Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 1

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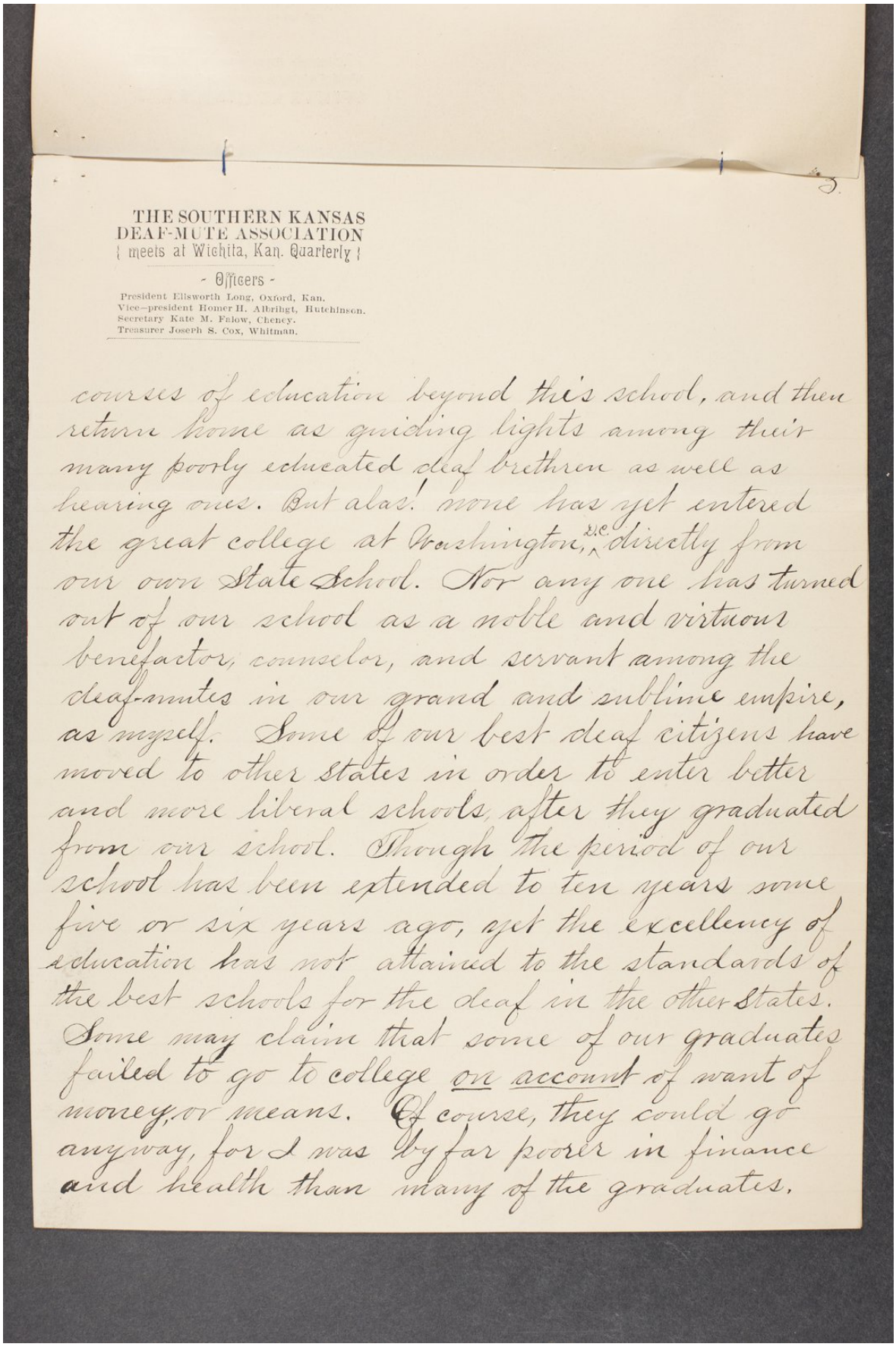
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courses of education beyond this school, and then return home as guiding lights among their many poorly educated deaf brethren as well as hearing ones. But alas! none has yet entered the great college at Washington, D.C. directly from our own State School. Nor any one has turned out of our school as a noble and virtuous benefactor, counselor, and servant among the deaf-mutes in our grand and sublime empire, as myself. Some of our best deaf citizens have moved to other states in order to enter better and more liberal schools, after they graduated from our school. Though the period of our school has been extended to ten years some five or six years ago, yet the excellency of education has not attained to the standards of the best schools for the deaf in the other States. Some may claim that some of our graduates failed to go to college on account of want of money, or means. Of course, they could go anyway, for I was by far poorer in finance and health than many of the graduates.

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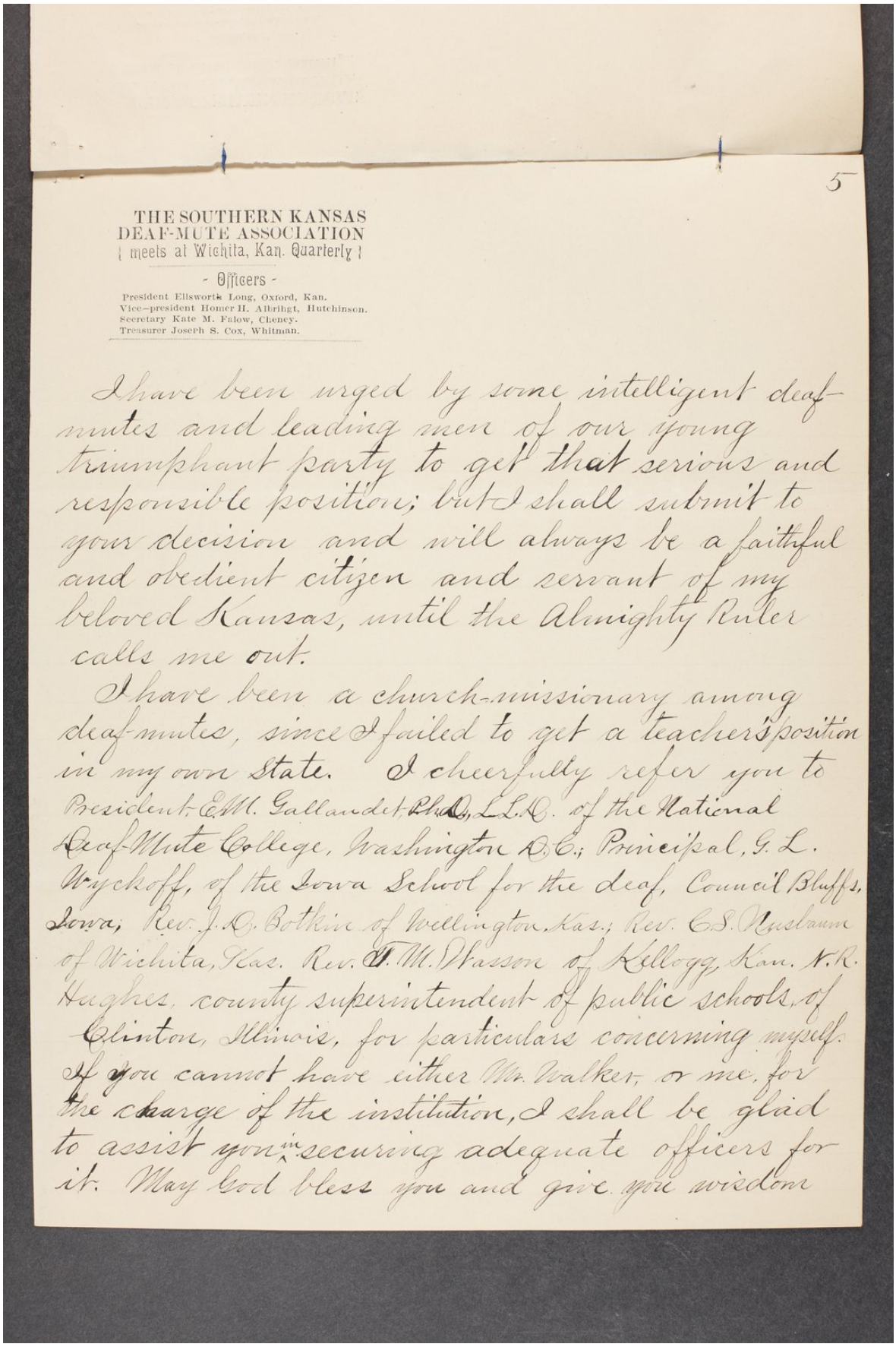
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The fault must rest upon the administration and the want of the States support. Though the present superintendent of our deaf school has many excellent qualifications for the office, yet I must admit, as having been acquainted with him and his administration since 1885, that he lacks some essential ones. viz: too quick in temper and judgement; and occasionally, out of reason and extrally cruel; sometimes appointing inexperienced and inadequate persons as teachers and assistants.

