Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1898-1915

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. Most of the correspondence is between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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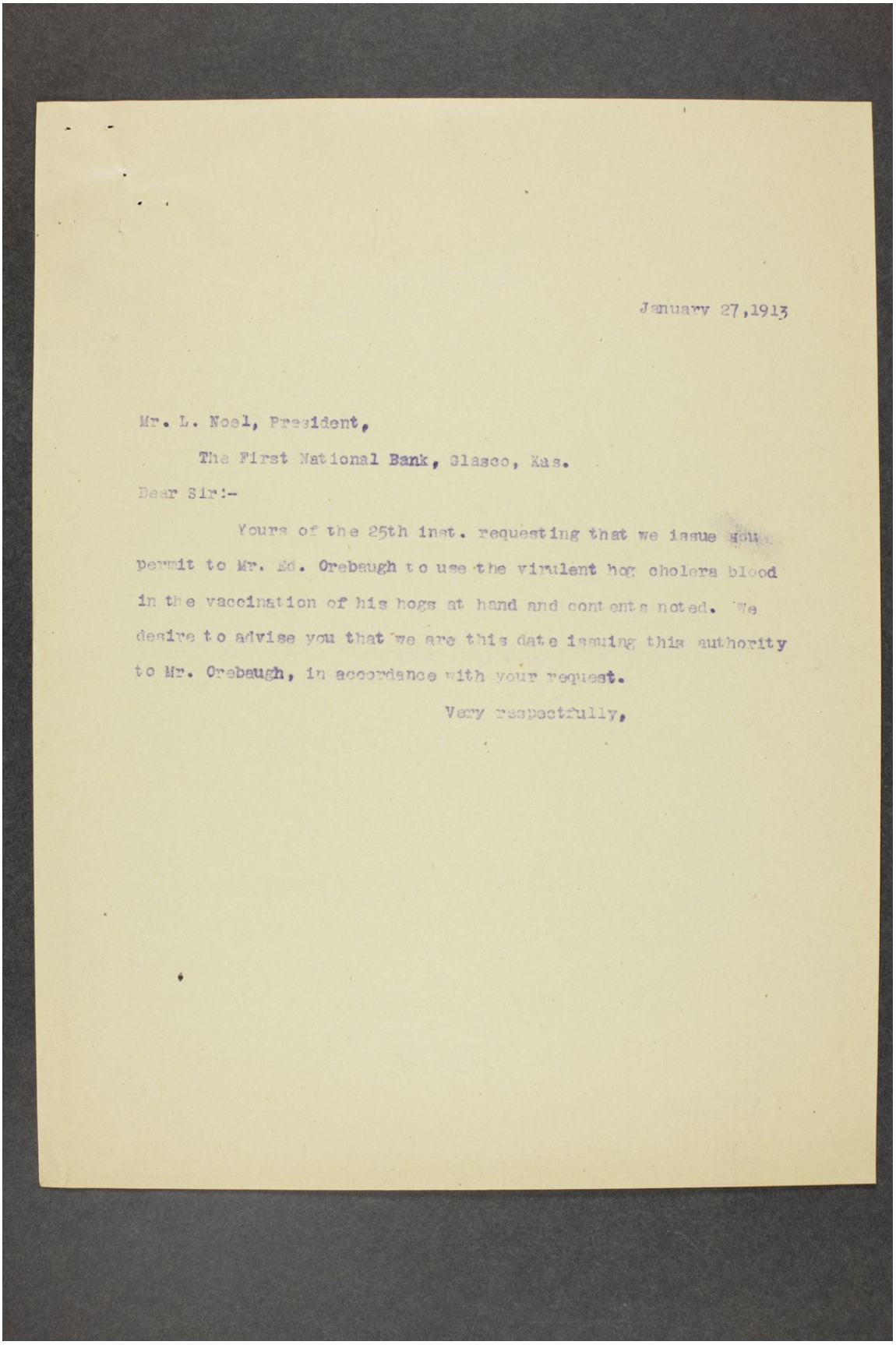
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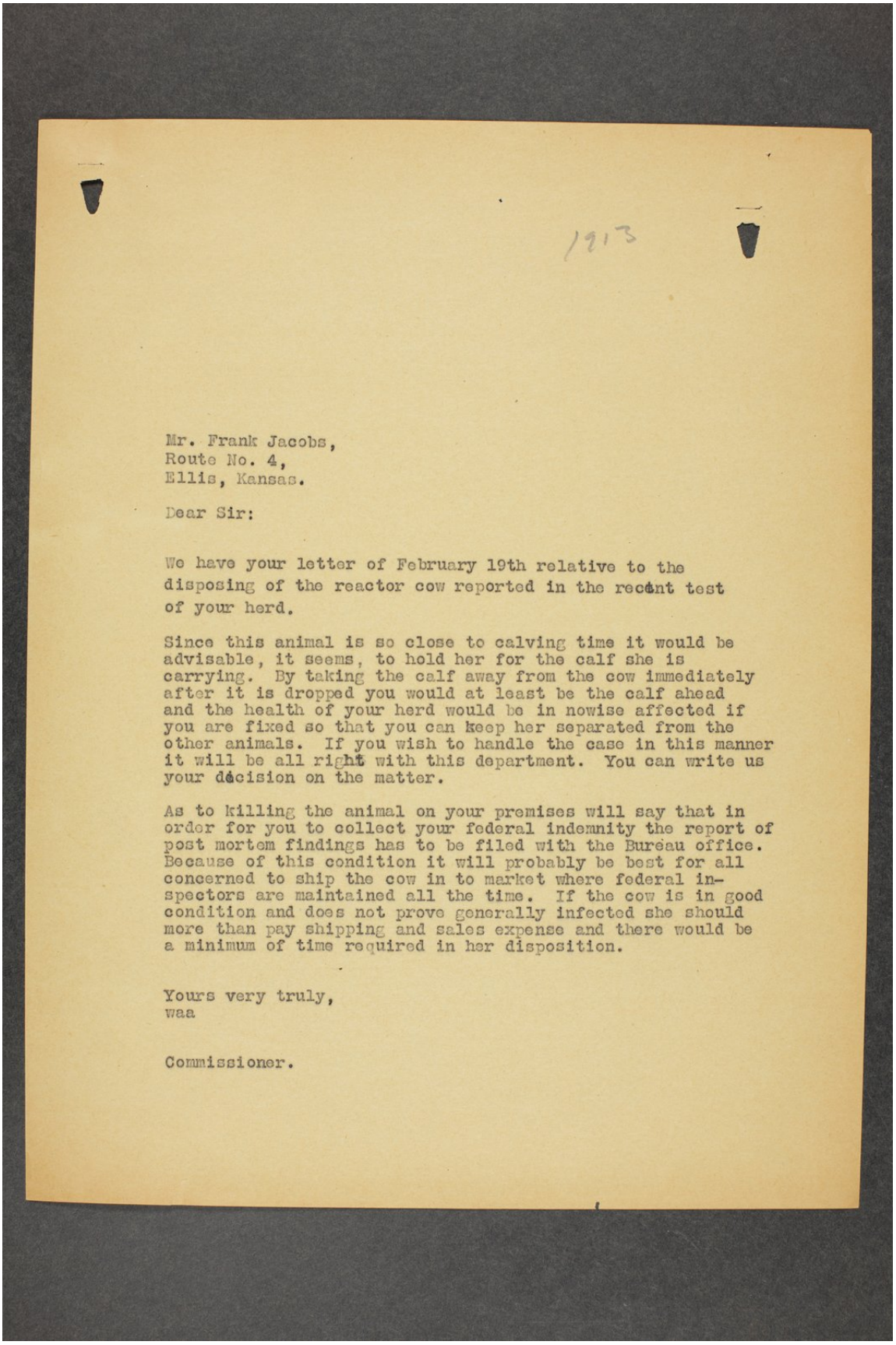
Mr. L. Noel, President,

The First National Bank, Glasco, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 25th inst. requesting that we issue you permit to Mr. Ed. Orebaugh to use the virulent hog cholera blood in the vaccination of his hogs at hand and contents noted. We desire to advise you that we are this date issuing this authority to Mr. Orebaugh, in accordance with your request.

Very respectfully,



1913

Mr. Frank Jacobs,
Route No. 4,
Ellis, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

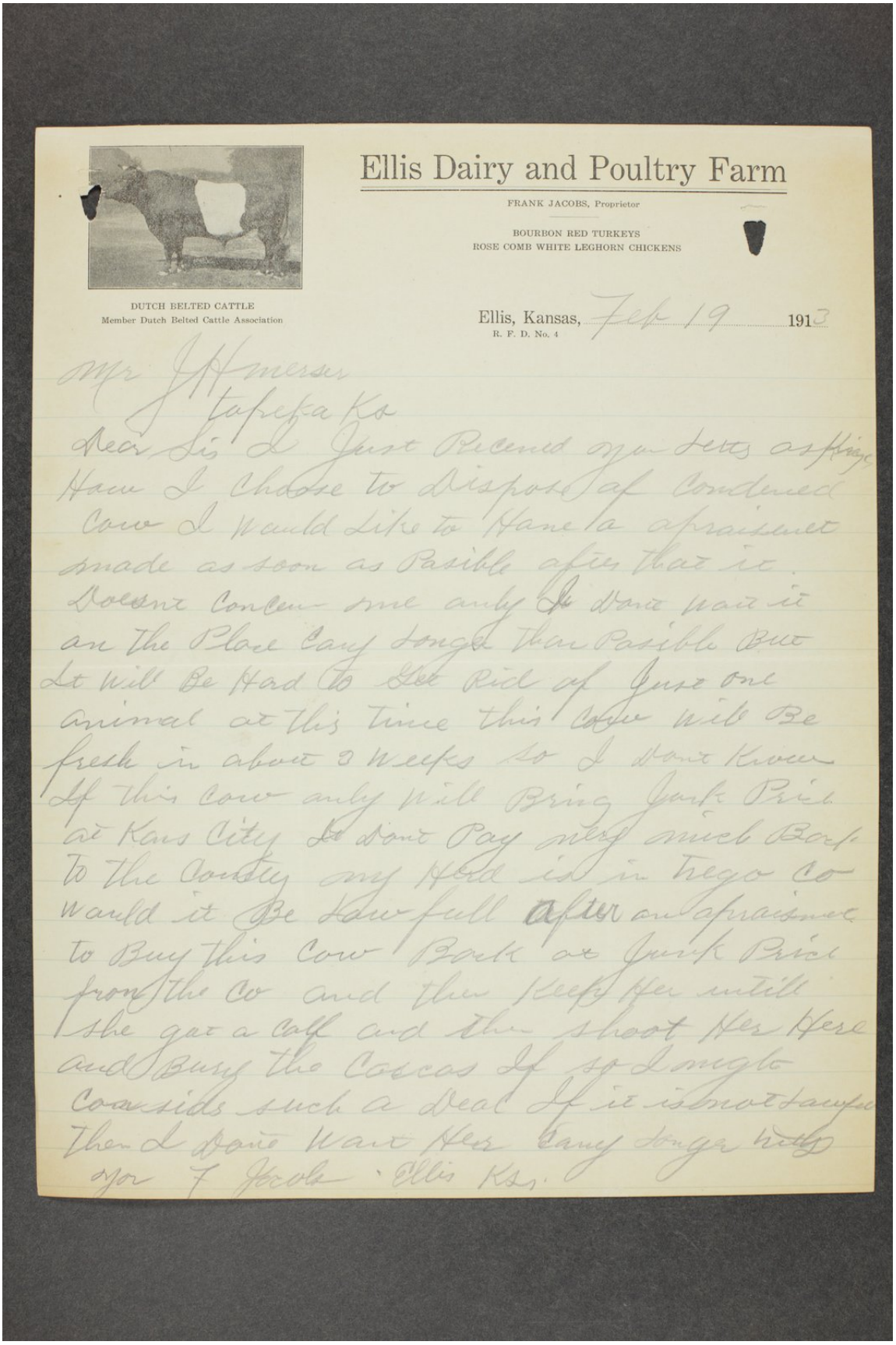
We have your letter of February 19th relative to the disposing of the reactor cow reported in the recent test of your herd.

Since this animal is so close to calving time it would be advisable, it seems, to hold her for the calf she is carrying. By taking the calf away from the cow immediately after it is dropped you would at least be the calf ahead and the health of your herd would be in nowise affected if you are fixed so that you can keep her separated from the other animals. If you wish to handle the case in this manner it will be all right with this department. You can write us your decision on the matter.

As to killing the animal on your premises will say that in order for you to collect your federal indemnity the report of post mortem findings has to be filed with the Bureau office. Because of this condition it will probably be best for all concerned to ship the cow in to market where federal inspectors are maintained all the time. If the cow is in good condition and does not prove generally infected she should more than pay shipping and sales expense and there would be a minimum of time required in her disposition.

Yours very truly,
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Commissioner.



DUTCH BELTED CATTLE
Member Dutch Belted Cattle Association

Ellis Dairy and Poultry Farm

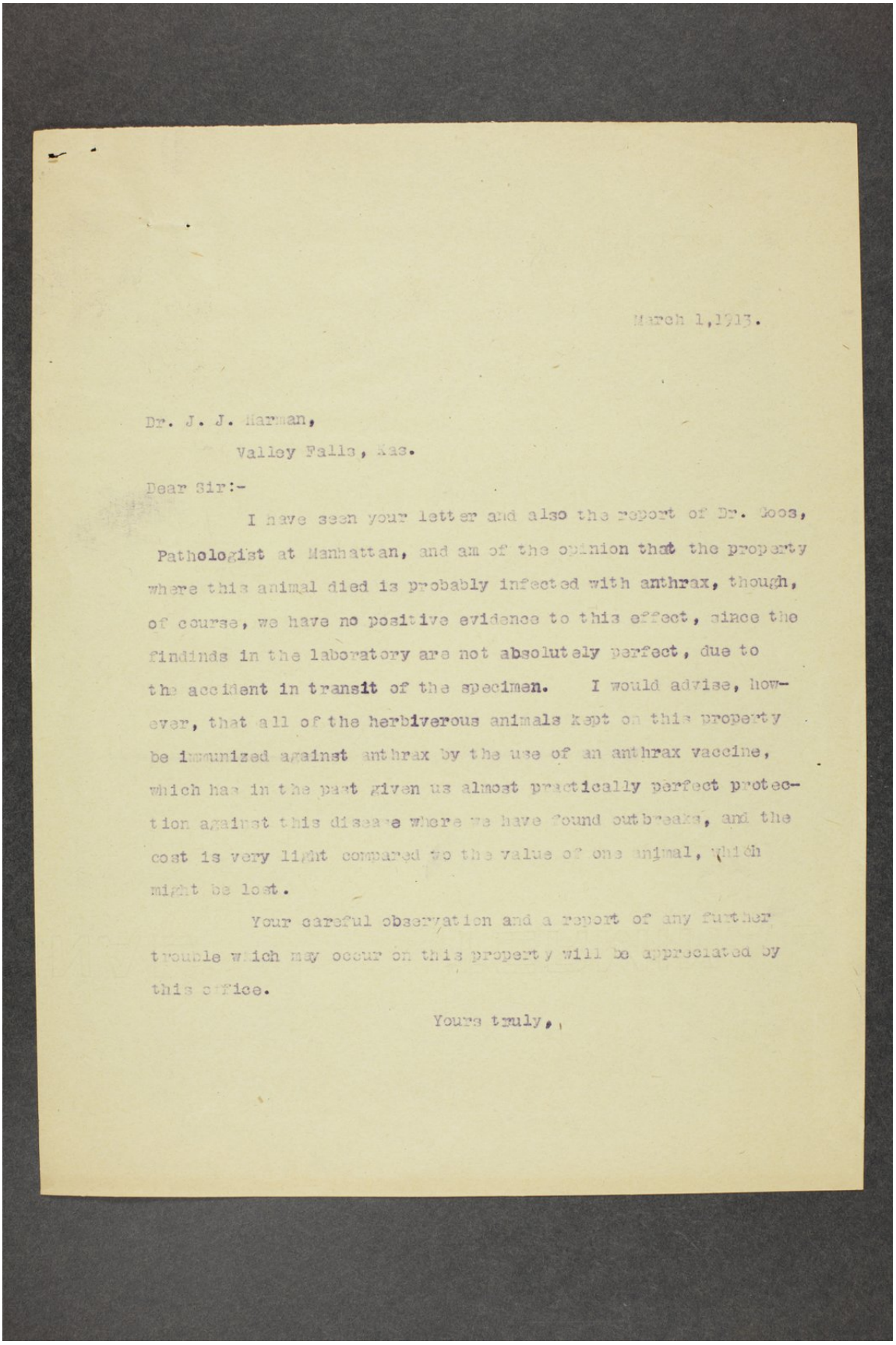
FRANK JACOBS, Proprietor

BOURBON RED TURKEYS
ROSE COMB WHITE LEGHORN CHICKENS

Ellis, Kansas, Feb 19 1913
R. F. D. No. 4

Mr J Homerser
Topeka Ks

Dear Sir I Just Recend yor letter asking How I Choose to Dispose of Condemned Cow I would Like to Have a praisment made as soon as Pasible after that it Doesnt Concern me anby So Dont wait it on The Place Eany longer than Pasible But It will Be Hard To Get Rid of Just one animal at this time this Cow will Be fresh in about 3 Weeks so I dont Know If this Cow anby will Bring Junk Price at Kans City So Dont Pay Mey much But To the Cowsey any How is in Trego Co would it Be Lawfull after an praisment to Buy this Cow Back at Junk Price from the Co and then Keep Her until she gat a Calf and then shoot Her Here and Bury the Coscas If so I might Consids such a Deal If it is not Lawful Then I Dont Want Her Eany longer with yor F Jacobs Ellis Ks.



