

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1915-1919

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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. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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THE KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

THE KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS CO.

Kansas City, Mo.

April
Seventh,
Nineteen-Nineteen.

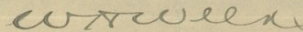
Mr. K. L. Peterson,
Care Robinson-Hoover Commission Co.,
Building.

Dear Sir:--

We have your letter of April fourth,
in regard to stock hog facilities.

We have been planning to spend quite
a large amount of money for new facilities for the
handling of stock hogs but these plans, in connection
with other matters, relating to stock hogs, have met
with so much opposition from those who are interested
in using our facilities for their own selfish motives,
that I cannot say at this time just what the outcome
of the matter will be.

Yours very truly,



WHA-W.--

Vice-President.



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April 4, 1919.

K. C. Stock Yards Co.,
Blag.

Gentlemen:

I beg to call your attention to the serious handicap under which we operated last Summer and Fall in handling stock hogs on account of your shortage of loading chutes. Possibly you remember that at one time there were over forty cars of stock hogs bought up ready to go out that were being held back by shortage of vaccination pens and loading chutes.

If you will take this matter up now you will have plenty of time to build enough loading chutes to handle this business this Summer and Fall. Indications are it will be heavier than ever before.

Respectfully,

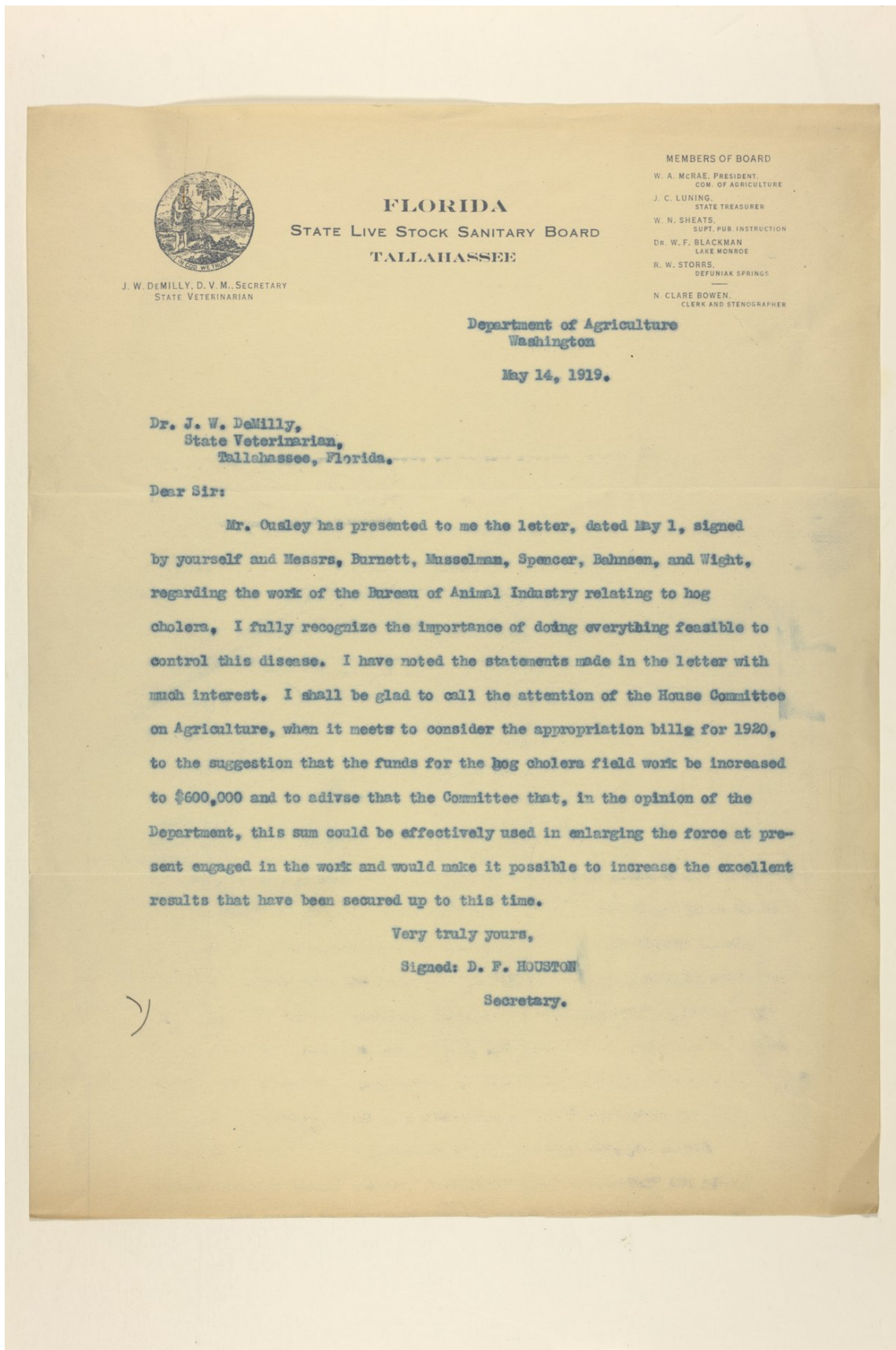
KLF/DQ

Order Buyer

P. S. Mr. Weeks, I am going to show you copy of this letter next Summer if you have not arranged to take care of us, and then say "I told you so".

KLF/DQ

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May 14th, 1919.