We ought to have some one to take Mr. S.T. Walker's place who will supply those lacking qualifications and make our school for the deaf more efficient and successful than heretofore, and also make a good mark of our new State administration.

I received a letter from a mute friend in the south-eastern part of the State, informing me that a man by the name of Prof. Chase of Nevada Mo, has just applied to you for Mr. Walker's place. I know Mr. Chase. As he is not an earnest Christian, and a non-resident of the State, I would advise you not to grant him the position.



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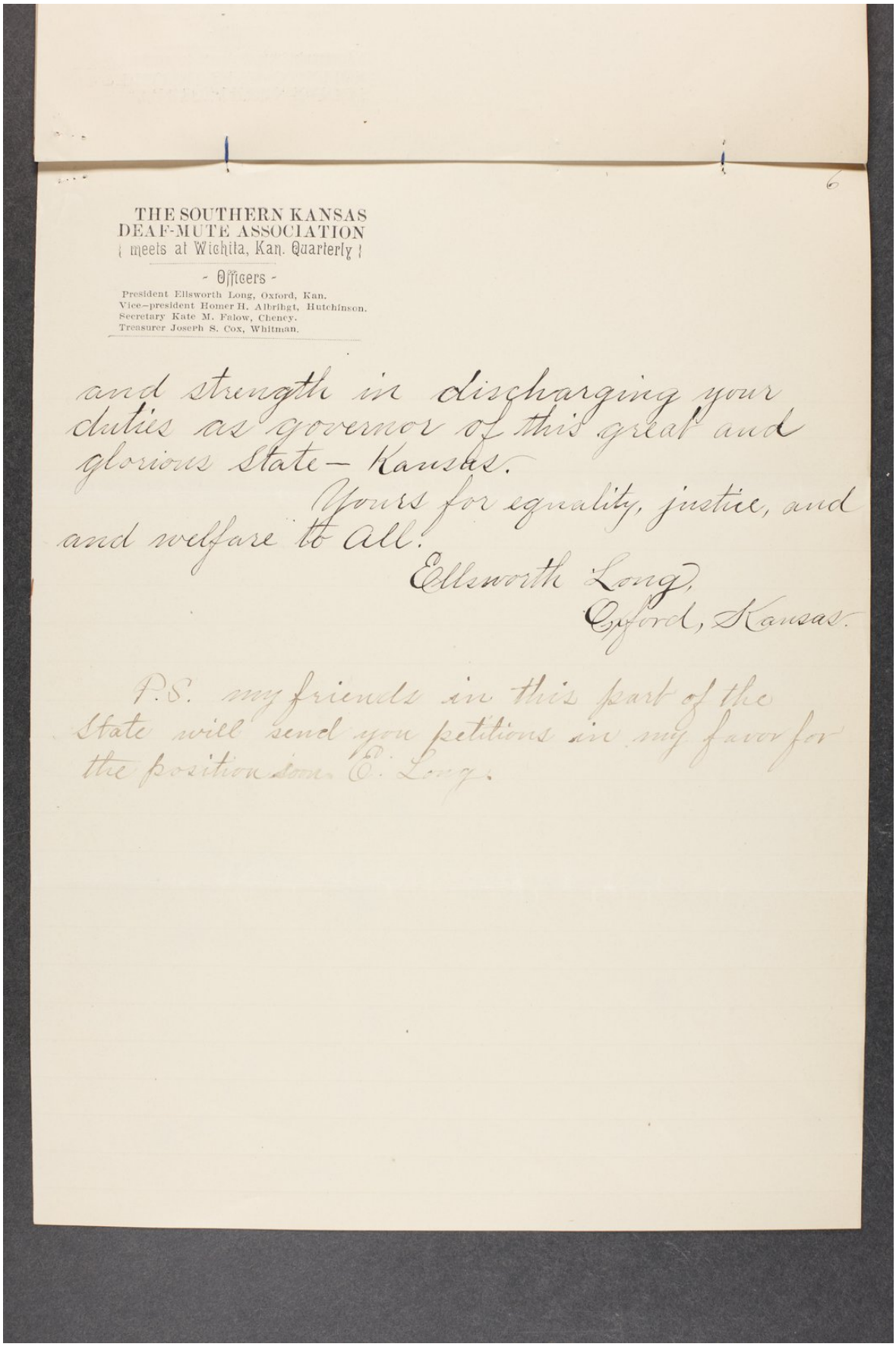
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I have been urged by some intelligent deaf-mutes and leading men of our young triumphant party to get that serious and responsible position; but I shall submit to your decision and will always be a faithful and obedient citizen and servant of my beloved Kansas, until the Almighty Ruler calls me out.

