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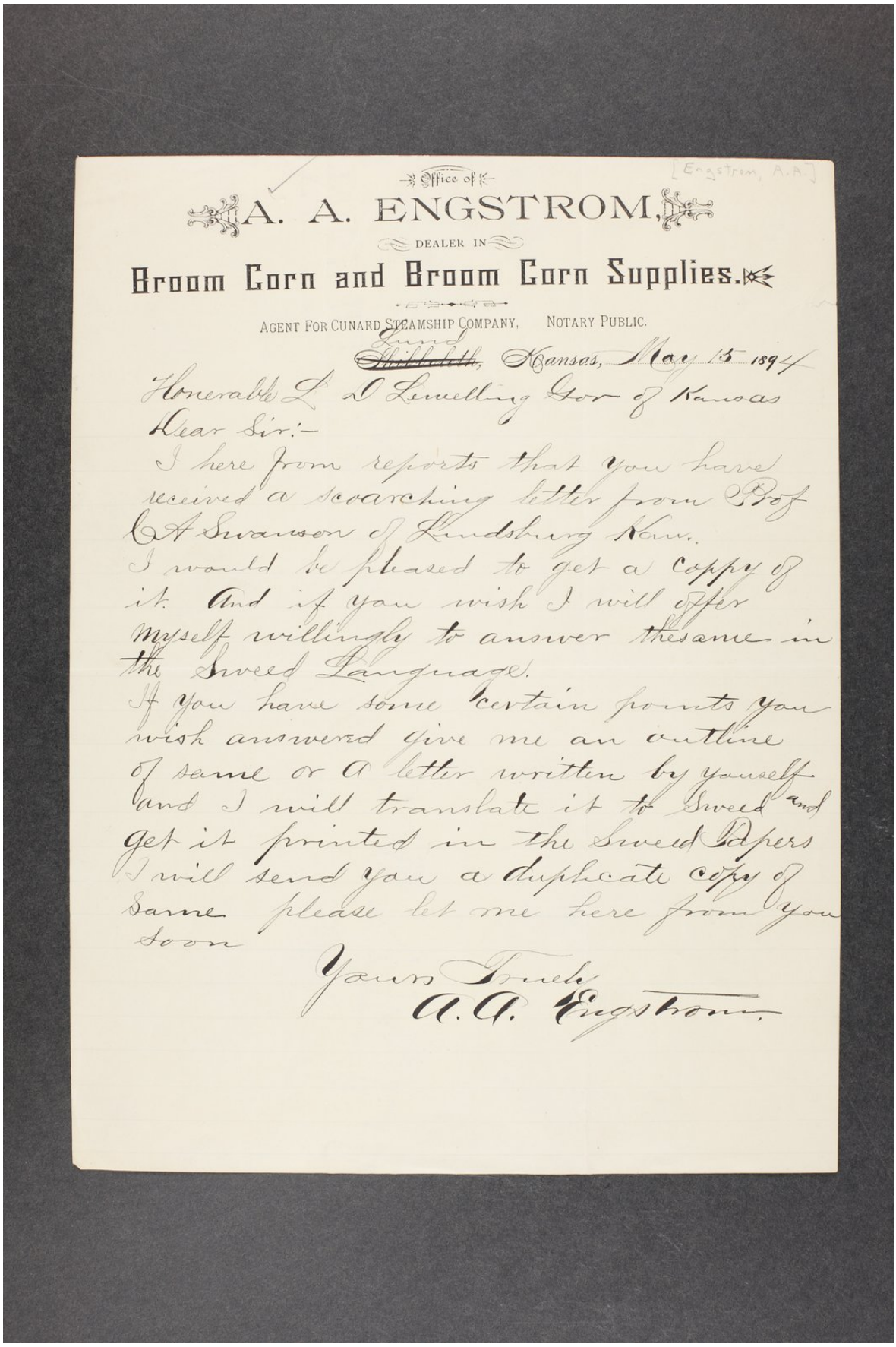
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~~Lindsborg~~, Kansas, May 15 1894

Honerable L D Lewelling Gov of Kansas

Dear Sir:-

I here from reports that you have received a searching letter from Prof A Swanson of Lindsborg Kan. I would be pleased to get a coppy of it And if you wish I will offer myself willingly to answer the same in the Sweed Language.

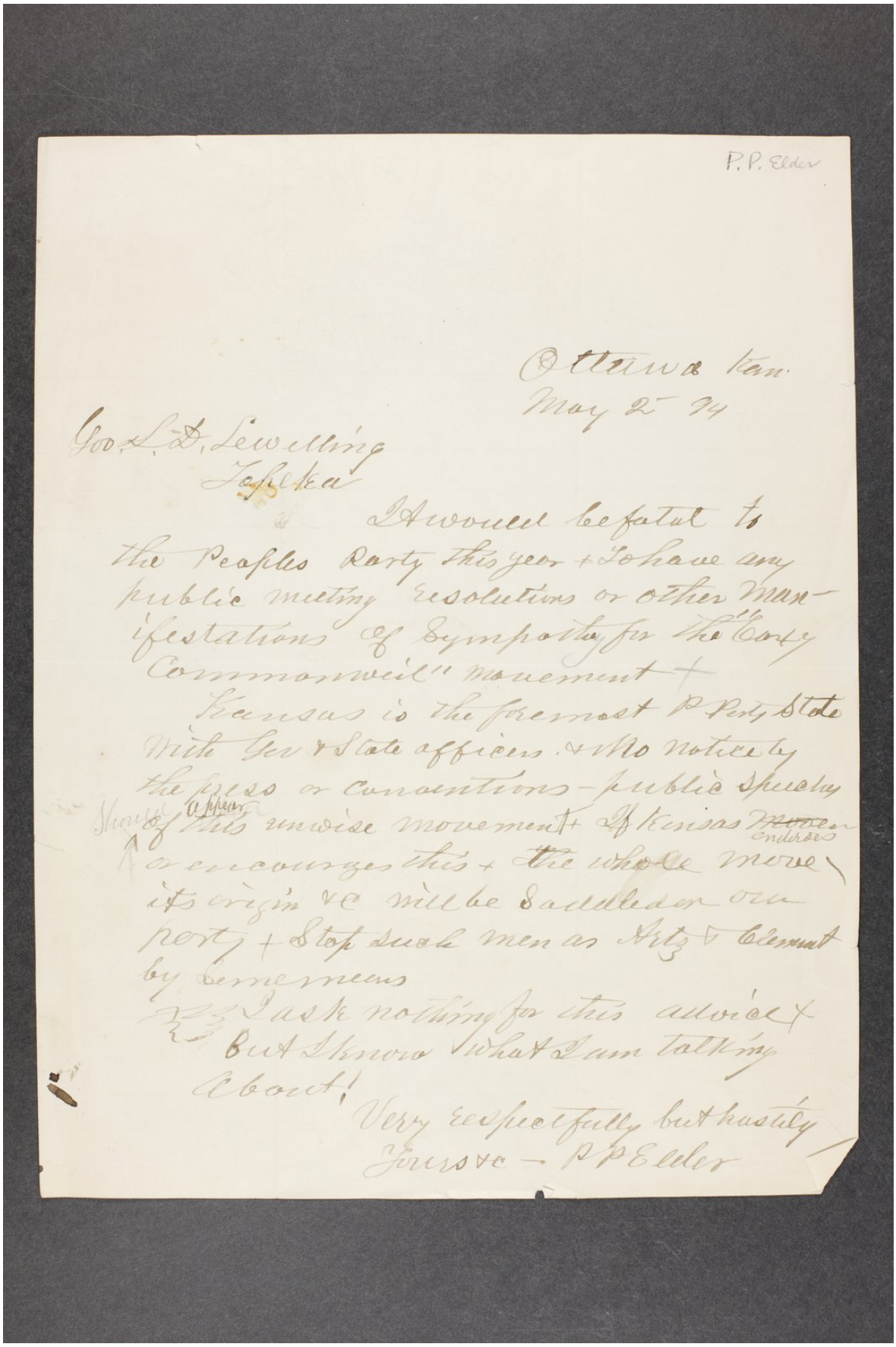
If you have some certain points you wish answered give me an outline of same or A letter written by yourself and I will translate it to Sweed and get it printed in the Sweed Papers I will send you a duplicate copy of same please let me here from you soon

Yours Truely

A. A. Engstrom

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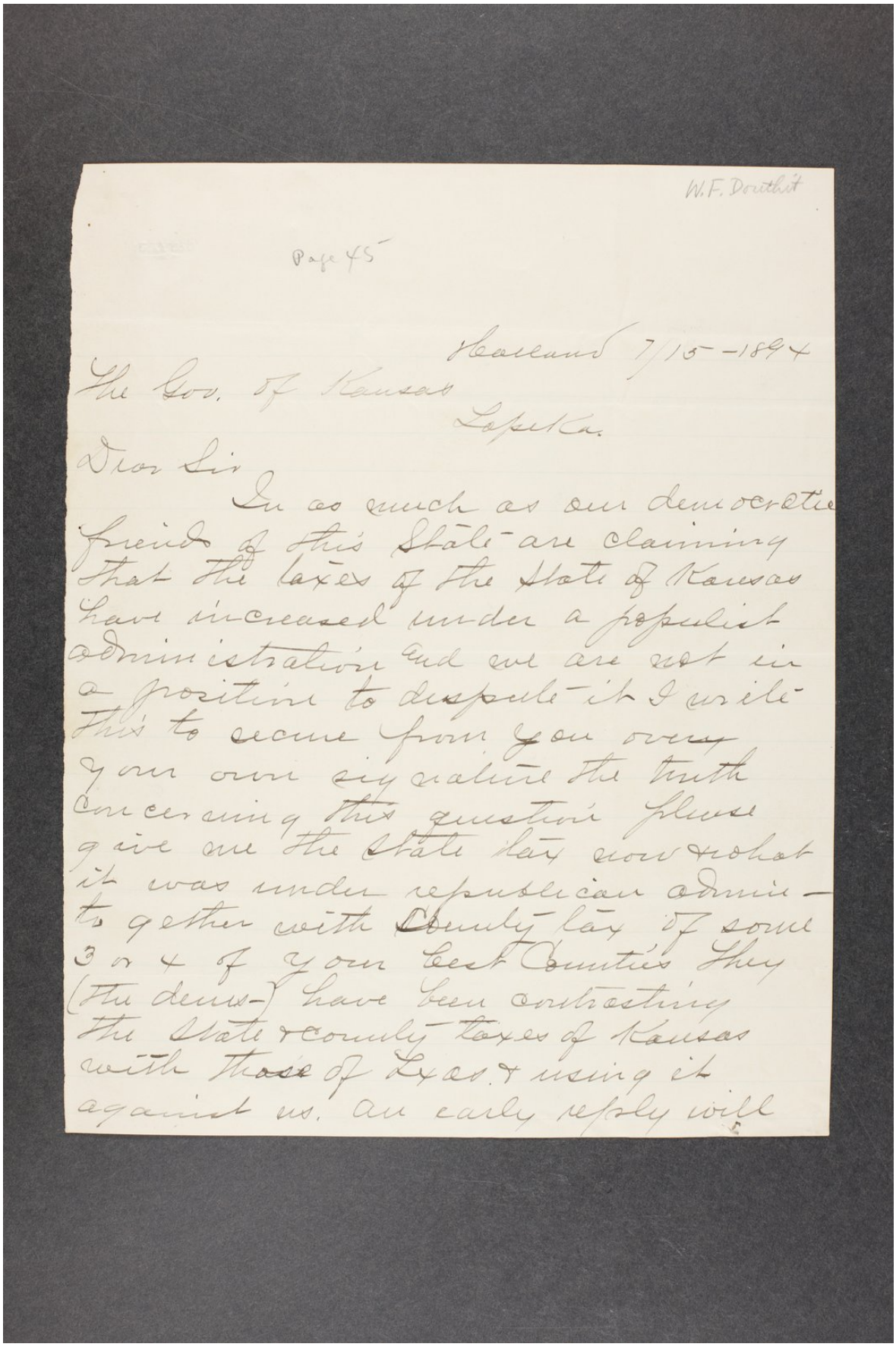


P. P. Elder

Ottawa Kan.
May 2nd 94

Gov. L. D. Lewelling
Topeka

I would be fatal to the Peoples Party this year + to have any public meeting resolutions or other manifestations of sympathy for the "Coxey Commonweil" movement +
Kansas is the foremost P. Party State with Gov + State officers + who notice by the press or conventions - public speeches of this unwise movement + if Kansas appear or encourages this + the whole move its origin + we will be saddled on our party + Stop such men as Artz + Clemmons by some means
I ask nothing for this advice + but I know what I am talking about!
Very respectfully but hastily
Yours &c - P P Elder