Dr. B. A. Brian,
Belle Plaine, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

Replying to yours of May 12th, I of course could not say whether or not you overcharged Mr. Gaddie in so far as your expenses would be concerned as you have not listed the expense, only the mileage, which under the ordinary rate of charges would be \$4.40 or 10¢ per mile. Now what your hotel and living expenses were I am unable to say, as you have made no mention of same, however, just as a thought, I think that practitioners who make a charge for the testing of one animal should make it just as reasonable as they possibly could, of course the law permits you to charge \$5.00 per day and we have allowed all veterinarians to make a charge of two days which would be \$10.00 and the necessary traveling and living expenses, but in the case of one animal only a price of \$10.00 and expenses makes it quite heavy to the owner and veterinarians ought to be as judicious as possible in this matter and take into consideration the fact that they would get no more for testing twenty animals than they would for the one. So figure up your expenses and if you think you have overcharged Mr. Gaddie refund it to him and take it up with him and adjust it to his satisfaction. Unless you give me the items of living expenses I could not say as to whether you overcharged him or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M/H

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BURNACE A. BRIAN, D. V. M.
GRADUATE VETERINARIAN
BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS

Belle Plaine, Kansas. May, 12, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Mercer.

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir: Yours of the tenth at hand and contents noted. I had an agreement with Mr. Gaddie and a fixed price before testing the calf. Udall is eleven miles east of Belle Plaine and I made the trip twice besides boarding myself, which makes a mileage of forty four miles. I think and believe you will see that the charges are reasonable. If you believe this to be an over charge I am ready to make it right.

Yours truly,

B. A. Brian

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May 15, 1919.

Mr. K. L. Peterson,
C/o Robinson & Hoover Com. Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 13th I am enclosing correspondence referred to.

I note what you say concerning the Iowa regulations. It is evident that the State veterinarians are inexperienced as regards the needs of the cattle industry of his state. It is my understanding that the Iowa legislature recently passed a law that will give some relief in this matter. However, I feel sure that in a short while the shippers of Iowa will protest so vigorously against such arbitrary regulations that Dr. Wall will be forced to relieve the situation.

In regard to the testing situation on the Kansas City yards I wish to inform you that Mr. Mercer has taken the matter up with Dr. Wall several times but as yet has received no satisfaction. The present plan is unjust and is sure in a short time to react against any who have been a party to any manipulation connected therewith.

Mr. Mercer is in Chicago and when he comes home I will call his attention to your letter.

Thanking you for your information and interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Commissioner.

Enc.
B/H

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SERVICE
ACTION
ATTENTION

K.L. PETERSON With ORDER BUYER

ROBINSON-HOOVER COMMISSION CO.

SIXTH FLOOR LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
(FACING THE ELEVATORS)

KANSAS CITY, MO. May 13, 1919.

REFERENCES:

Any Bank in Kansas City

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FILLING ORDERS

From Eastern Stockmen for
good stockers and feeders every
day—that's my business.

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OUR GUARANTEE

To ship you the kind you specify
or order will not be filled.
This is your protection.

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TAKE NO CHANCES

Let us buy them for you. If
you slip 5c on a car load you
have lost \$12.00. Let us protect
you. We know!

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OUR MOTTO:

Buy him good ones and he will
come back. It pays.

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Remember!

I follow your instructions.

□□□□□

Send us your orders for im-
mured stock hogs.

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Headquarters for Eastern
Stockmen. Come in and meet
your neighbors.

Mr. A. P. Burdick,
Ass't State Veterinarian,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Friend:

When you were here I handed you a file of
correspondence with Dr. Wall the State Veterinarian
of Iowa regarding testing of she stuff that goes into
that State from here. I wish you would help me break
up this combination between Dr. Luckey and Dr. Wall,
and also investigate thoroughly if there is some way
that we can get the Iowa State Board of Agriculture
to accept she stuff that we positively know is not
for breeding or dairy purposes.

In the Fall of the year we ship a great many
loads of big cows to our customers in Iowa that they
hold sometimes less than a week and let them go on to
Chicago. It will be death to this business if we cannot
get Iowa opened up in line with other States. I know
there is a way it can be done, and if you will lend us
your influence, I will do everything that can be done
here in the Yards to bring pressure on them so we do not
have to test she stuff that is entitled to be exempt
when going to Iowa.

In this connection we feel like Luckey's rep-
resentatives are no more entitled to this testing than
your men are and we would like to see your men get at
least part of it if not all. Let me hear from you.

Respectfully,
K.L. Peterson
Order Buyer.

KLP/DQ

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May 19, 1919.

Mr. John Petty,
Washington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

On my return from Chicago where I have been for several days in a rate hearing case I find yours of the 12th inst., concerning the McGregor hogs and note carefully all you say. I will have one of the Government experts visit your place at a very early date and make a thorough investigation of Mr. McGregor's herd of hogs and you can assure Mr. McGregor we will give him all the assistance we possibly can in this matter.

Since the hogs are vaccinated at Kansas City under Government Supervision it is more than likely that the vaccination was regular in every particular and we may not be able to show that the Serum Company was at fault in any way, however we will do everything we can to get a proper adjustment made of the matter.