I have been a church-missionary among deaf-mutes, since I failed to get a teacher's position in my own State. I cheerfully refer you to President E.M. Gallandet, Ph.D., LL.D. of the National Deaf-Mute College, Washington D.C.; Principal, G.L. Wyckoff, of the Iowa School for the deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Rev. J.D. Botkin of Wellington, Kas.; Rev. C.S. Ruslaum of Wichita, Kas. Rev. H.M. Wasson of Kellogg, Kan. N.R. Hughes, county superintendent of public schools, of Clinton, Illinois, for particulars concerning myself. If you cannot have either Mr. Walker, or me, for the charge of the institution, I shall be glaid to assist you in securing adequate officers for it. May God bless you and give you wisdom



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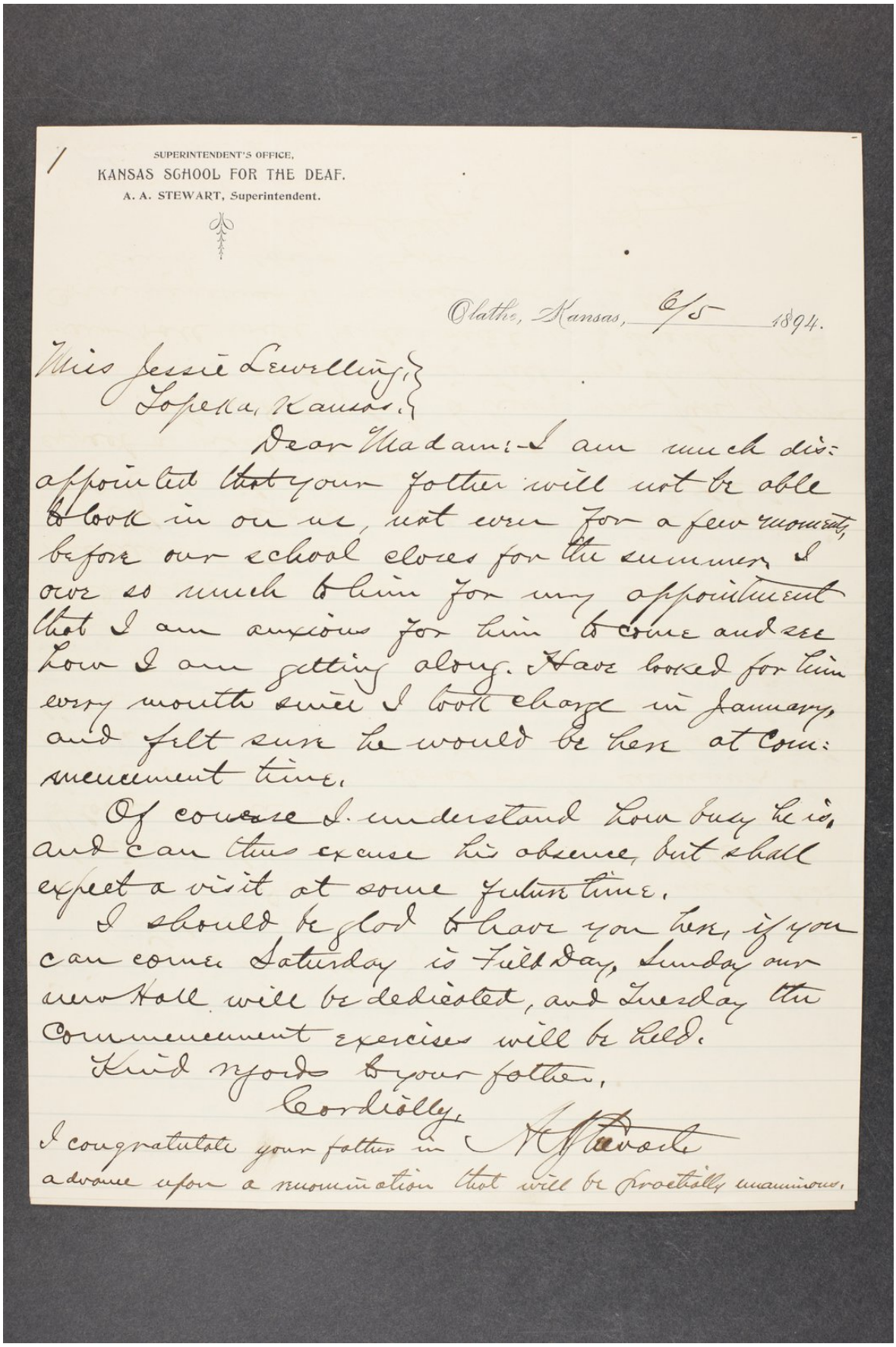
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and strength in discharging your duties as governor of this great and glorious State — Kansas.

Yours for equality, justice, and and welfare to all.

Ellsworth Long,
Oxford, Kansas.

P.S. my friends in this part of the State will send you petitions in my favor for the position. Ellsworth E. Long.



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
A. A. STEWART, Superintendent.

Olathe, Kansas, 6/5 1894.

Miss Jessie Lewelling,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:- I am much disappointed that your father will not be able to look in on us, not even for a few moments, before our school closes for the summer. I owe so much to him for my appointment that I am anxious for him to come and see how I am getting along. Have looked for him every month since I took charge in January, and felt sure he would be here at Commencement time.

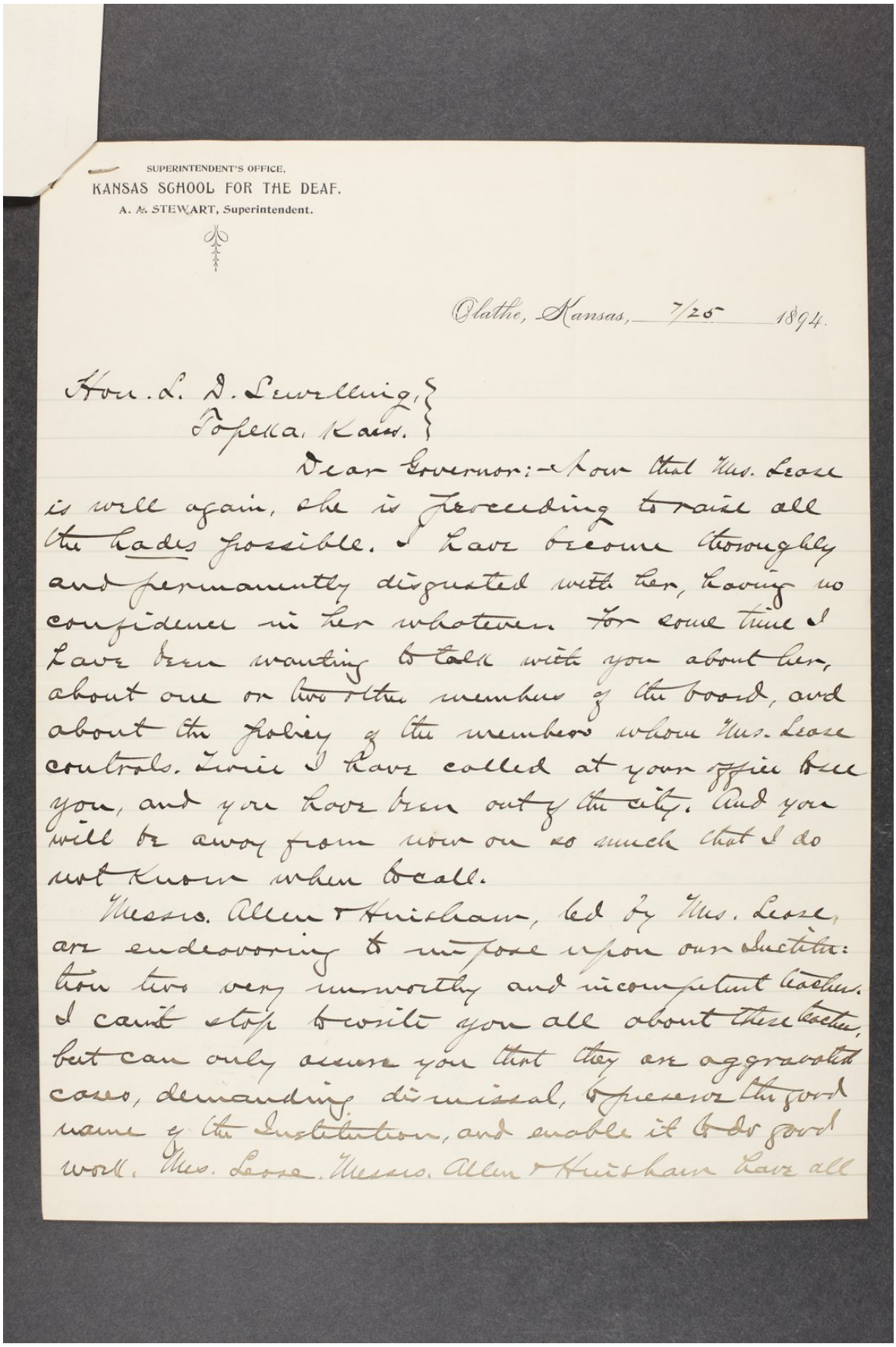
Of course I understand how busy he is, and can thus excuse his absence, but shall expect a visit at some future time.

