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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff

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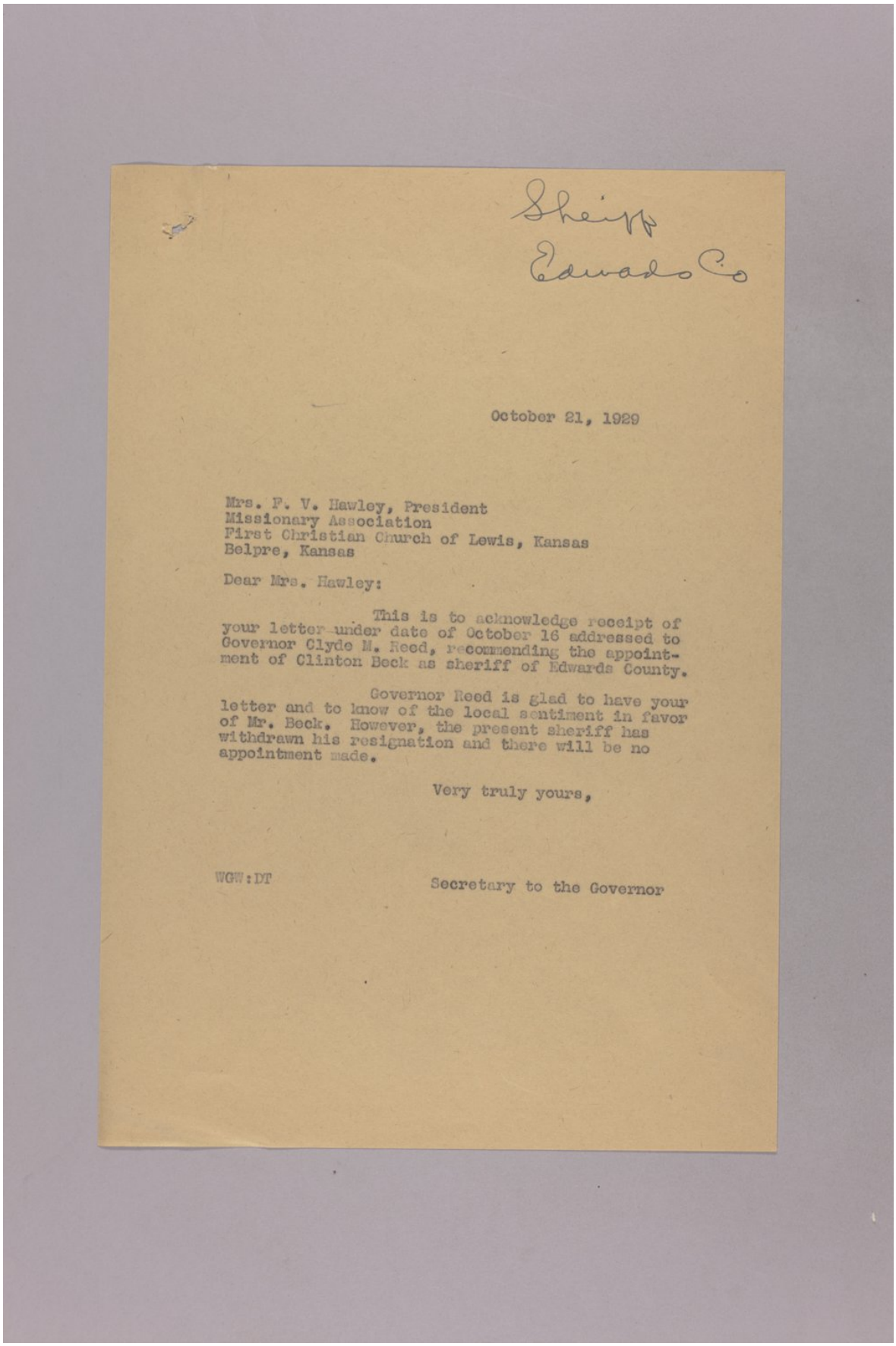
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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheiff
Edwards Co

October 21, 1929

Mrs. F. V. Hawley, President
Missionary Association
First Christian Church of Lewis, Kansas
Belpre, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hawley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 16 addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, recommending the appointment of Clinton Beck as sheriff of Edwards County.

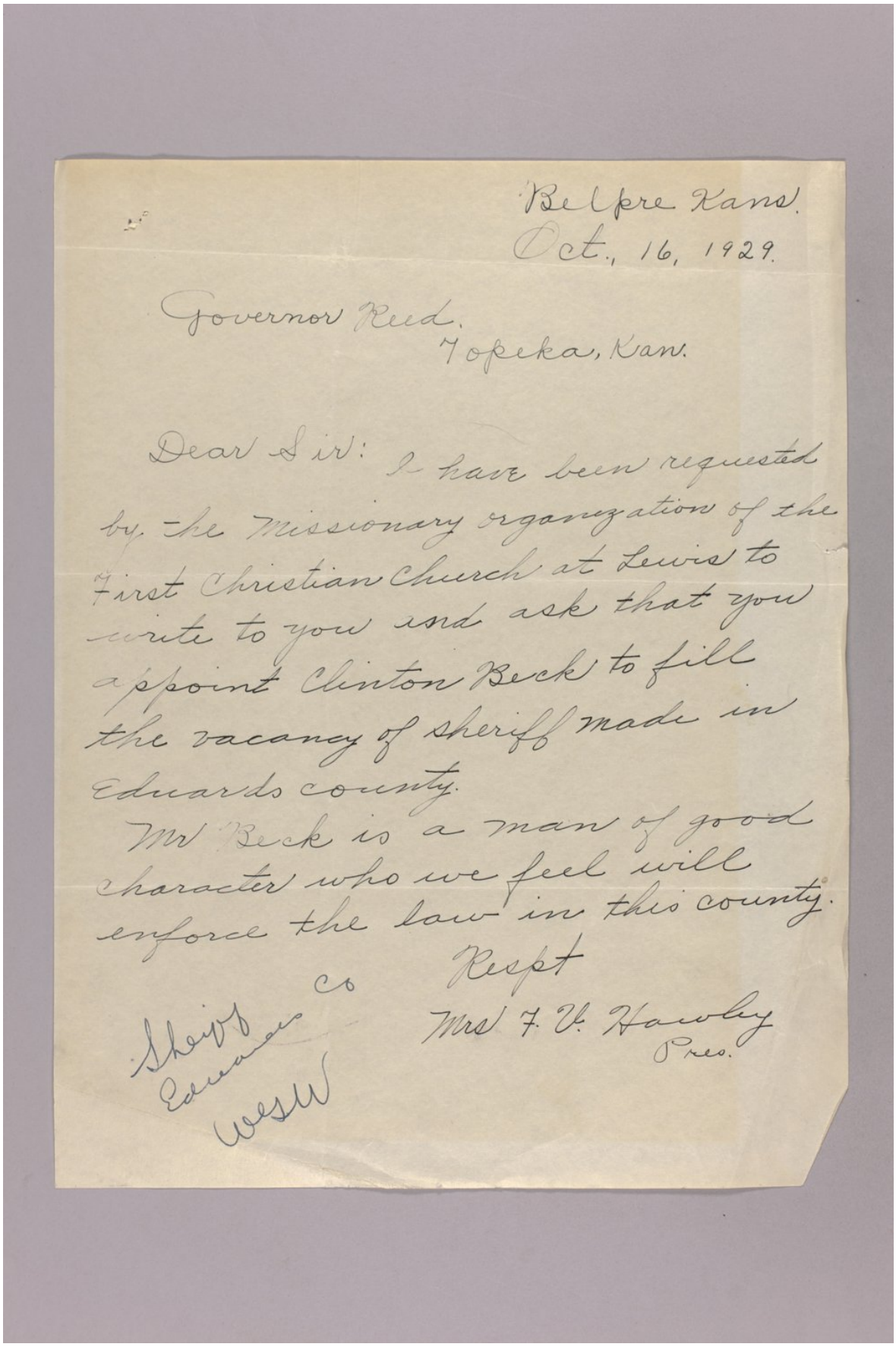
Governor Reed is glad to have your letter and to know of the local sentiment in favor of Mr. Beck. However, the present sheriff has withdrawn his resignation and there will be no appointment made.

Very truly yours,

WGW:DT

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Belpre Kans.
Oct., 16, 1929.

Governor Reed.
Topeka, Kan.

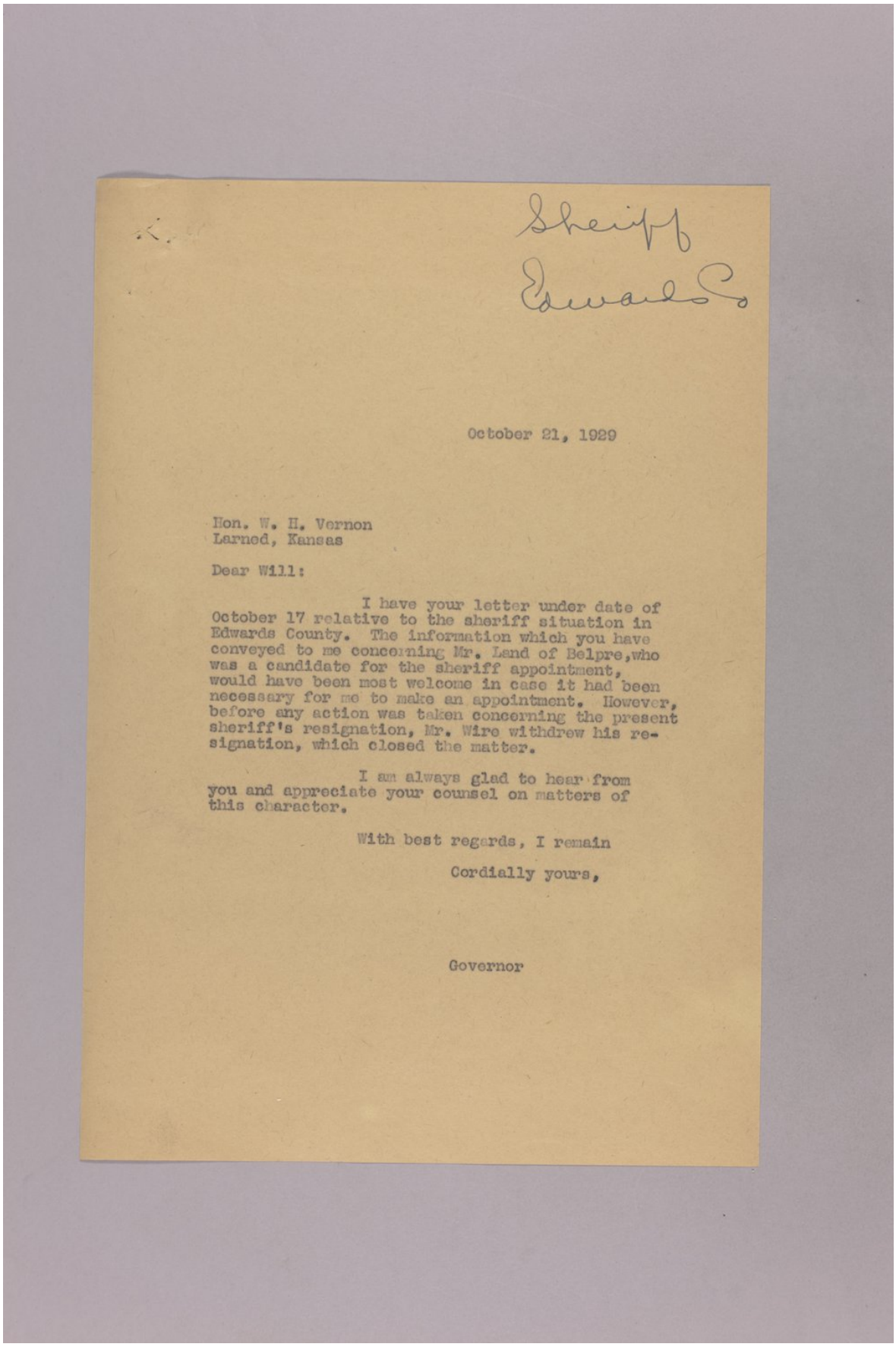
Dear Sir: I have been requested by the Missionary organization of the First Christian Church at Lewis to write to you and ask that you appoint Clinton Beck to fill the vacancy of sheriff made in Edwards county.

Mr Beck is a man of good character who we feel will enforce the law in this county.

Respt
Mrs F. V. Hawley
Pres.

Sheriff
Edwards
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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheriff
Edwards Co

October 21, 1929

Hon. W. H. Vernon
Larned, Kansas

Dear Will:

I have your letter under date of October 17 relative to the sheriff situation in Edwards County. The information which you have conveyed to me concerning Mr. Land of Belpre, who was a candidate for the sheriff appointment, would have been most welcome in case it had been necessary for me to make an appointment. However, before any action was taken concerning the present sheriff's resignation, Mr. Wire withdrew his resignation, which closed the matter.

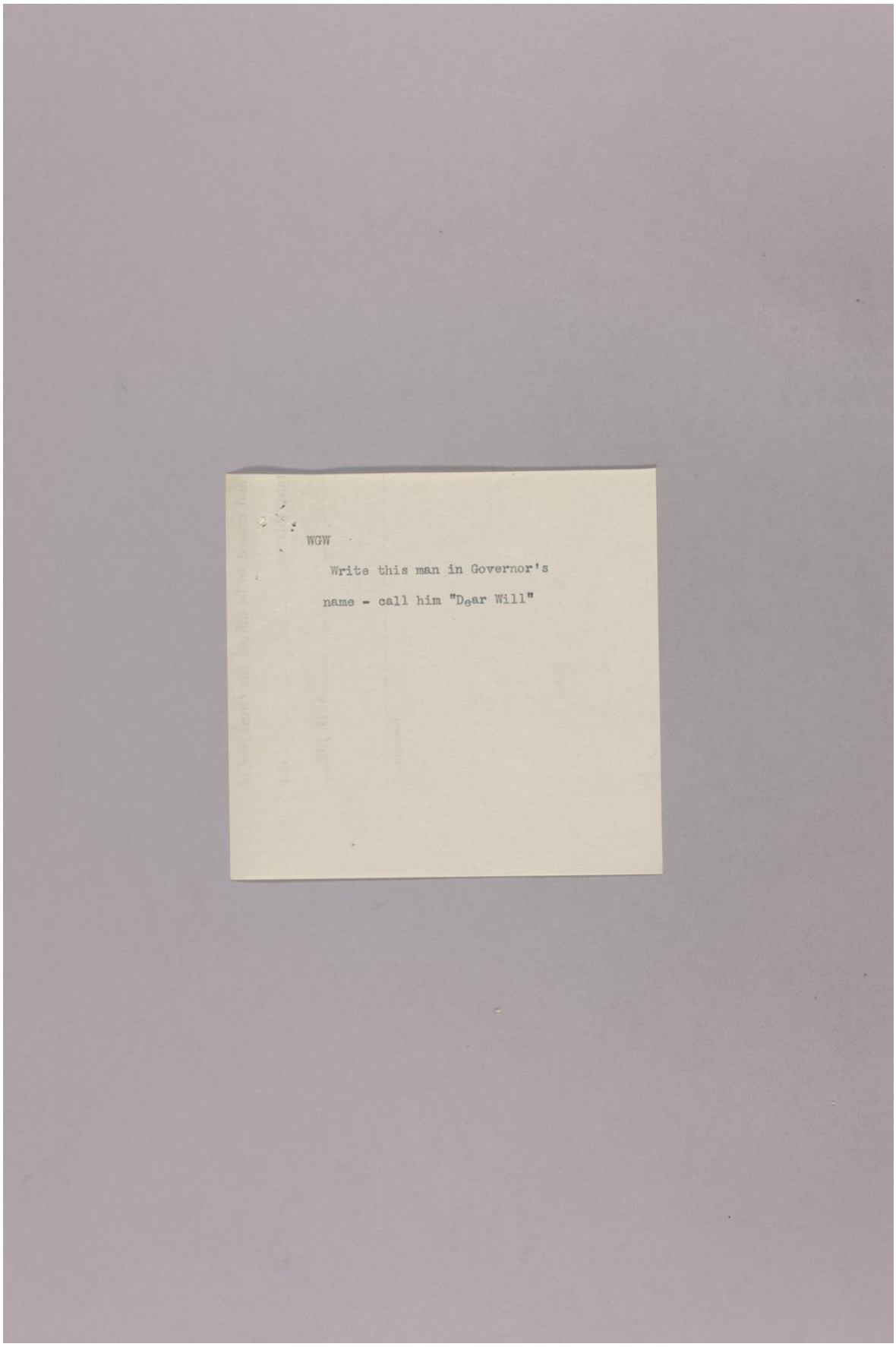
I am always glad to hear from you and appreciate your counsel on matters of this character.