W. F. Douthit

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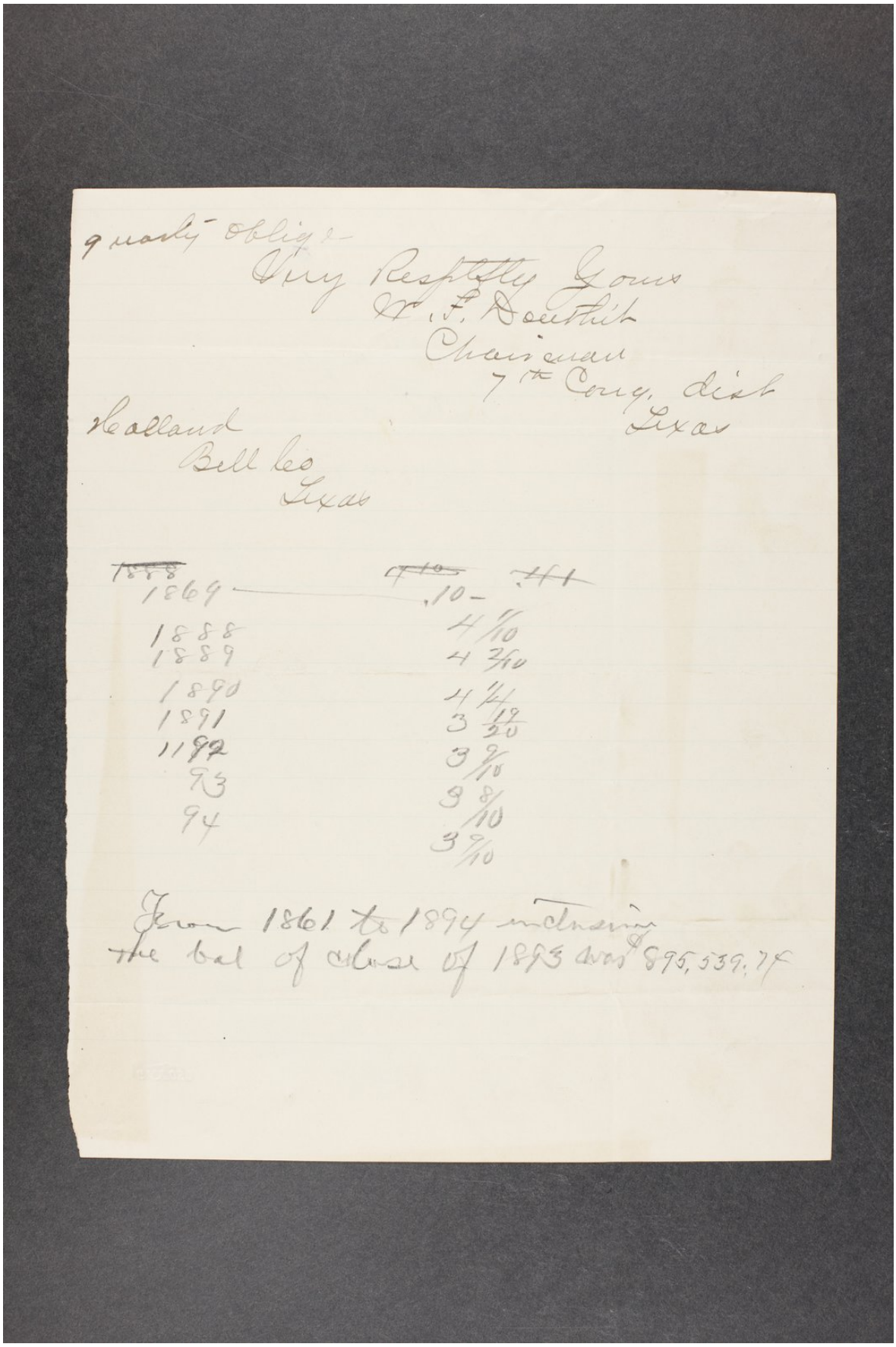
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The Gov. of Kansas

Topeka.

Dear Sir

In as much as our democratic friends of this State are claiming that the taxes of the State of Kansas have increased under a populist administration and we are not in a position to dispute it I write this to secure from you over your own signature the truth concerning this question please give me the State tax now and what it was under republican administration together with County tax of some 3 or 4 of your best Counties they (the dems-) have been contrasting the State & county taxes of Kansas with those of Texas & using it against us. An early reply will

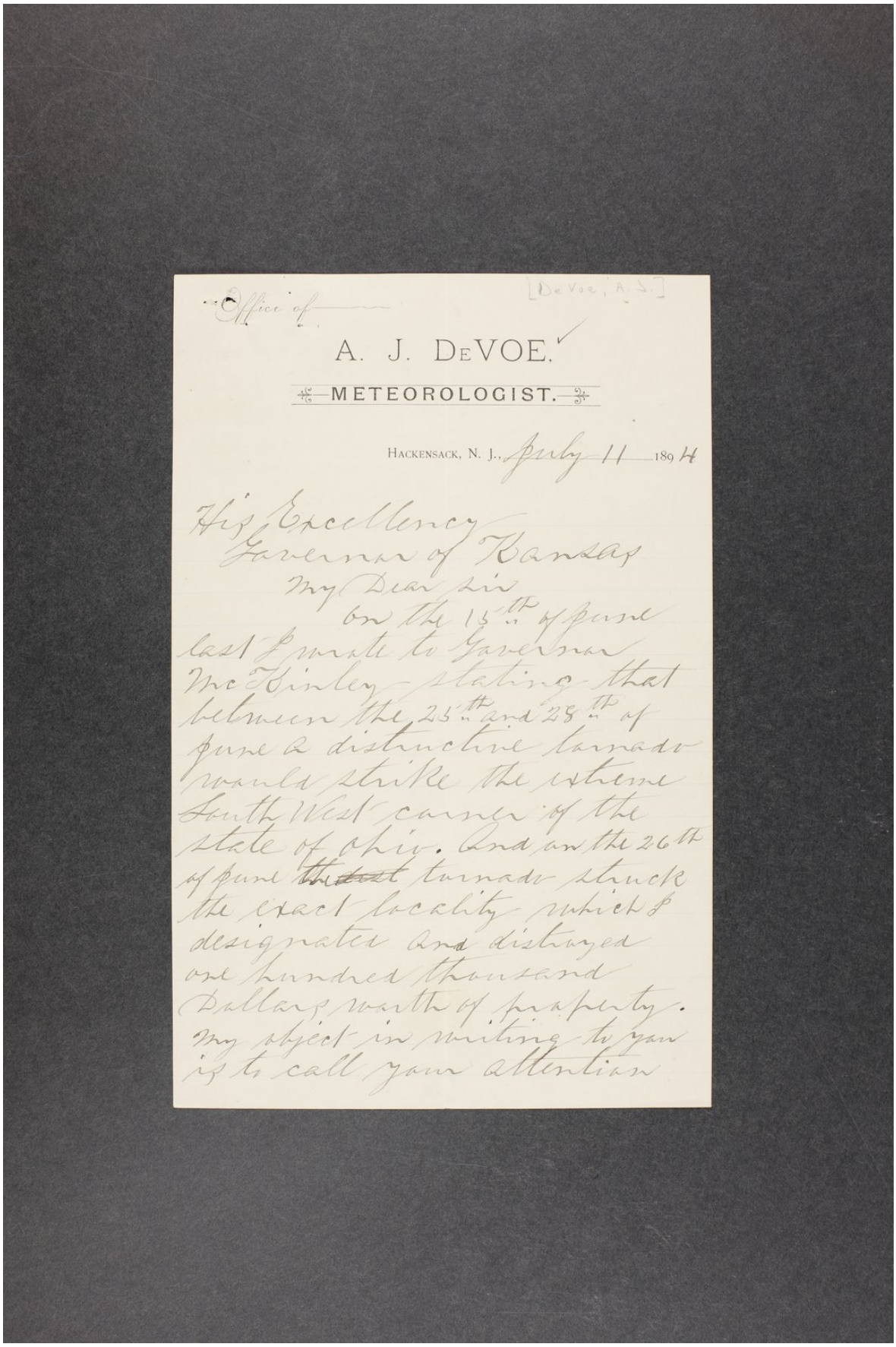


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Very Respectfully Yours
W. F. Douthit
Chairman
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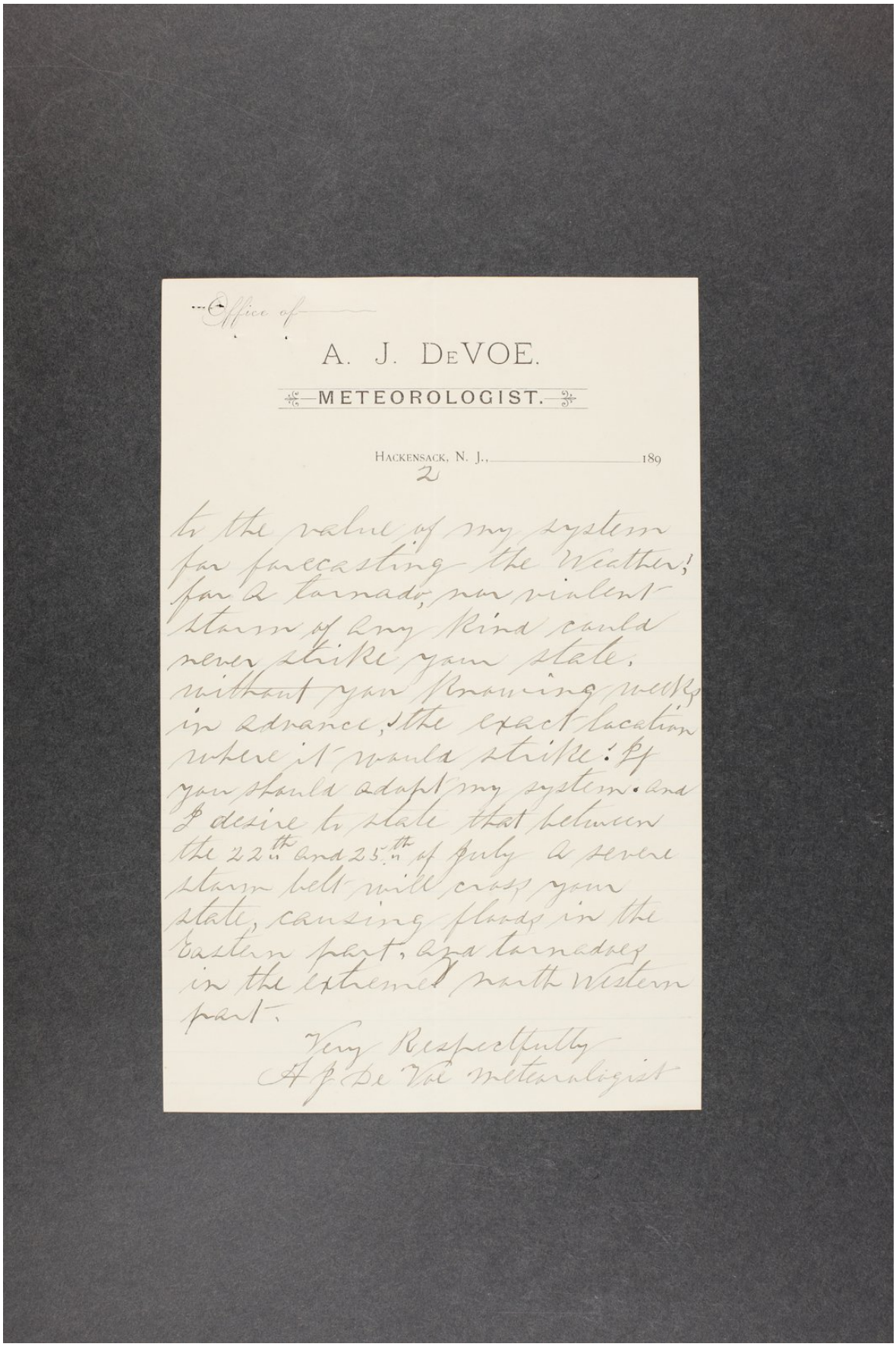
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A. J. DeVOE.

METEOROLOGIST.

HACKENSACK, N. J., June 11 1894

His Excellency
Governor of Kansas
My Dear Sir
On the 13th of June
last I wrote to Governor
McKinley stating that
between the 25th and 28th of
June a distinctive tornado
would strike the extreme
South West corner of the
state of Ohio. And on the 26th
of June ~~the last~~ tornado struck
the exact locality which I
designated and distroyed
one hundred thousand
Dollars worth of property.
My object in writing to you
is to call your attention



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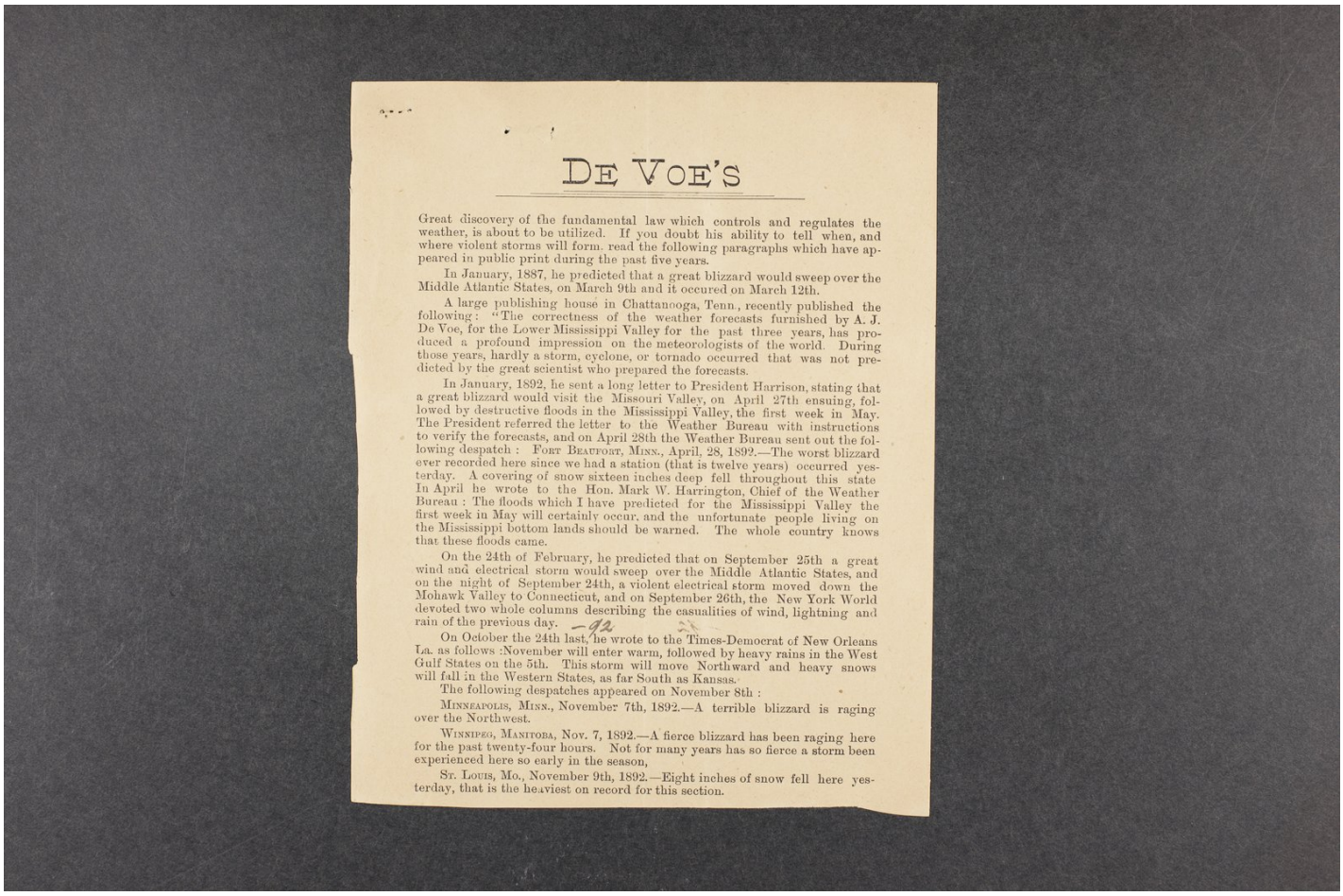
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to the value of my system for forecasting the weather; for a tornado, nor violent storm of any kind could never strike your state, without your knowing weeks in advance, the exact location where it would strike: If you should adopt my system. and I desire to state that between the 22nd and 25th of July a severe storm belt will cross your state, causing floods in the Eastern part, and tornadoes in the extreme North Western part.