I should be glad to have you too, if you can come. Saturday is Field Day, Sunday our new Hall will be dedicated, and Tuesday the Commencement exercises will be held.

Kind words to your father.

Cordially,
A. A. Stewart

I congratulate your father in advance upon a renomination that will be practically unanimous.



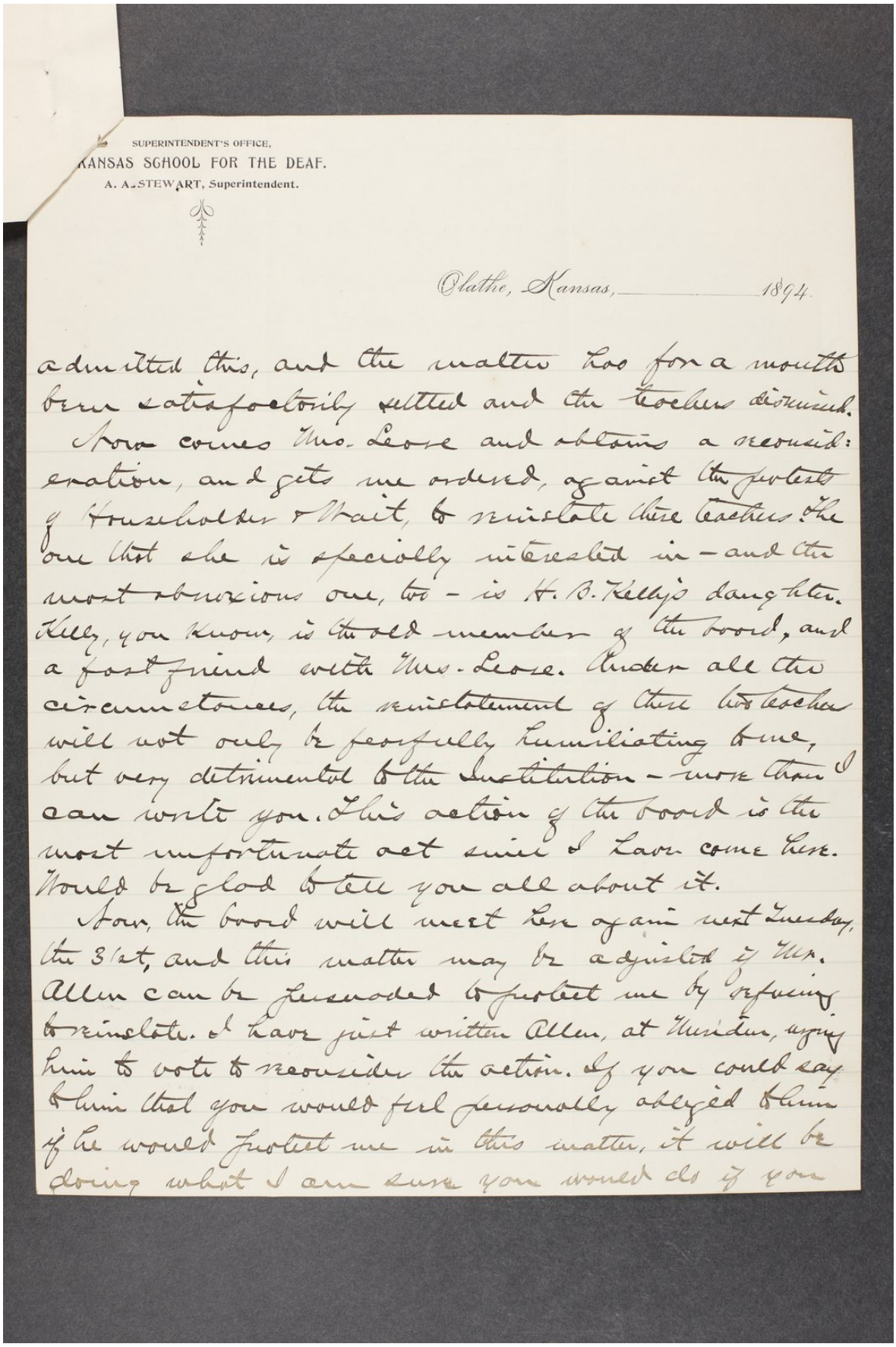
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Olathe, Kansas, 7/25 1894.

Hon. L. D. Lewelling,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Governor:- Now that Mrs. Lease is well again, she is proceeding to raise all the hades possible. I have become thoroughly and permanently disgusted with her, having no confidence in her whatever. For some time I have been wanting to talk with you about her, about one or two of the members of the board, and about the policy of the members whom Mrs. Lease controls. Since I have called at your office & see you, and you have been out of the city. And you will be away from now on so much that I do not know when to call.

Messrs. Allen & Hutchison, led by Mrs. Lease, are endeavoring to impose upon our institution two very unworthy and incompetent teachers. I can't stop to write you all about these teachers, but can only assure you that they are aggravated cases, demanding dismissal, to preserve the good name of the Institution, and enable it to do good work. Mrs. Lease. Messrs. Allen & Hutchison have all