I will have Dr. Murphy's representative call upon you on his arrival at Washington.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M/H

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Washington, Kansas.
May, 12th, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Mercer, State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner:
Topeka, Kansas.
Dear Sir:-

On March, 20th, 1919, Swift and Henry of Kansas City, Mo., bought for A. E. McGregor, of Washington, Kansas, from Graybill and Stevenson, 131 Pigs, average weight 128 pounds, immune. Arrived on March 22nd, weather favorable; commenced to break March 30th. On April, 1st, Dr. Shaw posted 2; diagnosis, Cholera; revaccinated 32. Two dead and posted on this date.

The same firm, on April, 11th, bought another load from same people; 125 pigs average weight 131 pounds, immune. Arrived on April, 14th, weather good; One pig dead in doorway, Conductor made notation on waybill of same, before they reached destination; Four too sick to walk when unloaded.

On the arrival of the second load they were put in the yards with the first load. On April, 18th, 35 sick were taken out and vaccinated. On April, 23rd, Mr. McGregor telephoned to Swift and Henry, telling them his trouble, urging them to send a man; bring serum and treat these hogs, making it plain that both loads were breaking and that enough serum should be sent up to treat all. On April, 24th, Dr. Watkins arrived bring 1500 cc Serum and a small amount of bacterin. Dr. Watkins posted 5 hogs, in Dr. Shaws' presence, and there is no question but what cholera lesions were shown any place they wanted to look. 45 head were vaccinated on this date with serum and bacterin. On Dr. Watkins departure that evening, Mr. McGregor requested him to send enough serum and bacterin to treat the balance of the hogs; as both loads were commencing to break, and it looked as tho there were no immune hogs among them. Up to this time, not a word has been received from the Eagle Serum Co., or anyone else. Mr. McGregor vaccinates as often as they show sickness. To May 10th, the loss has been 29 head.

Mr. McGregor is one of the largest and best feeders in this part of the State, and it is necessary for him to have pigs to follow his cattle. The question is "What is he to do?" He buys and pays for immune hogs and gets into a mess of this kind.

Yours very truly,

John Betley

JHP-CWH.

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May 19, 1919.

Mr. John A. Edwards,
Eureka, Kansas.
Dear John:

I received yours this A.M. with check enclosed for \$100 covering your subscription made at the Wichita Convention March 1918, for which I am enclosing receipt. I thank you very much for this subscription, however, from now on I hope we will be able to finance the Association without anyone having to dig up any subscription of any amount.

The dues of the organization will furnish plenty of funds with which to finance it if we can collect them. We have now over six thousand members and you can see what a \$2.00 membership fee would mean provided they were all paid. It is pretty hard, however to collect the dues. I have three solicitors who are doing nothing else but securing members for the Association. They are not making the association any money. Yet at the same time we are handling it so it is not costing the Association anything to speak of and we are securing members which we will no doubt be able to hold a large percent of and also secure their dues hereafter. I am trying to make the paper a go. The Association has taken the paper over and owns and is financing it and so far we are breaking about even in the expense of handling it. I hope to be able to make it pay a little revenue to the Association and I will be glad to have any contribution from you at any time on any subject you might wish to write or any suggestions you might think of as to the bettering of the paper. I think this paper will be one of the great means of holding our association together and the better it is the better will be the results.

The Producers Committee met in Chicago on the 15th and organized by electing Mr. Wallace of Iowa, Chairman. The proceedings of the meeting will likely be in the Drover's Telegram and if not will be in the next issue of our paper. The organization of the committee is too long a story to write you but I will tell you all about it the first time I see you. I believe that good results, however will come to this organization.

Thanking you again for your interest.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

M/H

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May 21, 1919.

Mr. Joe Jennings,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter received this date from the Haggart Commission Company at Kansas City, Missouri with check attached which is self explanatory. You will please acknowledge receipt of check. Some time ago I took this matter up with the Haggart Commission Company and am very glad to be of assistance to you in getting it straightened out and trust it will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Enc. Chk. \$38.75
Copy of Letter.
B/H



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<p>WE SELL CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP</p>	<p>OFFICE: H. W. BITLER ROYLYNN GEER EMMA KIRCHNER</p>	<p>WE BUY STOCKERS AND FEEDERS</p>
<p>CATTLE DEPARTMENT: C. F. HAGGART W. D. HEIDRICK C. C. CAIN GLENN HAGGART W. P. STOLKE PAUL MOORE GERALD HAGGART</p>	<p>CHARLES F. HAGGART LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO. 454-6 LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE HOME PHONE 2650 MAIN BELL PHONE 6665 MAIN</p>	<p>HOG DEPARTMENT: C. L. MCQUIRE O. C. HAGGART WM. A. GEER</p> <p>SHEEP DEPARTMENT: HARVEY R. SHOUGH</p>
<p>Kansas City, Mo., May 19 1919</p>		
<p>Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Commission, Topeka, Kansas.</p>		
<p>Attention Mr. J.H. Mercer:</p>		
<p>Your letter of May 16th, at hand, and we note what you say. Now, last February we had a communication in regard to this matter, and I told the young man in the office to go back through the records and see what he could find out but some way he seems to have been sidetracked and never gotten to the bottom of it and everybody seemed to have forgotten it.</p>		
<p>Now, this happened at a time when I had a new man in the office as bookkeeper and he got my books in an awful shape in the two weeks he was here. We have been hunting for several days and have found that this cow has been paid for, and we enclosing an account sale and check for same. It seems that we have been paid for the cow and yet it has not been remitted for. This would have turned up itself in a natural way had the books been balanced as they should have been, but they were not. We just simply had to start a new set of books, when we let him out.</p>		
<p>Now, we are very sorry that a mistake like this occurred and we are very sorry it has not been sent to you, much sooner. We ask your pardon and hope it will never occur again. Now, I trust that everything is satisfactory to you now.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">Very truly yours,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE CHAS F HAGGART COMMISSION CO BY <u>Chas F Haggart</u></p>		
<p>CFH/EHK</p>		



