

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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805 Live Stock Exchange Kansas City, Missouri January 1929

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

Dear Sir:

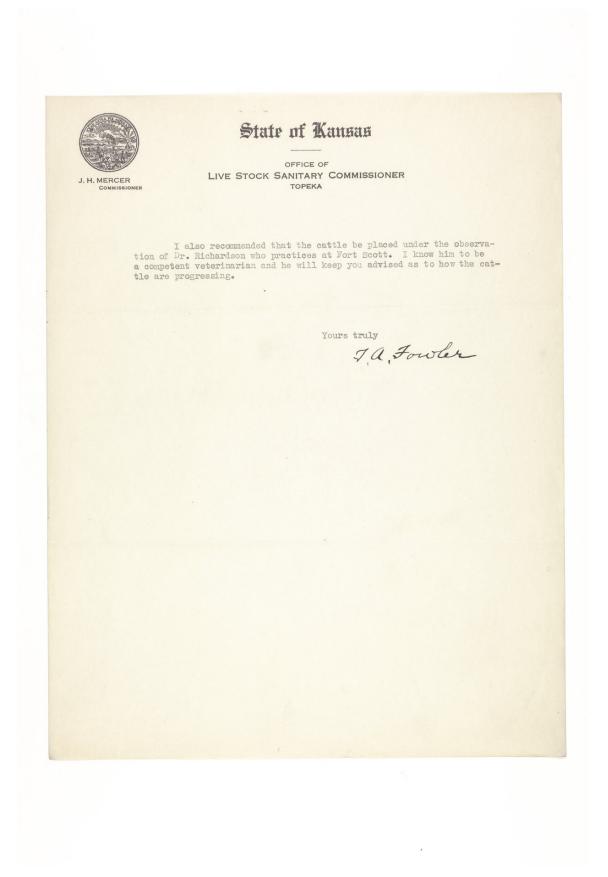
Complying with instructions received from you on January 11, by telephone, I proceeded to Blue Mound, Kansas, on January 12, 1929, to investigate cattle owned by R. R. Mitchell. In company with Mr. W. J. Daley, (county agent) I went to Mr. Mitchell's farm. Mr. Mitchell advised me that he purchased twenty-seven head of calves from Lenard Harmon, Salem, Kansas, and placed with forty head that he had on his farm making a total of sixty-seven head. Prior to buying the twenty-seven head his calves were all right. Since that time he has lost seventeen head, - the first dying about two and one-half months ago.

These cattle have been treated by Dr. McVay and vaccinated several times with Jen-Sal hemo bacterin. I performed a post mortem examination on one animal. This revealed the cause of the trouble which was pulmonary odema. In my opinion hemo bacterin is useless in a condition of this nature and I recommended using diphthroid bacterin which has heretofore given satisfactory results in such cases. I understand Mr. Harmon originally bought these cattle around Selma and Bush City and they did not originate at the stock yards. He also sold twelve head to another neighbor and out of that bunch one died.

From specimens obtained and brought back with me tape worms were found. I shall notify McVay to give treatment to eliminate the worms as these calves are in a very unthrifty condition. I might add that it is a very unusual thing to find tape worms in calves and are very rarely found in any cattle in this part of the country.

I then proceeded to Pawnee Station, Bourbon County, to investigate disease in cattle owned by A. D. Nance. I found that Mr. Nance has about seventy head of cattle which includes several milk cows, breeding cows, steers and calves. He has been having the same trouble for about three years, the disease suspending for awhile and then occurring again. I made a careful examination of these cattle and found bowel infection which is carried from one animal to another. The disease is known as coccidiosis. They have been treated with hemo bacterin, by Dr. Mike Warren. Mr. Nance has been feeding prairie hay and chops. I recommended a change of feed and the administration of iron and copper sulphate which I feel sure will correct the condition.







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Feb. 9, 1929

Honorable Ira A. Hill, Senate Chamber, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant.

