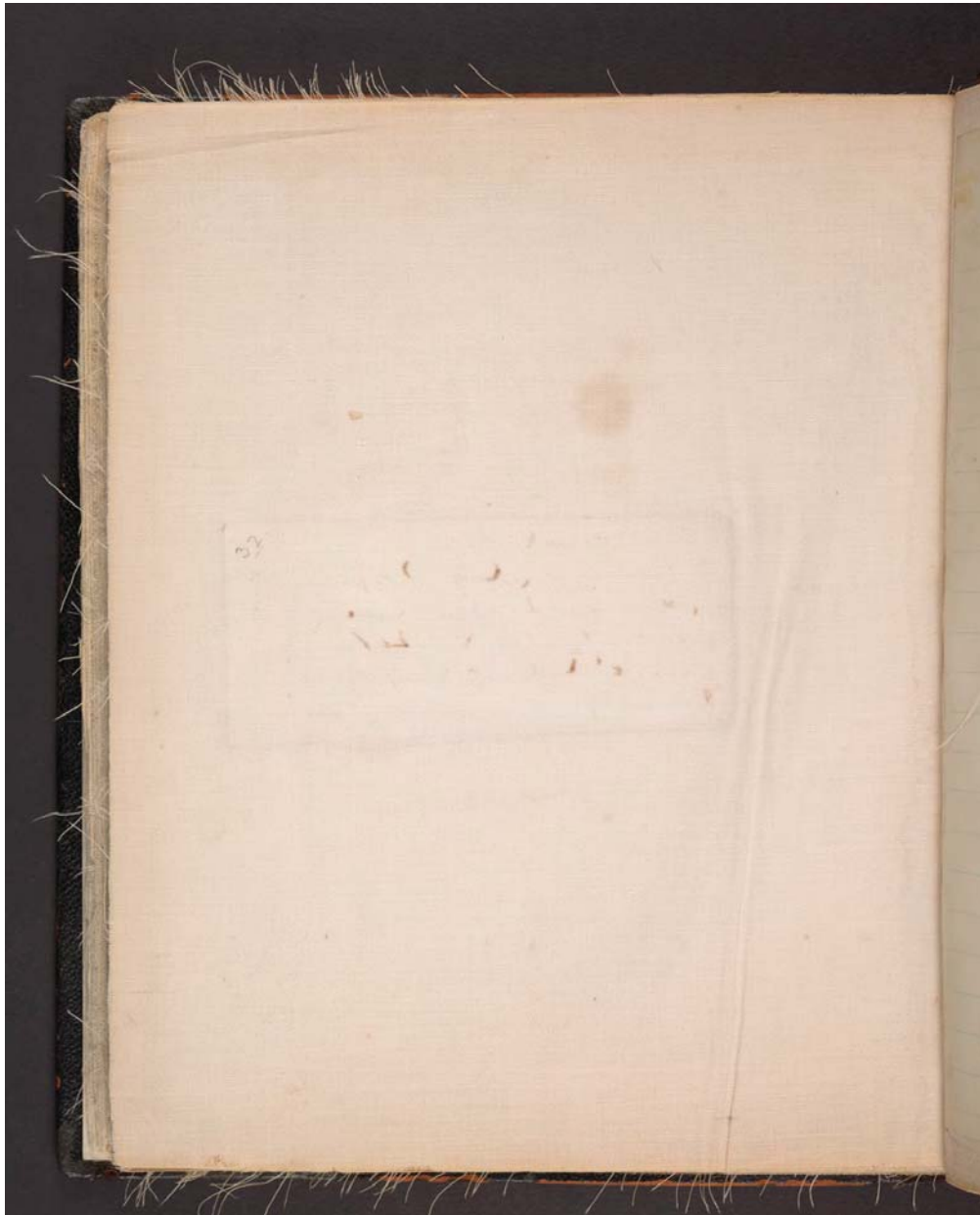
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a portion of the two first acts. Just before
the third act commenced I went to my
dressing room to dress to sing a patriotic
song which I had written for the occasion.
Which we intended to sing to night & I was
partly dressed & washing my hands when I
heard the report of the pistol and a scream.
I rushed down stairs in my shirt sleeves
& made enquiries of the first man I met
& he told me that the President had been
shot & that the man jumped from the
private box rushed across the stage
past him & went out of the back door,
jumped on a horse & galloped off & I said
"Why didn't you stop him?" He said "He had a
knife drawn & I couldn't." Almost immedi-
ately after I heard somebody say it was
"Hicks' Booth". I did not see Booth in the
theatre to night. When I saw him this af-
ternoon he appeared to be perfectly sane
and sober. He is of an excitable temper.
I think him about 24 yrs of age.
He has a slight black mustache. I
saw Harry Hawk who was on the



stage at the time I moved & as I was trying
to alay the excitement Hawk said to me
"that was Wilkes Booth who rushed past
me." Said I "are you ~~not~~ certain it was
Wilkes Booth?" he said "I could say it if I
was on my death bed." A Mr. Burnett who
was in the front of the house said to me
"I have got the glove of the man who jumped
over the box." And I said you bring it to me &
he showed ~~it to me~~ me the glove.

Mr. Booth had his horse stalled in the rear
of our theatre for some time. The man
who has had charge of his horse for several
days past is also missing since the
shot was fired. He ~~was~~ seen in the theatre
before the shot was fired.





Statement of Col. G. W. Lutherford.

About 7 o'clock this evening I was standing at the counter of the National Hotel & a man came in & threw a key upon the counter and Capt. Perry nudged me with his elbow saying, "There goes J. Wilkes Booth". I turned and saw his back only. Capt. Perry knows him well and can identify him.

