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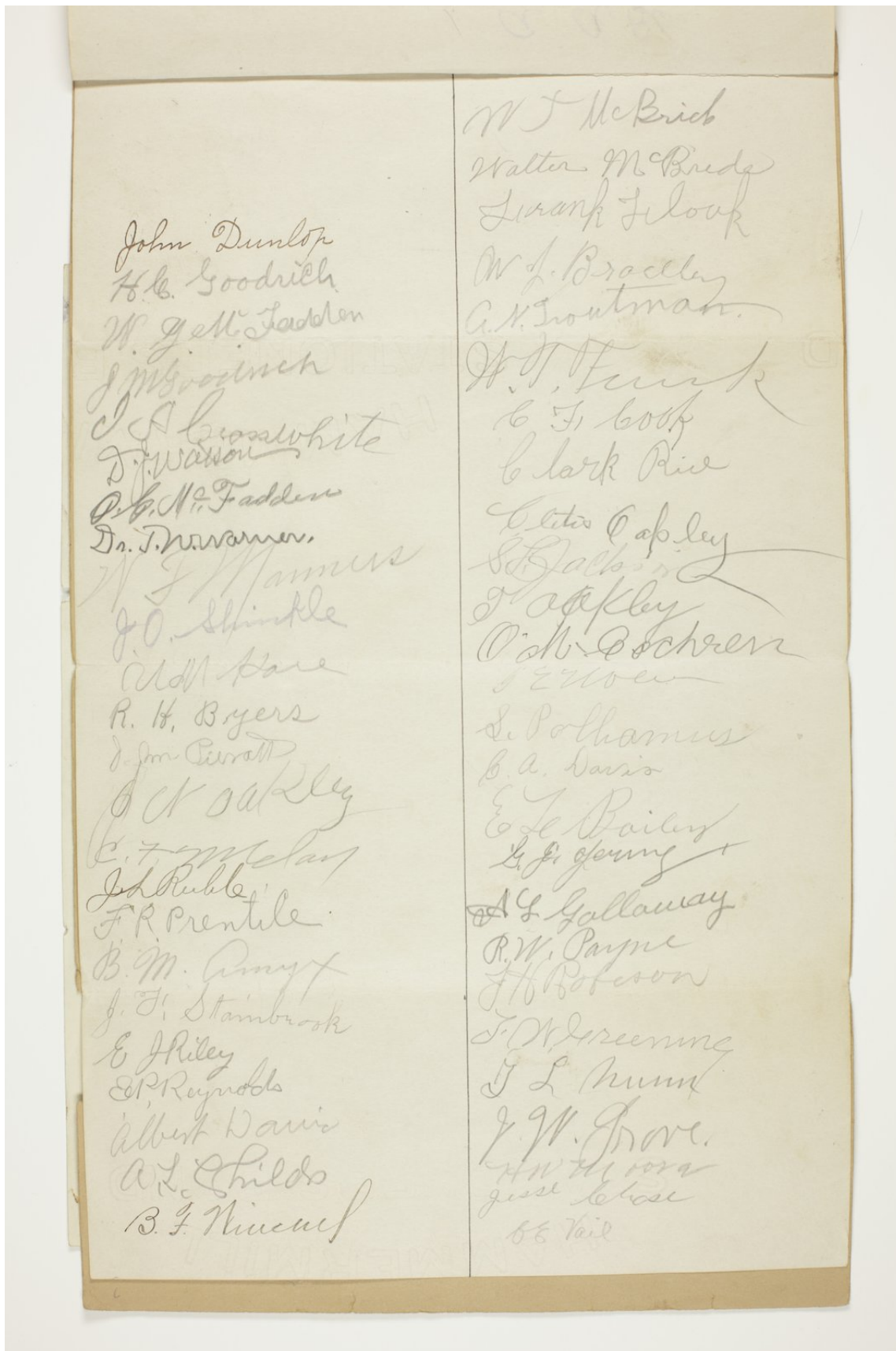
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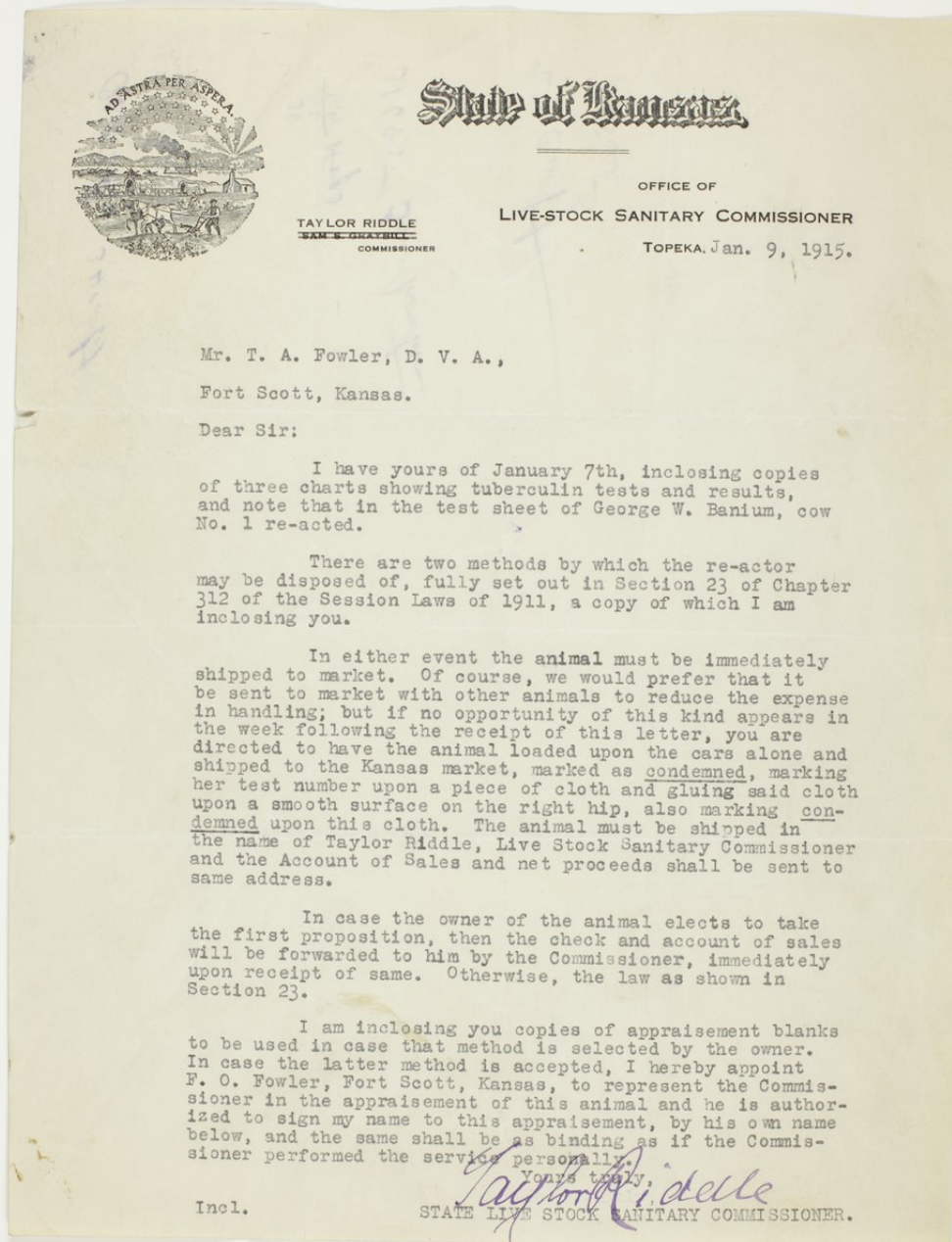
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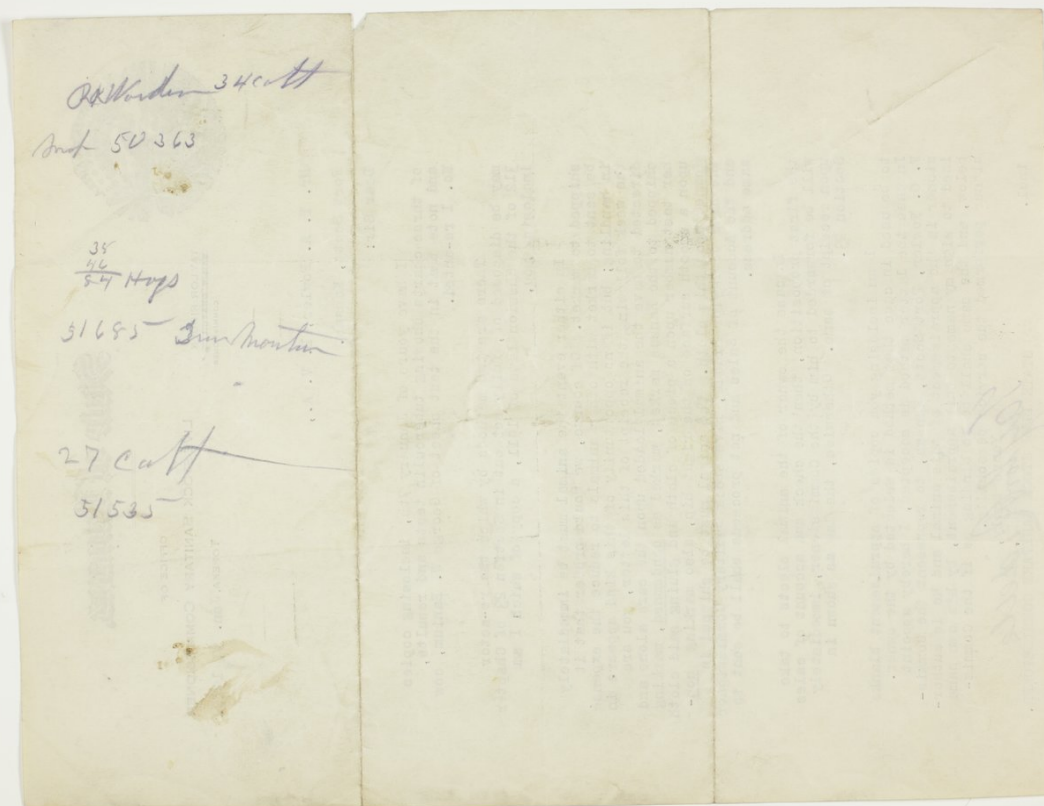
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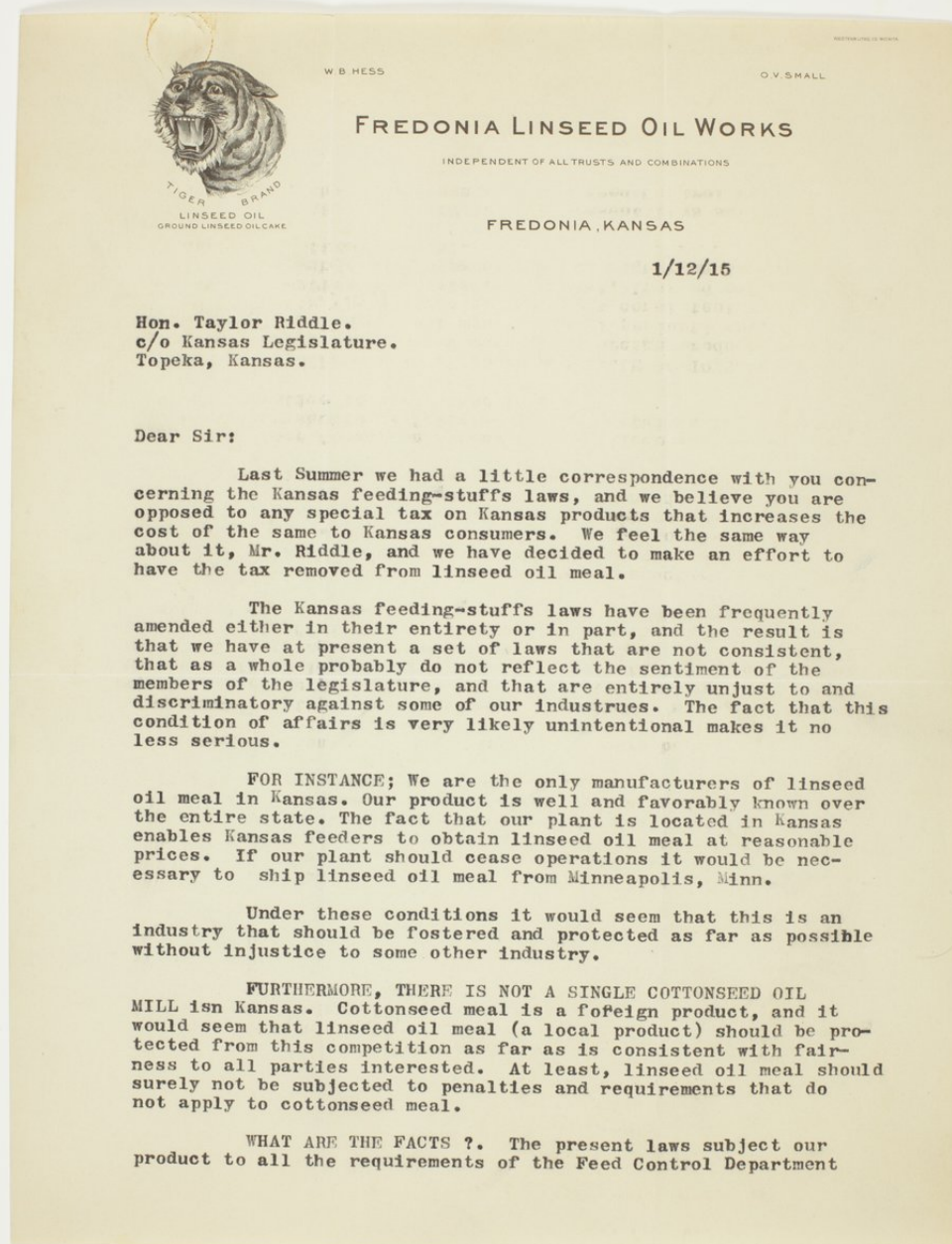
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of the Agricultural College. We are charged an annual registration fee. Every ton of linseed oil meal we manufacture is subject to their inspection, and every ton is taxed 10¢ to cover the expenses incident to the inspection. We are not only compelled to comply with their requirements, but we have to pay the officials whose duty it is under the law to see that we do so.