March 1,1913.

Dr. J. J. Harman,

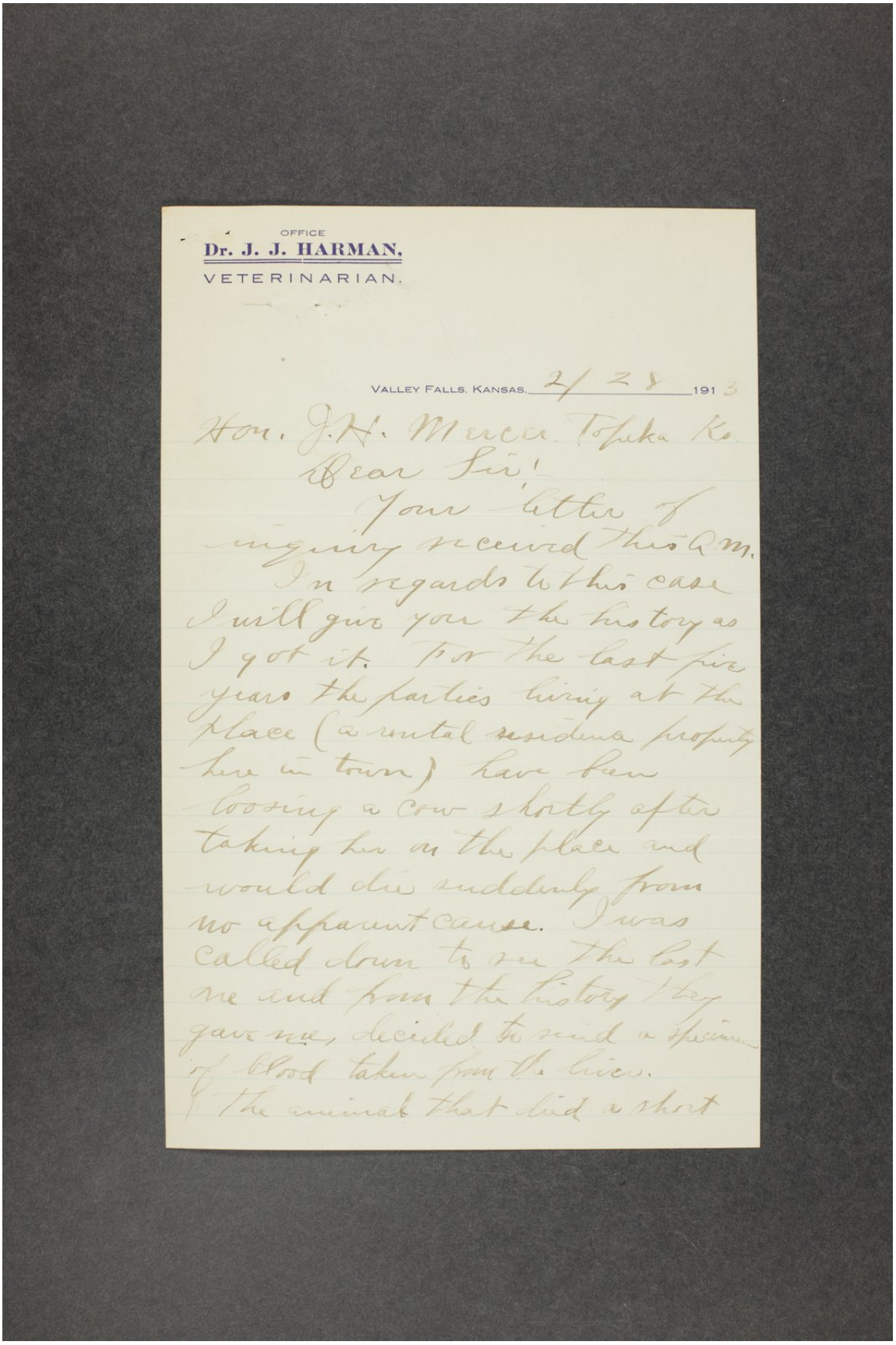
Valley Falls, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have seen your letter and also the report of Dr. Koos, Pathologist at Manhattan, and am of the opinion that the property where this animal died is probably infected with anthrax, though, of course, we have no positive evidence to this effect, since the findinds in the laboratory are not absolutely perfect, due to the accident in transit of the specimen. I would advise, however, that all of the herbiverous animals kept on this property be immunized against anthrax by the use of an anthrax vaccine, which has in the past given us almost practically perfect protection against this disease where we have found outbreaks, and the cost is very light compared to the value of one animal, which might be lost.

Your careful observation and a report of any further trouble which may occur on this property will be appreciated by this office.

Yours truly,,



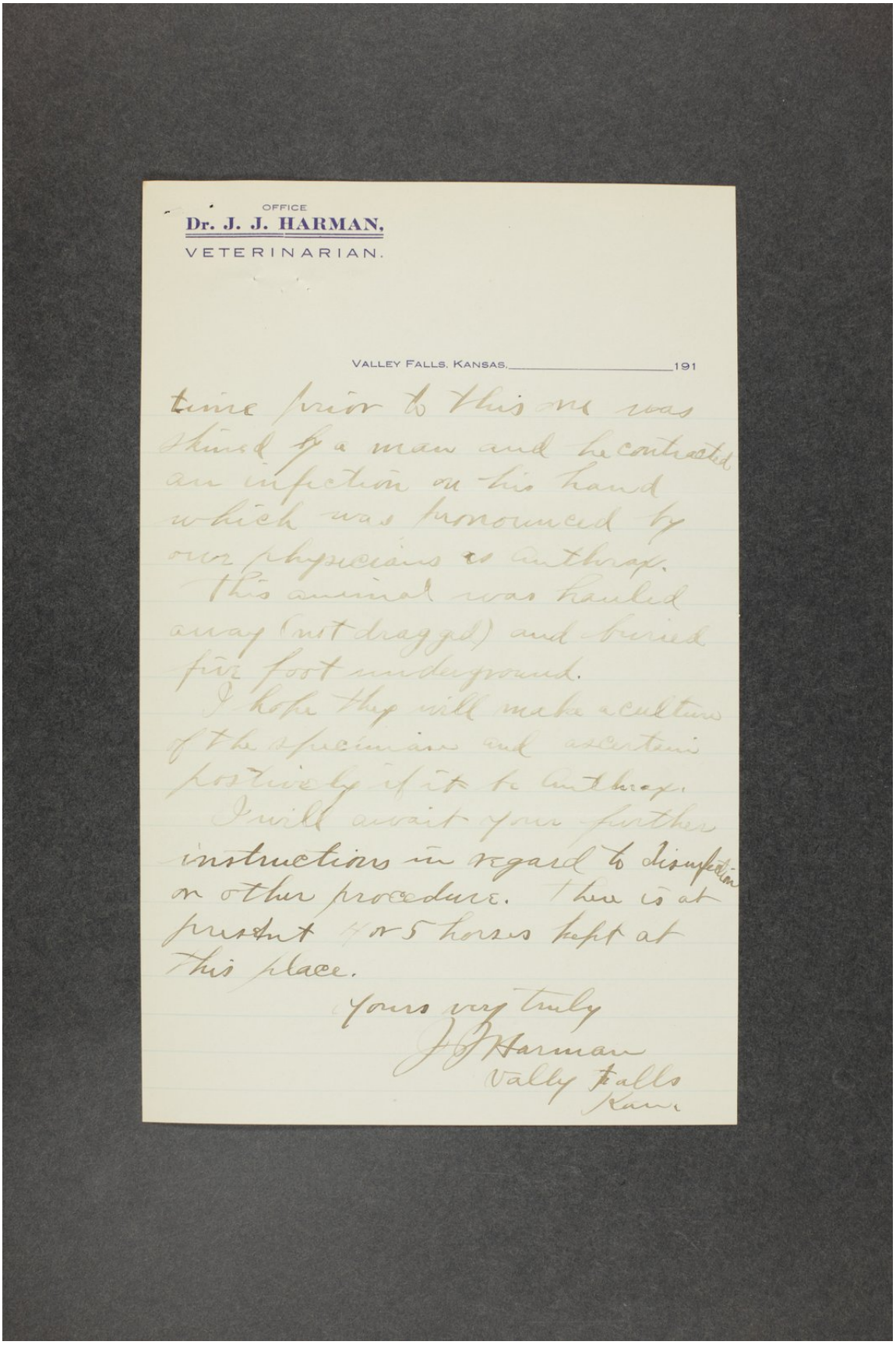
OFFICE
Dr. J. J. HARMAN,
VETERINARIAN.

VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS. 2/ 22 1913

Hon. J. H. Mercer Topeka Ks.
Dear Sir!

Your letter of inquiry received this A.M. In regards to this case I will give you the history as I got it. For the last five years the parties living at the place (a rental residence property here in town) have been loosing a cow shortly after taking her to the place and would die suddenly from no apparent cause. I was called down to see the last one and from the history they gave me, decided to send a specimen of blood taken from the liver. The animal that died a short

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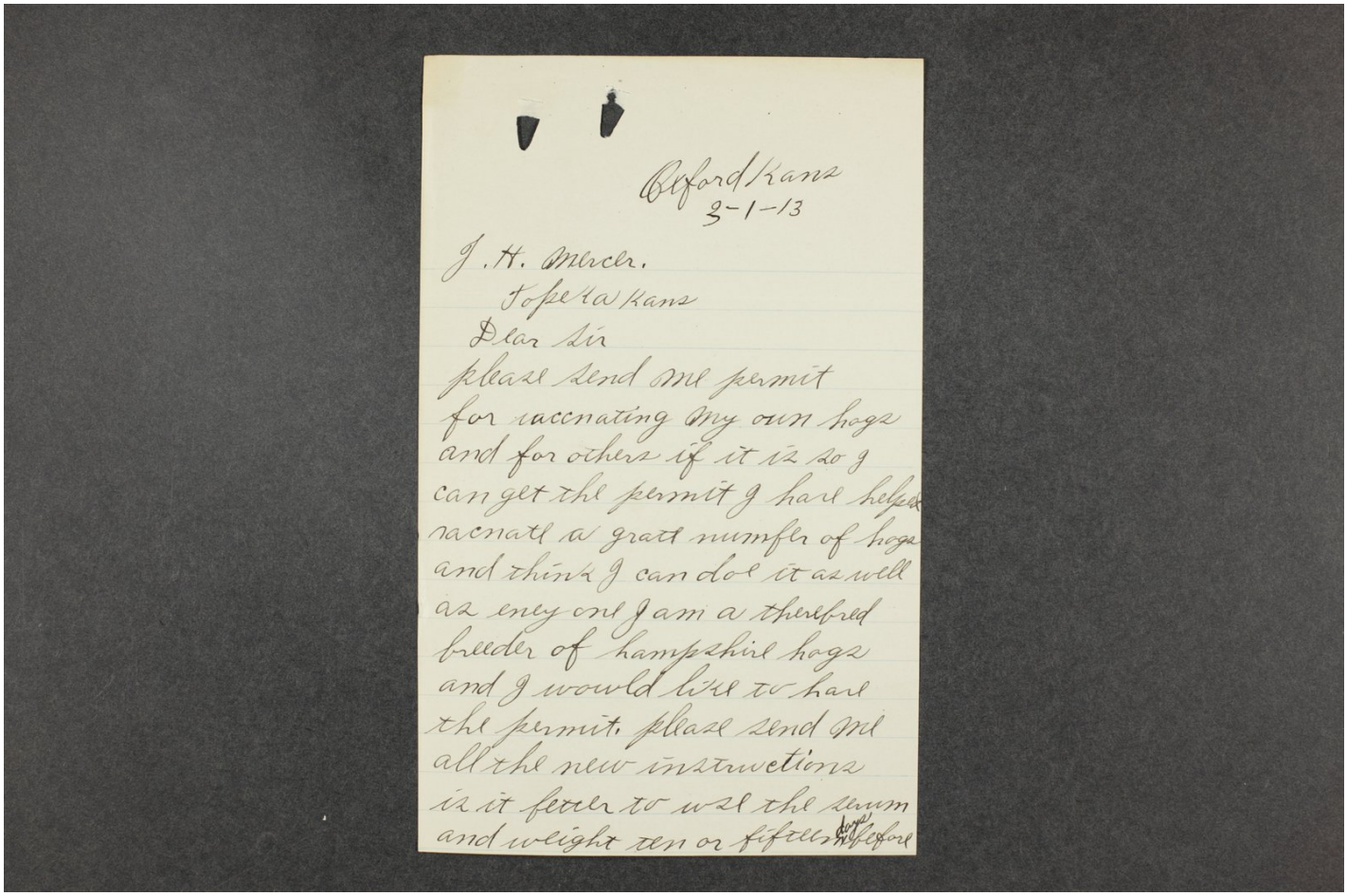
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time prior to this we was
thrust by a mare and he contracted
an infection on his hand
which was pronounced by
our physicians as anthrax.
This animal was hauled
away (not dragged) and buried
five foot underground.
I hope they will make a cultures
of the specimens and ascertain
positively if it is anthrax.
I will await your further
instructions in regard to disinfection
or other procedure. There is at
present 4 or 5 horses kept at
this place.

Yours very truly
J. J. Harman
Valley Falls
Kans.

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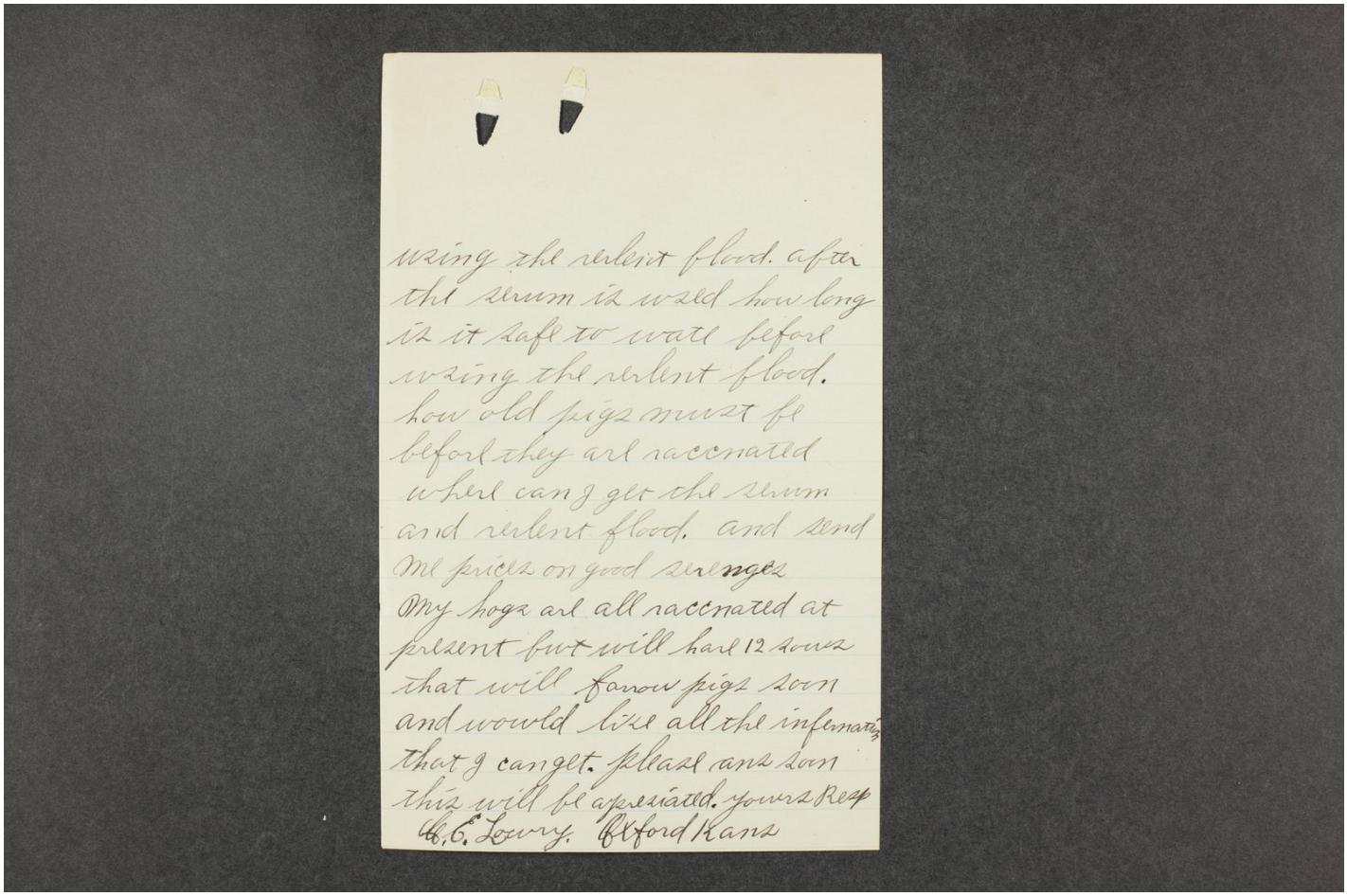


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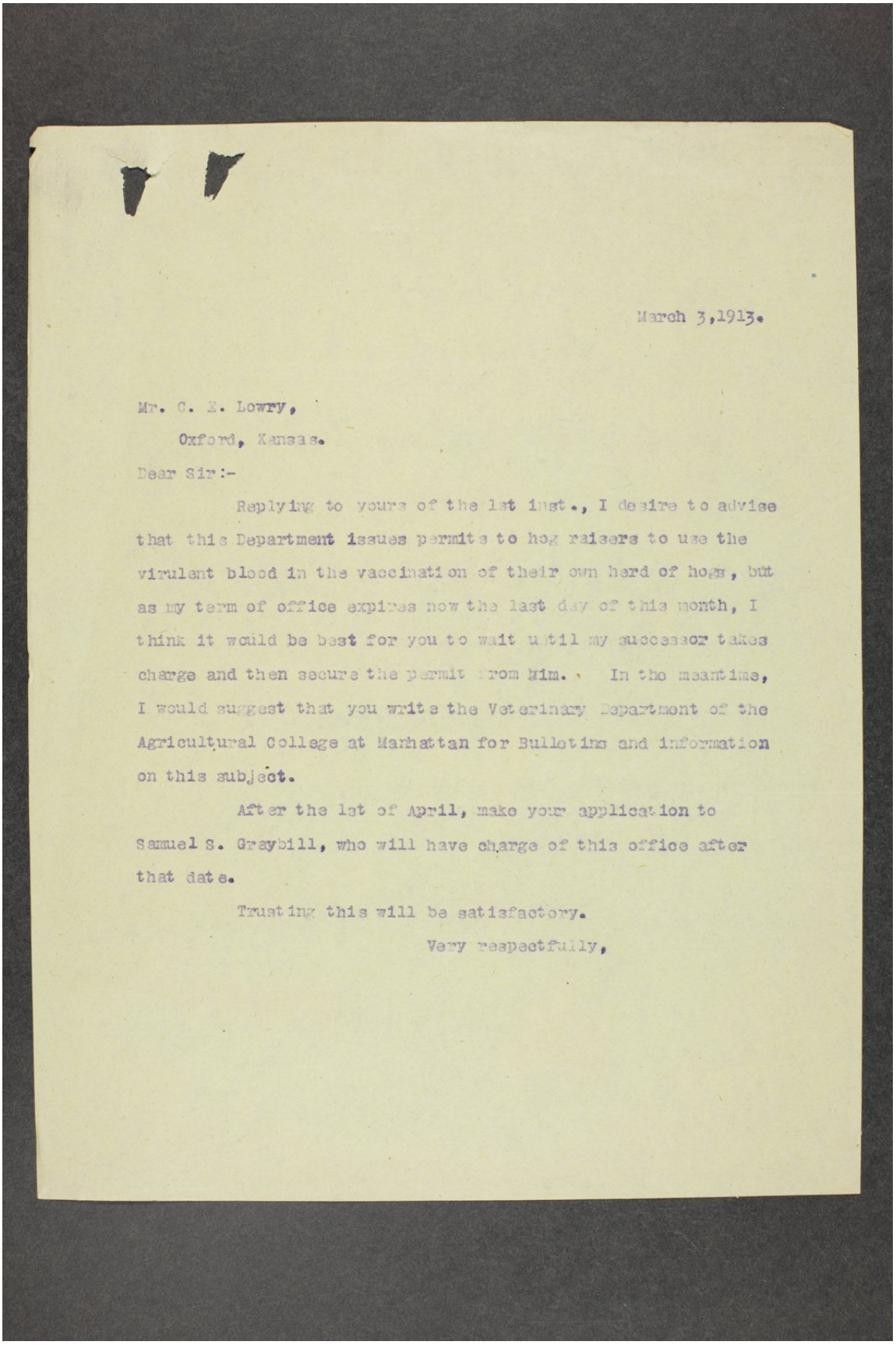
J. H. Mercer.
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir
please send me permit
for vaccinating my own hogs
and for others if it is so I
can get the permit I had helped
vacnate a grate numfer of hogs
and think I can do it as well
as eney one I am a thersbred
breeder of hampshire hogs
and I would like to have
the permit. please send me
all the new instructions
is it better to use the serum
and weight ten or fifteen days before

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using the serlent flood. after
the serum is used how long
is it safe to wate befor
using the serlent flood.
how old pigs must be
befor they are naccnated
where can I get the serum
and serlent flood. and send
me prices on good serengez
My hogs are all naccnated at
present but will have 12 sowz
that will farrow pigs soon
and would like all the infermati
that I can get. pleas ans soon
this will be appreciated. yours Resp
W. C. Lowry. Oxford Kans



March 3,1913.

Mr. C. E. Lowry,

Oxford, Kansas.

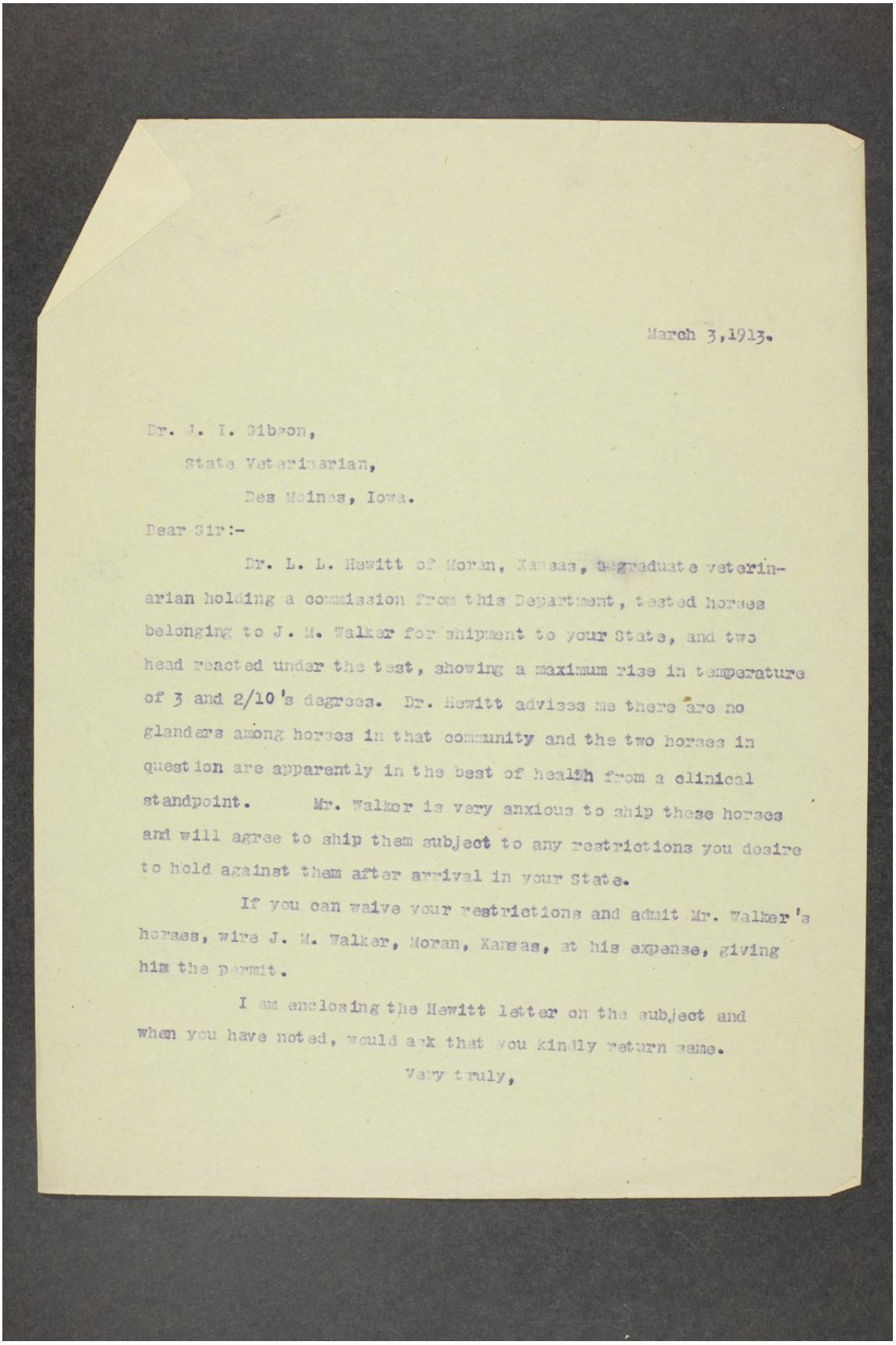
Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 1st inst., I desire to advise that this Department issues permits to hog raisers to use the virulent blood in the vaccination of their own herd of hogs, but as my term of office expires now the last day of this month, I think it would be best for you to wait until my successor takes charge and then secure the permit from Him. In the meantime, I would suggest that you write the Veterinary Department of the Agricultural College at Manhattan for Bulletins and information on this subject.

After the 1st of April, make your application to Samuel S. Graybill, who will have charge of this office after that date.

Trusting this will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully,



March 3,1913.

Dr. J. I. Gibson,
State Veterinarian,
Des Moines, Iowa.

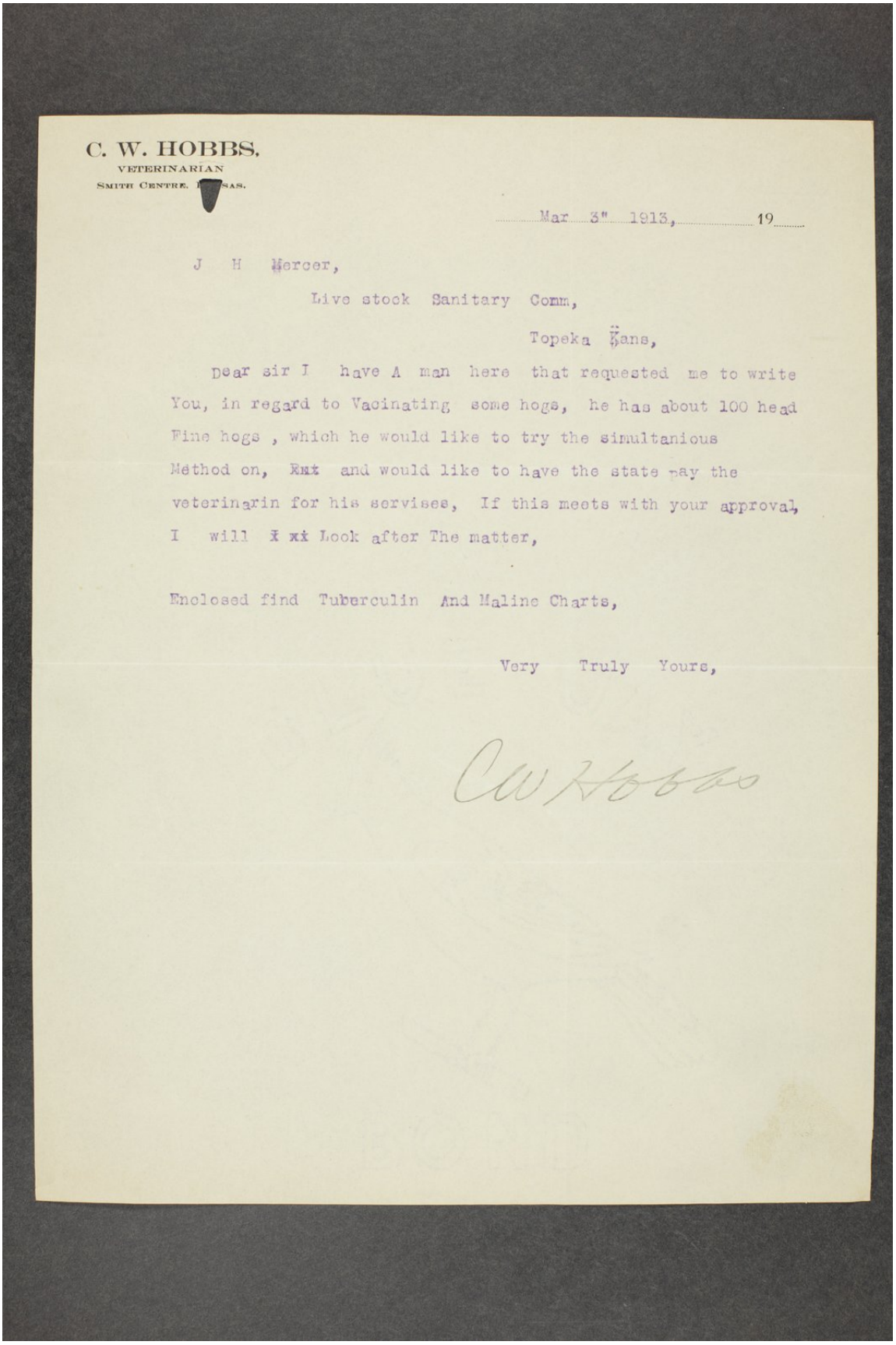
Dear Sir:-

Dr. L. L. Hewitt of Moran, Kansas, a graduate veterinarian holding a commission from this Department, tested horses belonging to J. M. Walker for shipment to your State, and two head reacted under the test, showing a maximum rise in temperature of 3 and 2/10's degrees. Dr. Hewitt advises me there are no glanders among horses in that community and the two horses in question are apparently in the best of health from a clinical standpoint. Mr. Walker is very anxious to ship these horses and will agree to ship them subject to any restrictions you desire to hold against them after arrival in your State.

If you can waive your restrictions and admit Mr. Walker's horses, wire J. M. Walker, Moran, Kansas, at his expense, giving him the permit.

I am enclosing the Hewitt letter on the subject and when you have noted, would ask that you kindly return same.

Very truly,



C. W. HOBBS.
VETERINARIAN
SMITH CENTRE, KANSAS.

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J H Mercer,

Live stock Sanitary Comm,

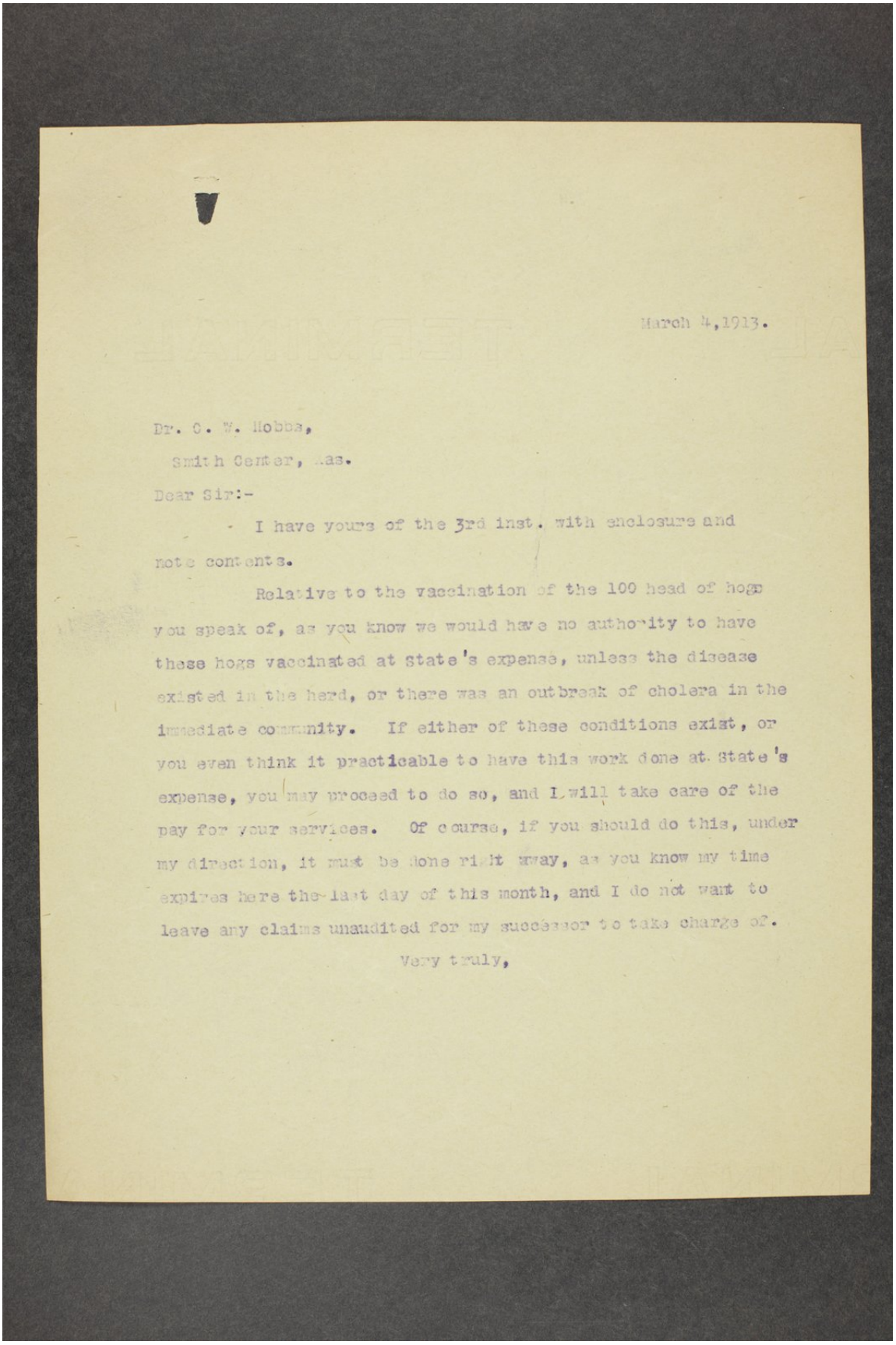
Topeka Kans,

Dear sir I have A man here that requested me to write You, in regard to Vacinating some hogs, he has about 100 head Fine hogs , which he would like to try the simultanious Method on, and would like to have the state pay the veterinarin for his servises, If this meets with your approval, I will Look after The matter,

Enclosed find Tuberculin And Maline Charts,

Very Truly Yours,

C W Hobbs



March 4,1913.

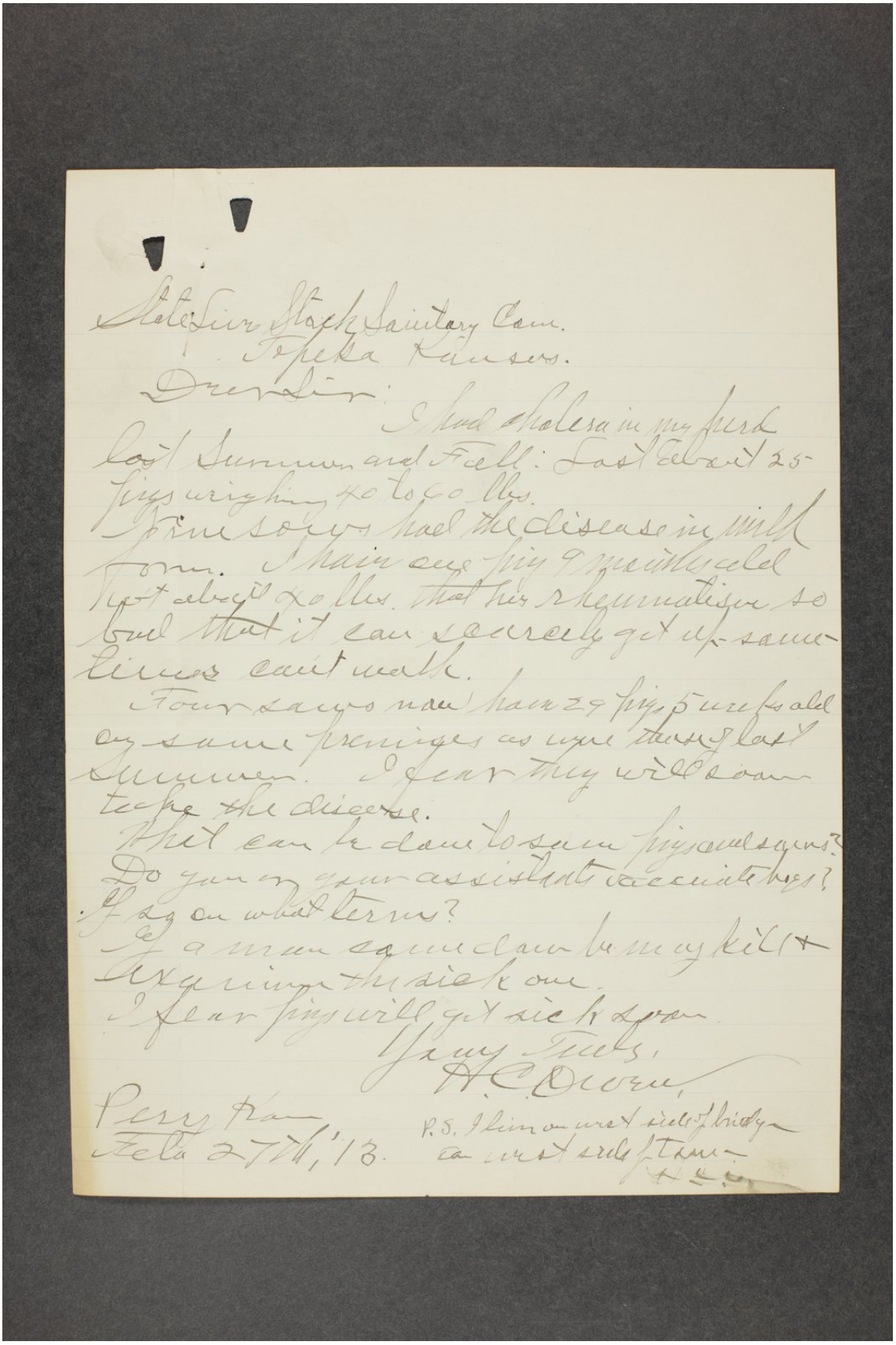
Dr. C. W. Hobbs,
Smith Center, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 3rd inst. with enclosure and note contents.

Relative to the vaccination of the 100 head of hogs you speak of, as you know we would have no authority to have these hogs vaccinated at State's expense, unless the disease existed in the herd, or there was an outbreak of cholera in the immediate community. If either of these conditions exist, or you even think it practicable to have this work done at State's expense, you may proceed to do so, and I will take care of the pay for your services. Of course, if you should do this, under my direction, it must be done right away, as you know my time expires here the last day of this month, and I do not want to leave any claims unaudited for my successor to take charge of.

Very truly,



State Vet Stock Sanitary Com.
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I had cholera in my herd last Summer and Fall. Lost about 25 pigs weighing 40 to 60 lbs.

Five sows had the disease in milk form. I have one pig 9 months old not above 40 lbs. that has rheumatism so bad that it can scarcely get up sometimes can't walk.

Four days now have 29 pigs five of all my same sows as were there last Summer. I fear they will again take the disease.

What can be done to save pigs and sows? Do you or your assistants vaccinate hogs? If so on what terms?

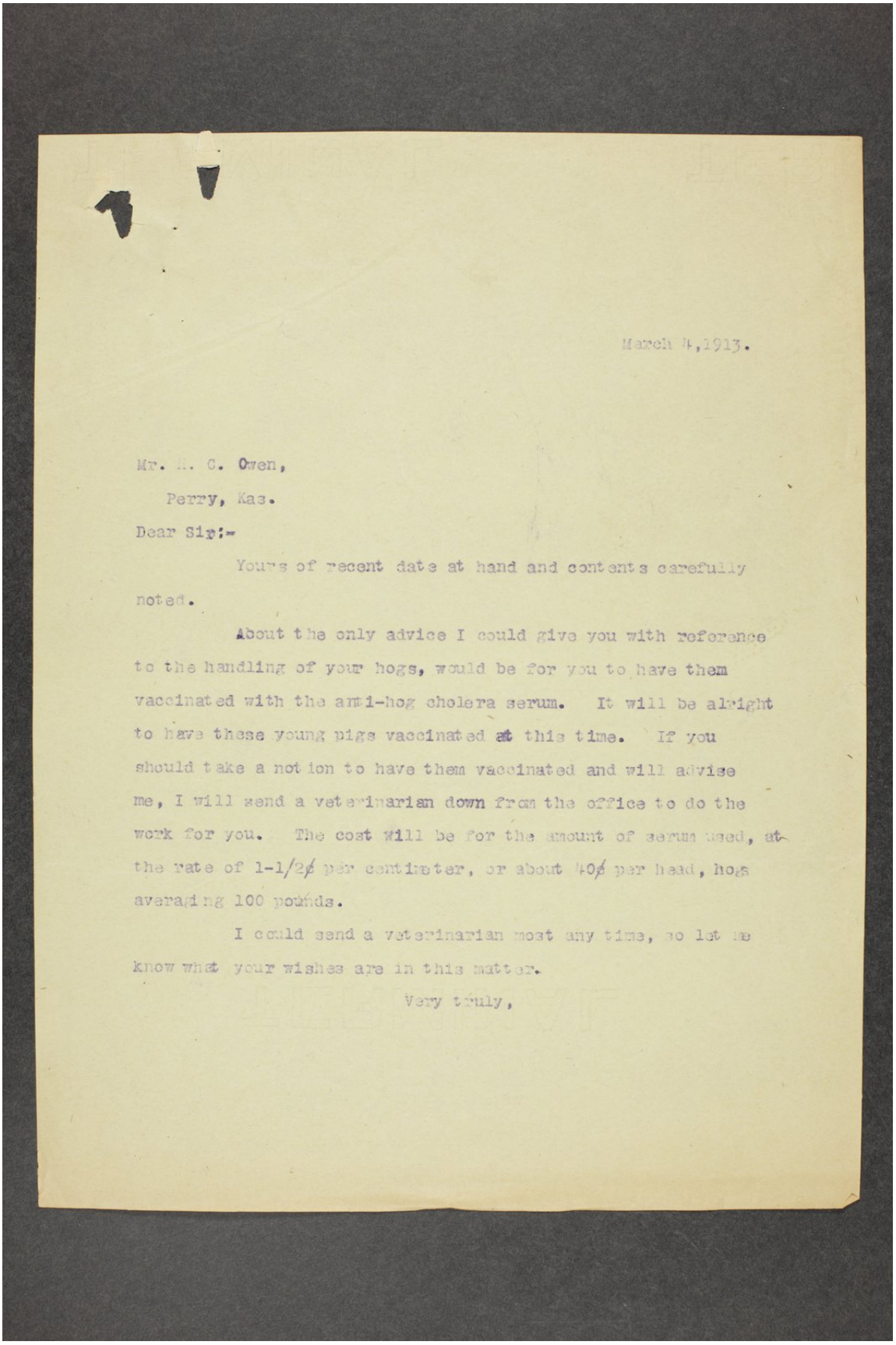
If a man can't be my kill & examine the sick ones.

I fear pigs will get sick again.

Yours Truly,
H. C. Dorr

Perry Kan
Feb 27th, '13.

P.S. I live on rural route 1 Box 9
on rural route 1 Box 9



March 4,1913.

Mr. H. C. Owen,

Perry, Kas.

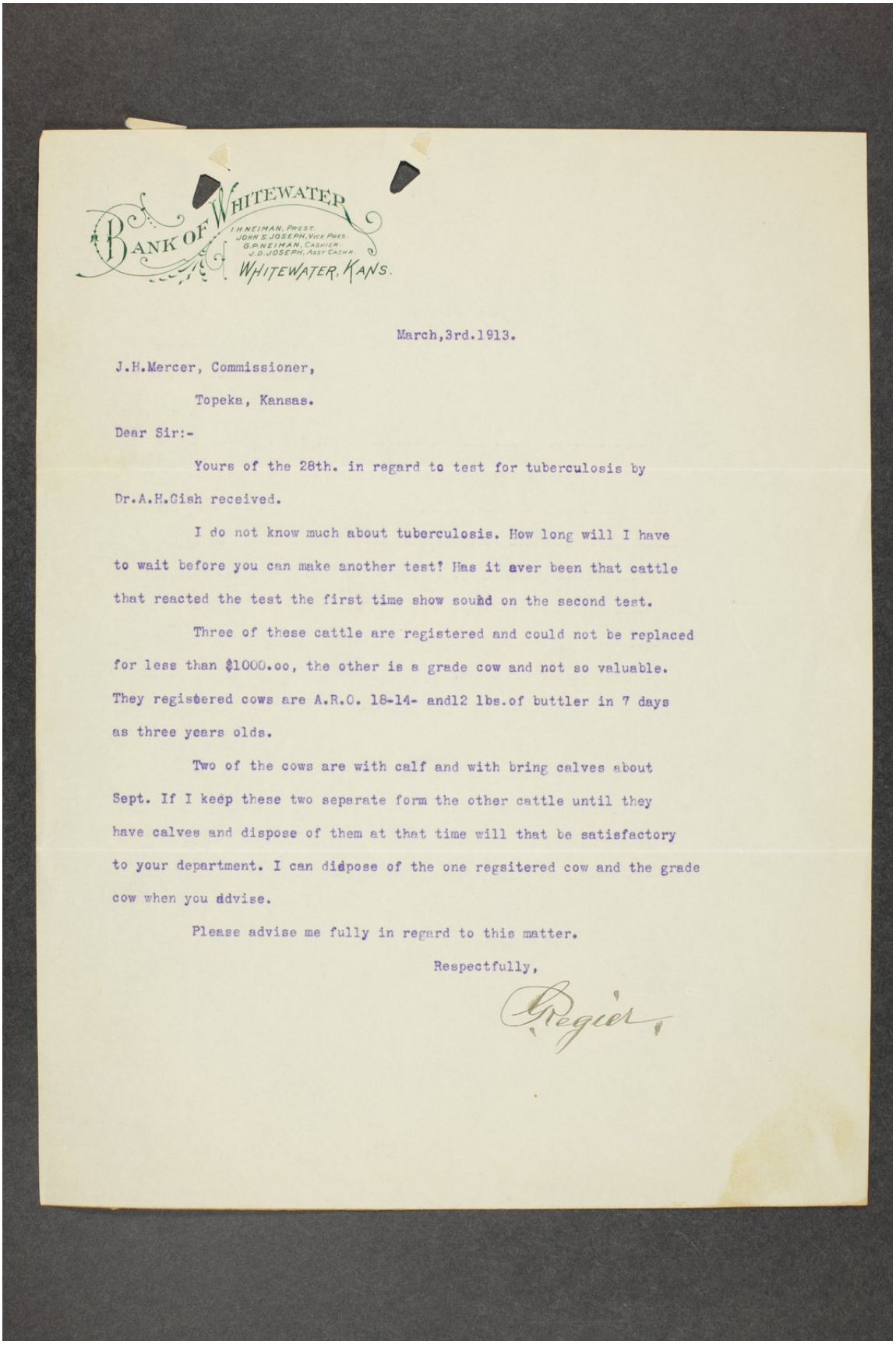
Dear Sir:-

Yours of recent date at hand and contents carefully noted.

About the only advice I could give you with reference to the handling of your hogs, would be for you to have them vaccinated with the anti-hog cholera serum. It will be alright to have these young pigs vaccinated at this time. If you should take a notion to have them vaccinated and will advise me, I will send a veterinarian down from the office to do the work for you. The cost will be for the amount of serum used, at the rate of 1-1/2¢ per centimeter, or about 40¢ per head, hogs averaging 100 pounds.

I could send a veterinarian most any time, so let me know what your wishes are in this matter.

Very truly,



BANK OF WHITEWATER
I. H. NEIMAN, PREST.
JOHN S. JOSEPH, VICE PRES.
G. P. NEIMAN, CASHIER.
J. D. JOSEPH, ASST CASH'R.
WHITEWATER, KANS.

March, 3rd. 1913.

J.H.Mercer, Commissioner,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 28th. in regard to test for tuberculosis by Dr.A.H.Gish received.

I do not know much about tuberculosis. How long will I have to wait before you can make another test? Has it ever been that cattle that reacted the test the first time show sound on the second test.

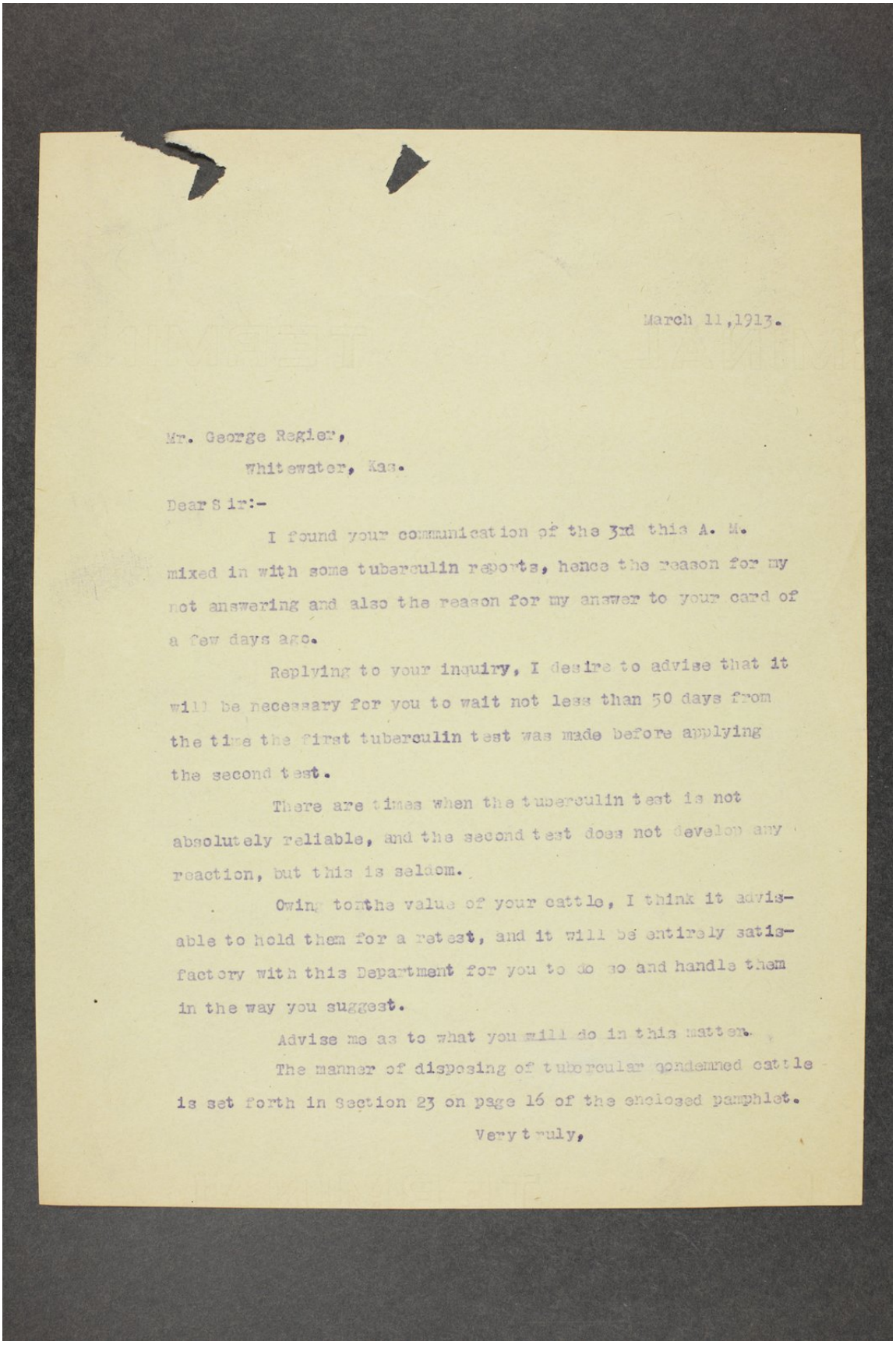
Three of these cattle are registered and could not be replaced for less than $1000.oo, the other is a grade cow and not so valuable. They registered cows are A.R.O. 18-14- and12 lbs.of buttler in 7 days as three years olds.

Two of the cows are with calf and with bring calves about Sept. If I keep these two separate form the other cattle until they have calves and dispose of them at that time will that be satisfactory to your department. I can dispose of the one regsitered cow and the grade cow when you advise.

Please advise me fully in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

Regier



March 11,1913.

Mr. George Regier,
Whitewater, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I found your communication of the 3rd this A. M. mixed in with some tuberculin reports, hence the reason for my not answering and also the reason for my answer to your card of a few days ago.

Replying to your inquiry, I desire to advise that it will be necessary for you to wait not less than 30 days from the time the first tuberculin test was made before applying the second test.

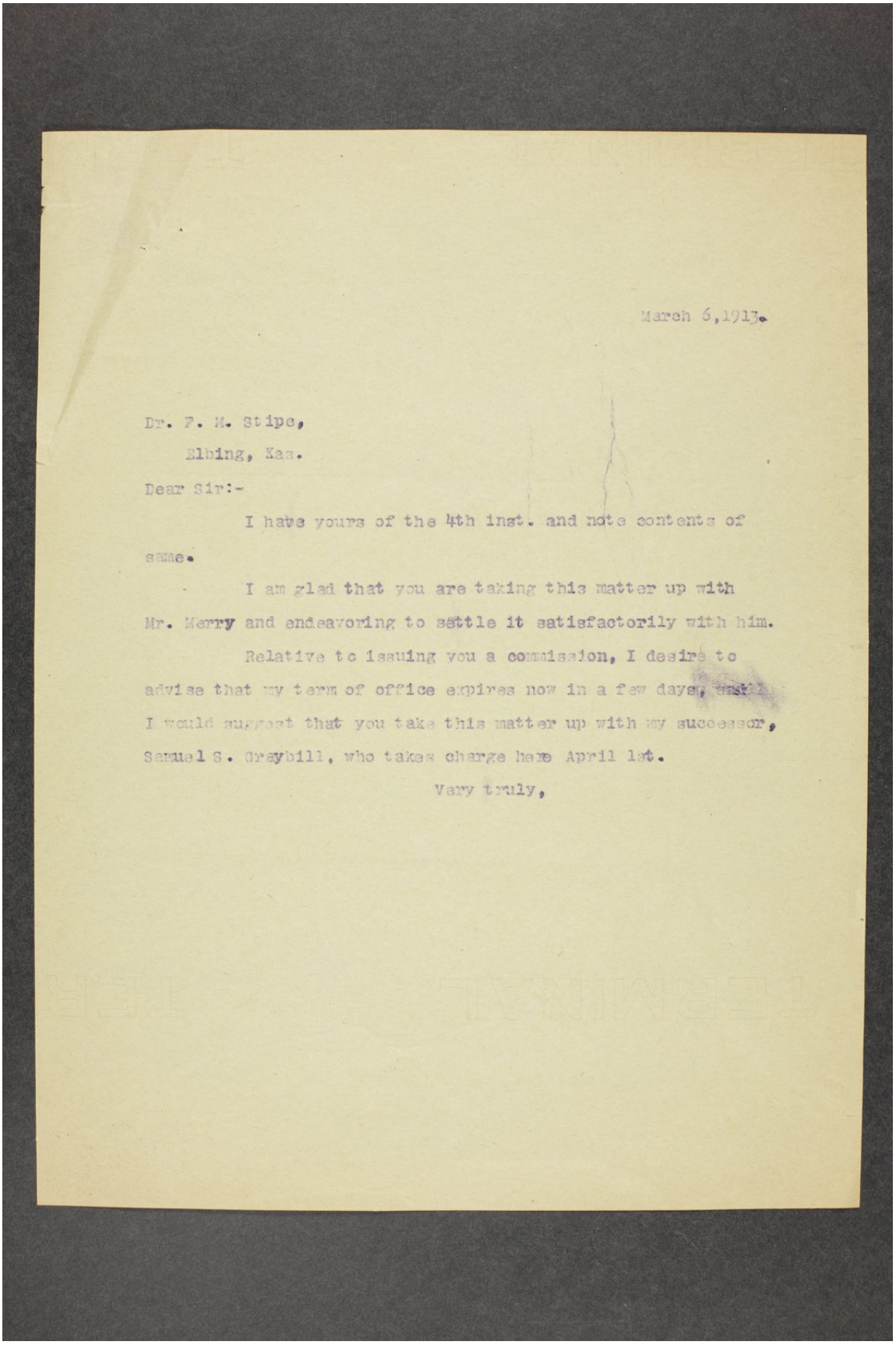
There are times when the tuberculin test is not absolutely reliable, and the second test does not develop any reaction, but this is seldom.

Owing tothe value of your cattle, I think it advisable to hold them for a retest, and it will be entirely satisfactory with this Department for you to do so and handle them in the way you suggest.

Advise me as to what you will do in this matter.

The manner of disposing of tubercular condemned cattle is set forth in Section 23 on page 16 of the enclosed pamphlet.

Very truly,



March 6,1917.

Dr. F. M. Stipe,
Elbing, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

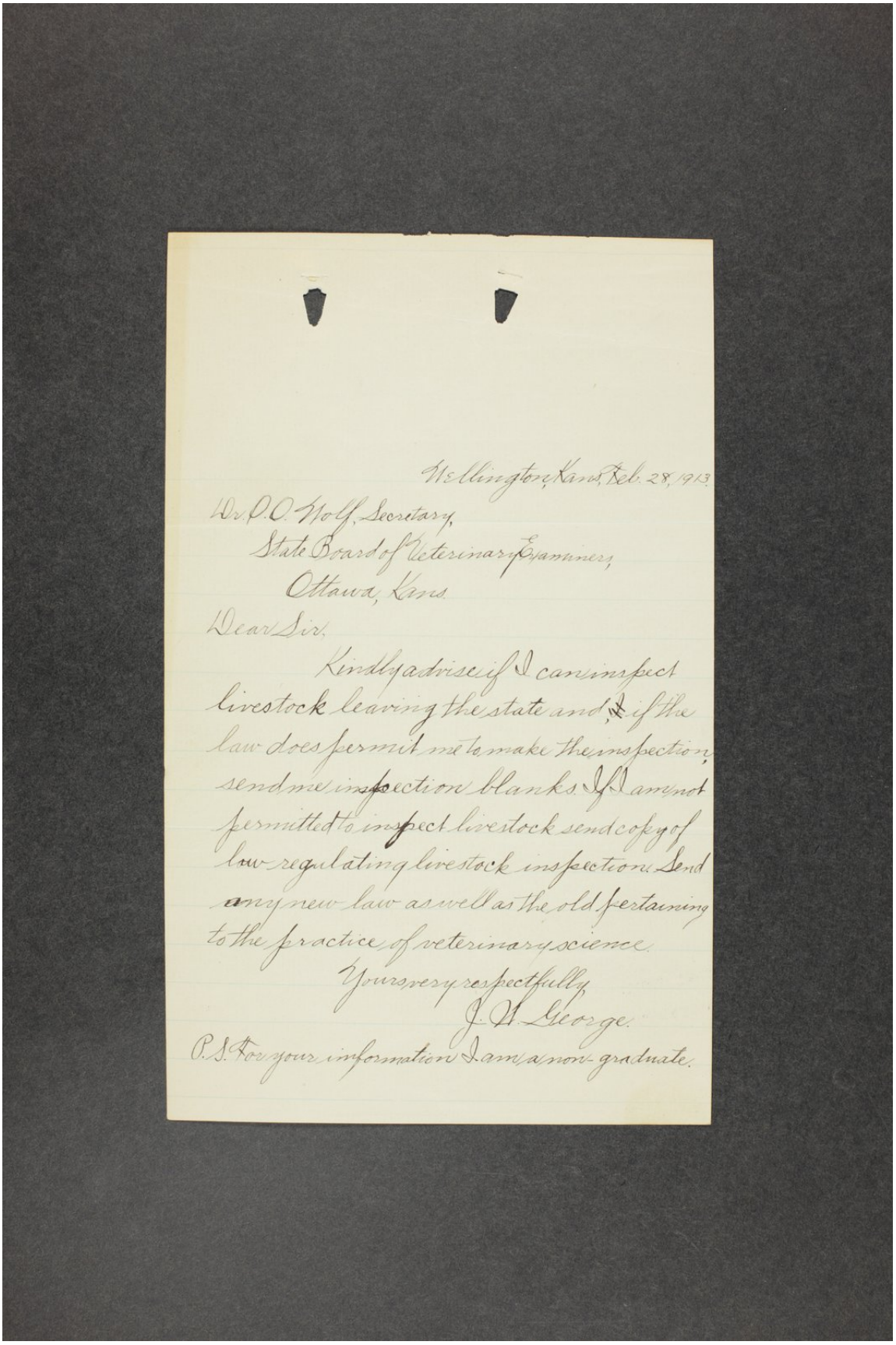
I have yours of the 4th inst. and note contents of same.

I am glad that you are taking this matter up with Mr. Merry and endeavoring to settle it satisfactorily with him.

Relative to issuing you a commission, I desire to advise that my term of office expires now in a few days, until I would suggest that you take this matter up with my successor, Samuel S. Graybill, who takes charge here April 1st.

Very truly,

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Wellington, Kans. Feb. 28, 1913

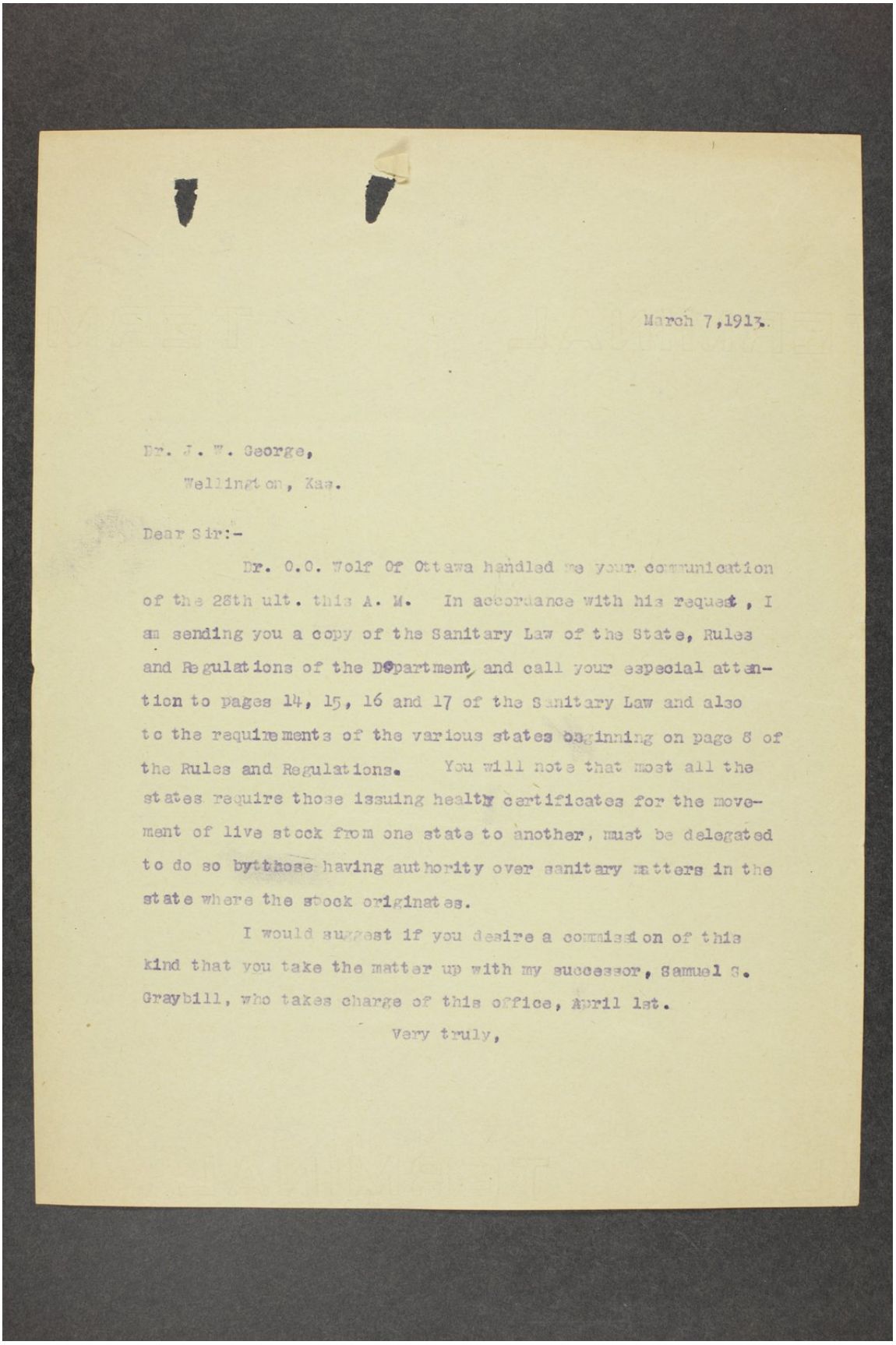
Dr. P. O. Wolf, Secretary,
State Board of Veterinary Examiners,
Ottawa, Kans.

Dear Sir.

Kindly advise if I can inspect livestock leaving the state and if the law does permit me to make the inspection, send me inspection blanks. If I am not permitted to inspect livestock send copy of law regulating livestock inspection. Send any new law as well as the old pertaining to the practice of veterinary science.

Yours very respectfully
J. H. George.

P. S. For your information I am a non-graduate.



March 7,1913.

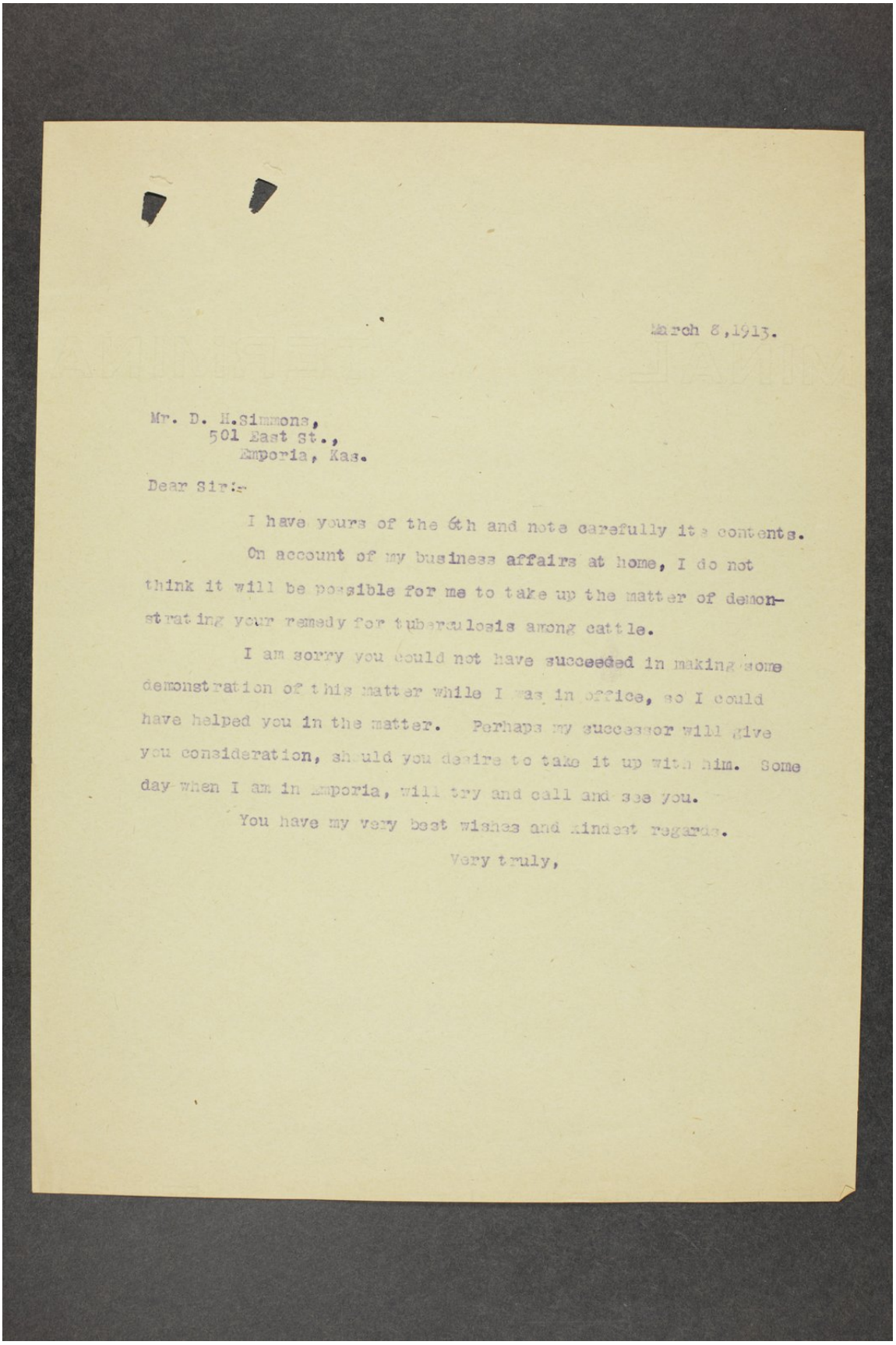
Dr. J. W. George,
Wellington, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. O.O. Wolf Of Ottawa handled me your communication of the 28th ult. this A. M. In accordance with his request, I am sending you a copy of the Sanitary Law of the State, Rules and Regulations of the Department, and call your especial attention to pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Sanitary Law and also to the requirements of the various states beginning on page 8 of the Rules and Regulations. You will note that most all the states require those issuing healty certificates for the movement of live stock from one state to another, must be delegated to do so bythose having authority over sanitary matters in the state where the stock originates.

I would suggest if you desire a commission of this kind that you take the matter up with my successor, Samuel S. Graybill, who takes charge of this office, April 1st.

Very truly,



March 8,1913.

Mr. D. H.Simmons,
501 East St.,
Emporia, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 6th and note carefully its contents.

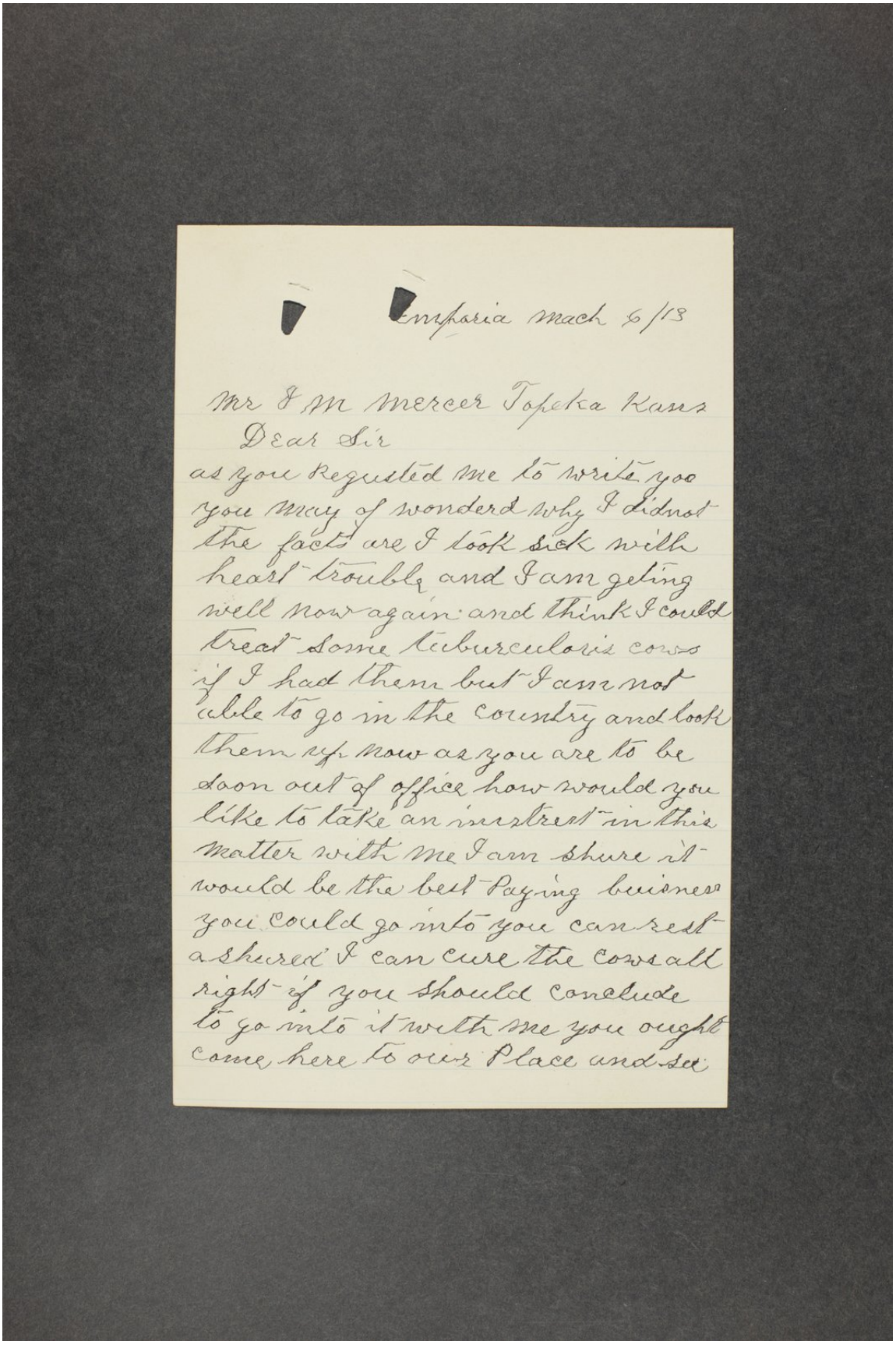
On account of my business affairs at home, I do not think it will be possible for me to take up the matter of demonstrating your remedy for tuberculosis among cattle.

I am sorry you could not have succeeded in making some demonstration of this matter while I was in office, so I could have helped you in the matter. Perhaps my successor will give you consideration, should you desire to take it up with him. Some day when I am in Emporia, will try and call and see you.

You have my very best wishes and kindest regards.

Very truly,

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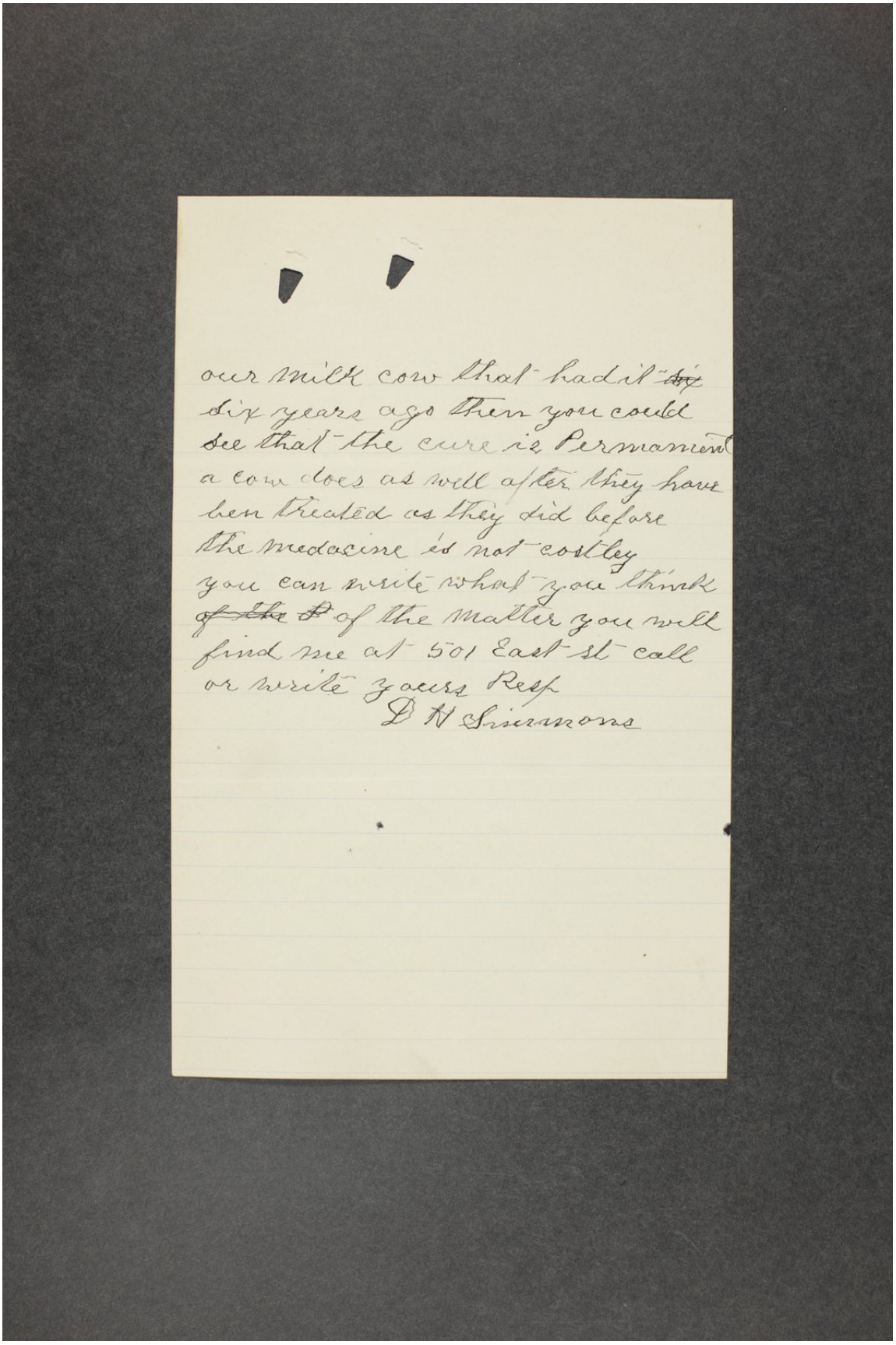