With best regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff

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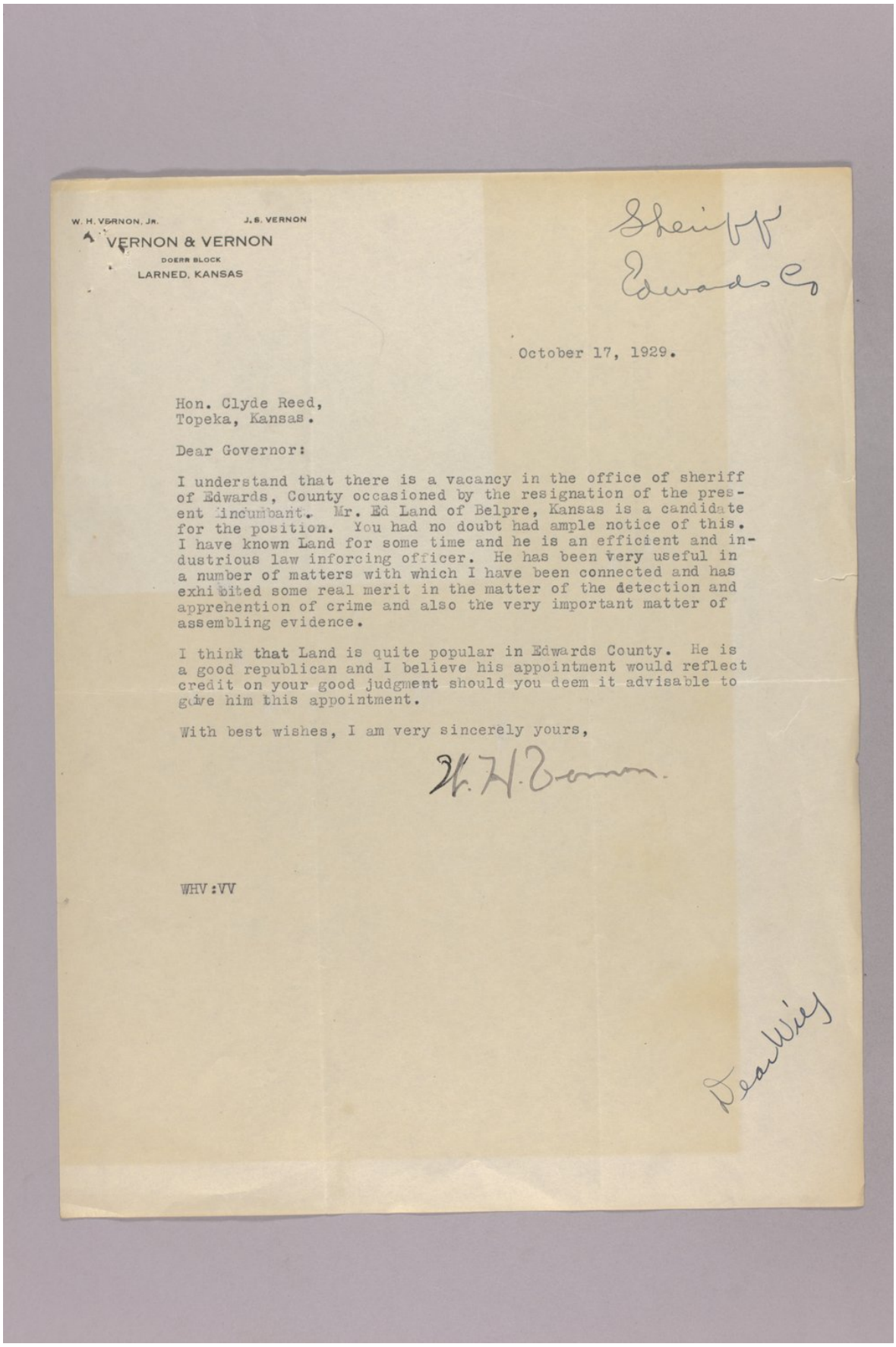
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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



W. H. VERNON, Jr. J. S. VERNON
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LARNED, KANSAS

Sheriff
Edwards Co

October 17, 1929.

Hon. Clyde Reed,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the office of sheriff of Edwards, County occasioned by the resignation of the present incumbant. Mr. Ed Land of Belpre, Kansas is a candidate for the position. You had no doubt had ample notice of this. I have known Land for some time and he is an efficient and industrious law inforcing officer. He has been very useful in a number of matters with which I have been connected and has exhibited some real merit in the matter of the detection and apprehention of crime and also the very important matter of assembling evidence.

I think that Land is quite popular in Edwards County. He is a good republican and I believe his appointment would reflect credit on your good judgment should you deem it advisable to give him this appointment.

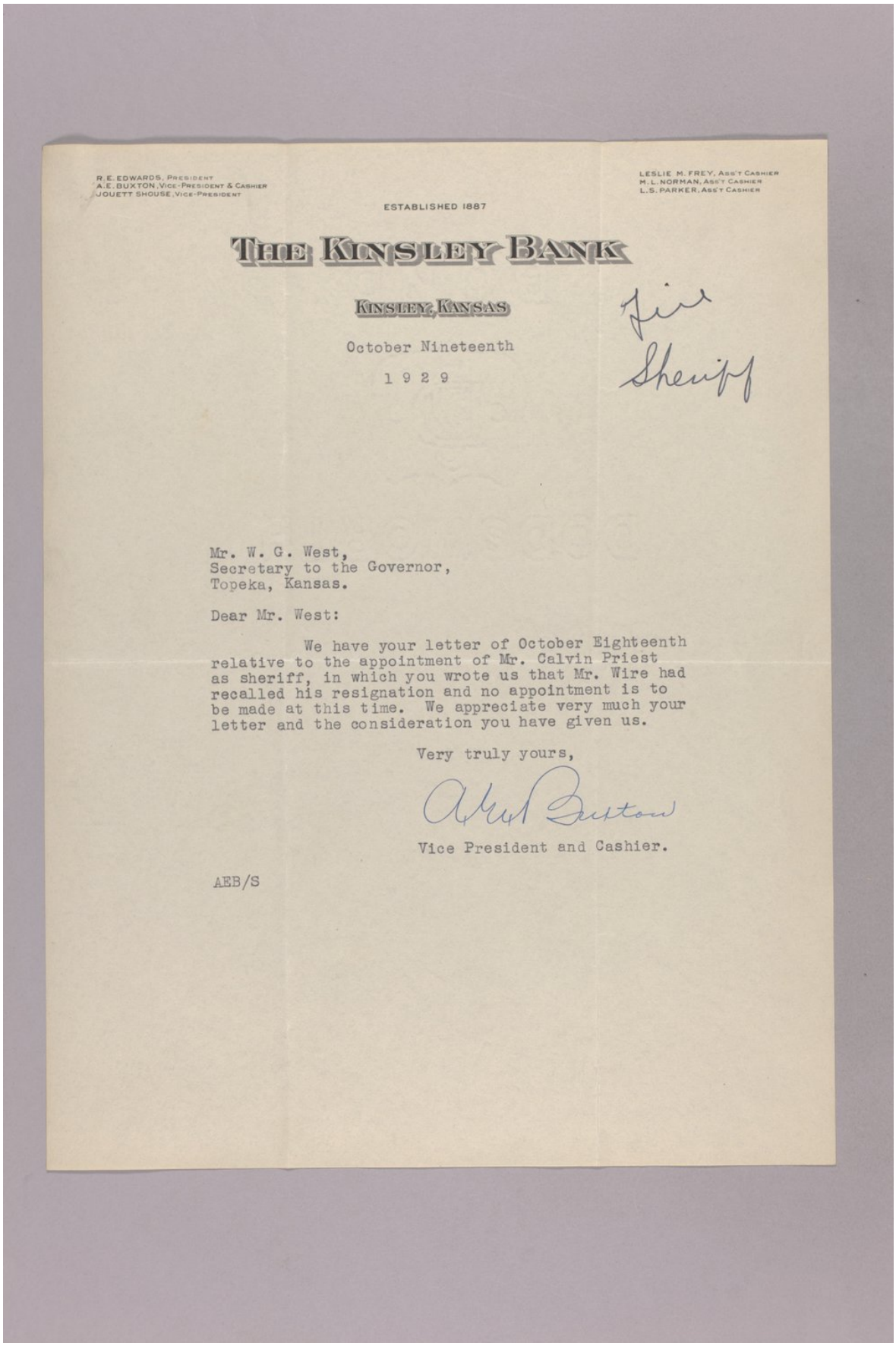
With best wishes, I am very sincerely yours,

W. H. Vernon.

WHV:VV

Dear Wes

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



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THE KINSLEY BANK

KINSLEY, KANSAS

October Nineteenth

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Sheriff

Mr. W. G. West,
Secretary to the Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. West:

We have your letter of October Eighteenth relative to the appointment of Mr. Calvin Priest as sheriff, in which you wrote us that Mr. Wire had recalled his resignation and no appointment is to be made at this time. We appreciate very much your letter and the consideration you have given us.

Very truly yours,

A. E. Buxton

Vice President and Cashier.

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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff

Sheriff
Edwards C.

October 16, 1929.

Hon. F. Dumont Smith,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your favor under date of October 14th, relative to the sheriff matter in Edwards County.

Before Governor Reed returned to the office, Sheriff Wire telegraphed to his resignation withdrawn and the Governor therefore considers there is no vacancy, consequently no appointment will be made.

Governor Reed appreciates your interest in this matter and your suggestions are most welcome.

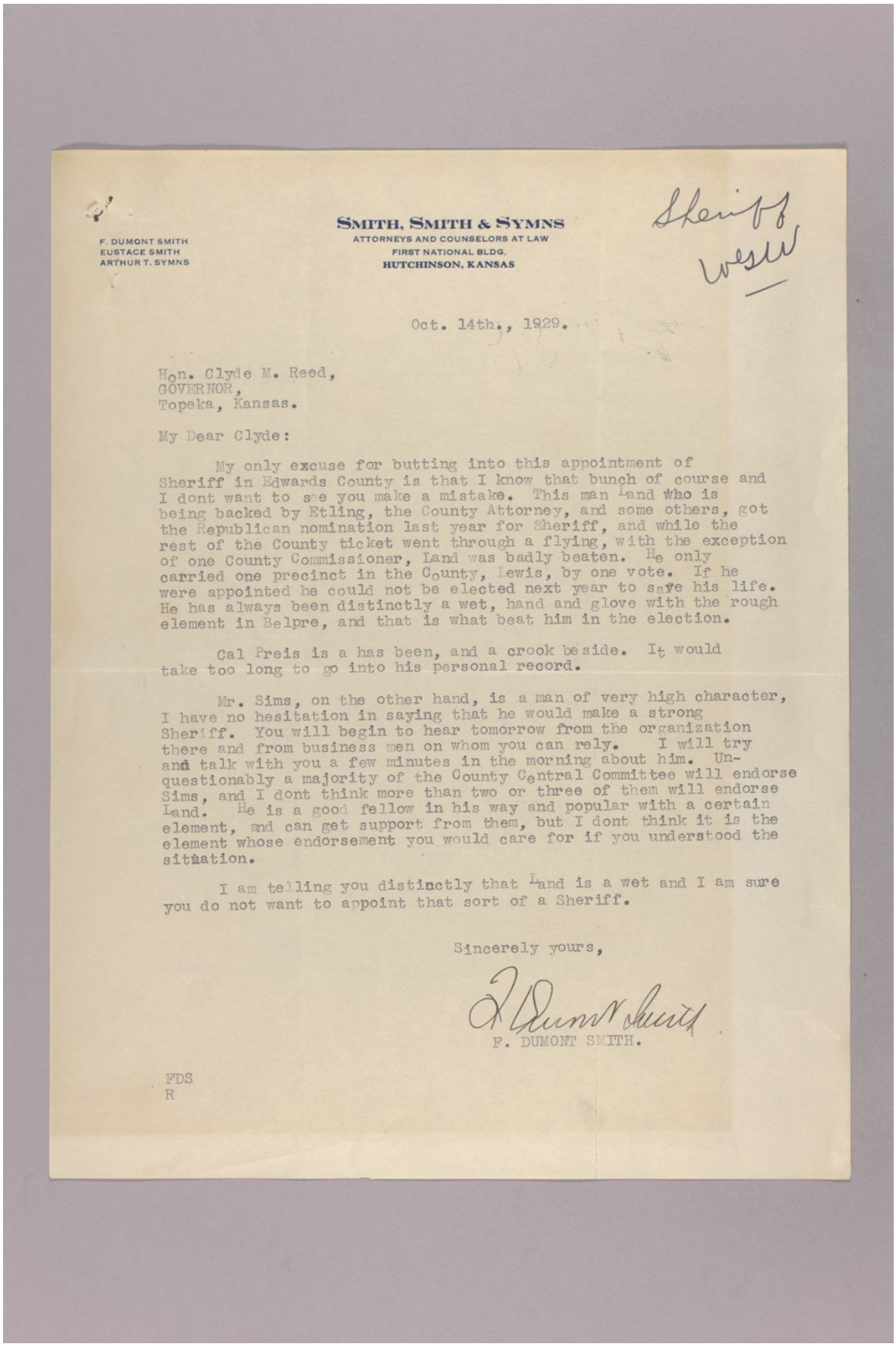
Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WGW-LWM

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



F. DUMONT SMITH
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ARTHUR T. SYMNS

SMITH, SMITH & SYMNS
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
FIRST NATIONAL BLDG.
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Sheriff
Wesw

Oct. 14th., 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
GOVERNOR,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Clyde:

My only excuse for butting into this appointment of Sheriff in Edwards County is that I know that bunch of course and I dont want to see you make a mistake. This man Land who is being backed by Etling, the County Attorney, and some others, got the Republican nomination last year for Sheriff, and while the rest of the County ticket went through a flying, with the exception of one County Commissioner, Land was badly beaten. He only carried one precinct in the County, Lewis, by one vote. If he were appointed he could not be elected next year to save his life. He has always been distinctly a wet, hand and glove with the rough element in Belpre, and that is what beat him in the election.

