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 First National Bank.
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Eureka, Kansas.

be pursuaded to take tickets for the regular preformance and for a full season's work and would quit being merely matinee preformers, that much could be accomplished by the united efforts of our associations, and the associations' leaders. I therefore am attaching Mr. Tomlinson's reply.

I wish to offer another suggestion to you which may be satisfactory and which is, that I feel that the officers of the Kansas Live Stock Association and the National should meet somewhere prior to the annual conventions and should agree as far as possible on some resolutions for both conferences so that both conferences may act in harmony so that neither will contradict the work of the other, and so the results will appear as though we had held one monster conference. I feel that you and Mr. Tomlinson and the other officers of these associations should have such a meeting and should decide on a general offensive as well as defensive policy.

I also hope that at both conventions the independent packing companies of the country may have a hearing. Mr. Hawkinson, I feel, should have a representative at both meetings. I also hope this Omaha concern as well as the Drover's Packing Company will bring the benefits to be derived from independent action before the conventions. We will all be old men and almost bankrupted before we ever succeed in having relief from Congress.

Very truly yours,

Jno. Edwards,

November 26, 1919.

Hon. John A. Edwards,
Eureka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd with the Thomison enclosure and note same. I am in accord with the suggestions you set forth. I know I believe, as well as most any one, that it is no use to try to accomplish anything of any consequence with a divided force. I do not believe it would be any trouble for me to harmonize my differences in opinion with any reasonable man on important matters, and especially so, if the proposition were presented in a manner that did not appear they were trying to make out you were not honest in your intentions.

I expect to be in Chicago and attend the producer's meeting on the 3rd, and am wondering if it would not be possible for you to go along. I will at least be as considerate as Mr. Tomison, and assure you that you will be given an opportunity to sit in the conference in all of its deliberations. I expect to leave here next Sunday evening to attend a sanitary meeting on Monday and Tuesday, and will stay over for the producer's committee meeting on the evening of the 3rd. In the meantime let me know whether or not you can go along. I am returning correspondence.

Very truly yours,

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVESTOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

~~TOPEKA~~

Union Stock Yards,
Wichita, Kansas.
Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State House,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

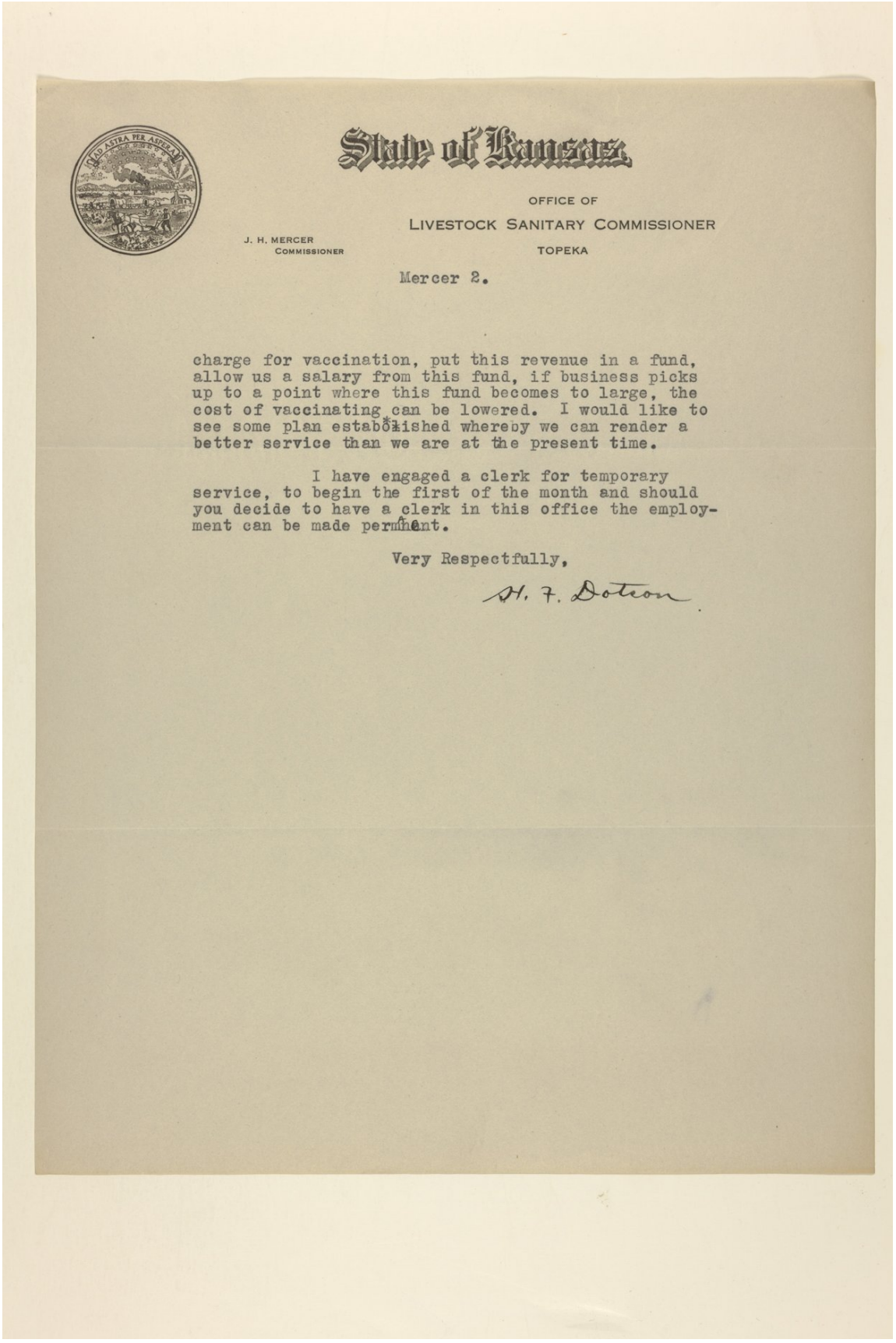
Your letter of 24th inst.at hand and I note with satisfaction, your intention of disposing of the vaccinating problem at an early date.

The present status of our work here is such that we ought to have a clerk here in the office, my work in the yards is beginning to take quite a bit of time, somebody aught to be in the office at all times, especially this time of year. It might be well to keep this in mind, regardless of what disposition is made of the vaccinating here.

With the slack season past, it is more than evident that the work here will require two Veterinarians instead of one, as was planed early in the season. In my letter of November 21st.I made mention of The Stock Yards Company furnishing the labor as part of the facility, I also stated this would be undesirable from the stand point of service, the point has been made that the Yard Company can furnish the labor cheaper, this is true in a measure, however holding hogs is very hard work and It would seem if a man did this for six or seven hours, he would be entitled to the rest of the day, during the slack season these men can be layed off, with the exception of one man. I talked this matter over with Mr. West and explained in detail why the Yard Company should not furnish the labor.

