

Rivière du Loup 3rd Below 3rd Sept/62
Mr. W. H. Temple

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 27th Aug.
I received last night I feel very thankful for your
kindness in taking an interest for me about my
brother. When I rec'd two Daily Pioneer and Democrat
I suppose they were sent by you, ~~the~~ accounts they
give of the massacre are very dreadful, I still
entertain hopes that he escaped to Fort Ridgely,
if you should hear anything of him will you please
acquaint me without delay; his father, mother
and myself wrote to him on the 7th August
which letters I suppose have not fallen into
his hands. We mentioned to him to come home
immediately if possible, likewise for him not
to volunteer or allow himself to be drafted
into the American army. If he is alive I wish
you would write to him advising him to return
to his home; he has sacrificed four years of his
time in the states and is now poorer than the
day he left. ~~The~~ making inquiries, you will please
address some of the old Indian traders, Forbes,
Louis, Robert, or Myrick any of those person if
alive could give you information, about my brother
for they are always well posted as regards events
that take place in the Indian country

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Louis O'Brien may be able to let you know about
some of the particulars as he was well acquainted
with Mr Labatts' Establishment. Please inquire
and find out the particulars, let me know the
names of those who have been killed at the
Lower Agency, and whether Mr Quinn the interpreter
at Fort Ridgely is one of the sufferers. The
two papers I recd from you I concluded came
from Mr W. M. Forbes I wrote to him requesting
him to give me information about my brother
at the same time forwarded him two Quebec
Gazettes I now send you Quebec Gazette
of the first of Sept, being the first paper
ever established in Quebec (English). The
crops are very good in Lower Canada. We
have every likelihood of having a railroad constructed
between this and Halifax, to facilitate the
conveyance of troops, trade and commerce.
I am out of employment, and in meantime
am learning telegraphing, everything is very
dark in Canada owing to the American war.

I remain

Yours with many thanks
for the kindness you ^{have} displayed
towards me

Yours very truly

W. O'Brien

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River du Loup 3rd En Bas
Sept 22nd /62

Mr W. H. Temple

Dear Sir

I have received your kind favor of the 27th inst. conveying the deplorable news of my brother's massacre as well as all the residents of the Lower Sioux Agency. I received a letter from my friend Mr Geo. P. Weeks of Fort Ridgely of the 4th Sept. confirming your account that you rec^d ^{verbally} from Mr Carruthers. It is a most extraordinary thing that no one had the good fortune to make his escape from the Lower Sioux Agency. I suppose the particulars will never come to light regarding the manner how they were slaughtered. I have rec^d the last weekly Advertiser & Democrat with the Governor's message it is a very able written document, I concur with Governor's ideas and hope they will be followed up to the letter, that the rascally Indians will be exterminated and that the Government money which they were entitled to receive will be withheld from them and given to the sufferers to indemnify them for their losses. I wrote a letter and also telegraphed

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to May W. H. Forbes Indian Trader and have
not yet received a reply. I feel very apprehensive
that he is among the slain for I have no
doubt that if he had been in the land of
the living he would have taken notice
of my letter. If you receive any more
news with regard to my brother's fate please
advise me. This Indian raid must have
created a terrible excitement in your city
and all over the country. It must have caused
a great depression in trade and commerce.
I feel very much obliged to you for the
interest you have displayed in furnishing
me with information about my brother
hoping this will find you in health and
prosperity. Please mention me to D. Carruthers.