Cal Preis is a has been, and a crook beside. It would take too long to go into his personal record.

Mr. Sims, on the other hand, is a man of very high character, I have no hesitation in saying that he would make a strong Sheriff. You will begin to hear tomorrow from the organization there and from business men on whom you can rely. I will try and talk with you a few minutes in the morning about him. Unquestionably a majority of the County Central Committee will endorse Sims, and I dont think more than two or three of them will endorse Land. He is a good fellow in his way and popular with a certain element, and can get support from them, but I dont think it is the element whose endorsement you would care for if you understood the situation.

I am telling you distinctly that Land is a wet and I am sure you do not want to appoint that sort of a Sheriff.

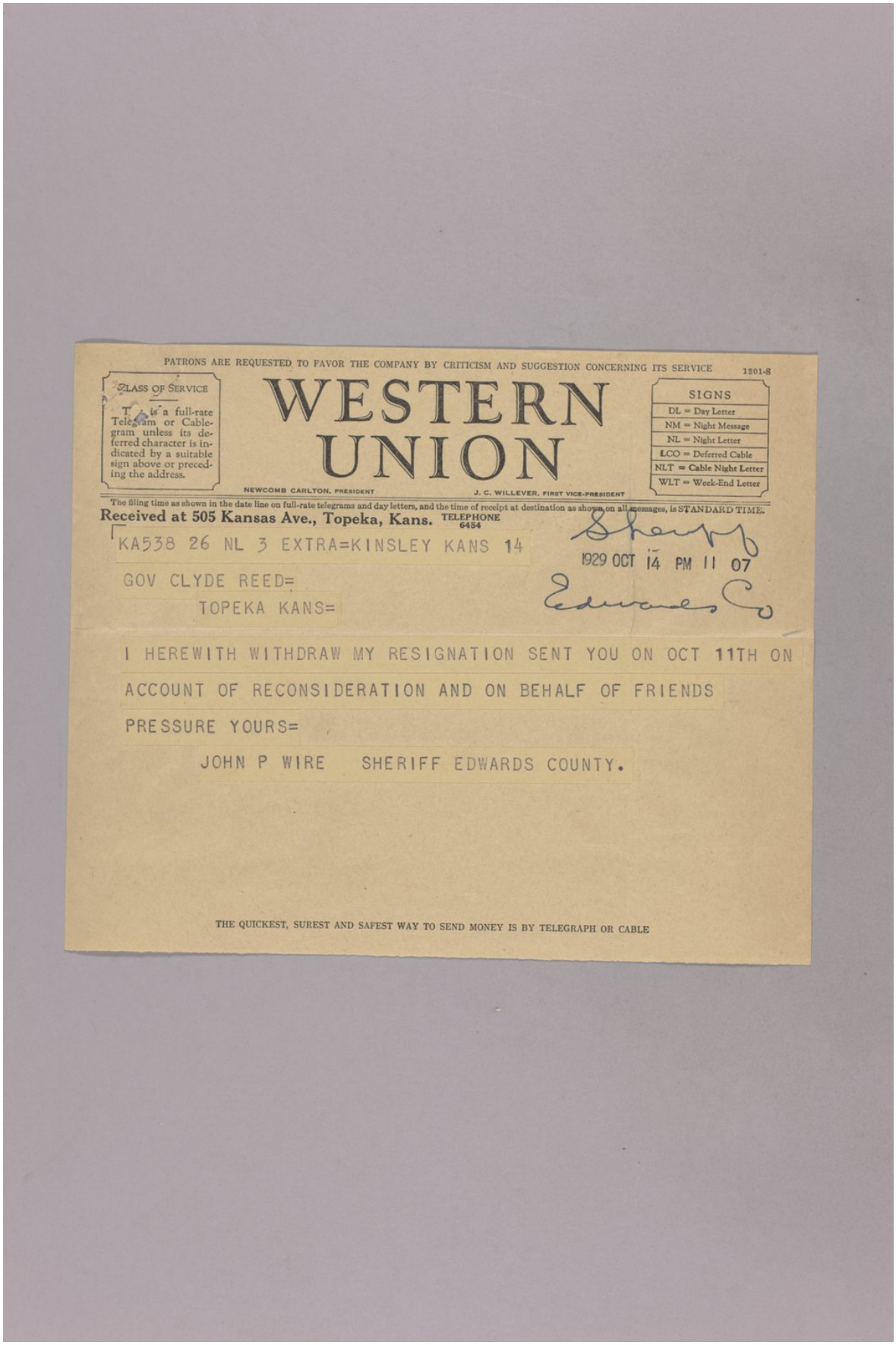
Sincerely yours,

F. Dumont Smith

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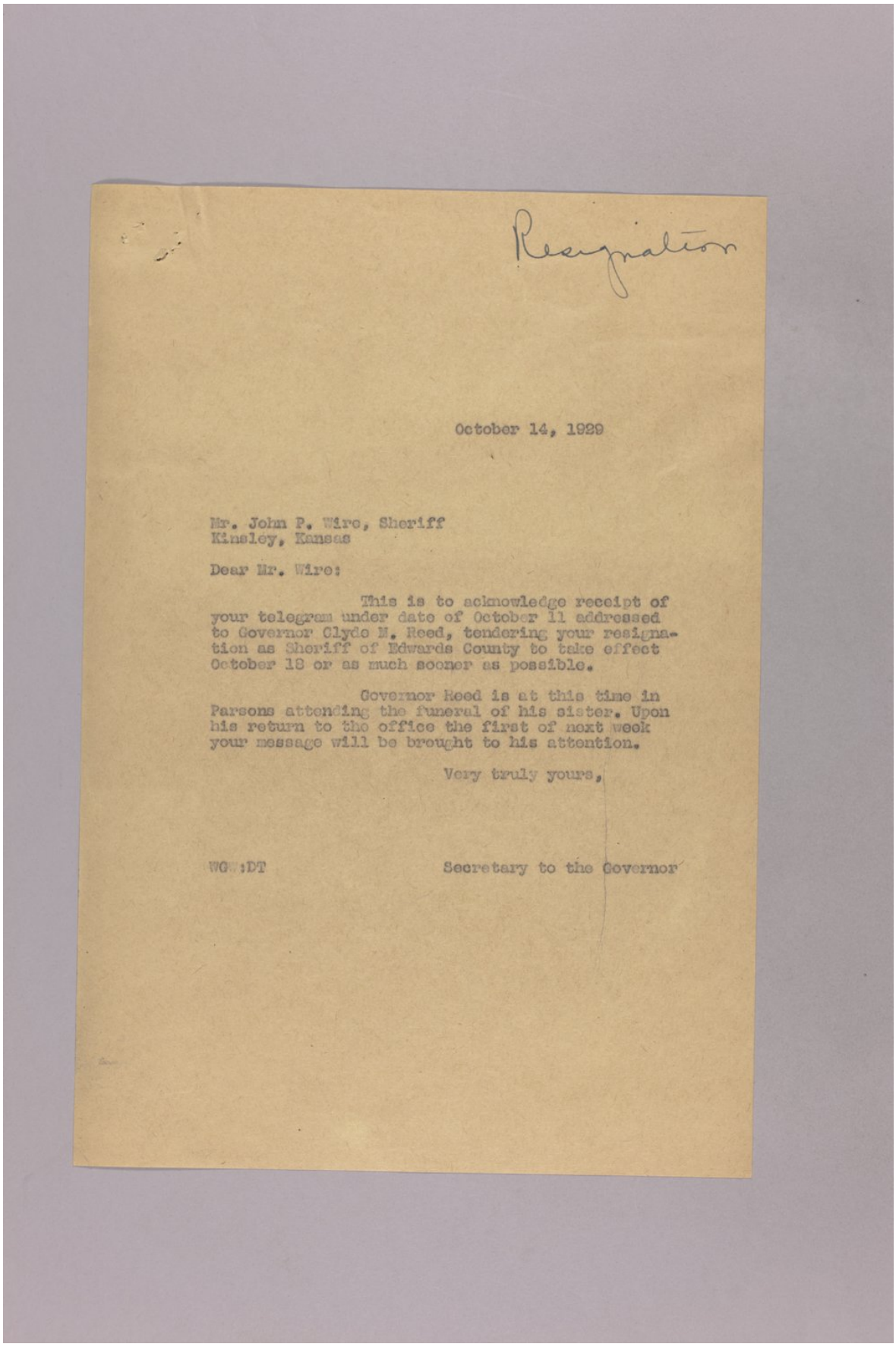
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I HEREWITH WITHDRAW MY RESIGNATION SENT YOU ON OCT 11TH ON ACCOUNT OF RECONSIDERATION AND ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS PRESSURE YOURS=

JOHN P WIRE SHERIFF EDWARDS COUNTY.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Resignation

October 14, 1929

Mr. John P. Wire, Sheriff
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wire:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram under date of October 11 addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, tendering your resignation as Sheriff of Edwards County to take effect October 18 or as much sooner as possible.

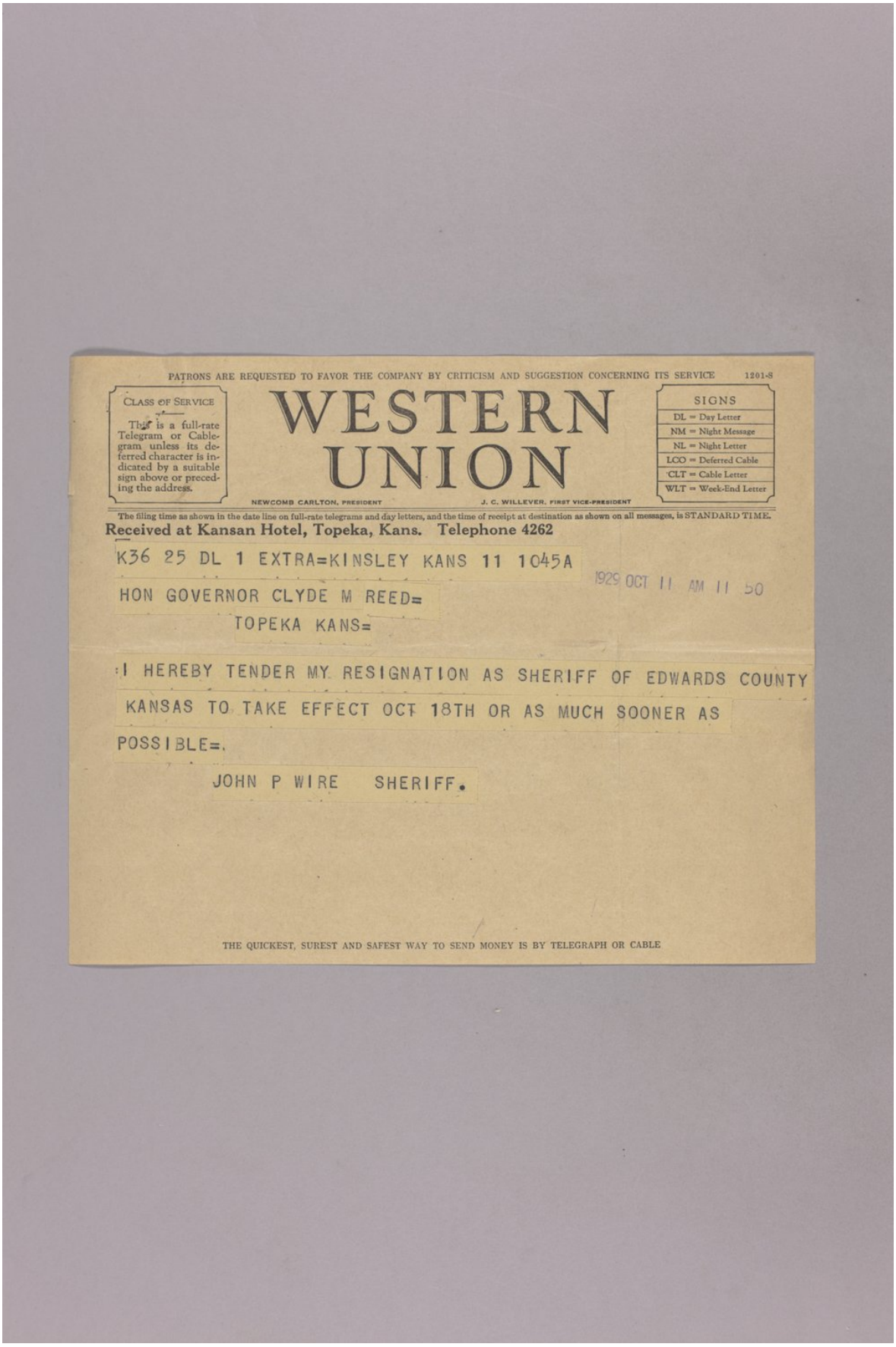
Governor Reed is at this time in Parsons attending the funeral of his sister. Upon his return to the office the first of next week your message will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

