

Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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Topeka, Kansas
August 7, 1933.

Honorable Robert Fechner,
Director, Civilian Conservation Camps,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Fechner:

Governor Landon, of Kansas, is writing you suggesting that several hundred of the young men from this state who are now serving in Civilian conservation Camps in other states be transferred back to Kansas for employment during the coming winter in the construction of a lake which it is hoped may be built on the Military Reservation at Fort Riley. I should like to join in that suggestion and express the hope that favorable action may be taken on it.

Application for the construction of the lake is being presented to the appropriate authorities of the War Department. It is believed that the construction will be authorized. A large lake can be constructed at Fort Riley at a very minimum of cost by using men from the Conservation Camps, as the government owns the land and there are ample barracks and other facilities at the Fort to house some 600 additional men.

Fort Riley offers an ideal site for a large lake and it would prove beneficial to the entire surrounding country. Furthermore, the construction of it would afford employment for several months to a very considerable number of men who need work and would fit admirably into the President's unemployment program. I hope you can authorize the use of these men on this project.

Cordially yours.

Arthur Capper.

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Topeka, Kansas
August 9, 1933.

Mr. Robert Fechner, Director
Emergency Conservation Work
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fechner:

In the event that a second enrollment period is authorized for the Civilian Conservation Corps, I desire that the following additional projects be undertaken in Kansas this winter.

Three camps within the Fort Riley Military Reservation. Two of these will undertake construction of a large reservoir having tactical value, and approval from this viewpoint by the Commander at Fort Riley, as well as value for storing flood water in the Kansas River. Public recreation is also involved. The third camp will do erosion and flood control work on the Kansas River and its tributaries within the reservation, and will also undertake considerable tree planting and forest landscaping.

One camp at Scott City. This project contemplates the restoration and enlargement of a dam recently destroyed by floods. Land involved aggregates 1280 acres now in state ownership, and project is essentially flood control.

Ten camps at various points in the state to undertake new reservoir and lake construction. The State Forestry, Fish and Game Commission has a large number of projects programmed which involve the acquisition by purchase or donation of privately owned lands in key drainage locations and their development for public purposes.

All of these proposed camps are figured on the basis of 200 men per camp.

The program contemplated involves 14 entirely new camps. There are six camps now operating in the state which can be continued throughout the winter without difficulty, thus making a grand total of twenty camps or projects planned.

Preliminary estimates on each project are now in course of preparation, and detailed reports will be submitted whenever you are ready for them.

Trusting that these may receive your favorable consideration, and assuring you of my personal interest in this conservation work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alf M. Landon
Governor of Kansas.

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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*Liberal 69 project
P.O.*

August 9, 1933.

Mr. H. A. Gaskill, Attorney,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

I have your letter of August 5th and am much pleased to hear from you again. We all missed you at the law class reunion. I had a fine visit with Gene Grant, Harry Randall and a lot of the boys. Wish you could have been there.

I have already sent my endorsement of the Liberal postoffice building. I hope you may be successful in securing assistance on this project.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

AML/mc

Governor

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ROOM 210
LIGHT BUILDING
PHONE 499

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OFFICE OF
H. A. GASKILL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
LIBERAL, KANSAS

August 5, 1933

To His Excellency,
The Governor of the State of Kansas:

Dear Alf:

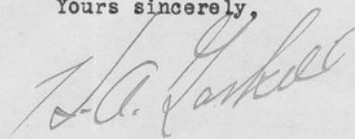
Considering the fact that this is the first letter I have written you since you have become the chief executive of this state, you will no doubt realize at once that it concerns something very important and something about which I am really in earnest.

You know something, in a general way, about what the conditions are in this part of the state with the general depression, cyclone, and the protracted drouth which has put us in a condition with no crops of any kind and very little money. As a result, anything that can be done which will put any outside money into this community will be a great help. I have in mind a new federal building as a post office for Liberal. For years we have been trying to get this, but, for some reason or other, we have been put off and put off until it seems as though they have entirely forgotten us. Occupying the position that Liberal does in this great Southwest as a center of trade territory, and being inhabited by the best people on earth whose indomitable frontier spirit is about all they have left, should entitle it to some favors from the Federal Government. It occurs to me that this is the psychological time for such an appropriation, as our present facilities are not in keeping with the town and its inhabitants. Then again, it will make several thousand dollars available for material and labor at a time when both are sorely needed and will help more at this time than any other.

Now, Alf, you know I haven't asked any favors of you since you have been governor, but if you will give this matter your personal consideration and do what you can toward getting a new federal building for Liberal, I am sure it will be appreciated by each and every citizen of this town and surrounding community. You have had wonderful success so far, now let's see what a republican governor can do in the face of a national democratic administration.

Congratulating you for what you have achieved so far and wishing you the same good success in the future, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



G:G

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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August 9, 1933.

Mr. J. R. Strobel,
Woolwine Supply Co.,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Strobel:

I have your letter of
August 5th, asking me to use my influence
in securing the Federal Building at
Liberal.

I have already made this
recommendation and Dr. Grimes, who is
now in Washington to report on the drouth
conditions in the southwest, has been
asked to secure the Liberal postoffice
if possible. You may count on me to do
everything I can to assist in this
matter.

Yours very truly,

AML/mc

Governor

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LIBERAL, KANSAS

STORES AT
PRATT, KANSAS LIBERAL, KANSAS

August 5, 1933

Governor Alf. M. Landon
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor:

I am writing you asking that you use your influence in securing a Federal Building for Liberal, Kansas at this time.