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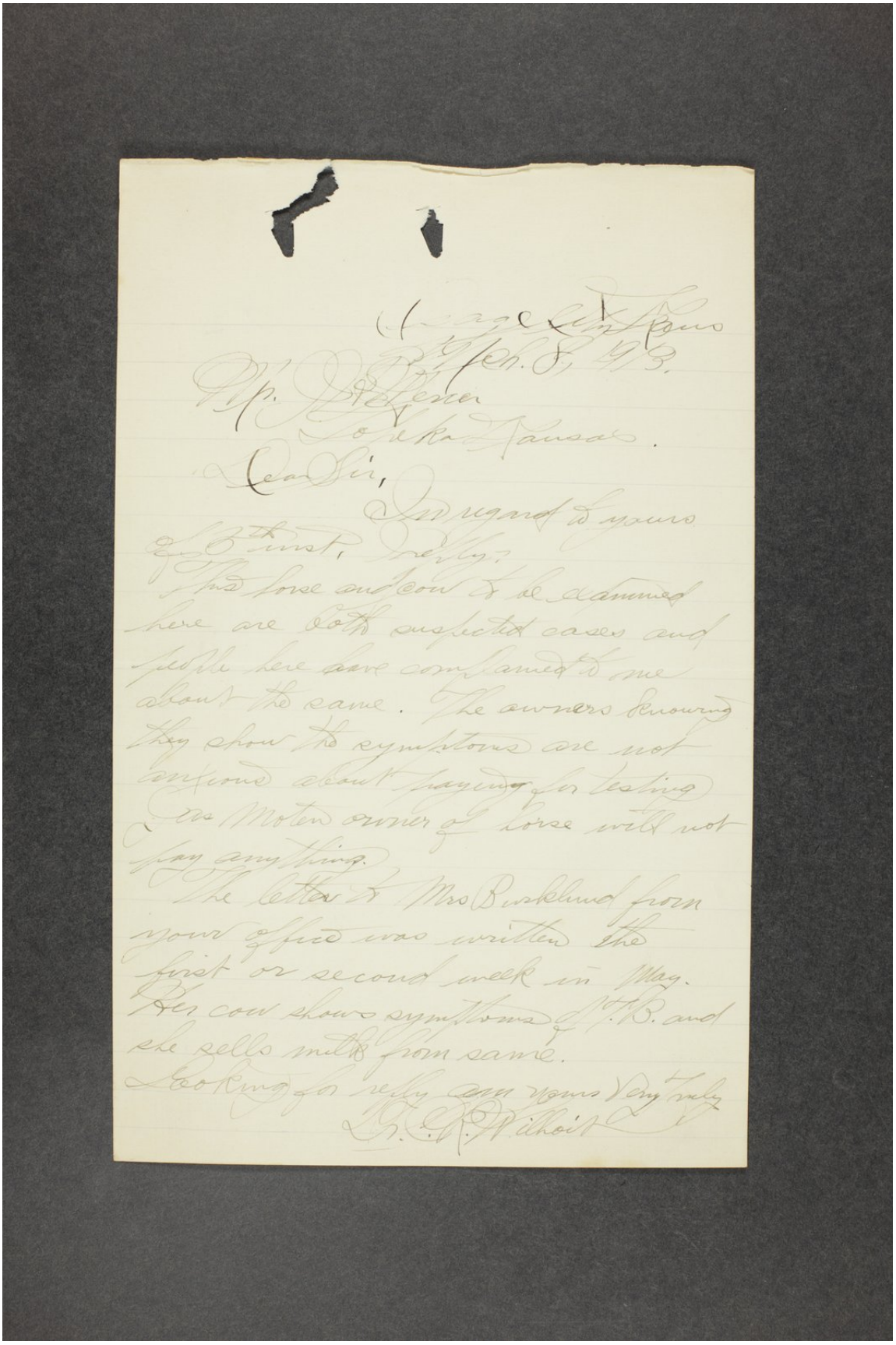
Mr & M Mercer Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

as you Requested me to write you you may of wonderd why I didnot the facts are I took sick with heart trouble and I am geting well now again and think I could treat some tuburculosis cows if I had them but I am not able to go in the country and look them up now as you are to be soon out of office how would you like to take an interest in this matter with me I am shure it would be the best Paying buisness you could go into you can rest a shured I can cure the cows all right if you should conclude to go into it with me you ought come here to our Place and see



our milk cow that had it ~~by~~ six years ago then you could see that the cure is Permanent a cow does as well after they have been treated as they did before the medicine is not costley you can write what you think ~~of the~~ P of the matter you will find me at 501 East st call or write Yours Resp
D N Simmons



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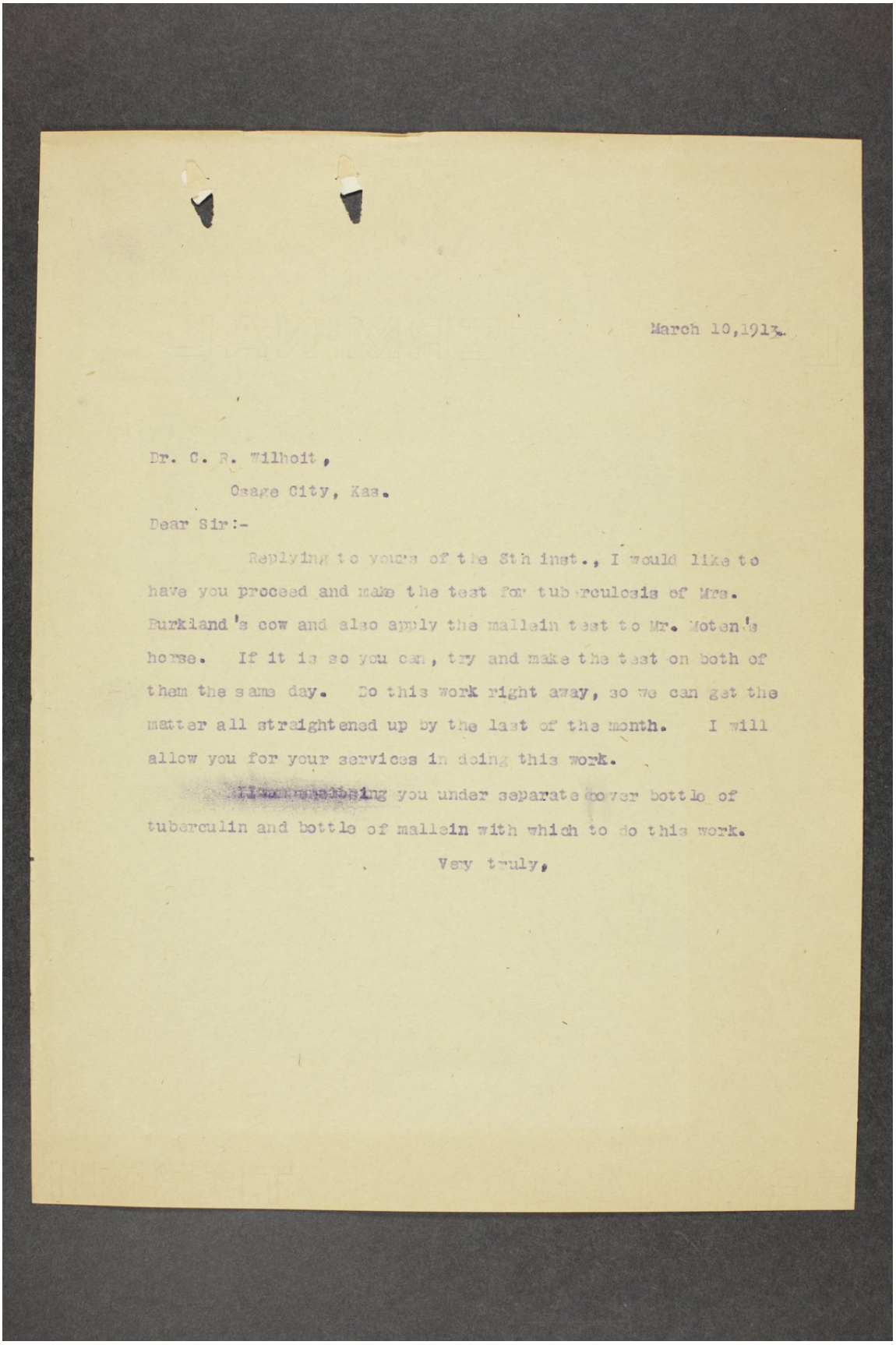
Dr. Peterson
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir,

In regard to yours of 3th inst, Relly:
This horse and cow to be examined here are both suspected cases and people here have complained to me about the same. The owners knowing they show the symptoms are not anxious about paying for testing as Mr. Owner of horse will not pay anything.

The letter to Mrs Burkland from your office was written the first or second week in May. Her cow shows symptoms of T.B. and she sells milk from same.

Looking for reply am yours Very truly
D. C. Wilhoit



March 10,191x.

Dr. C. R. Wilhoit,
Osage City, Kas.

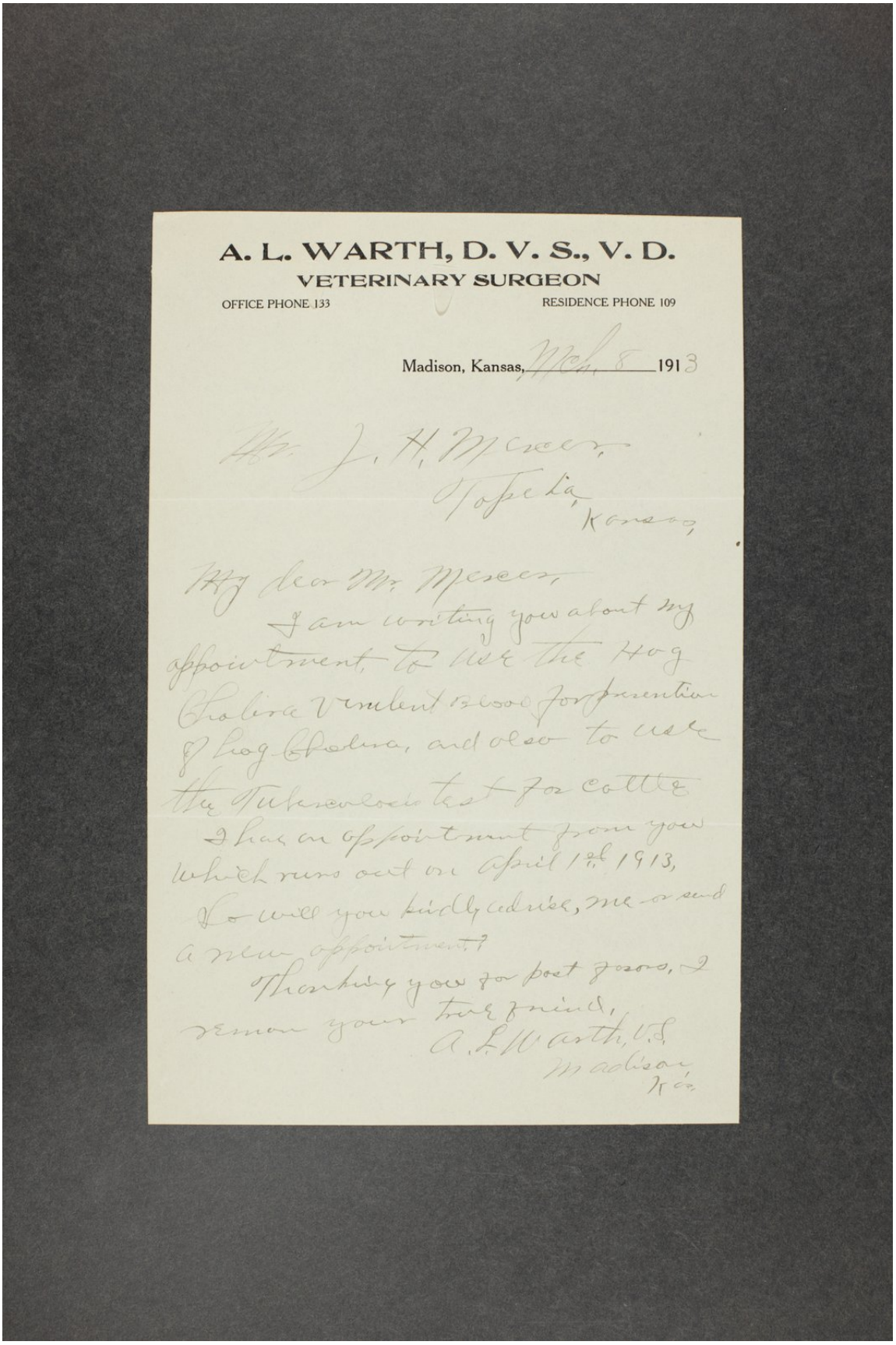
Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 8th inst., I would like to have you proceed and make the test for tuberculosis of Mrs. Burkland's cow and also apply the mallein test to Mr. Moten's horse. If it is so you can, try and make the test on both of them the same day. Do this work right away, so we can get the matter all straightened up by the last of the month. I will allow you for your services in doing this work.

I am sending you under separate cover bottle of tuberculin and bottle of mallein with which to do this work.

Very truly,

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A. L. WARTH, D. V. S., V. D.
VETERINARY SURGEON
OFFICE PHONE 133 RESIDENCE PHONE 109

Madison, Kansas, Mch. 8 1913

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka,
Kansas,

My dear Mr. Mercer,

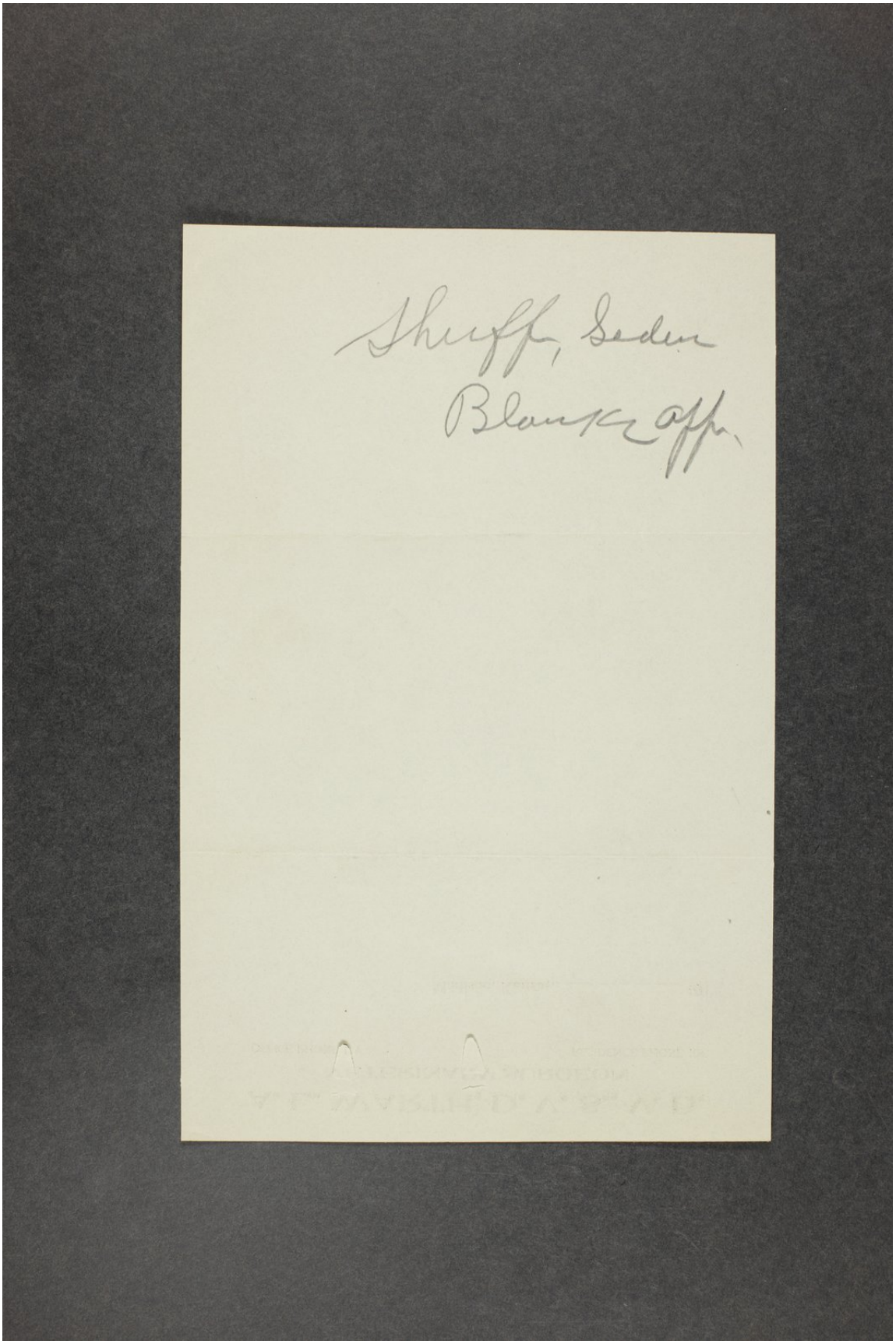
I am writing you about my appointment, to use the Hog Cholera Virulent Blood for prevention of hog Cholera, and also to use the Tuberculosis test for cattle.