HOW ABOUT MINNEAPOLIS MEAL ? When Minneapolis meal is shipped to a Kansas feeder it is subject to no inspection, and no tax whatever.

HOW IS IT WITH COTTONSEED MEAL ? Cottonseed meal is exempt entirely from any liability whatever under the Kansas law. It is admitted scott free with no inspection and no tax.

We believe the intention of our legislators was good when they passed the amendment which exempts cottonseed meal from the inspection and the tax. Several members of the legislature of 1913 have advised us that they think the tendency during the past few years has been to subject the industries of our country and state to too much regulation and official supervision, and that it was in an effort to restrict this tendency that this amendment was passed. We agree with them fully, but this amendment didn't go far enough. While it exempts cottonseed meal (a foreign commodity) it offers no relief for linseed oil meal (a local commodity).

Thus, we are taxed while our competitors (the linseed oil meal manufacturers of Minneapolis and the cottonseed meal manufacturers of Oklahoma and the South) are subject to no tax, no inspection, no registration fee and no regulation of whatever nature.

It would seem that this might give our meal a certain prestige and that Kansas feeders would insist on having meal that had been inspected and approved by our state officials, but such does not prove to be the case. It is true that, on account of the high quality we have always maintained, we have a large number of customers who prefer our meal to any other brand, but we find that it is very rare indeed that a Kansas feeder will knowingly pay the tax of 10¢ per ton to secure the alleged benefits or protection of Kansas inspection. He doesn't seem to value the Kansas inspection tax tag very highly. However, the price of every ton of linseed oil meal we manufacture is just 10¢ higher than it need be, as the tax is figured in our cost of production, and the feeder pays it just as surely as though he remitted direct to the state.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Riddle, we don't feel that there ever was any crying need for such stringent official supervision of the feed-manufacturing business in Kansas. We do honestly think that the whole matter was agitated by the Feed Control officials at Manhattan assisted by their political and official friends.

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They are now organized and probably they are able to make a big showing, making it appear that there is an active demand from Kansas people for the inspecting and taxing they enforce, but we don't agree with them. We have talked with a great many business men, farmers and feeders, some of them members of the legislature, and we have not yet found a man who is in full sympathy with these officials, excepting those who were directly or indirectly connected with the college.

I am writing you this letter for the reason that we have already had some correspondence with you on this subject, and to advise you that Mr. Small, Mr. James M. Kennedy, our attorney, and myself will probably be in Topeka during this session of the legislature and when the time comes we know we can count on your support for a bill to put linseed oil meal on the free list along with cottonseed meal.

In the meantime we shall be glad to hear from you and to receive any suggestions you may care to make to help us in this matter.

By

Edouard Wiley
Mgr

Yours very truly

HESS & SMALL

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January 14, 1915

Messrs. Hess & Small,
Fredonia Linseed Oil Works,
Fredonia, Kansas.
Gentlemen;-

This is to acknowledge yours of January 22th. I note contents with considerable interest. I believe it was my amendment that prevented the cottonseed meal products from being taxed by a bill which passed the last Legislature. I certainly did not intend to discriminate against a home product when I failed to add the linseed meal to articles on the free list. I think we have too many regulations already upon our live stock and feed and each one seems to add some expense with very little compensating benefit to the party paying said expense.

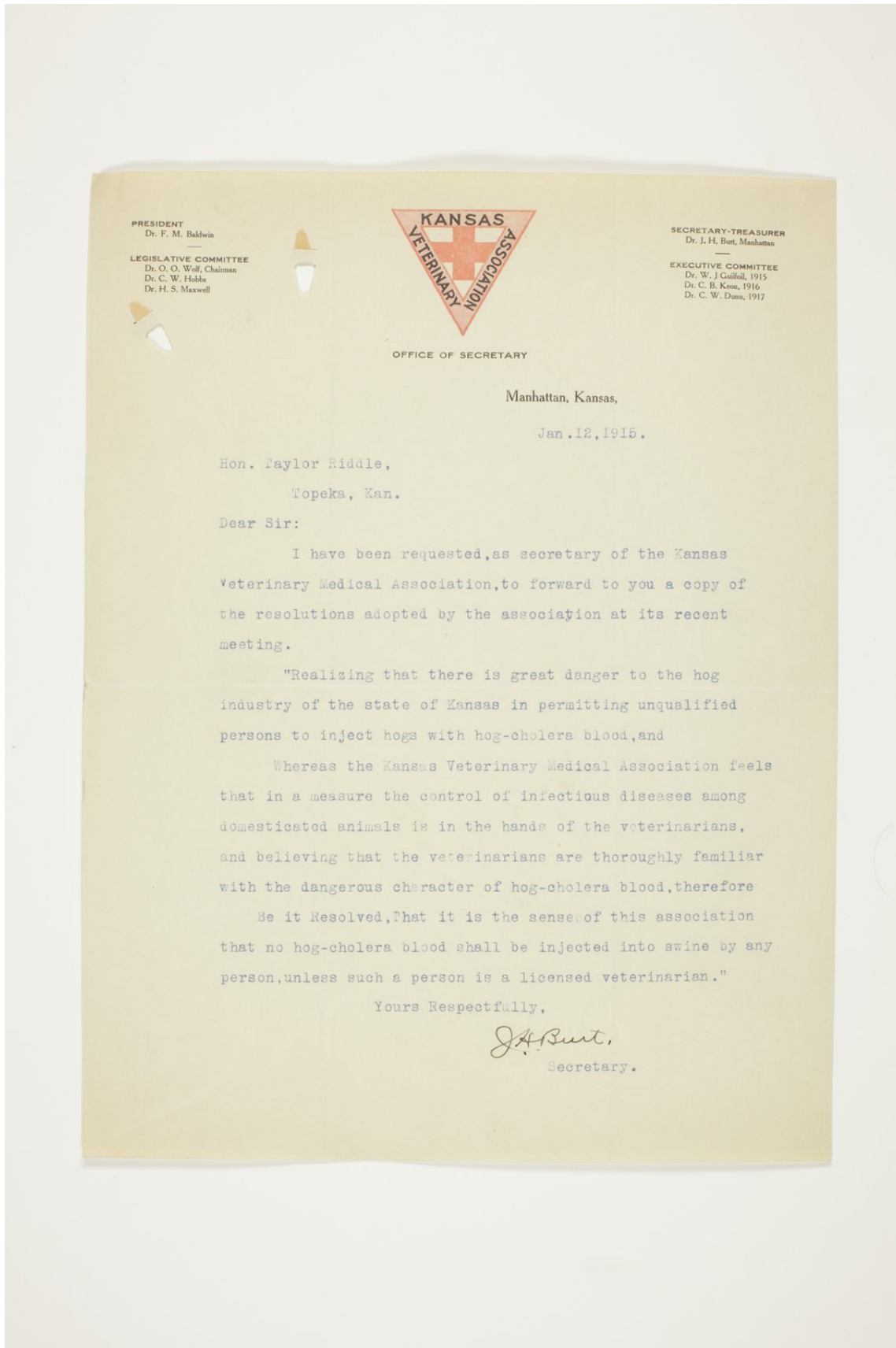
If your efforts are to be in the direction of placing your product on the free list along with cottonseed meal, I will aid you in every way possible, although I am not a member of the legislative body this year.