Very Respectfully
A. J. DeVoe Meteorologist



DE VOE'S

Great discovery of the fundamental law which controls and regulates the weather, is about to be utilized. If you doubt his ability to tell when, and where violent storms will form. read the following paragraphs which have appeared in public print during the past five years.

In January, 1887, he predicted that a great blizzard would sweep over the Middle Atlantic States, on March 9th and it occured on March 12th.

A large publishing house in Chattanooga, Tenn., recently published the following: "The correctness of the weather forecasts furnished by A. J. De Voe, for the Lower Mississippi Valley for the past three years, has produced a profound impression on the meteorologists of the world. During those years, hardly a storm, cyclone, or tornado occurred that was not predicted by the great scientist who prepared the forecasts.

In January, 1892, he sent a long letter to President Harrison, stating that a great blizzard would visit the Missouri Valley, on April 27th ensuing, followed by destructive floods in the Mississippi Valley, the first week in May. The President referred the letter to the Weather Bureau with instructions to verify the forecasts, and on April 28th the Weather Bureau sent out the following despatch: FORT BEAUFORT, MINN., April, 28, 1892.—The worst blizzard ever recorded here since we had a station (that is twelve years) occurred yesterday. A covering of snow sixteen inches deep fell throughout this state In April he wrote to the Hon. Mark W. Harrington, Chief of the Weather Bureau: The floods which I have predicted for the Mississippi Valley the first week in May will certainly occur, and the unfortunate people living on the Mississippi bottom lands should be warned. The whole country knows that these floods came.

On the 24th of February, he predicted that on September 25th a great wind and electrical storm would sweep over the Middle Atlantic States, and on the night of September 24th, a violent electrical storm moved down the Mohawk Valley to Connecticut, and on September 26th, the New York World devoted two whole columns describing the casualities of wind, lightning and rain of the previous day. -92

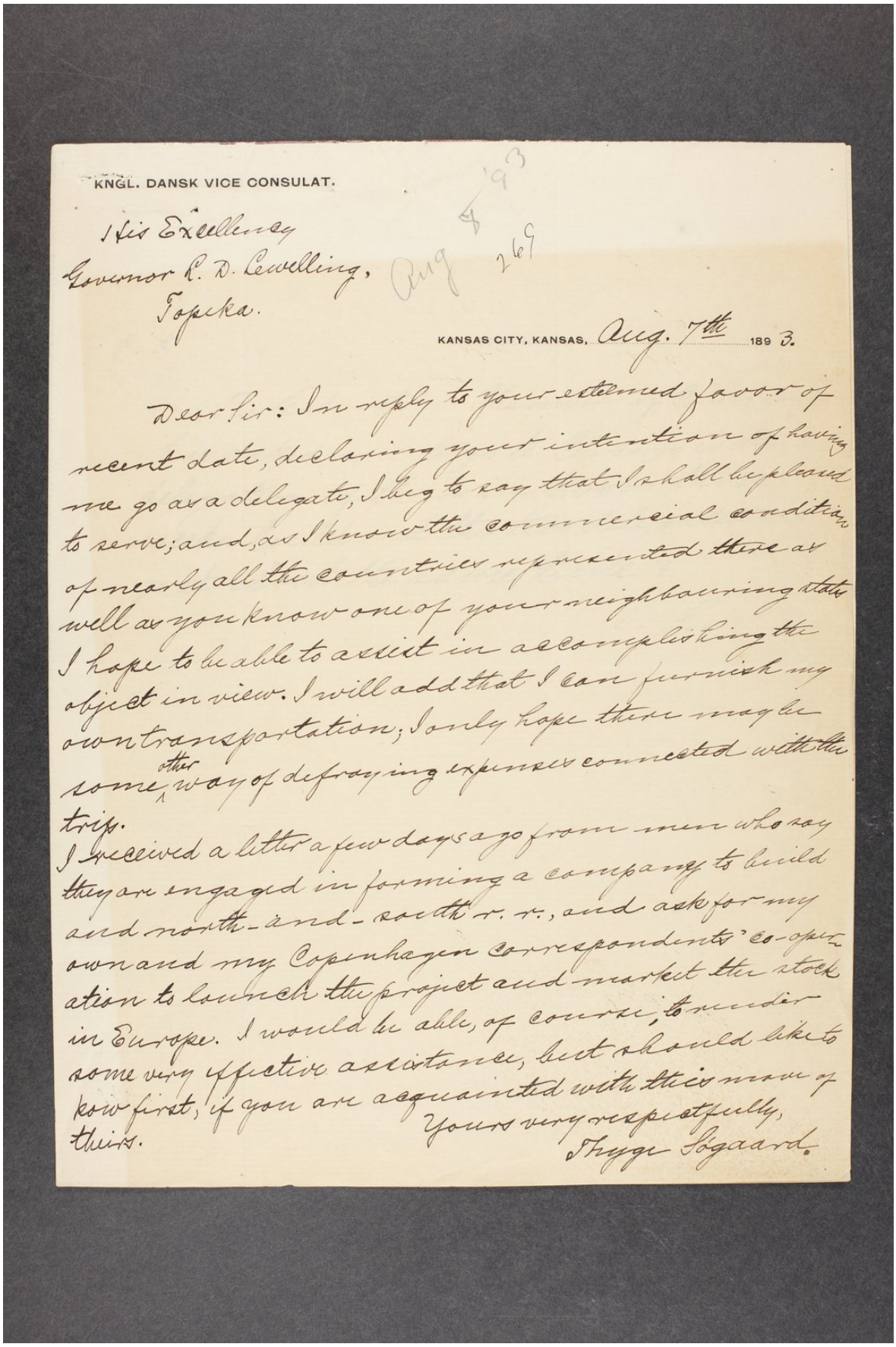
On October the 24th last, he wrote to the Times-Democrat of New Orleans La. as follows :November will enter warm, followed by heavy rains in the West Gulf States on the 5th. This storm will move Northward and heavy snows will fall in the Western States, as far South as Kansas.

The following despatches appeared on November 8th :

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., November 7th, 1892.—A terrible blizzard is raging over the Northwest.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, Nov. 7, 1892.—A fierce blizzard has been raging here for the past twenty-four hours. Not for many years has so fierce a storm been experienced here so early in the season,

ST. LOUIS, MO., November 9th, 1892.—Eight inches of snow fell here yesterday, that is the heaviest on record for this section.



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His Excellency
Governor L. D. Lewelling,
Topeka.

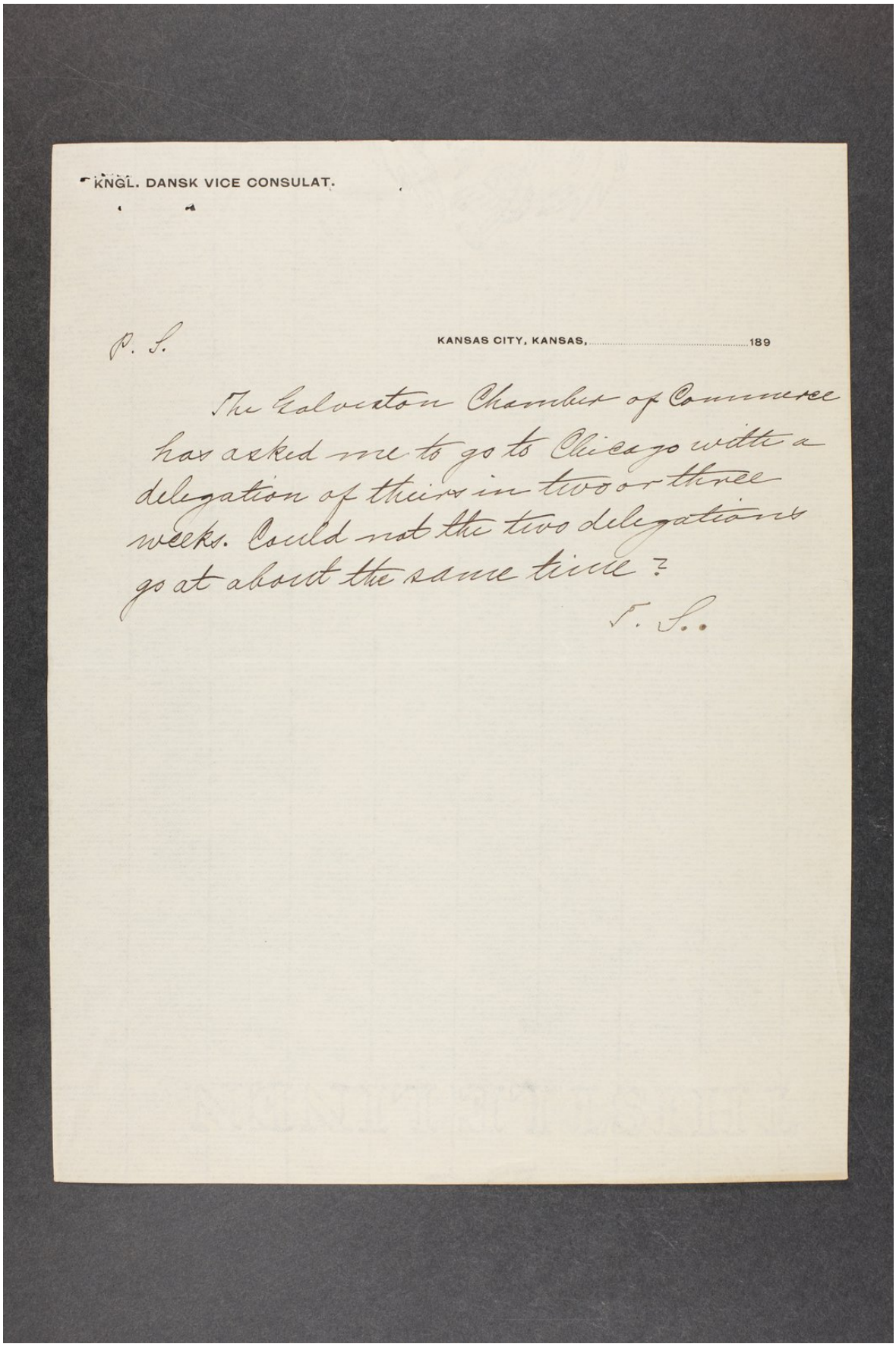
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Dear Sir: In reply to your esteemed favor of recent date, declaring your intention of having me go as a delegate, I beg to say that I shall be pleased to serve; and, as I know the commercial conditions of nearly all the countries represented there as well as you know one of your neighbouring states I hope to be able to assist in accomplishing the object in view. I will add that I can furnish my own transportation; I only hope there may be some other way of defraying expenses connected with the trip.

I received a letter a few days ago from men who say they are engaged in forming a company to build and north-and-south r. r., and ask for my own and my Copenhagen correspondents' co-operation to launch the project and market the stock in Europe. I would be able, of course, to render some very effective assistance, but should like to know first, if you are acquainted with the men of theirs.

Yours very respectfully,
Thygo Sogaard.



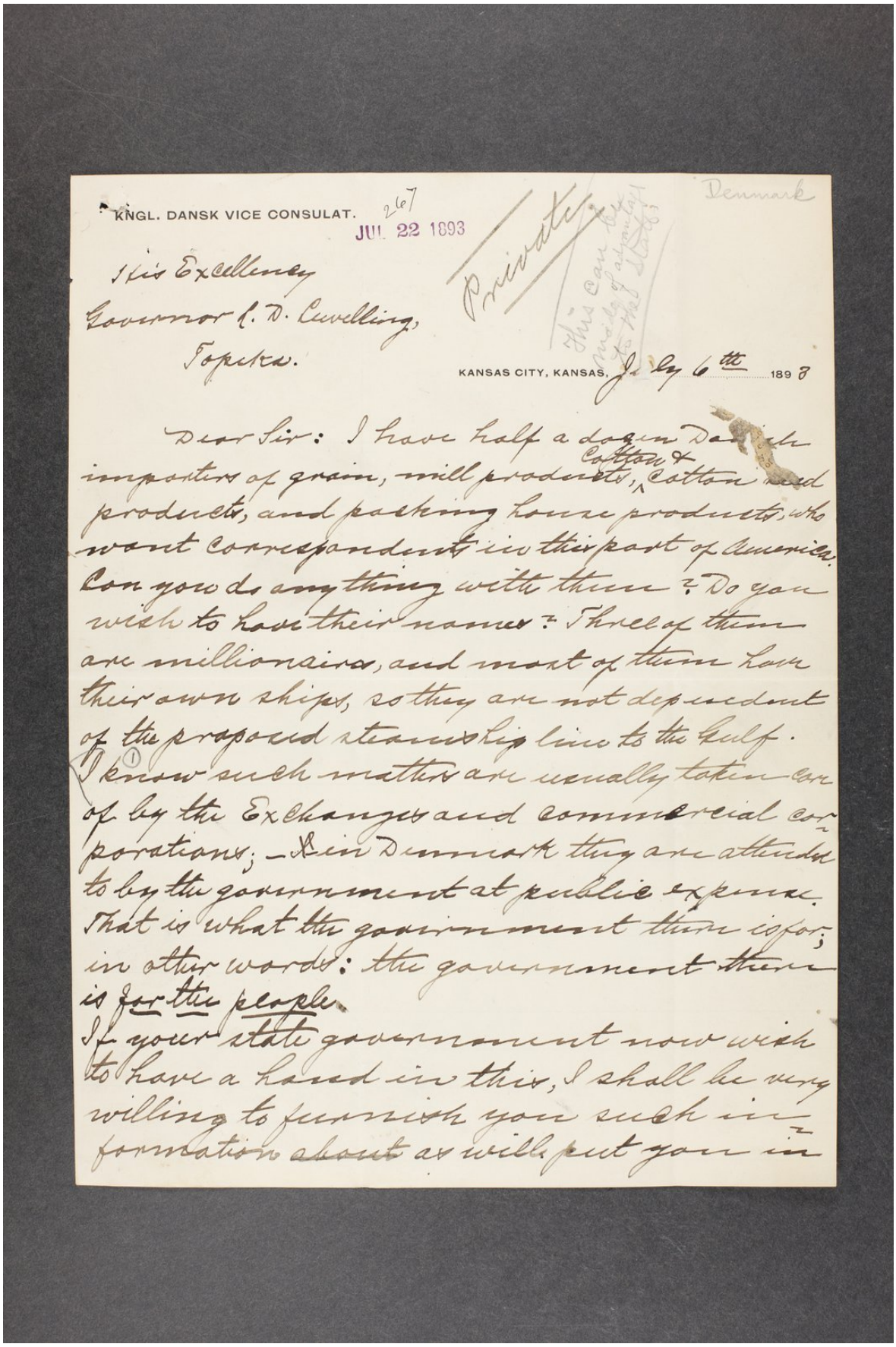
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P. S.