The postoffice here in Liberal has been inadequate for a good many years as the business transacted by this postoffice is quite in excess of the average amount of business out of a town of this size. Liberal is on the approved list for a new Federal Building and a site could be purchased at a very reasonable figure at this time, also the building material could be purchased at a lower figure now than it can perhaps in many years to come.

Liberal was visited by a tornado early this spring which did considerable damage to our city and many people are out of homes and are being cared for by the county, the Red Cross and by Federal Aid; this condition, together with the drought this part of the country has suffered this year, has put many people in need of financial aid; at present there are 1800 people receiving aid; if we could have the Federal Building built at this time many of these people could have employment for a time at least and thus relieve this terrible expense.

Your influence in this matter will mean a great deal to us and we will be very grateful to you for your support.

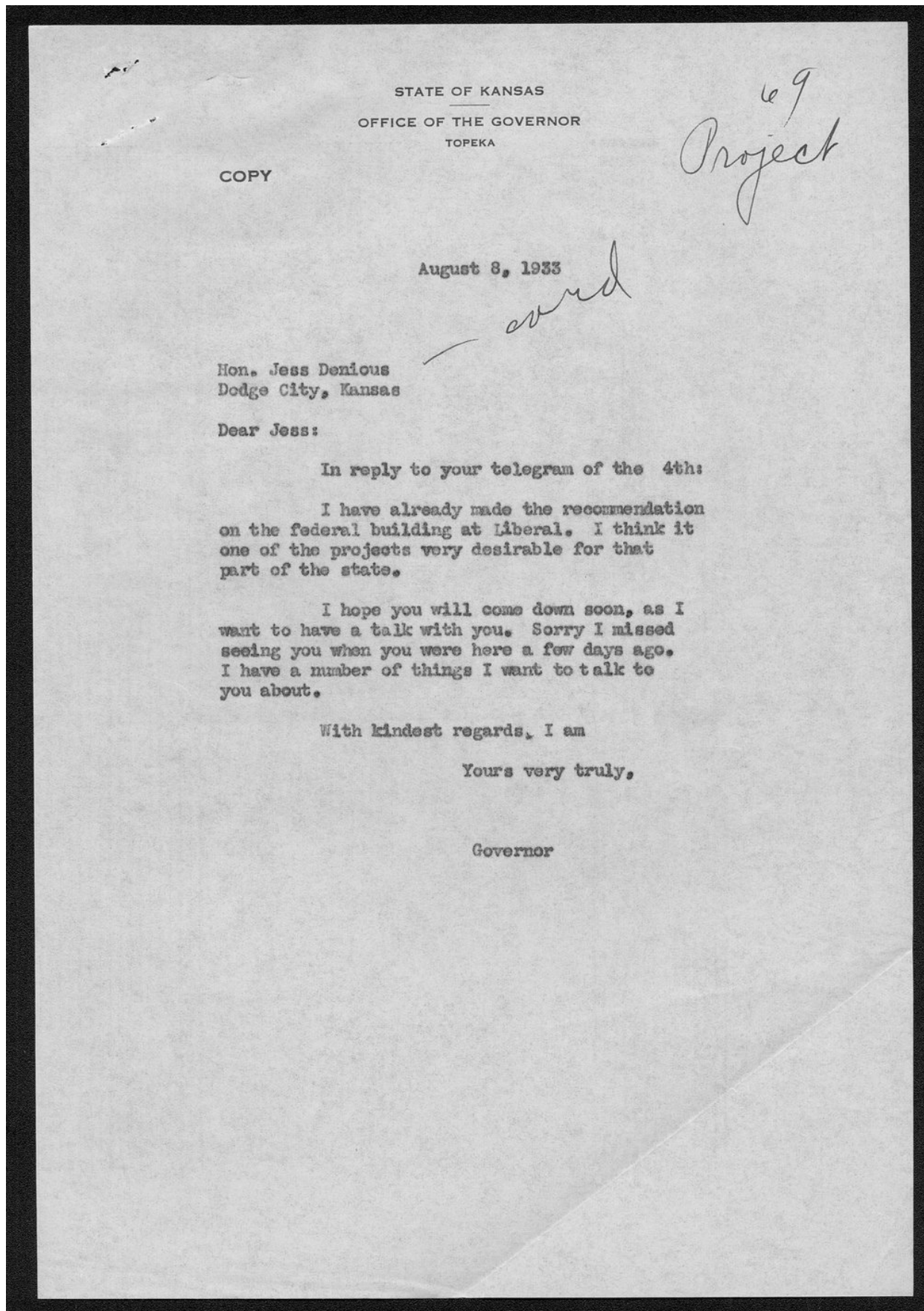
Very truly yours,

Woolwine Supply Co.
WOOLWINE SUPPLY CO.

JR Strobel
Manager

JRS:SD

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GOVERNOR ALF M LANDON=
:TOPEKA KANS=

FEDERAL BUILDING AT LIBERAL IS POSSIBILITY AND WOULD FURNISH
MUCH NEEDED EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING TRADES NOW IDLE WONT YOU
HELP BY URGING PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE AND
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Projects

August
Fourth
1933.

Mr. H. E. Sills, Manager
Hotel Warren,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Sills:

I do not know of any other way
except that the matter be expedited
through the Public Works Program.