I am quite familiar with the outbreak of Anaplasmosis in southeastern Kansas. There was considerable death loss in that section of the state in 1927 and an increaseagoutbreak of the disease and death loss during the year 1928. In September, 1928 we sent veterinary representatives of this department into southeastern Kansas with headquarters at Sedan, Chautauqua county. We found the disease so prevalent it was thought best to ask the assistance of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U.B. Department of Agriculture. A veterinary representative of the B.A.I. was sent to Sedan to co-operate with the state men in this work. Treatment was administered to infected cattle with beneficial results. However, it was not determined how this disease was carried from one animal to another.

Laboratory equipment was furnished representatives of the state and government at Sedan and experimental animals were purchased and an experiment has been conducted since the latter part of September which the hope of finding out what causes this disease and how it spreads from animal to animal.

The Kansas legislature is in session at this time and a special appropriation has been asked of \$10,000 for the balance of this fiscal year and \$10,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1930. This fund is to be used especially in the conduct of research work of this nature - not only as to Anaplasmosis but to other diseases in live stock.

According to reports from the federal representatives engaged in this work in Chautauqua county there was considerable of a death loss in northeastern Okaahoma, and while this disease has been found in several other states and sections of the country yet it seems to be more prevalent in southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma than in any other section of the country. Any further information we can give you we will be glad to have you write us.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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SENATE CHAMBER

February 5, 1929.

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

Dear sir:

A Senate Committe is making an investigation of a so-called epidemic among cattle, described to us as Aniplasmosis. Parties return this disease is prevalent in southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma.

We would appreciate very much any information you might have concerning same. What investigation you have made and what appropriation the State of Kansas has made to take care of the situation.

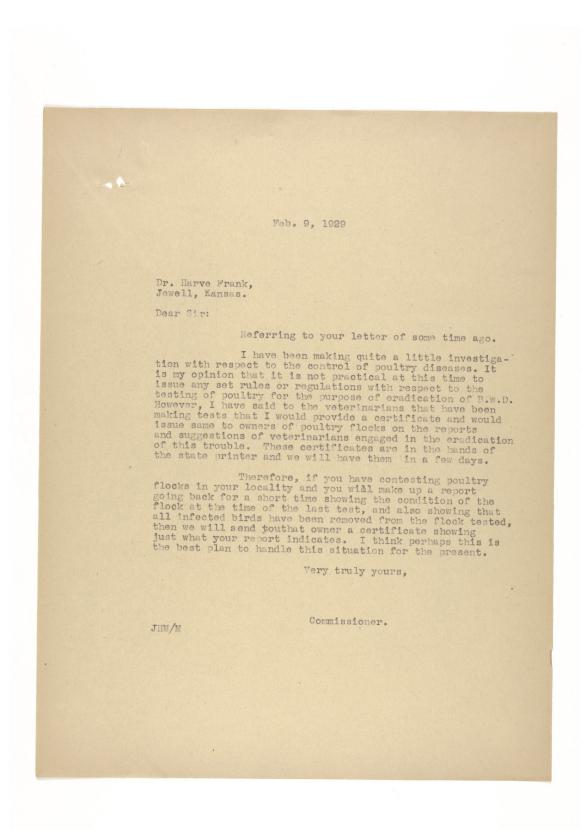
We do not know a thing about this matter and it has just been called to our attention and if it is a serious situation, we want to take care of same.

Address your answer to the Senate Chamber, Oklahoma City.