I should be pleased to have you call on me when in Topeka, as I am in an office located in the State Capitol at present.

Yours truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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January 14, 1915.

Dr. J. H. Burt, Secretary,
Kansas Veterinary Association,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of January 12th. I note with considerable interest the adopted resolutions. Of course, you understand that no one is allowed to inject virulent hog cholera blood into any animal unless he has permission from this Department, and no one except a veterinarian is allowed to inject the hog cholera blood in any hogs. I find that permission has been given to owners to give their animals the single and simultaneous treatment believing that if he wants to take the risk on killing his own animals, he ought not to be deprived of that pleasure.

If there is an attempt to make the law read as your resolutions, this would raise considerable of a storm among the farmer members of the Legislature. Am not ready yet to declare myself favorable or unfavorable to the resolutions enclosed.

Yours respectfully,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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Mr. W. N. Waddell,
State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

This letter is to thank you for your promptness in notifying the Superintendent of the American Express Company for Kansas that the quarantine against Kansas on account of Foot and Mouth disease had been raised.

Your foot note at the bottom of your telegram also noted. Upon receipt of your notice that quarantine had been raised or would be effective December 20th, I immediately phoned the information to the Superintendent, Mr. Clark, whose headquarters are in this City. Later on, when I found no action had been taken by him to receive our live stock, I took the copy which you sent me and showed it to him. I did the same in regard to Oklahoma, but in neither case did they release until I asked that the information be sent direct from your office and from the office in Oklahoma City. However, everything is all right now and I hope it will remain so. We are particularly free from all contagious diseases in live stock.

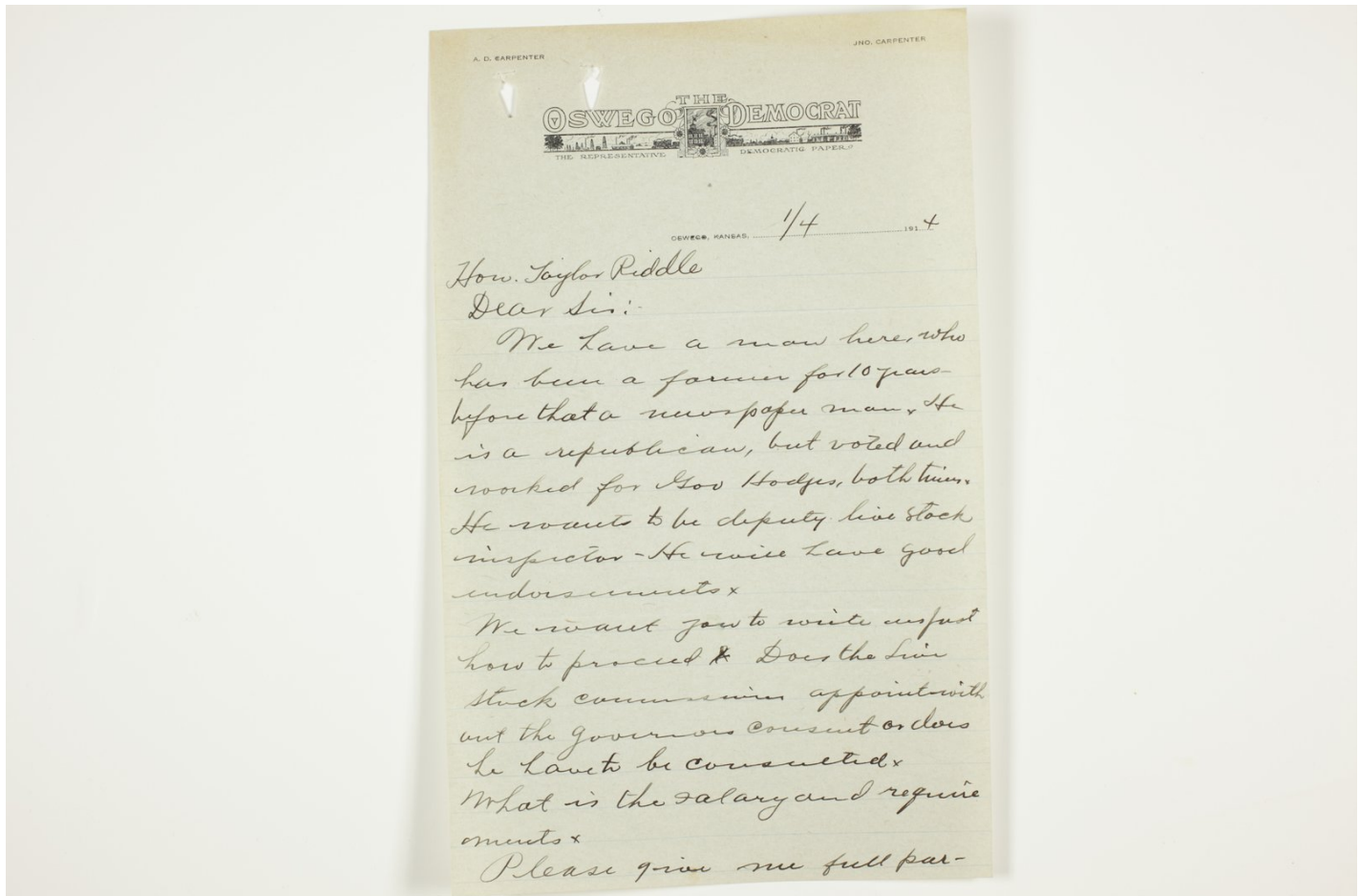
You, of course, have been served with the notice of quarantine recently laid by the State of Colorado and Nevada. This seems to me to be ridiculous and unjust to Kansas and Texas, who maintain such good quarantine regulations as any states in the Union and are free from contagious diseases.