Had a long conference with Doctor
Grimes, of the Kansas State College.
He is leaving for Washington to see
Mr. Harry Hopkins, and one of the
work projects that will be included
in his recommendation will be the
Post Office at Liberal.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

AML/a

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HOTEL WARREN

EUROPEAN FIREPROOF
WARREN E. SMITHER, General Manager

Liberal, Kansas

August 2, 1932.

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

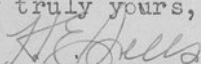
Dear Sir:-

It has long been the desire of the business men of this city to secure a new Federal Post Office, but to date we have been unable to do so. At this time we have a great number of unemployed, and we believe a good solution of this condition would be the building of a new Post Office through Federal funds which are being apportioned to various cities in the United States for civic improvements.

Liberal has a population of approximately forty five hundred persons, and the size of our Post Office is far below that of other cities of the same population.

Your influence toward the carrying through of this project would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



H. E. Sills, Manager,
HOTEL WARREN.

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TOPEKA

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August 9, 1933.

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Card

Mr. G. L. Light, Attorney,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Judge:

In reply to your letter of the fourth, I have already included this Federal Building at Liberal in my recommendations to Washington. Will be glad to do anything I can to help you secure it.

I don't know what I will be doing about October but am afraid the special session will still be on at that time. I see no chance of getting away from the office now the way things are breaking.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Cordially yours,

AML/mc

Governor

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VINCENT G. FLEMING
ATTORNEY

G. L. LIGHT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
203 LIGHT BLDG.
LIBERAL, KANSAS

August Fourth,

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Governor Alf Landon
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Landon:

There was never a more opportune time for relief from a public works standpoint for Liberal and its territory than the present presents.

We have been in line for a Federal Building for a number of years but each time such relief was in sight it failed to materialize.

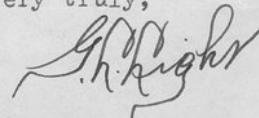
The necessity for such a building at Liberal cannot be disputed as the information and data on file with the department conclusively shows.

We are very greatly in need of some constructive employment for our very numerous unemployed who are now putting in their time upon some form of relief work that could be utilized to its maximum worth upon the erection of such a building.

Will you kindly use your efforts and influence with the department to assist us in realizing upon our efforts to secure this recognition from the Government?

All of our people are ready, willing and anxious to co-operate in any possible way. Trusting that you will do us this favor, I am,

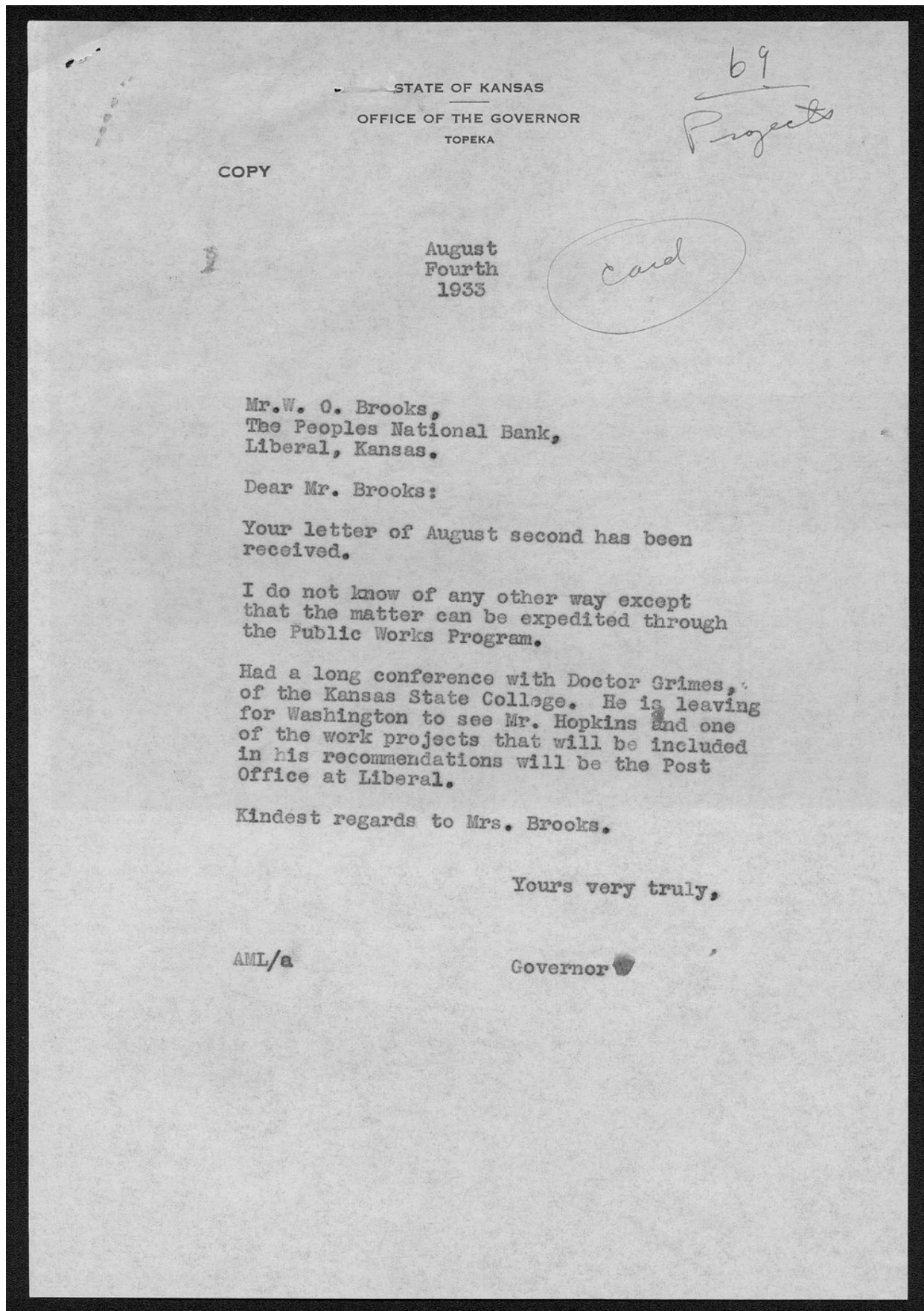
Yours very truly,



GLL:VL

*Gov. Are we going to Kill a Deer (War) in Oct?
Don't let the special session hunt in season*

