

## Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1919-1924

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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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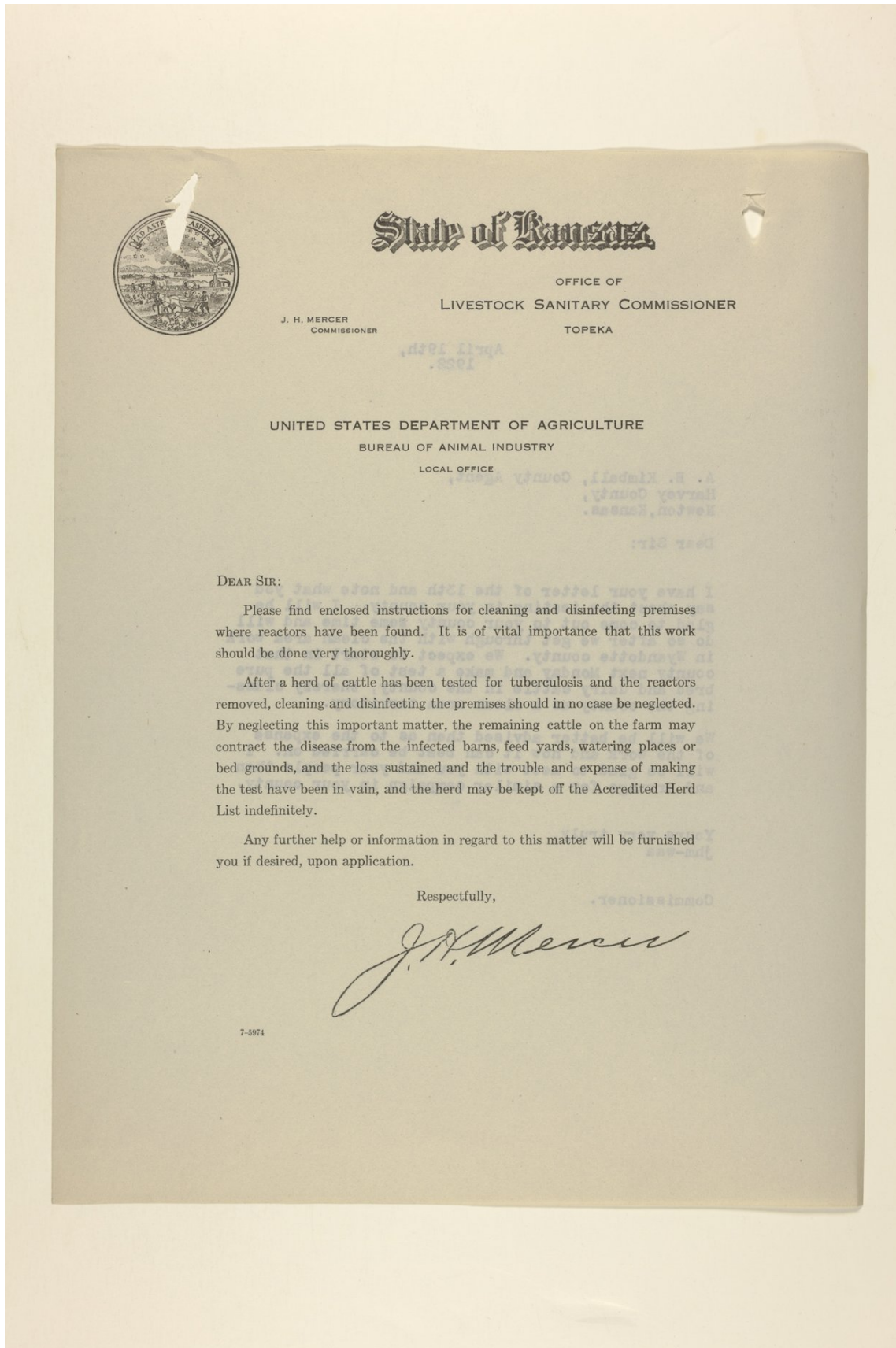
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### HARVEY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

A. B. KIMBALL, COUNTY AGENT

OFFICE CITY AUDITORIUM  
TELEPHONE 1071

NEWTON, KANSAS,

April 13, 1922

Mr. J. H. Mercer  
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr Mercer:-

Replying to yours of April 11, will say that the final aim of our Anti-tuberculosis campaign is to make Harvey County a tuberculous clean county, as contemplated by the act of Congress in providing for T. B. Accredited Herd Work. My plan is to under take the work by townships, subject of course to the approval of your office.

As fast as we can educate the stockmen in a township we calculate to circulate petitions asking you to order a clean-up campaign in the township. This would include all the cattle of the township ~~except~~ <sup>such</sup> with exceptions of feeders which you might care to make.

Mr. Cuff will be in the county again next week at which time we would be pleased to know just what requirements you will make in order to get this work under way. We would like to begin circulating petitions at that time. At the time of assessment last year there were about 9,000 cows in the county and 9,000 other cattle.

I will be pleased to have you come to Newton sometime at your convenience and meet with our County Commissioners, County Veterinarian and representative stockmen of the county and help us inaugurate this work.

Very truly yours,

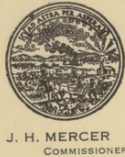
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A. B. KIMBALL  
County Agent

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

April 20, 1922.

Mr. F. L. Harsh,  
Stanley, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County for \$62.50, same being one-half the appraised value of your reactor -38 recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease tuberculosis.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisal, to your Board of County Commissioners, and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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Encl.  
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Amarillo, Texas,  
April 21, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,  
C/o Kansas Livestock Association,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear sir:--

Yours of the 17th received, stating that our Texas Fever Claim has passed the Senate, which sounds mighty good to me. I was in Kansas City Monday and Tuesday and saw John Hudelson. He informed me about this being passed by the Senate.