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<p><small>CATTLE SALESMEN</small> CHAS. F. HAGGART W. D. HEIDRICK GLENN HAGGART</p>	<p><small>CASHIER</small> O. C. HAGGART</p>	<p><small>HOG SALESMEN</small> C. L. MCGUIRE <small>YARDMEN</small> WM. GEER PAUL MOORE</p>
<h3>CHARLES F. HAGGART</h3> <p>Live Stock Commission Company 454-456 LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE <small>REFERENCES: STOCK YARDS NATIONAL BANK</small></p>		
<small>WE SELL</small> CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP	<small>WE BUY</small> STOCKERS AND FEEDERS	
<p>Kansas City, Mo., MAY 19 1919.</p>		
<p>Sold for account of <u>B.R. JUVENAL, C/O STATE OF KANSAS.</u></p>		
<p>R. R. <u>MISSOURI P. O. MC CRACKEN KANSAS.</u> P. O. <u>TOPEKA, KANSAS</u></p>		

PURCHASER	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP	DEAD	WEIGHT	SOWS	STAGS	DOCK	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
CUDAHY	1 SPOT COW (Subj.)				800				5¢	40.00	
					HEAD CONDEMNED				\$1.25	1.25	
											\$38.75

CAR NO.	R. R. WEIGHT	RATE	AMOUNT	FREIGHT	YARDAGE	HAY	CORN	INSPECTION	COMMISSION	NET PROCEEDS	CASH
											\$38.75

E. & O. E. {

DEPOSITED

CREDIT

USE OF

PAID BY CHECK TO J. H. MERCER, KANSAS L.S.

SANITARY COMMISSION AT TOPEKA.

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May 16, 1919.

The Haggart Live Stock Com. Co.
Live Stock Exchange Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of information that Bert Juvinal of McCracken, Kansas shipped a load of cattle to your farm October 3rd 1917. In this load was a cow belonging to Joe Jennings that had reacted to the tuberculin test. On the return sent Mr. Juvinal the Jennings cow was not remitted for. Mr. Jennings informs this office that as yet he has never received settlement for this animal and that it is his information that remittance for this animal was forwarded to this office. We have looked over our records and are unable to find any such remittance.

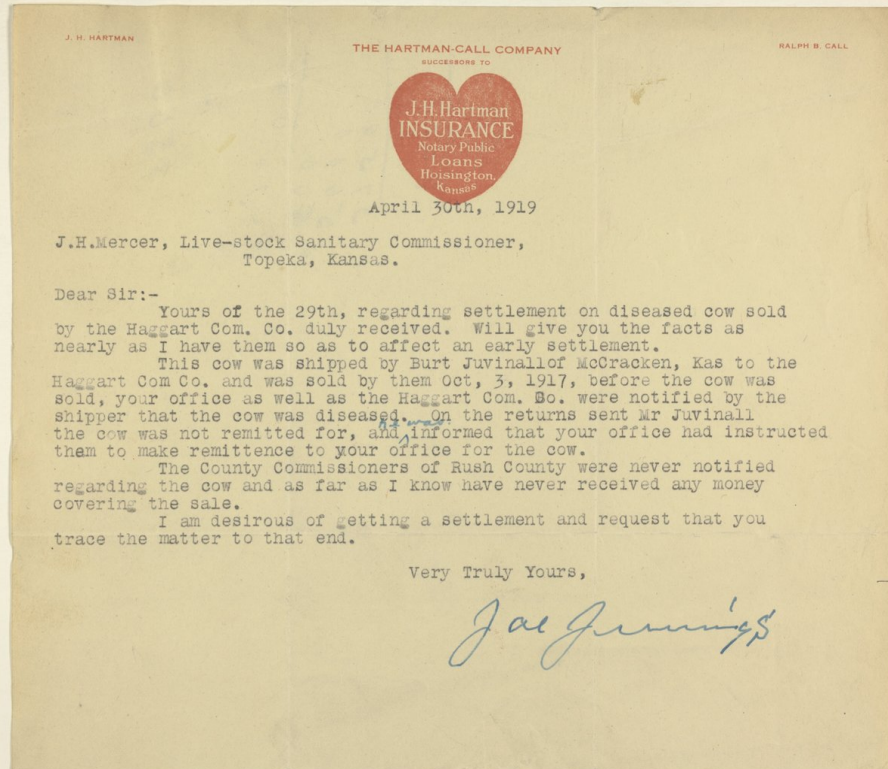
Will you kindly look this matter up and advise us concerning same at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

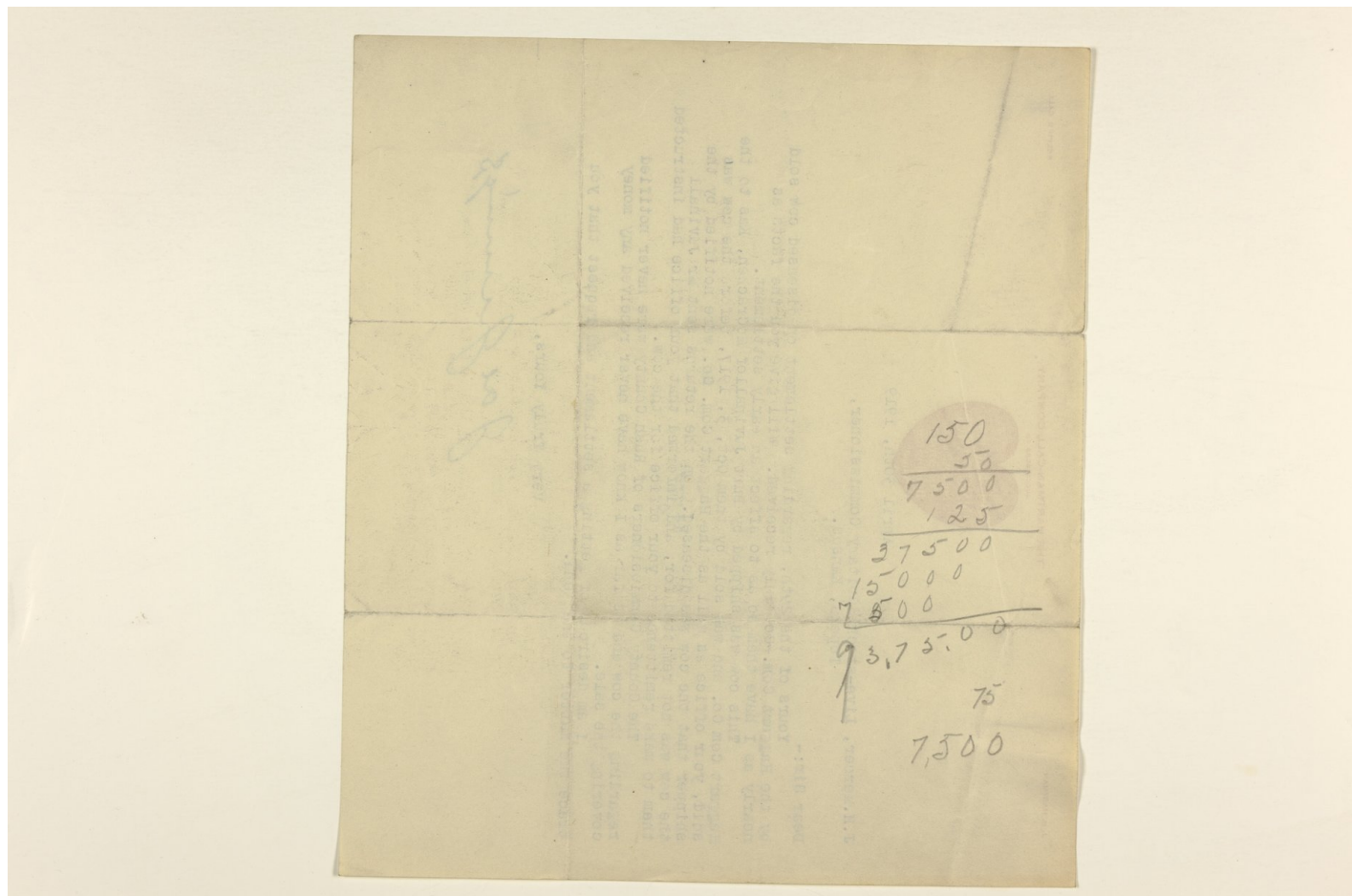
Commissioner.

B/H

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, Kansas,

April 29, 1919.

Mr. Joe Jennings,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 26th with enclosure and note same. We looked up our records and find that the animal you refer to was never appraised under the law of the State and that the proceeds were returned to the owner; therefore, if you did not receive the net proceeds of the tubercular reacting animal in question, it must be that the County Commissioners of your county or the shipper received it.

If you will let us know on receipt of this letter who shipped the animal and whether or not the County Commissioners had anything to do with it, we will be able to advise you as to where your money might be located.

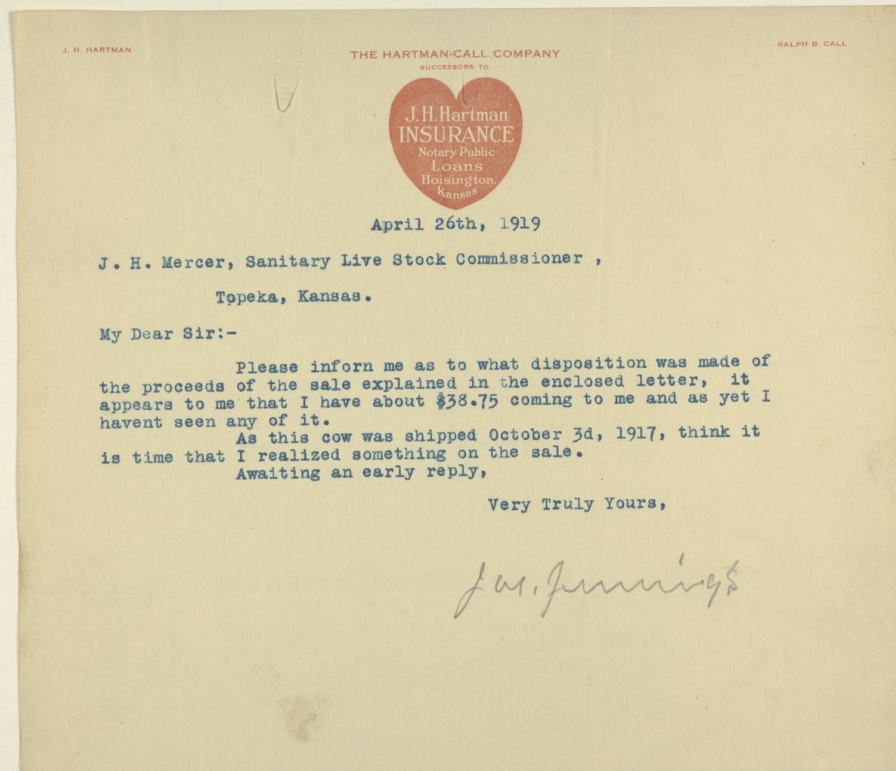
From the nature of the letter of the Haggart Commission Company, you would be entitled to the net proceeds of the 800 pound animal at 50 cents per pound, less the shipping expenses and the \$1.25 deducted for her diseased head.