WG:DT

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



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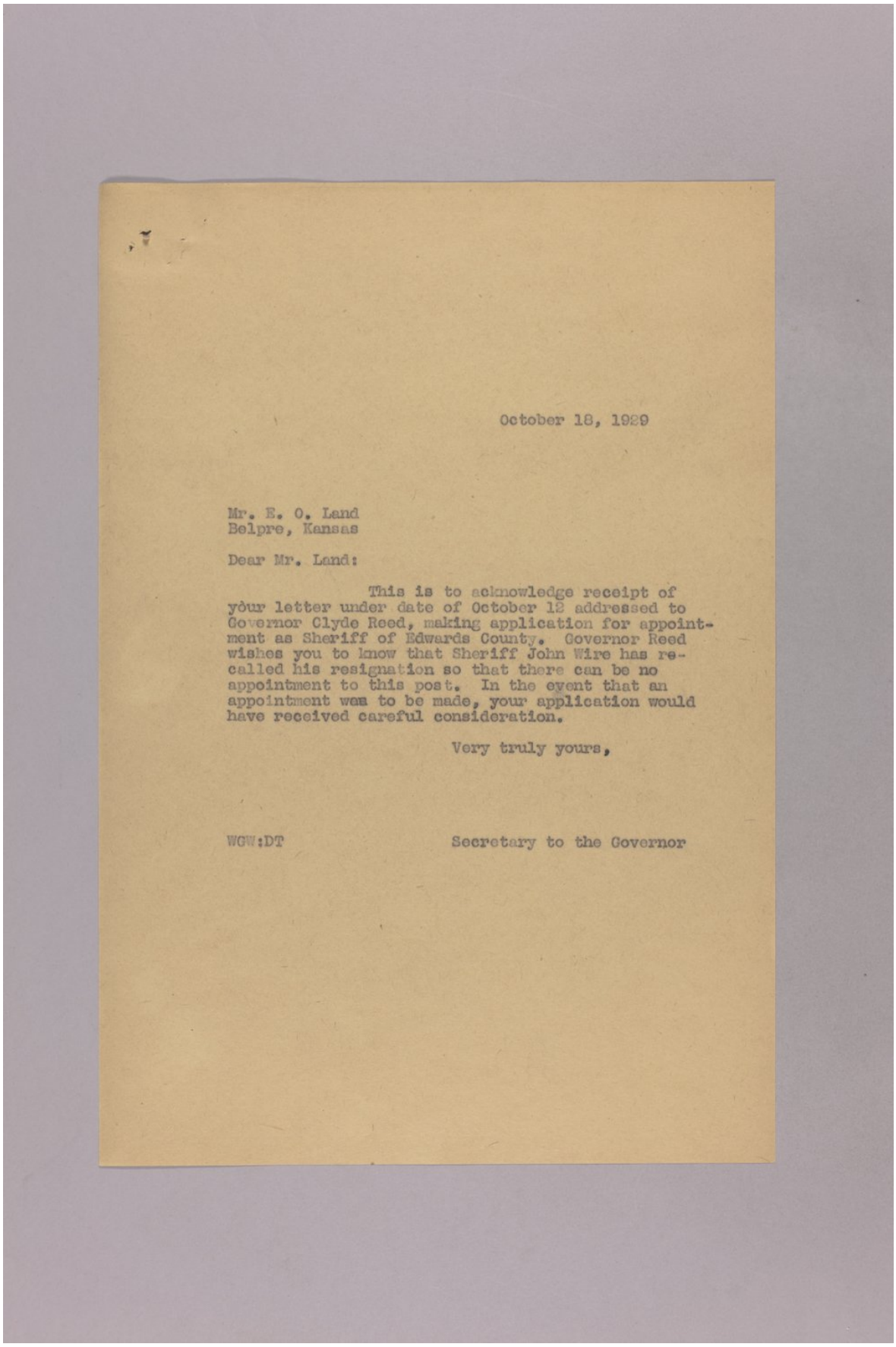
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:I HEREBY TENDER MY RESIGNATION AS SHERIFF OF EDWARDS COUNTY KANSAS TO TAKE EFFECT OCT 18TH OR AS MUCH SOONER AS POSSIBLE=.

JOHN P WIRE SHERIFF.

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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



October 18, 1929

Mr. E. O. Land
Belpre, Kansas

Dear Mr. Land:

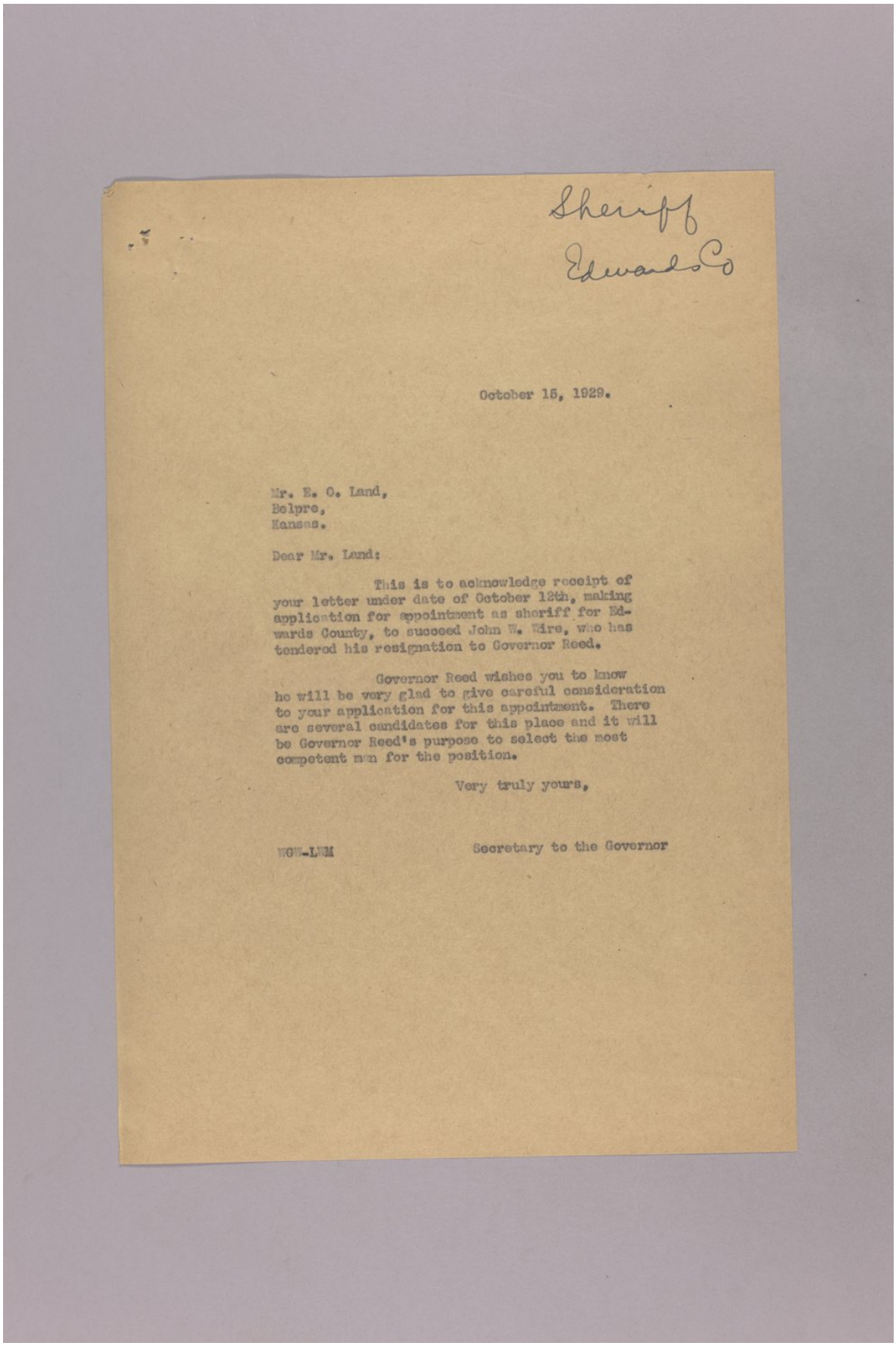
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 12 addressed to Governor Clyde Reed, making application for appointment as Sheriff of Edwards County. Governor Reed wishes you to know that Sheriff John Wire has recalled his resignation so that there can be no appointment to this post. In the event that an appointment was to be made, your application would have received careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

WGW:DT

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheriff
Edwards Co

October 15, 1929.

Mr. E. O. Land,
Belpre,
Kansas.

Dear Mr. Land:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 12th, making application for appointment as sheriff for Edwards County, to succeed John W. Wire, who has tendered his resignation to Governor Reed.

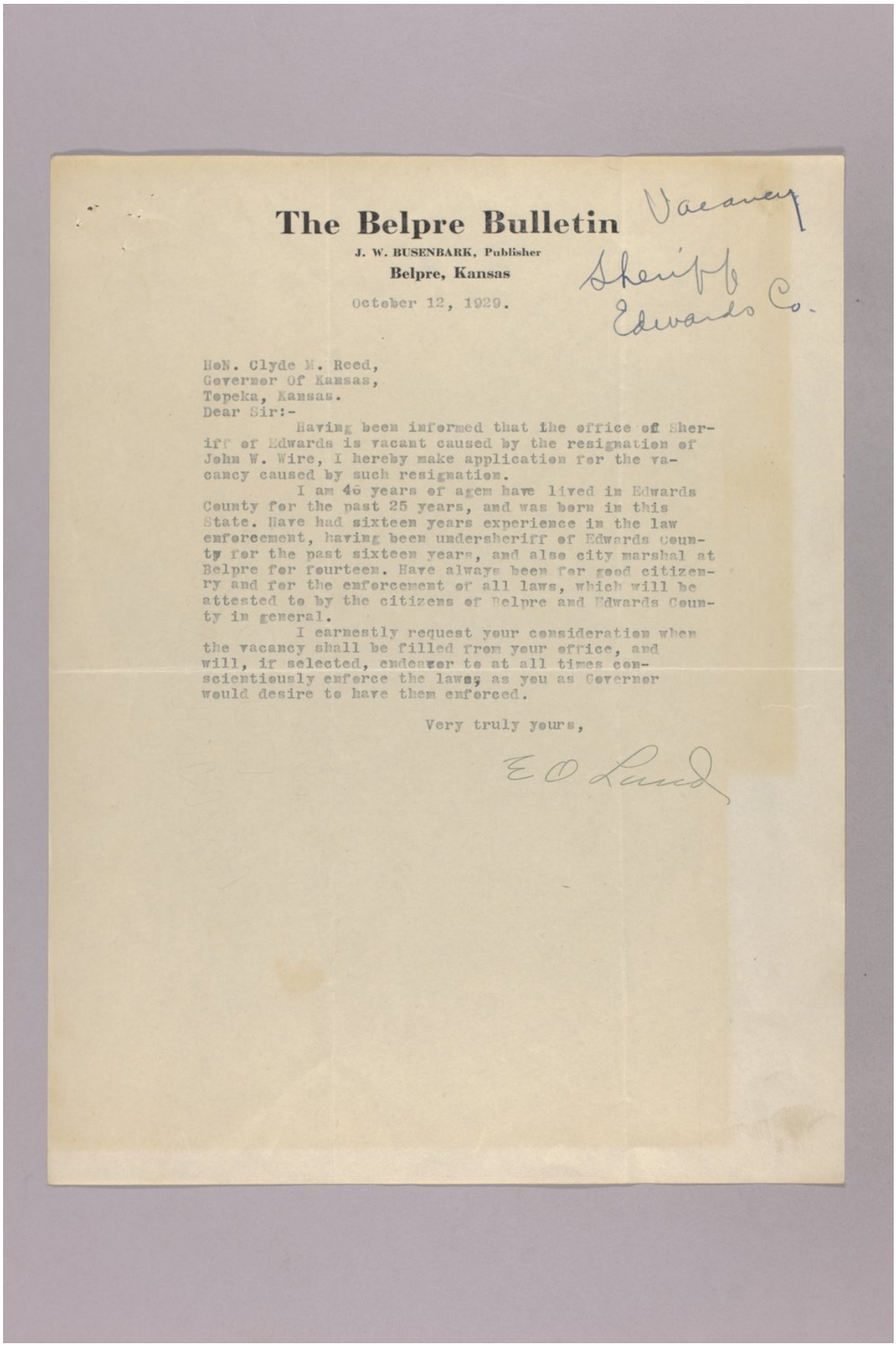
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Very truly yours,

WGW-LWM

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



The Belpre Bulletin

J. W. BUSENBARK, Publisher
Belpre, Kansas

October 12, 1929.

Vacancy
Sheriff
Edwards Co.

HoN. Clyde M. Reed,
Governor Of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.
Dear Sir:-

Having been informed that the office of Sheriff of Edwards is vacant caused by the resignation of John W. Wire, I hereby make application for the vacancy caused by such resignation.

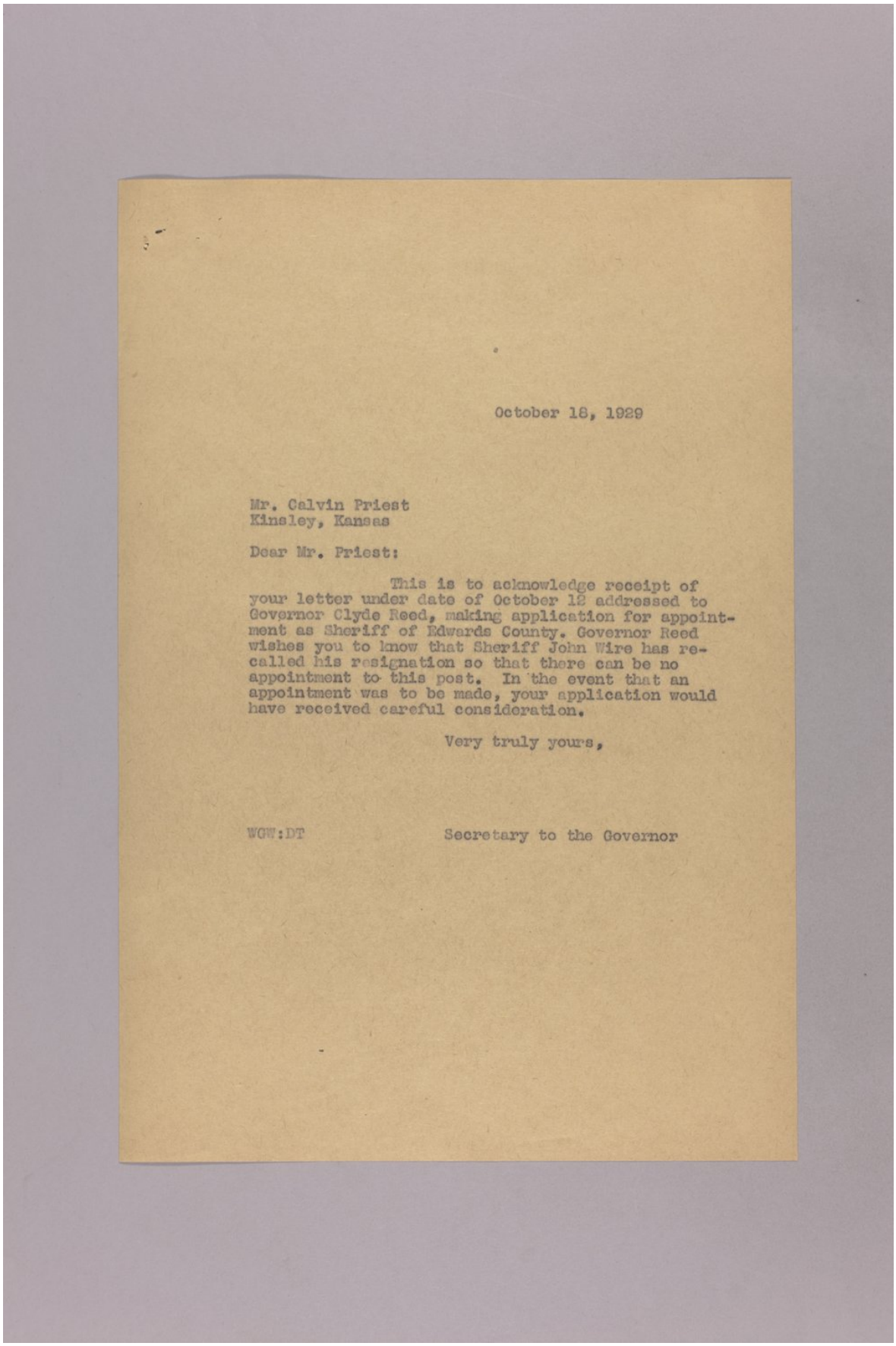
I am 46 years of agem have lived in Edwards County for the past 25 years, and was born in this State. Have had sixteen years experience in the law enforcement, having been undersheriff of Edwards County for the past sixteen years, and also city marshal at Belpre for fourteen. Have always been for good citizenry and for the enforcement of all laws, which will be attested to by the citizens of Belpre and Edwards County in general.

