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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Lewelling, twelfth governor of the State of Kansas, 1893-1895, and the first Populist governor of the state. Correspondence received includes general letters, official response letters and letters concerning State agencies and subject files. Some proclamations are also included. Subject files include applications, endorsements, and remonstrances relating to candidates for appointments to the Kansas State Normal School (Emporia) (present Emporia State University), the Kansas State Penitentiary (present Lansing Correctional Facility), judicial, & other positions; county organizational documents; and letters relating to counties, crime and criminals, justices of the peace, lands, military affairs, relief aid, Prohibition law, and other topics.

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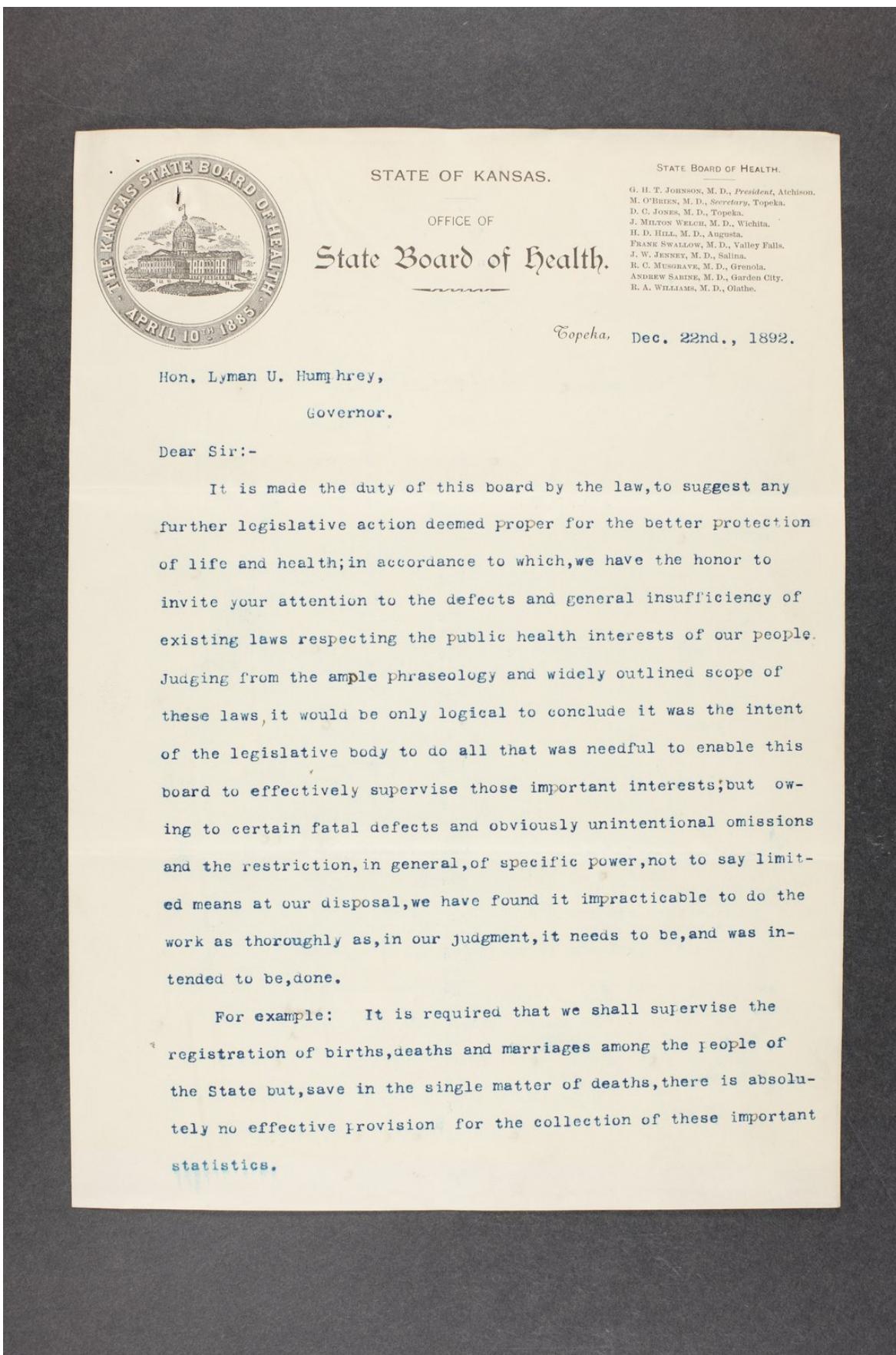
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It is also required that we shall report to the chief executive of the State the names of the physicians registered from year to year, yet no where does the law provide for such registration.

County boards of health have been called into existence by the law, but such boards have been given no duties to perform and no specific authority to carry out their own ordinances or those enacted by this board.

The very important subject of epidemics is enumerated among those to which we are required to give our attention, but without the semblance of power to do any effective thing in connection therewith. This lamentable omission was demonstrated during the threatened cholera invasion of last summer when, but for the substantial support and encouragement received from Your Excellency, we should have been at a loss to know how to proceed.

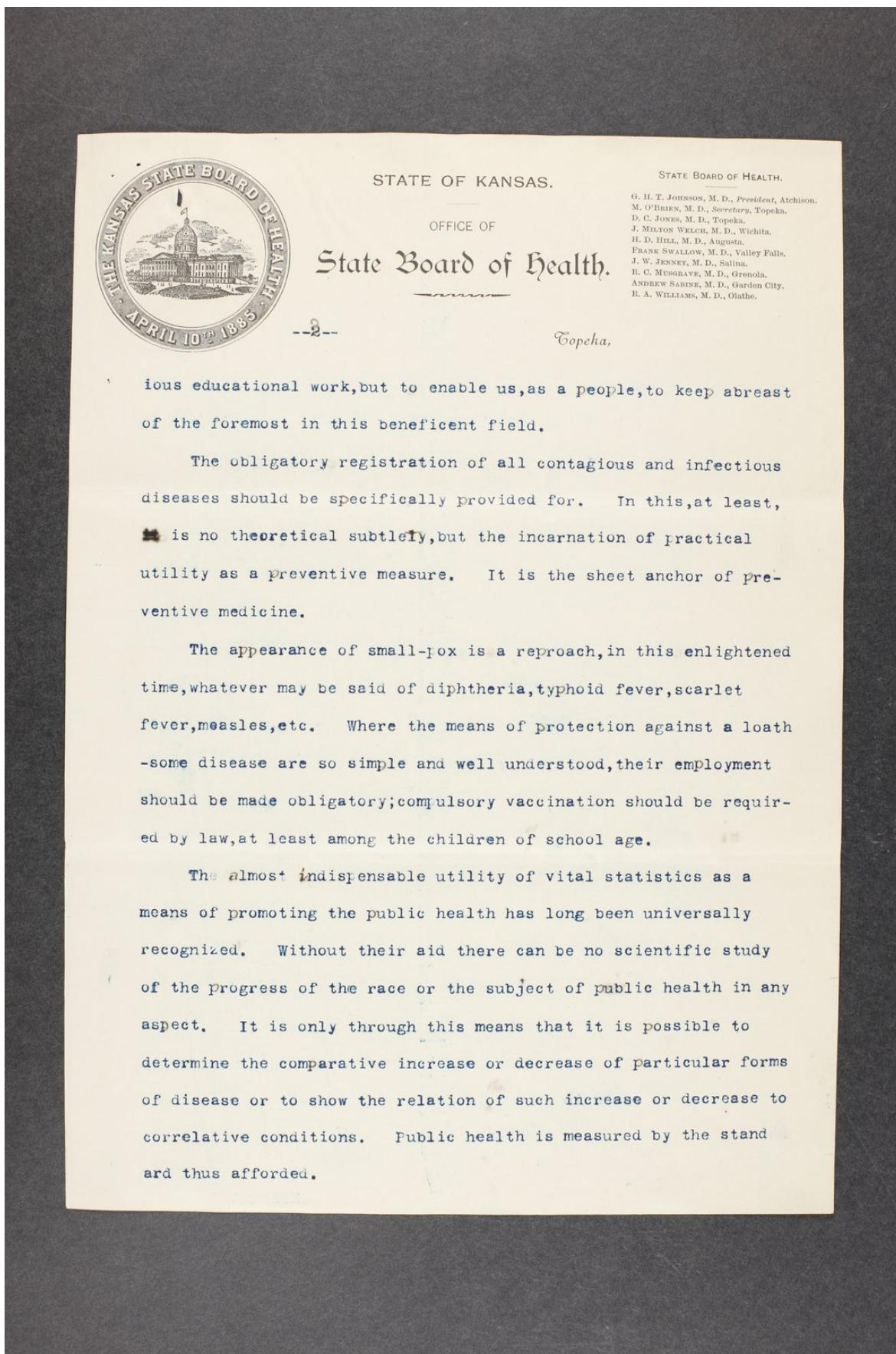
It is time these fatal omissions and defects were corrected to meet the obvious intent and meaning of the law. Moreover, the field of hygiene has considerably widened its borders since the ^{present} passage of the law, until now it is deemed worthy of the wisest statesmanship to consider how best to promote the preservation of the public health. Therefore, there should be a substantial enlargement of the scope, purposes and powers of the state board of health, not only to preserve what we have already gained by labor-

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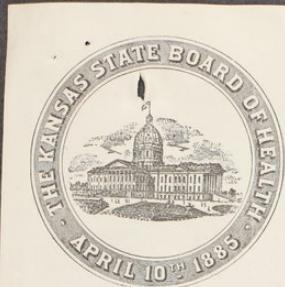


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We believe that a comparison of the death rate and causes of death in Kansas with similar statistics in other States would demonstrate its superior healthfulness, and thereby direct attention to it as a desirable place of residence from a sanitary standpoint. But, in the absence of the means for correctly instituting such a comparison the claim that Kansas is a healthy State goes for little or nothing.

A measure of scarcely less importance is the compulsory registration of medical practitioners; not for the protection of the practitioner, but rather for the protection of the public, by so much at least, from the injurious impositions of incompetent and dishonest pretenders.

At the present time there is less ^{of} official oversight in the burial of the dead than is given to the recording of a mortgage. A permit, emanating from some official source, and based upon a physician's return of death, should be an invariable requirement in every burial. The citizen is entitled to a ~~fair~~ chance for his health and life, and the fact that a physician must make an authoritative death return calls for the more careful study of disease and must lead to fuller details of ^{the} causes of sickness and mortality, not to say the detection and abatement of crime.

Thus is it necessary, in our judgment, that existing health

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laws should be amended to provide, under penalties, for the thorough collection and registration of vital statistics, the registration of medical practitioners, the notification of infectious and contagious diseases with compulsory vaccination, and the enlargement, in general, of the powers of the State and local boards of health, whose rules, and regulations, duly published, should be given all the force and authority of law.

We have prepared ~~two~~ bills for presentation to the Legislature, embodying the above provisions, for which we ask your official consideration and approval.

The wide spread apprehension of the approach of cholera during the next spring and early summer renders it imperative that the board should be given ample authority and means to establish and maintain an efficient quarantine, in case of necessity, against the introduction of that disease. In this connection, we would respectfully invite your attention to our previous recommendation that \$25,000., be set apart, under such restrictions as may be deemed necessary, for possible use in such an emergency.