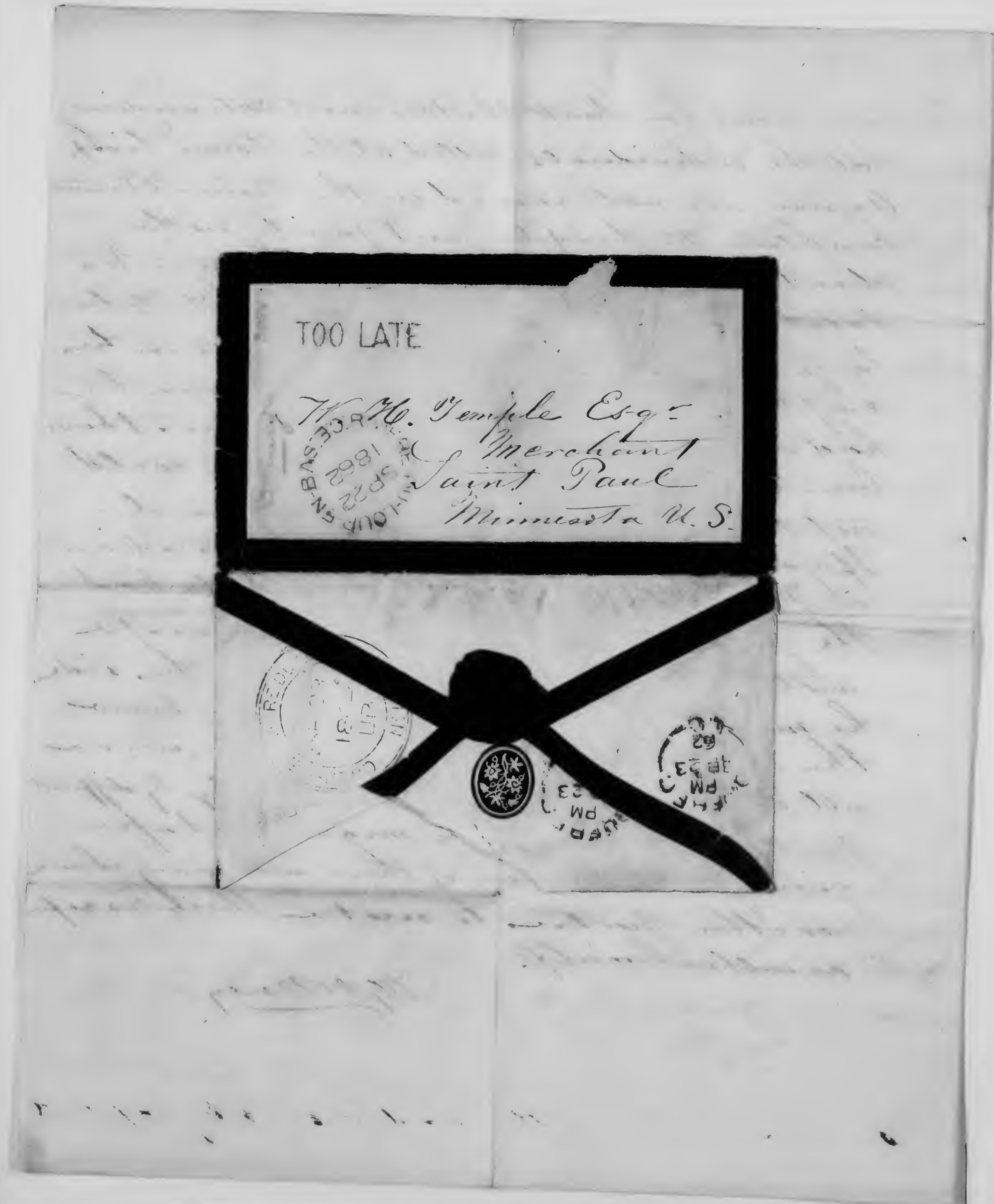
Remain
Yours very respectfully
W. H. Orkney

P.S. Please when you see any interesting
article in the Daily Pioneer Democrat, will
you be kind enough to forward me one.
W. H. O.

P.S. Don't you think that it is most extraordinary
that the individuals killed at the Lower Sioux
Agency are not named in the Pioneer Democrat
excepting Dr. Thompson and family nothing
about Labatts family and clerk Myricks
Establishment. Louis Roberts. W. H. Forbes
large store the Bellands who were in his
employ and many other hired men he
had around him surely there must have
been individuals recognized, they could
not have been so much disfigured.
If you should see Bennett ^(or by other name) a Canadian
in Forbes employ as teamster who had
the good fortune to make his escape
with a charge of Buckshot in his side
he might give you some idea how
the affair took place, if they were
all attacked simultaneously by different
parties of Indians, he might perhaps
give you his ideas if there was any chance
for other parties to make their escape
as well as himself.