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The Galveston Chamber of Commerce has asked me to go to Chicago with a delegation of theirs in two or three weeks. Could not the two delegations go at about the same time?

Y. S.



KNGL. DANSK VICE CONSULAT.

JUL 22 1893

Denmark

His Excellency
Governor L. D. Lewelling,
Topeka.

Private

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, July 6th 1893

Dear Sir: I have half a dozen Danish importers of grain, mill products, Cotton & Cotton seed products, and packing house products, who want correspondents in this part of America. Can you do anything with them? Do you wish to have their names? Three of them are millionaires, and most of them have their own ships, so they are not dependent of the proposed steamship line to the Gulf. I know such matters are usually taken care of by the Exchanges and commercial corporations; - Here in Denmark they are attended to by the government at public expense. That is what the government there is for; in other words: the government there is for the people.

If your state government now wish to have a hand in this, I shall be very willing to furnish you such information about as will put you in

a position to work with good effect. If the government of the state of Kansas really wants to take hold it certainly ought to be able to accomplish at least as much as I have accomplished all alone; and I have so far placed ~~eight~~ two millers, ~~ten~~ cotton exporters, two grain men, two packers, and one cotton seed firm in the Southwest in direct connection with buyers in Copenhagen and the provinces. I can get buyers, I have ~~ten~~ correspondents now who will buy our Kansas grain (and mill products) by the cargo, and pay cash against the shipper's bill of lading; should it not be possible, under the management of county business agents, to ship through to Denmark directly from the farmers' graineries or threshing machines?

The steamship line is now almost an assured fact; it is only a question of time, and what harbor on the Gulf shall come to. But much work is yet to be done. Would you and the state government not be

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disposed to do part of it, and ultimately have some of the credit? Would the state government not be disposed to send a capable man to Copenhagen to secure that S. S. line either for Galveston or N. Orleans and thereby place the railroads terminating at the port Charm under lasting obligations to you? We all know that the N. P. Co. would make any sort of sacrifice to secure the traffic resulting from such a s. s. line. Very likely free transportation could be secured, and $200 would all that would be needed.

As there is no Commercial Bureau under the State Government I submit this matter and the various questions for your personal consideration. Nobody will deny they are of the most vital importance to the people of Kansas, - questions that

touch the packet boats of the farmer, miller, ~~and~~ merchant and railroad manager alike, — questions that would reach the ballot box. I need not explain what it would mean for a young party in a political campaign to be able to point to efforts which showed good intentions, and which had resulted in practical benefits.

Hoping to hear from you

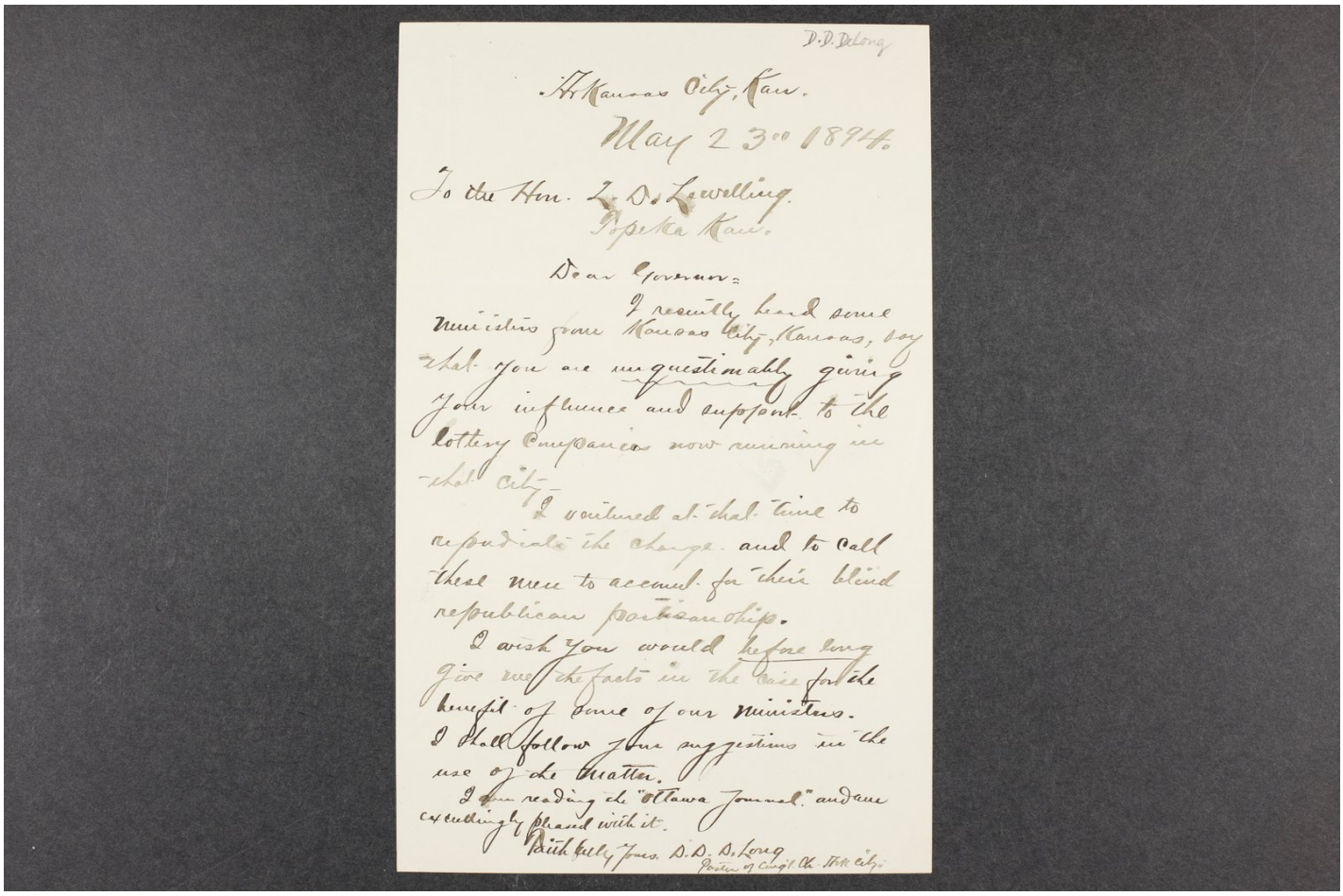
I remain, Sir,

Yours obd't servant,

Thygo Sörgård.

P. S.

If direct shipping by farmers was inaugurated the railroads would be making bids for the freight — and for the good will and favor of those who had this business in hand. — A K. C. grain firm, who also do business at N. O. has offered to engage (buy) the entire carrying capacity of the prospective s. s. line on eastbound trips, for one year, two ships a month, 2500 to 3000 tons each. The question is however to get westbound freight. Item a firm terminating at N. O. has opened me to have their European agents try to secure the great shipments of tin from Silvania, and crockery from Liverpool. I have forwarded a written bid from the above mentioned firm to Copenhagen. T. S.



D. D. Delong

Ft Kansas City, Kan.

May 23rd 1894.

To the Hon. L. D. Lewelling.
Topeka Kan.

Dear Governor:

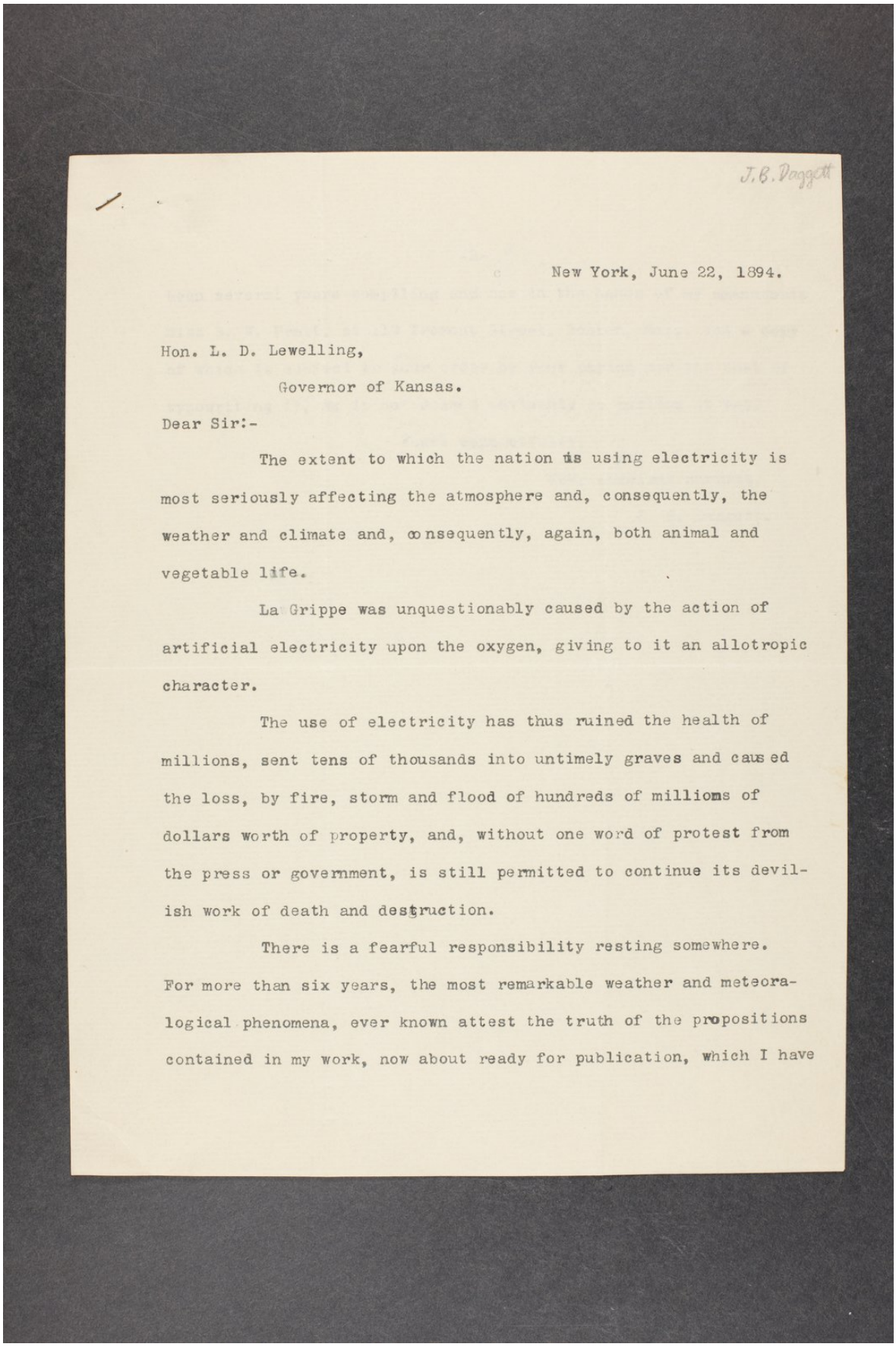
I recently heard some ministers of Kansas City, Kansas, say that you are unquestionably giving your influence and support to the lottery companies now running in that city.

I ventured at that time to repudiate the charge and to call these men to account for their blind republican partisanship.

I wish you would before long give me the facts in the case for the benefit of some of our ministers. I shall follow your suggestions in the use of the matter.

I am reading the "Ottawa Journal" and am exceedingly pleased with it.

With kindly greetings D. D. D. Long
Pastor of Chapel Ch. Ft. K. City.



J.B. Daggett

New York, June 22, 1894.

Hon. L. D. Lewelling,

Governor of Kansas.