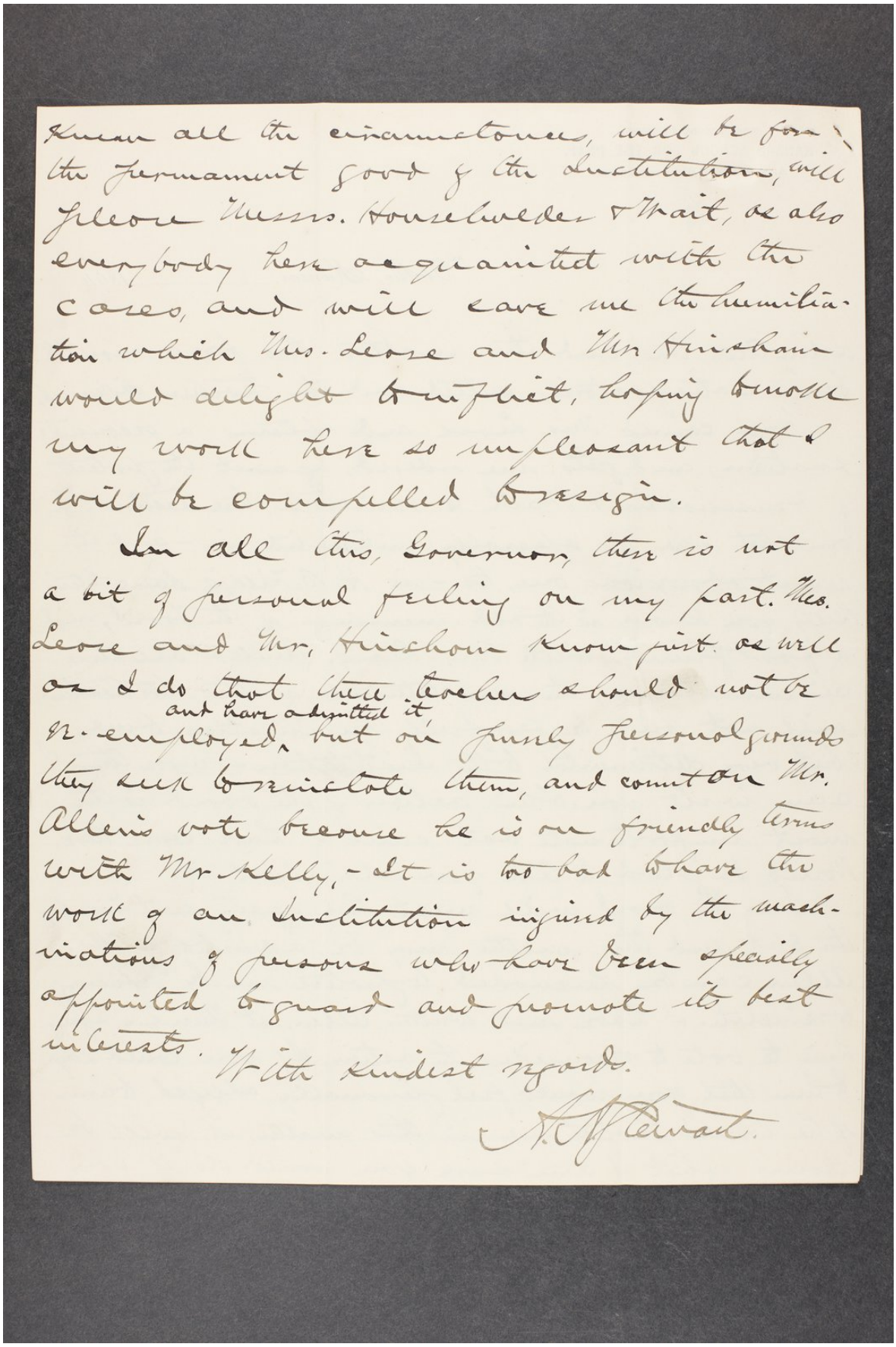
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Olathe, Kansas, _____ 1894.

admitted this, and the matter has for a months been satisfactorily settled and the teachers dismissed.

Now comes Mrs. Leose and obtains a reconsideration, and gets me ordered, against the protests of Householder & Wait, to reinstate these teachers. The one that she is specially interested in - and the most obnoxious one, too - is H. B. Kelly's daughter. Kelly, you know, is the old member of the board, and a fast friend with Mrs. Leose. Under all the circumstances, the reinstatement of these two teachers will not only be woefully humiliating to me, but very detrimental to the institution - more than I can write you. This action of the board is the most unfortunate act since I have come here. Would be glad to tell you all about it.

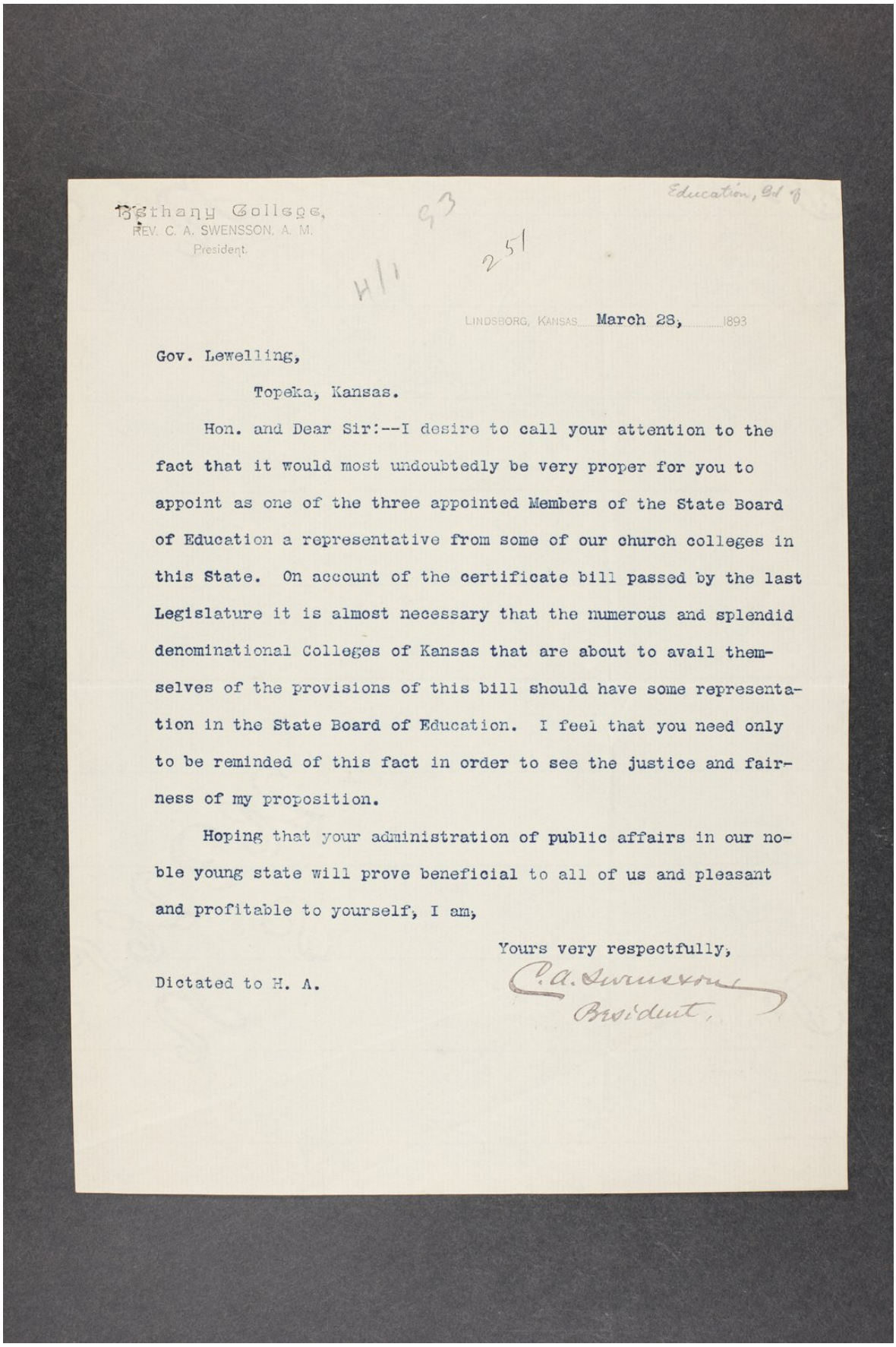
Now, the board will meet here again next Tuesday, the 31st, and this matter may be adjusted if Mrs. Allen can be persuaded to protect me by refusing to reinstate. I have just written Allen, at Meriden, urging him to vote to reconsider the action. If you could say to him that you would feel personally obliged to him if he would protect me in this matter, it will be doing what I am sure you would do if you



know all the circumstances, will be for the permanent good of the institution, will please Messrs. Householder & Hait, as also everybody here acquainted with the cases, and will save me the humiliation which Mrs. Leore and Mr Hitchcock would delight to inflict, hoping to make my work here so unpleasant that I will be compelled to resign.