I earnestly request your consideration when the vacancy shall be filled from your office, and will, if selected, endeavor to at all times conscientiously enforce the laws as you as Governor would desire to have them enforced.

Very truly yours,

E O Land

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



October 18, 1929

Mr. Calvin Priest
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Mr. Priest:

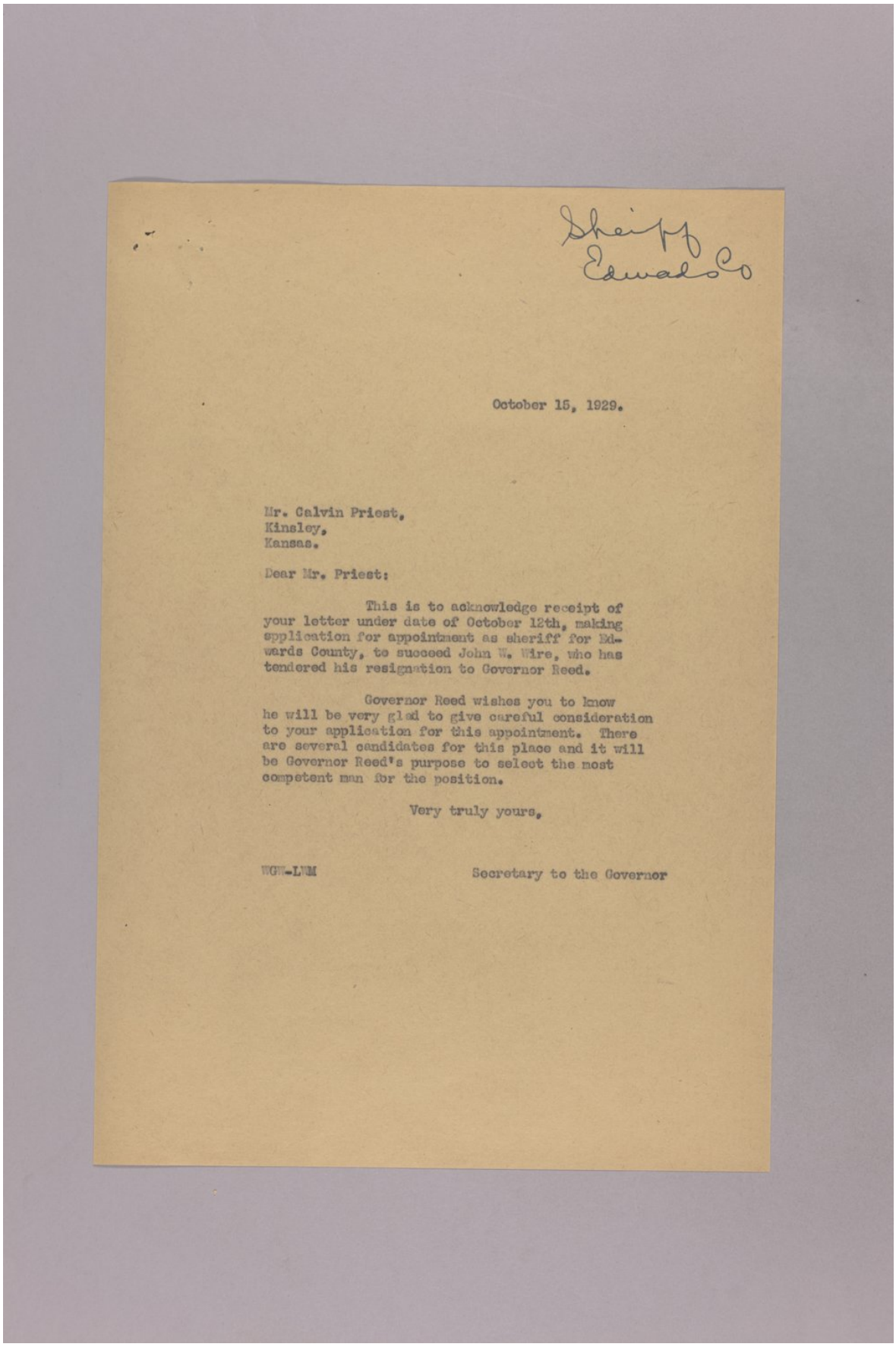
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Very truly yours,

WCW:DT

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheriff
Edwards Co

October 15, 1929.

Mr. Calvin Priest,
Kinsley,
Kansas.

Dear Mr. Priest:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 12th, making application for appointment as sheriff for Edwards County, to succeed John W. Wire, who has tendered his resignation to Governor Reed.

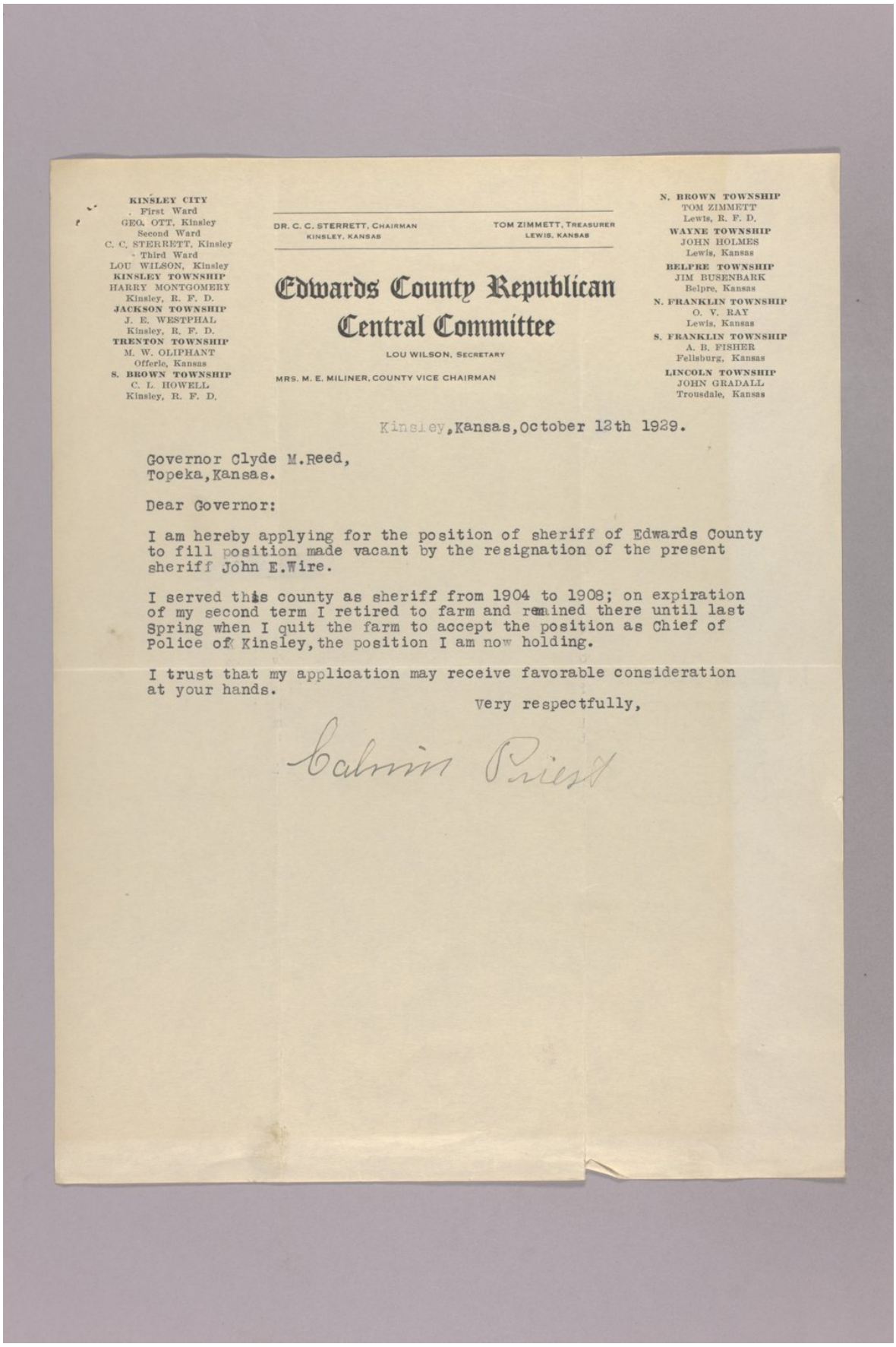
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Very truly yours,

WGW-LWM

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



KINSLEY CITY
First Ward
GEO. OTT, Kinsley
Second Ward
C. C. STERRETT, Kinsley
Third Ward
LOU WILSON, Kinsley
KINSLEY TOWNSHIP
HARRY MONTGOMERY
Kinsley, R. F. D.
JACKSON TOWNSHIP
J. E. WESTPHAL
Kinsley, R. F. D.
TRENTON TOWNSHIP
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S. BROWN TOWNSHIP
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Kinsley, R. F. D.

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KINSLEY, KANSAS

TOM ZIMMETT, TREASURER
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A. B. FISHER
Fellsburg, Kansas
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
JOHN GRADALL
Trousdale, Kansas

Kinsley, Kansas, October 13th 1929.

Governor Clyde M. Reed,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I am hereby applying for the position of sheriff of Edwards County to fill position made vacant by the resignation of the present sheriff John E. Wire.

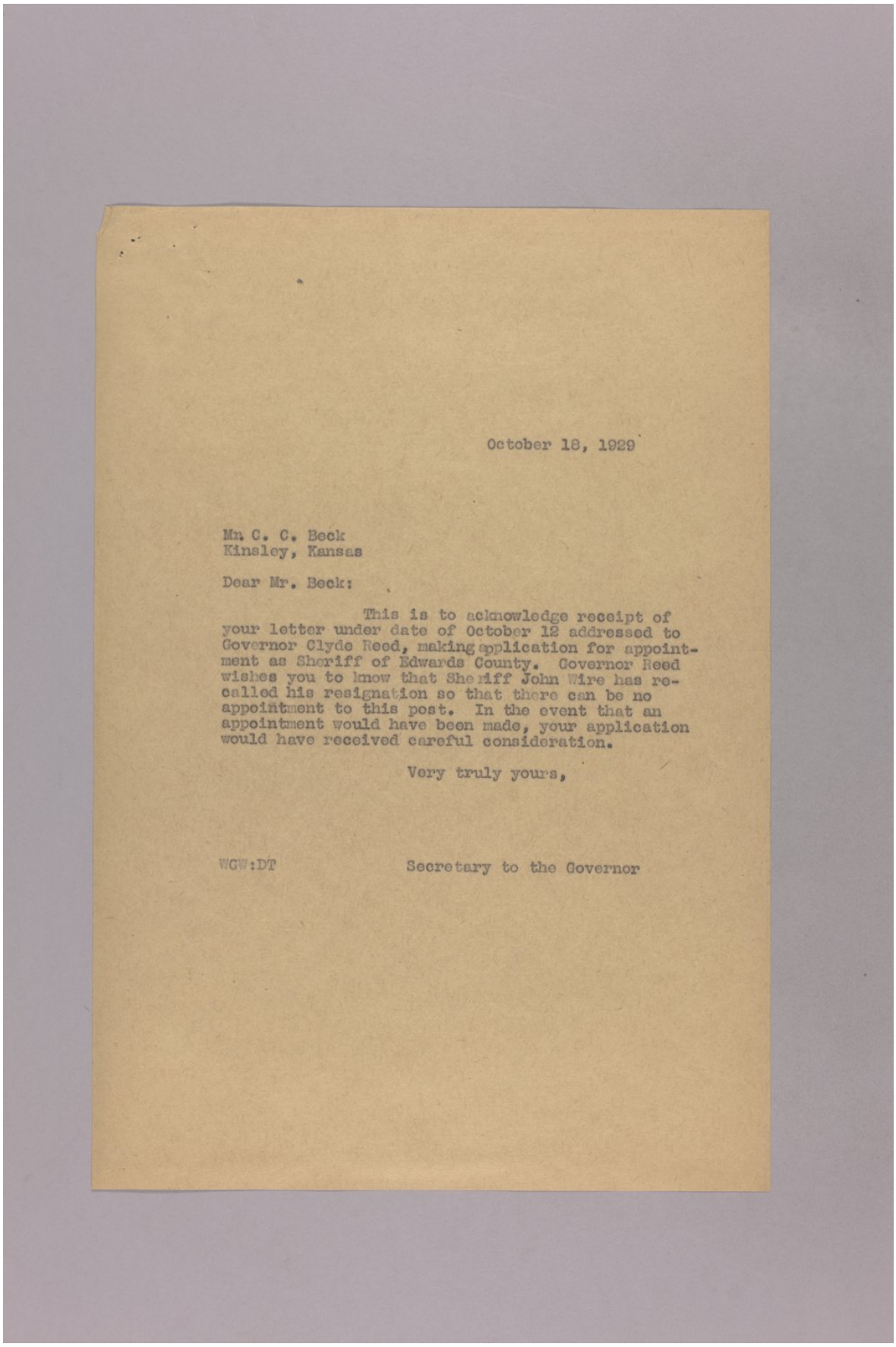
I served this county as sheriff from 1904 to 1908; on expiration of my second term I retired to farm and remained there until last Spring when I quit the farm to accept the position as Chief of Police of Kinsley, the position I am now holding.

I trust that my application may receive favorable consideration at your hands.