W. H. Orkney

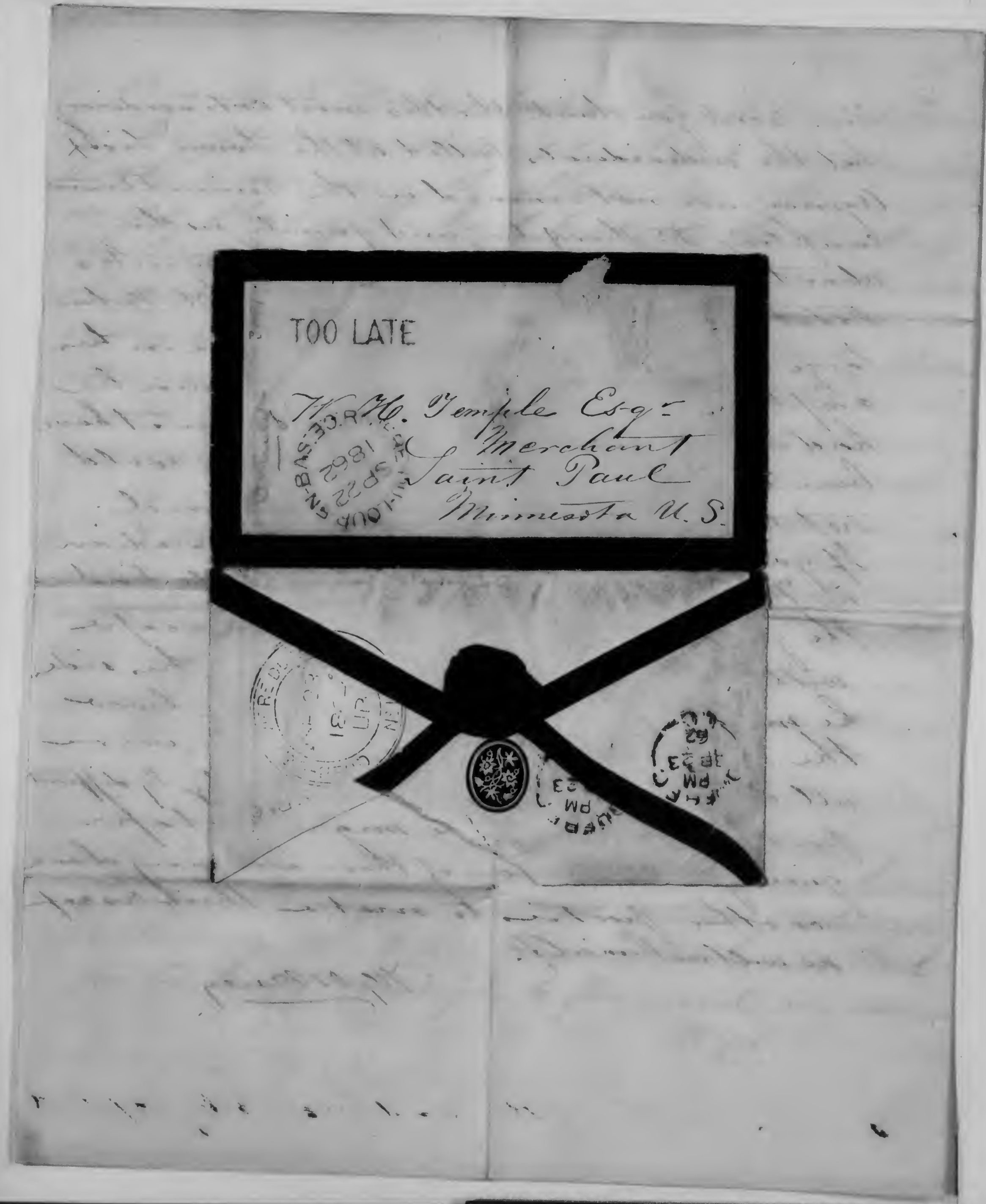
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