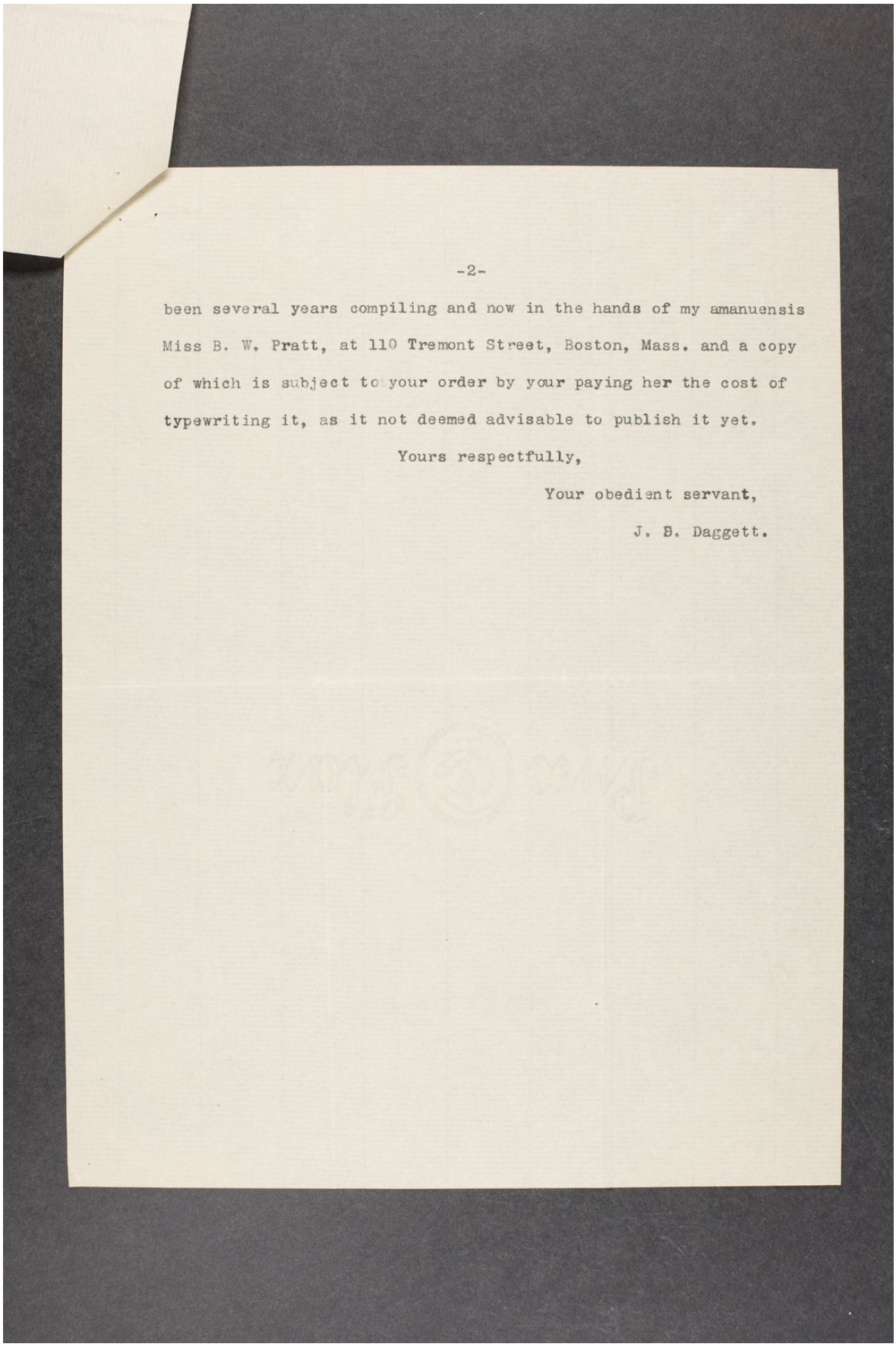
Dear Sir:-

The extent to which the nation is using electricity is most seriously affecting the atmosphere and, consequently, the weather and climate and, consequently, again, both animal and vegetable life.

La Grippe was unquestionably caused by the action of artificial electricity upon the oxygen, giving to it an allotropic character.

The use of electricity has thus ruined the health of millions, sent tens of thousands into untimely graves and caused the loss, by fire, storm and flood of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property, and, without one word of protest from the press or government, is still permitted to continue its devilish work of death and destruction.

There is a fearful responsibility resting somewhere. For more than six years, the most remarkable weather and meteorological phenomena, ever known attest the truth of the propositions contained in my work, now about ready for publication, which I have

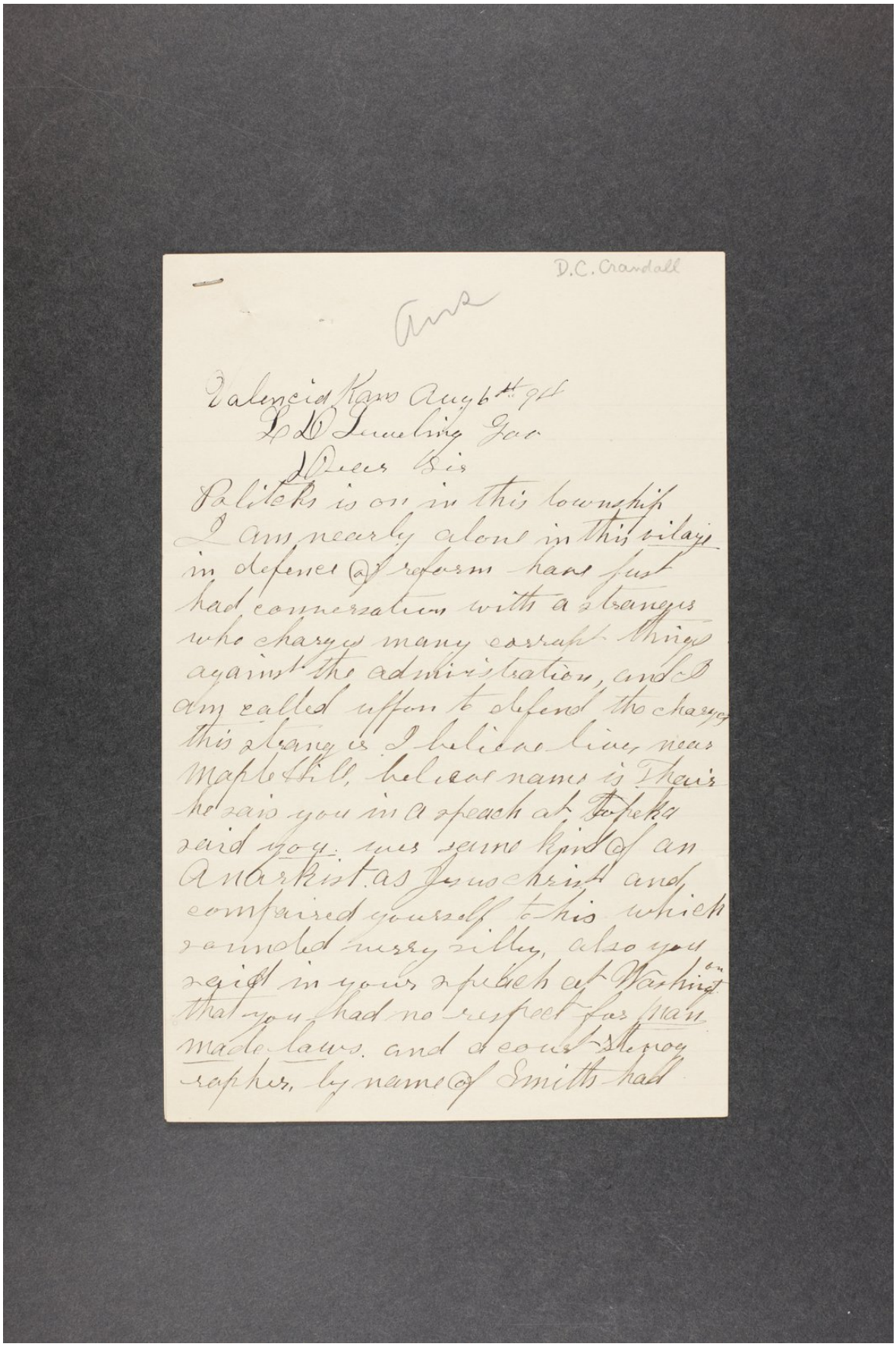


been several years compiling and now in the hands of my amanuensis Miss B. W. Pratt, at 110 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass. and a copy of which is subject to your order by your paying her the cost of typewriting it, as it not deemed advisable to publish it yet.

Yours respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. Daggett.



D.C. Crandall

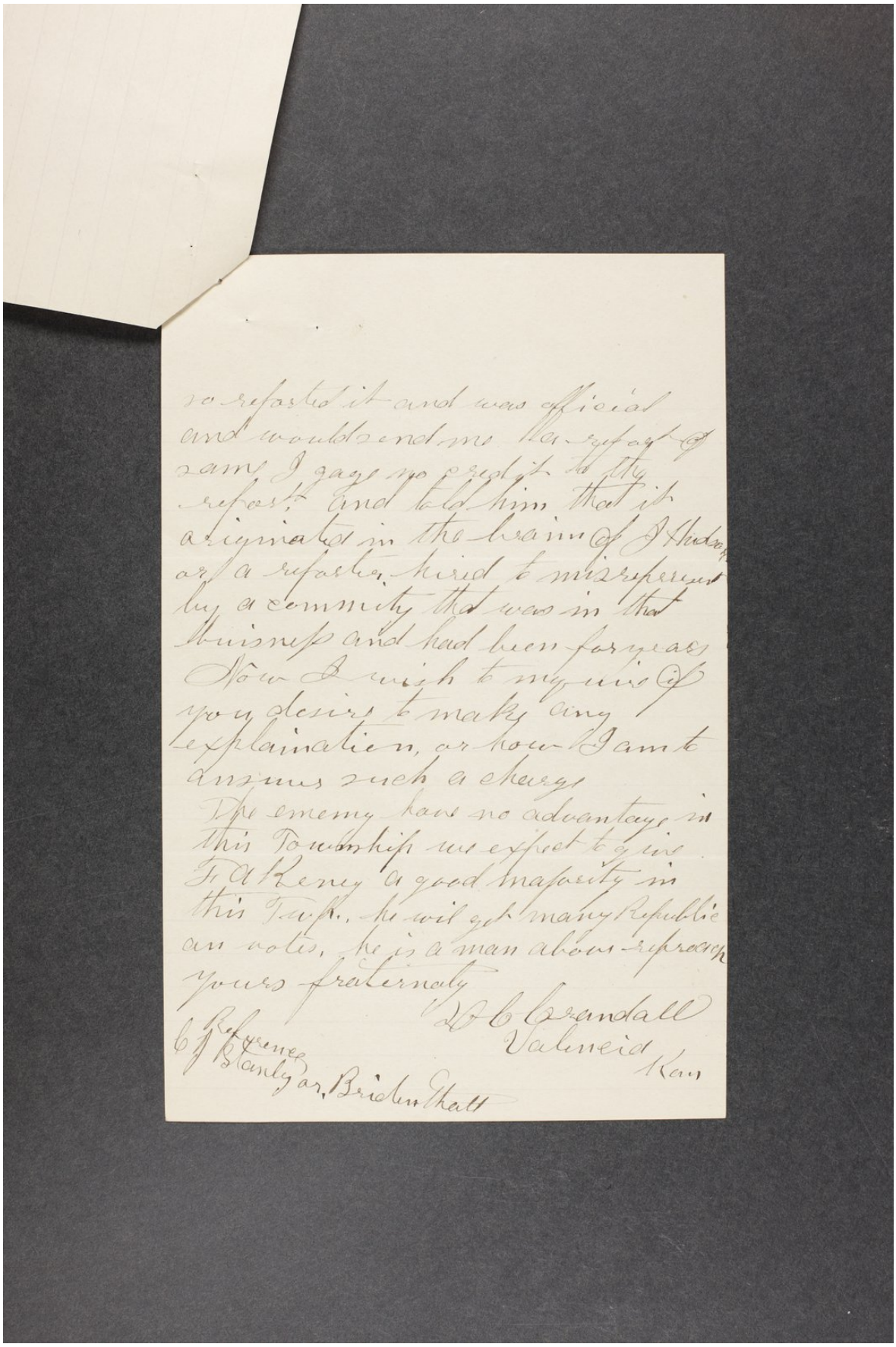
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Valencia Kans Aug 6th 94

L D Lewelling Gov.

Dear Sir

Populists is on in this township I am nearly alone in this vilage in defence of reform have just had conversation with a stranger who charges many corrupt things against the administration, and I am called upon to defend the charges this stranger is I believe live near Maple Hill, his exact name is Thair he says you in a speach at Topeka said you was some kind of an Anarchist as Jesus christ and compaired yourself to him which ranked many silly, also you said in your speech at Washington that you had no respect for man made laws and a court stenographer, by name of Smith had



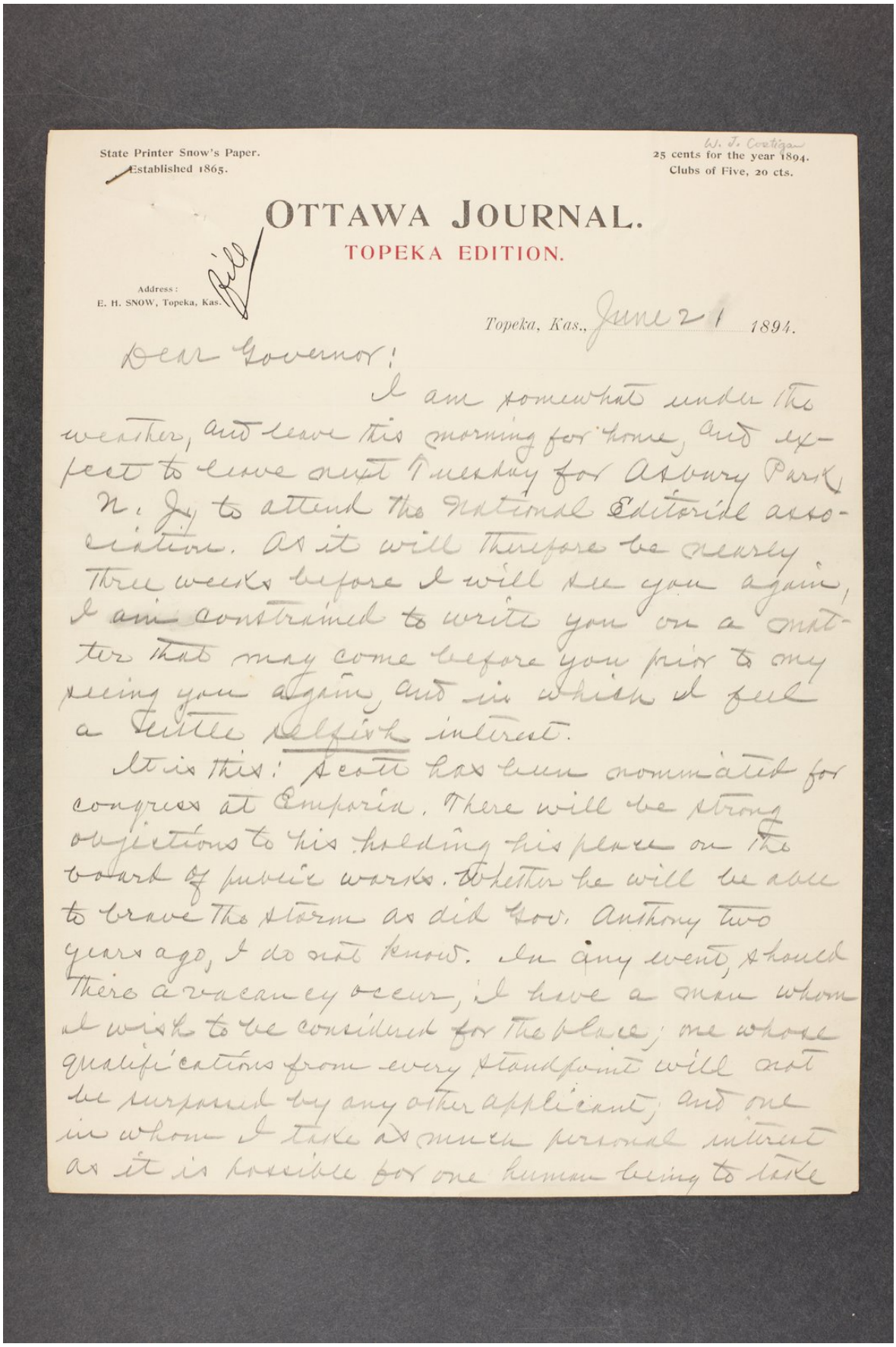
so refused it and was official and would send me a report of same I gave no credit to the report and told him that it originated in the brain of J Hudson or a refused hired to misrepresent by a community that was in that business and had been for years Now I wish to know if you desire to make any explanation, or how I am to answer such a charge