With kindest regards.

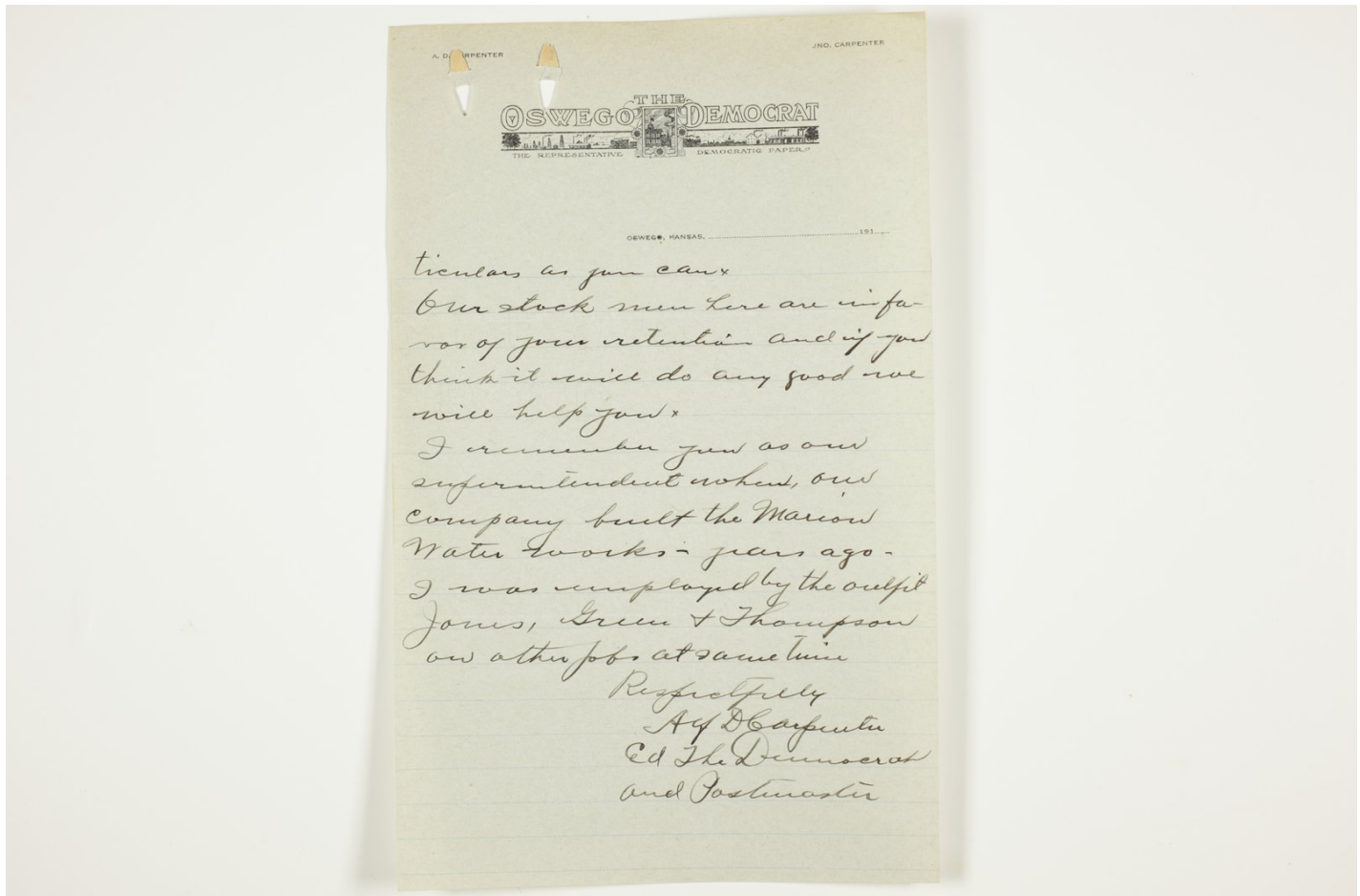
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January 14, 1915.

Mr. A. D. Carpenter,
Oswego, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of January 4th, will say that in the appointment of an inspector, it would about insure the job if the Governor was favorable to the man, although the law contemplates that the Commissioner shall appoint his own inspectors. No Inspector has been maintained in southeastern Kansas in the past six years. Most all the business is south and southwest. However, from your description, I should say that your man is in every way qualified, and should I be retained, I certainly would give him serious consideration in connection with the office he is seeking.

The Governor promised the stockmen that he might have a voice in the selection of Live Stock Commissioner, but just how far he will consider their endorsement, it is hard to tell. If I had but one guess, I should say, he would consider their endorsement, provided it was given to a good Republican and one who had supported him in the past campaign.

The Stockmen hold their Convention and State Meeting at Wichita on the 26th and 27th of this month. There will be something done in regard to endorsing someone for this office at that meeting. If some of your friends could attend, or if you would get up a set of strong resolutions directed to W. J. Tod, President, Maple Hill, Kansas, it might have a favorable bearing upon the final solution. In any event, I would feel under obligations to any friends whose assistance contributed in any way to securing the position.

There are but five inspectors appointed and their salaries are \$100.00 per month and expenses when travelling.

Yours truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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PRAIRIE FARM
KINCAID, KANSAS
FRANCIS M. BLACK
PROPRIETOR

Jan. 15, 1915.

Mr. Taylor Riddle, Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Governor Capper saying he has referred my inquiries about stock hog shipping to you, and also have your letter. Your letter gives in detail the method of shipping stock hogs from outside the State. Rule 15, to which you refer, makes the same rules apply "from one point of Kansas to another". I take it that the rules as given in detail in your letter apply to Wichita and other country points within the State also.