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C. M. LIGHT, PRESIDENT

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PAUL W. LIGHT

J. C. NAYLOR, ASST. CASHIER



Liberal, Kansas

August 2nd, 1933

Hon. Alf M. Landon, Governor,
State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Alf:

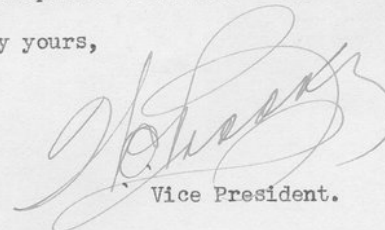
A concentrated effort is being made to secure a new Federal Post Office building for Liberal. It has long been recognized by the Post Office Department that Liberal does have a need for a building, and our name has been on the list of those to receive a new building for many years, but it seems that we can never get the project started.

In addition to the actual need of a building from the standpoint of service, we are confronted with a most serious unemployment situation with which I know you are familiar.

Since an appropriation has been made for Federal buildings, and in view of the conditions as related above, we all feel that we are entitled to this consideration. And from that point of view we are making that request, and I solicit your influence in helping us realize our hope.

Knowing you will do this in your capable and successful way, we will await developments with much interest.

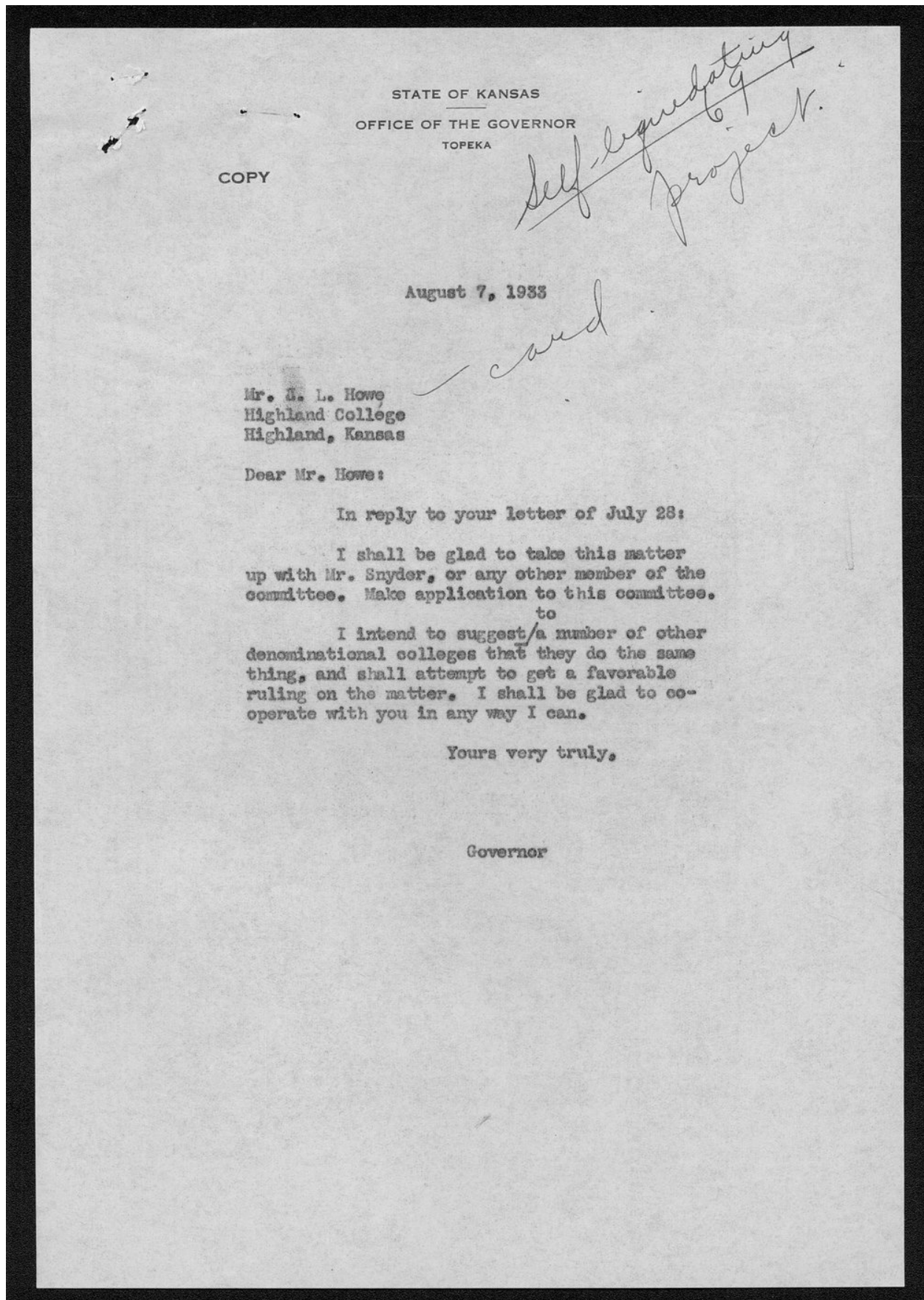
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of W. O. Brooks, the Vice President of the bank.