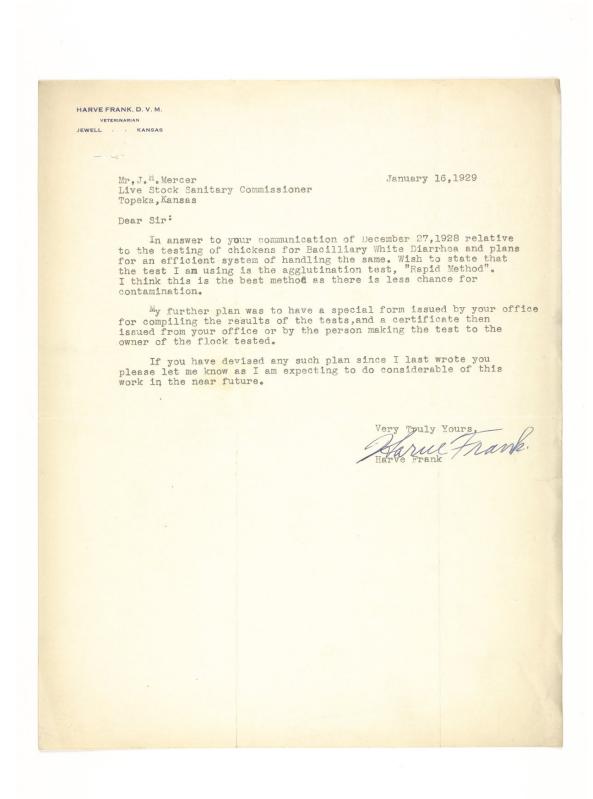
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Feb. 14, 1929

Mr. H. H. Klecker, Live Stock Exchange, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant. The question of moving lambs off the public market that are found to be infected with sheep scab, in so far as moving into Missouri would be concerned is entirely in the hands of the Missouri sanitary board and the federal government. Of course any sheep that were located in Kansas this department would have jurisdiction over and we could permit the movement of the lambs in question to come untested to the feed lot subject to quarantine regulations or to be disped later. I am of the opinion that you can get arrangements made to handle lambs at this time with the stations mentioned close in and around Kansas City in the manner you suggest. I see no reason why it could not be handled in the way you outline. I know it can so far as Kansas is concerned, if

The first step you should take would be to go and see the inspector in charge - Dr. Dickinson and then if he did not feel fisposed to grant you the privilege of handling these lambs as you indicate then the matter could be taken up with Dr. Wohler in washington or with the secretary of agriculture, Mr. Jardine. I would first, however, go and see Dr. Dickinson and then it might be all right for you to talk to Dr. Kinsley as he represented by Drs. Fowler and Grimes and Don williams, and I can instruct them at any time to grant you the privilege in moving into Kansas as long as it does not interfere with the federal regulations. After you have talked with Dr. Dickinson and others would be glad to have you advise me as to what you might find out. We would be very glad to help you make the arrangements as you suggest because I think it would be best and also very safe in doing so.

Very truly yours,

JHM ,M

Commissioner.



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Feb. 8, 1929.

Mr. J. H. Mercerm Secy., Kansas Live Stock Assn., Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir :-

I have a little proposition that I want to take up with you, Mr. Mercer.

There are some lambs coming from the West at this time of the year with scab exposed and I am wondering if we could not put an amendment to that ruling to dip these lambs which we know we have to do, and then let them go out to the feed lots, say at Morris, Kansas, or Prospect, Mo., which is the new feed lot of the Missouri Pacific, and put them on a good strong feed and hold the lamb up.

The way the law reads now we have to hold them here in the stock yards for ten days after dipping. You cannot hold a lamb up for ten days by feeding them hay here in the yards and it is a big loss to the owners because the lambs sell for less money on account of being here in the yards so long, and it is also a big loss to the man that buys them because he knows he has to pay these big feed bills and with hay at \$35.00 to \$40.00 per ton it soon runs into money.

So I would like to know if that ruling cannot be changed so that we can let these lambs go to a nearby feed lot and put them on a regular ration of feed and in that way hold the animal up, and then bring them back to the yards and dip them again in the ten days time limit. In that way the lamb would save the shrink that would be lost in the ten days while here in the yards and it would be in better condition to show and sell.