Let me hear from you right away and we will be very glad to help you out in the matter.

Yours very truly,

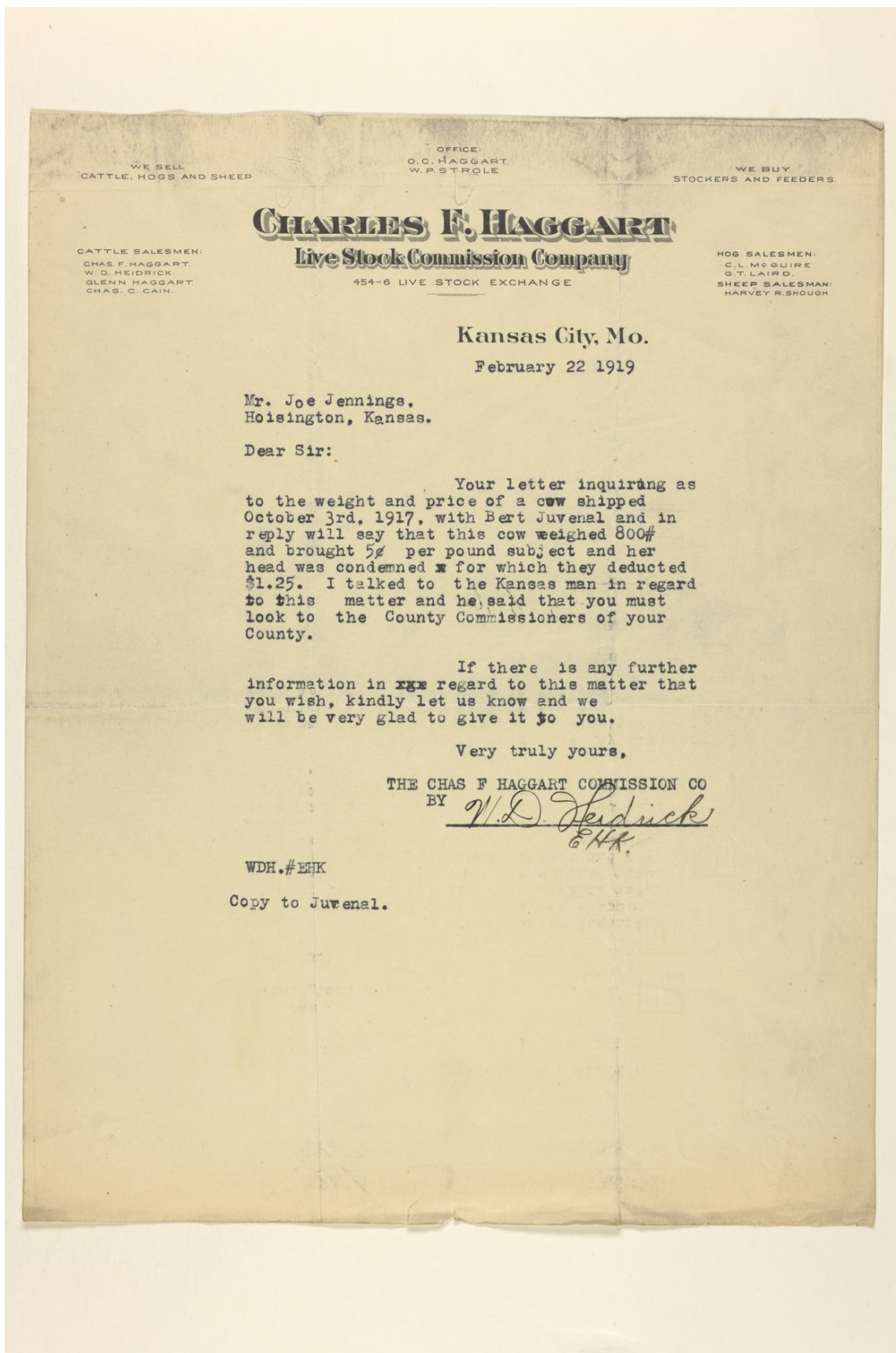
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May 24, 1919.

Dr. C. W. Hobbs,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

Dr Bingham came up yesterday and invited me to go out and look over their little Serum Plant in the South part of town. From the information received it appears they have made quite a little improvement since you were here and from my observance I believe they are equipped now so they can make serum safely, and I advised them I would write you regarding the matter and they handed me check for \$10.00 covering the requirement of law to secure their license.