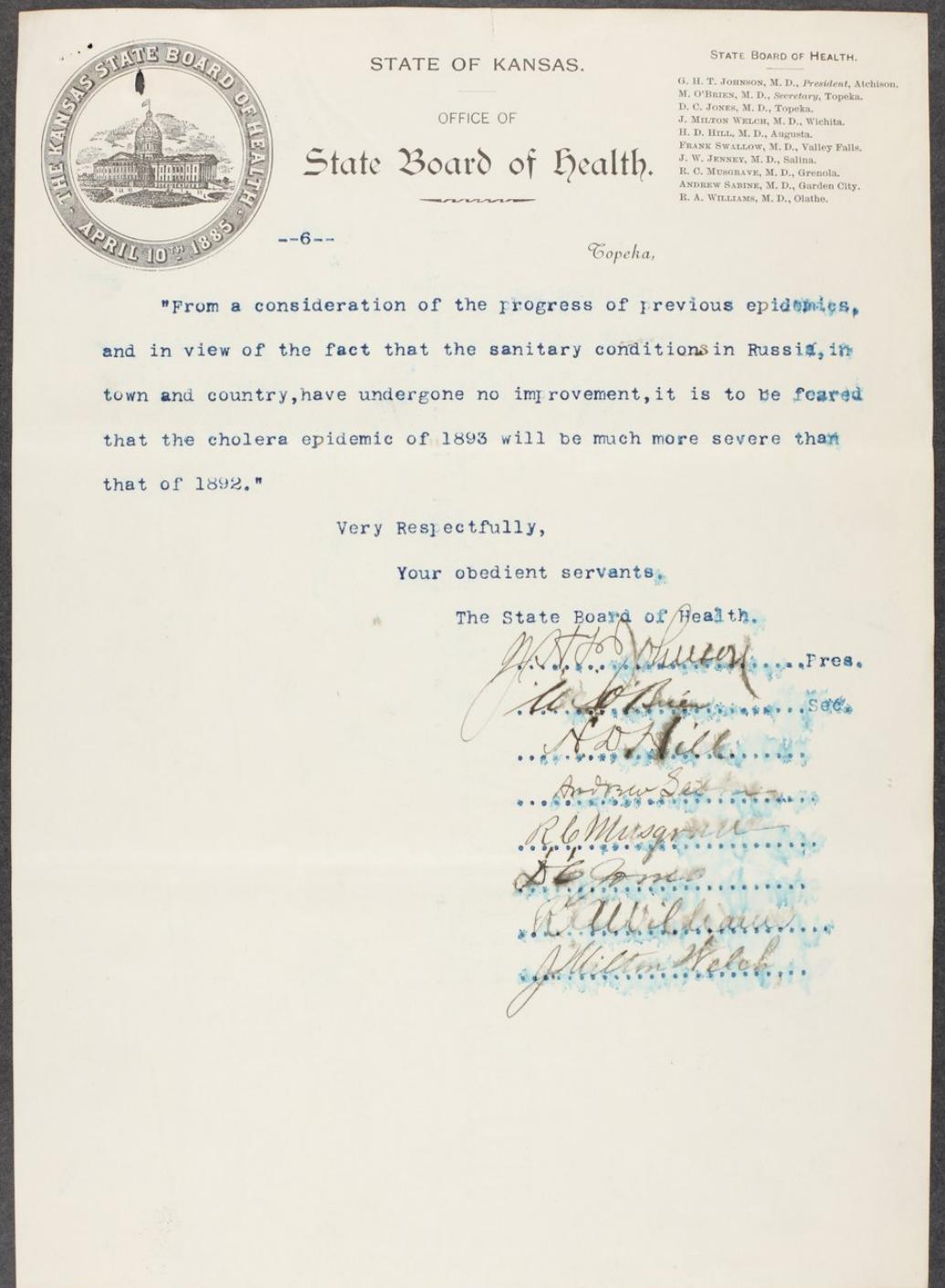
From a translation of a recent publication in Berlin transmitted to us through the Surgeon General of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service, we quote the following ^{ominous} ~~present~~ summary of the ^{present} ~~▲~~ cholera situation in Europe:

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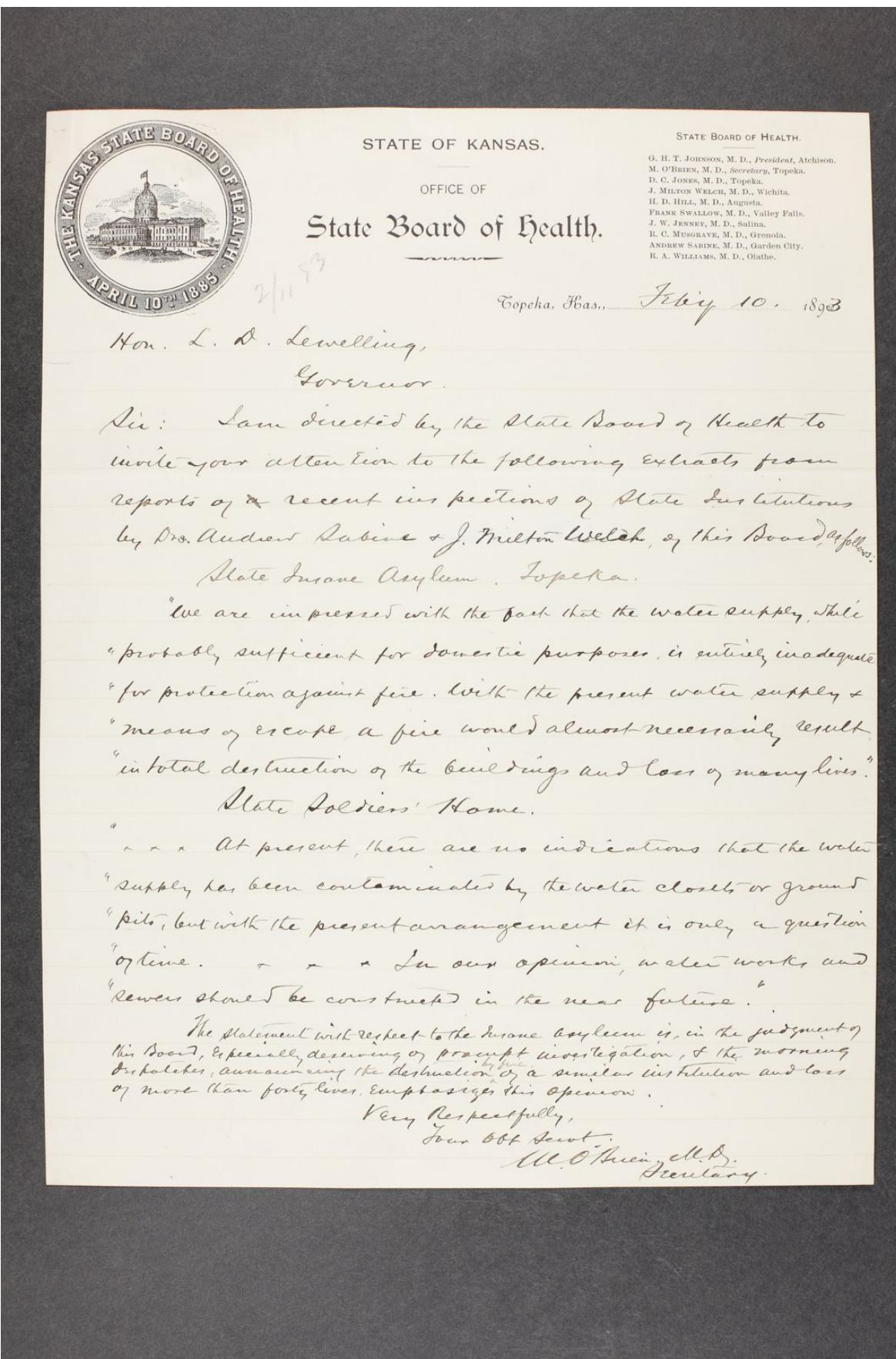


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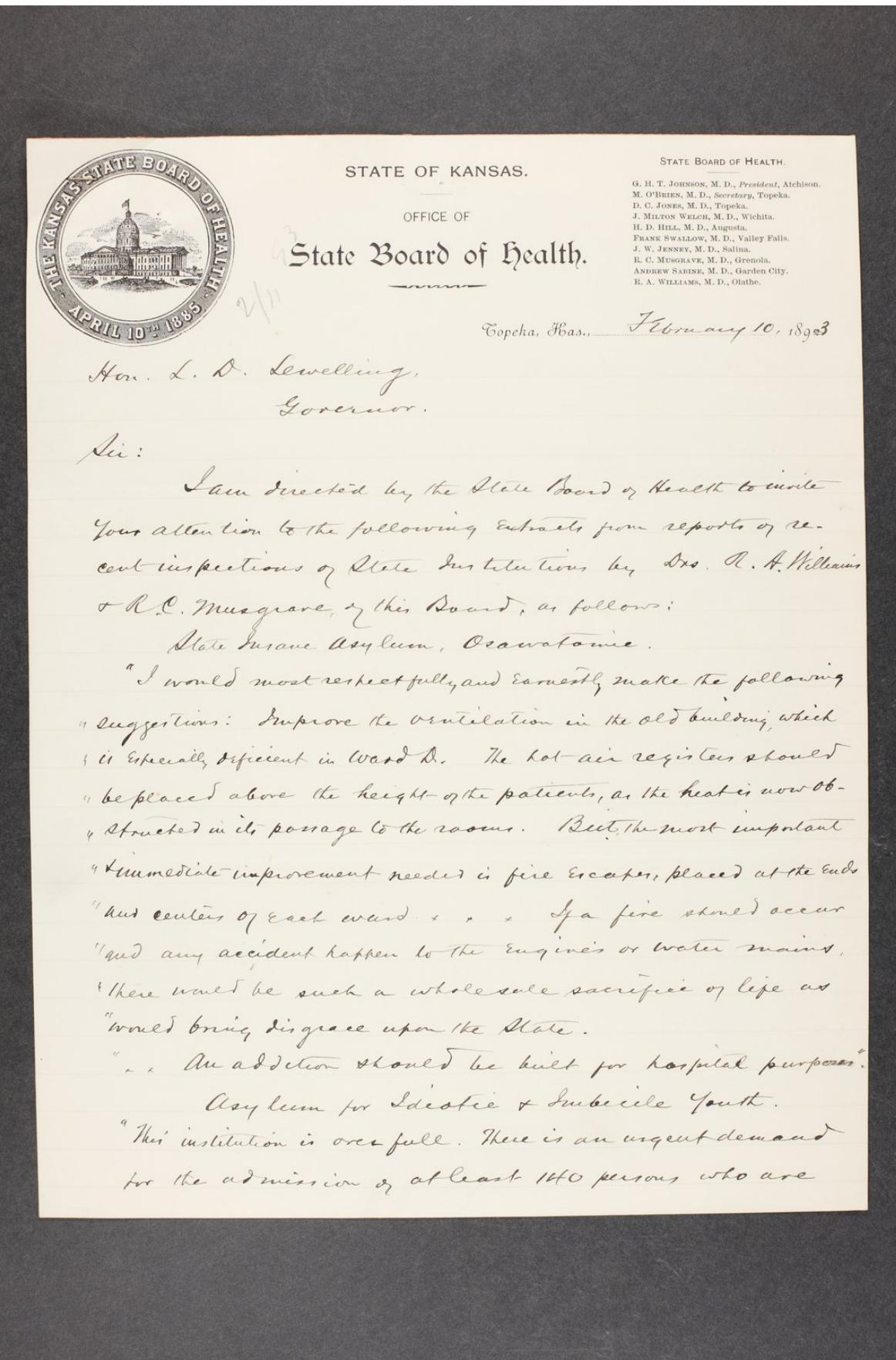