The plan I have to offer in handleing the vaccinating here at the yards is the same that you have in effect at Kansas City, except that we take over the vaccinating also, allowing the Yard Company a reasonable amount for there facilities, employ a clerk and book keeper for the office, let Dr. Moorman do the vaccinating and me tage care of the tuberculin testing and calf vaccination and have charge of the office. We can continue the present

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LIVESTOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

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charge for vaccination, put this revenue in a fund, allow us a salary from this fund, if business picks up to a point where this fund becomes to large, the cost of vaccinating can be lowered. I would like to see some plan established whereby we can render a better service than we are at the present time.

I have engaged a clerk for temporary service, to begin the first of the month and should you decide to have a clerk in this office the employment can be made permanent.

Very Respectfully,

H. F. Dotson

November 28, 1919.

Mr. W. P. Sanders,

Protection, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of recent date with enclosures, and note same. I presume you have received the blank for reporting the brand investigation before this, and would suggest that if there is no room on these reports for a thorough outline of what you find in connection with this work, that you give us a written outline at any time to complete what you might want to send in.

In line with our talk while you were here in the office, I think, by the work you are doing, that you fully understand the plan we went over. In order that you might have it at hand, though, I am making a few suggestions.

I think you will recall that our plan was first to secure the record in the county-seat as to the operation of the present brand law, getting the names of the owners of live stock that are keeping brands registered, and also a list of the brands. When this is completed, the next step would be to see some of your substantial farmers and stock raisers , and secure them as members of the Association, and also get their opinion as to the necessity of a different brand law than we have, and the kind they think would best serve the community where they live; or in fact any suggestions of a constructive nature that any one might have in mind would be worthy of note. I would suggest also that in your travel from place to place that you make general inquiry as to the health of live stock in the different communities, and wherever you hear of any diseased live stock of any kind, that you report it to us. I would also make inquiry as to thefts, whether or not your people are losing their stock, and if so, what their idea might be as to how it could be remedied.

I think the points above suggested cover pretty well the things we went over while you were in the office and I feel quite sure youre familiar with the work as outlined. You might let me know when you think you will

be through with Commanchee County, and what county you will prefer to work in next. Also, I would suggest that you make out your expense account and send it in to us as soon as you can, getting the voucher here along about the 28th or 29th of each month, and if we do not get it here by that time, it will have to wait over until the middle of the month, as the Auditor only audits vouchers the 1st and 15th of each month.

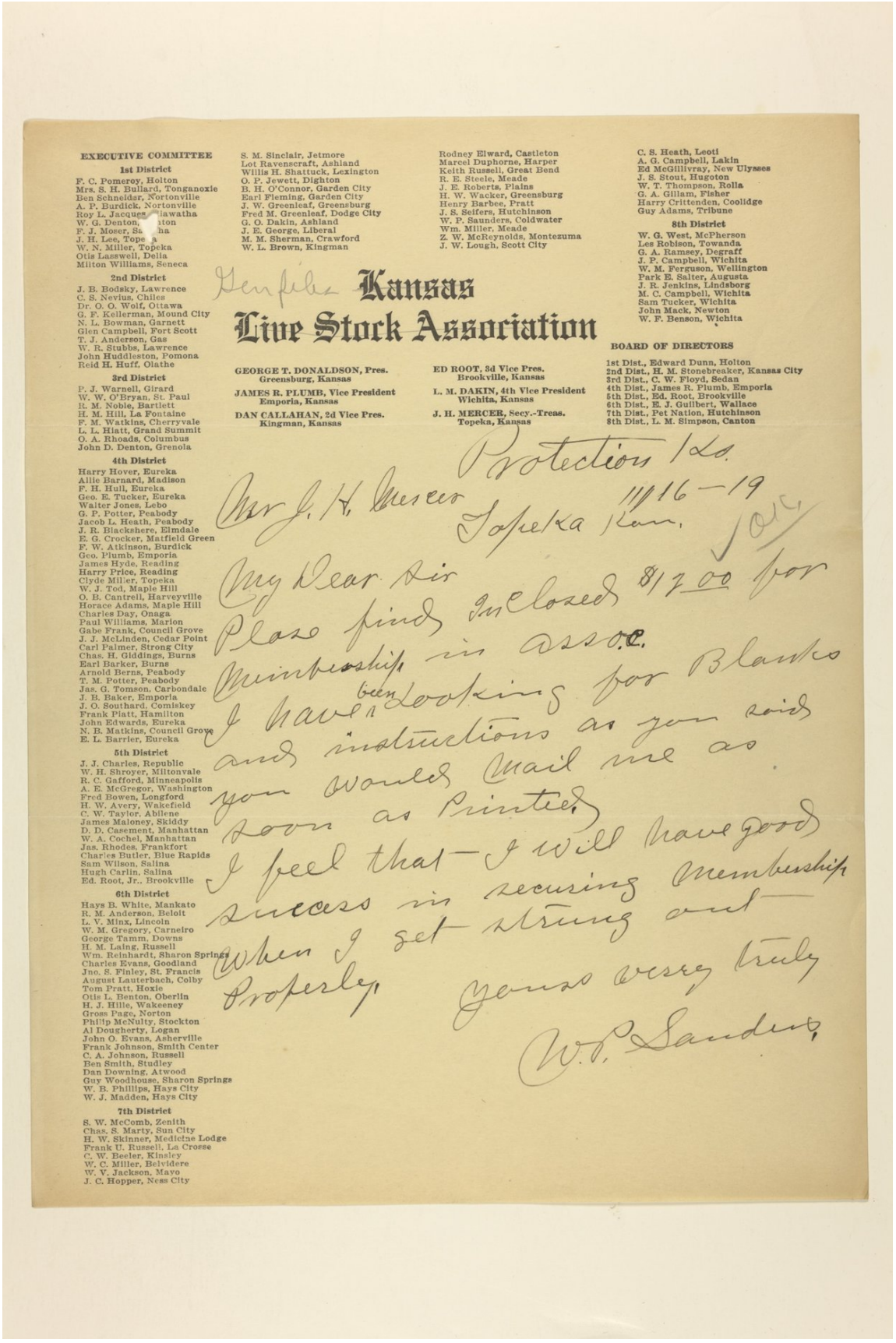
I would be glad to furnish you any information you desire at any time, and will be glad to have you make any suggestions at any time it will tend to bring about better service and work of the department.

We are sending you form voucher made out covering salary, and you may keep the carbon copy. Qualify to the original and return to us at once, together with your expense ac ount, if you have made it out. Send the salary voucher in any way.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures. Commissioner.