What I would like to do is to ship hogs from Wichita here under quarantine without vaccinating them there at all, hold them here under quarantine for 21 days after being immediately vaccinated upon arrival here, and then turn them in with my other hogs.

Dr. McVaigh would do my vaccinating and supervise the quarantine.

I would expect to have the hogs dipped at Wichita and shipped in a disinfected car.

If the above is satisfactory I would like to get a specific permit allowing me to ship hogs from Wichita under quarantine without vaccination.

Yours truly,

Francis M. Black

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January 18, 1915

Mr. Francis M. Black,
Kincaid, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of January 15th, will say that I cannot grant you permission to ship more than one car on each order, but if you expect to continue to ship hogs from Wichita under conditions you describe, you can get permit at each particular time you desire to ship, and I will enclose you permission for one car in this letter.

You may ship the hogs under the conditions you describe, namely, ship from the Wichita stockyards without vaccination to Kincaid, there to be given the serum treatment and held in quarantine 21 days. After which the yards in which these hogs were held under quarantine must be cleaned of all litter and thoroughly disinfected by sprinkling heavily with creosol or carbolic acid solution. Before said hogs are loaded at Wichita, they must be dipped in proper solution and loaded into a clean car. If Dr. McVaigh does the work, he will represent this Department as quarantine officer, and directions must be carried out strictly in regard to the quarantine, and all of said actions must be reported in full to this Commission, giving dates of the beginning of quarantine and dates of discharge; also the manner in which premises where hogs were held under quarantine were cleaned and disinfected.

Yours very truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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TO ALL TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES TO WHOM THIS IS CONCERNED:

Permission is hereby granted Francis M. Black of Kincaid, Kansas, to ship one car of stock hogs from the Wichita Union Stock Yards to Kincaid, Kansas; said hogs to be dipped in proper solution for disinfecting same and then loaded into clean car; said hogs to be held in quarantine twenty-one days at destination for the purpose of receiving the serum treatment for the prevention of hogs cholera.

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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Hon. Taylor Riddle,
State Live Stock Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Mr. Riddle:-

I inspected the two horses belonging to Wm. Phillips (colored) of Valley Falls, and superintended the mallein test on same. Both horses were condemned by Dr. Foster and viewed by acting Chairman, County Commissioners, H. D. Gramsee. We appraised the horses at \$135.00, appraisement of which is hereby attached, and horses ordered destroyed by the Commissioner.

I proceeded to ship the cow belonging to Ben Schneider, as you asked, and found the animal in such physical condition that she would hardly stand taking to the stockyards. After making an examination of this cow and the herd and comparing it with the test chart sent in by Dill of Winchester, it seems to me very unjust that this cow should be forced upon the Commissioners at such a value as they agreed. The Commissioner and owner finally agreed on a valuation of \$300.00, which I signed under protest, subject to your approval, history of which you will find on back of appraisement blank.

It seems to me policy to destroy this animal on the premises if this department is compelled to take charge of it. Upon the showing of facts up there, I would recommend that Mr. Schneider be compelled to test his entire herd by somebody recommended by this office. That cow showed a respiration of 42 to 50 per minute, -very labored, and would surprise me if she was living in the next three days.

I refused to order the animal shipped, subject to your further decision in this matter.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, I am,

Respectfully yours,

signed C. V. Lodge
Inspector.

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CHAS. H. SESSIONS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR

C. W. SMITH
EXECUTIVE AND PARDON CLERK

STATE OF KANSAS
ARTHUR CAPPER, GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

January 16, 1915.

Hon. Taylor Riddle, Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

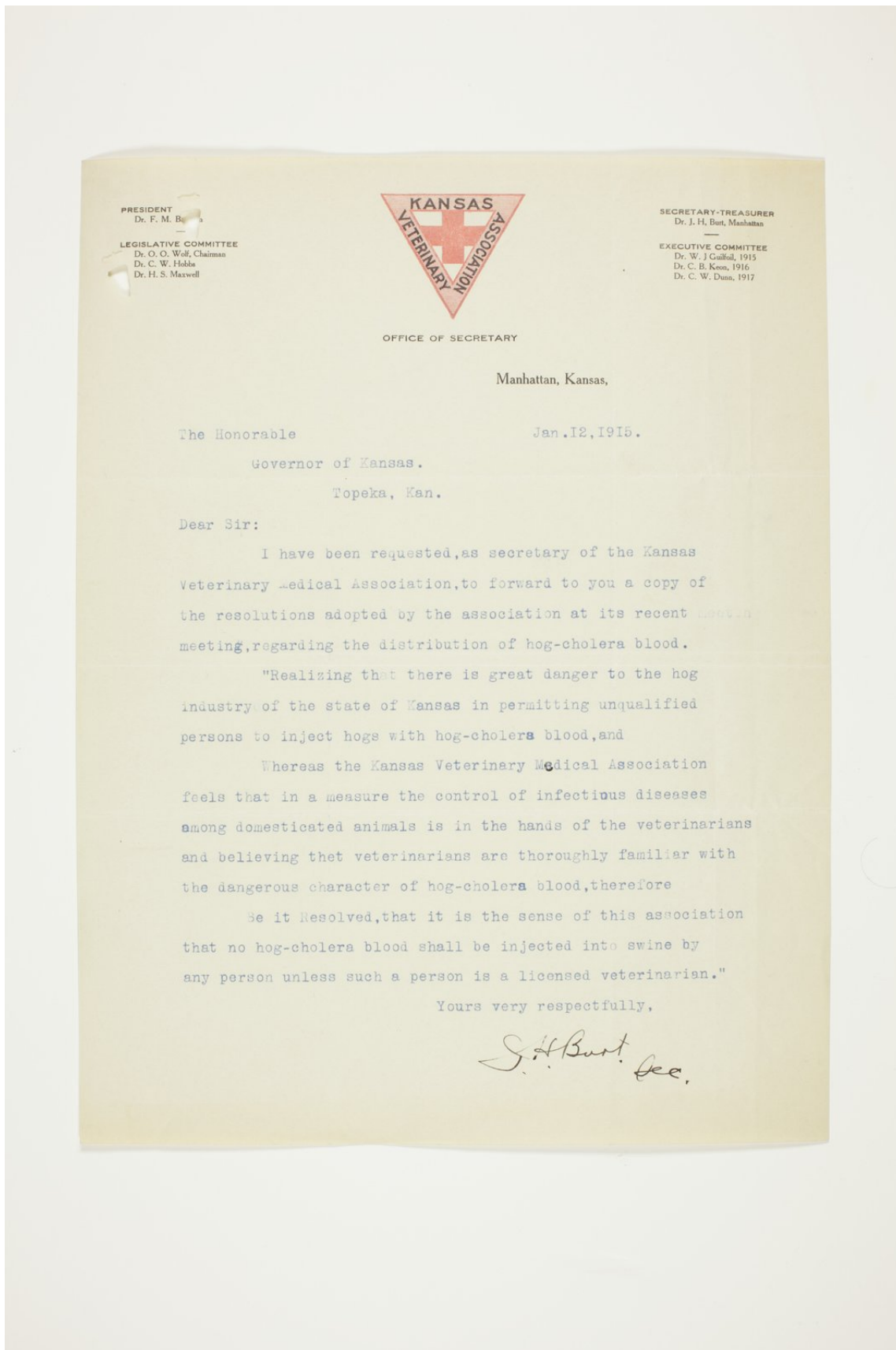
My dear Mr. Riddle:--

I am transmitting to you for your consideration, the enclosed letter from Mr. Burt.