The enemy have no advantage in this Township we expect to give T A Keney a good majority in this Twp. he will get many Republican votes, he is a man above reproach

Yours fraternaly

W B Crandall
Valeria Kan

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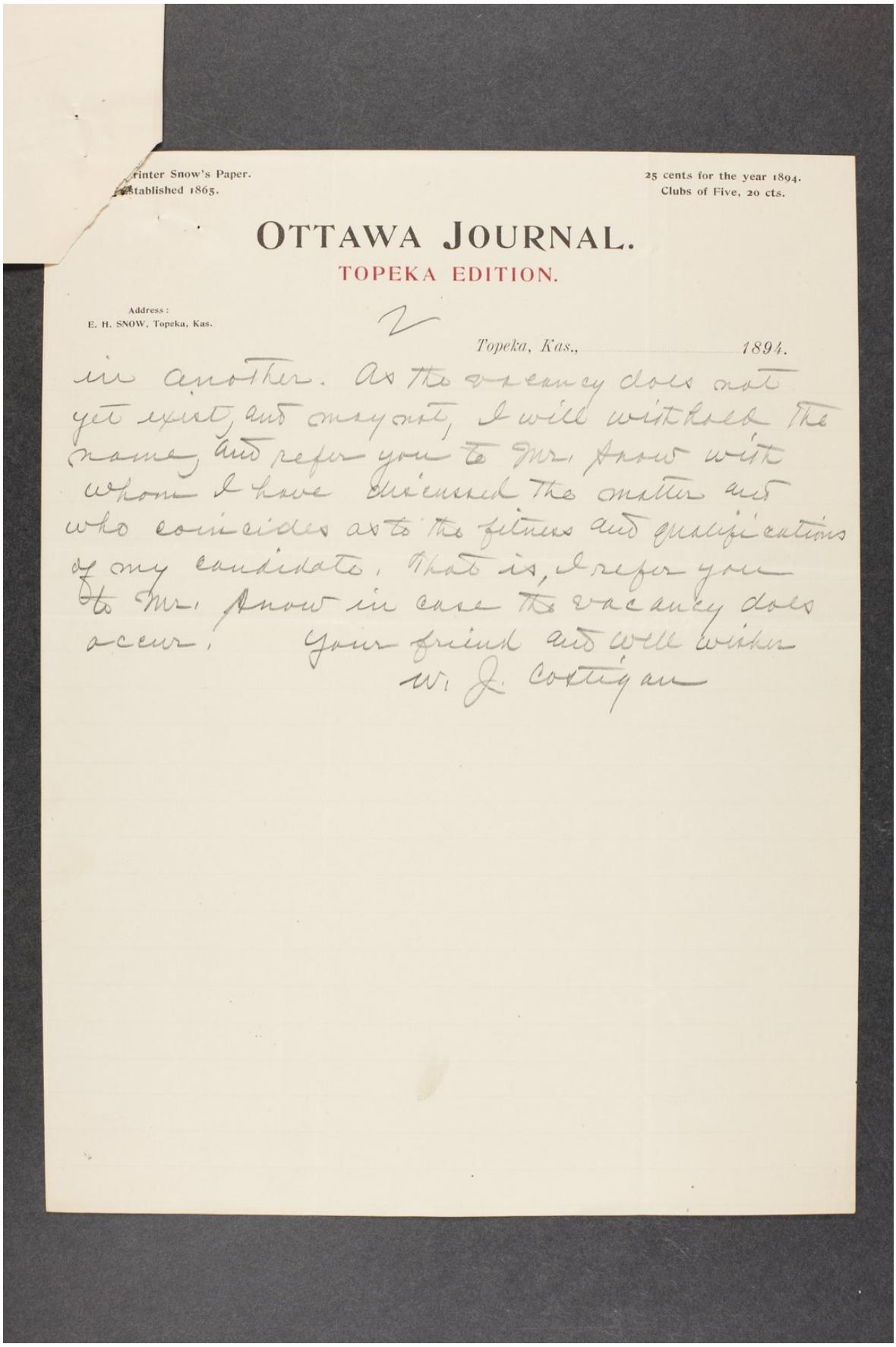
Address:
E. H. SNOW, Topeka, Kas.

Topeka, Kas., June 21 1894.

Dear Governor!

I am somewhat under the weather, and leave this morning for home, and expect to leave next Tuesday for Asbury Park, N. J. to attend the National Editorial association. As it will therefore be nearly three weeks before I will see you again, I am constrained to write you on a matter that may come before you prior to my seeing you again, and in which I feel a little selfish interest.

It is this: Scott has been nominated for congress at Emporia. There will be strong objections to his holding his place on the board of public works. Whether he will be able to brave the storm as did Gov. Anthony two years ago, I do not know. In any event, should there a vacancy occur, I have a man whom I wish to be considered for the place; one whose qualifications from every standpoint will not be surpassed by any other applicant, and one in whom I take as much personal interest as it is possible for one human being to take



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E. H. SNOW, Topeka, Kas.

Topeka, Kas., 1894.

in another. As the vacancy does not yet exist, and may not, I will withhold the name, and refer you to Mr. Snow with whom I have discussed the matter and who coincides as to the fitness and qualifications of any candidate. That is, I refer you to Mr. Snow in case the vacancy does occur. Your friend and well wisher

W. J. Costigan

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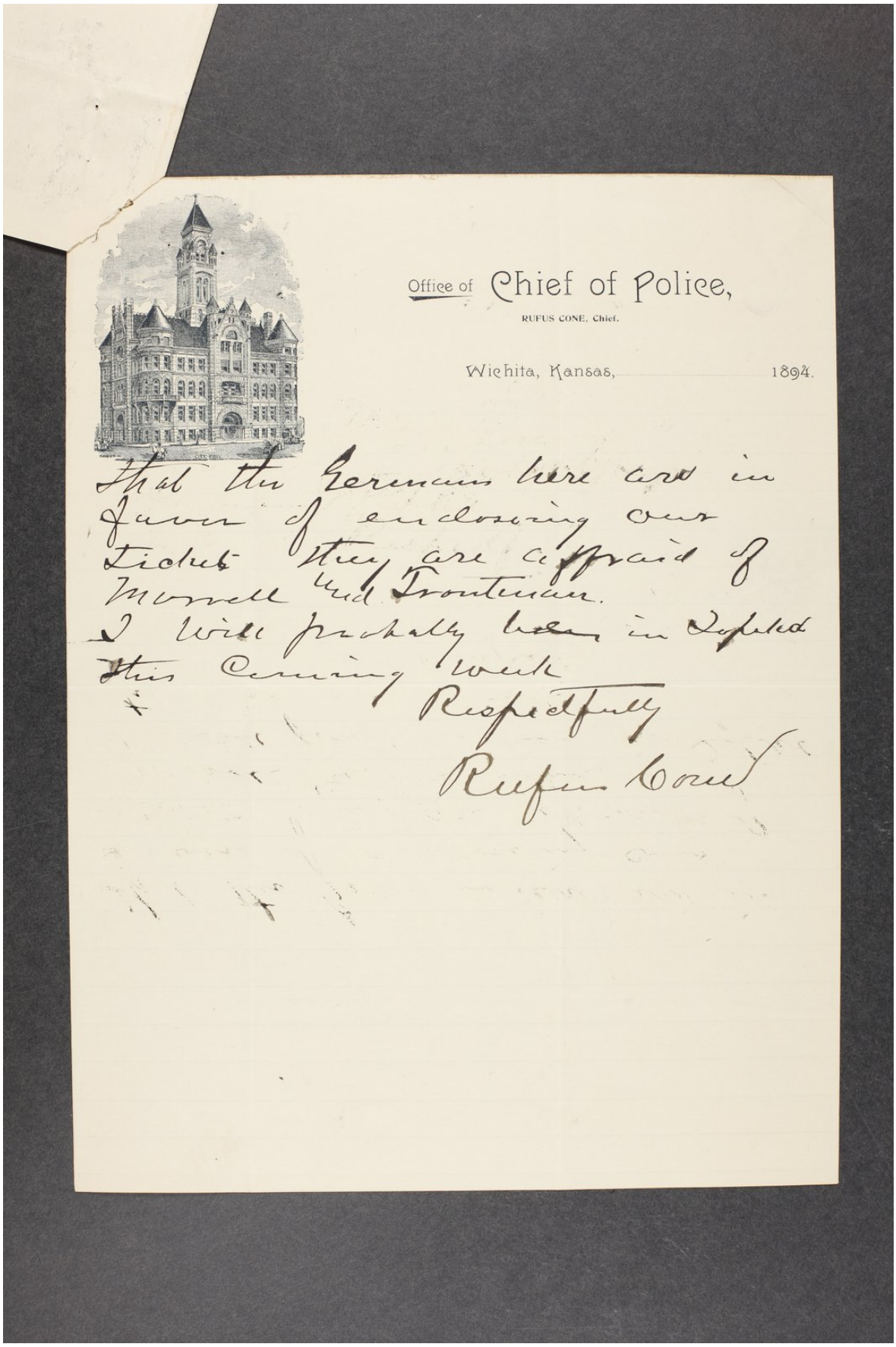
Office of Chief of Police,

RUFUS CONE, Chief.

Wichita, Kansas, June 22d 1894.

Hon. L. D. Lewelling
Topeka
Kansas.

Dear Governor. I had a talk with Schnitzler. Personally he is all right, he says the Germans have done nothing yet but are waiting the action of the Democrats. he says that one Langfeldt a Real Estate man in Topeka is talking a Strait Ticket for the Democrats and is working up a Sentiment in that direction among the Germans. and he wants you to Send Fred Close and some of your German friends to Talk to him and try and Straiten him out if possible, Schnitzler says.



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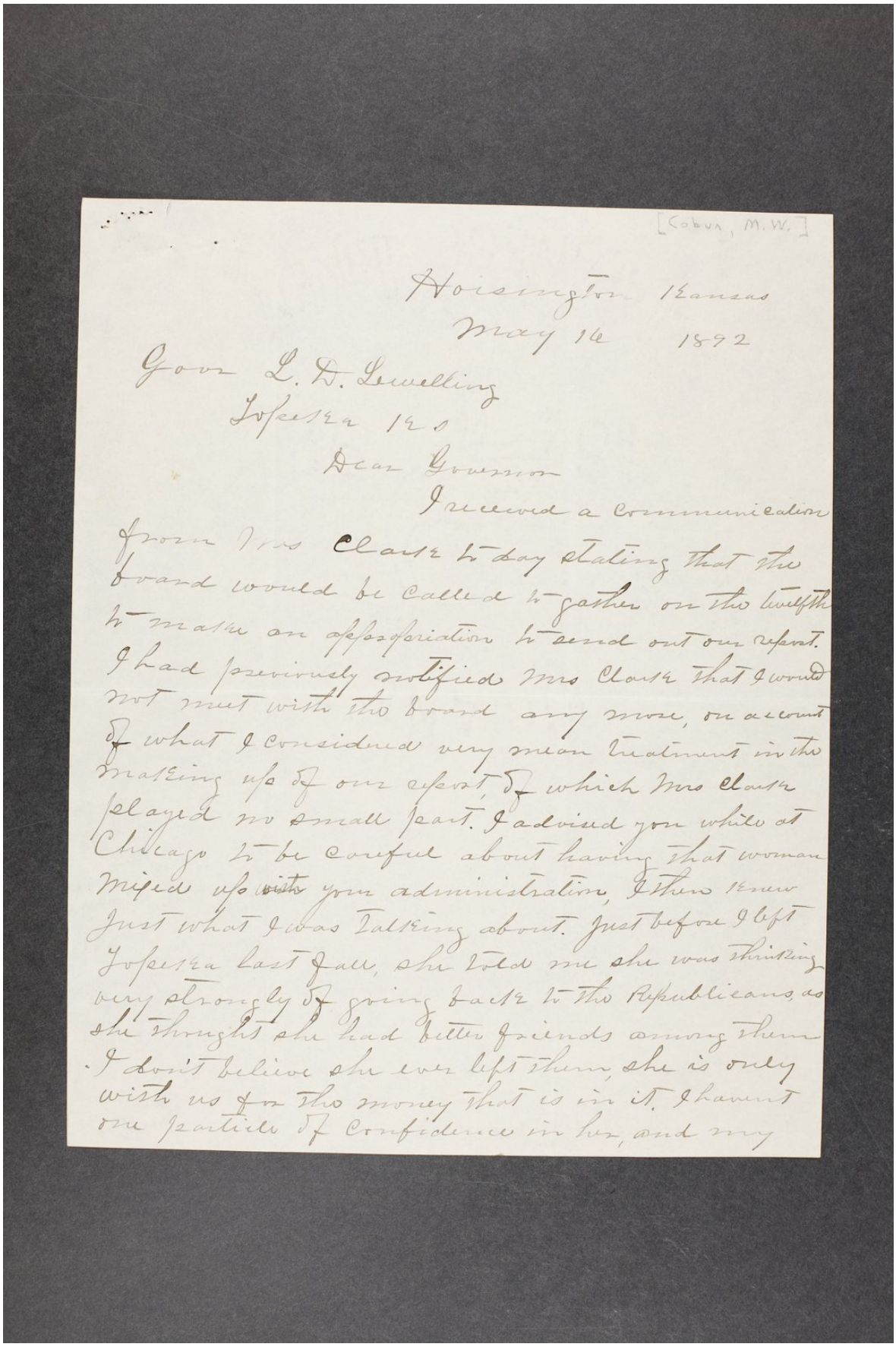
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That the Germans here are in favor of endorsing our Ticket they are afraid of Morrell and Trounman.