Now I am writing Mr. Tincher, our Congressman from the 7th District, Kansas; and also writing Mr. Marvin Jones of this District in Texas, urging them to work on this bill. I would think that if we hurry the thing up we ought to be able to get it through within the next thirty days. Please keep me posted as I expect to stay here for the summer. When you get my check, forward it to me here.

Anything else that I can do, please notify me at once.

Very truly yours,

JD-eb

*James Dobb*

*Texas 4*

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### United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

April 23, 1922.

*State House*  
 Mr. J. H. Mercer,  
 Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Joe:-

I was pleased to receive your letter of April 13 in regard to the tariff on hides. I can make good use of this letter. I regret to say that the Farm Bureau people here seem to be opposed to a tariff on hides. I had quite a talk yesterday with Gray Silver, Washington legislative representative of the Farm Bureau, and showed him your letter and also the resolutions adopted in January by the American National Livestock Association demanding a tariff on hides. I told him I thought he would get in bad with the farmer crowd if he opposed the duty on hides. I think he will keep off.

I thank you for your letter in regard to the Glanville claims bill. I will try to help the boys get it through the House promptly. By the way, Senator Curtis was very helpful in getting this bill through the Senate. If you have not already done so, I am sure he would be glad to receive an appreciative word from you.

Very respectfully,

*Arthur Capper*



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April 26, 1922.

Hon. Arthur Capper,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Capper:

I have yours of recent date. It was really surprising to me to learn of Mr. Gray Silvers opposition to tariff on hides. I cannot understand how any one pretending to represent the American farmer and live stock producer, could oppose this legislation.

I have already written Senator Curtis thanking him for his splendid work, and also have written Congressmen Tincher and Hoch that I would be in Washington next week looking after some matters before the Revenue Department, and will see you all while there and furnish you any further help I can as regards these claims, in line with your suggestion.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the good work you are doing for our people, and with my very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

M/W

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*State House*

April 26, 1923.

Hon. Charles Curtis,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Curtis:

I have your good letter of recent date regarding the Texas fever claims, and no one appreciates more than I do the good work you have done for the claimants in the Texas fever claims, and no one knows better than I the willing help you give our people whenever called upon to do so, and I want you to know that I certainly appreciate all the help you have given me, and it will be my purpose to give you all the credit due you for your splendid help in everything that we have asked you to assist in.

Others have helped, it is true, but our experience in the past few years, has taught us to realize who accomplishes things in congress for our Kansas people.

I have written Congressmen Fincher and Hoch that I would be in Washington next week to look after some matters before the Revenue Department, and while there I will go over with them and you the matters pertaining to the claims.

With my kindest personal regards and best wishes,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

M/W



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PAT HARRISON, MISS.  
JOE T. ROBINSON, ARK.  
F. A. CROSSLEY, CLERK.

### United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

April 21, 1922.

My dear Mercer:

I have your letter of April 17th. I had intended to wire you but wanted to give you so much information in regard to the bill that I thought it too long to send in a telegram so I sent you a letter which I know you have received ere this. I explained the situation fully in that letter and trust you will have the various claimants write their Members as soon as possible.

I had a talk with Tincher and Hoch yesterday and they have agreed to get behind the bill in the House at once in order that they may secure early action. I understand Congressman Strong is on the Committee on Claims. It would be well to have the claimants get in touch with some of their friends in the Fifth District and have them write him. Mr. Campbell is Chairman of the Committee on Rules of the House and could be of assistance in this matter, and I trust the claimants will get in touch with their friends in the Third District and do what they can to get Campbell interested in the bill.

Another small claim came in from Lyon County but I will introduce a separate bill in regard to it. Senator Capper forgot to make an amendment to the bill including the item but I think it better to try a separate bill than attempt to amend the Senate bill in the House.

Very truly yours,

*Charles Curtis*

Honorable J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,  
Topeka, Kansas.



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HIRAN W. JOHNSON, CALIF.  
F. A. CROSSLEY, CLERK.

### United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

April 17, 1922.

My dear Mercer:

I am glad to inform you that upon Saturday I secured favorable action on Senate Bill No. 854 to reimburse J. B. Glanville and others for losses and damages sustained by them through the negligent dipping of infested cattle by the Bureau of Animal Industry. I had the amendment made inserting the figures 4231 in lieu of the figures 48. I wish you would write other members of the House, or rather have the cattlemen who are interested, write to their members and urge them to get this bill through as soon as possible, and with the amendment if they can.

I have found some opposition developing on the floor of the Senate and I am afraid that if the bill comes back there may be quite a fight made upon it, this because of the precedence which they claim it will establish. Of course the precedence has already been established, as I wrote you before. I really think their opposition is the amount carried in the bill. They claim the other measure went through without their knowledge.

I called up Congressman Tincher after securing favorable action and advised him what had been done in the Senate and urged him to take the matter up at once.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Charles Curtis*

Honorable J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,  
Topeka, Kansas.





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HOMER HOCH  
4TH DIST. KANSAS

A. F. MYERS  
SECRETARY

House of Representatives U.S.  
Washington, D. C.

April 29, 1922.

Hon. J. H. Mercer,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Joe:

Mr. Edmonds, chairman of the Claims' Committee to which the Texas fever claims have been referred, has agreed to expedite the matter in any way possible. His idea when I talked with him last about it was that a sub-committee should be appointed, and he thought that if this sub-committee felt entirely satisfied after going over the record already made in the case, including of course the report from the Department, they might decide it was not necessary to have further hearings. I hope it will be decided that way, but if they think that they should have hearings we will do anything we can to get the hearings set for an early date, and I believe we can arrange for you to make a statement before them when you are here next week. I will be glad to go over the situation fully with you when you get here.

Cordially,

*Homer Hoch*



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May 1, 1922.

Hon Homer Hoch,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Mr. Hoch:

I wrote you last week that I would be in Washington the last of this week, but on account of a matter that comes up here on Thursday of this week, which needs my personal attention, I will not leave for Washington now, until Saturday evening, arriving in Washington Monday morning, May 8th.

I think your plan as outlined in your letter of the 29th, in the handling of the Texas fever claims, is fine, and I will be able to give you some data on the claims, that was not included in the printed report that went to the Senate, that will be of help to you.

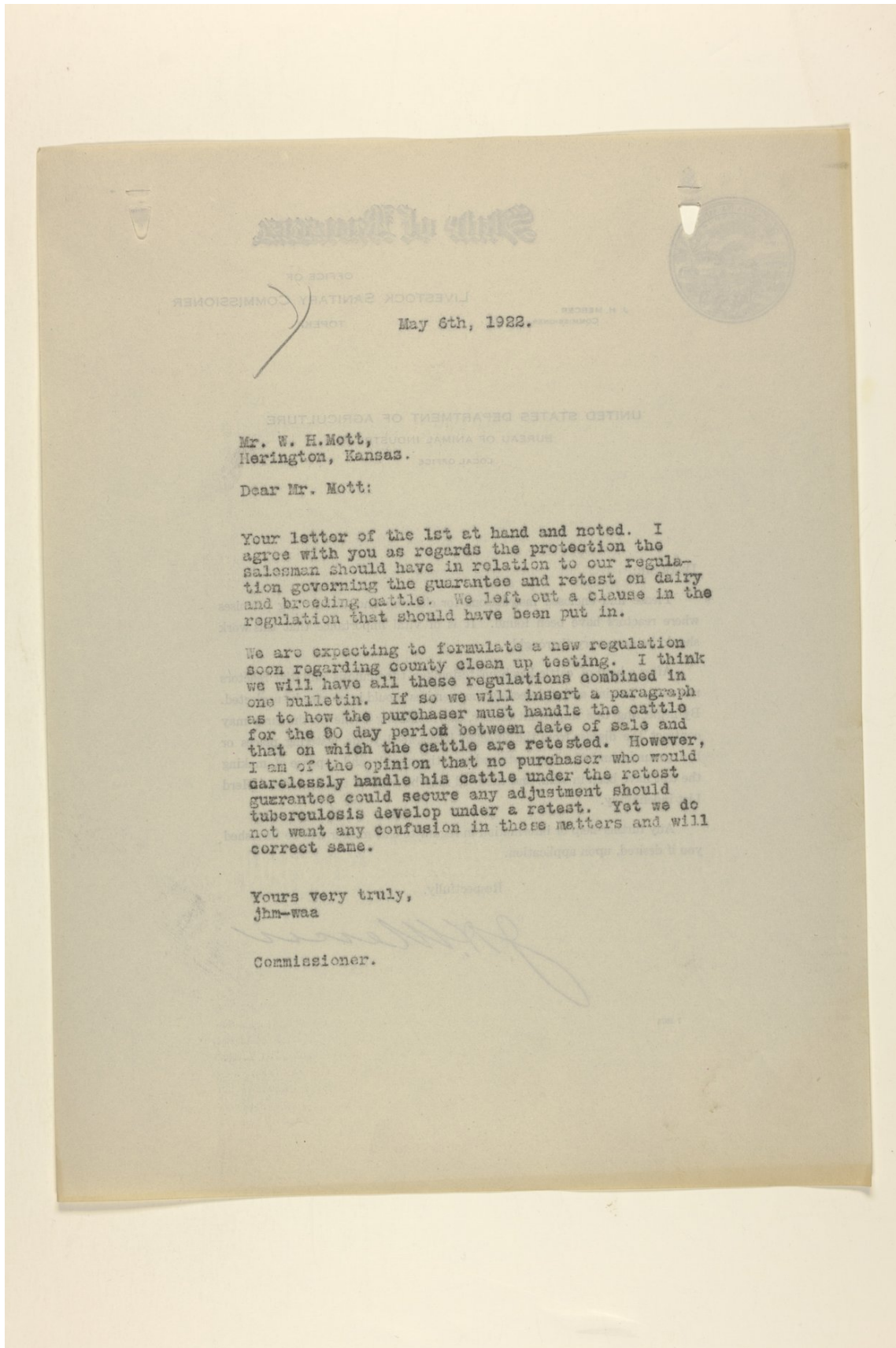
Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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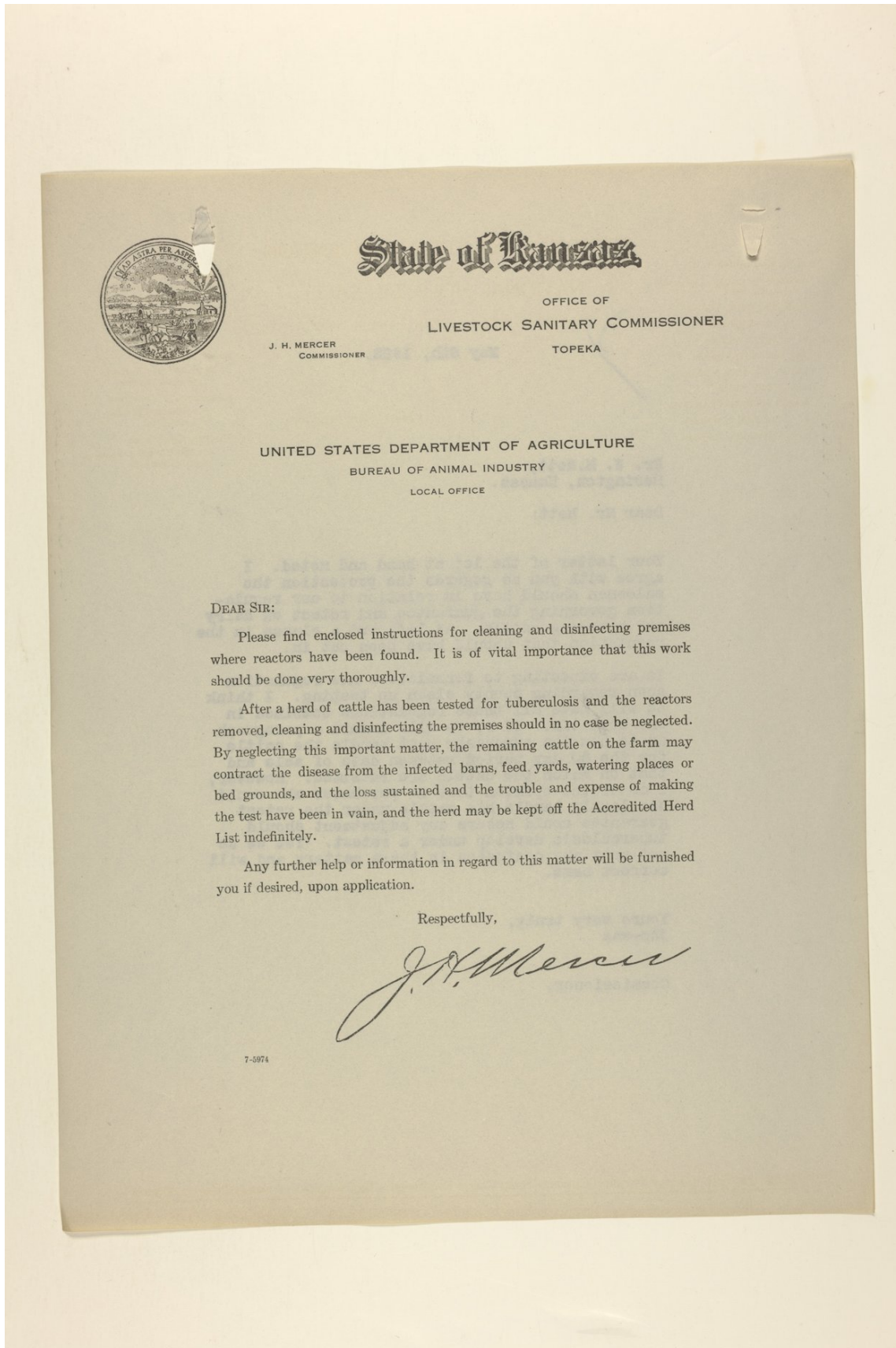


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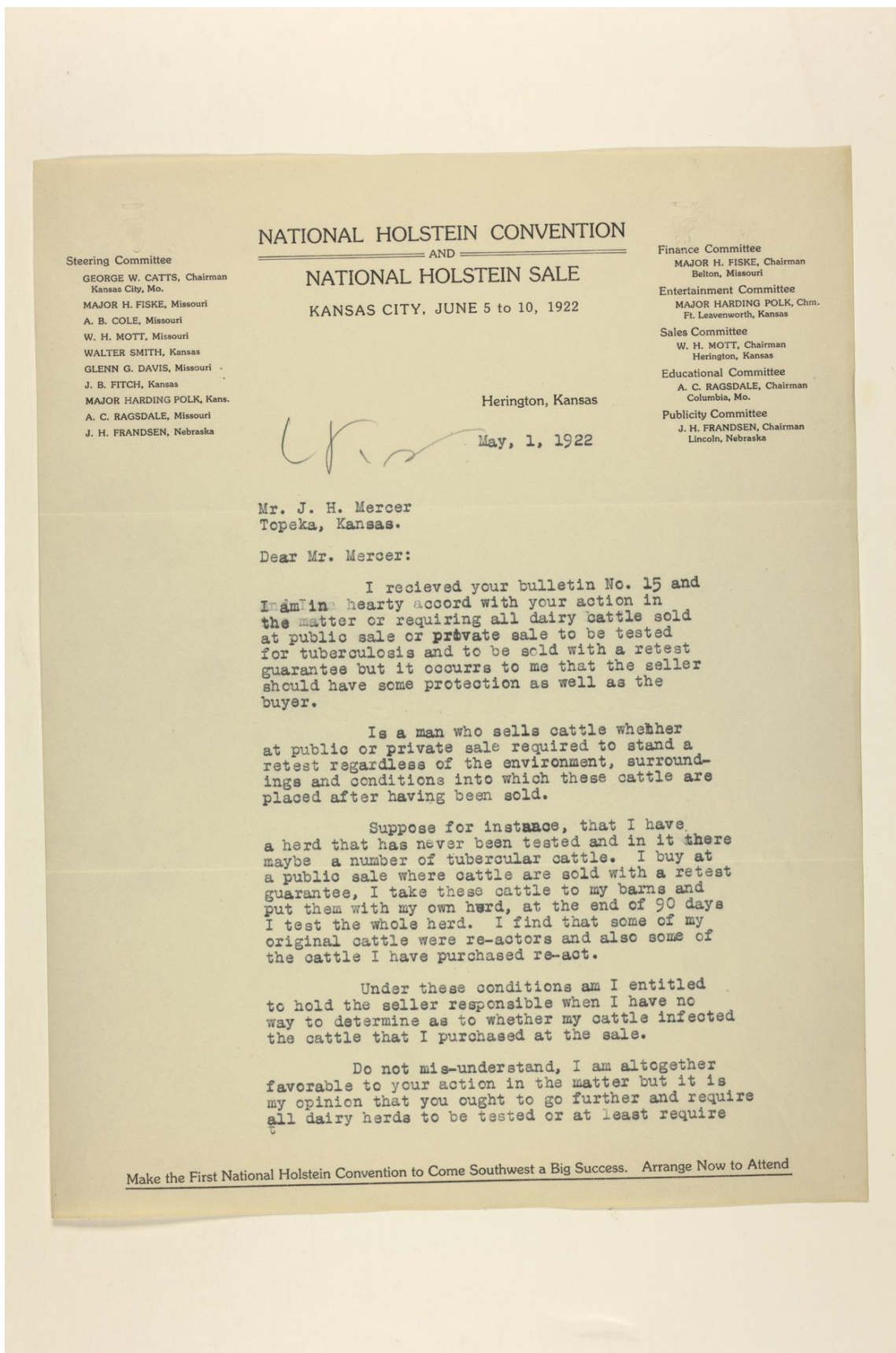


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### NATIONAL HOLSTEIN CONVENTION AND

### NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SALE

KANSAS CITY, JUNE 5 to 10, 1922

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#### Educational Committee

A. C. RAGSDALE, Chairman  
Columbia, Mo.

#### Publicity Committee

J. H. FRANDSEN, Chairman  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Herington, Kansas

May, 1, 1922

Mr. J. H. Mercer  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I recieved your bulletin No. 15 and in a hearty accord with your action in the matter of requiring all dairy cattle sold at public sale or private sale to be tested for tuberculosis and to be sold with a retest guarantee but it occurs to me that the seller should have some protection as well as the buyer.

Is a man who sells cattle whether at public or private sale required to stand a retest regardless of the environment, surroundings and conditions into which these cattle are placed after having been sold.

Suppose for instance, that I have a herd that has never been tested and in it there maybe a number of tubercular cattle. I buy at a public sale where cattle are sold with a retest guarantee, I take these cattle to my barns and put them with my own herd, at the end of 90 days I test the whole herd. I find that some of my original cattle were re-actors and also some of the cattle I have purchased re-act.

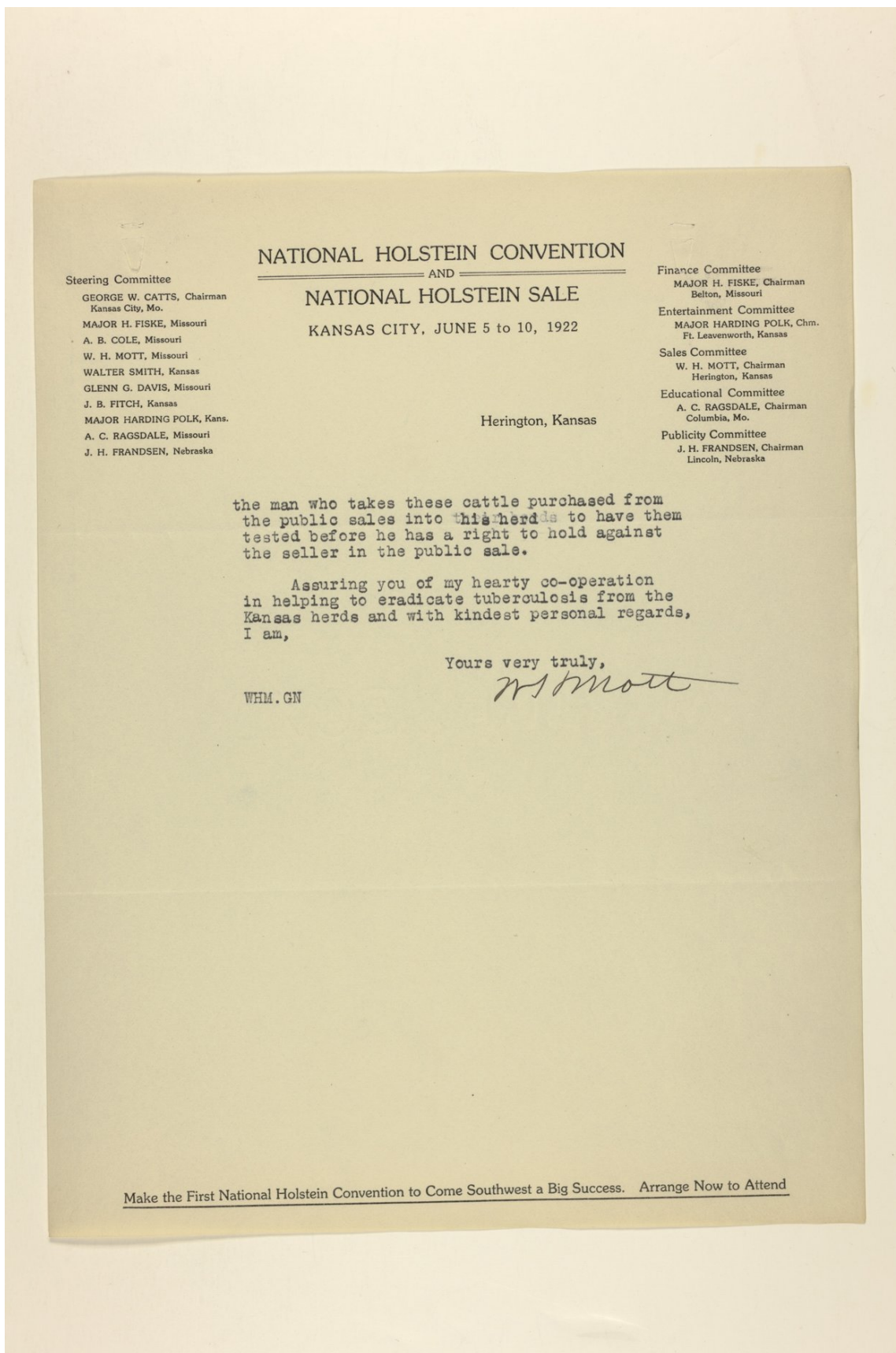
Under these conditions am I entitled to hold the seller responsible when I have no way to determine as to whether my cattle infected the cattle that I purchased at the sale.

Do not mis-understand, I am altogether favorable to your action in the matter but it is my opinion that you ought to go further and require all dairy herds to be tested or at least require

Make the First National Holstein Convention to Come Southwest a Big Success. Arrange Now to Attend



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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

May 18, 1922.

Mr. Louis Adler,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County for \$75.00, same being one-half the appraised value of your cow which was recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease tuberculosis.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisal, to your Board of County Commissioners, and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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*Permit*

May 18, 1922.

Mr. Otis H. Satchell,  
Piedmont, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Believing that you are competent to administer the anti-hog cholera virus in vaccinating swine, and also that you are responsible, I am hereby granting you a permit to use the anti-hog cholera virus upon your own hogs.

It is important that you use every possible precaution in handling and administering the virus. In case any break occurs, you should immediately consult a competent veterinarian.

Kansas is today more free from hog cholera than in many years, and we expect to make every effort to prevent its spread. This permit will extend to April 1, 1923, as our term of office expires on that date.

Will be glad to hear from you from time to time as to the results you secure. Am enclosing copy of the law and rules and regulations applicable to live stock sanitation in Kansas.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

W/W/  
Enc.

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any of my neighbors  
hoping this may meet  
your favorable consideration  
I am very truly-  
Otis H. Satchell  
Piedmont  
Kans

Piedmont Kansas  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 1922

J.H. Mercer  
S.S. Com. Topeka Kansas  
Dear Sir. owing to the fact  
that I am unfortunately  
located being 20 mi from  
a Certified Vet. that is  
working & having lost hogs  
with Cholera last year  
I am anxious to keep  
my Hogs vaccinated as I  
am breeding pure bred stock  
and have nearly 100 head to  
immune So am asking  
for a permit to do my  
own work By far will  
refer you to my Bankers  
The Piedmont State Bank  
Piedmont Kansas or



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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

R. R. DYKSTRA  
DEAN OF DIVISION  
PROFESSOR OF SURGERY

DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
(COPY)

May 26, 1922.

Dean H. J. Umberger,  
College.

Dear Dean Umberger:

I have a carbon copy of your letter of May 24 addressed to Hon. A. P. Burdick of Topeka, Kansas, in which you state your attitude regarding the vaccination of cattle against blackleg by laymen.

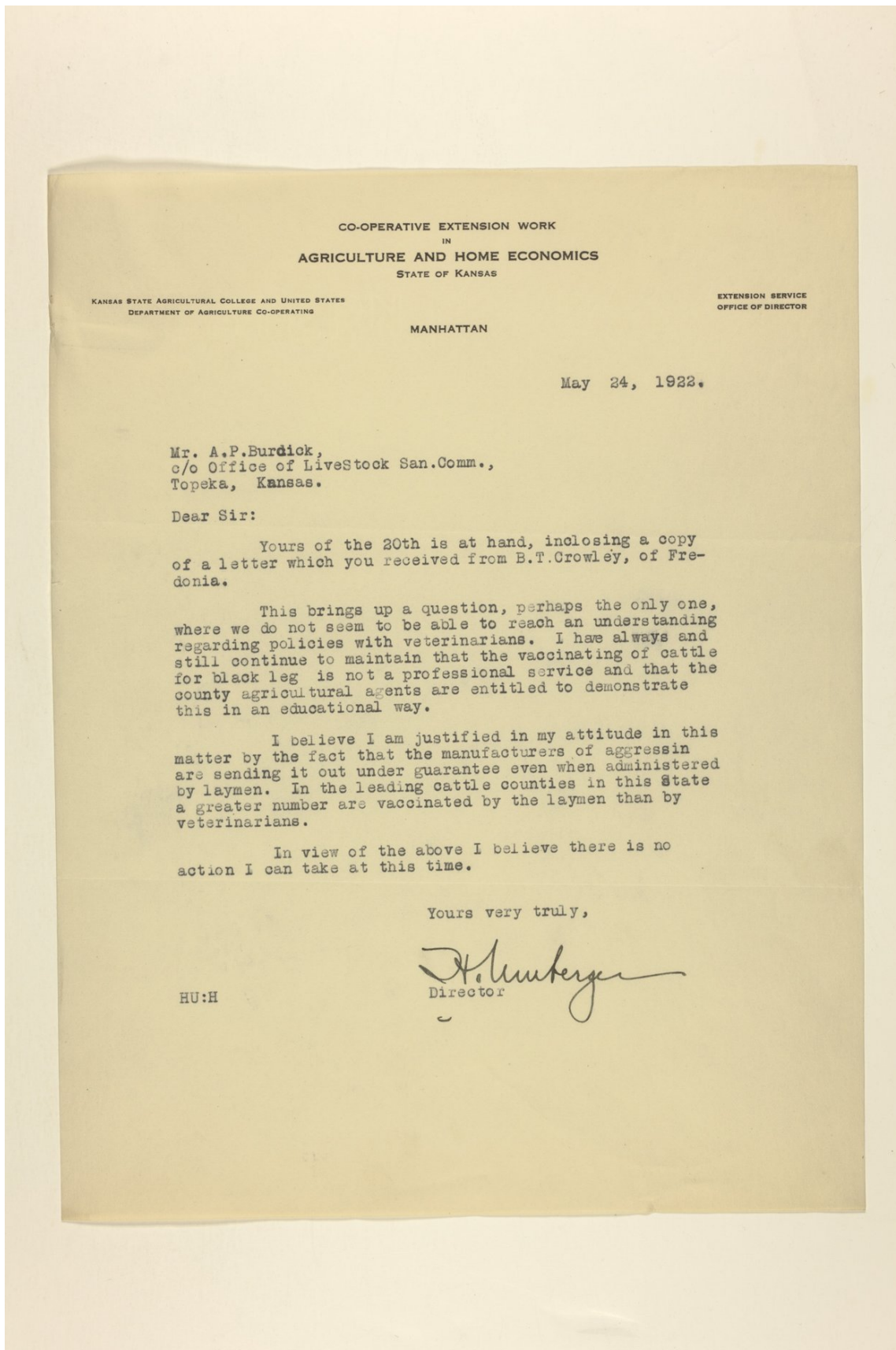
I believe we have discussed this matter before, and I want to say again that I do not question the right of cattle owners to vaccinate their own cattle, but I do question whether it is a duty of a county agent to go out and do such vaccinating for them. If a county agent would limit his work to demonstrating the technique of blackleg vaccinations, it would not be so objectionable, but when he goes out and vaccinates entire herds, thus taking away from the qualified veterinarian a remunerative part of his practice, it seems to me that it is a case of a public official infringing upon the privileges of a private individual. I am still convinced that as a matter of general policy it is better to discourage county agents from doing veterinary work and to leave this matter in the hands of a qualified veterinarian.

Very truly yours,

*Fil*

*R. R. Dykstra*

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CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK  
IN  
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS  
STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CO-OPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

MANHATTAN

May 24, 1922.

Mr. A.P. Burdick,  
c/o Office of LiveStock San. Comm.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

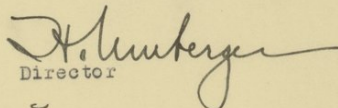
Yours of the 20th is at hand, inclosing a copy of a letter which you received from B.T. Crowley, of Fredonia.

This brings up a question, perhaps the only one, where we do not seem to be able to reach an understanding regarding policies with veterinarians. I have always and still continue to maintain that the vaccinating of cattle for black leg is not a professional service and that the county agricultural agents are entitled to demonstrate this in an educational way.

I believe I am justified in my attitude in this matter by the fact that the manufacturers of aggrassin are sending it out under guarantee even when administered by laymen. In the leading cattle counties in this State a greater number are vaccinated by the laymen than by veterinarians.

In view of the above I believe there is no action I can take at this time.

Yours very truly,

  
Director

HU:H



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May 20th,  
1922.

Dr. B. T. Crowley,  
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th will say  
that I am asking Dean Umberger to advise the  
county agent of Wilson county concerning his  
lines of duty in your community.

Yours very truly,  
apb-waa

Deputy.



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B. T. CR WLEY, D. V. S.

Fredonia, Kansas,

May -14-

1922

Mr. J. H. Mercer  
Topeka  
Kan.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing a page from the last issue of the Wilson Co. Citizen, which is published in this city.

In column five, on page five I have marked an item which states that Mr. C. V. Granfield had been in the neighborhood, vaccinating calves.

Mr. Granfield lives in Fredonia, and is game agent for Wilson County. And in his capacity as such, I have the kindest feeling for him, and I think he may have some ability in that line of endeavor. However, as a quack Veterinarian I can only have a feeling of contempt for him.

And I wish to ask you Mr. Mercer, to write him, directing him to confine his efforts to the job for which he was hired. And to stop all vaccinating of any kind, or peddling of vaccines



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B. T. CROWLEY, D. V. S.

Fredonia, Kansas,

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serums, etc. And to not meddle with Veterinary affairs for he is entirely lacking in knowledge along that line.

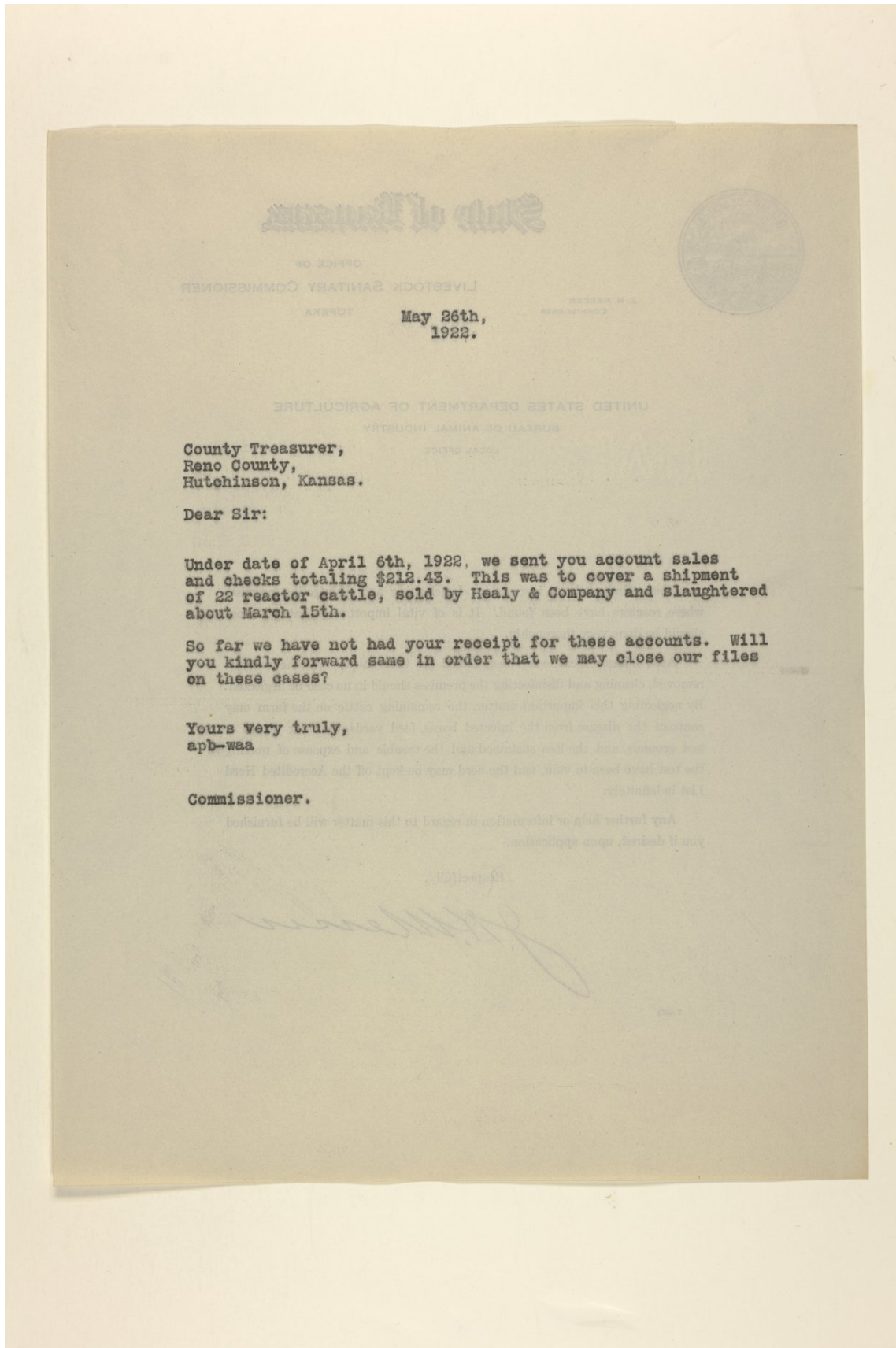
A few years ago we had in this county, a farm agent whose greatest ambition was to vaccinate every calf and pig in the county. at the regulation price plus his salary, expenses, etc.

He was finally reported to you, and after receiving your letter. he became a much better farm agent. And I wish here and now. to thank you for writing him.

And I hope that equally good results may be obtained in the case of Mr. C. O. Graefield.

Yours Very Truly  
B. T. Crowley

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County Treasurer,  
Reno County,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Under date of April 6th, 1922, we sent you account sales and checks totaling \$212.43. This was to cover a shipment of 22 reactor cattle, sold by Healy & Company and slaughtered about March 15th.

So far we have not had your receipt for these accounts. Will you kindly forward same in order that we may close our files on these cases?

Yours very truly,  
apb-waa

Commissioner.



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### State of Kansas

J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF  
LIVESTOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY  
LOCAL OFFICE

DEAR SIR:

Please find enclosed instructions for cleaning and disinfecting premises where reactors have been found. It is of vital importance that this work should be done very thoroughly.

After a herd of cattle has been tested for tuberculosis and the reactors removed, cleaning and disinfecting the premises should in no case be neglected. By neglecting this important matter, the remaining cattle on the farm may contract the disease from the infected barns, feed yards, watering places or bed grounds, and the loss sustained and the trouble and expense of making the test have been in vain, and the herd may be kept off the Accredited Herd List indefinitely.

Any further help or information in regard to this matter will be furnished you if desired, upon application.

Respectfully,

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Washington, D. C., June 5, 1922.

Mr. W. G. West,  
822 Kansas Avenue,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Little has been done with respect to our claims, as I wrote you last week. I am somewhat discouraged over the results of our efforts here in connection with these claims. However, they are of such importance to our people that I am going to stay here until we get action on them if it takes another month.

Soon after I arrived here I secure a hearing before the subcommittee of the claims committee of the House and got a favorable report from the subcommittee and I have appeared twice since before the entire claims committee of the House and have not been able yet to get any action on the part of the full committee, and I am not able to get a very definite understanding as to what the trouble might be. I am afraid politics are being played as they seem to be doing little else here now but playing politics. However, I can not see any political action with these claims in any way. The chairman of the committee of the House told me this morning that he believed that he would get the committee to take a vote at their meeting this coming Thursday, but he was not sure. He is in favor of the claims and is of the opinion that they will finally secure favorable report in the full committee. He thinks we had better delay the matter a while rather than have a minority report filed. So you see I am tied up here for several days yet.

I have had two letters from Daughters in the last day or two concerning Mr. Disher's advertising scheme for the association. I received a letter from him today wanting me to let him go ahead and advertise the scheme in the next issue of the Stockman. I just wrote him that I did not want to obligate myself for the expenditure of any money in connection with the association until the Board had passed on same. You can talk the over with him and if you think it is an emergency and that the scheme will fall through unless it is taken up right away you can call the Board of Directors together and have this man Disher come in and lay the matter before them, and whatever action they take will, of course, be all right. If it does not have to start right away, however, I would rather it would be held off until I get home. According to this contract it involves a considerable amount of money, and as I have told you before I was not going to guarantee any payments of money amounting to anything for the association. It is the Board's business to do this and of course they would have to borrow some money to meet any expenditures of any consequence at this time. I stated to Daughters if Disher did not think the time was long enough that the work could be carried over into the next year. So talk this over with Daughters, and if you decide that it should be attended to right away, go ahead and call the Board to meet any time that might suit your



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convenience. I would suggest that you phone Mr. Root and find out from him when he would prefer the meeting and where it would best be held. Should you have a Board meeting you could lay this matter before them as I know but little about it anyway, and explain it thoroughly so they will fully understand what the undertaking means.

It might be that if the claims committee takes favorable action on our bill here Thursday I would leave here Saturday and reach home the following Monday. I will keep you posted, however, by wire when I will leave for home.

I am returning the contract sent me by Daughters.

Very truly yours,

Inclosure.