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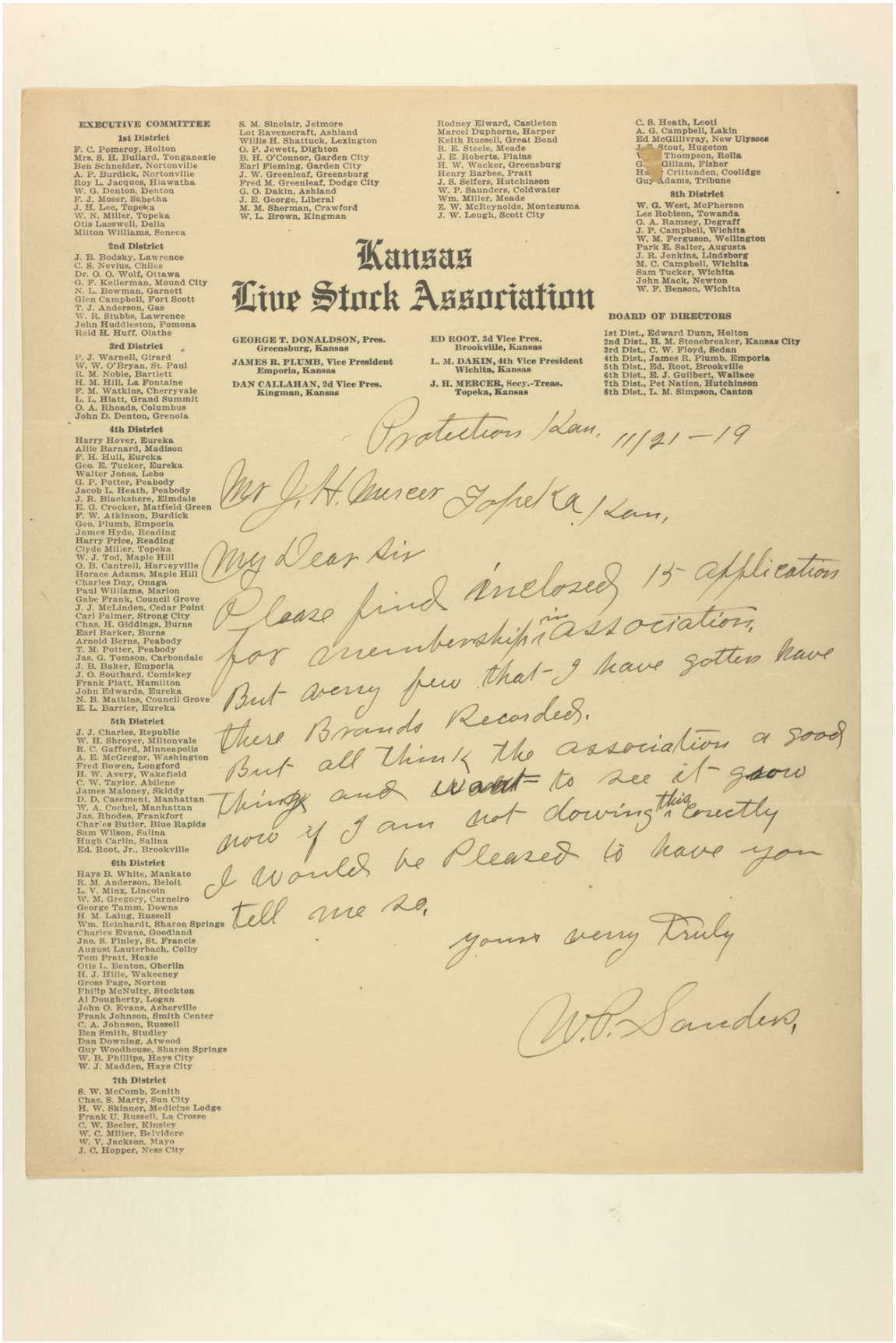
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Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kan.

My Dear Sir
Please find enclosed $17.00 for
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I have been Looking for Blanks
and instructions as you said
you would mail me as
soon as Printed
I feel that – I will have good
success in securing Membership
When I get strung out –
Properly

Yours very truly
W. P. Saunders

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Mr J. H. Mercer Topeka Kan,

My Dear Sir

Please find inclosed 15 applications for membership in association. But very few that I have gotten have there Brands Recorded.

But all think the association a good Thing and want to see it go on but if I am not downing this correctly now I would be Pleased to have you tell me so.

yours very Truly

W. P. Saunders.

November 28, 1919.

Mr. Levi Reynolds,

Cuba, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th at hand and noted. I am at a loss to understand why Dr. Barnard did not treat Mr. Pugh's hogs when he made an examination of them and found they needed re-vaccination with anti-hog-cholera serum. I rely a great deal on Dr. Barnard's judgment in diagnosing diseases in live stock, and believe that you should have carried out his suggestions in the matter.

Personally, I have no faith whatever in the bacterins or mixed infection treatment. I do not think it amounts to a thing, and is simply a charge against the man's business unnecessarily. I intend to arrange for an extended experiment of mixed infection bacterins in Kansas in the very near future, and unless it is fully demonstrated that the bacterin has merit in it, we will issue an order preventing its use in the State on infected herds.

In answer to your inquiry, there is quite often trouble among hogs reported to this office, similar to the trouble you just described in this herd. I am writing Mr. Pugh, suggesting that he make a thorough clean-up of the premises, hog lots, etc., on the farm, and am sending him a biennial report of the department which gives instructions along that line.

Very truly yours,

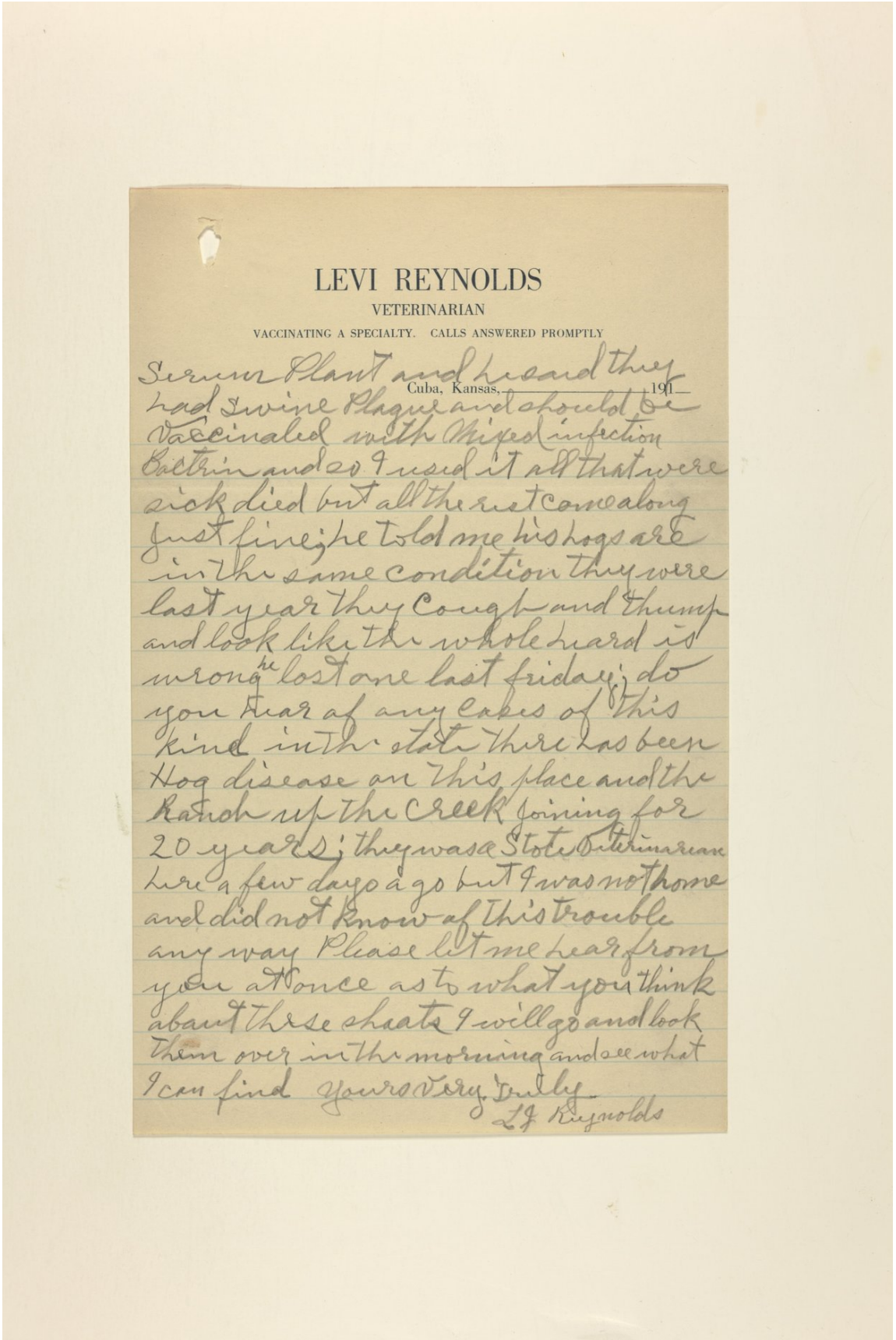
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Commissioner.