Very respectfully,

Calvin Priest

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



October 18, 1929

Mr. C. C. Beck
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Mr. Beck:

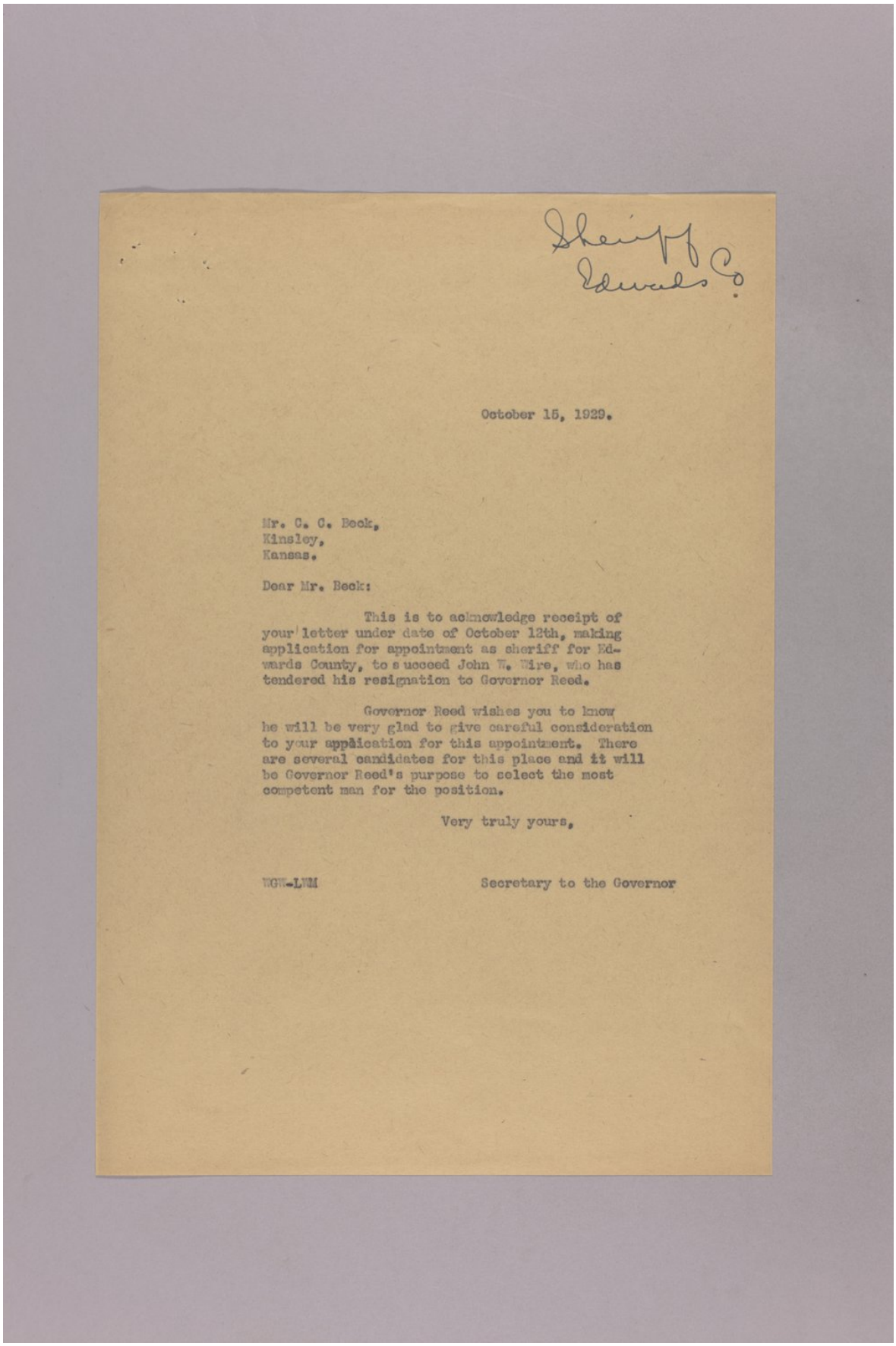
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Very truly yours,

WCW:DT

Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheriff Edwards Co.

October 15, 1929.

Mr. C. C. Beck,
Kinsley,
Kansas.

Dear Mr. Beck:

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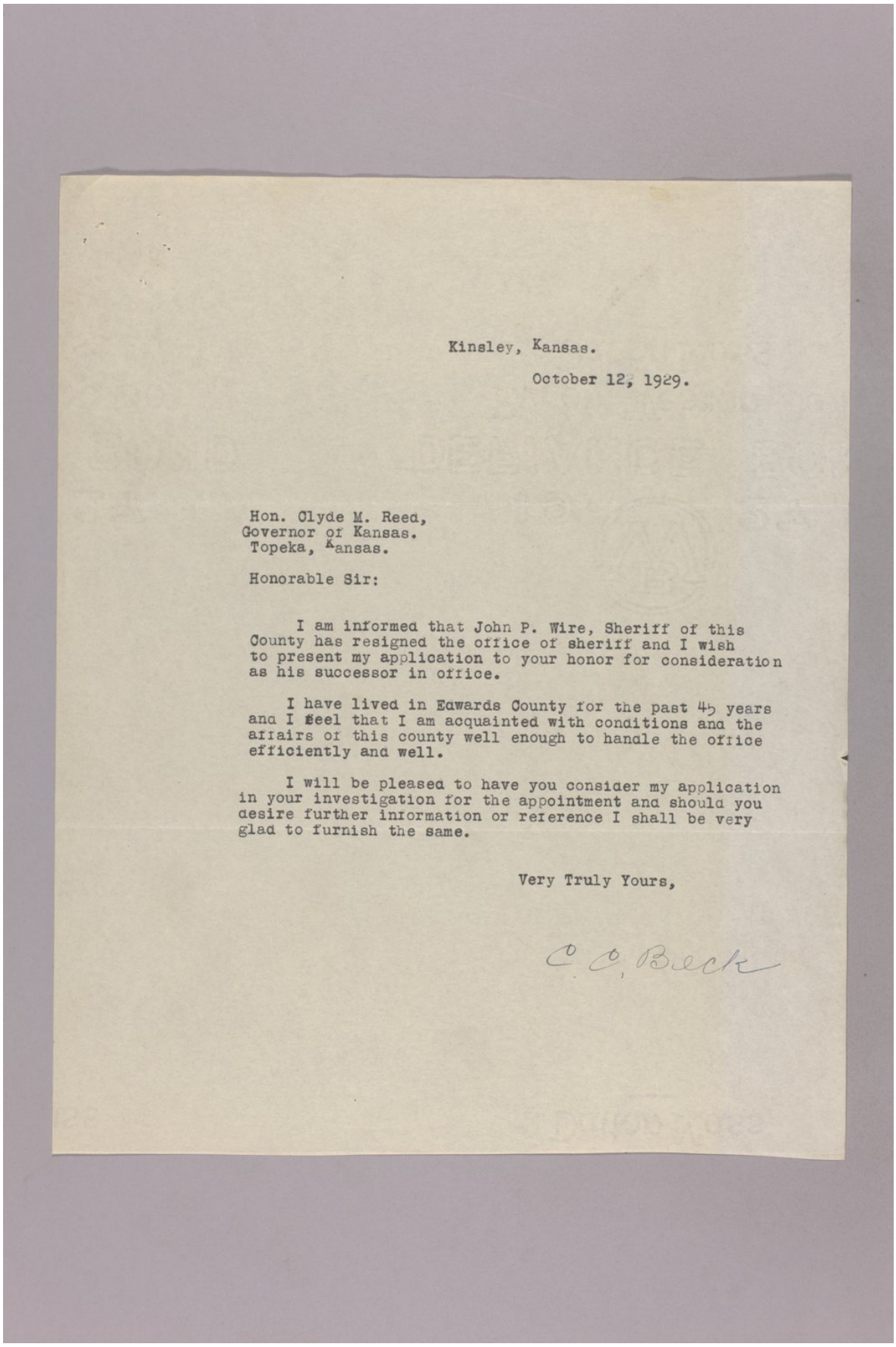
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Secretary to the Governor

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Kinsley, Kansas.

October 12, 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
Governor of Kansas.
Topeka, Kansas.

Honorable Sir:

I am informed that John P. Wire, Sheriff of this County has resigned the office of sheriff and I wish to present my application to your honor for consideration as his successor in office.

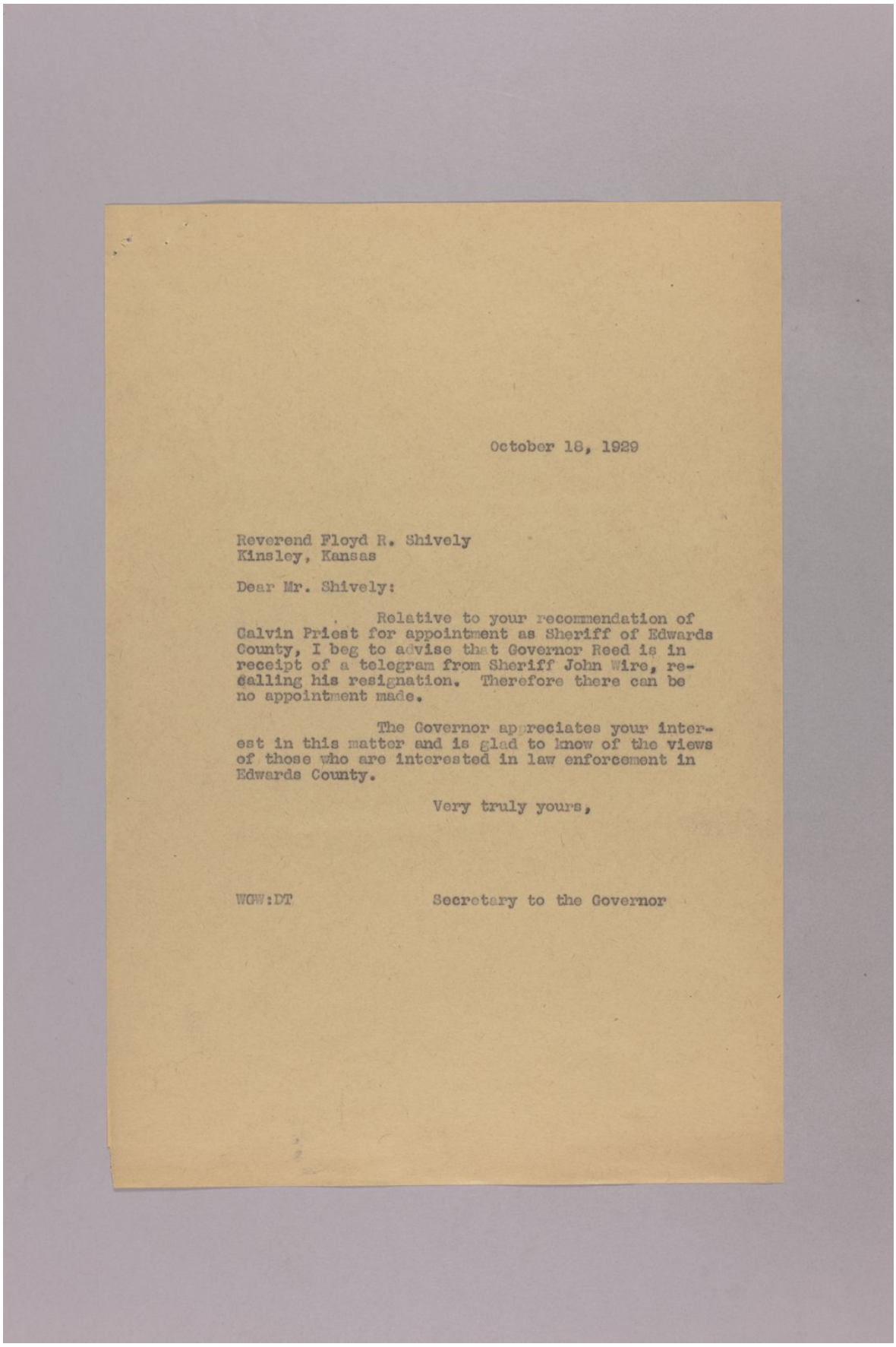
I have lived in Edwards County for the past 45 years and I feel that I am acquainted with conditions and the affairs of this county well enough to handle the office efficiently and well.

I will be pleased to have you consider my application in your investigation for the appointment and should you desire further information or rererence I shall be very glad to furnish the same.

Very Truly Yours,

C. C. Beck

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



October 18, 1929

Reverend Floyd R. Shively
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shively:

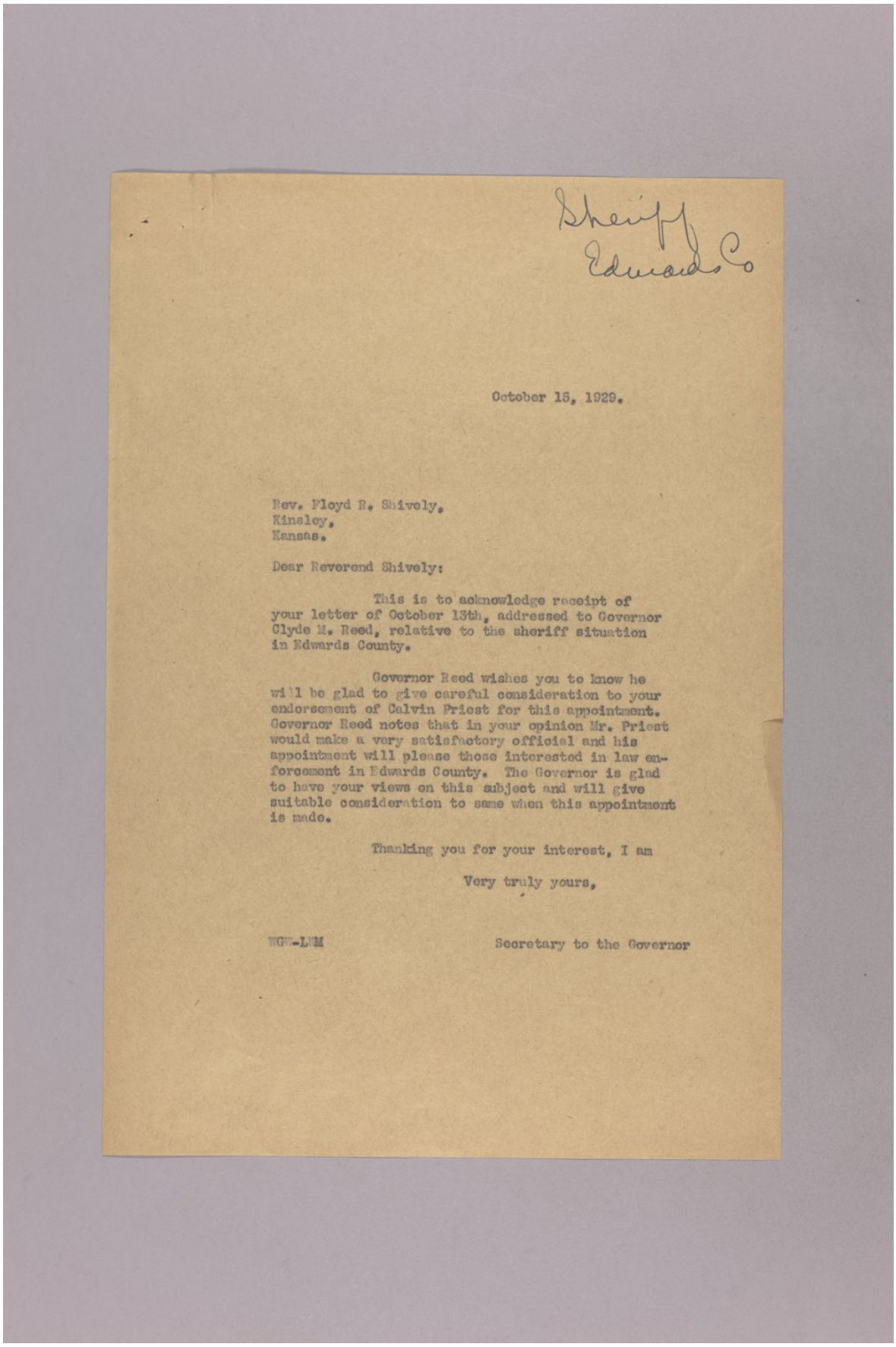
Relative to your recommendation of Calvin Priest for appointment as Sheriff of Edwards County, I beg to advise that Governor Reed is in receipt of a telegram from Sheriff John Wire, recalling his resignation. Therefore there can be no appointment made.