I would like to hear from you on this proposition. Of course, other stuff that is caught with the scab that is fat enough to kill we always sell to the packers, but when it comes to this feeding class I think the rules should be changed so that a man could ship to a nearby feed lot and put the lambs on a regulær ration.

Possibly you could tell me how to put this matter up in Washington and help me to put it up. I am making this plea for the western men and for the feeders.

Very truly yours,

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Feb. 18, 1929

Dr. T. A. Fowler, 805 Live Stock Exchange, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a report from Dr. Christenson of his investigation of the Taylor cattle at Madison. You will note that a Mr. Curren that evidently picked the steers for Mr. Taylor thinks they the representatives of this department that vaccinated the cattle should be responsible, etc. I think Mr. Williams told me that he vaccinated these cattle. Of course, we are not responsible in any way but I am calling your attention to this matter for the reason that I want you to be a little more careful about treating cattle with hemorrhagic mixed bacterins on shipments destination Kansas. I think you should make a pretty careful observation of the cattle to be vaccinated and if you find among them any cattle that seems to be not entirely normal, that you make special mention of it to the commission merchants or the buyer and make a record of it. In fact if it is your opinion that there are very many of the cattle that are not in good healthy condition don't permit them to be shipped to the state. Also, you must let the commission merchantsor his representative know or fully understand that there is no guarantee back of the vaccination.

It is my opinion that if the traders there on the yards would treat these cattle when they first purchase them that it would be of far more consequence than to let it go until they were sold and thenhave them treated. It is my opinion that after cattle have been held on the yards for several days that vaccinating them with hemorrhagic and other bacterins is of no consequence. Hence the reason that we are going to try to find this out through the investigation that is now under way.

Also see if you can find out where these cattle come from and how long they might have been held on the yards before they were shipped to Madison. Find out all you can about it and return Dr. Christenson's report with yours.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M Commissioner. I have signed and am returning expense check #1345



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Kansas City, Mol Feb. 18, 1929

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

This office issued the following permits for hogs to be shipped into Kansas. On the 18th Martin Bros. & Lee received a permit for 157 pigs to be shipped to Robert Hansen, Concordia, Kansas, from Tom Woods, Salisaio, Okla. On the 15th Martin Bros. & Lee received a permit for 169 pigs to be shipped to Horace Holt, Barnes, Kansas, from Vansant & Ogden, Flippin, Arkansas all to be vaccinated at destination.

After sending out the report Friday evening, Mr. Bidwell gave me a new serial number which was used on the 125 Dble for Ryan Robinson a/c Henry VanSickel, which were shipped to Cambridge, Kansas. The new serial number used was 81 Vl18 H.

Very truly yours,

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Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 20, 1929

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

You will please find enclosed herewith the appraisal blanks on Mr. P. R. Brown's two cows. We were out this morning and appraised them along with Mr. Johnson of Zara, Kansas.

Referring to Mr. Thominson's cattle shipped from Vara, Kansas, last night as exposed cattle, the 75 head were on the market today and we succeed in yarding them in pens adjacent to John Clay and they sold well. They were not as good as the ones sold Monday on the north side for 11:15, but the ones today brought 11:75. They were held in the chutes for inspection a couple of hours but no mange could be found. I believe Mr. Thominson is shipping three or four cars tonight as exposed cattle. I thought perhaps that you would like to hear how he got thru today with this shipment.

Yours traly,

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Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 20, 1929

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 18th received, regarding the Faylor cattle. I have taken this matter up with the Laird Bros. Com. Co. and they advised me that the 40 head of yearling steers in question originated in Texas. They arrived here Feb. 6, 1929 and were purchased from McMurray and Ford, speculators here on the yards, on the following morning of Feb. 7th by Mr. Curry for Mr. Faylor thru Laird Bros. Commission Co. They were loaded on the cars and shipped out to Madison, Kansas on the same date that they were purchased from the speculators.