In all this, Governor, there is not a bit of personal feeling on my part. Mrs. Leore and Mr. Hitchcock know just as well as I do that these teachers should not be re-employed, but on purely personal grounds they ask to discriminate them, and count on Mr. Allen's vote because he is on friendly terms with Mr Kelly, - It is too bad to have the work of an institution injured by the machinations of persons who have been specially appointed to guard and promote its best interests. With kindest regards.

A. J. Stewart.



Bethany College,
REV. C. A. SWENSSON, A. M.
President.

Education, Bd of

LINDSBORG, KANSAS March 28, 1893

Gov. Lewelling,

Topeka, Kansas.

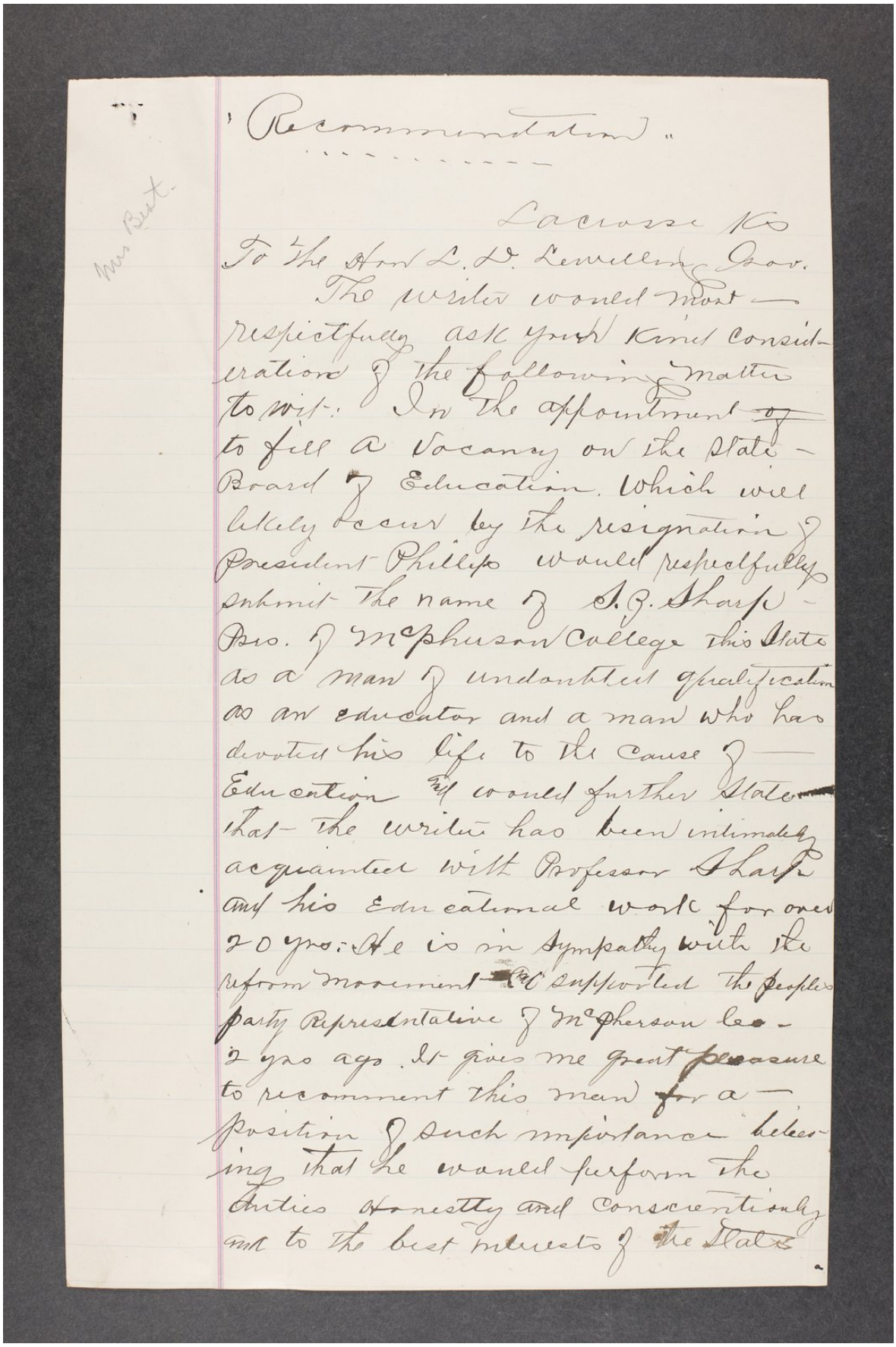
Hon. and Dear Sir:--I desire to call your attention to the fact that it would most undoubtedly be very proper for you to appoint as one of the three appointed Members of the State Board of Education a representative from some of our church colleges in this State. On account of the certificate bill passed by the last Legislature it is almost necessary that the numerous and splendid denominational Colleges of Kansas that are about to avail themselves of the provisions of this bill should have some representation in the State Board of Education. I feel that you need only to be reminded of this fact in order to see the justice and fairness of my proposition.

Hoping that your administration of public affairs in our noble young state will prove beneficial to all of us and pleasant and profitable to yourself, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

C. A. Swensson
President.

Dictated to H. A.