Vice President.

WOB-DMP

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HIGHLAND COLLEGE
HIGHLAND, KANSAS
—
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

July 28 33

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor Landon:

If I have read the Industrial Recovery's Act correctly private institutions are not eligible to aid from that source.

The library that is proposed for Highland College is to be a semi-public institution provision being made for public reading and reference and magazine sections. Also a museum. It would appear that it might be handled as a municipal project. The man who is interested is entirely willing to put up the necessary security.

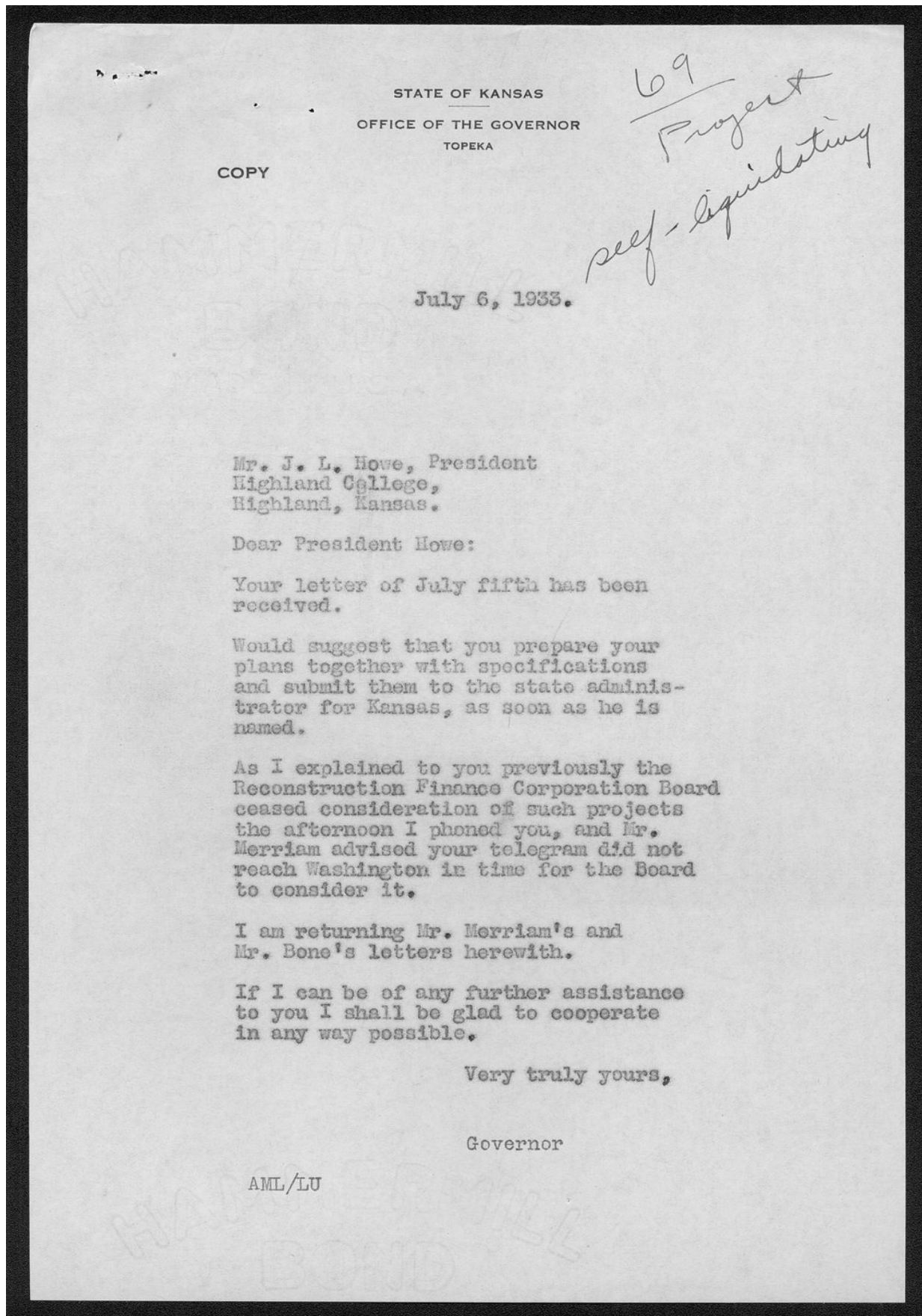
As you may know Highland College is not a denominational institution. I have been fighting my battle alone. But I am such a small frog in such a big pond that my croaks do not get above the bulrushes. If I do not have some one of influence to "break the ice" for me Mr Ralph Snyder will take the bat from before I get up to the plate, if I represent a private institution. Would you care to ask him to give me a hearing? Perhaps the time will come when we can return these kindnesses.