LEVI REYNOLDS
VETERINARIAN
VACCINATING A SPECIALTY. CALLS ANSWERED PROMPTLY

Cuba, Kansas, 11/28 — — 1919

Dr J H Mercer Topeka Kansas
Dear Dr on June 12 I Vaccinated 71 hogs
for A J Pugh living five miles east
of cuba and on Sept 20 I Vac 48 Head
more these shoats were Vac with
the Triple treatment Serum Virus
and bactrin at the same time
they have done fine untill the last
few days; and this evening he
telephoned me to come in the morning
and see what I thought of them;
he had trouble with his bunch
last year but at the time they took
sick they had only been Vac with
Serum and Virus he called Barnard
from Belleville and he said these
hogs would have to be Vaccinated a
gain he and I did not agree so I
telphoned Dr Leutner at Superior
Neb the Dr in charge at the Blue Cross



LEVI REYNOLDS

VETERINARIAN

VACCINATING A SPECIALTY. CALLS ANSWERED PROMPTLY

Cuba, Kansas, _____ 191_

Sirum Plant and he said they had Swine Plague and should be Vaccinated with Mixed infection Bactrin and so I used it all that were sick died but all the rest come along just fine; he told me his hogs are in the same condition they were last year they Cough and thump and look like the whole herd is wrong he lost one last friday; do you hear of any cases of this kind in the state There has been Hog disease on this place and the Ranch up the Creek joining for 20 years; they was a State Veterinarian here a few days a go but I was not home and did not know of this trouble any way Please let me hear from you at once as to what you think about these shoats I will go and look them over in the morning and see what I can find Yours Very Truly

L J Reynolds

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Mr. William Reinhardt,

Sharon Springs, Kans.

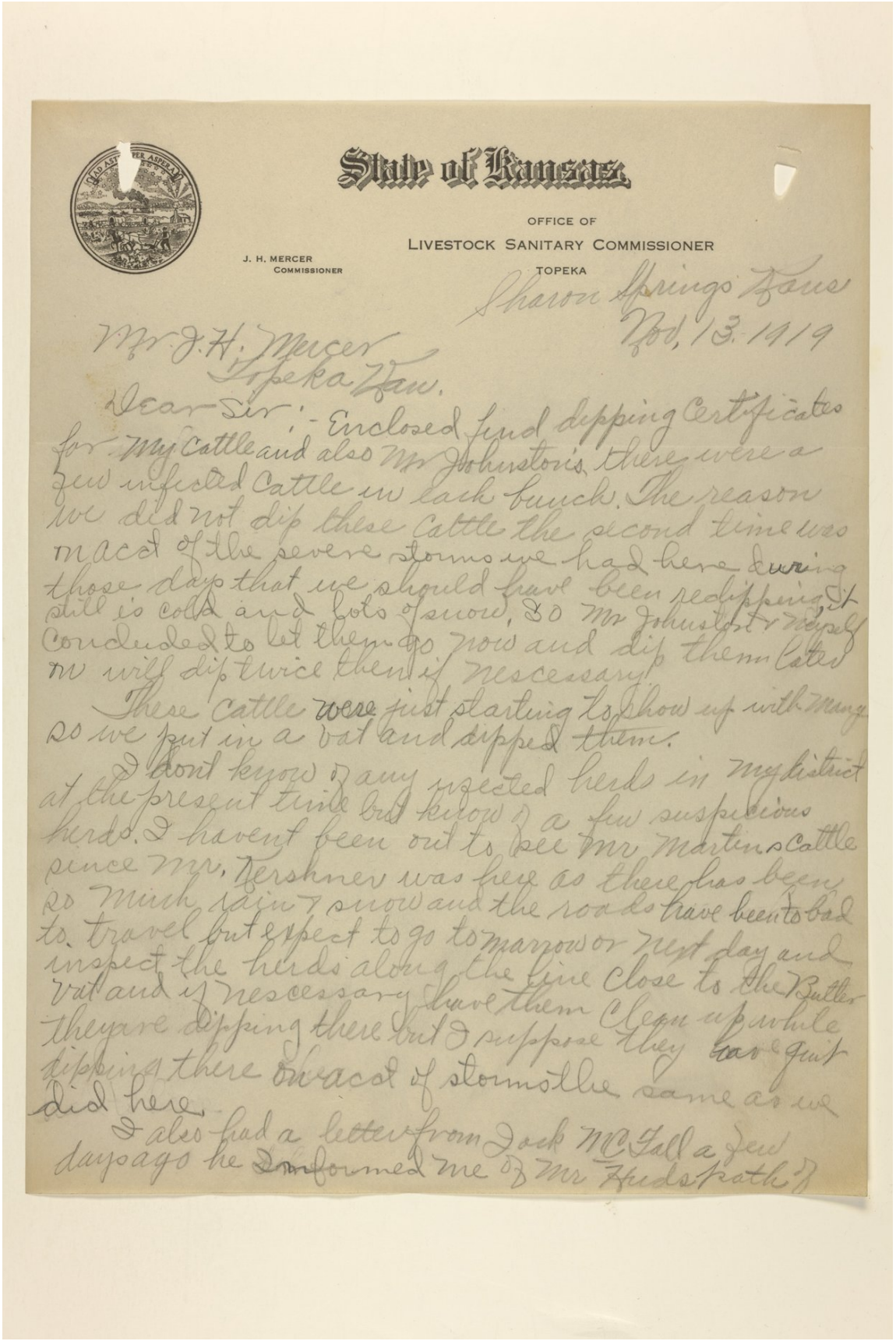
Dear Sir:

After you were in the office the other day, we looked up the record with reference to your last warrant. The record shows that you sent in an expense account of $29.10 covering your expenses for the month of October. We have looked all through the files and do not find any letter connected with the matter whatever. In making up your voucher for October we added a salary of $50.00 for your services; hence the amount of $79.10. I presume that the reason the salary of $50.00 was added to your expense was the fact that we had written you earlier in the season to do as little work as possible on account of the heavy expense the department is put to in the handling of the Texas Fever outbreak in the State, and we would pay you in line with the services rendered, etc. You can let me know, on receipt of this letter, whether this is satisfactory, and if not, we will add to your salary for some other month whatever is right in the matter. Also send in your salary and expenses for the month of November at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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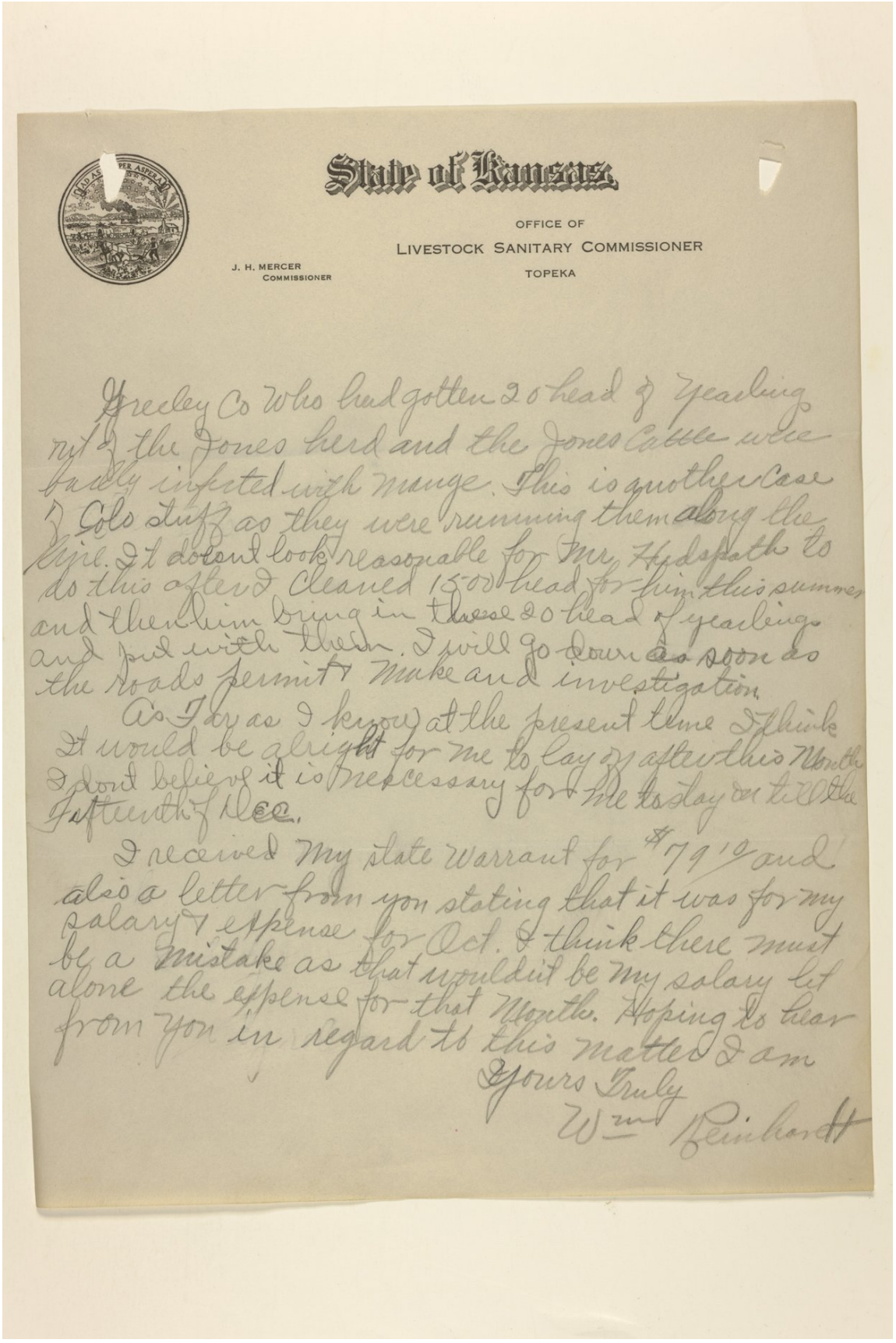
Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kan.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find dipping Certificates for My Cattle and also Mr Johnston's there were a few infected Cattle in each bunch. The reason we did not dip these Cattle the second time was macd of the severe storms we had here during those days that we should have been redipping it still is cold and lots of snow, So Mr Johnston & myself Concluded to let them go now and dip them Late in will dip twice then if nescessary.

These Cattle were just starting to show up with Mange so we put in a vat and dipped them.

I dont know of any infected herds in my district at the present time but know of a few suspicious herds. I havent been out to see Mr Martins Cattle since Mr. Hershner was here as there has been so much rain & snow and the roads have been to bad to travel but expect to go to Marion or Newton day and inspect the herds along the line close to the Butler Vat and if nescessary have them Clean up while they are dipping there but I suppose they have quit dipping there owing to storms like the same as we did here.

I also had a letter from Jack McFall a few days ago he informed me of Mr Hudspath &



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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Greeley Co who had gotten 20 head of yearling
ny of the Jones herd and the Jones Cattle were
badly infected with mange. This is another case
of Colo stuff as they were running them along the
line. It dosent look reasonable for Mr. Hydepath to
do this after I cleaned 1500 head for him this summer
and then him bring in these 20 head of yearlings
and put with them. I will go down as soon as
the roads permit & make and investigation.

As far as I know at the present time I think
it would be alright for me to lay off after this Month
I dont believe it is necessary for me to lay over till the
fifteenth of Dec.

I received My state Warrant for $79.19 and
also a letter from you stating that it was for my
salary & expense for Oct. I think there must
be a mistake as that would'nt be my salary let
alone the expense for that Month. Hoping to hear
from you in regard to this matter I am

Yours Truly
Wm Reinhardt

December 1, 1919.

W. J. Campbell, Rural Extension Director,
League to Enforce Peace,
Bush Terminal Sales Building,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 22nd instant and have noted same carefully. I agree with quite a good many of your suggestions and especially the suggestion that we should use more "common sense" in dealing with great problems. It is my opinion that there has been but little common sense shown in the handling of this great Peace and League of Nation Treaty, even from the beginning down to the present time, and to my mind the President himself has used the least judgment in the matter, if that is possible-- of all connected with the affair.

It is my opinion that seventy-five or eighty per cent of the American voters would vote against the entire compact as it was presented to Congress. Personally, I would like to see Congress make the declaration that we are at peace with the entire world and stand ready to treat with every nation of the world, and then direct their attention to our home affairs. I think that the affairs of our own nation should come first. In fact I think that at this time the affairs of this country need the attention of our statesmen perhaps more than ever before in the history of the nation. If we settle the troubles and difficulties in our own country properly, I think the task is sufficient to keep us occupied and we will not have time to concern ourselves about the affairs of other nations.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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November 22, 1919.

Dear Sir:

A great responsibility rests on you and every other patriotic American citizen. We must act today.

Eighty Senators voted for ratification of the treaty in some form but in the heat of partisan politics and the maze of parliamentary procedure only the Fourteen "Bitter Enders" got what they wanted. With only Fourteen men against ratification, ratification was defeated.

This result cannot stand. It isn't majority rule. It represents neither the will of the Senate nor the will of the people. We have a right to demand that the final result shall represent the moral and intellectual conviction of Eighty Senators and not that of Fourteen.

Big men when they agree on a principle get together on minor differences and accomplish results. We demand that the Eighty Senators who voted for ratification get together and give us a League. "Because you wouldn't when I would, now I won't" is no answer for grown men to make while civilization is in Gethsemane and the whole world burns.

Something must be done. Our present position belittles the dignity of the United States, robs us of friendship among the nations and discredits in advance every man who hereafter attempts to speak for us in International affairs. While we pay the taxes of war, support the profiteers, endure the social unrest, listen to the cries of starving millions and hear the dignified appeals from our suffering associates in arms, we dare not be barren.

Read the inclosed statement and then act with all the vigor of a great purpose rising to meet a great responsibility. Visit your Senators. Write strong letters to your newspapers. Write and wire your Senators demanding action on the Treaty immediately after December first.

Drive home to every one you meet the pitiable spectacle we now present to the world as a result of partisanship in an international matter where common sense, patriotism and a "decent respect for the opinion of mankind" demands that we be just Americans. Demand for yourself and urge everyone to also demand that the Eighty Senators meet in a spirit of "get together" and on the common ground of adherence to the principle of a League of Nations proceed to the consideration of the Covenant in order that we and the waiting world may have peace.

Yours sincerely,

H. J. Campbell

Rural Extension Director.

P.S. Please watch the Newspapers for advertisements containing appeals from National Leaders to save the Treaty and cooperate to the utmost with suggestions therein contained. Time will probably not permit of further direct communication from us but we are sure we can count upon your prompt cooperation with all workers in this cause.

Statement Adopted by the Executive Committee of the League to Enforce Peace

NOVEMBER 23, 1919

SAVE THE PEACE TREATY!

The defeat of ratification has been received by the country with surprise and indignation. The people want Peace. They want Peace and they want a League of Nations to guard the Peace. Whose name it bears, which party brand it bears, they care not at all. They longed for and expected ratification before adjournment of the Senate.

The making of peace is no more a party question than was the making of war. The American people, without regard to party, stood behind the war until the day of victory. With like unanimity they now stand behind the Treaty.

Shall the small minority who oppose a League of Nations in any form defeat ratification? Shall fifteen Senators decide where America shall stand in this world crisis? Eighty Senators have shown by their votes that they favor the great principle of the League of Nations. The fate of the Treaty rests in their hands. They have the votes. They have the power. Theirs is the responsibility. They must get together.

The failure to ratify the Peace Treaty has encouraged social unrest both at home and abroad. Europe must have supplies or it will face starvation and anarchy this winter. Our farmers, cotton planters, live stock raisers and manufacturers have large surplus production which they can market only in Europe. The rates of exchange already demonstrate the collapse of any national credits. These credits, resting upon commerce and international securities, are the foundation of our continued prosperity and are vital to the maintenance of order and life in Europe.

Men and women of America, this is your problem. Your interests, your welfare, the honor and the future of your country are involved. Your will is the supreme command for the men in Washington entrusted by your votes with guiding the nation along the paths of peace and victory.

The Allied Nations established during the war a practical union which is being succeeded by the League of Nations. To refuse to join this League is to lose numberless benefits, and to invite the development of a League that will be hostile to us in feeling and in policy. The League of Nations gives the promise of a world cooperating for the purposes of peace and protecting itself by concerted action against war and the threat of war. The ideal is American.

The men and women who gladly dedicated their sons and their substance to the cause of obtaining peace through the defeat of the German Menace refuse to believe that they have made an empty sacrifice. They demand that the Senators harmonize their differences. Refusal to do so will defy and betray the people of this country by whom they were elected and to whom they must answer.

The Treaty should be ratified at the earliest possible moment after the Senate reconvenes on December 1st. In the name of thousands of Americans who have died to bring peace and end war and of millions of Americans who have toiled and sacrificed to that end, we call upon the Senate to forget prejudice and partisanship and agree upon a resolution of ratification couched in terms that will permit the other signatories of the Treaty to acquiesce in the conditions of our ratification.

SAVE THE PEACE TREATY! LET US HAVE PEACE!

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

December 3, 1919.

Mr. Lacey Simpson,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear Lacey:

As per your request by wire this date I issued permit for Mr. McLain to ship two cars of stock hogs unvaccinated, destination McPherson, Kansas. I took it for granted that these hogs were to be consigned to Mr. McLain at McPherson.

This is, as you may know, a departure from the rule for handling stock hogs and as all hogs that come from the yards are supposed to be exposed to cholera it will be necessary for Mr. McLain to have same vaccinated for his own protection at as early a date as possible.

I might add that this is the first time that a permit has been issued for shipment from the Kansas City yards and I am doing same upon your recommendation thinking that perhaps you saw Mr. Mercer in Kansas City and that same is acceptable to him. Consequently, we will look to you to notify Mr. McLain and rather take the matter in hand yourself and see that no complications arise on account of this shipment.

Mr. Mercer is at this time in Chicago and will not be back before the last of this week.

I see by the Capital that special session is being contemplated by Governor Allen and that the main feature of the session will be an appropriation by the committee on ways and means which means more business for one Lacey Simpson. I still insist that this said Lacey Simpson made a serious mistake in his congressional asperations and the sign of the times so far as Allen is concerned indicate this to me very plainly. However, we will be glad to hail you as next congressman from the Eighth District.

I saw Mr. McDougal the next day or so after you were here and he said he was waiting for some letters and that he would forward the names you were wanting in the very near future.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

P.S. Since talking to you over the 'phone I have talked with Mr. Henderson in Kansas City and he says that the above mentioned permit is entirely out of line with the arrangement at the Kansas City yards and if this is allowed it will stir up a fuss in the stock hog business at Kansas City. Consequently, I advised him to attend to this matter and Mr. McLain will necessarily have to abide by Mr. Henderson's decision.

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December 8, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Black,
1613 Genesee St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Black:

Replying to your letter of the 6th; under our rules and regulations that are now in force in the Kansas City stock yards, as far as the Kansas side is concerned, you may sell your serums and bacterins to any owners or commission firms that might want to use them. It is my understanding that the Purity Serum Company of Sioux City, Iowa, is an accredited establishment; therefore any of their bacterins or serums would be permitted at any of the public stock yards in the State. We do not handle any serums or bacterins in any manner, but only look after their efficiency and reliability and that of the firms selling same in the State.

Very truly,

M-S

Commissioner.

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J.H.Mercer, Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

Beg to advise that I have taken the agency here for Purity Serum Co.products and am now prepared to,furnish Serum and Virus for Yard Vaccination at $1.10 per 100 c.cs., as against $1.25 now charged; Mixed Infection Bacterin for swine at 10¢ per dose administered, as against 15¢ now charged; Blackleg Aggressin at 35¢ per dose administered as against 40¢ and 50¢ now charged.