The cattle were vaccinated by our department the afternoon of Feb. 7th with Hemo. Bacterin, at that time they were apparently in a thrifty and healthy dondition. Had they showed symptoms of sickness or disease I would not have permitted them to have been shipped to Kansas because I remember very distinctly that your instructions to me were not to permit any kind of live stock to be moved off the yards to Kansas points that were not in a healthy condition, and I have always tried to follow along those lines as near as possible. I also think that the representatives down here in this department know how to administer serums and bacterins to livestock, and I am most sure that every dose is administered carefully and efficiently.

Now as to how effective the Hemo. bacterin is as an immunity against this so called shipping fevor which covers a multitude of sins, I am unable to say for sure, but I am of the opinion that its merits are limited especially when cattle are subjectate so many bad conditions here in the yards, in route, and also at their destination. I feel sure that the experiment that we are carrying on down here will prove to some extent the merits of the commercial products that are now being used to prevent Hemorrhagic Septimenia and other mixed infections.

I note in one paragraph in Dr. Christenson's report where Dr. Ryan is treating Faylor's cattle with Hemo aggressin. This aggressin is not indicated where cattle are already sick, but instead I think he should administer large doses of mixed bacterin every two or three



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days until at least three doses have been given because I do think that bacterins if they are of the right kind have some value as a curative agent when given to sick animals.

As to this department being responsible for the loss of Mr. Faylors cattle, I will say that I don't think Mr. Curry should feel that way about it because we are always very careful to see that each animal is handled carefully and vaccinated properly. Neither do I think that the Laird Bros. Com. Co. are responsible for his loss because had there been any sick fattle I don't think Laird Bros. would have bought them as I have always found them conscientious and fair in all their dealings here in the yards and don't think they would buy sick cattle for one of their clients if they knew it.

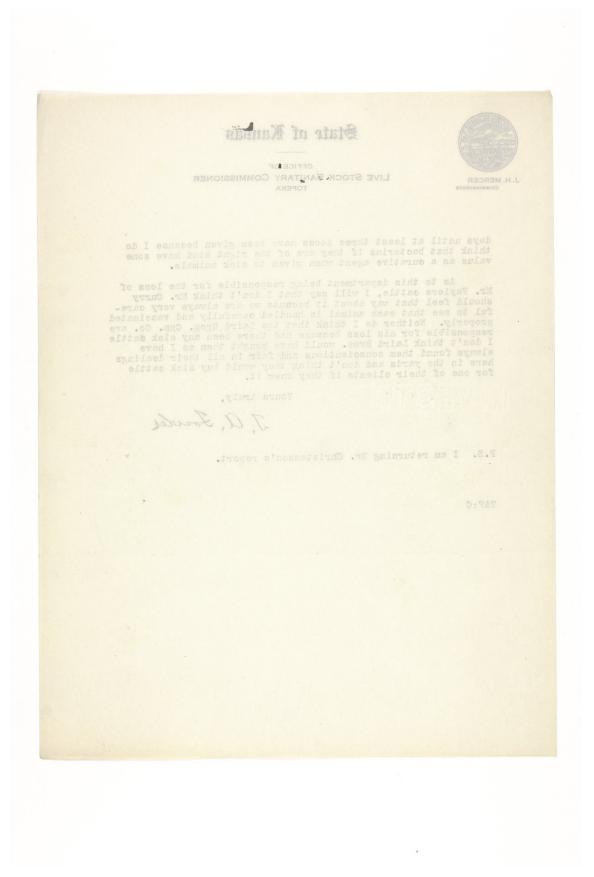
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P.S. I am returning Dr. Christenson's report.

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Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 20, 1929

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir: -

On the 13th of February, we tested 28 head of cattle for Mr. Guy Duvall, Bunker Hill, Kansas thru Long-Perry Commission Co.

They were started in test as you will note on the chart on the 13th, and were permitted to be shipped on to destination on the same date with the understanding that Dr. H. D. O'Brien would make the final examination at the end of 72 hours.