The Governor appreciates your interest in this matter and is glad to know of the views of those who are interested in law enforcement in Edwards County.

Very truly yours,

WCW:DT Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



Sheriff
Edwards Co

October 15, 1929.

Rev. Floyd R. Shively,
Kinsley,
Kansas.

Dear Reverend Shively:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 13th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, relative to the sheriff situation in Edwards County.

Governor Reed wishes you to know he will be glad to give careful consideration to your endorsement of Calvin Priest for this appointment. Governor Reed notes that in your opinion Mr. Priest would make a very satisfactory official and his appointment will please those interested in law enforcement in Edwards County. The Governor is glad to have your views on this subject and will give suitable consideration to same when this appointment is made.

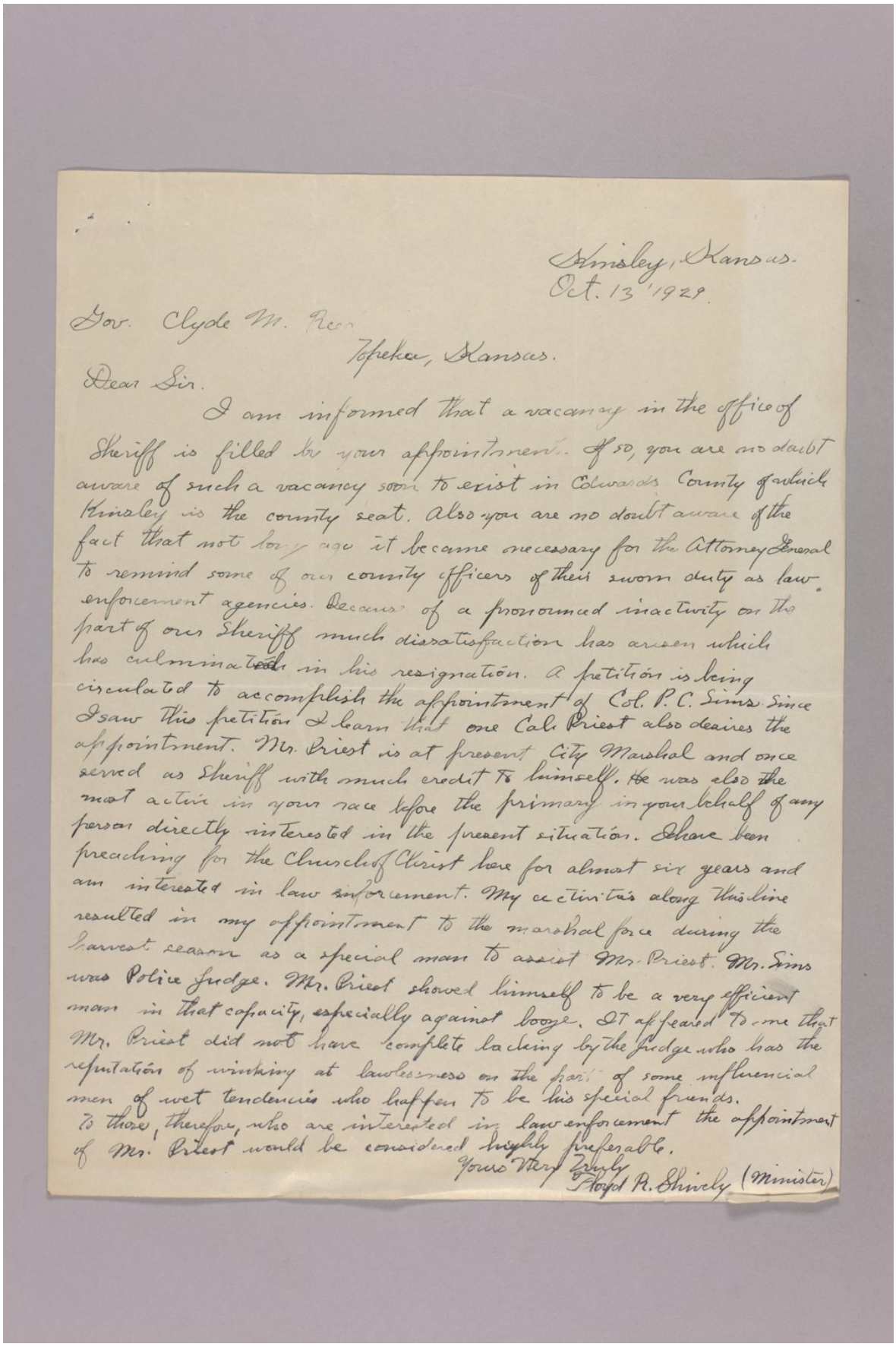
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Secretary to the Governor

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



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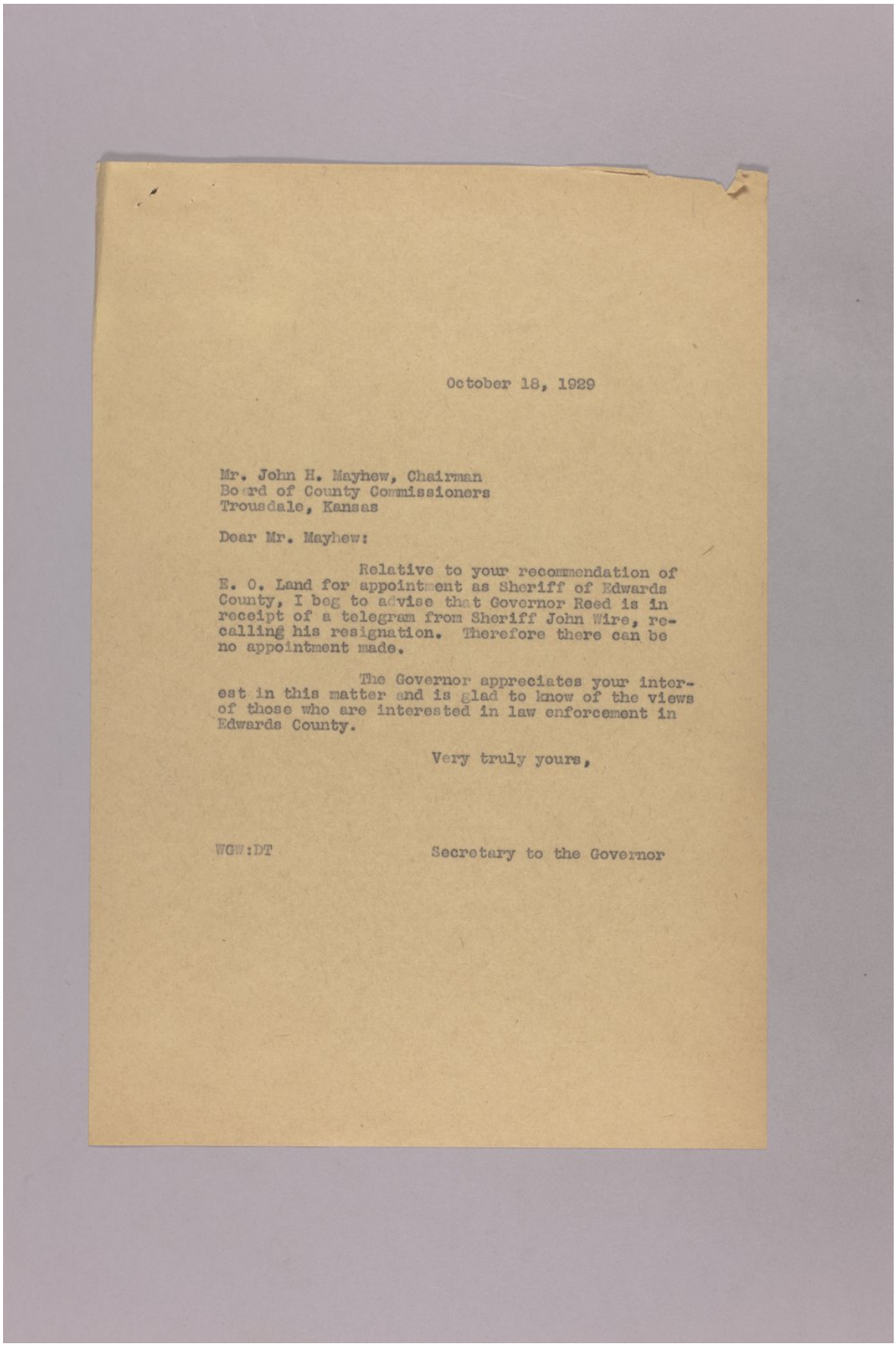
Gov. Clyde M. Reed
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir.

I am informed that a vacancy in the office of Sheriff is filled by your appointment. If so, you are no doubt aware of such a vacancy soon to exist in Edwards County of which Kinsley is the county seat. Also you are no doubt aware of the fact that not long ago it became necessary for the Attorney General to remind some of our county officers of their sworn duty as law enforcement agencies. Because of a pronounced inactivity on the part of our Sheriff much dissatisfaction has arisen which has culminated in his resignation. A petition is being circulated to accomplish the appointment of Col. P. C. Sims. Since I saw this petition I learn that one Cal Priest also desires the appointment. Mr. Priest is at present City Marshal and once served as Sheriff with much credit to himself. He was also the most active in your race before the primary in your behalf of any person directly interested in the present situation. I have been preaching for the Church of Christ here for almost six years and am interested in law enforcement. My activities along this line resulted in my appointment to the marshal force during the harvest season as a special man to assist Mr. Priest. Mr. Sims was Police Judge. Mr. Priest showed himself to be a very efficient man in that capacity, especially against booze. It appeared to me that Mr. Priest did not have complete backing by the Judge who has the reputation of winking at lawlessness on the part of some influencial men of wet tendencies who happen to be his special friends.
To those, therefore, who are interested in law enforcement the appointment of Mr. Priest would be considered highly preferable.

Yours Very Truly
Floyd A. Shively (Minister)

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, County Sherriff



October 18, 1929

Mr. John H. Mayhew, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Trousdale, Kansas

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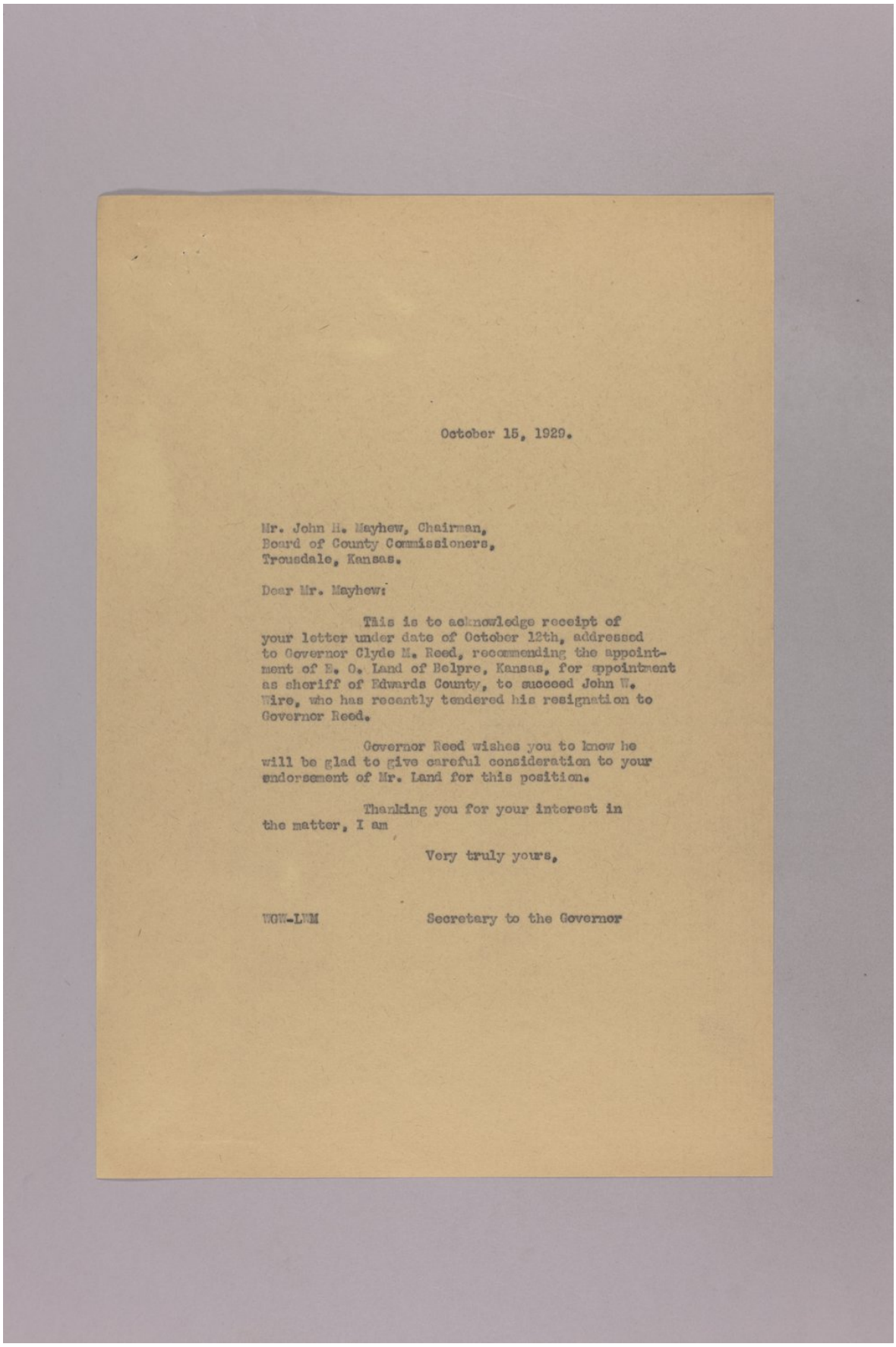
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October 15, 1929.