Very cordially

J. R. Howe

*For Mr. Landon
Topeka, Kas.
July 28, 1933
J. R. Howe*

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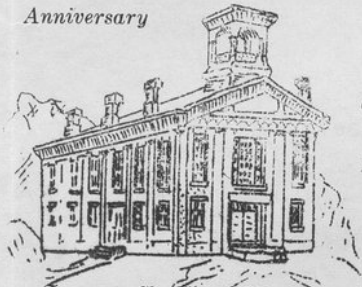


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Highland College

Highland, Kansas

75th
Anniversary



Samuel M. Irwin Hall
Cornerstone laid May 11, 1858

Granted
the
First
College
Charter
in
Kansas
Feb. 9
1858

July 5th. 33

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor Landon:

I am enclosing letters
received from Mr Merriam and Mr Bone.

If there is a chance for an institution like
Highland College to get a loan from an agency
of the Government will you tell us how to
go about it? You perhaps gathered from my
letter of a few days ago that Highland College
is not a denominational school-it is an orphan,
made so by the Presbyterians of Kansas.

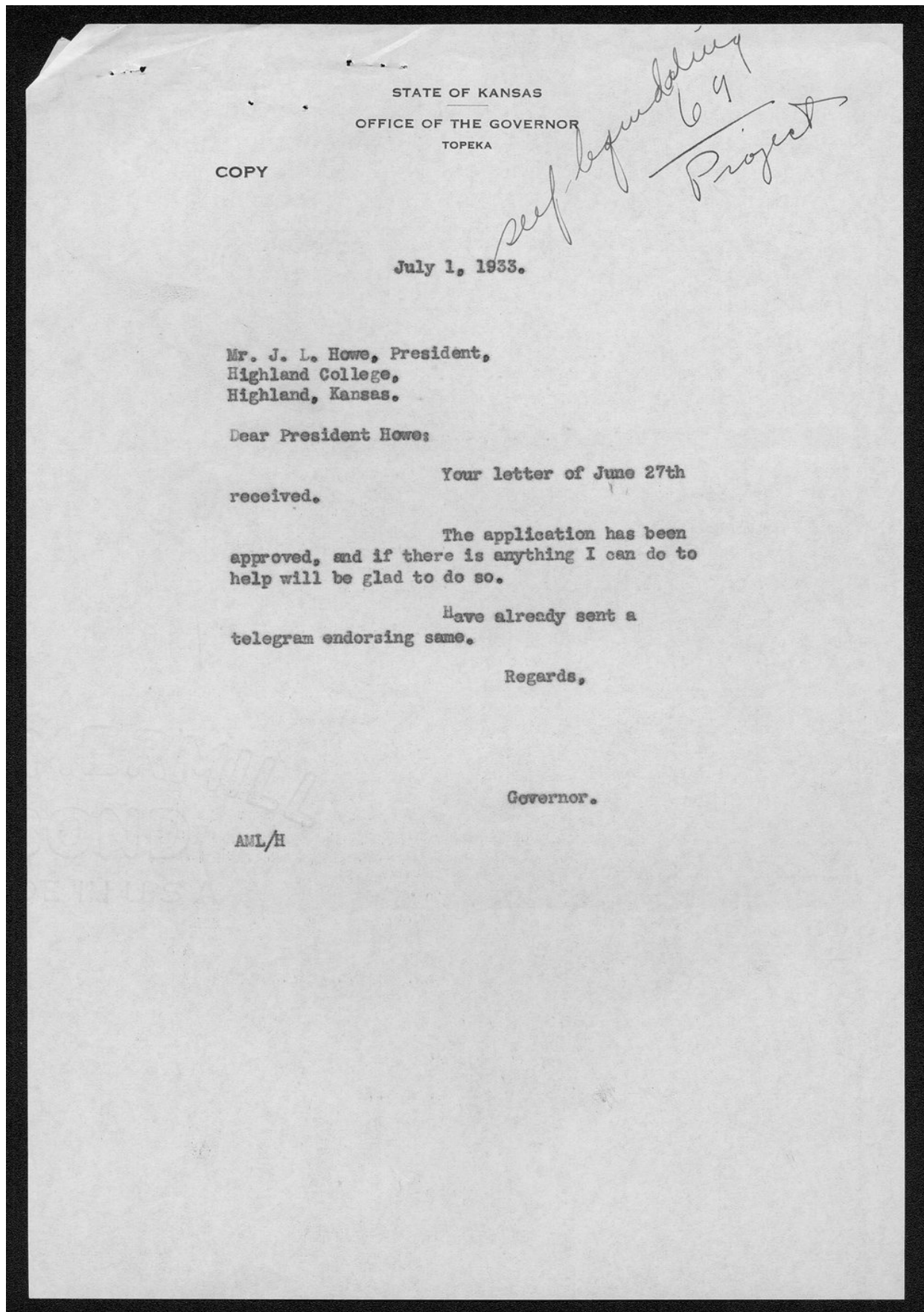
With the school laws of Kansas as they are
the only possible chance for junior college
opportunities for this corner of Kansas,
until those laws are changed, is in Highland
College. Service done for the College just now
is service done for four counties in north-east
Kansas. And it is service for the public. I have
heard from the man who has deeded property for
a library building. He is quite willing that
this should be offered as security if necessary.

Very sincerely,

President.

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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HIGHLAND COLLEGE
HIGHLAND, KANSAS
—
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

June 27 33

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

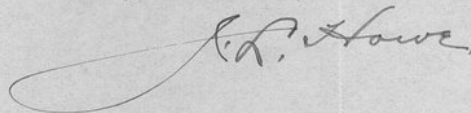
My dear Governor Landon:

A Mr Chapson of Alamosa, Colorado, deeded enough property to Highland College to build a Memorial library building, retaining a life interest in it. Mr Chapson is eighty years of age.