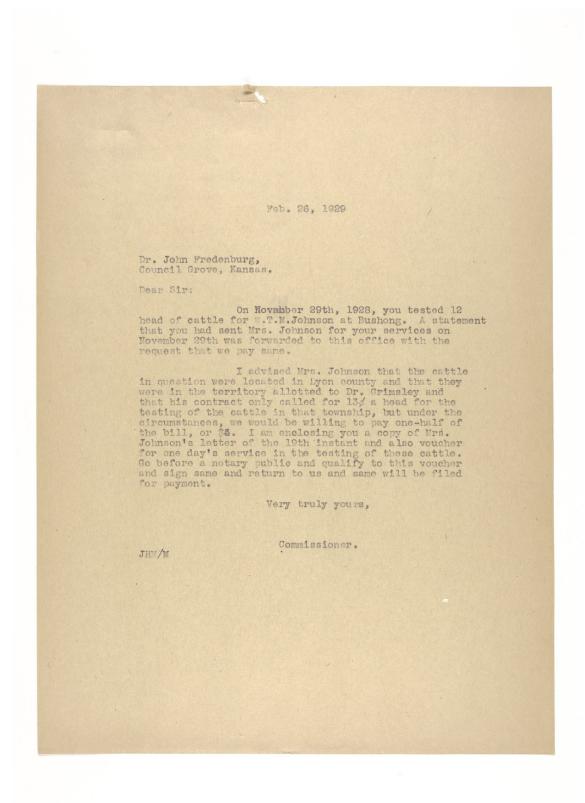
This morning I received thru the mail the release agreement that was signed by Long-Perry Com. Co. Mr. Duvall's agent, and you will note on the release that Dr. O'Brien now lives in Romeo, Michigan so I doubt if the cattle in question were properly released.

This same misfortune has happened three or four times within the past five months, and I think that there should be a form letter of some kind mailed to the owner of cattle when permitted to be shipped out to their destination in Kansas, so that in case the veterinarian has moved or can not make the release that the owner could call either Topeka office or this office and in that way we could get in touch with another veterinarian and have him make the release before it was too late.

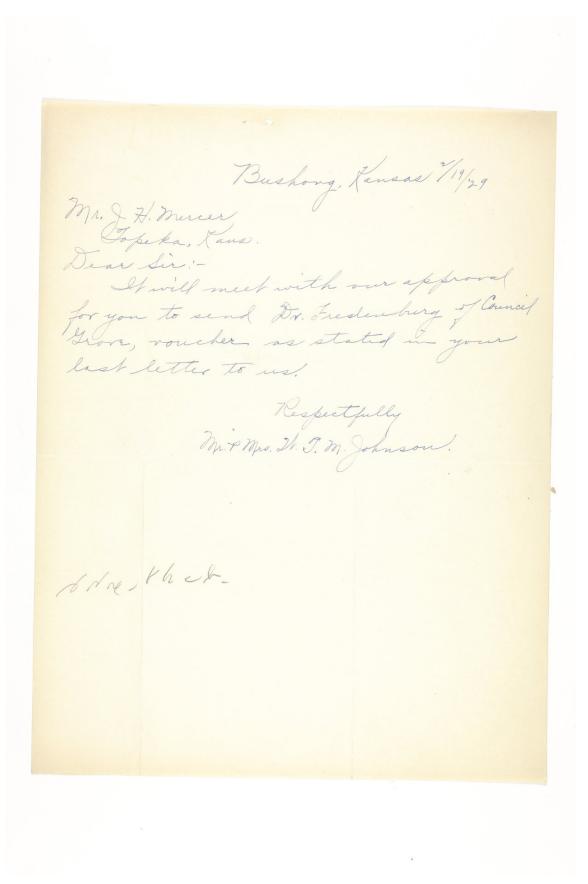
Yours truly,
J. A. Fowler

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Jan 16, 1929

Mrs. W. T. M. Johnson, Bushong, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 8th, which had to do with Dr. Fredenburg's testing your herd of cattle.