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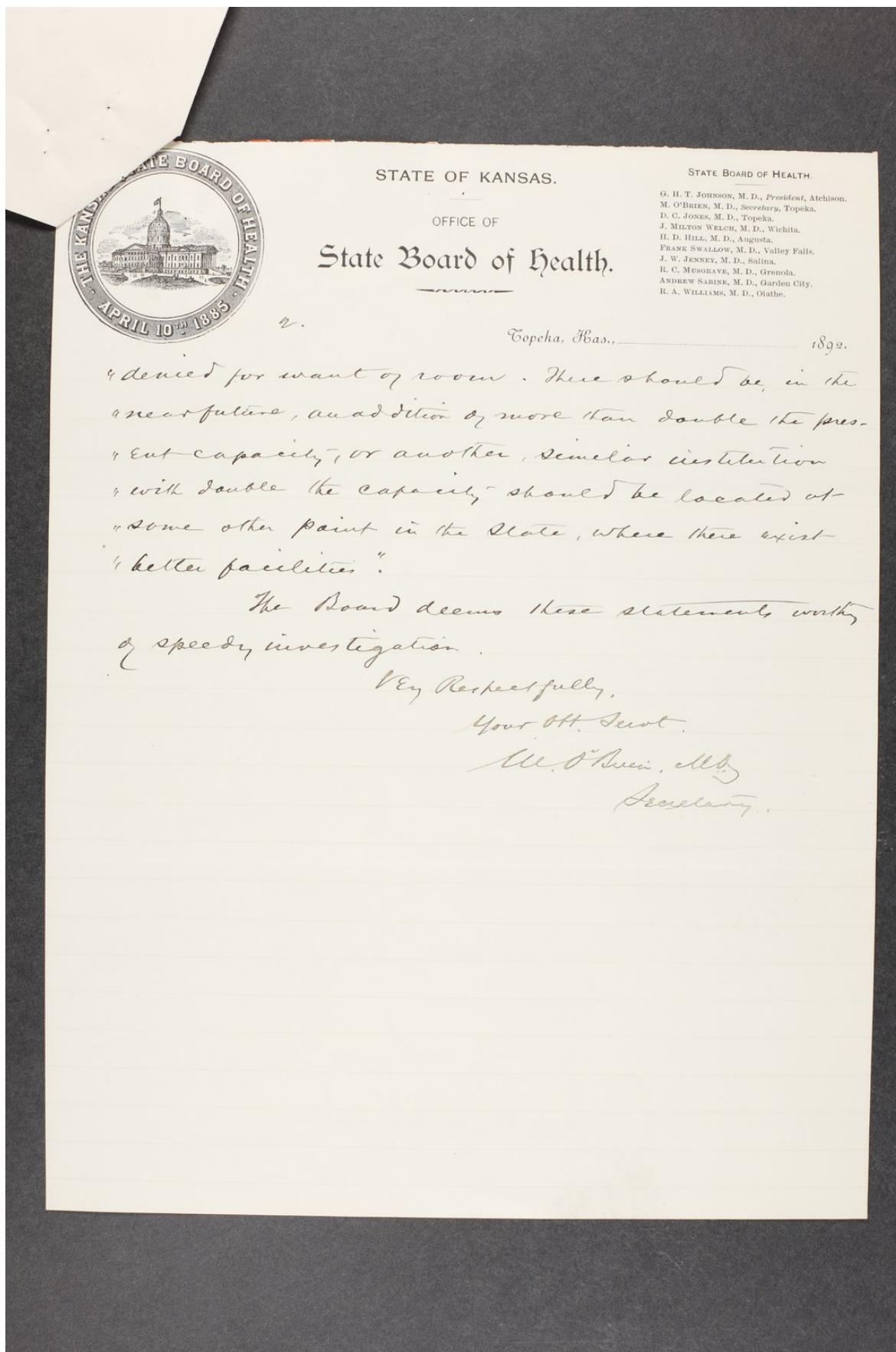


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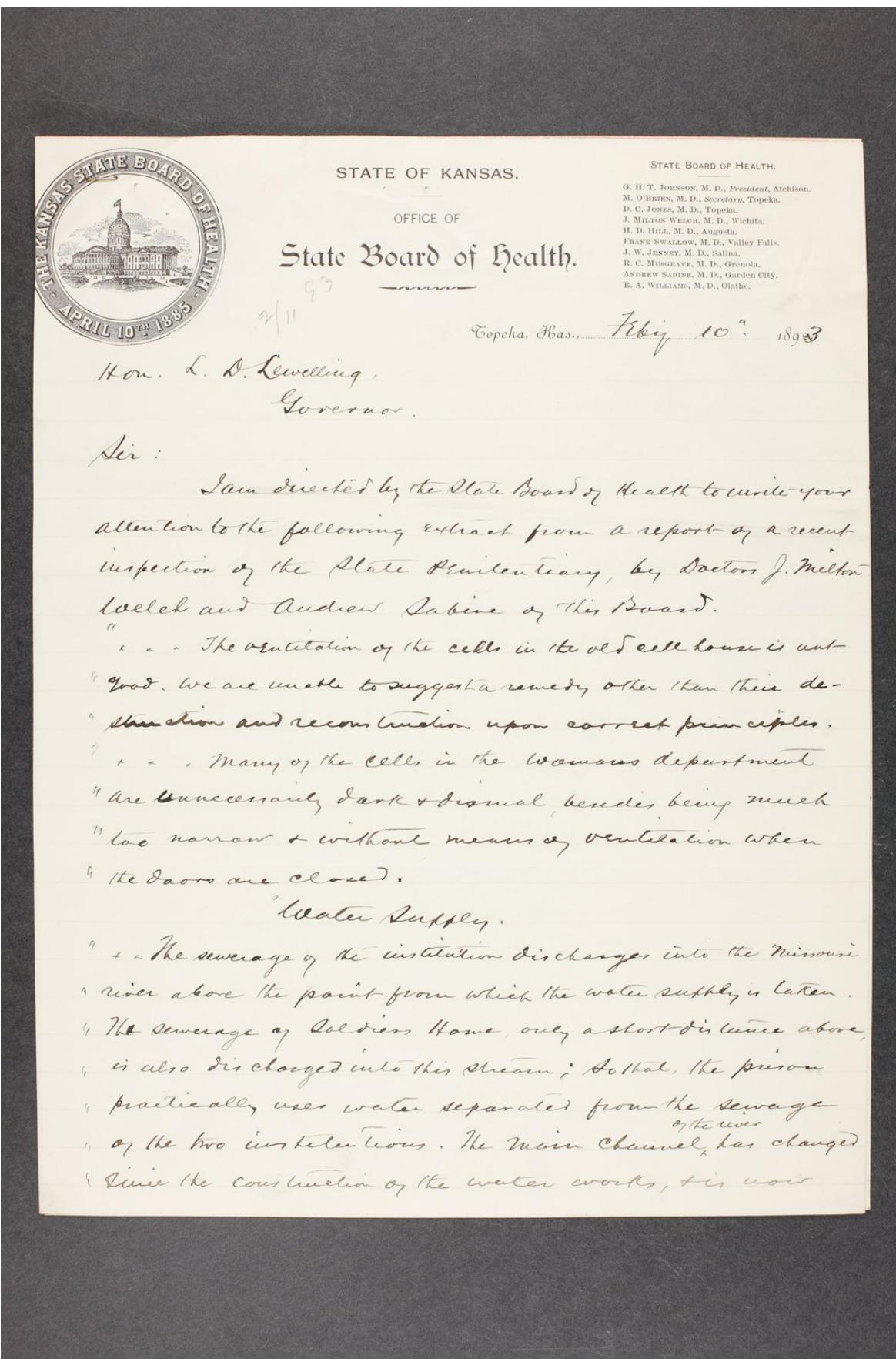


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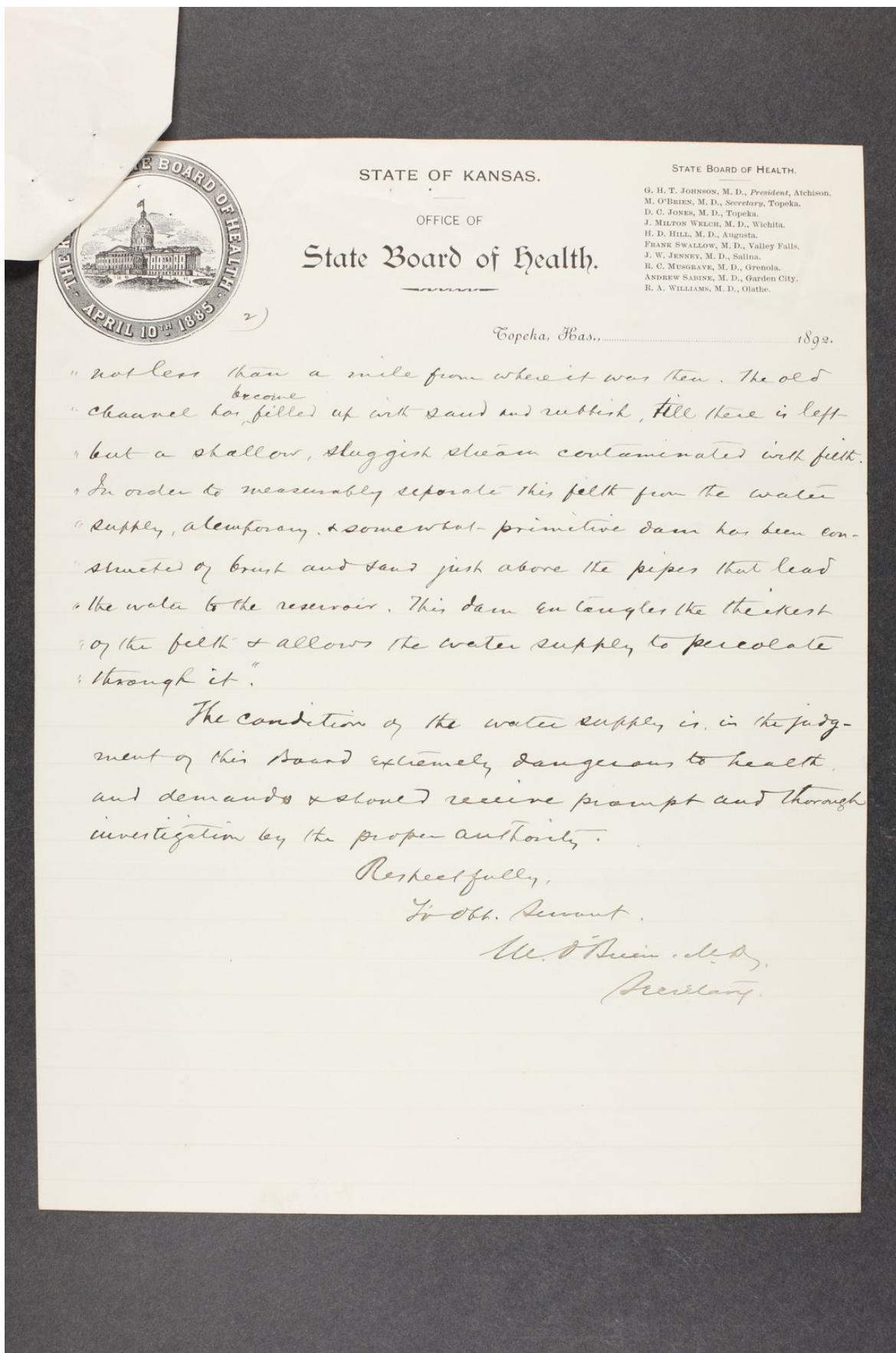