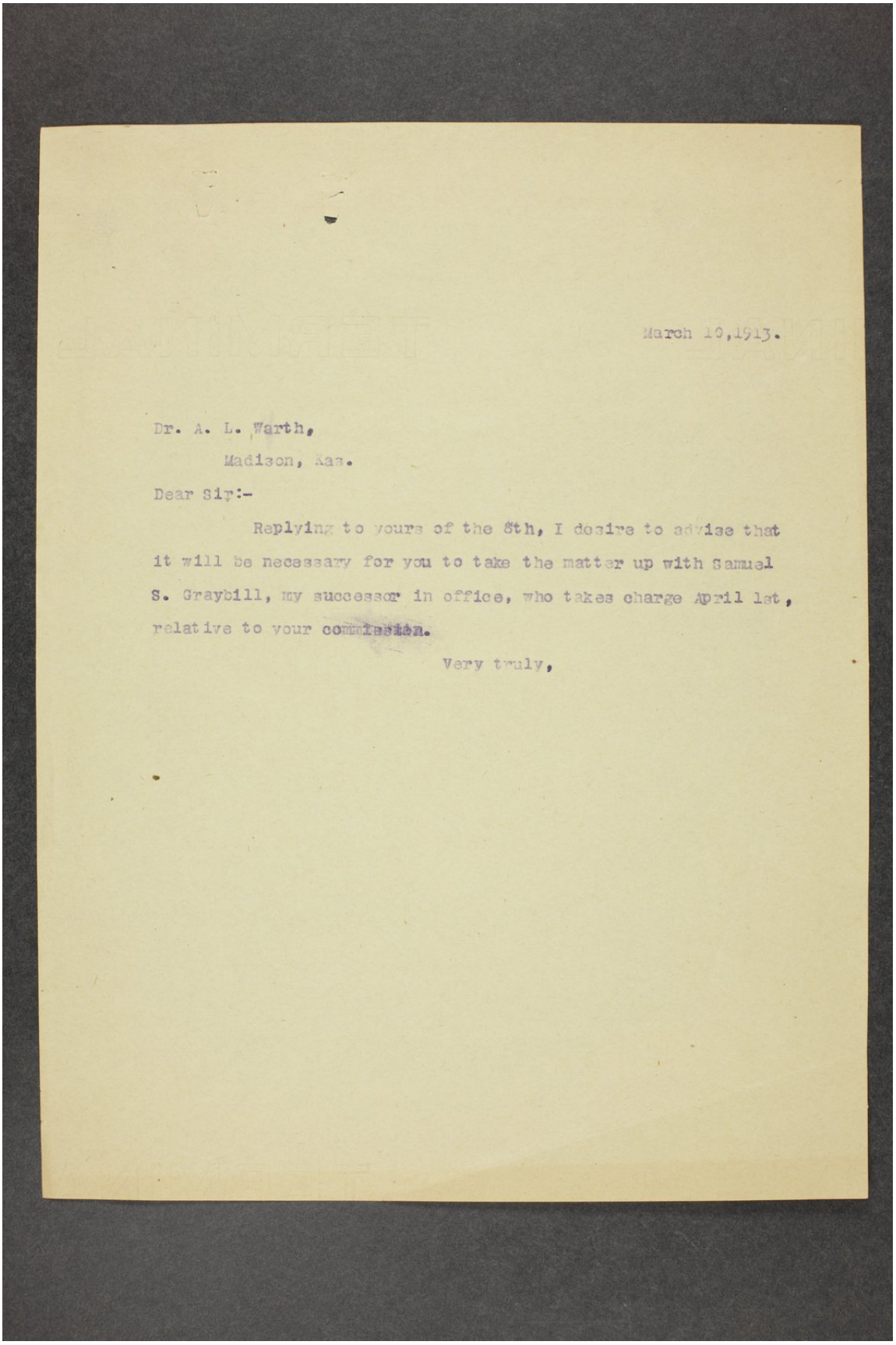
I have an appointment from you which runs out on April 1st 1913, So will you kindly advise, me or send a new appointment?

Thanking you for past favors, I remain your true friend,

A. L. Warth, V.S.
Madison
Kas.

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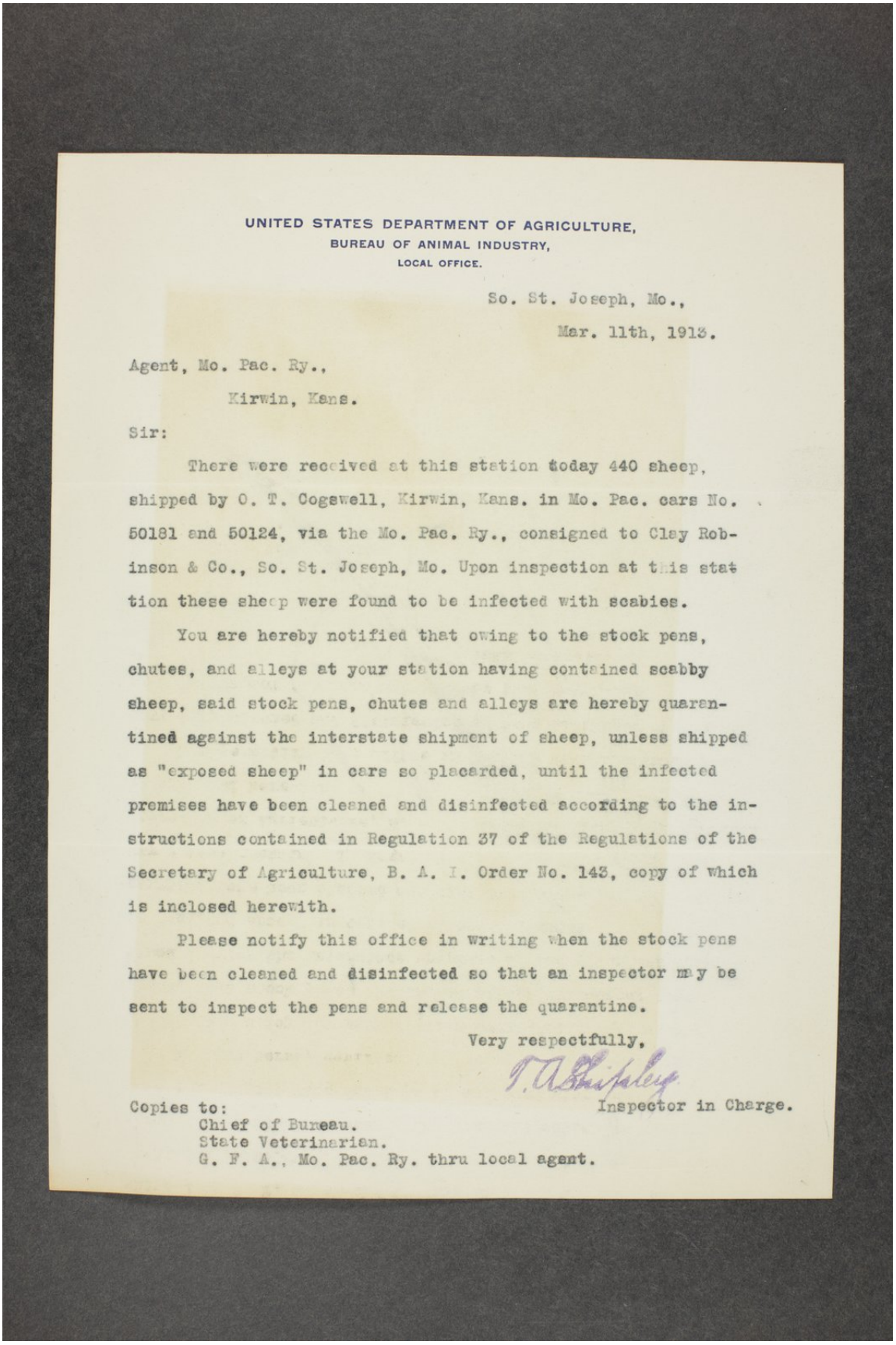
Dr. A. L. Warth,
Madison, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 8th, I desire to advise that it will be necessary for you to take the matter up with Samuel S. Graybill, my successor in office, who takes charge April 1st, relative to your commission.

Very truly,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

So. St. Joseph, Mo.,
Mar. 11th, 1913.

Agent, Mo. Pac. Ry.,
Kirwin, Kans.

Sir:

There were received at this station today 440 sheep, shipped by O. T. Cogswell, Kirwin, Kans. in Mo. Pac. cars No. 50181 and 50124, via the Mo. Pac. Ry., consigned to Clay Robinson & Co., So. St. Joseph, Mo. Upon inspection at this station these sheep were found to be infected with scabies.

You are hereby notified that owing to the stock pens, chutes, and alleys at your station having contained scabby sheep, said stock pens, chutes and alleys are hereby quarantined against the interstate shipment of sheep, unless shipped as "exposed sheep" in cars so placarded, until the infected premises have been cleaned and disinfected according to the instructions contained in Regulation 37 of the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, B. A. I. Order No. 143, copy of which is inclosed herewith.

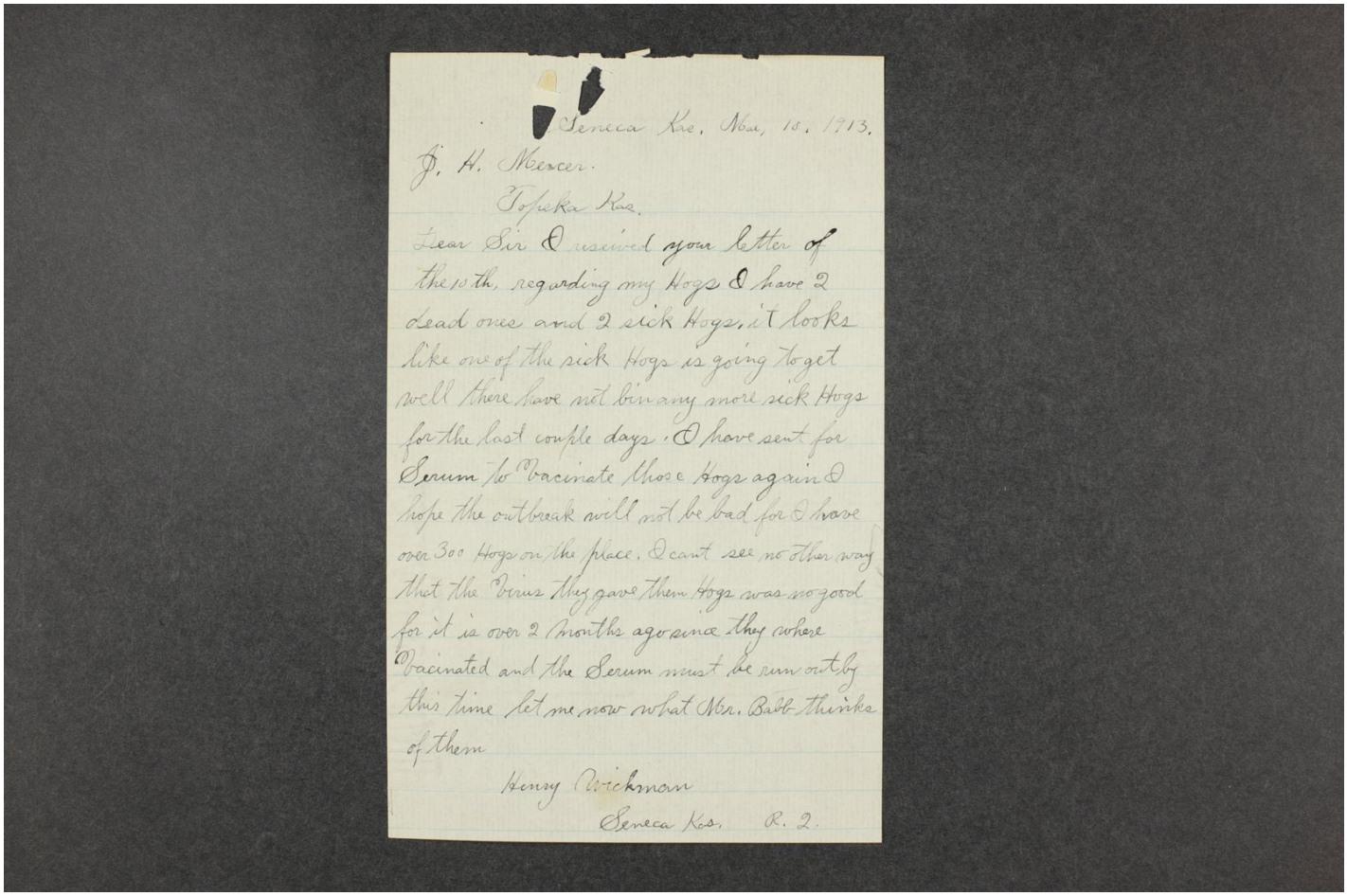
Please notify this office in writing when the stock pens have been cleaned and disinfected so that an inspector may be sent to inspect the pens and release the quarantine.

Very respectfully,

T. A. Shipley
Inspector in Charge.

Copies to:
Chief of Bureau.
State Veterinarian.
G. F. A., Mo. Pac. Ry. thru local agent.

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Seneca Kas. Nov, 10. 1913.

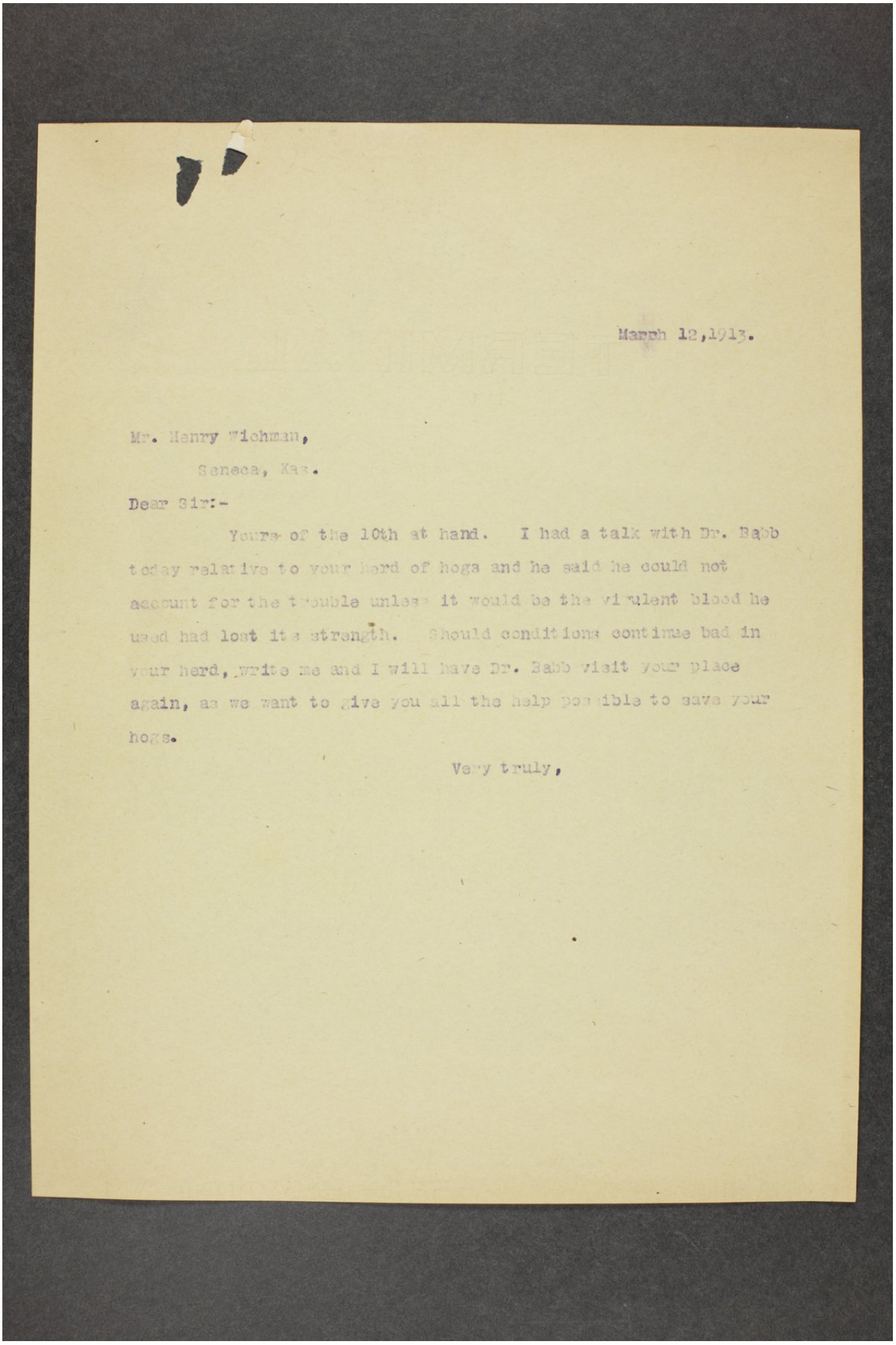
J. H. Mercer.

Topeka Kas.

Dear Sir I received your letter of the 10th, regarding my Hogs I have 2 dead ones and 2 sick Hogs, it looks like one of the sick Hogs is going to get well there have not bin any more sick Hogs for the last couple days. I have sent for Serum to Vacinate those Hogs again I hope the outbreak will not be bad for I have over 300 Hogs on the place. I cant see no other way that the Virus they gave them Hogs was no good for it is over 2 months ago since they where Vacinated and the Serum must be run out by this time let me now what Mr. Babb thinks of them

Henry Wickman

Seneca Kas. R. 2.



March 12,1913.

Mr. Henry Wichman,

Seneca, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 10th at hand. I had a talk with Dr. Babb today relative to your herd of hogs and he said he could not account for the trouble unless it would be the virulent blood he used had lost its strength. Should conditions continue bad in your herd, write me and I will have Dr. Babb visit your place again, as we want to give you all the help possible to save your hogs.

Very truly,