I am quite cure there was nothing in my letter making any charges that there was anything wrong on your part in having Dr. Fredenburg test your cattle. Of course, Dr. Fredenburg should not have tested your herd of cattle until he was instructed to do so by this department, providing he knew your herd of cattle were located in Lyon county.

As stated to you in a former letter, we had allotted to Dr. Grimsley of Allen the testing of cattle in your township. In fact we had made a contract with him on a basis of 13¢ a head for the cattle tested. I note you had 12 cattle tested which would have cost \$1.56. The Fredenburg bill is \$10. Therefore, I think you will agree with me as a business woman that it is not practical to spend \$8.44 of the state's money unnecessarily. I do not wish to be unreasonable in any way in connection with matters of this kind. Therefore, under the circumstances I am willing to pay Dr. Fredenburg \$5 for the testing of your cattle and consider that that is all the charge he should make because of the error. If this meets with your approval, advise me and I will send Dr. Fredenburg a voucher accordingly.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner.



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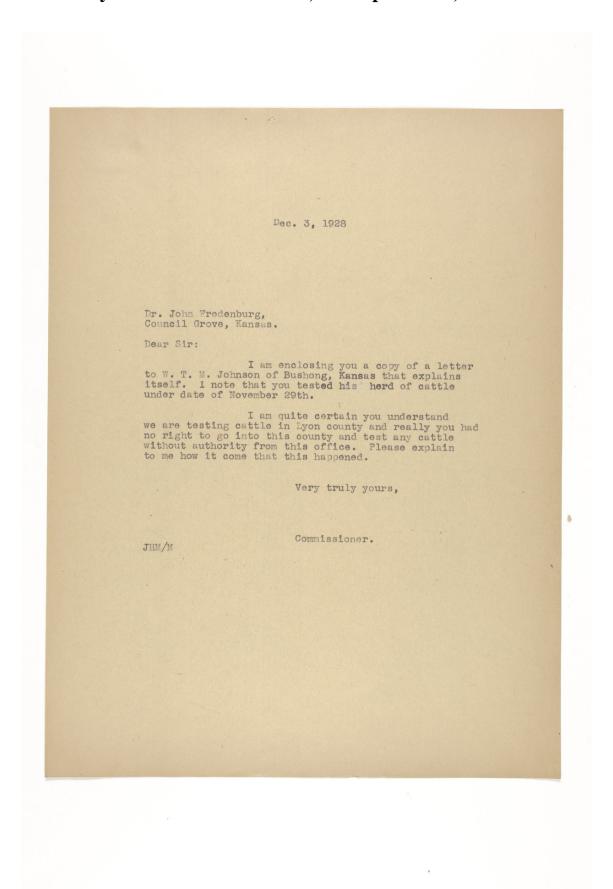


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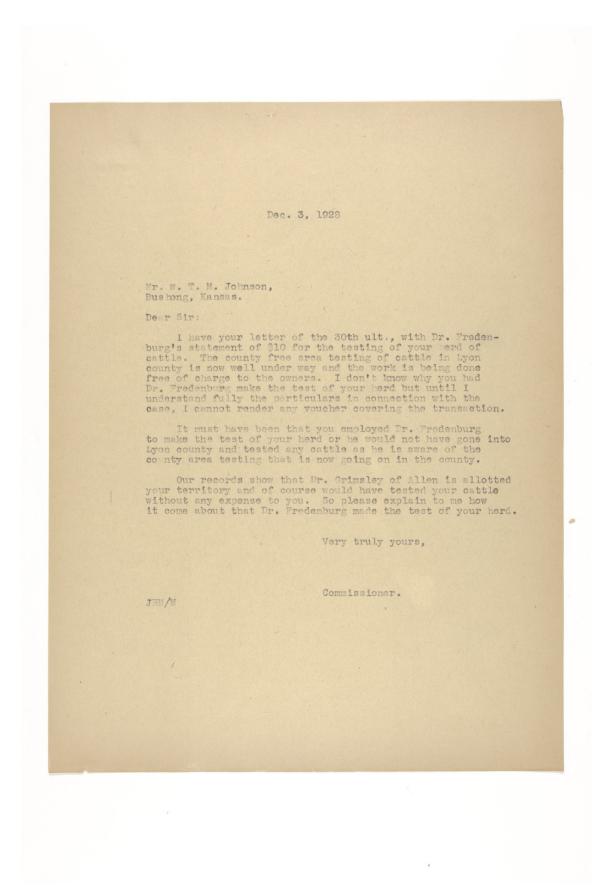