As the average car of pigs require about 9000 c.cs.of Serum and Virus and 150 doses of Mixed Infection, this means a saving to the hog buyer of $20 to $30 per car on their vaccination, and I think will meir their consideration.

The Purity Biological Laboratories, Sioux City, Iowa, are one of the largest and most progressive firms in the business, and they will shortly have a large plant at and make headquarters at Kansas City.

Is there anythingin this line, such as Serum, Virus, Mixed Infection Vaccine for swine, Hemorrhagic Septicemia for sheep and cattle, that you handle? If there is I believe I can make you a price that will mean quite a saving.

Yours truly,

H C Black

December 8, 1919.

Mr. C. S. Guinn,

Horace, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Guinn:

Your letter of November 29th addressed to the State Attorney, Topeka, Kans. washanded to us this date by the Attorney General, and we note contents of same.

The Kansas law handling contagious and infectious diseases, or rather handling the mange on cattle, is about as follows: If your cattle are infected with mange, and it is reported to the State, it is their business to have an inspection made to determine whether the disease exists.

AfterThis inspection is made and the cattle are found to be infected, the owner of the cattle will be required to administer treatment in the cleaning up of the disease. Of course the Fede al rule requires that the cattle be dipped in an accredited dip such as lime and sulphur, twice under Government inspection ten days apart. In some instances where the disease is not bad and there is no dipping vat available we permit the use of crude oil in hand-dressing the infected cattle. This, of course, is done by the owner under the supervision and direction of a State inspector.

Mr. Jack McFall, an inspector of this department, is located at Garden City and we have asked him to call on you in the near future when he is in your section of the State and go over this matter with you and give you any assistance that he possibly can.

Trusting this is the information desired, I am,

Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.

December 9, 1919.

Mr. Jackson E. Earnshaw,
Food & Dairy Commissioner,
Hospital & Health Board,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to some correspondence of yours to veterinarians testing cattle in the State of Kansas. I have also received a copy of your rules and regulations, as you call them. We have nothing to say about your rules and regulations regarding owners of dairy cattle in order to sell their product within the city limits of Kansas City, Mo. That is entirely your business, but when you undertake to indicate to the veterinarians in this State how they shall do these things, how they shall make the test and that before they can make the tests, etc. they must comply with your requirements, you are getting entirely beyond your authority as a city official.

A few years ago I had a great deal of trouble with the food and dairy commissioner of Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Phipps. I even went so far as to speak to Mayor Cowgell regarding the matter and after Phipps was let out by the board, I thought things were going along very well, but I note that you are indicating to our veterinarians what they shall do. That you may understand our instructions to veterinarians, I am enclsing a copy of a letter this day addressed to Dr. E. G. L. Harbour, Lawrence, Kansas.

I might add that we want to cooperate with all sanitary authorities in bringing about better sanitary conditions among the dairy cattle especially, but we want it fully understood that we will not even tolerate the dictation from any outside sources interfering in any manner with our plans and policies in carrying on this work in the State of Kansas. The law speaks for itself asto how we shall conduct this work, and our veterinarians are instructed in line with the law, and that is all that is required of them and no one else has any right or authority to change the plan.

I trust that I have made myself plain in this matter and assure you that I am willing to undertake to improve upon any method that we are working under on this side of the line, but it must be made in the way of cooperation and not in the way of dictation.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M-S Enc.

December 9, 1919.

Mr. W. P. Sanders,

Protection, Kans.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Your several letters of recent date came to hand in due time, with enclosures, and I have noted carefully the contents of same. Your voucher was made out alright with your salary on your expense account. The reason I mentioned this is that if you had sent in your salary voucher along about the 28th or 29th of the month we could get it allowed on the 1st, and then your expense vouchers could be handled later. It is immaterial, however; either way will be satisfactory to us.

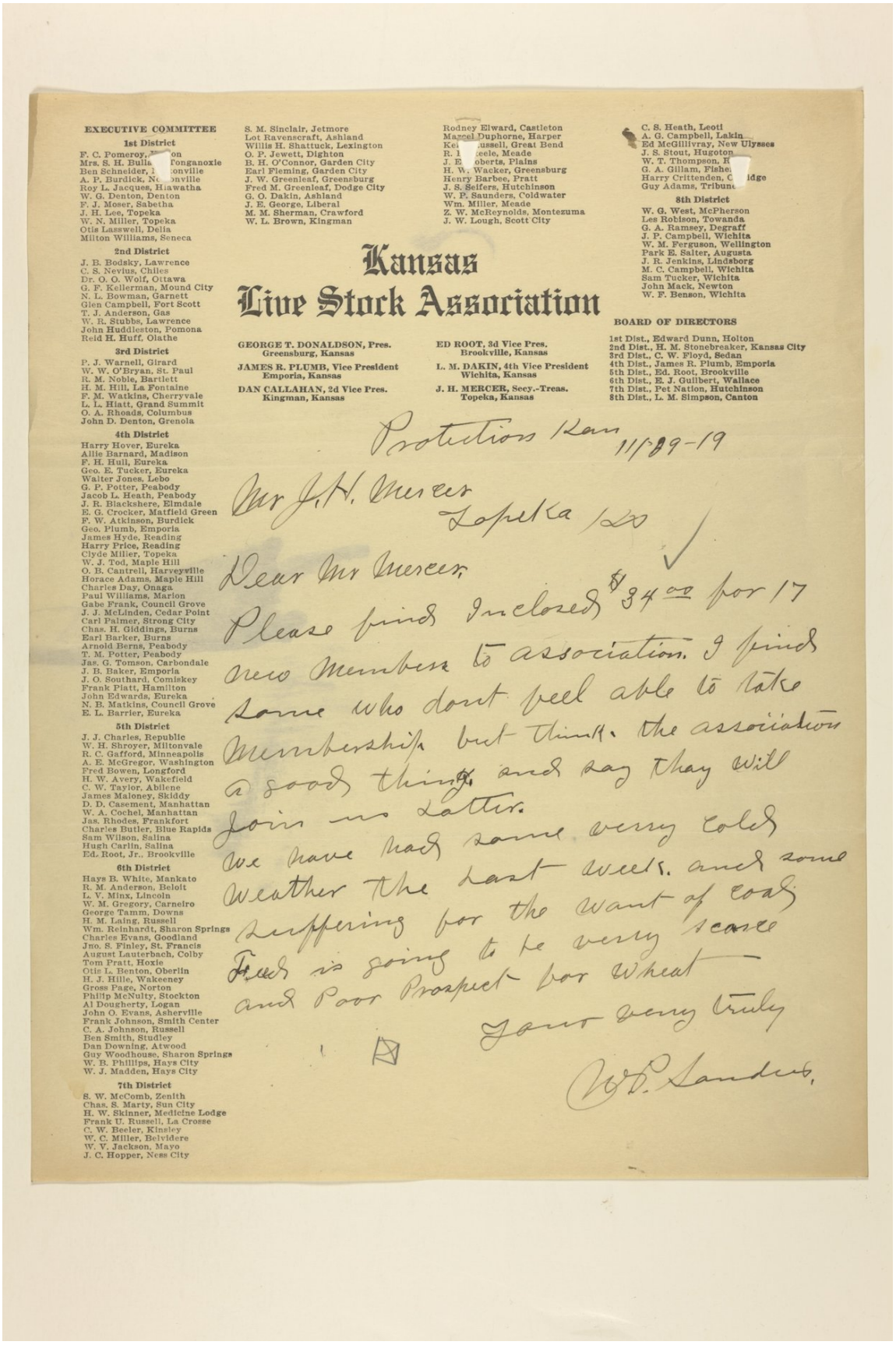
I note the good work you are doing both in compilation of statistics relating to the Brand law and your association work. You are surely making a good record. I hope that you will be able to assist Mr. J.C. Hollenbeck run down the cattle thieves in Ness County. If we can only help locate the cattle in question it will be of wonderful consequence to the owner. There is no doubt in my mind that these cattle have been shipped to Omaha or Denver, or out of the country somewhere. Not having the real data of the matter, it would be difficult to even suggest as to whether they were stolen and driven out of the country or shipped out. In any event we want to do all we can to help this man out. I wish you would write me what you think about it, just as soon as you have looked the situation over.