If you think it necessary to come down and look the plant over again we will do it, but I recommend that you issue the permit and I will take it upon myself to keep in close touch with their work and see how they get along. I do this for the reason that this young man seems to be all right and doing the best he can and has equipped his place about as well as he can from a financial standpoint under the circumstances and I believe in helping everyone that is making an effort as he seems to be making. Everything looked very sanitary out there and they have installed a metal covering over the laboratory table and have a separate room constructed with galvanized iron which they are using for bleeding virus pigs and hypering hogs which makes a complete separation from the serum room and laboratory and I can see no reason why under the facilities they now have that they cannot produce serum in a small way that will be all right and safe.

Trusting you will give this your early consideration and either come down and look the matter over or send Dr. Ketchum the permit or in any event advise me what your action is.

Their Company name is The Shawnee Serum Company. I think it is owned by Dr. Jas. E. Bingham entirely.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Enc.
M/H

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May 26, 1919.

Mr. F. S. Iddings,
Monument, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd. Am sending you under separate cover two blank dipping certificate books Form "B". We do not have any of the inspection reports but will have some printed. However, you can use this dipping report as a quarantine notice by writing across same "Your cattle are under quarantine on account of scabies" and give a copy of same to the owner, marking out the words "Infected", "No. Exposed," "Free", "dip used" etc.

With reference to the difficulty you speak of, it must be understood that everyone having mange infected cattle will be treated alike. In fact, if there are any favors shown to anyone it will be to men with a few head of cattle that have no available facilities with which to dip their cattle and we will assist them in hand treating the cattle.

If you will give me a list of the names of the people you think will be troublesome to handle, that is the large cattle owners and their addresses, I will write each of them a letter advising them of the situation and asking their cooperation etc.

You will remember that we instructed you at Hutchinson to class no cattle infected with scab without first making a thorough examination and finding the live scab mite so keep this in mind for the reason that if you would declare anyone's herd infected with scab and he objected to the dipping, unless you could certify that you had found the live mite we could not compel him to obey the orders of the quarantine. I am calling your attention to this for the reason that from the nature of your letter we may have to take action regarding the treating of some of the herds in your territory.

You are also advised that you have the authority to quarantine a herd of cattle infected with scabies in any county in the state whenever you have determined that they are infected with scab.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF

LIVE-STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

TOPEKA

Dear Sir

I am at Quinter at present
have succeeded in getting two more
dipping vats established find lots of
orange north of here some is over in
Sheridan Co; but close to line & have
Quarantined them just the same & hope
to soon be dipping in this part have not
been in Trego Co; yet. but hear there is
some there. Have one man that held part of
his stock back on second dipping so you can
look out if he asks for release on them
It is Miles Orton of McAlister there is five
or six men say they would qualify to
this & some at Healy say if E. J. Gano
& one or two other large cattle men does not
dip they will not so you can see the shape
thing are liable to get in. Now I am out of
blanks for Quarantining so I hope you will send some
by return mail. Have not heard from Auditing
Board as yet. Respy Yours F. S. Liddings
Monument
Kans



State of Kansas

OFFICE OF

LIVE-STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

TOPEKA

Mr J H Mercer

I am sending
in my expence act; for last half of
month + am out of Blank for quarantining
as well as expences + hope you will send
me some by return Have got quite a number
dipping at several vats + more organizing
to build. Now how shal I proceed
where men refuse to Dip when
quarantined for exposure Please advise
at once Resp Yours,

J. S. Fiddings.



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May 23, 1919.

Dr. J. R. Mohler, Chief of Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor:

Referring to your letter of April 21st I had expected to be in Washington soon after the date of your letter and see you, therefore delayed answering same for that reason, but I am not certain now as to when I will be in Washington, therefore referring to your letter in order that you might know the situation in Kansas.

Under our methods of tubercular testing and the peculiar situation in the state as to location of veterinarians etc and also the fact that we have no direct appropriation for tubercular testing purposes excepting what we might use under the accredited co-operative plan I do not think it would be possible to render service to the live stock shippers in this state in complying with the provisions of federal regulations No. 7 "to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in cattle and swine etc."

So far as the State would be concerned we would not want to enter into any arrangements to furnish veterinarian inspectors to test cattle for tuberculosis governing interstate shipments, in fact it would be impossible for us to do so, and unless you could furnish a corps of veterinarians to do this work in the state there would be such an opposition arise on the part of the live stock producers that would destroy progress of the tuberculosis eradication work.

Furthermore I do not think we have progressed sufficiently in the tubercular clean work to place such an embargo against the movement of live stock interstate as is embodied in regulations #7, and it would be impossible for the state of Kansas to supply your Department with the graduate veterinarians assistance as there are several counties in our state where there are no graduate veterinarians available to meet such requirements.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

M/H



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JAK.HS

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"CHIEF OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,"
AND REFER TO
W--

April 21, 1919.

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Live-Stock Sanitary Comr.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The date on which regulation 7 "To Prevent the Spread of Tuberculosis in Cattle and Swine" will become effective cannot be determined definitely at this time. In order, however, to carry the provisions of the regulation into effect it is necessary to take up with you the matter of certifying to the veterinarians who shall be recognized to apply the tuberculin test to cattle for interstate shipment. Paragraph (a) of Section 2 of the regulation will read as follows:

"The animals shall be subjected to a tuberculin test which shall be applied only by a veterinarian who is a graduate of a duly recognized and accredited veterinary college and who is acceptable to the Bureau and whose competency and reliability are certified to by the authorities charged with the control of diseases of domestic animals in the State from which the cattle are to be shipped or moved, or by a veterinary inspector of the Bureau at public stockyards or other regular Bureau station."