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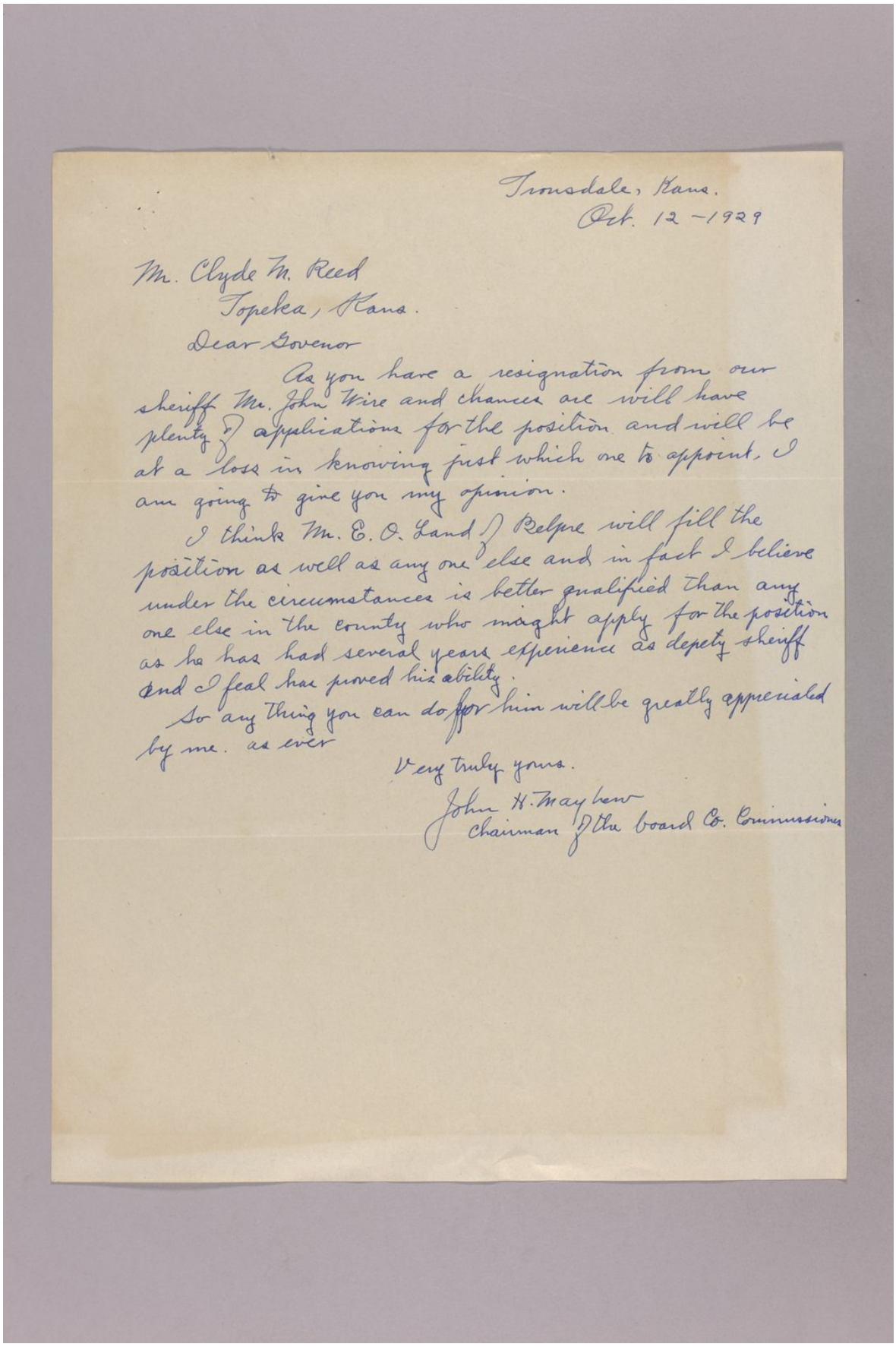
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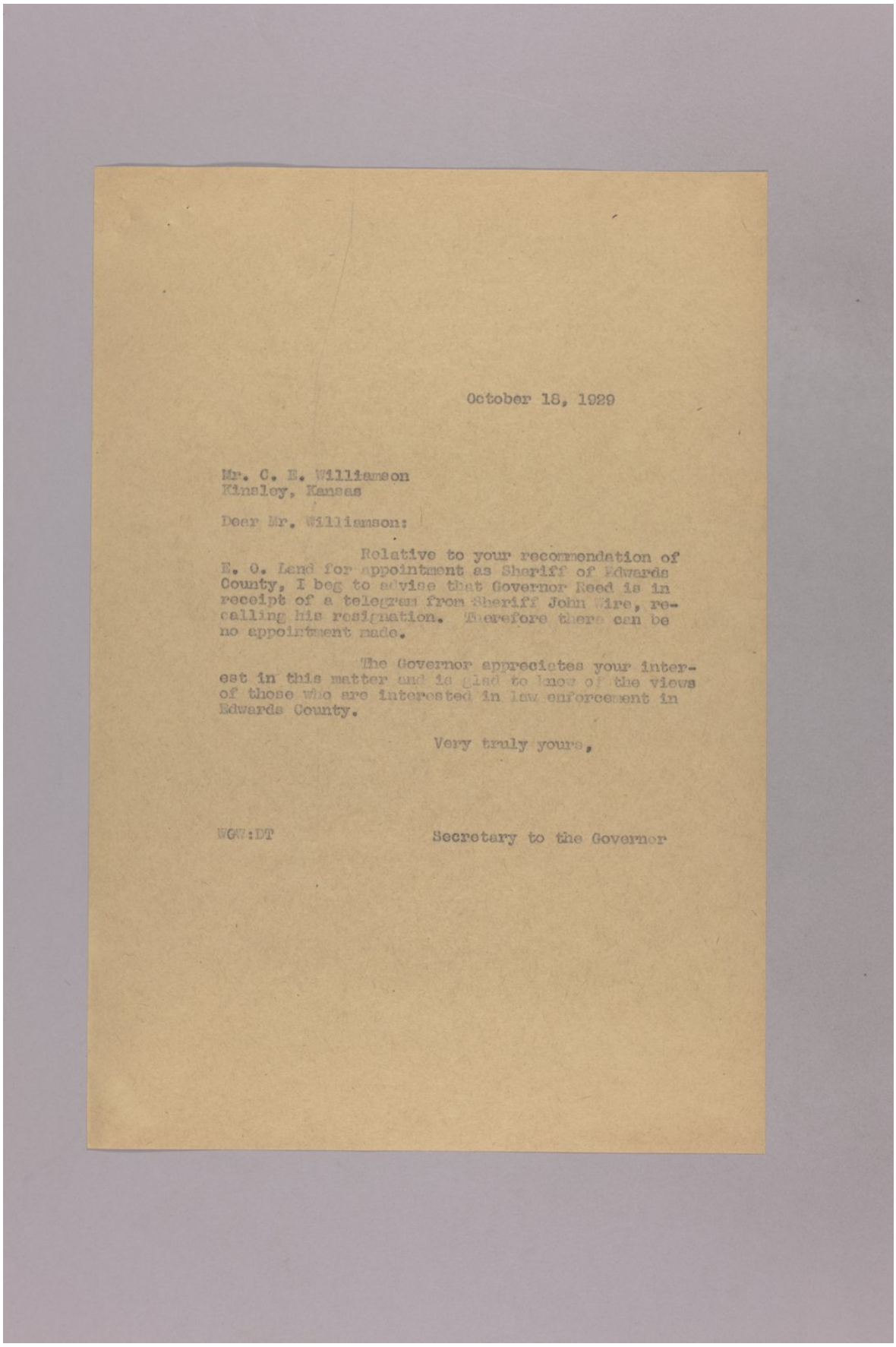
As you have a resignation from our sheriff Mr. John Wire and chances are will have plenty of applications for the position and will be at a loss in knowing just which one to appoint. I am going to give you my opinion.

I think Mr. E. O. Land of Belpre will fill the position as well as any one else and in fact I believe under the circumstances is better qualified than any one else in the county who might apply for the position as he has had several years experience as depety sheriff and I feal has proved his ability.

So any thing you can do for him willbe greatly appreciated by me. as ever

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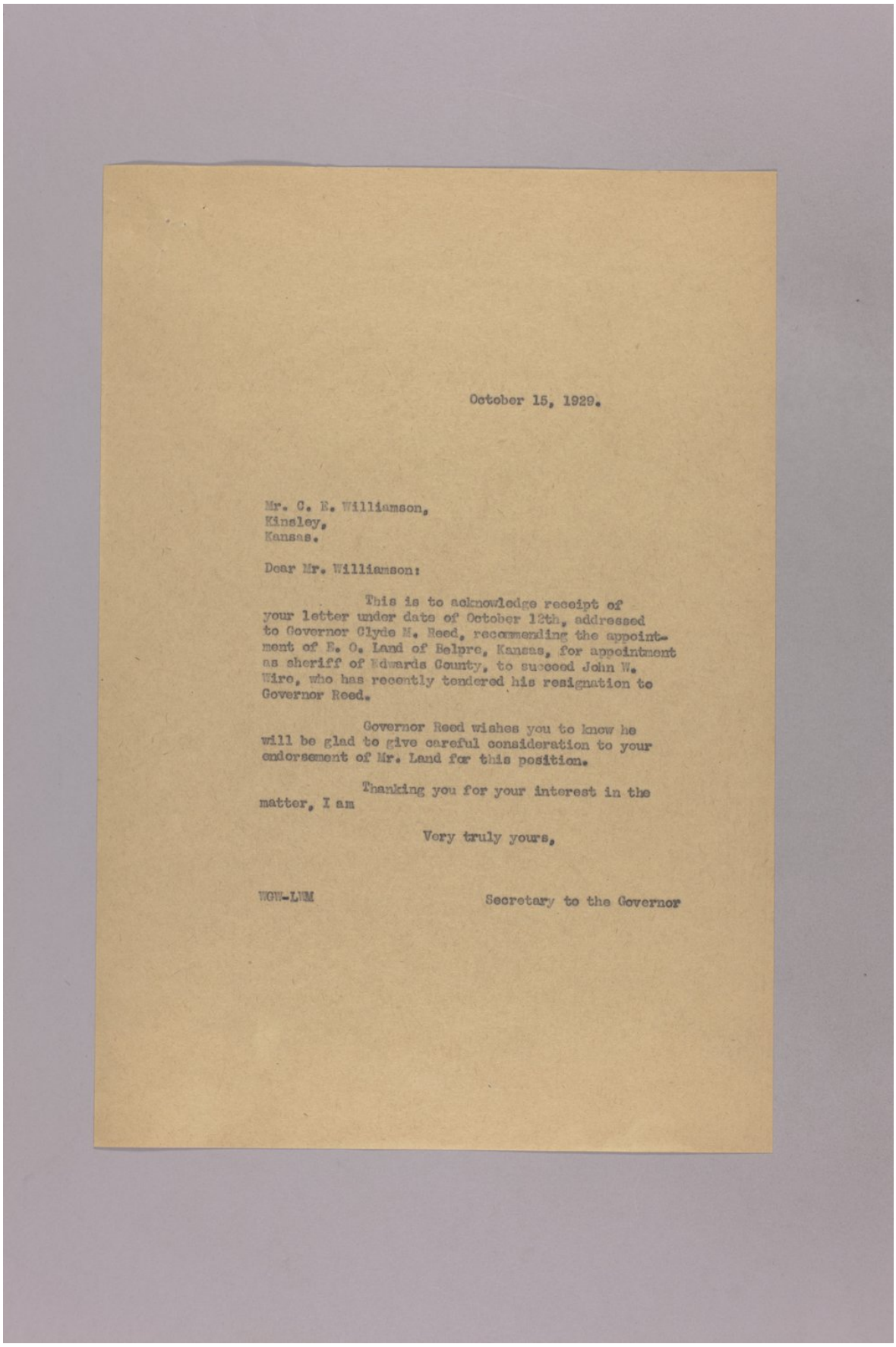
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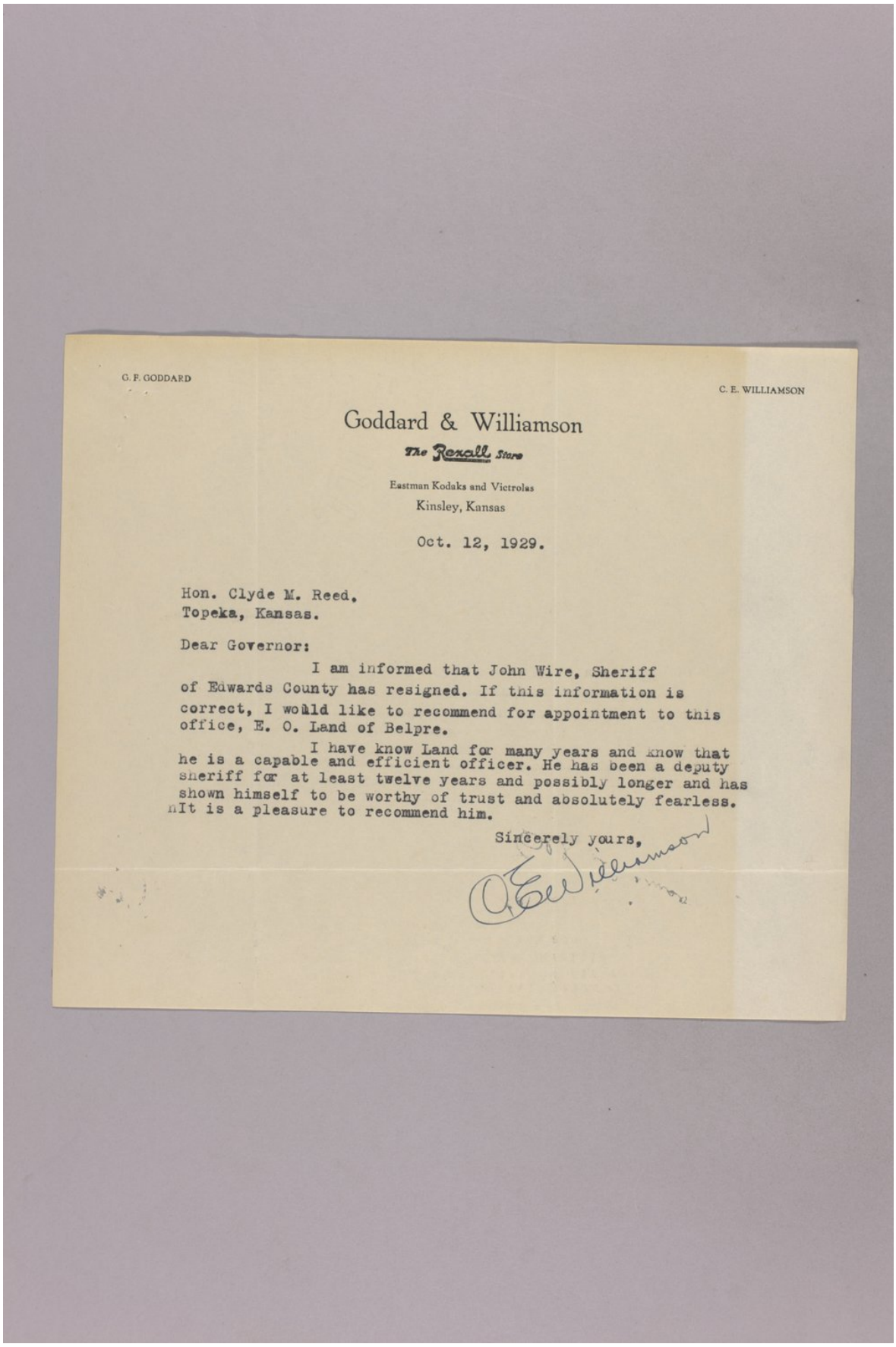
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Kinsley, Kansas

Oct. 12, 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I am informed that John Wire, Sheriff of Edwards County has resigned. If this information is correct, I would like to recommend for appointment to this office, E. O. Land of Belpre.

I have know Land for many years and know that he is a capable and efficient officer. He has been a deputy sheriff for at least twelve years and possibly longer and has shown himself to be worthy of trust and absolutely fearless. It is a pleasure to recommend him.

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Williamson