Very truly yours,

M-S

Commissioner.

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Mr J.H. Mercer
Topeka Kan

Dear Mr Mercer.

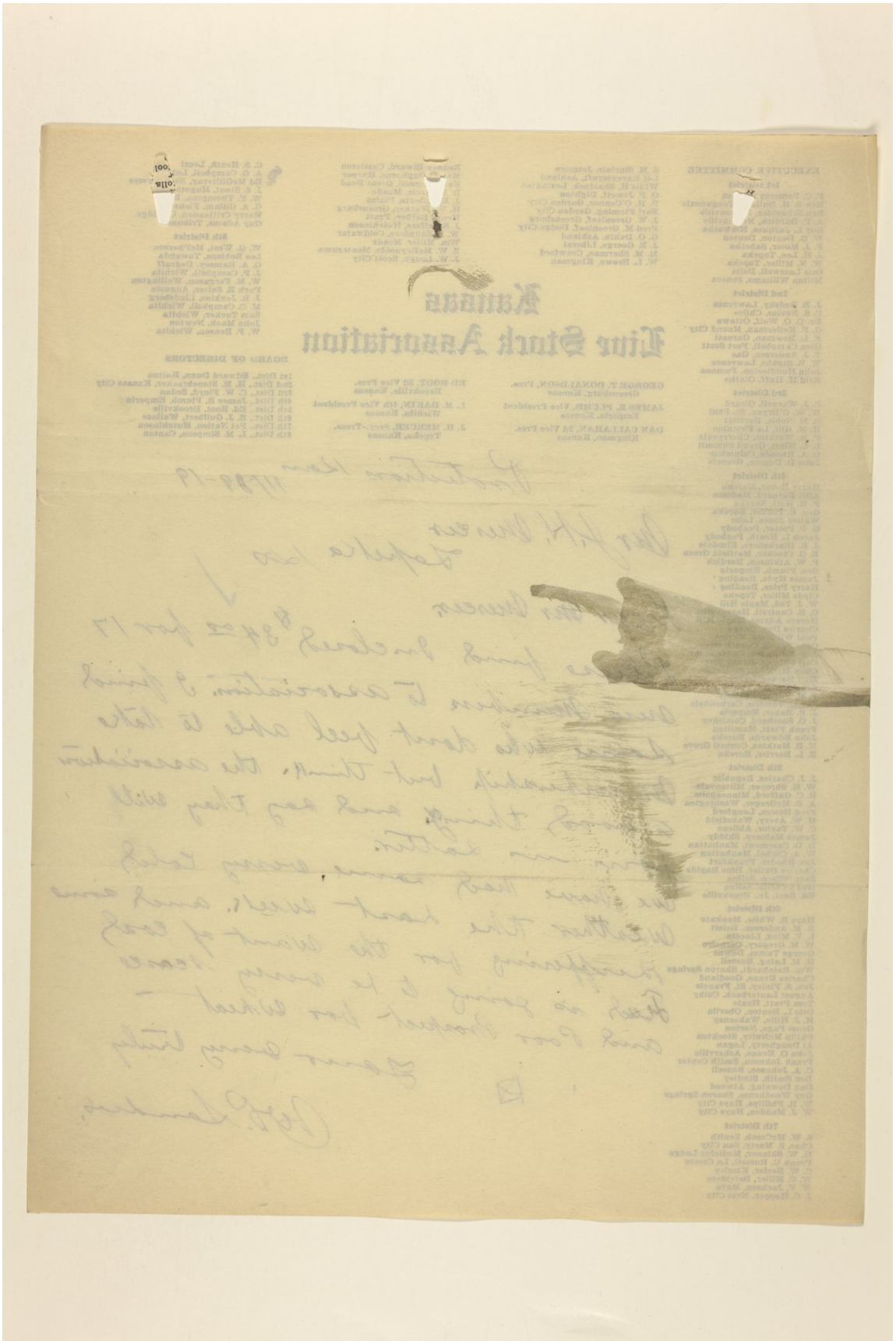
Please find Inclosed $34.00 for 17 new Members to association. I find some who dont feel able to take Membership but think the association a good thing and say they will join us Later.

We have had some very cold weather the last week. and some suffering for the want of coal. Feed is going to be very scarce and Poor Prospect for Wheat—

Yours very truly

W. P. Saunders.

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Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka / Kan

Dear Sir:
your Letter of 28th at hand. and will say that I did not Receive it in time to Return Voucher for salary you sent me. I had aledy sent my Expences account and Salary on same sheat. Which I hope will meet your aproval this time.
I Cant say at this time just when I will be through With this Comnty as I have been a little handycaped on a way to get around as my car has been broke down. to hire some one to drive cost so mutch.
So far I have been Catching men in town as mutch as I Could. I have been asking most all the men I have solisted in Regard to different Brand Law But I Cant get them to say any thing Worth Mentioning. and healh condition among Stock So far as I have Learned is verry good It is my desire to do this work just as you



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Would have me do it. Some stock men think they are terrible mistreated by the Packers in way of Price. and Some think my good Friend Donaldson is a terrible fellow and he stands in with the Packers. But they Cant make think so.
I most Wish now I had Spent a few days With the Mr Bennett Perhaps Would of made it Easer for me With the work.
We are having very bad weather very Cold and Snowing to night—

Very truly Yours

W. P. Sanders



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12-6-19

Mr J.H. Mercer

Dear Sir

your Letter of 3rd 29th inst Jast Received have been away or Would of gotten it- Sooner. Will go to Kees City Monday. I seen W.A. Jackson this week he sends his best Regards to you. Seen a good many cattle men and farmers this week they all Would Like to See a better Branding Law but seems they dont want to Sugest any thing or dont know What Would be the best. Some of them have there Brands Recorded and Some say that they will do so. Mr M.L. Baxter who has a Ranch in Colorado thinks they have a good Branding law out there Which I Supose you are familiar With. Mr E.S. Dale of our County has over 100 heads of Registerd Short horn Cattle Which he haven't Branded but intends getting a Mark of Some Kind he thinks the Association a good thing and gave me his

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Very truly yours,
W. P. Sanders