I will probably be in Topeka this coming week

Respectfully

Rufus Cone



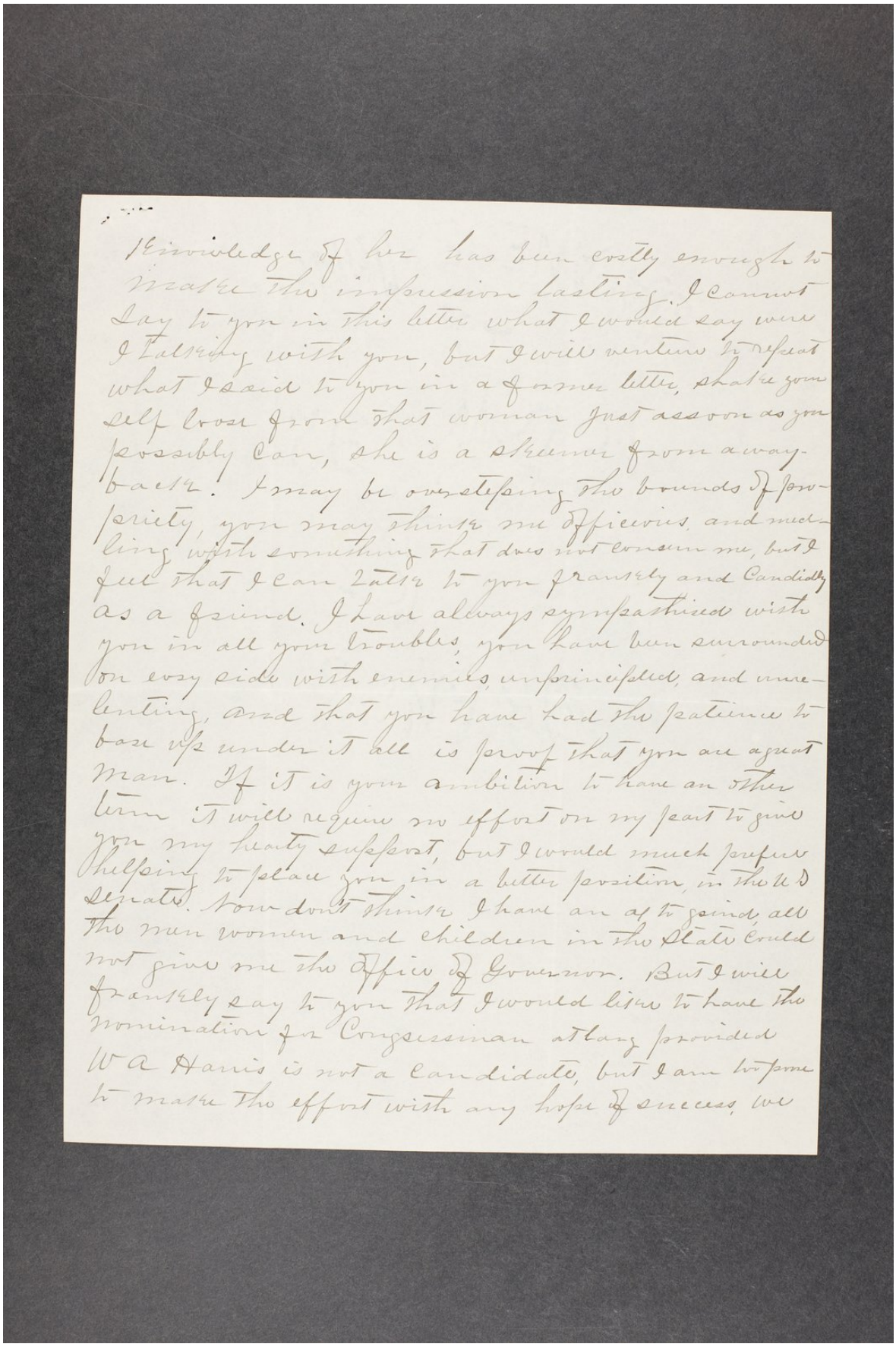
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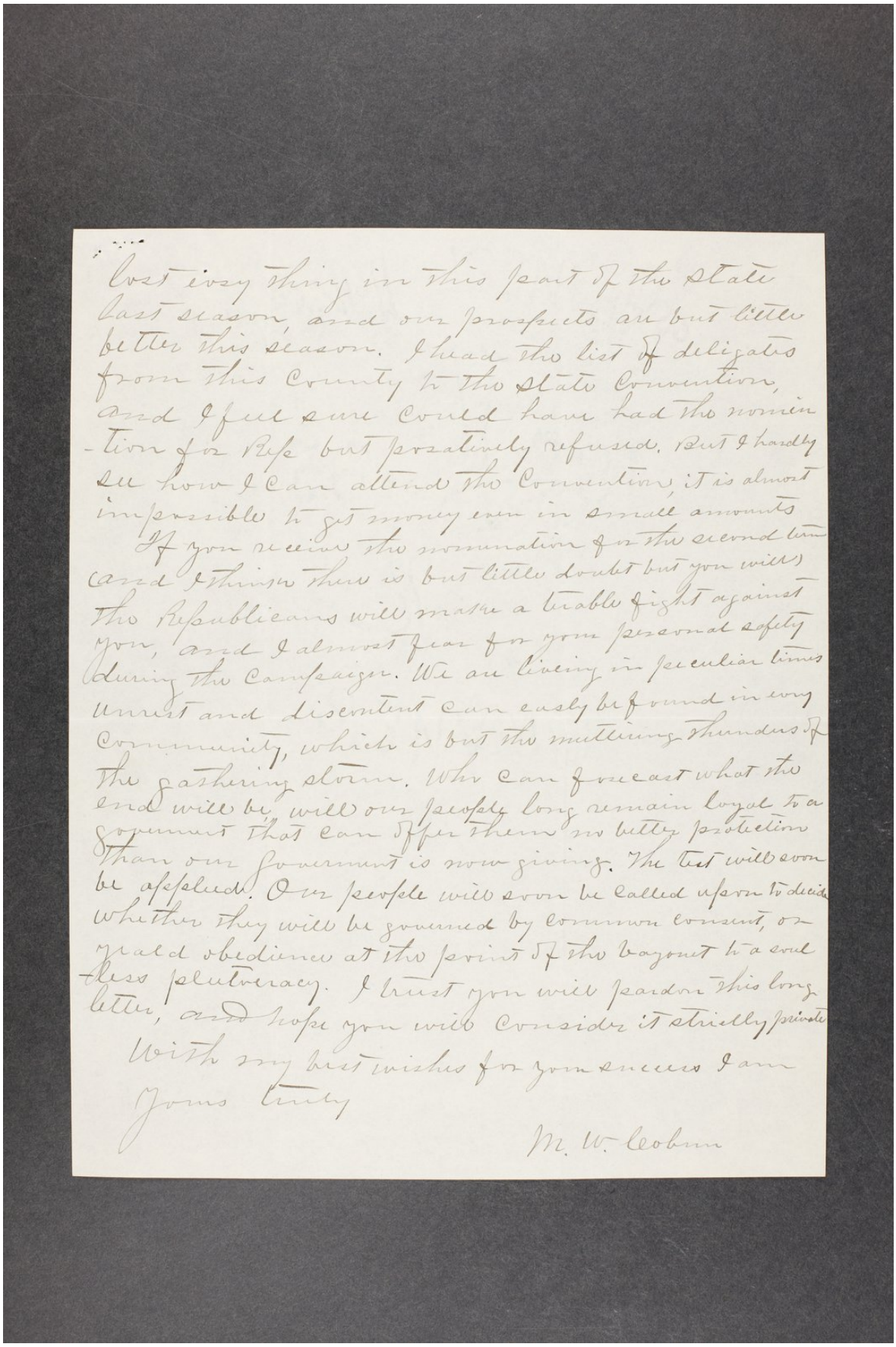
Gov. L. D. Lewelling
Topeka Kas

Dear Governor

I received a communication from Mrs Clark to day stating that the board would be called to gather on the twelfth to make an appropriation to send out our report. I had previously notified Mrs Clark that I would not meet with the board any more, on account of what I considered very mean treatment in the making up of our report, of which Mrs Clark played no small part. I advised you while at Chicago to be careful about having that woman mixed up with your administration, I then knew just what I was talking about. Just before I left Topeka last fall, she told me she was thinking very strongly of going back to the Republicans as she thought she had better friends among them. I don't believe she ever left them, she is only with us for the money that is in it. I have not one particle of confidence in her, and my



I knowledge of her has been costly enough to make the impression lasting. I cannot say to you in this letter what I would say were I talking with you, but I will venture to repeat what I said to you in a former letter, shake yourself loose from that woman just as soon as you possibly can, she is a shyster from away back! I may be overstepping the bounds of propriety, you may think me officious, and meddling with something that does not concern me, but I feel that I can talk to you frankly and candidly as a friend. I have always sympathized with you in all your troubles, you have been surrounded on every side with enemies, unprincipled, and unrelenting, and that you have had the patience to bear up under it all is proof that you are a great man. If it is your ambition to have an other term it will require no effort on my part to give you my hearty support, but I would much prefer helping to place you in a better position, in the U S Senate. Now don't think I have an axe to grind, all the men women and children in the State could not give me the Office of Governor. But I will frankly say to you that I would like to have the nomination for Congressman at large provided W A Harris is not a candidate, but I am loth to make the effort with any hope of success, we



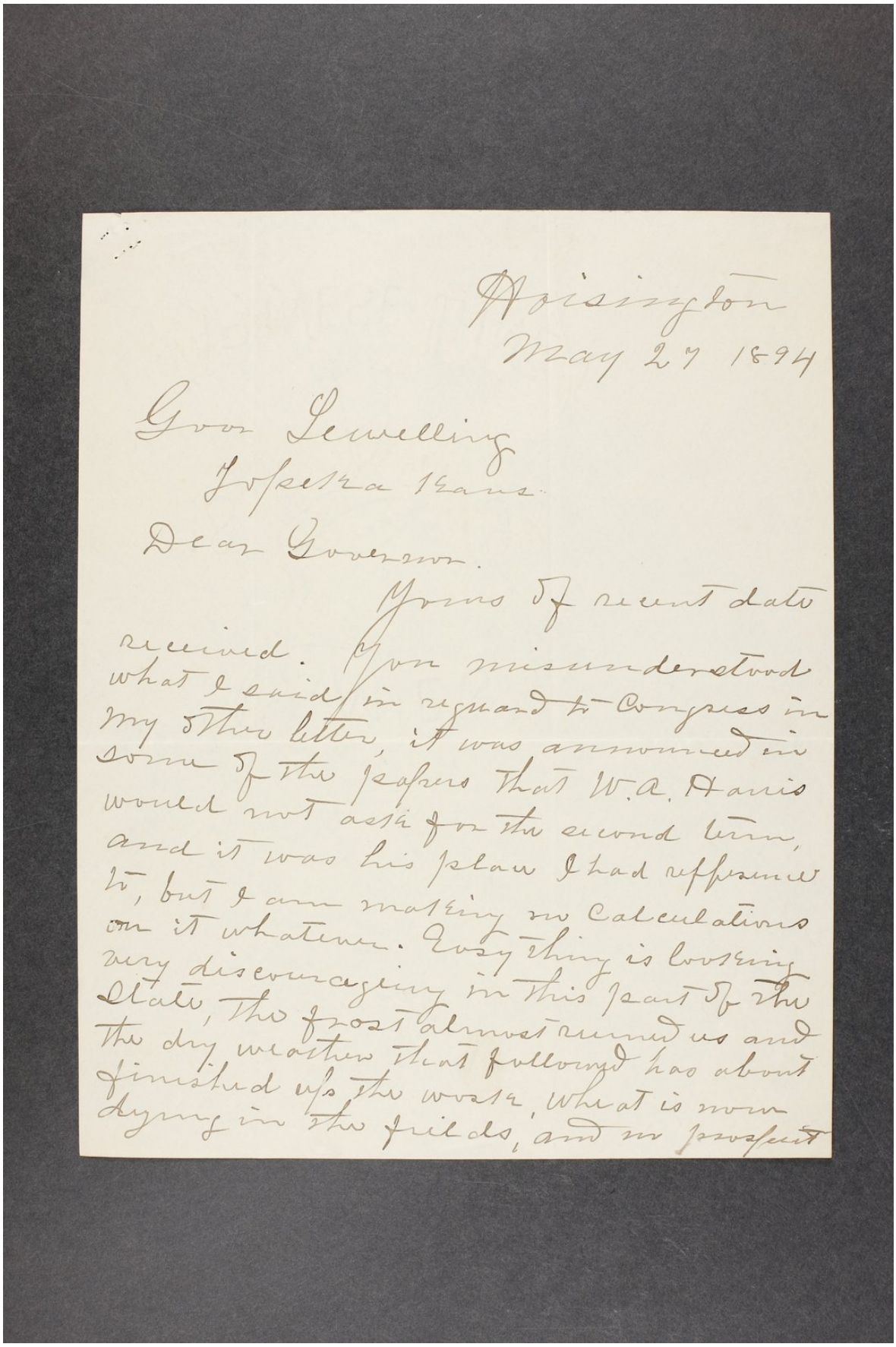
lost ivery thing in this part of the state last season, and our prospects are but little better this season. I had the list of deligates from this County to the state Convention, and I feel sure could have had the nomination for Rep but positively refused. But I hardly see how I can attend the Convention, it is almost impossible to get money even in small amounts