After our conversation yesterday on the phone the thing came to me that funds might become available through the R.F.C. to put up this building using, if necessary, Mr Chapson's property as security for the loan. I therefore put in an application for \$25,000 for a new library building. Mr Chapson's property is ample to cover such a loan. Considering Mr Chapson's health it is quite improbable that he will be "on this side" for even ten years.

As you may know Highland College was made an orphan by the Presbyterian Church thirteen years ago. We have been making our own way, which is no easy task in times like these. We have stuck to it because the College is needed here in this part of Kansas. Not until the school laws of Kansas are revised can there be junior college privileges, other than Highland offers, for the young folks of this corner of Kansas. Anything done for Highland College is for the public good. If there is a chance that this may get through it will be a boon for these four or five counties. I thank you for calling.

Very cordially,



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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

*Self-liquidating
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July 29, 1933

*School Bldg.
Project.*

Miss Nova G. Moody, Supt.
Beeler Public Schools
Beeler, Kansas

Dear Miss Moody:

Your letter of July 27th, seeking information as to the manner of securing funds from the federal government's public works program for the construction of a school house at Beeler, is received.

I think it undoubtedly would be possible for you to secure a contribution from the public works program to the extent of thirty per cent of the cost of your proposed building. These plans and specifications should be submitted to the Kansas board named by the President to approve of these projects. The members of this board are:

R. J. Paulette, Salina, Kansas
Martin Miller, Ft. Scott, "
Ralph Snyder, Manhattan, "

The State Planning Committee which I named goes out of existence with the naming of this Board. All we did was to assemble the plans and specifications in the different communities over Kansas and have them ready to submit this board when and if it was named.

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I would suggest that you have your city attorney examine the statutes for the purpose of determining whether you need any special legislation at the coming session of the legislature to enable you to secure these funds. I think the sidewalks could undoubtedly be included in this program, and I am sure you can secure help to the extent of thirty per cent from the Public Works program of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

Yours very truly,

Governor



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Beeler Public Schools

NOVA G. MOODY, Superintendent

Beeler, Kansas,

7/27/33

Gov. Alf M Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

Honorable Sir:

Will you kindly advise whether federal money would be available for the construction of a rural high school building to the extent of 30% of the valuation. You are to understand that we have an available sinking fund and no bonds would be necessary, but said fund is itself inadequate for the desired project and the usual levy for said fund was discontinued this year in consideration of distressing financial conditions.

Further, would a small amount of money be available for the construction of a sidewalk from the present site to join sidewalks on frontage of regular town lots, said walk passing ground not so divided into lots and therefore not improved by walks. It was thought this might be included under the same head as paving in other towns.

Most respectfully yours,

Nova G. Moody
Nova G. Moody.



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OFFICE, 948 WABASH
OFFICE PHONE 3-3966
RES. PHONE 3-3085

Unsent answer

DR. RALPH L. FUNK
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Project
July 25 - 1935

Hon. Alf. Landon,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Governor Landon:

I am writing you hoping to help interest you and to secure your aid in the building of the Kiro Dam. It certainly seems to me that only a man who has the welfare of the people of Kansas at heart can hardly be of any other opinion than that the Dam would be a great thing for Kansas especially this part of the state. It is needless to call your attention to its financial advantage to us as you know as much or more about that than I do. The people of the Kiro basin will of course be well paid for their interest and their homes. In the event of another disastrous flood, and we will have it, who is to pay the people in the valley below the dam (proposed) for their losses of property and what is more valuable the loss of life which always goes with those things. Let us have the Kiro Dam and protect these lives and property and end for many years to come this awful depression. Soliciting your earnest aid I am
Very truly
R L Funk

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Dr. R. P. Cy
A. ROTHWELL, D. D. S.

948 WABASH AVENUE
PHONE 33966
TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 25, 1933

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Kansas State Capital,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Believing in the benefits to the nation and to the state of Kansas and to the city of Topeka, to be derived from the building of the proposed dam at Kiro, Kansas, I am writing to petition you publicly to throw the weight of your influence in favor of this project.

Yours very truly,
A. Rothwell.

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JOHN M SHEA.



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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT
FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

ENROLLED MEN HAVE ARRIVED IN JEWELL COUNTY AND ARE READY TO START WORK ON WHITE ROCK PROJECT STOP IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE WORK WE ARE WILLING TO DETAIL A REGULAR FOREST SERVICE OFFICER TO THE CAMP AS RESIDENT SUPERINTENDENT WILL HIRE TWO ENGINEERS OF OUR OWN CHOOSING AND RUN THE CAMP WITH CREW LEADERS SELECTED FROM THE ENROLLED MEN THEMSELVES THUS MAKING UNNECESSARY EMPLOYMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OR FOREMEN FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES STOP THIS ARRANGEMENT ON CONDITION THAT JEWELL COUNTY PROJECT REMAIN A STATE ENTERPRISE UNDER THE GENERAL TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND DIRECTOR FECHNER AS OUTLINED IN HIS TELEGRAM OF MAY FIVE STOP WIRE IF YOU APPROVE=

PECK.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

OTTAWA, KANSAS

July 18, 1933

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Honorable Alf M. Landon, Governor
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Mr. Landon:

I appreciate your kind letter of the 6th which came to my office during an absence from the city.

Ottawa University is in the midst of a local campaign to raise \$20,000 in order to balance its budget. Much as we should like to do so, we do not deem it fair or wise at present to inaugurate any project which would involve any outlay on our part, and which, in the event of a loan from the R. F. C. or its successor, would require payment within two years.

We have talked the matter over with several, including Mr. Fred Harris of this city, and are sure that we are not in a position to take the responsibility of a further loan.

If the Public Works Program could help us refinance our indebtedness at lower rates of interest, this would be a great boon.

I thank you for your kindness and interest.

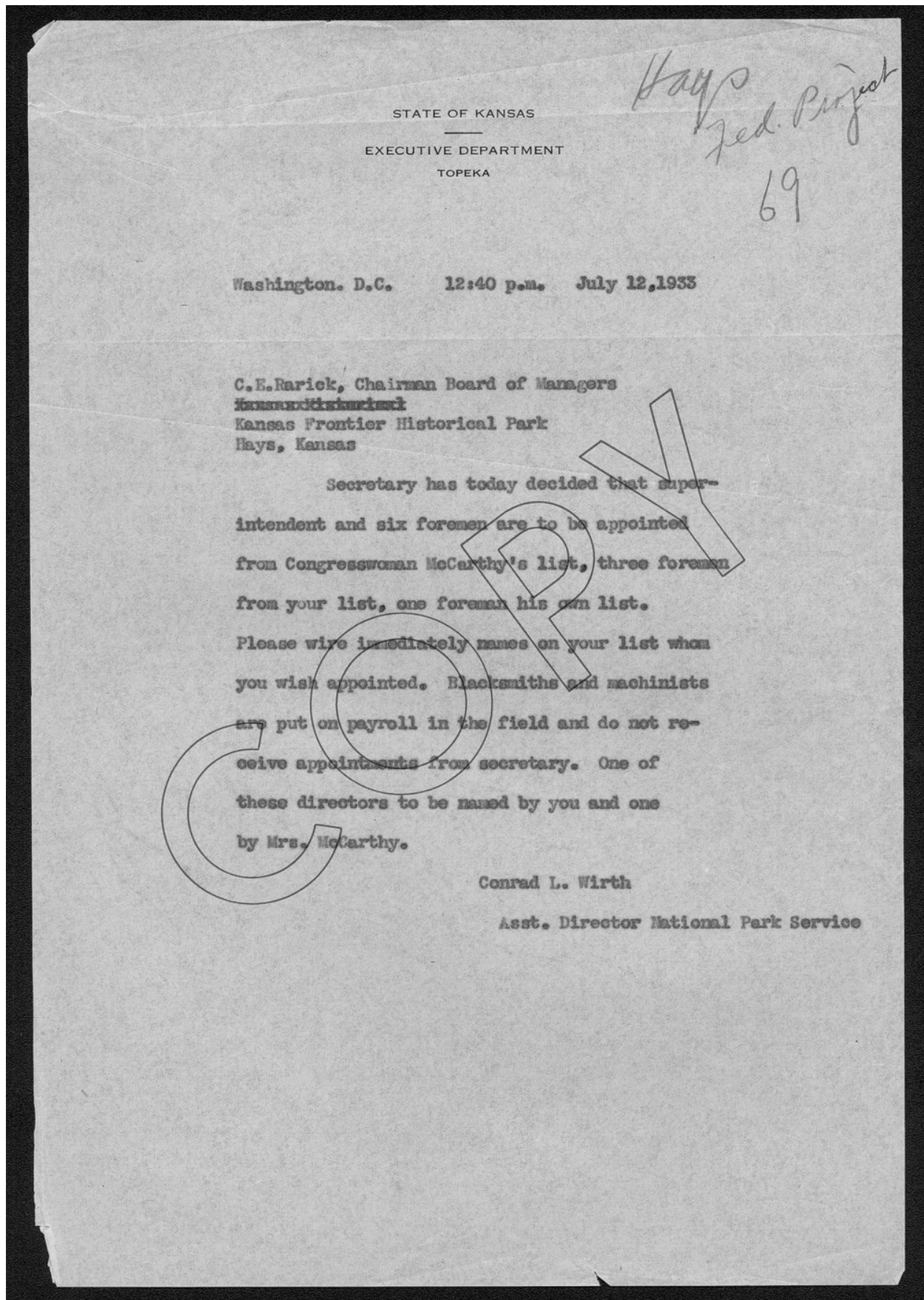
Sincerely yours,

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Acting-President

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Southwestern College

Winfield, Kansas

July 11, 1933.

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Hon. Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor Landon:

Southwestern College is not in a position to make application for help under the self-liquidating loan projects. We would not care to accept a building if one were given to us for the reason that at the present time we do not want the added expense of the operation of a building. We are cutting all expenses to the minimum and shall continue to do so with a view to reducing our out-go on the budget to the same figure as the income.

If provision could be made so that aid could be given in the carrying of student notes it would greatly assist the colleges of the state. This would not increase the cost of operation but would increase the income of the institution from the standpoint of increased tuition. The young people securing such help would be removed from the field of competition as labor in the state and would be preparing for greater usefulness in the future. There is a time when education should be secured. When this age passes in the life of a young man or woman oftentimes the desire for it is passed forever. If provision could be made so that each school would have a ten to fifteen thousand dollar loan which it could place at the disposition of needy students this would go far toward meeting the present problems of these small colleges. This loan would have to be at a reasonable rate of interest and would have to be made for a term of years. I wish something of this kind could be worked out. It would greatly assist the present time in meeting the difficulties of each individual college. Thank you for your kindly interest in this great work. We are sorely put to it just for operating expenses. Of course, this does not in any way involve our endowments.



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Yours,

Frank E. Mossman
Frank E. Mossman, President.