Very truly yours

Chas. H. Sessions
Secretary to the Governor.

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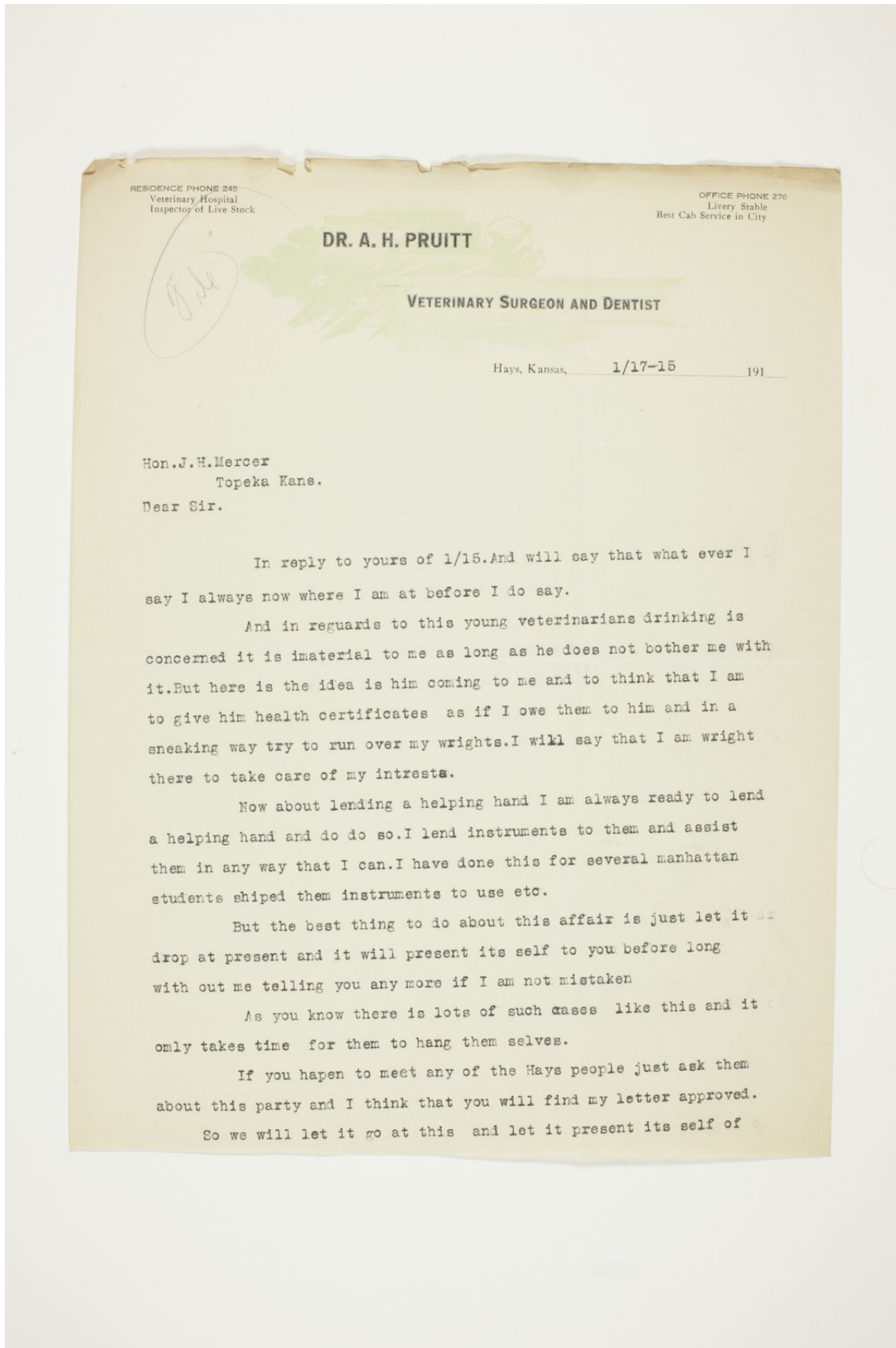
Hon. Arthur Capper, Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.
Dear Governor:-

This is to acknowledge receipt with
enclosure of yours of January 16th, and will take such
action as I deem necessary in regard to the matter.

Yours truly,

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Hays, Kansas, 1/17-15 191

Hon. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.
Dear Sir.

In reply to yours of 1/15. And will say that what ever I say I always now where I am at before I do say.

And in regards to this young veterinarians drinking is concerned it is imaterial to me as long as he does not bother me with it. But here is the idea is him coming to me and to think that I am to give him health certificates as if I owe them to him and in a sneaking way try to run over my wrights. I will say that I am wright there to take care of my intrests.

Now about lending a helping hand I am always ready to lend a helping hand and do do so. I lend instruments to them and assist them in any way that I can. I have done this for several manhattan students shiped them instruments to use etc.

But the best thing to do about this affair is just let it drop at present and it will present its self to you before long with out me telling you any more if I am not mistaken

As you know there is lots of such cases like this and it only takes time for them to hang them selves.

If you hapen to meet any of the Hays people just ask them about this party and I think that you will find my letter approved.

So we will let it go at this and let it present its self of



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which I feel quite sure that it will.

While I do not use intoxicating liquors at all. But I have been an extensive user. And while I have no use for it at all now do not understand me to be preaching temperance or telling what others should do for I am not it is a mans own buisness whether he wants to drink or not and no bodys elses as long as he does not bother others with it.

While I have friends that take their tody that are as branie a men as are in the country and they can habdle it but that does not say that I can.

In regards to the health certificates I just got them this morning but they were in ~~the~~ my box sunday for I saw them fall back in the post office as I got my mail out of the box.