You will note that only veterinarians who are graduates of duly recognized and accredited veterinary colleges will be acceptable to the Bureau. Kindly submit a list of the veterinarians in your State whose competency and reliability you are prepared to certify to, as soon as convenient. Opposite the name of each veterinarian please indicate the veterinary college from which he graduated and the year of graduation. It is unnecessary to call your attention to the necessity of exercising the greatest care in selecting the veterinarians for certification.

Please find inclosed herewith copy of instructions to Bureau inspectors engaged in tuberculosis eradication work. If you think it advisable a sufficient supply of these instructions will be furnished you so that each certified veterinarian may be provided with one.

You will note on the insert, page 16 of the instructions, how the test charts made by other than Bureau inspectors shall be handled. Each State will be expected to provide the veterinarians with blank forms and it is suggested that they be made somewhat after the form now used by the Bureau, F. I. Form 49.

Very truly yours,

Chief of Bureau.

Inclosure 24896.

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May 23, 1919.

Dr. C. B. Crawford,
Horton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of some days ago regarding the charge for tuberculin testing.

Veterinarians should realize that this work is not in line with their general practice. They do not provide the prescription; they are not called upon to diagnose; in fact they are not required to furnish any information or services of any kind other than administering the test, and since there is seldom any emergency attached to having the work done, a practitioner can usually arrange a time that will not inconvenience him any in his general practice, so in my judgment the fee while not large, is fairly reasonable.

I expect to issue our new appointments to veterinarians soon and veterinarians not desiring an appointment on account of the small fee attached to the work, need not accept them. It is understood, however, that no testing can be done by anyone without authority from this office, and it must also be understood that by reason of the appointment veterinarians will arrange to take care of the demand for the work in their community.

You might write me what you think about this matter.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Dr. C. B. Crawford

VETERINARIAN

HORTON : : KANSAS

5-5-19

Hon. J. H. Merrett.

Dear Sir Your letter of recent date at hand. In reply will say that I was not aware of the fact that we were not allowed to charge above \$5⁰⁰ per day for ^{feeding} cattle. I did not think that was all the state allowed when they were paying the bill, but owing to the fact that the purchasing power of a dollar today is only 50 cents on the dollar I can hardly see how you can expect a veterinarian to treat cattle at \$5⁰⁰ per day and 60 per mile for traveling expenses. If he worked 365 days out of the year it would hurry him to make ends meet if at this time of the season when we are busy we should work for that fee it would mean a net loss of from \$10⁰⁰ to \$15⁰⁰ per day to us, for this is our busy time the above fee would be all right if you could pick your own time to do it at a time when business was dull.

Respectfully
C. B. Crawford.



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May 24, 1919.

Dr. W. E. Long,
Preston, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

Referring to your letter of some time ago I did not know anything about the arrangements that seem to have been handed out to some of you people relative to an appointment in this office as indicated in your letter.

I am of the opinion, however, that the political situation as to appointments in this office is understood better now than when the matter was presented to you and Mr. Whitman.

I have been in this office as you know for the last ten years and do not think that even the Chairman of the State Central Committee is competent to indicate to me who should be the appointees of the office. In fact I know he is not and while we are friendly and working together politically yet he never made any suggestions to me and whatever he has said he did it on his own accord and not through any understanding with me. I am a warm supporter and friend of Governor Allen's and so far Governor Allen has not indicated to me who my appointees should be and I do not believe he will do so.

Regardless of this there is no doubt but what you would be good help for the Department's work and we are going to have quite a good deal of work to do I think and if you feel that you can spare quite a little of your time I would like to take the matter up with you by personal conference later on, as we will not want to make any change now until after the 1st of July. Therefore, if you care to make a trip to Topeka and will advise me when you will be here some time within the next week or so I will make it a point to be in the office and see you and will pay your expenses from home to Topeka and return regardless of whether you take up any work or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M/H

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Preston, Kansas, 5-1 — 1919

Hon J. H. Mower
Topeka Kansas

Dear sir + Friend

I in regards to this
office of Live stock inspection I wish to
say that I got this through the chairman
of the state committee Mr. Harry Mottet
told the representative of this county
Mr J. E. Whitman that there was no
man on the inspection work that was
going to have to go and if he had a
man for the place that they would
try and land the job for his man as
we have not been favored with
any favors of that kind Mr. Whitman
told Mr Mottet at that time about me
and Mr Mottet at once remembered that
he had knew me ever since I was
seven years old. and he said then
that Gov. Allen would sure consider

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Preston, Kansas, _____ 19__

My application Now then Mr. Mercer I
Told Mr. Whitman that I had meet you
several times at our associations meetings
and I was also going to write you
about this appointment to but I
found by your letters that you have
never been next to the game or else
there has been some queer talk came to
Mr. Whitman But Mr. Mercer I am not
trying to run any thing over any body -
but if there is such an appointment to
be made I would like to have it and
if appointed I don't see for the live of
me why I can't do as well as any one
else and I will bet that I do if I
get it.

Yours Truly -

Dr. W. E. Long