If you receive the nomination for the second time and I think there is but little doubt but you will the Republicans will make a trouble fight against you, and I almost fear for your personal safety during the campaign. We are living in peculiar times unrest and discontent can easly be found in ivery community, which is but the muttering thunders of the gathering storm. Who can forecast what the end will be, will our people long remain loyal to a Government that can offer them no better protection than our Government is now giving. The test will soon be applied. Our people will soon be called upon to decide whether they will be governed by common consent, or blind obedience at the point of the bayonet to a soul less plutocracy. I trust you will pardon this long letter, and hope you will consider it strictly private

With my best wishes for your success I am

Yours truly

M. W. Leeburn

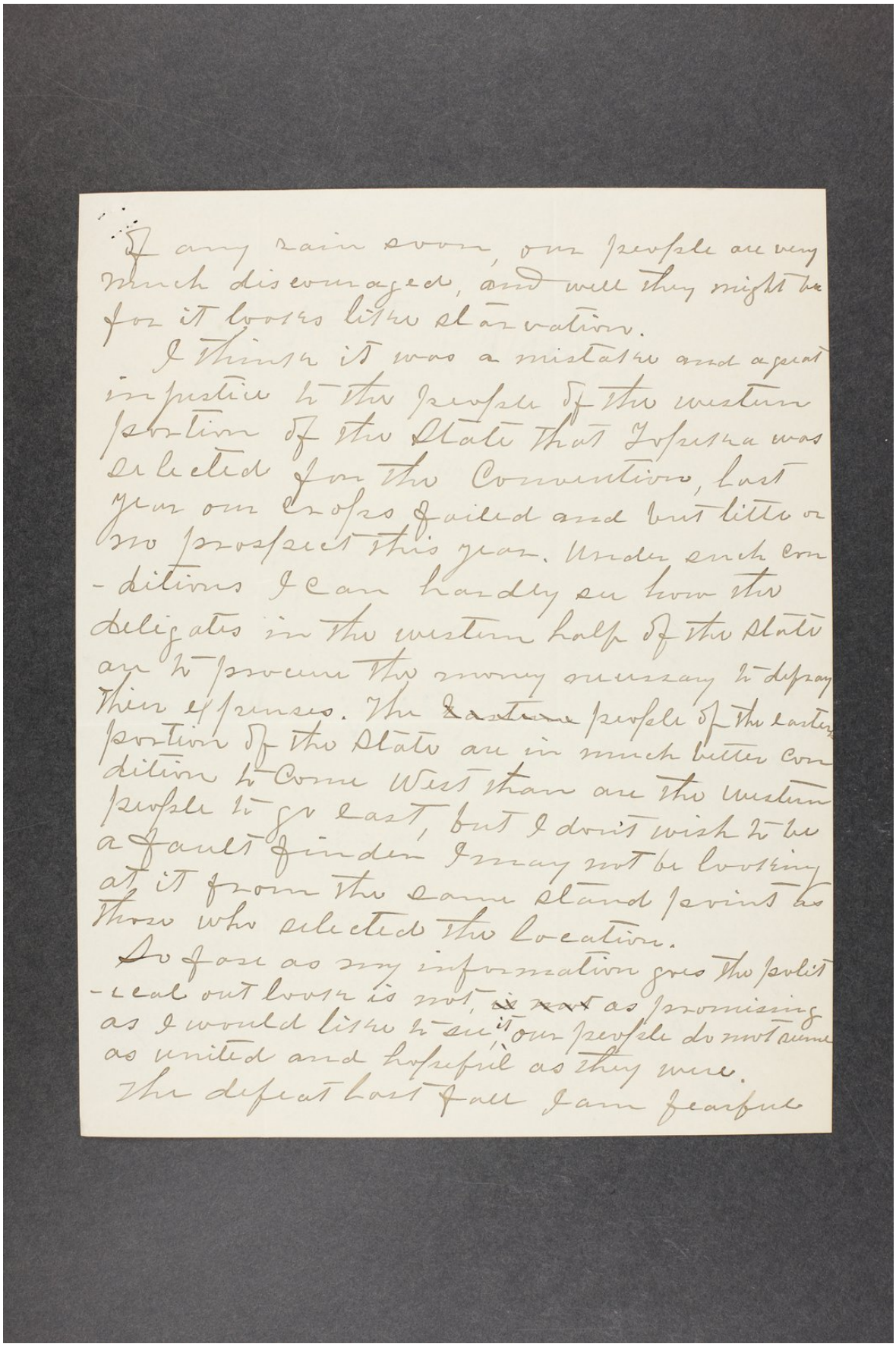


Washington
May 27 1894

Gov Lewelling
Topeka Kans.

Dear Governor.

Yours of recent date received. You misunderstood what I said in regard to Congress in my other letter, it was announced in some of the papers that W.A. Harris would not ask for the second term, and it was his plan I had reference to, but I am making no calculations on it whatever. Everything is looking very discouraging in this part of the State, the frost almost ruined us and the dry weather that followed has about finished up the wheat. What is now dying in the fields, and no prospect

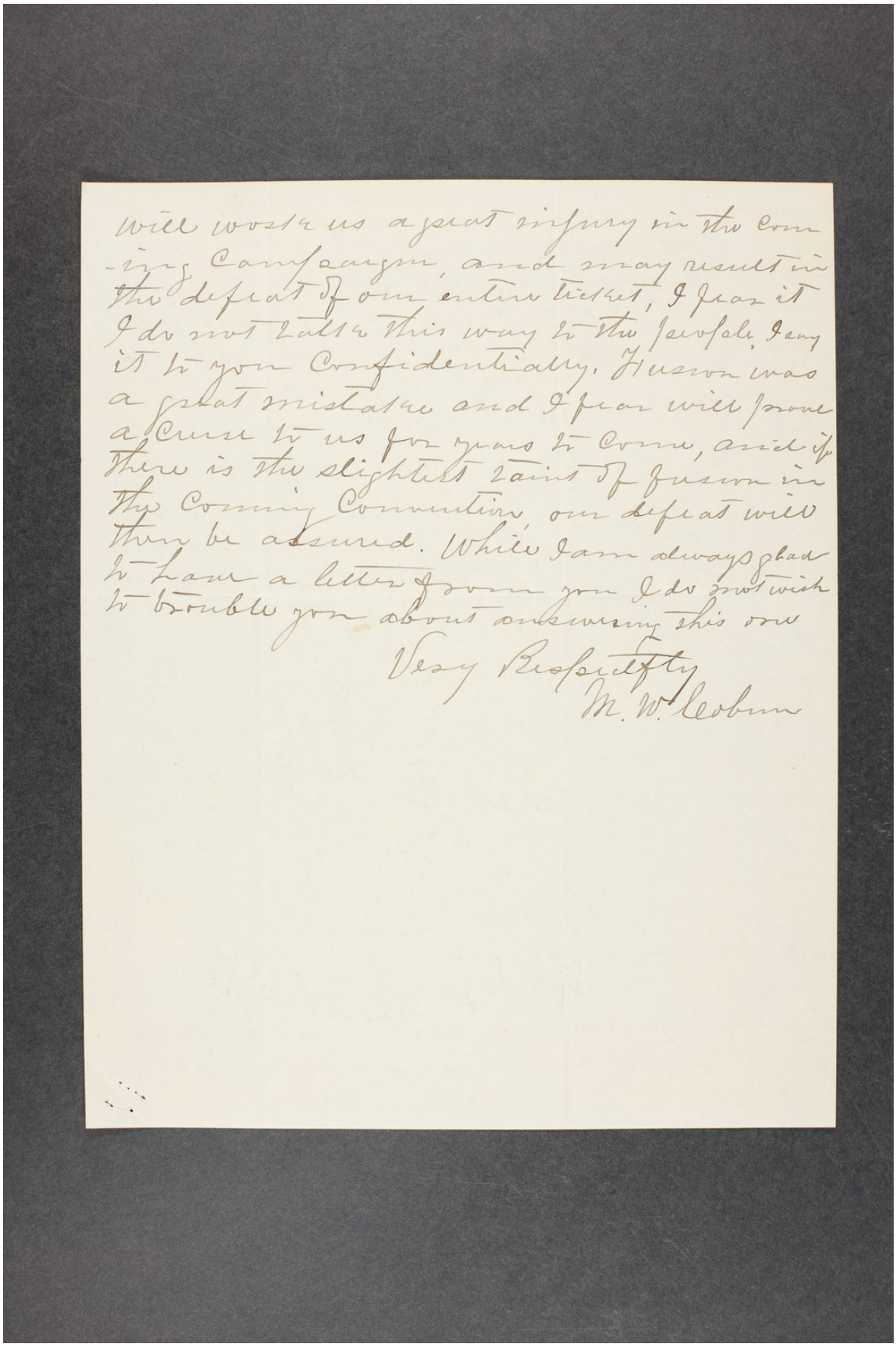


If any rain sworn, our people are very much discouraged, and well they might be for it looks like starvation.

I think it was a mistake and a great injustice to the people of the western portion of the State that Topeka was selected for the Convention, last year our crops failed and but little or no prospect this year. Under such conditions I can hardly see how the delegates in the western half of the State are to procure the money necessary to defray their expenses. The eastern people of the eastern portion of the State are in much better condition to come West than are the western people to go east, but I don't wish to be a fault finder I may not be looking at it from the same standpoint as those who selected the location.

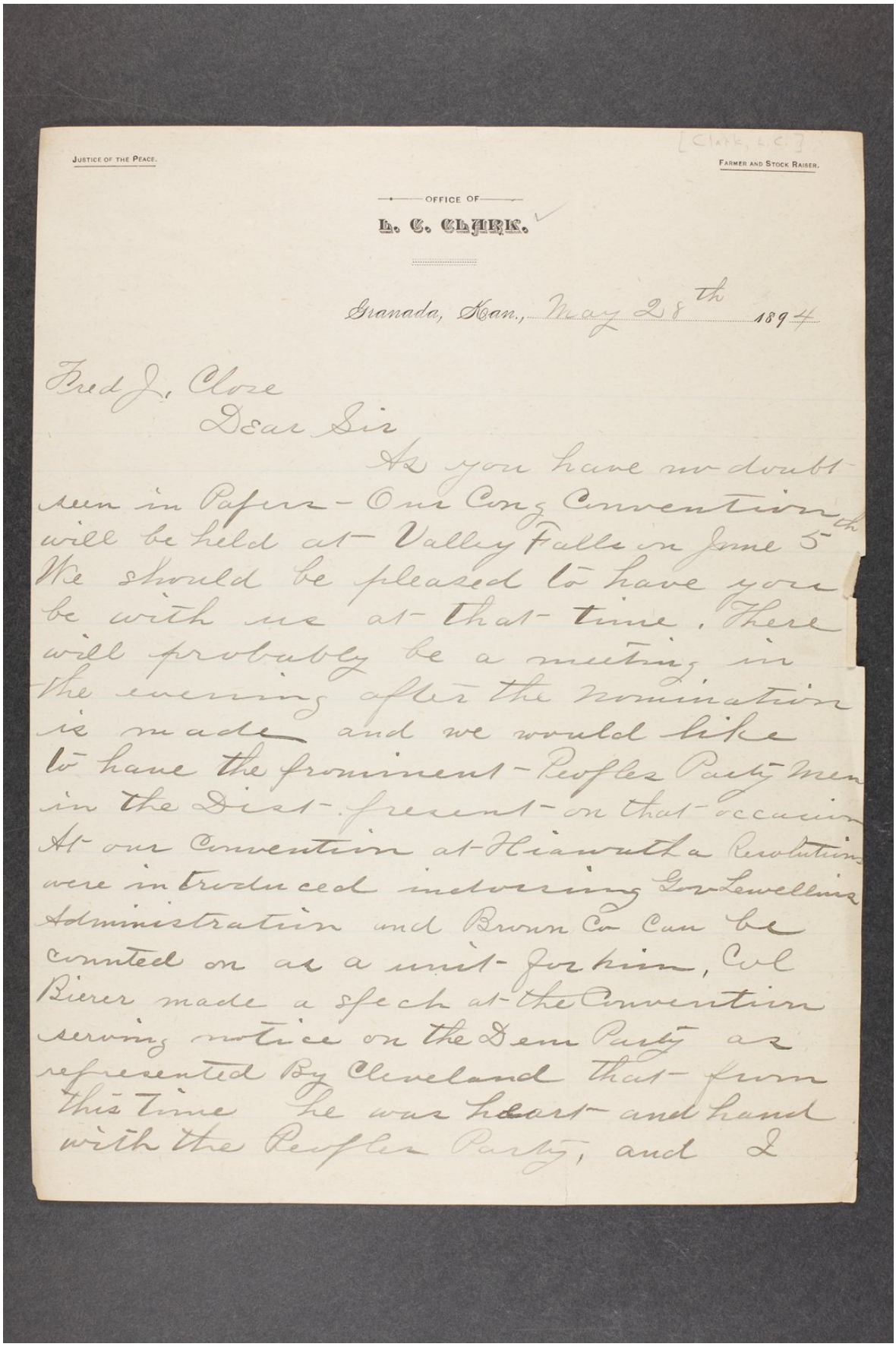
So far as my information goes the political out look is not as promising as I would like to see it, our people do not seem as united and hopeful as they were.

The defeat last fall I am fearful



will work us a great injury in the coming Campaign, and may result in the defeat of our entire ticket, I fear it I do not talk this way to the people, I say it to you Confidentially. Fusion was a great mistake and I fear will prove a Curse to us for years to Come, and if there is the slightest taint of fusion in the Coming Convention our defeat will thereby be assured. While I am always glad to have a letter from you I do not wish to trouble you about answering this one

Very Respectfully
M. W. Leeburn



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. [CLARK, L. C.] FARMER AND STOCK RAISER.

OFFICE OF
L. C. CLARK.

Granada, Kan., May 28th 1894

Fred J. Close
Dear Sir

As you have no doubt seen in Papers - Our Cong Convention will be held at Valley Falls on June 5th We should be pleased to have you be with us at that time. There will probably be a meeting in the evening after the nomination is made and we would like to have the prominent Peoples Party men in the Dist present on that occasion At our Convention at Hiawatha Resolutions were introduced indorsing Gov Lewellings Administration and Brown Co Can be counted on as a unit for him, Col Bierer made a speech at the Convention serving notice on the Dem Party as represented By Cleveland that from this time he was heart and hand with the Peoples Party, and I