

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

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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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Woodston Kans
Route 2

J. H. Mercer,
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
State House
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir:—

I bought 3 head of Cattle
at Mr. Morrison's sale Oct 22-1925
two of which reacted positive to the
Blood test and one negative.

These cattle were placed with my
herd until first of Dec. when one
cow showed signs of aborting.
This cow was taken away from the
herd at this time about 12 hrs before
delivering a dead calf and kept
isolated from the ^{herd until} Feb 1st 1926
She being free from discharge

for some time before this she was again turned back with the herd. The other cow that showed a positive reaction has been with the herd all the time but she was not with calf but was bred to my bull.

The cow that proved negative has also been with the herd all the time and is due to calf in April.

I think I can make a settlement with Mr. Morrison if with the information I have given you you can release my herd for sale or trade.

Clifford M. Lomb
Woodstock
R. F. D. 2. Kansas

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February 12th, 1926.

Mr. W. K. Skinner,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant.

Since receiving your letter I have received a letter from Mr. W. H. Morrison of Stockton advising that he had made a settlement with Mr. Shearer and had taken the cattle Mr. Shearer purchased of him back to his farm and has requested that we make further investigation to determine whether or not the cattle in question are infected with the disease contagious abortion. As soon as we receive a list of the names of the purchasers of the Morrison cattle at his sale last October we will then send a representative of the department again to make a complete investigation of the entire situation.

We suggested to Mr. Shearer and also to Mr. Morrison that they adjust this matter by having Mr. Morrison take the cattle back and it is presumed they have reached a satisfactory settlement and according to Mr. Morrison's letter a satisfactory settlement was made. If not, and you have any further suggestions to make I would be mighty glad to have you write me.

Thanking you for your letter and with personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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W. R. SKINNER
LAWYER
STOCKTON, KANSAS

February 6, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:-

Walter Shearer of Stockton, Kansas was in to see me again yesterday in regard to his trouble with W. H. Morrison of this city concerning the purchase of several cows from him which were infected with abortion fever.

Mr. Shearer is very desirous of changing his location and he has been consulting with the County Attorney in regard to some action which has been about to be pending for some two or three months. I called the County Attorney yesterday and he informed me that some one from your office was expected here daily to assist in cleaning up this mess.

As I understand it Morrison sold about twenty-nine head of these cattle over Rooks and adjoining counties and as the County Attorney seems to be waiting on some action from your office I thought I would write you and ask if you were contemplating taking a hand in this matter, and if so, at what time you were going to start your investigation. Advise me just what you are going to do in this matter. In my judgment Morrison knew these cattle were all diseased at the time he had his sale. Whether or not that can be proved of course is a hard matter to determine. His actions indicate that he was informed as to what their trouble was.

With very kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

W. R. Skinner

WKS. JB

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February 12th, 1926.

Mr. W. H. Morrison,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant.

I am very glad that you and Mr. Shearer have adjusted the trouble by you taking the cattle he had purchased at your sale back to your farm.

In a former letter I requested that you give me a list of the purchasers of cattle at your October sale and as soon as I receive same I will arrange to have a very careful and thorough investigation made of all the cattle in question that you sold.

The disease contagious abortion is so mystifying and troublesome to determine and handle that it is difficult at this time to advise you as to just what to do but when we complete the investigation we will be in a position to suggest to you the plan to follow. In the mean time do not sell any of the cattle you have taken back from Mr. Shearer or any that might now be located on your farm where the original herd was located. I wish you would advise me also as to whether or not you had any abortion in the herd on your farm since your sale. We will give you all the aid possible in this matter. I might say that Mr. Shearer is the only one that has filed any complaint with this department and it may be that the other purchasers of cattle at your sale are not having any trouble.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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W.H. MORRISON
The Grain Plan
STOCKTON, KANSAS
Feb 6/26

J H Mercer, Com
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir :- Your letter came duly to hand reference to your decision or disposition of the matter. I wrote to Mr Pugh of Phillipsburg soliciting his list so that I may go to the others that bought and see what they doing and what condition the cattle are and get tests of all the ones he has not tested. I took the herd of Mr Shearer or arranged to remove them paying him for his cattle and satisfying him. I was surprised that the ^{test} proved contagious abortion for I sold off this mixed herd and lower grade promising my man on the farm to replace them in about half in number with some blooded stuff. I placed these right on the farm on the feeding lots and shelters and tramping through the old same manure so that if it be true that the herd I sold had contagious abortion I have placed my pure bred stuff in a fine position, if it be true that they will contract it from the feeding grounds and stables of the infected ones. What shall I do with my new stuff ? Kindly advise me. Also advise me what to do with the cattle taken back from Shearer if they are infected. Can I save them and how?

Sincerely yours
W H Morrison

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
February 4, 1926

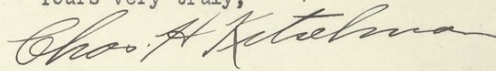
Hon. J. H. Mercer
State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Your letter has been referred to me by Dr. H. F. Lienhardt. I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Dr. J. Pugh of Phillipsburg, Kansas, under date of November 20, 1925. If there are any further questions regarding this report, I shall be very glad to answer them.

I am

Yours very truly,



Chas. H. Kitselman
Ass't Professor

CHK:GEC
enc.

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

November 20, 1925

Dr. J. Pugh
Phillipsburg, Kansas

Dear Doctor:

The blood samples which you recently sent to this laboratory have been subjected to the agglutination test for infectious abortion of cattle with the following results:

Sample No. 67 positive in dilution of 1-20.
Sample No. 63 positive in dilution of 1-80.
Sample No. 58 positive in dilution of 1-80.
Sample No. 62 positive in dilution of 1-80.
Sample No. 66 positive in dilution of 1-40.
Sample No. 16 positive in dilution of 1-40.
Sample No. 54 positive in dilution of 1-10.

Trusting to be of further service to you in the future, I am

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Kitselman
Ass't Professor

CHK:GEC



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Phillipsburg Kansas.
Feb. 4th; 1926.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State Live Stock Comm.
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter recieved this A.M.

On Nov. 16th-1925 I recieved a call from Mr. W. A. Shearer of Stocton Kansas asking me if i would take a blood test of his cattle to find out if they had abortion, up on my arrival at his place he told me he had bought them at a public sale, After I had taken the blood from each animal he showed me a letter from Mr. W. H. Morrison also a box of pattened medicine with directins as to which cows to feed it to.

I told Mr. Sherer I did not think the medicine would do much good in case he intended to have trouble of any kind with Mr. Morrison to file the letter and the medicine away for future evädence, and wait and see what the results of the blood test will be.

Copy of the report from the State agriculture College Nov, 20th. 1925.

Dr. J. Pugh.

Phillipsburg Kansas.

Dear doctor:-

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Sample No. 66 positive in dilution of 1-40.

Sample No. 16 positive in dilution Of 1-40.

Sample No. 54 positive in dilution of 1-10.

Trusting to be of further service to you in the future,

I Am

Yours Very Truly,

Chas. H. Kitselman
Ass't Professor,

Dr. J. Pugh,

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Mr. Albert Albright Stocton Kansas called me to his farm On Nov. 24th-1925, to take blood samples from two cows which I mailed to the college with the following results, Sample No. 14 has reacted positive in dilution of 1-80.
Sample No. 53 has reacted positive in dilution of 1-80.

On Saturday Dec. 12th-1925, the county attorney of Stocton Kansas came to see me in regards to these cattle that Mr. Morrison sold at his sale. He said he was on his way to Topeka and I advised him to call and see you which he informed me he would while here he told me to go to Mr. Cliff McComb Stocton Kansas. and take blood samples of three cows purchased at the Morrison sale.

Reports from the College. Dec. 17th-1925,
Samples No. 57 and 61 were positive in dilution of 1-80.
Sample negative 68.

Dec. 13th-1925.

Sample of blood taken from F.W. Miurs cow Stocton Kans.

Lab, test negative.

Dr. J. Dugh,

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February 3rd, 1928.

Mr. W. H. Morrison,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo.

We could not advise you as to what steps to take with respect to the controversy existing between yourself and Mr. Shearer as relating to the condition of 7 head of dairy cattle he purchased at your sale October 22nd, 1925, as probably being infected with contagious abortion. We have no report of any investigation of any of the cattle in question, nor have we authorized an investigation as yet. This matter was investigated because of a letter received from Mr. Shearer advising the he had called Dr. Pugh of Phillipsburg and that Dr. Pugh had pronounced the trouble with his cattle contagious abortion and that his diagnosis had been confirmed by laboratory analysis at the Agricultural College and that you had sent him literature also with respect to treatment of contagious abortion.

Under the circumstances it will be necessary for us now to go ahead and make a further investigation. I am writing to Dr. Pugh requesting he give me a report on his investigation of the Shearer herd of cattle and also to the Agricultural College for their laboratory report and when I receive this report then I will decide upon a course of further investigation. In the mean time any arrangements you and Mr. Shearer make with respect to the adjusting of this trouble will be all right so far as this department is concerned. I might add also that there will be no trouble about Mr. Shearer keeping the cattle in question and moving them to another farm. If we determine, however, that the cattle were infected with contagious abortion it will be necessary for him to clean

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and disinfect the corrals and sheds where he has kept these cattle on the farm which he is leaving.

It would be all right if you wish to call Dr. Bright in to confer with you and Mr. Shearer. From the fact, however, the disease contagious abortion is so mystifying and so many different opinions on the part of those making scientific research in connection with the disease makes it of that nature that we would want to conduct our own investigation of this entire transaction.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Shearer.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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February 3rd, 1926.

Dr. H. F. Lienhardt, Head,
Department of Pathology,
State Agricultural College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Sometime in November, 1925, Dr. J. Pugh of Phillipsburg sent contagious abortion specimens taken from a herd of cattle belonging to one W. A. Shearer of Stockton, Kansas, to the laboratory at Manhattan. On or about November 20th a report was rendered confirming Dr. Pugh's diagnosis of contagious abortion. Will you please look through your records and send me a copy of the report in question?

Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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February 3rd, 1926.

Dr. J. Pugh,
Phillipsburg, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I have a letter from W. A. Shearer of Stockton advising that sometime ago he had called you to make an investigation of his dairy cattle, some of which he had purchased from one W. H. Morrison of Stockton, and that you had advised him the cattle were infected with contagious abortion; that you had sent specimens from the cows in question to the laboratory of the State Agricultural College and they had confirmed their diagnosis in their report to you.

Will you please advise me as to your investigation and also furnish me a copy of the report from the college if you have same.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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W.H. MORRISON

The Grain Plan
STOCKTON, KANSAS

Jan 29/26

J H Mercer Commissioner
Topeka, Kans

Dear Sir :- Yours of the 27th inst came to hand yesterday and I called the veterinarian from Plainville Mr A W Bright who seems to be the most trustworthy man in this part of the state and laid the matter before him. This is surely a sorry deal and it is a sad one for me for not knowing the cows had contagious abortion I have placed on my place some registered cows and a registered bull and had 16 yearling heifers left there making thirty head of she stuff and a bull and took no precautions to protect them from any abortion. Never disinfected at all and have fed them in the same lot and in the same bldgs as the cows sold off the place. What shall I do to save this fine herd if the cows taken off had contagious abortion? Also what course shall I pursue to protect the men who bought the cows at my sale? While I was entirely innocent if this sale, the purchasers were innocent also and what is the cheapest way to reimburse them for the loss they may have or would sustain by buying them? I would rather lose the whole herd than to have any else lose on my account. Would you think it best to authorize Dr Bright to go with me to each purchaser and talk over the conditions and arrange with them all for settlement on a basis equitable. This is a sad note for me for I placed the valuable cows on my place so densely ignorant that I am liable to lose all those and now to take back or settle with the purchasers of my former herd I will be broke. But while I am satisfied I could so far as the law is concerned not be out a cent still I would rather shoot the whole business than wrong another man or have him feel that I wronged him. The trouble is no matter what I do whether I make a perfectly satisfactory settlement with the purchasers the rabble will throw mud and are throwing mud so as to make me out as willfully trying to impose on the purchasers contagious abortion. This why I want you to state to Dr Bright that he shall represent you and go with me to each man and talk it all over with each one the matter in an intelligently manner. Would you also tell me if I can save them as well as my herd now on the place? Dr Bright living so near would be very helpful and I think very willing to assist me but is there any salvation for the cows that were in the former herd as well as the cows now left on the place? I surely would appreciate the advice you are able to render and feel that the state can assist me to eliminate all such disease. I would not have sold a hoof if I had thought there was contagion existing. It may not be so but it seems that Dr Pugh made an examination of some and claims there is such a disease among some. Kindly let me know by return mail and if you feel that Dr Bright of Plainville is worthy of your confidence instruct him to go with me and we will stamp out the disease at once.

Sincerely yours

W H Morrison

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January 27th, 1926.

Mr. Walter A. Shearer,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant and also to Dr. Christenson's report of his recent investigation in your locality. I am enclosing you copy of a letter written to W. H. Morrison of Stockton which is self-explanatory.

I hope that after you have read this over that you will confer with Mr. Morris and try and adjust this matter so far as it relates to your business transaction and write me the results of your conference.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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January 27th, 1926.

Mr. W. H. Morrison,
Stockton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

In accordance with a letter received a short time ago from Walter A. Shearer I sent Dr. R. B. Christenson, veterinary representative of this department to make an investigation and inquire with respect to conditions in herd of cattle belonging to Mr. Shearer. The report and records show that Mr. Shearer purchased at your public sale at Plainville, October 22, 1925, 7 head of dairy cattle and that he has had some trouble with the cows in question in the way of losing their calves etc., and that he had the matter up with you and you had advised him with respect to certain treatment for contagious abortion. The report also shows that one Dr. Pugh of Phillipsburg had been called in to investigate the case and he pronounced the trouble contagious abortion and sent certain specimen to the laboratory department at the Agricultural College and their findings diagnosed the trouble as contagious abortion. Report further shows that several head of cattle were sold at this sale but no report of complaint has been filed in this office by other purchasers of dairy cattle as your October sale. Therefore, before we can make a complete investigation of this matter it will be necessary for us to have the names of purchasers of cattle sold at your October 22, 1925, sale. I would be pleased to have you send me test record at your very earliest convenience.

According to Mr. Shearer's letter and Dr. Christenson's report Mr. Shearer seems to be willing to try and adjust this matter with you providing you would be willing to do so. Please advise us as to this.

However, it is not incumbent upon us to undertake to settle disputed matters as between neighbors with respect to the sale of livestock of any kind but we are always willing to try and assist in the adjustment of disputed

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questions. In this connection, I believe that you and Mr. Shearer should confer and see as to whether or not a satisfactory understanding could be made as between yourselves. Let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

I am sending copy of this letter to Mr. Shearer.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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THE TORRINGTON COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1866
INTER-BRANCH CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE AT *Stockton Kans.* DATE *Jan 12 1926*

To *Kansas State live stock Commission*

SUBJECT: *Lopeka, Kansas.*

Dear Sirs

I am writing you a line today in regard to some guernsey cattle, I purchased from *W. H. Morrison at near Plainville on Oct-22-1925*. Morrisons public sale which were represented to be T. B. tested and all right in every way. I later got a tip from a friend that they had Contagious Abortion. Well I called Dr Pugh of Phillipsburg Kans and got a test which proved positive in every case. Now these cattle were scattered widely over Rooks & Ellis Counties and my case as well as several others are in the hands of J. B. Wisley County attorney of Rooks County and has been since about the first of Dec

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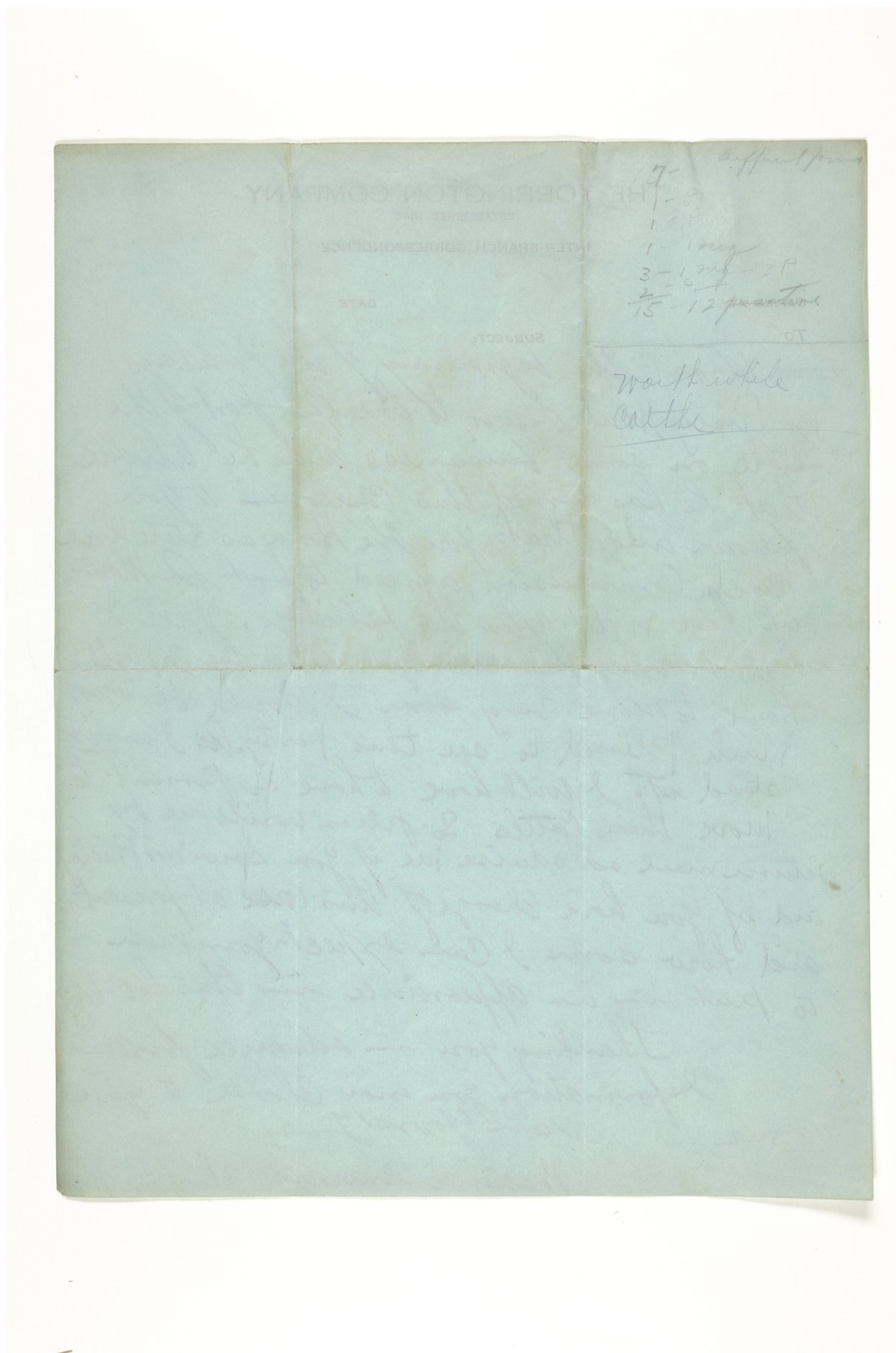
THE TORRINGTON COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1866
INTER-BRANCH CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE AT _____ DATE _____

TO _____ SUBJECT: _____

*and About the beginning of the Holidays
Mr Bisley went down to the east part of the
State on some business and he tells me
that he has turned this case over to you
fellows and that you the Kansas State live
stock Commission agreed to put a man
up here right after the Holidays. Well I
haven't seen this man yet. And as I will
have to move very soon I would be very
much pleased to see this party. As I under
stand it. I will have to have a permit to
move these cattle. So please write me by
return mail and advise me if you saw Mr Bisley
and if you have charge of this case at present
and how soon I can expect your man
to put in an appearance in this locality.
Thanking you in advance for any
information you may choose to give
me
I am yours Truly
Walter A Shearer Stockton Kansas*

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Topeka Kansas
Jan 22, 1926

Mr J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Commissioner,
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Following is a report of my investigation
in the W. H. Morrison, J. B. Bishy and Walter A. Shearer case at
Stockton.

I talked with Mr Morrison first and he pretended to know
nothing about the case and was very much disturbed
when told why I had called on him.

Mr Morrison said he had 8 dairy cattle Oct 22nd. These
cattle were on his farm near Plainville. He said that
Mr Shearer had called on him and advised him that some
of the cattle were not doing just right and to their condition
He wrote Mr Shearer a letter advising him to call at the
office and get some medicine that he had secured and to
give some to the cattle and that it was guaranteed if
given according to instructions. He states that the man
on his farm had not given the cattle very good care and as
result, they had not raised many calves last year, so he -

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

decided to sell the cattle. He states also that after Mr Shear received the medicine that he had not heard from Mr Shear and did not know the cattle were not giving complete satisfaction.

Mr Morrison has a possession note on the cattle and a mortgage on some corn as security on the note.

He handed me a lot of literature on contagious abortion from The Sunnyside Farms at Bucktail Neb. and asked my opinion on same. He quoted a man in White City to whom he had written in regard to contagious abortion.

Mr Morrison stated that he guessed he had pulled a "bone-head" when he gave Mr Shear the medicine.

Mr Shear states that he purchased seven head of cattle at the public sale held by W. H. Morrison on his farm near Plainville Oct 2nd 1925. He purchased these cattle as good healthy breeding cattle, that the calving date of six of them was given the day of the sale, one of them was purchased as an "open cow". A short time after he had moved the cattle home, four of them proved

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

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LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

not to be with calf by coming in heat, while one
lost a calf that he judged to be 4 or 5 months old.

Mr Shaver took the matter up with Mr Morrison
and as a result Mr Morrison wrote Mr Shaver the
following letter Nov 13, 1925

Please call and get that antidote I spoke of as it has
come and I want you to get right at its use.

I wrap up the four packages for you and use it
on the following cases 58, 62, 66, and 63.

These packages are for preventative and are guaranteed
if directions are followed"

I saw all four packages of which Mr Shaver has
used none upon advice from the county attorney.

These packages were labeled. Stock gestation compound
It is manufactured by the Sunnyside Farms at Bucktail
Neb and is directed to be used on cattle where contagious
obstention exists.

The sale price of the seven cattle was \$22.00.

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COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

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The cow that aborted had a retained placental membrane, he had that removed at a cost of \$3.50
Dr Pugh was paid \$15.00 for making the test on the seven cattle for contagious abortion

Mr Shears has a copy of the letter written by Dr Keitzelman of the State Agricultural college, stating that all seven of the animals gave a positive reaction to the agglutination test for contagious abortion.

Tag number of cattle — positive in a diluted solution as follows

67	- 1-20
63	- 1-80
58	- 1-80
67??	- 1-80
66	- 1-40
16	- 1-40
54	- 1-10

Mr Shears will move from the farm and has been advised by the land-lord that he will have to clean and disinfect the premises before leaving.



J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Shrew said he had been advised by the county attorney not to move the cattle even to Mr. Morrison without a permit to do so from you as the law states that the movement of diseased animals upon the public highways is prohibited.

Mr. Shrew thinks Mr. Morrison should take the cattle back, release him of all obligations, and pay for the feed the cattle have consumed as well as the veterinarian's bills. He states that he owes \$1500.00 and has nothing to pay it with but expected the cattle to give him a profit on the feed, which he believes they would have done had they been as represented.

J. B. Risdy - county attorney gave me the following information.

Mr. Shrew came to him for advice after he had been advised as to the condition of his cattle.

He at once started an investigation. He found that Mr. Morrison had checked the sale and that a list of the cattle sold could not be secured but advised Mr. Pugh

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

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LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
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to test the 15 cattle that he was able to locate,
of the 15 cattle 13 gave a positive reaction to the test
for contagious abortion.

Mr Shaw having 7 positive out of 7 cattle

Cliff M^cCombs " 2 " " " 3 "

Albright Bros " 2 " " " 2 "

Two men at Plainville (the names he did not give) each
had 1 positive out of 1 cow each.

Julius Perry lost a calf. but the cow was not
tested when the others were as he did not know at
that time that Mr Perry had purchased cattle at the
Morison sale.

I called on the local printer and asked to see
one of Mr Morison's sale bills, which I looked over
and found that the cattle were advertised as a herd
of "north white dairy cattle", but were not advertised
as T. B. tested although they were sold as such as
Mr Morison stated he had had an accredited herd

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

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LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
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I believe the test was a bonified test since
Dr Kietzelman signed his name to the letter, that
Mr Morrison knew he was disposing of diseased
cattle or he would not know what kind of medicine
to give Mr Shaver, that Mr Morrison should be
made to pay for the test on the remainder of the cattle
sold at the sale and to take back all positive
reactors as well as to pay all just damages.

Very Truly
R.B. Christensen

Mr Morrison indicated that he would act according to your
advice. I advised all three parties that you would write them.

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THE TORRINGTON COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1866
INTER-BRANCH CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE AT _____ DATE *Mon Feb 1-26*

TO *Five stock Sanitary Commission* SUBJECT: _____
Topeka Kans.

Mr J. H. Mercer,

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of Jan 27-1926 I will say that I met and conferred with Mr H H Morrison of Stockton Ks, and he informs me, that he had written you requesting you to send or appoint some reliable responsible party to come out here and make such adjustments as conditions and evidence warrants. That suits me fine. I am a disinterested party and could perform this act without infringing upon either Mr Morrison or my self. And both of us would be better satisfied

Yours Truly
Walter A. Shearer
Stockton, Kansas.