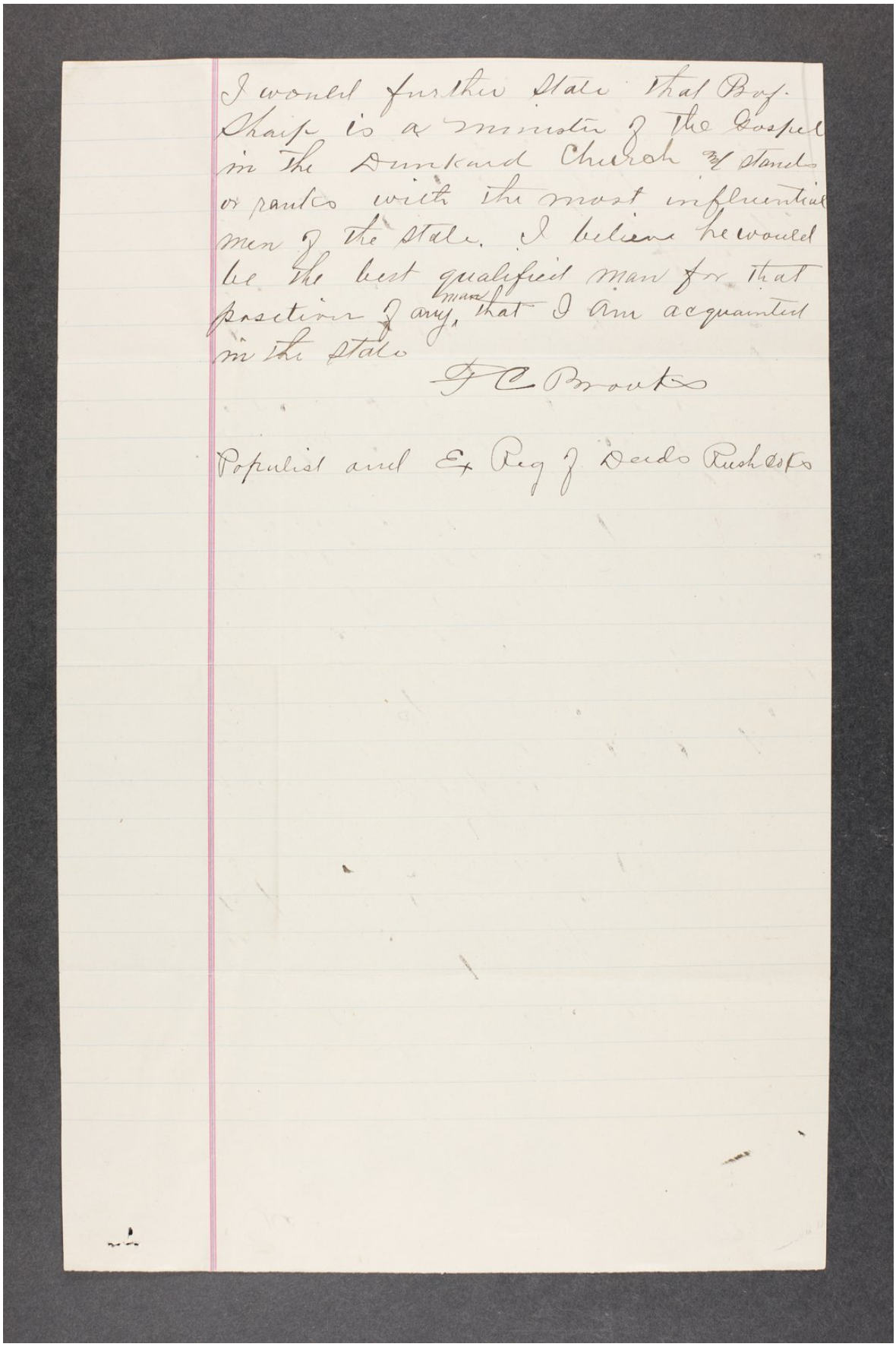


"Recommendation"

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To the Hon L. D. Lewelling Gov.

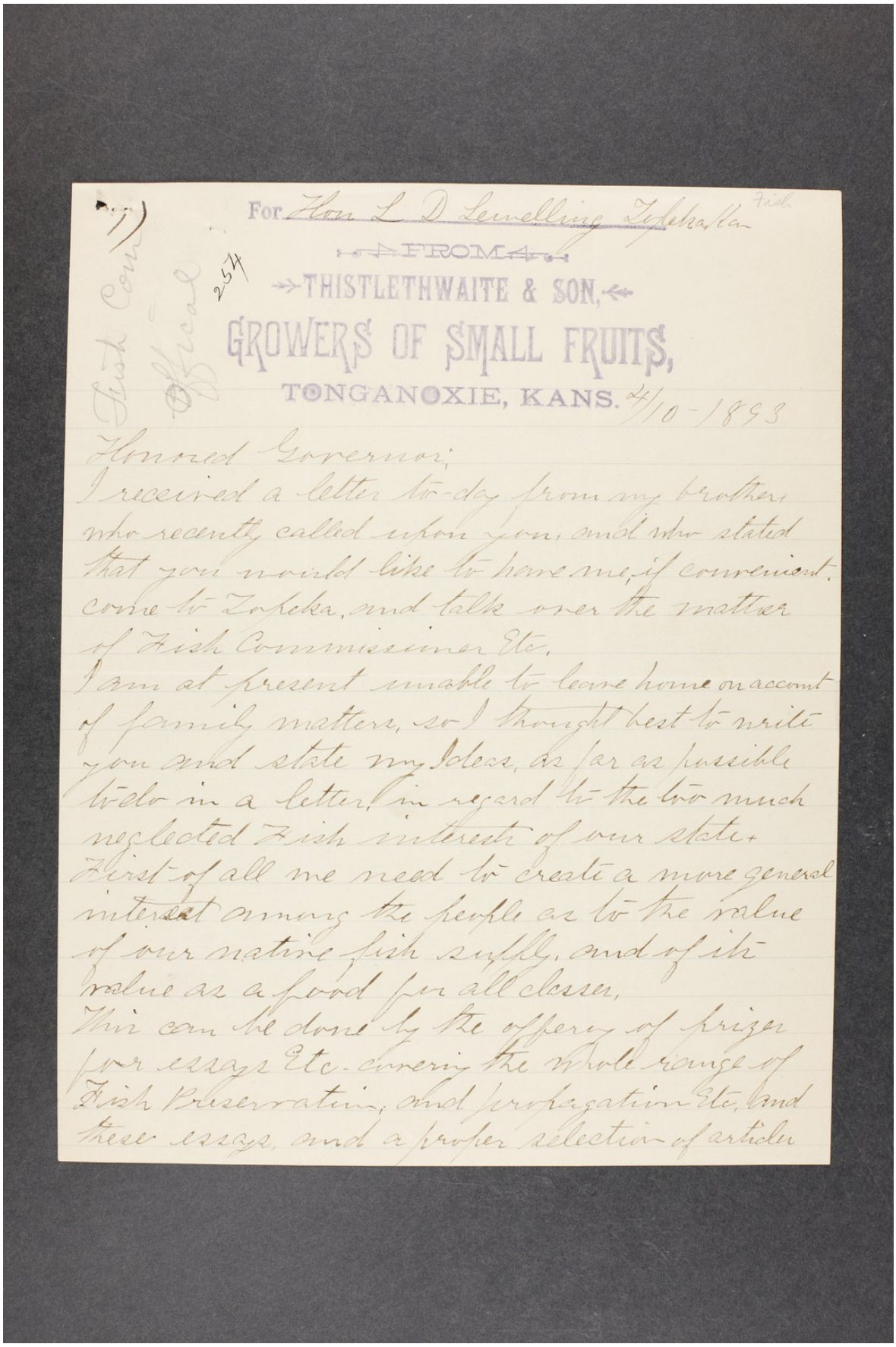
The writer would most respectfully ask your kind consideration of the following matter to wit: In the appointment to fill a vacancy on the State Board of Education. Which will likely occur by the resignation of President Phillips would respectfully submit the name of A. B. Sharp Bro. of McPherson College this State as a man of undoubted qualifications as an educator and a man who has devoted his life to the cause of Education. He would further State that the writer has been intimately acquainted with Professor Sharp and his Educational work for over 20 yrs. He is in sympathy with the reform movement and supported the peoples party Representative of McPherson Co 2 yrs ago. It gives me great pleasure to recommend this man for a position of such importance believing that he would perform the duties honestly and conscientiously and to the best interests of the State



I would further State that Bro. Sharp is a minister of the Gospel in the Dunkard Church & stands or ranks with the most influential men of the State. I believe he would be the best qualified man for that position of any man that I am acquainted in the State