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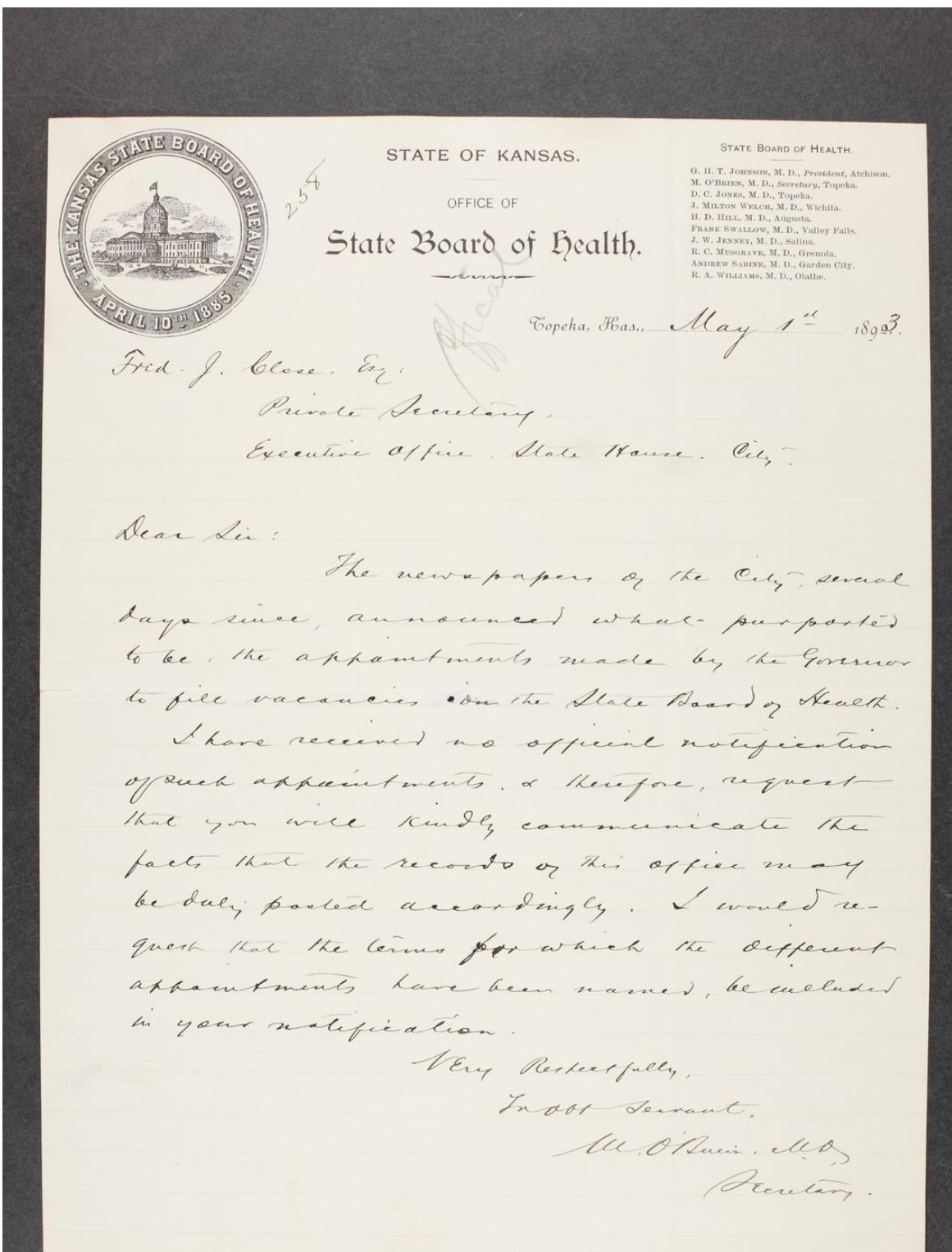


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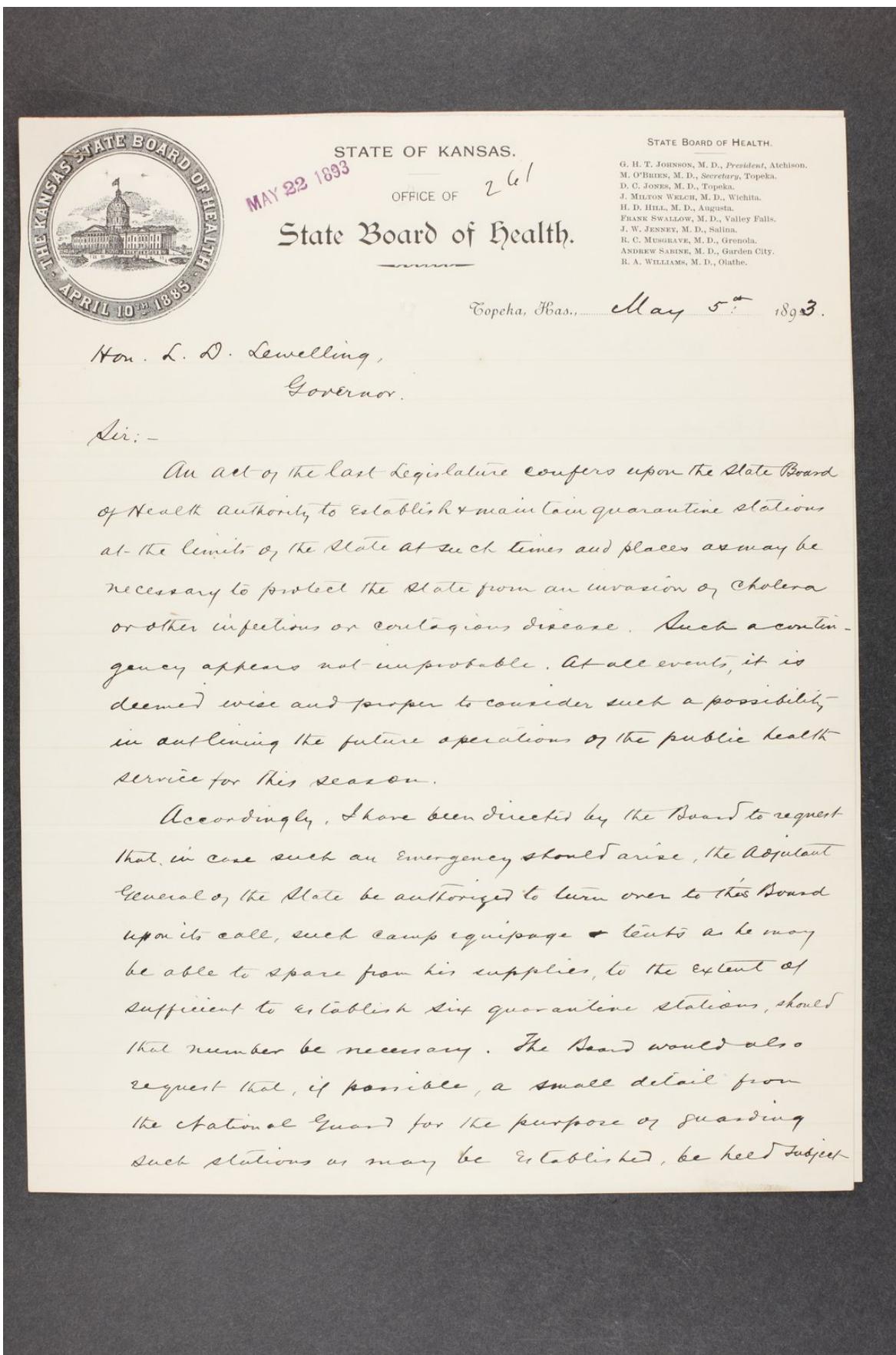


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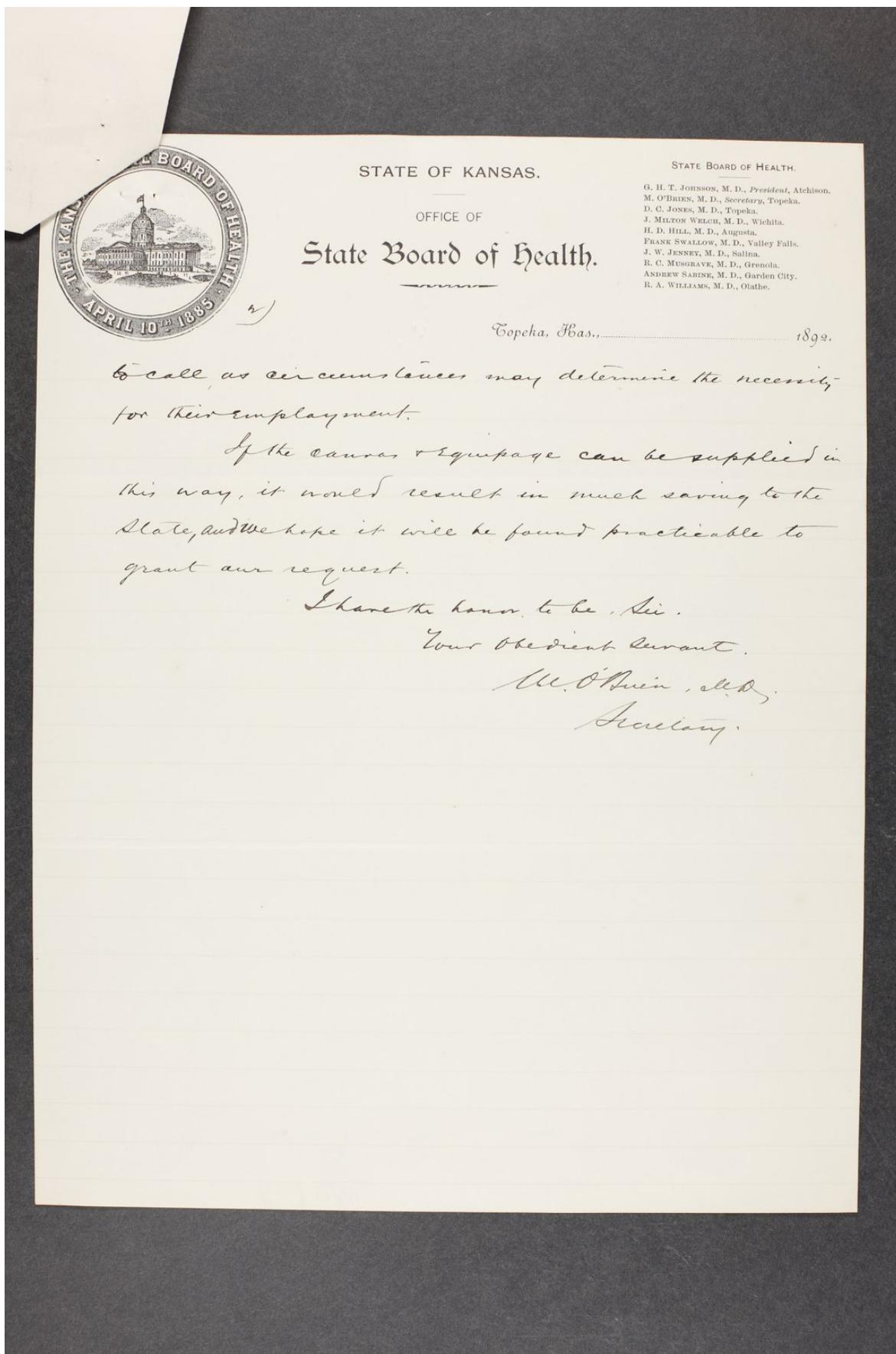


