

# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

*Washington, D. C.,* October 16, 1891.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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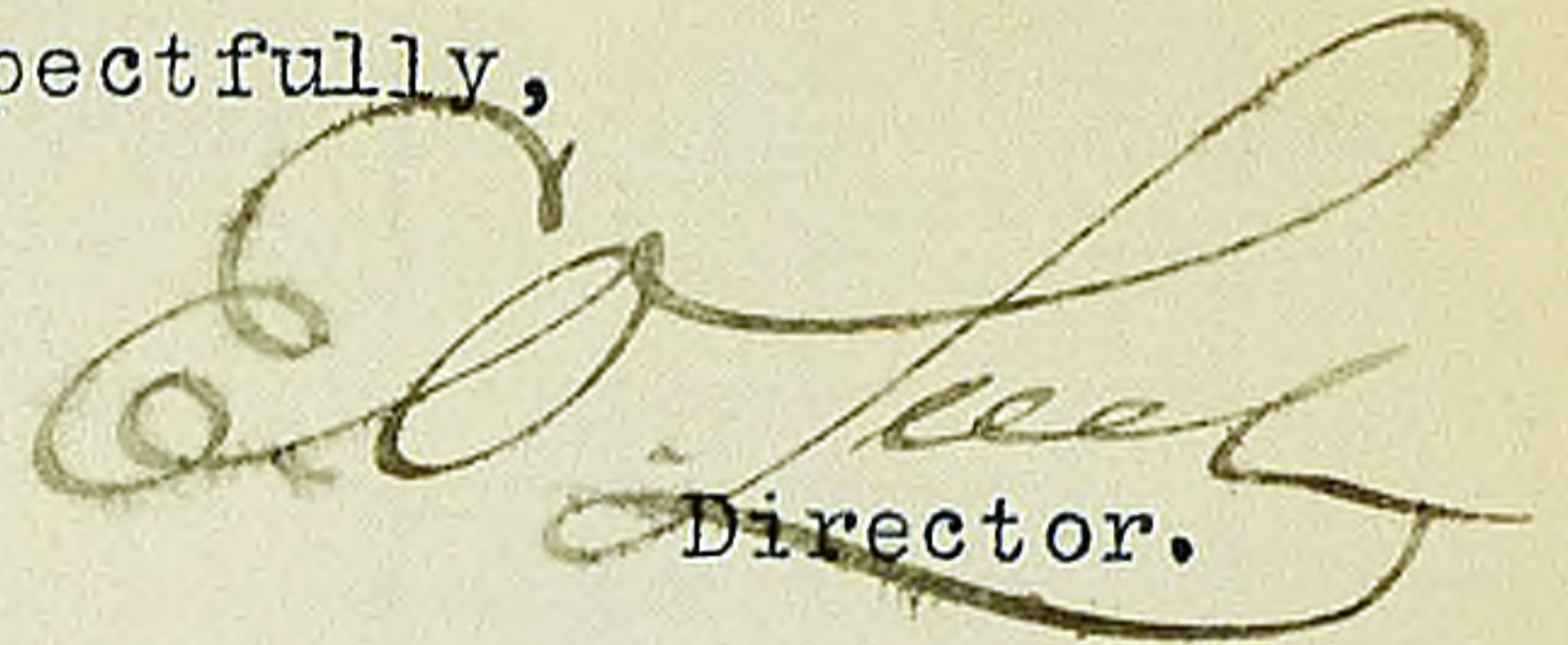
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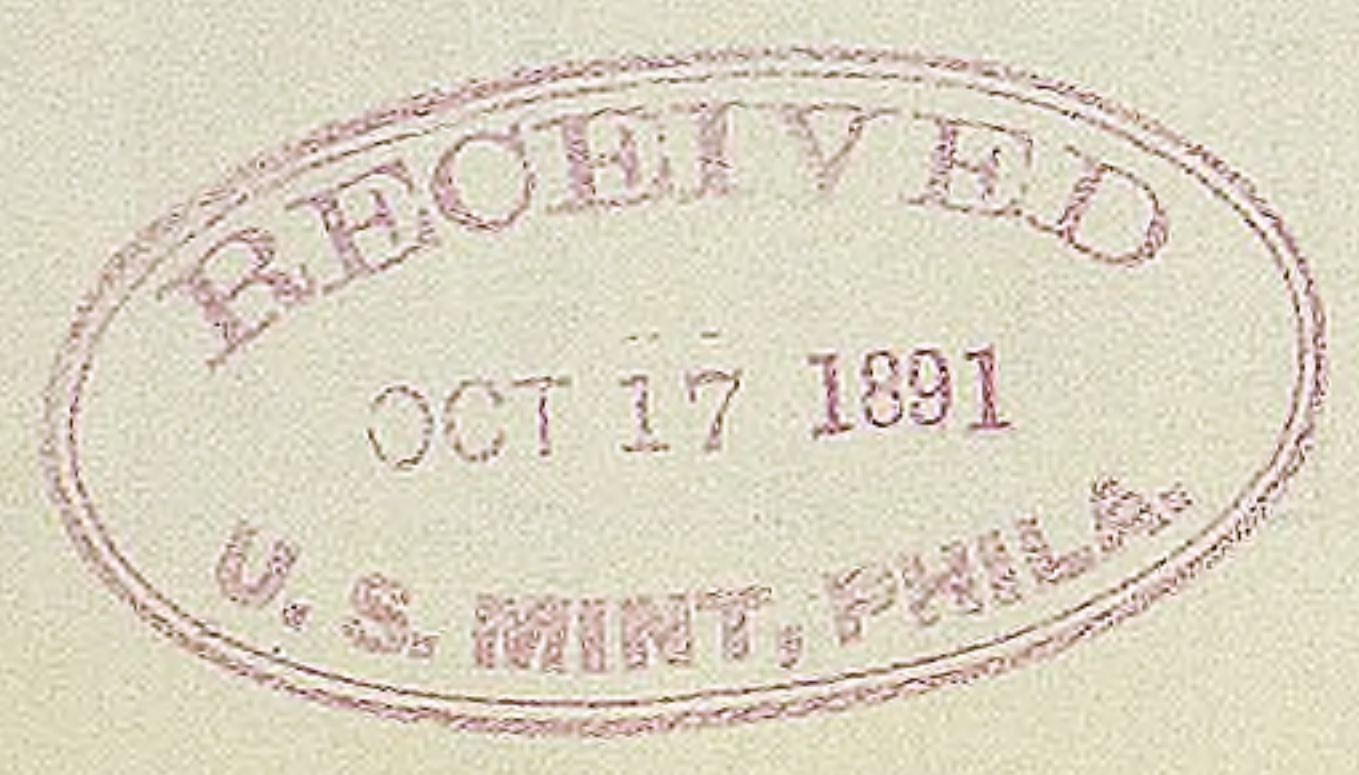
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E. A. Leech,  
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