J C Brouse

Populist and Ex Reg of Deeds Rush Co



For Hon L D Lewelling Topeka Kan Fish

FROM

THISTLETHWAITE & SON,

GROWERS OF SMALL FRUITS,

TONGANOXIE, KANS. 4/10-1893

Fish Com
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Honored Governor;
I received a letter to-day from my brother who recently called upon you, and who stated that you would like to have me, if convenient, come to Topeka, and talk over the matter of Fish Commissioner Etc.
I am at present unable to leave home on account of family matters, so I thought best to write you and state my Ideas, as far as possible to do so in a letter, in regard to the too much neglected Fish interests of our state.
First of all we need to create a more general interest among the people as to the value of our native fish supply, and of its value as a food for all classes.
This can be done by the offering of prizes for essays Etc. covering the whole range of Fish Preservation, and propagation Etc, and these essays, and a proper selection of articles

from other sources, more especially from the Hatchery at Washington, can by judicious and rightly directed efforts be published in nearly all the weekly papers of our state. This interest can be created I believe without a cent of state money except possibly the printing of Stationery and reports of the Fish Commissioner.

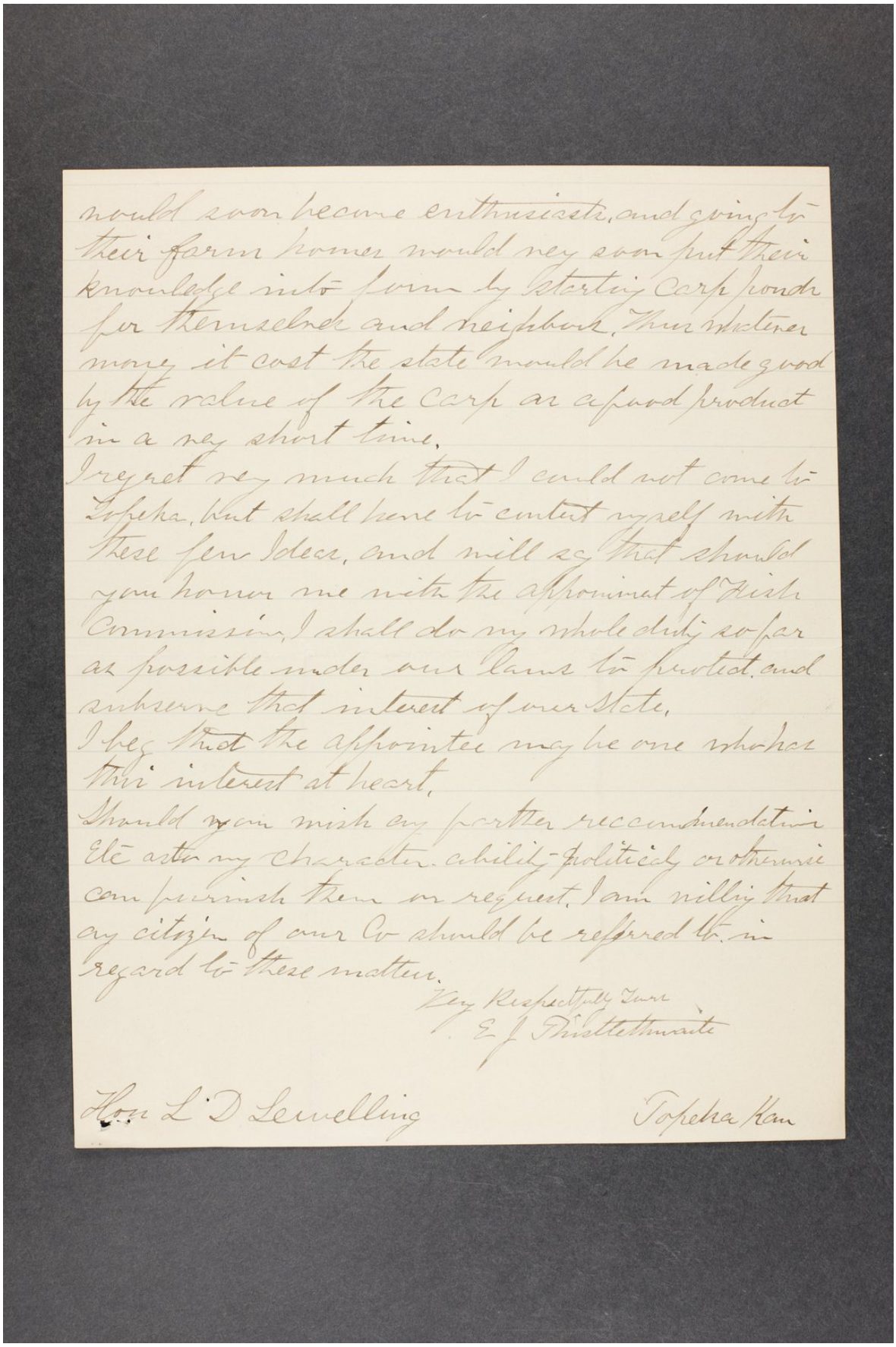
Having aroused the dormant interest of our people, we need next to pass more stringent laws for the punishment of illegal modes of fishing, such as trapping, blowing up with powder, and the building of dams, without providing suitable fishways, as it is now in Eastern Kansas many of our streams are so blockaded with dams and other obstructions that the fish seldom if ever can get to the head of the streams during the spawning season.

My opinion is that after a few years we could interest the people to the extent that the Lawmakers would see the importance of the matter to the state, and would provide a suitable Hatchery etc, but it cannot be done now and my idea of the present work, is in addition to the educational idea, to bend every energy to the preservation of our natural supply of fish + by

2/ putting a stop, as far as possible to illegal modes of fishing, removing obstructions from the streams and, getting our full share of fish for stocking streams from the U S Hatchery at Washington. We have not had in my judgment all that we could have had from Washington in the past, and in some cases what we did obtain from them was worse than wasted.

I have had considerable correspondence with the U S people and I am convinced that I could get a larger supply of fish for stocking our streams in 1894, than several of our fish Commissioners combined have had. We can get supplies from there, whenever we show that we are alive to the importance of the matter, and exhibit a disposition to stop blowing up fish with Dynamite Etc.

Then I should favor asking the legislature two years hence for a small appropriation to be used for Fish Culture experimenting and would favor the Idea of having a department of Fish Culture at the Manhattan Ag'l College with a competent instructor in charge of it, and thus each batch of students would have a chance to learn the business, and I think that a great many of said students



would soon become enthusiastic, and going to their farm homes would very soon put their knowledge into form by starting carp ponds for themselves and neighbors. Thus whatever money it cost the state would be made good by the value of the carp as a food product in a very short time.

I regret very much that I could not come to Topeka, but shall have to content myself with these few ideas, and will say that should you honor me with the appointment of Fish Commissioner, I shall do my whole duty so far as possible under our laws to protect and subserve that interest of our State.

I beg that the appointee may be one who has this interest at heart.

Should you wish any further recommendation as to my character, ability, political or otherwise can furnish them on request. I am willing that any citizen of our Co should be referred to in regard to these matters.

Very Respectfully Yours
E. J. Pinkerton

Hon L. D. Lewelling Topeka Kan