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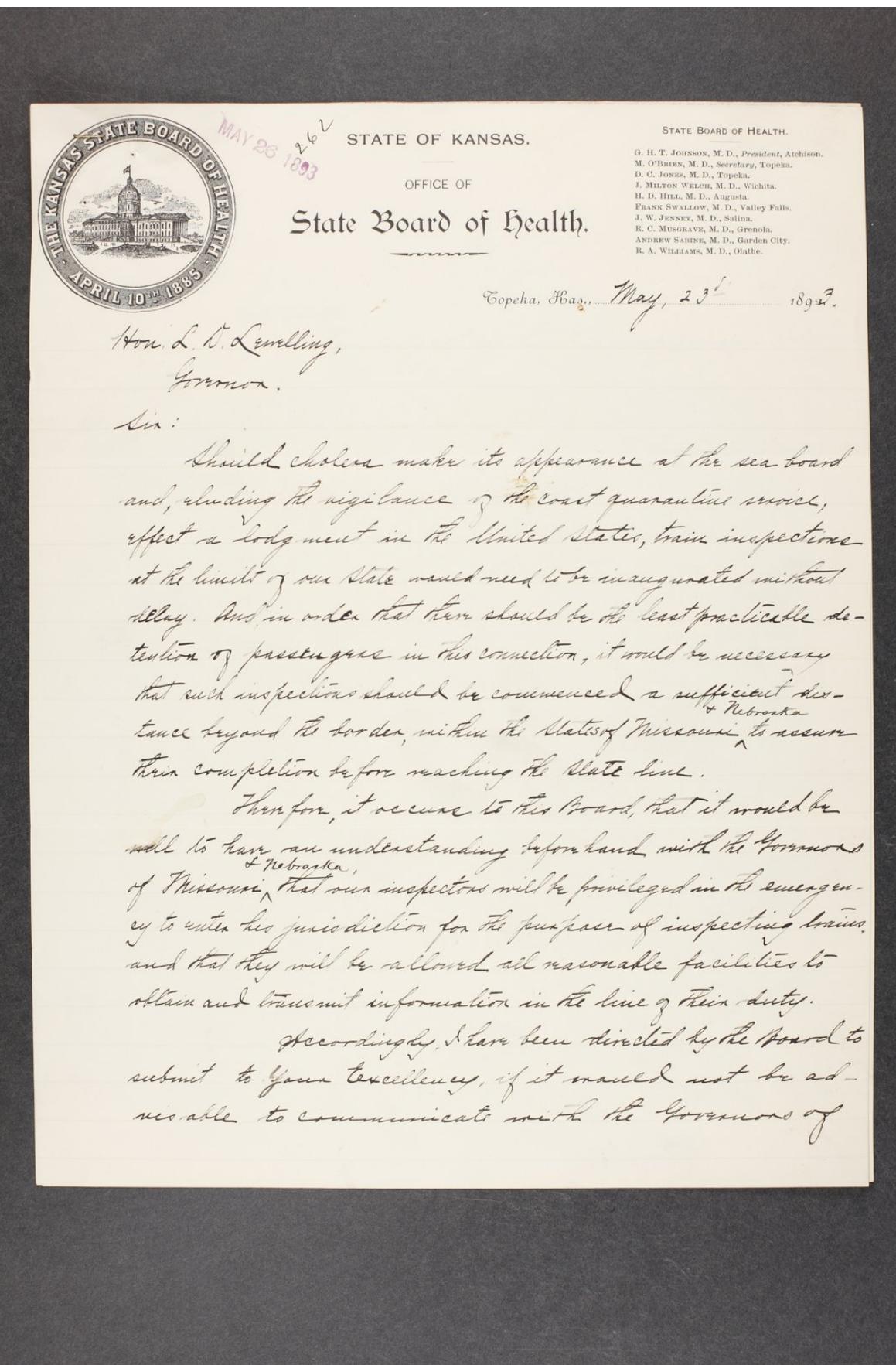


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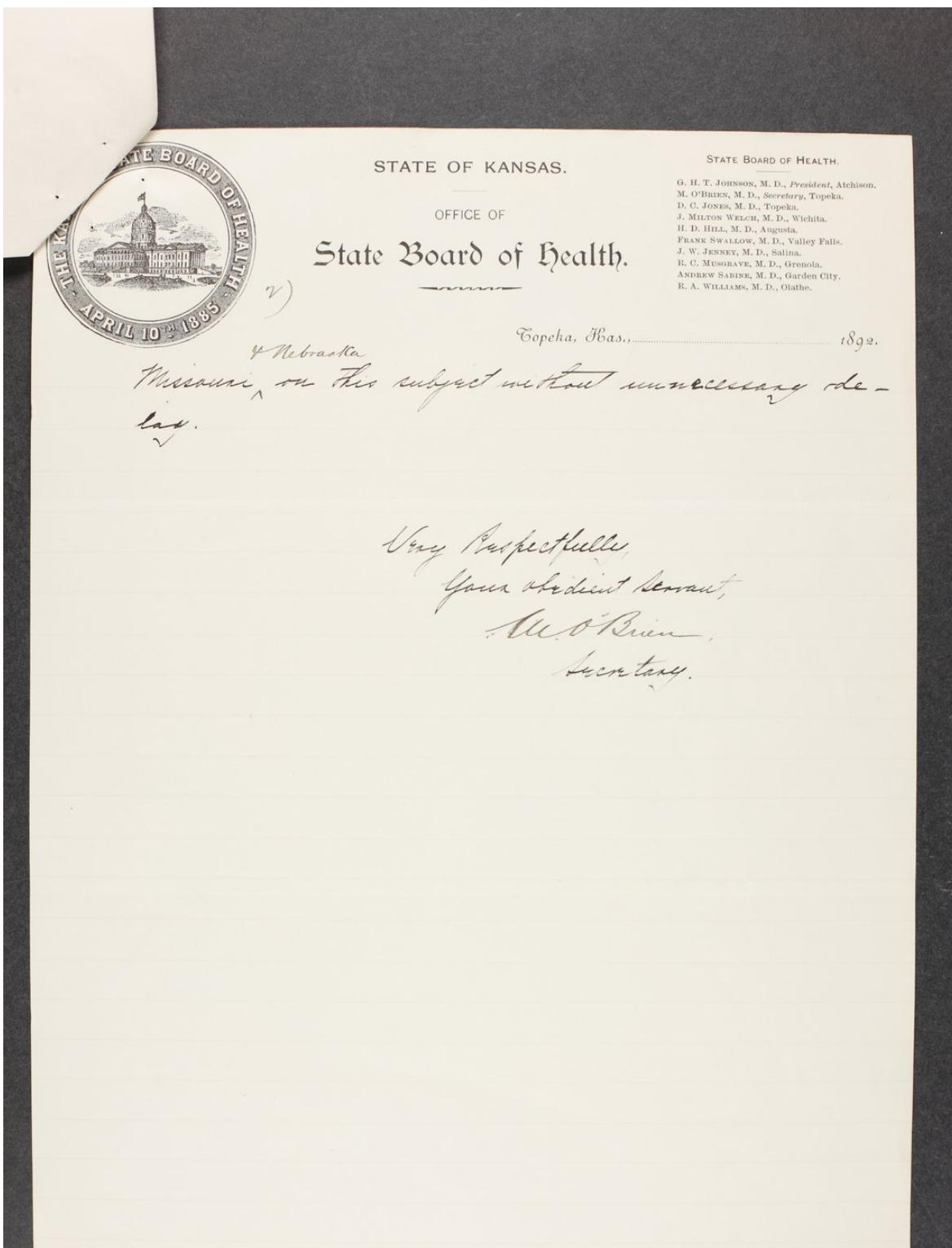


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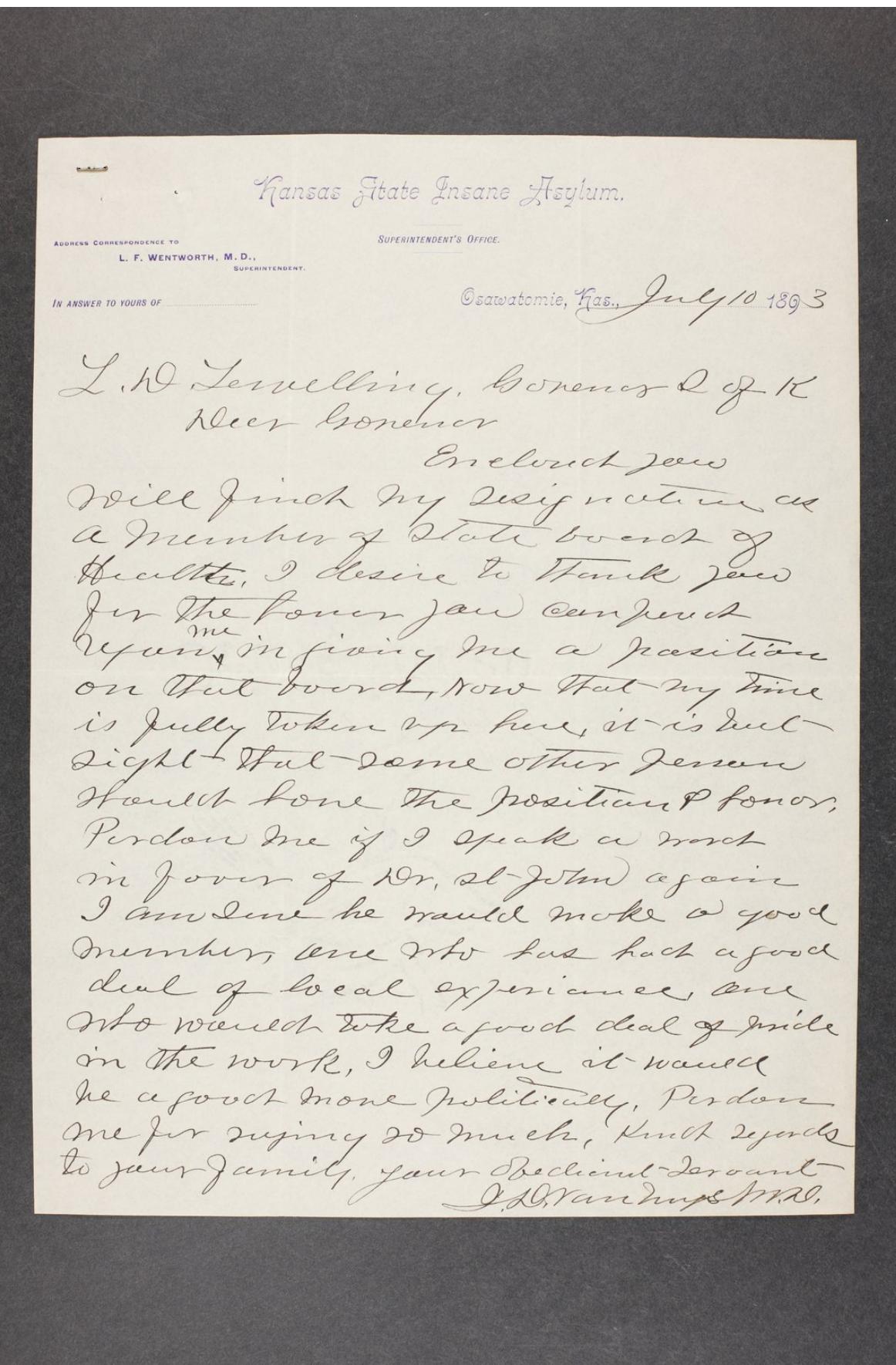
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
M. O'Brien,
Secretary.

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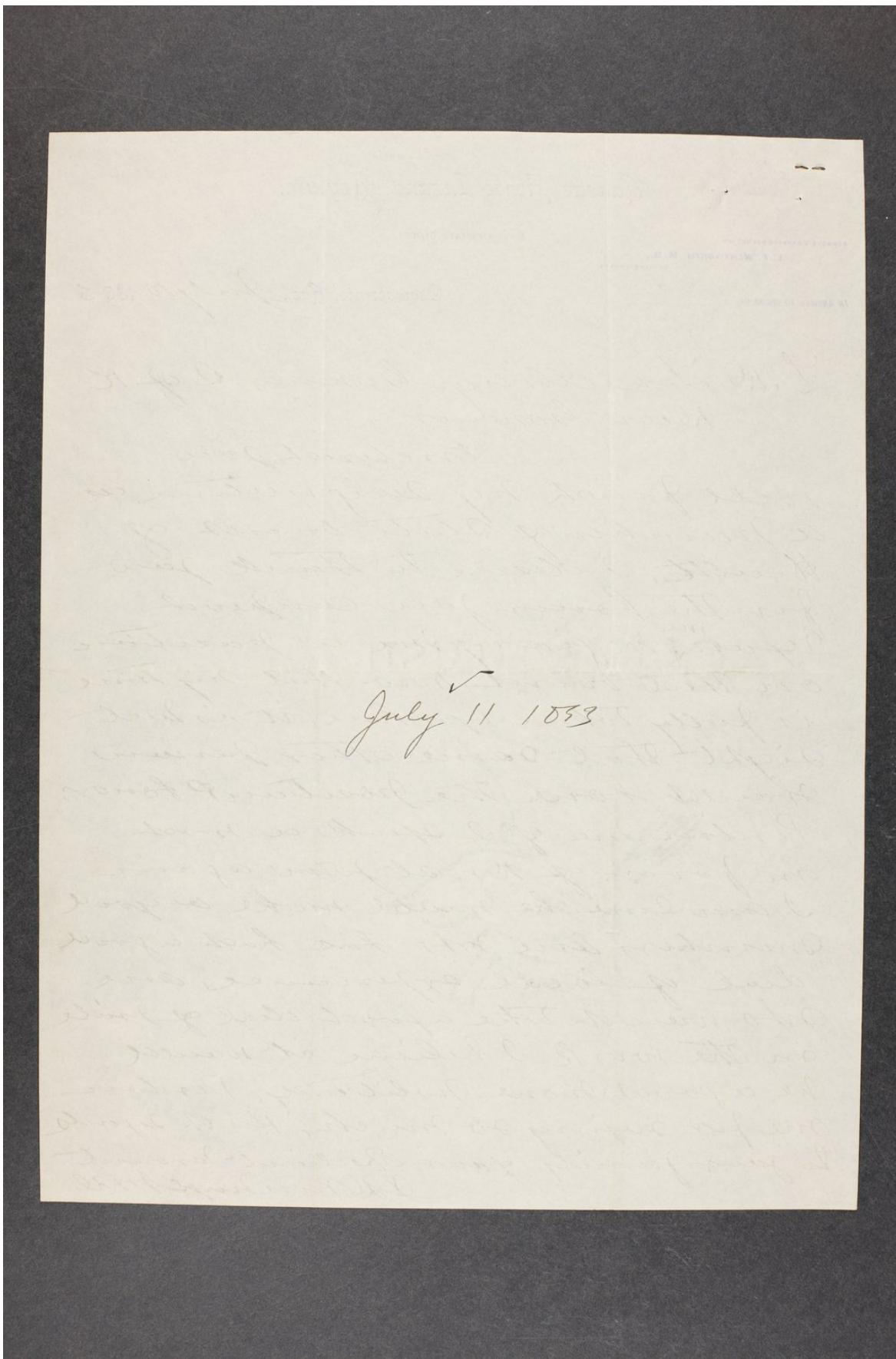


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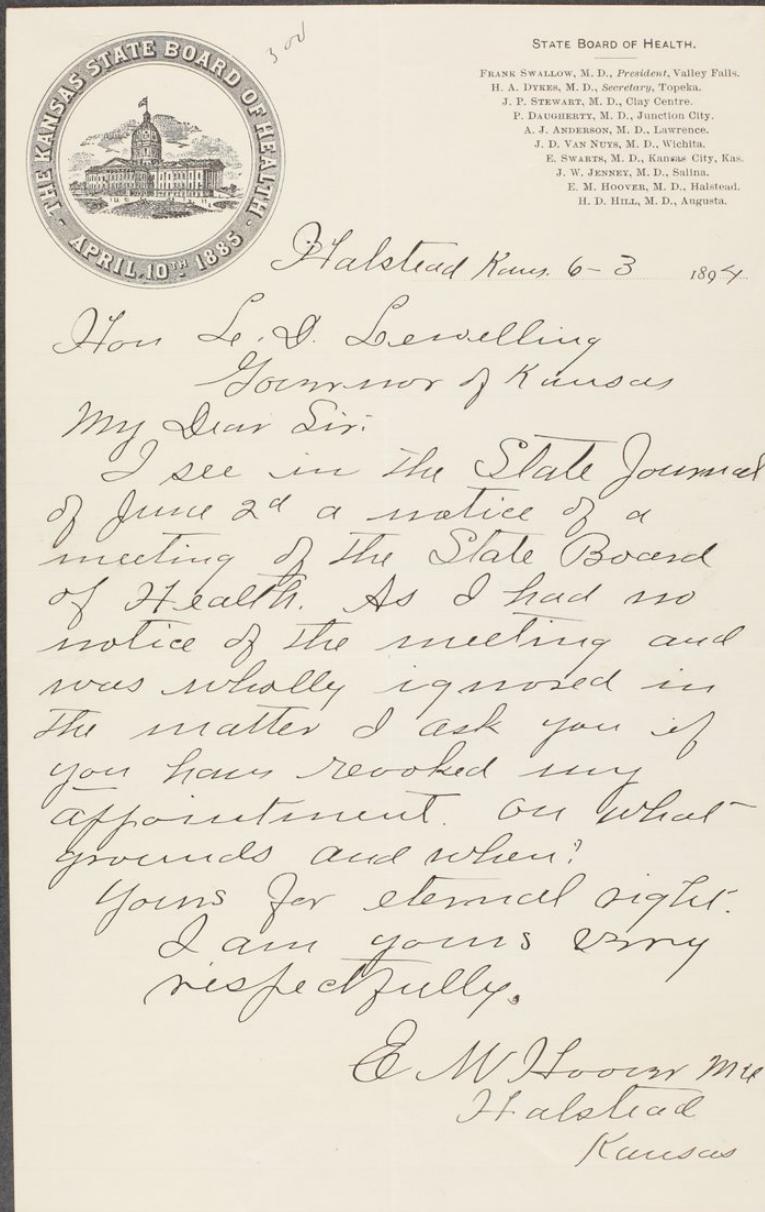


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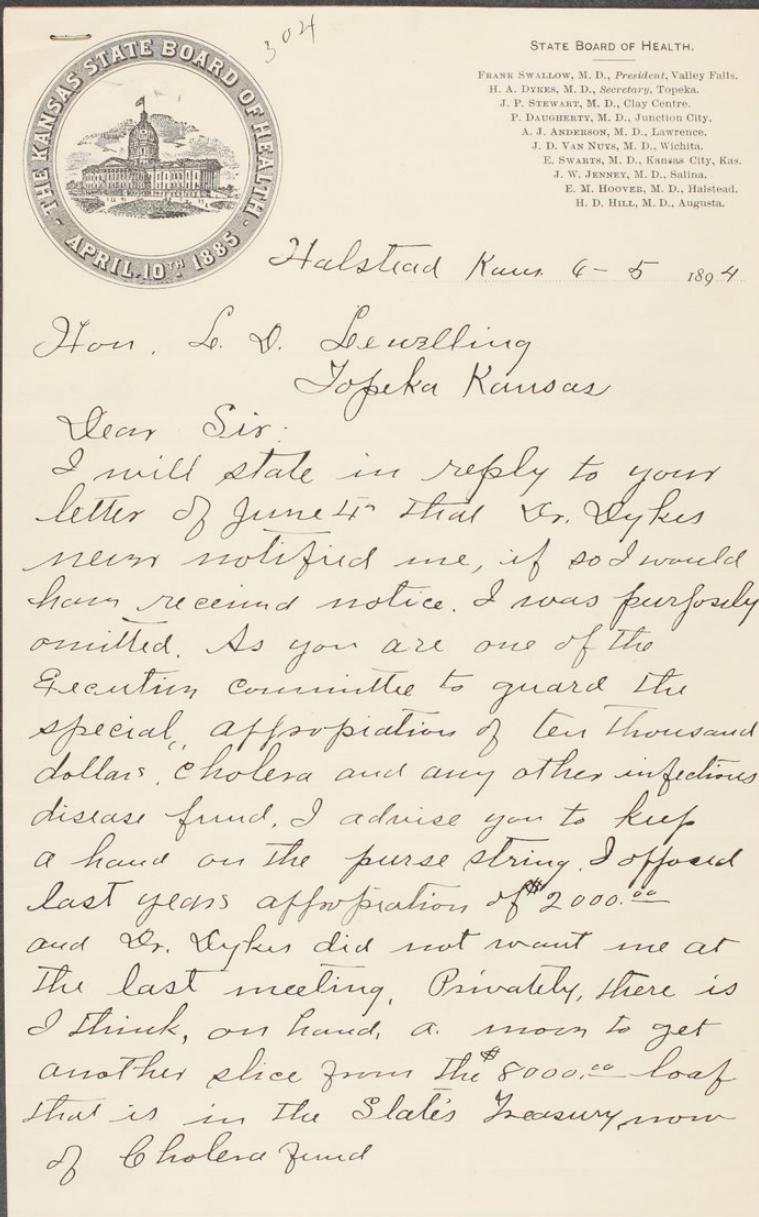


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Now Governor There is a "nigger" in the wood pile and if you keep your eyes out on the \$800.00 wood(money) file you will see the colored gentleman. I am sorry that there is a ring in our State Board of Health but as I look at it I cannot see matters any other way. When I go to Topeka I wish to have a private talk with you on this matter. I wish you to watch as well as pray and keep things quiet and see what will develop.

Yours for right-

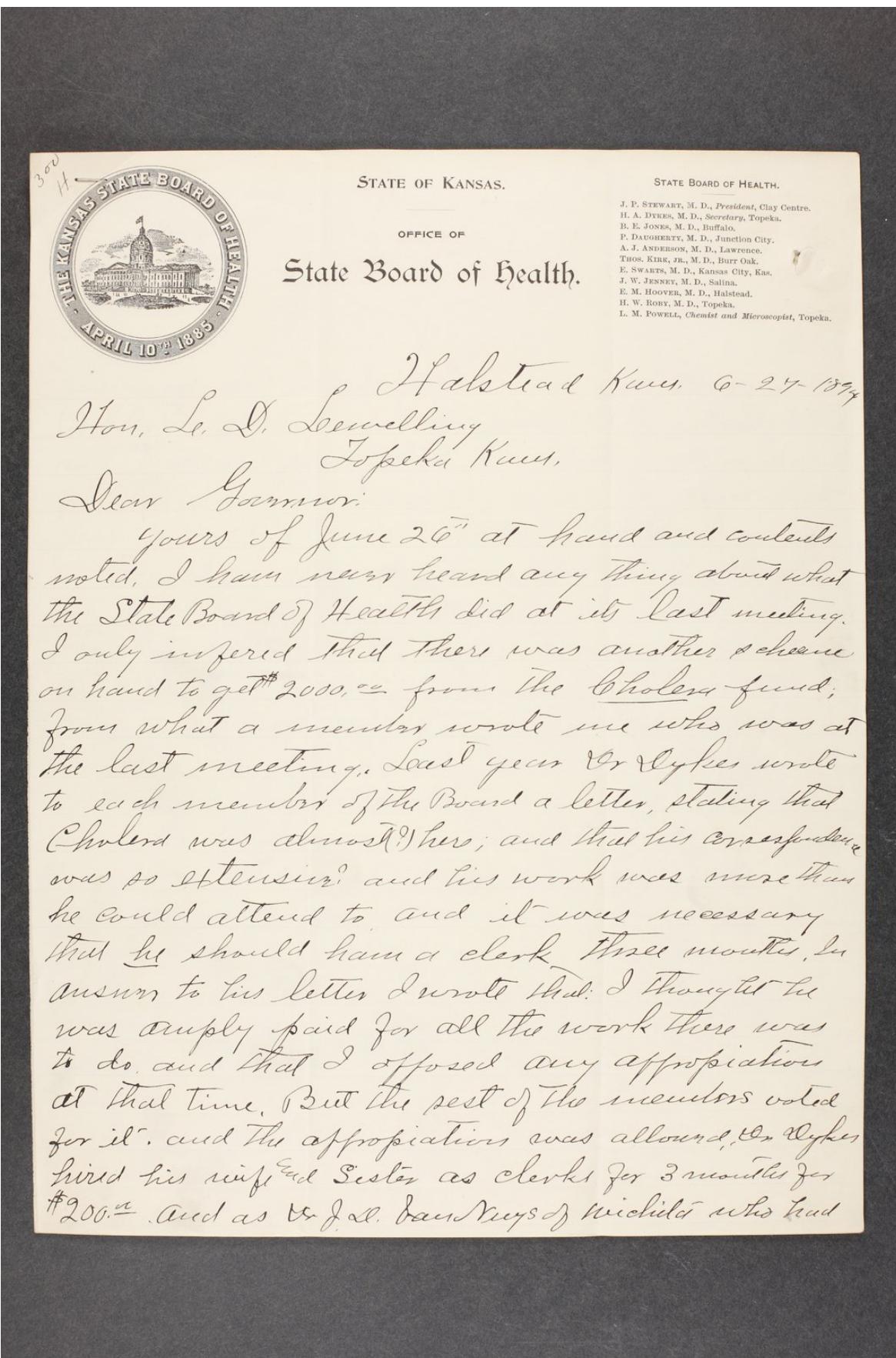
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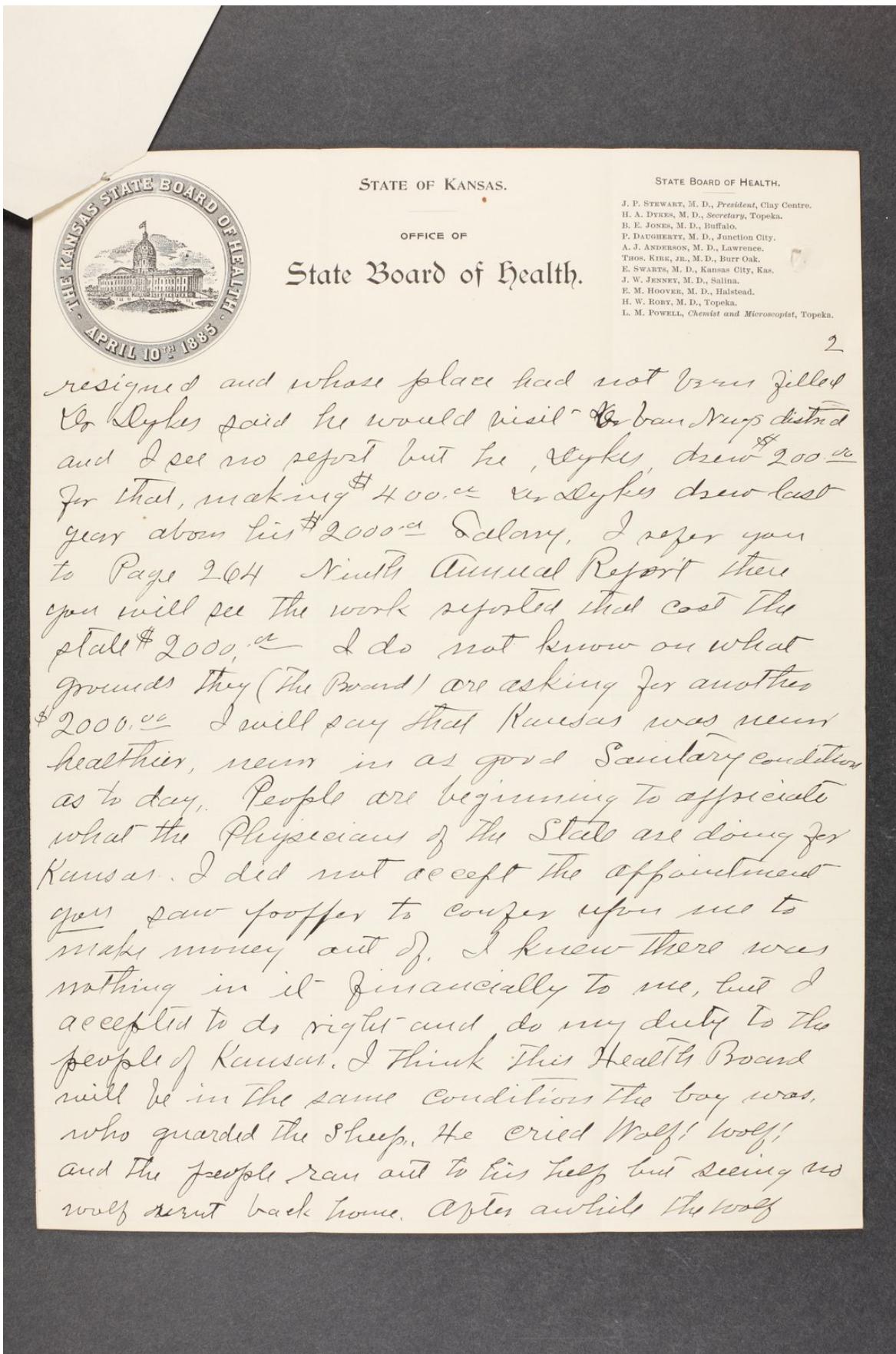


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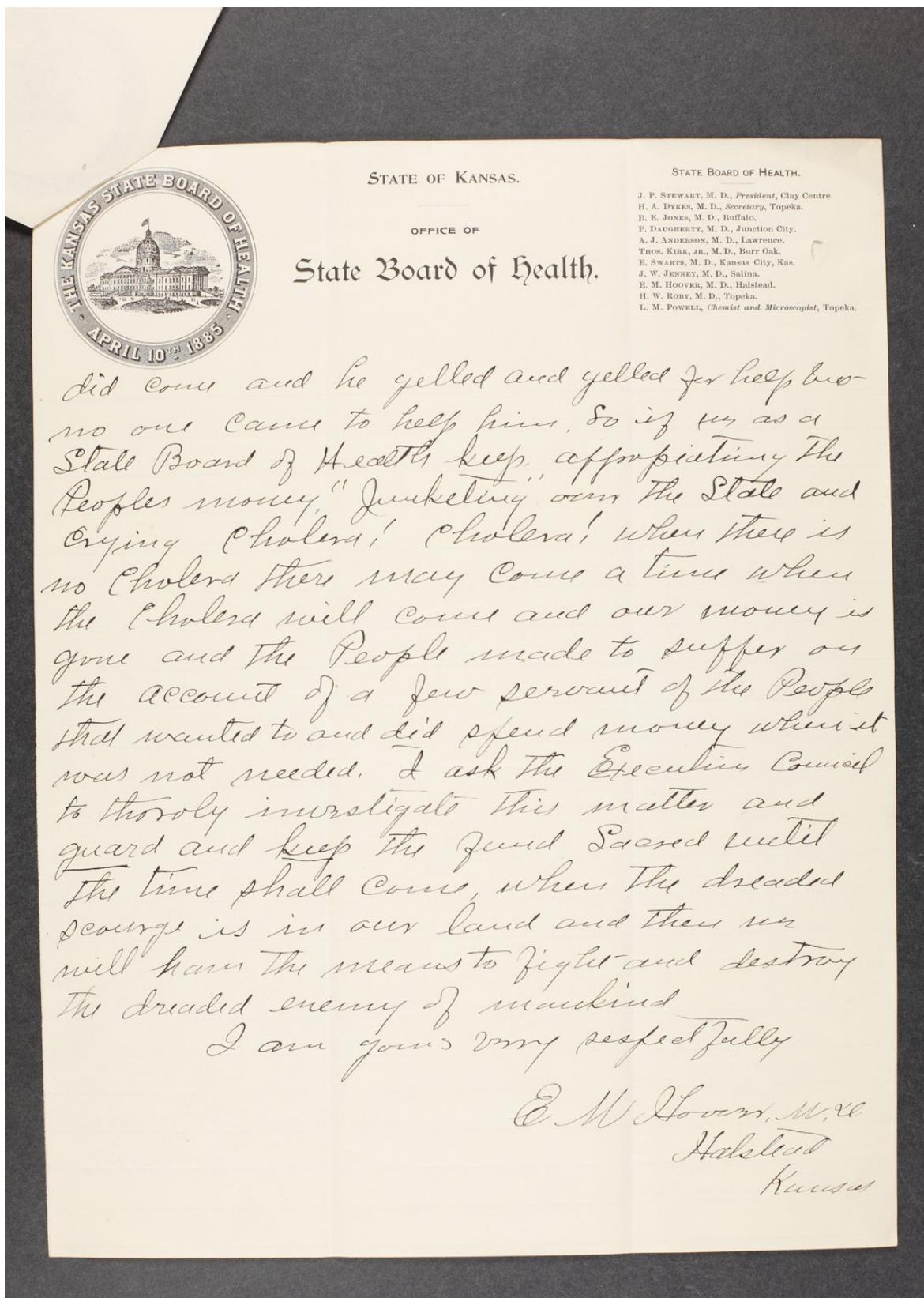


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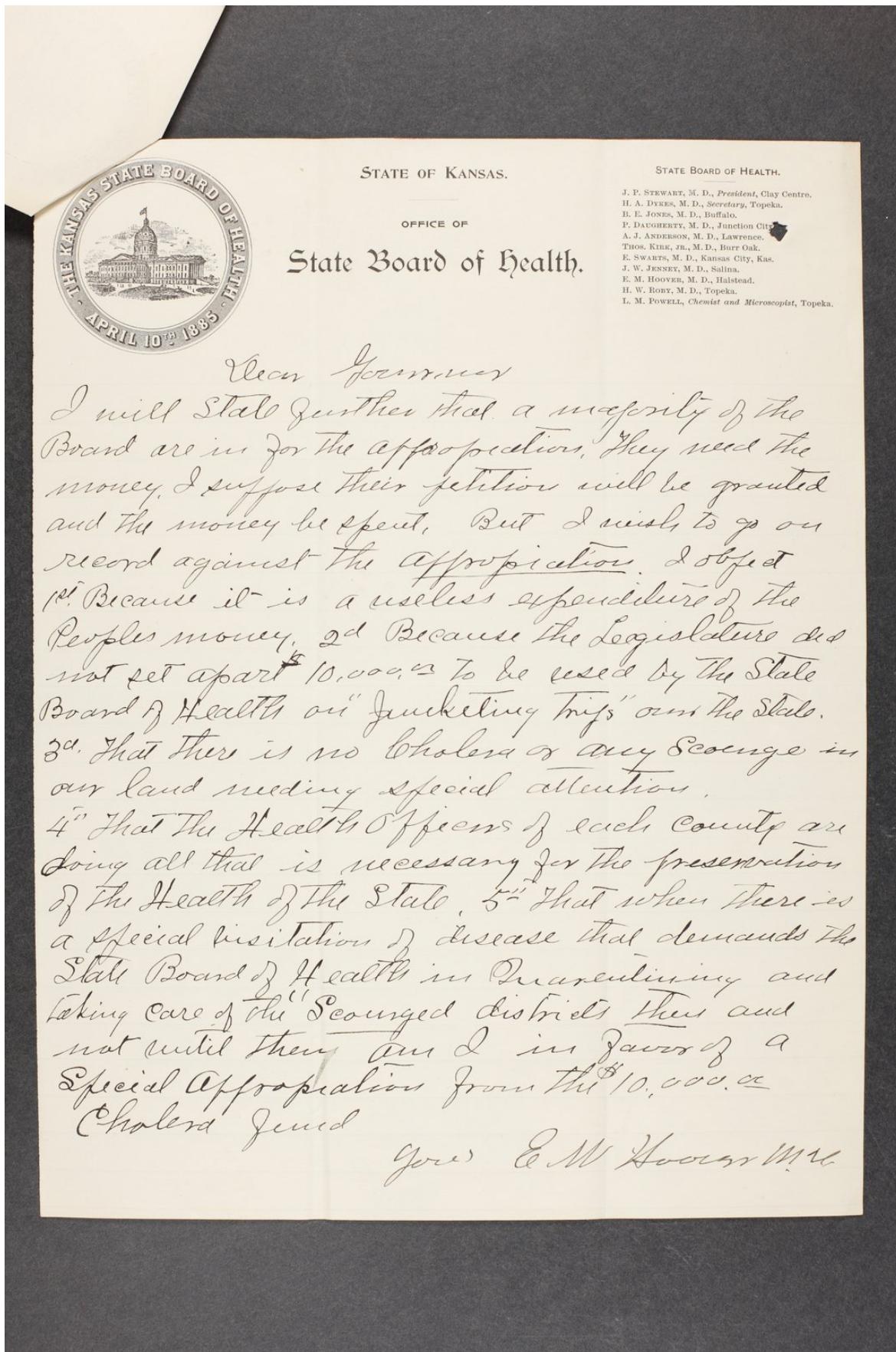


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Halstead Kansas Aug. 1st 1894

Hon. L. V. Lewelling
Topeka Kansas

Dear Governor:

I write you this day to congratulate you and Treasurer Biddle on your stand for right against the missappropriating the Cholera Fund. I stand alone on the Board of Health against the Steal, and am glad that I made the stand for right. Your action in this matter has made you several votes here.