Hoping that this ansers your letter completely and satisfactory and to hear from you at any time that I can be of service to you.

I remain as Ever Yours Resp

AHP/AP Box 321



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January 15, 1916.

Dr. A. H. Pruitt,
Hays, Kansas.
Dear Sir:-

Received yours of yesterday and note same. We sent you under separate cover last evening tuberculin charts in accordance with your phone message.

I note what you say concerning the "young veterinarian". I presume you mean Dr. W. J. Scanlon of Hays. Dr. Scanlon is listed with us as a graduate veterinarian from an accredited school, and the list is furnished us by the Secretary of the Veterinary Board of the State, which also has him on the State list of graduate veterinarians.

Now, I want to call your attention to the statements you make with reference to this young veterinarian's habits of drinking. Of course, I will not tolerate the habit of drinking with anyone who is connected in any way with this department, and if you know of this man to be addicted to drinking to excess and are willing to make a statement to that effect, I will make the investigation and either see that he refrains from this habit or that his appointment will be revoked. I believe always in giving every man a fair chance and especially a young man who is just starting out, and instead of kicking him down, I believe in helping him and holding up his hands, but where efforts of this kind are of no consequence, then the only alternative is to act severely.

In so far as Dr. Scanlon's name not being on the accredited list in the booklet furnished you, I would say that there is not a day goes by but what we issue an appointment to some veterinarian in the State of Kansas, and of course, a large number that are on our accredited list do not appear in the booklet that was furnished last June, therefore, that his name does not appear on that list is no reason that he does not hold his certificate.

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You might write me more fully on this subject, and do not make any statements with reference to this man's standing that you do not expect me to use, because when one makes a charge to this office of the incompetency of the Department's employees, I most assuredly will make an investigation concerning same, consequently I am compelled to use names in doing so.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

JHM/KEM***



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Hon. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir.

Just after phoning you. This young Veterinarian came to me and ask me to give him one of the health certificates so that he could inspect a car load of horses that a horse buyer had bought here yesterday and he is gone and left the shipping to the other liveryman where he made his head quarters to buy.

I told the young Veterinarian that I did not have any wright to give away one of the health certificates with out your permission

And another thing I would not give him one with my name on it as that would not be wright and I would not do it any way for at some times he is not responsible for what he does as they had him in a hospital a short while ago for drinking and he was so out rageous they had to take him to the court house and his father came and got him.

I want to do what is wright is the reason that I called you up. They have not come around and ask me to inspect the horses yet but I suppose that they will before night.

The bunch of cattle that I inspected for Mr. Cochran I did not make any copies of the certificates as I did not have any to make copies on and I had to use some that I had partly spoiled to have enough

In regards to returning the retainer I do not think that it is of any use as the bottom came out of the retainer as it was this way



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When I received it at the post office I did not use ten of the tests as I only tested one hundred head. But I think that I will have three cows to test any time now for a party .

I see that it cost fifteen cents to sent the tuberculin
Please find stamps enclosed for same.

Please send me a bunch of health certificates.

And again in regards to this Young Veterinarian he went to the depot agent so the agent told me and told him that he was federal and State inspector.

So I told the agent that I had the credentials to show if he wanted to see them.

It has been pretty cold out here and some snow the coldest that it has been was sixteen below night before last. *Exp Sta. Record,*

Stock are wintering in good shape out here ~~good shape~~ and no diseases to speak of only a case now and then of influenza in horses and I have only heard of one bunch of what was thought to be Infectious Pneumonia (Hemorrhagic Septicemia) But I did not see them.

Should such cases be quarantined If you have any bulletins on quarantining and tuberculin testing and sanitary laws I would like to have same.

Yours Resp.

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Second letter after phoning the second time

I did not know that there was two appointed for ellis co
And I do not see how he qualifies when his name is not in
the book as qualified.

And by what I have heard about him I do not know of
of a person of good standing that would indorse him.

While there might be of course it is up to you to
say who will inspect.

So I will half to just take my medicine I suppose.



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January 18, 1915.

Hon. Arthur Capper,
Governor of Kansas,
State House, Topeka, Kas.

Dear Governor:-

There seems to be a movement on foot by the graduate veterinary surgeons of Kansas to eliminate the non-graduates from at least a portion of their professional activities, which they are supposed to engage in, and I do not want to be understood as taking any part in their controversy, only insofar as it affects the administration of this department. A great many non-graduates have rendered valuable service, and are continuing to do so, in assisting this department in the discharge of its obligations to the live stock public. Any legislation that would prevent this would be in the nature of a calamity,--for instance: the west third of the State, which is devoted largely to live stock, has not on an average a graduate veterinarian to a county, but has a number of very efficient non-graduates. Most of the business of this department is in that country, and you can readily see how we would be handicapped and how dreadfully expensive it would be if we had to draw from this part of the State for our expert veterinary knowledge and pay the enormous expense of sending them into the west third of the State. Some non-graduates are wholly unfit to practice and some graduates are of no value whatever to the profession. Taking it as a whole, if left to the discretion of this department to select the veterinarians from whom under the law he is entitled to receive expert knowledge, they will be found in non-graduates and graduates and fit them to their cases very nicely.

Yours very truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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January 29, 1915.

Mr. Gale Fridey,
Vine Creek, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am advised by the B. A. I. Department at Washington that a shipment of cattle from your premises to the St. Joseph Stock Yards were found to be infected with scabies. This is to advise that if you still have any other animals upon your premises that were associated with the animals described in this letter, kindly advise us at once, as the necessary steps must be taken to have the animals treated as the law provides. It is unlawful, as you perhaps know, to knowingly have diseased animals in your possession and upon your premises or to drive same upon the highways, and you must immediately notify this department of the fact that the animals are there and that you are treating them or intend to so treat them as to completely eradicate the disease.

An early answer to this communication is desired.

Yours truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

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January 30, 1915

Dr. E. I. Foster,
Valley Falls, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

Your visit to the office in my absence in regard to the stallions belonging to Mr. Hurst has been given due consideration and I have consulted Inspector Lodge, who visited the premises of Mr. Hurst and made an inspection of the animals complained of by you and his report to this office would indicate that these animals are healthy and do not need to be given the mallein test. Should future developments show the necessity of the test, the department will be very glad to act in the matter.

You may assure your farmer friends that their animals are in no danger of contracting any disease by driving passed these premises or even by a much closer association with these animals. There is nothing the matter with them.

I am aware that glanders cannot accurately be diagnosed except by microscopic observation, but I am also aware that much can be depended upon in making physical examinations where glanders are suspected, when the examination is made by parties who are thoroughly familiar with glanders and all of its physical symptoms.

Yours truly,

STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER.