

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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December 17, 1926

Dr. H. L. Pretz,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you with respect to a matter that was just brought to my attention in connection with your testing an animal belonging to one I. P. Norris, Junction City, Kansas. The records show that Dr. C. E. Zollinger tested this animal on or about October 15th and classed her as a reactor. Mr. Norris was notified accordingly and requested to write us as to his wish in regard to the disposition of the animal in question, under the rules of the department, to which we have received no reply. The record shows further that you retested this cow on or about November 1st and passed her as a clean animal.

The notation you made on your chart was not noticed at the time and in looking up the record of this animal, we noticed that you had made the retest at Mr. Norris' request. Of course you should not have retested this animal without authority from this office to do so. There is no record in this office, either from Mr. Norris or from Dr. Zollinger, as to an accurate test in the first place.

I am calling this matter to your attention for the reason that it complicated matters and requires us to proceed in an arbitrary way in disposing of reactor cattle when perhaps, in the mind of the owner, the action is wrong. I also suppose you charged Mr. Norris for your services. You surely know this animal was under the jurisdiction of this department and was subject to the orders of this department and could not be handled or interfered with in any way without violating the law.

I am sending a representative of this department to investigate the matter and arrange for the disposition of the animal in question, unless it can be shown that there was some mistake made in the first test.

Please let me hear from you by return mail, giving me a complete history of this case of this entire transaction.

Very truly,

JHM:CHZ

Commissioner.



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TUBERCULIN TEST RECORD

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COMMISSIONER

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LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

October 15, 1926.

Mr. I. P. Norris,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of tuberculin test report on your cattle and note that one animal reacted to the test applied by Doctor C. E. Zollinger.

No statement is made as to how you will dispose of this animal. For your information we are enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations of this department and call your attention to Sec. 34, page 20, which outlines methods whereby animals that react to the test may be disposed of. You will note that an owner may either sell his reactor for immediate slaughter under direction of this department and subject to post-mortem examination, or he may have same appraised and turn it over to the county and the state for disposition. Under the first option the owner receives net proceeds arising from the sale, while in the latter instance the county pays him one-half the amount at which the animal is appraised by the appraising board.

Kindly write us as to how you choose to dispose of this reactor. In the meantime you will not sell nor dispose of the animal nor of any of her dairy products.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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TOPEKA

Mr J. H. Mercer.
Topeka, Kans.

Wichita, Kans.
Feb 1-1927.

Dear Mr Mercer.

Find enclosed inspection report of the Merrill cattle at Abilene and will say they are quite badly infected with manges and will be treated in the course of ten days or two weeks if weather permits Mr Merrill to build his vat.

Merrill bought said cattle of Geo Schaefer of Boyers, Colo. about Oct 28-1926 and said were shipped with bill of health at that time.

He also says he noticed something wrong with the cattle about six weeks ago. He is to build a water reservoir that will hold about 2500 ~~gal~~ gal and will dip in it making 6 ft x 6 ft x 10 ft and I think we can dip in it all right.

I also inspected 162 head fat steers for Howard Ward of Abilene that came from about same locality in Colorado but found nothing on his cattle.

He said he had written you a day or two ago asking for an inspection on same so that has been taken care



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of, and the probability is that when I
am back there working the Merrill
cattle will see some more as there
is a number of feeders and stockers
in that part and I understand the
large portion are Colo cattle -
Dr Barnhardt called me this morning
and says a man named, S. A. Ocker
of Kechi has 300 head of sheep infected
with mange and wants to dip soon
so I will try and get in touch with
him today and make future plans -
I think will go to Arkansas City tomorrow
and dip those sheep and also try and
get to the Rose Hill cattle next day -
May get to go to Kechi about Friday and dip
those sheep -

Hoping this sort of arrangement meets
with your approval I beg to remain
Yours Very Truly.

P.S. I do not see any
quing date just now
that we could spare a
week in Meade Co to do
some P. B. Testing until we
get this mange situation under control -

B. C. Harrison
315 E Waterman
Wichita

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February 3, 1927

Dr. B. C. Harrison,
315 E. Waterman,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

I wish you would go to Barnes, Kansas, in Clay county, and inspect a herd of cattle belonging to O. F. Oberhelman. Mr. Oberhelman has 31 head of cattle on full feed and recently had a carload at the Kansas City market which were found to be infected with scabies. He wants to ship these cattle as soon as possible, so please make a special effort to get up to his place right away.

On your way back from Barnes, go by the way of Emporia and call at the John Loomis farm near Emporia, known as the Highland Stock Farm. Mr. Loomis has several head of cattle in his feed lot and some out of the same feed lot were caught at the Kansas City market to be infected with scab. He wants to ship about 50 head more but of course cannot do so until they are inspected and treated or at least inspected and turned loose from the quarantine.

I have written both Mr. Loomis and Mr. Oberhelman that you would be at their place within the next few days.

Very truly,

Commissioner.

JHM:CHZ

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College Park, Maryland.
February 5, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Thank you for your very cordial letter of January 28, in reply to my letter of a previous date relative to my securing work on the testing program in Harper County. When I wrote to you I was of the impression that the work would not start there so soon but I note that you plan to start at once. I am planning to return to Kansas in the spring and I presume by that time that the work will be completed in Harper county. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to take part in this work, but wish to thank you for your offer to give me a portion of this work if I were there at the time. Let me also thank you for your statement regarding the requests that you have had from the Northern part of Harvey county, for a veterinarian. When I return to the State I will investigate the possibilities there.

I am very anxious to investigate possible locations in Kansas and later on I will no doubt write to you to see if you have any requests for veterinarians, and will surely appreciate learning of such places as you may be able to suggest.

Thanking you for the information you have given me, I remain

Very truly yours,

John W. Van Vliet
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January 28, 1927

John W. Van Vliet,
College Park, Md.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant.

We are planning to start the tuberculosis county area work in Harper county February 7th. There will be a little preliminary work done next week. We are starting out with four veterinarians in Harper county and will likely send more later on--the larger the number of veterinarians, the sooner the work is done; in any event the county area testing in Harper county will not exceed four to six weeks.

This department employs accredited veterinarians to do the area work, either by the day or allot them a given territory and pay them for the number of cattle tested. The law specifies what we can pay per day, which is \$5.00 and traveling and living expenses of the veterinarian while engaged in the work. When we allot a territory to a local veterinarian, he is never given a territory less than a township, and we pay him on the basis of 13¢ per head for the number of cattle tested. So far, all the local veterinarians in the counties where the work has been going on have taken part. While the price per head is not large, yet quite a number of local veterinarians have made as high as \$450 to \$500 per month. A great many of them work only two to four days a week and the rest of the time devote to their local practice.

Should you make up your mind to go to Harper county, I see no reason why we could not arrange to have you take part in the work upon your arrival. All that you need to do is to write to Dr. J. R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau, B. A. I. and have him write me that you were registered as an accredited veterinarian under the Federal requirements, and when you reach Kansas, make application to the State Veterinary Board for the renewal of your license and you could start the work any time thereafter.

I believe either Anthony or Harper would be a very good place for a wide-awake, active veterinarian. We have had requests from live stock owners living in the Northern part of Harvey county for a good veterinarian. I believe that this would be a very good place for a location, however I do not know that it would be any better than Harper county.

Very truly,

JHM:CHZ

Commissioner



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College Park, Maryland
January 21, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I am thinking of locating in Harper County Kansas for the purpose of practicing Veterinary Medicine, and have been corresponding with Mr. E.H.Aicher, County Agent of Harper County on this subject. Mr. Aicher is of the opinion that there is an excellent opening for a graduate Veterinarian in either Anthony or Harper. I am very much interested in the possibilities there and it is quite likely that I will consider one of the towns mentioned as a location in which to practice my profession. Mr Aicher advised me further that work will soon start in the testing of cattle to make the area mentioned a Tuberculosis Free Area, and that it is the policy of the Livestock Sanitary Board to employ the local practitioners in this work when it is possible to do so.

If I locate in the County it will be a big help to me if I could be employed in this work, so will you please advise me just when you plan to start in Harper County, and if I should locate there before the work starts, or plan to be there when it starts, will you give me employment in this work. If you can give me employment, about how long do you think the work will last and what compensation would I receive? I surely hope that it will be possible for me to secure a portion of this work as it will be of such material advantage. I will have an excellent opportunity to meet the farmers and at the same time have an assured income for the first several months. If I could count on this work I will plan to come to the County at once.

I am a graduate of the Veterinary Division of the Kansas State Agricultural College, class of 1922. I have had experience in practice and have done quite a lot of tubercular testing. I am licensed to practice in Kansas, tho I have not kept my license in force in the State during the past several years. I plan to apply to be reinstated, which I understand is done by making proper application and the payment of the fee specified in such cases. I have taken the examination and have been and am accredited by the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry to do accredited testing. You will probably not have record of this in your office as I took the examination in South Dakota. I am thus not accredited in Kansas, tho I presume that I will be granted such accredited status in the state by making proper application to your office.

I will surely appreciate your consideration of my request, as I wish to return to Kansas and want to locate in either Anthony or Harper in Harper County. If you will give me employment in the testing in this area I can return at once as I will be assured of the immediate income, otherwise I will probably find it necessary to wait a time until I increase my capital sufficient to tide me over the first several months right at the start.

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While I have stated that I am especially interested in locating in Harper County, it has just occurred to me that you may know of some good location in the state that would be better than the one I have mentioned. If you do happen to know of such a location I will surely appreciate it if you will give me the information. Harper County looks good to me tho and especially if I can get some of the testing work to do. Mr Alcher said that you planned to start there very soon. I can easily arrange to be there when the work starts tho, unless of course you start within the next several days.

I will be very glad to hear from you and will surely be pleased if I can locate there and plan on the testing work.

Very truly yours,

John W. Van Vliet J.W.V.
John W. Van Vliet



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TOPEKA

Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka, Kans.

Wichita Kans
Feb 6th 1927

Dear Mr Mercer:

Yours of the 4th just at hand and will start on my trip as outlined by you in the morning, will try and be in Topeka Wednesday or Thursday if possible. Enclosed find dipping reports on the two bands of sheep -

The Keefe and Owen sheep were bought of B. C. Culp of Lamar, Colo. in March 1926 and that is the same party that sold the sheep to Cunningham Bros. at Strong City that had scab last summer, and looks as though he was peddling scabby sheep to us -

The S. A. Ocker band near Keeler, Kans. were bought of a trader in the yards at Okla City with the exception of five bucks bought of C. M. Fishers near Wichita whose sheep were found with scab some little time ago and dipped and Mr Ocker says the bucks were the first to show it and from appearances I suspect he is right as they show to be much more infected than they ever do.

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I will try and go to Barnes tomorrow but
dout think I can get to Barnes until the
next morning and go from there to Maryville
and then to Topeka and stop off there and
come to the office.

Trusting this is satisfactory I beg to remain

Yours Truly.

B. C. Harrison
315 E Waterman St.
Wichita Kans.

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Hutchinson Ks
2-8-27

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

Dear Sir:

Following is a report of my official activities
for the week ending Sep 5th.

Mon, Tues. Wed and Sat area work in Reno county.
Thurs and Fri conferring with Dr Johnson of Harper in regard
to testing cattle in Harper county.

The following townships will be to finish after Sat Sep 2nd
Sumner and Valley. assigned to Dr. Hartman with some work
started in Valley.

Reno - Dr Riley; Grant - Dr Lyons; Enterprise - Dr Carr
North Hayes - Dr Cutthbertson; Howe - Dr. Saff with township
over half finished.

North Hayes, Osborn, Langdon, Medora, part of Bell
and the Census in the city of Hutchinson.

The townships that will be finished Sat Sep 12 are - Lybourn,
Miami, Hunterville, Walnut, Medford, Westminster,
Arlington, Loda, Roscoe, Troy, Center, Salt Creek, Lincoln
Castleton, Albion, Minnesook, Yoder, Clay, Little River
and Hoxen.

I will return to Topeka Sat morning unless I receive
other instructions

Very Respectfully
R. C. Christensen



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J. H. Mercer - Com.
Dear Sir -

Feb 7, '27.

This date I drove to Whitney, Kansas and appraised three head of registered Angus cattle for Batheope & Andrews. I took with me Dave Gray of the Kansas Stockman who was present when the appraisement was made and to whom you can refer should any future questions arise.

Mr. Batheope was not at all pleased with the appraisement, one bull for \$250, another bull for \$150 and the cow for \$250. He said he had just refused a bonafide offer for the best bull for \$650 and that he paid \$450 for the cow.



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as a yearling. Consequently his prices were high, I advised him it was not practical to appraise reactors at speculative values and if these cattle were as valuable as he claimed he could hold the cow, now heavy in calf until fresh and could also segregate bull and use him thus being able to derive some benefit from the breeding value of these cattle that would be impossible for the county or government to realize.

He finally signed the appraisement but with a considerable discount. The commissioner thought the price too high but signed in order to close up the deal.

The cattle were not tagged and it



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was impossible to do so when we were there and no help as they were wild. I left the tags ~~was~~ and flyers with Mr. Dalichoff who agreed to lay them as per the numbers on apprehensment when the cattle were caught to ship.

These were exceptionally fine cattle but I feel the apprehensment was fast.

Mr. Dalichoff says he intends to sell the entire herd soon and would like an individual health certificate for each animal. I told him I would notify you of his request and that possibly you could give him a blanket certificate that would cover all.

Respectfully,
J. H. Mercer

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February 9, 1927

Dr. A. E. Titus,
Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

I have your letter of the 8th instant with respect to the cat found to be infected with rabies at the George Miller home.

The only act this department takes with respect to the control of rabies is to establish a quarantine covering a described area from 40 to 60 days which requires that all owners of dogs keep them muzzled and tied up for the given period of time as outlined in the quarantine notice. It is suggested that should there be any development of rabies in dogs in the locality near Mr. Miller's, that you advise us and we will make an investigation and if necessary establish a quarantine.

While we would not be able to effectively quarantine cats, yet it is suggested that the people in the locality be advised to be careful and keep watch on the house cats and if they find any that are acting strange to kill them.

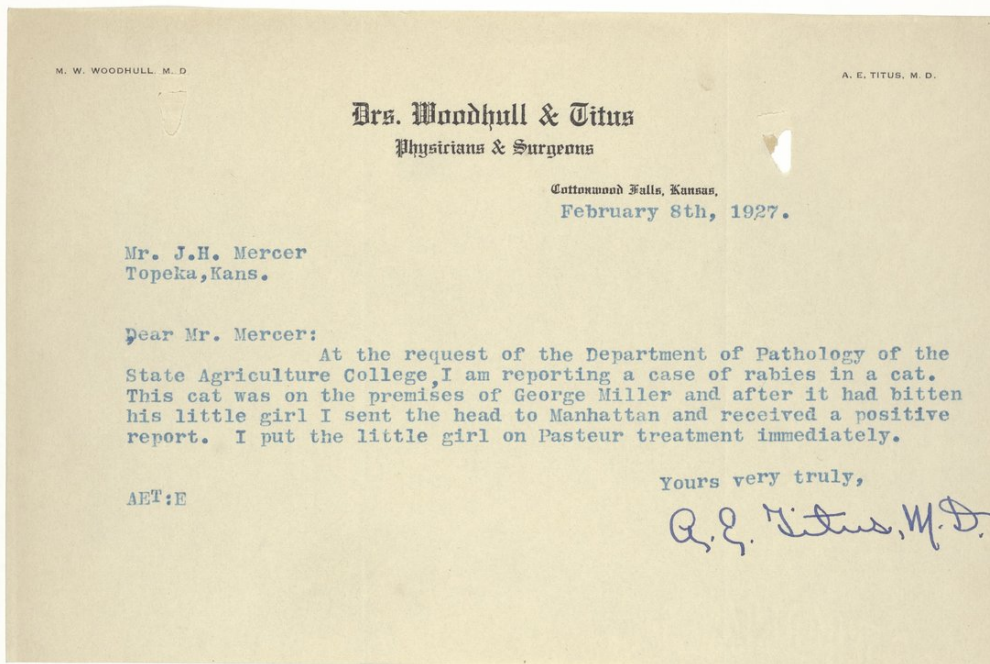
Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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February 17, 1927.

Honorable William Schoen,
Chairman, House and Means Committee,
Building.

Dear Mr. Schoen:

I am handing herewith budget for the live stock sanitary commissioner's department. Also copy of letter to Honorable W. A. Turner, director of the budget, under date of October 14, and copy of another letter to Mr. Turner under date of January 27th, 1926, which explain themselves.

In our October letter to the budget director, request was made for a hearing; provided he could not approve our budget as submitted. We were assured that a hearing would be granted in case the full amounts were not to be recommended by the director. When the budget director's recommendations were made public and our amounts were not included as submitted, we wrote the director. In response to our letter of January 27th, Mr. Turner came to our office and stated that the matter of giving us hearing on the budget of the department, was overlooked and that he would be glad to explain it to you or to a sub-committee which you might send to confer with him.

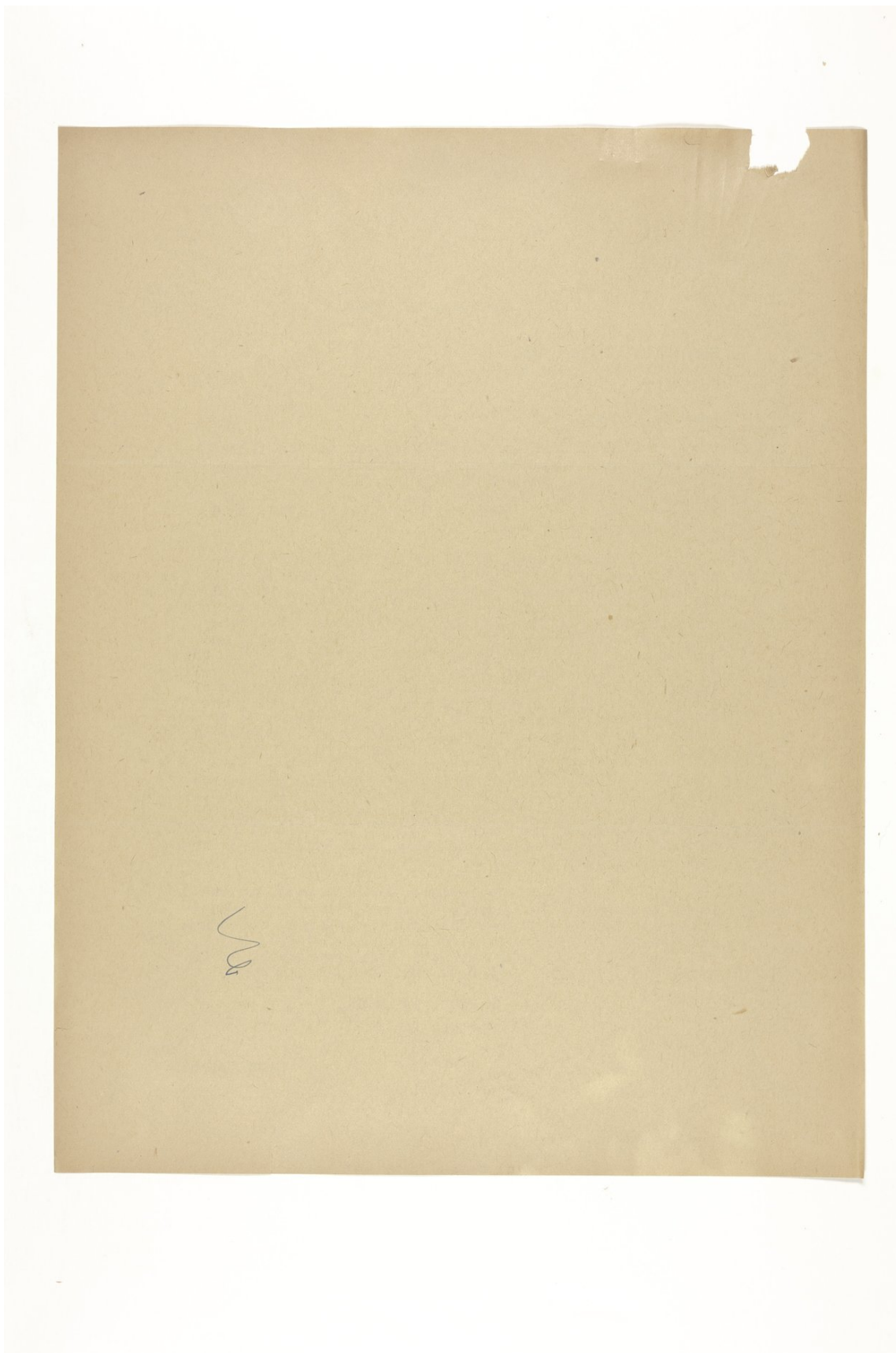
I dislike to weary you with detailed records. However we have a large number of petitions with several thousands of names in the office, that we are ready to submit to you, if you deem it advisable. We feel it would be best for you to send a sub-committee to look over these records, as they are extensive.

I realize the demands that are made for state funds to conduct the state's business, therefore reluctantly ask for an increase for this department, but since our demands come from farmers and owners of live stock, and the work cannot be done with the funds available, it is necessary for us to appeal to you for this increase.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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C O P Y

January 27, 1927

Hon. N. A. Turner,
Budget Director,
Building.

Dear Mr. Turner:

We have petitions, signed by more than 85 per cent of the farmers, dairymen, and pure bred breeders of live stock, from about one-half of the counties in the state, petitioning for the county wide area tuberculosis work, which will be impossible for the department to comply with, with the funds available and the funds recommended by you on page 102 of the Budget Report.

When the budget of this department was submitted to you, it was understood that, should you not feel disposed to approve the budget submitted, that we were to be notified. Not receiving any information otherwise, it was supposed the budget of the department has been approved as submitted. It is noted however, that it was not, therefore the only course we can take is to ask the legislature for the needed funds. We dislike to do this in the face of the budget director's recommendation. I feel sure however, had we been given an opportunity to explain the demand for the increased appropriation set out in the budget of the department, you would have approved same. Therefore, under the circumstances, we would appreciate your suggestions and advice as to how this should be presented to the legislature.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt consideration of this matter, I am

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C O P Y

Topeka, Kansas.
October 14, 1926

Hon. N. A. Turner,
Director of the Budget,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, I am herewith submitting budget for this department for the biennial period ending June 30, 1929. The request for appropriations for the department as set out in this budget contains the same items as were submitted to you as State Auditor under date of November 25, 1924.

The general appropriation for the department asked for in the budget, including the Commissioner's and Chief Clerk's salaries and the \$25,000 item, is the same as has been appropriated by the legislature for the use of the department for the past seven years. While the \$25,000 fund has not at all been adequate to meet the demands for expenditure, yet it is sufficient under normal conditions.

The reason for the special appropriation for modified area and accredited herd tuberculosis work is briefly stated as follows:

Because of nation-wide demand, especially from breeders and dairymen, as well as from state and municipal authorities, campaigns of intensified tuberculin testing have been and are being waged in all the states to eradicate tuberculosis. Not only are these campaigns being prosecuted because of an economic reason, in order to reduce animal losses, but also in order to protect the health of the people.

It has been decided from experiments and research work that the most efficient and in the end most economical method of combating bovine tuberculosis is by the accredited herd and modified area plan and the United States Bureau of Animal Industry is following a program of tuberculosis eradication in Kansas, as in all other states, upon a cooperative basis with the various states. Therefore, it is for the best interests of the live stock breeders, feeders and dairymen, as well as for the health of our people, that this cooperative work with the United States government be continued in Kansas.

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