Thanking you again, I am sincerely yours.

E. M. Hoover M. D.
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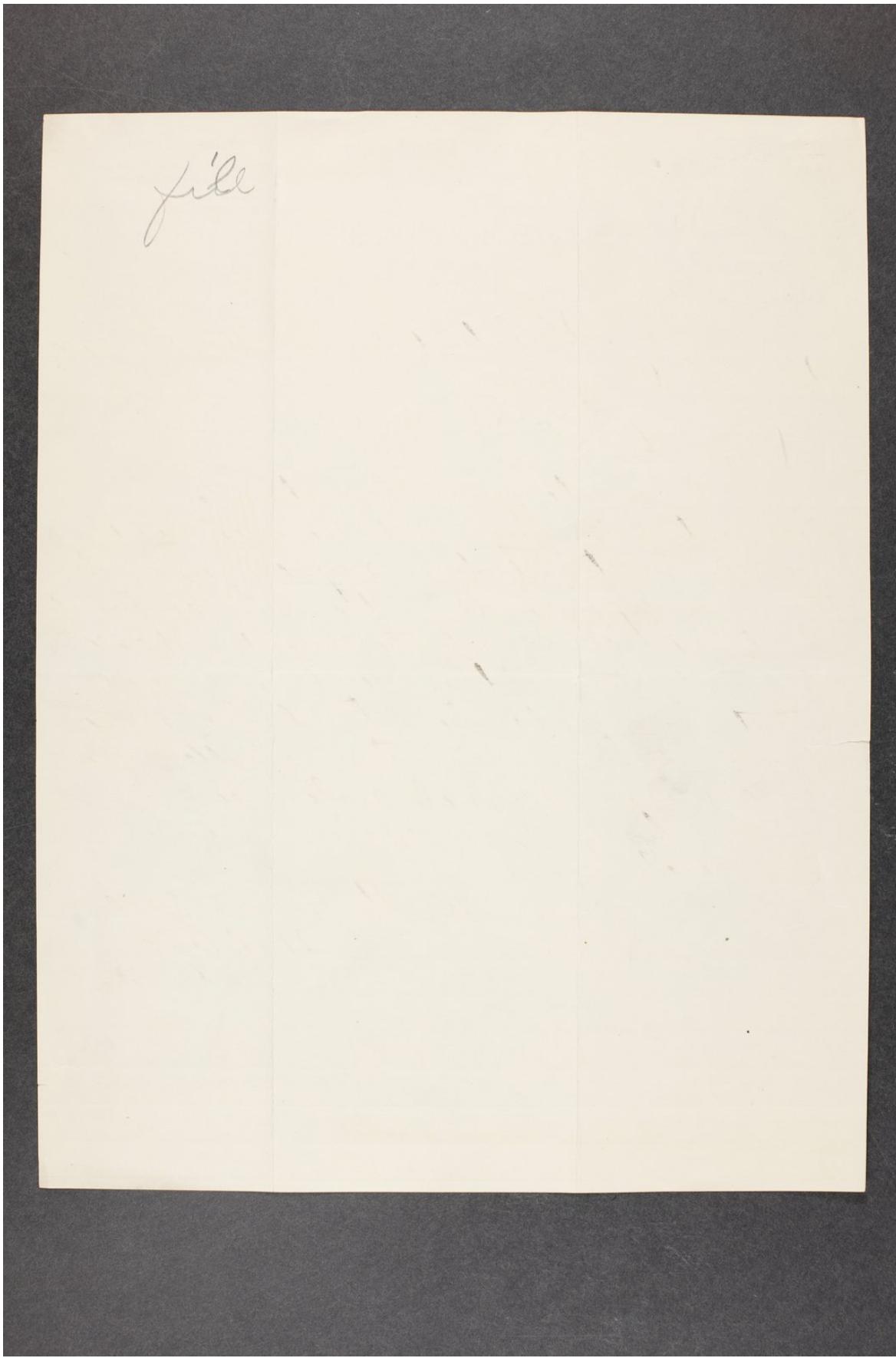
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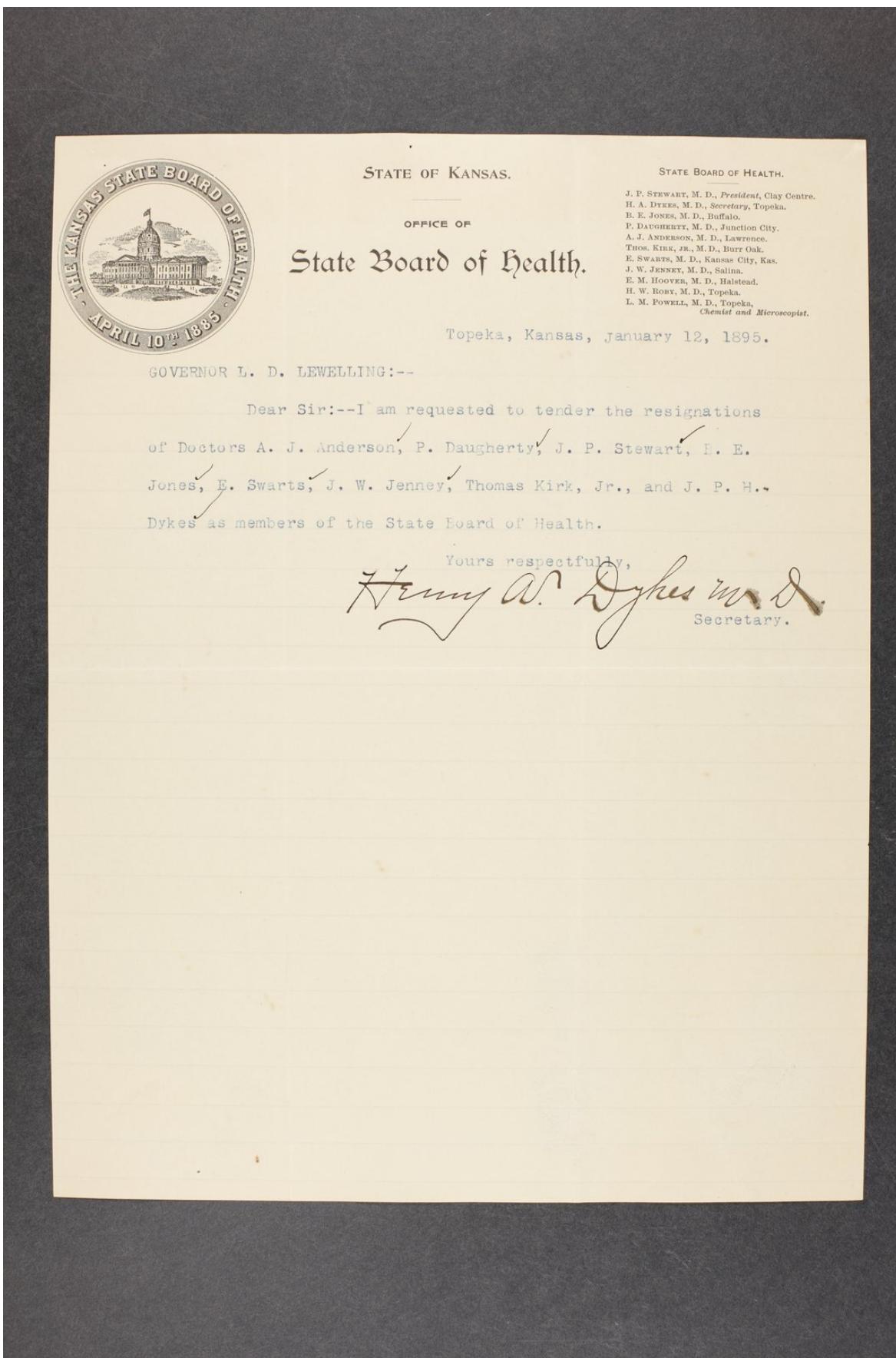


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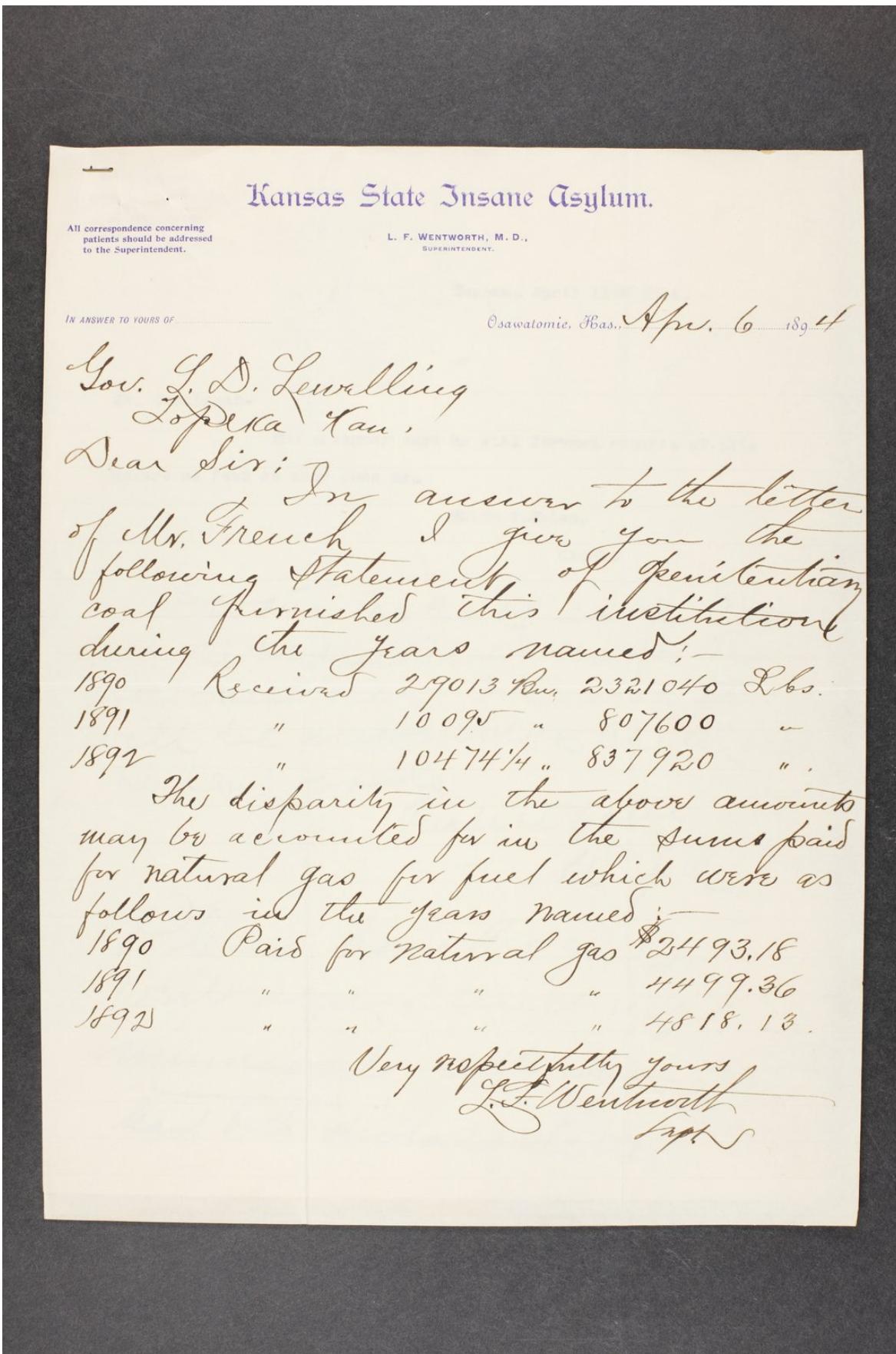


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