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Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 26, 1929

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

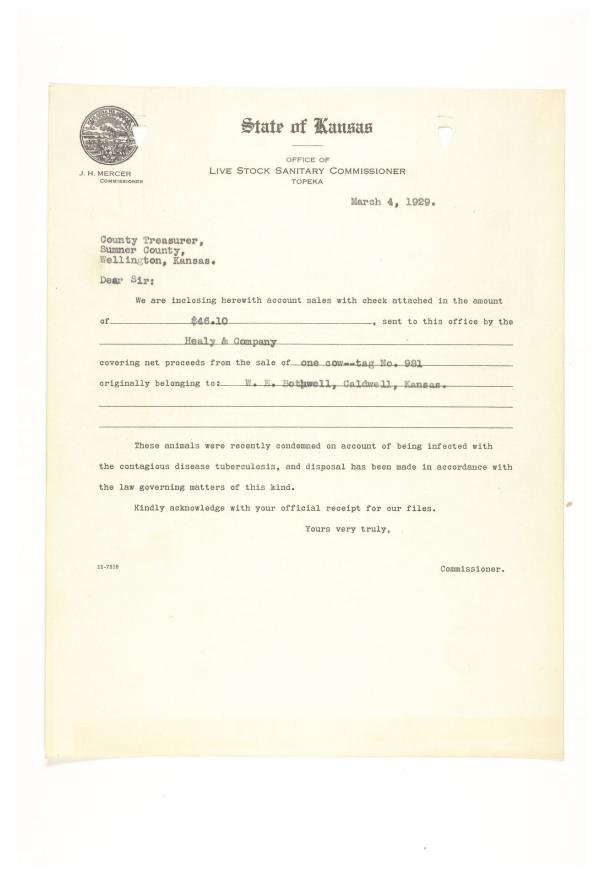
You will please find enclosed herewith my account of expenses from January 28th to February 22nd inclusive. All these trips were made following instructions from your office except the trip to Mr. Quaintance's farm near Gardner, Kansas, who called me by long distance telephone and stated that he was afraid that he had scab in his band of sheep and asked that I come out and inspect them. I was there on the 22nd. and found nothing among his sheep to indicate scab. I think they are entirely free from this disease.

I did find, however, a little band of sheep owned by J. R. Miller, a barber at Gardner, Kansas that were scabbie. There are 32 ewes and 19 lambs in this band, and Mr. Miller has planned on dipping them right away in fact he had taken the matter up with Dr. G. C. Hine, Gardner, Kansas, to prescribe treatment. After I had looked over the sheep Mr. Miller and myself met Dr. Hine and in going over the matter of treatment with him he seemed to have a fairly clear understanding of the proper methods of proceedure so I left this situation in his hands asking him to inform your office when the treatment had been completed.

RBG:C

AB Trimes







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TOPEKA

March 4, 1929.

Mr. W. E. Bothwell, Caldwell, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Summer County for \$60.00 , same being one-half the appraised value of your cow-tag No. 981 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 appraisement, to your Board of County Commissioners, and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Yours very truly,

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Commissioner.