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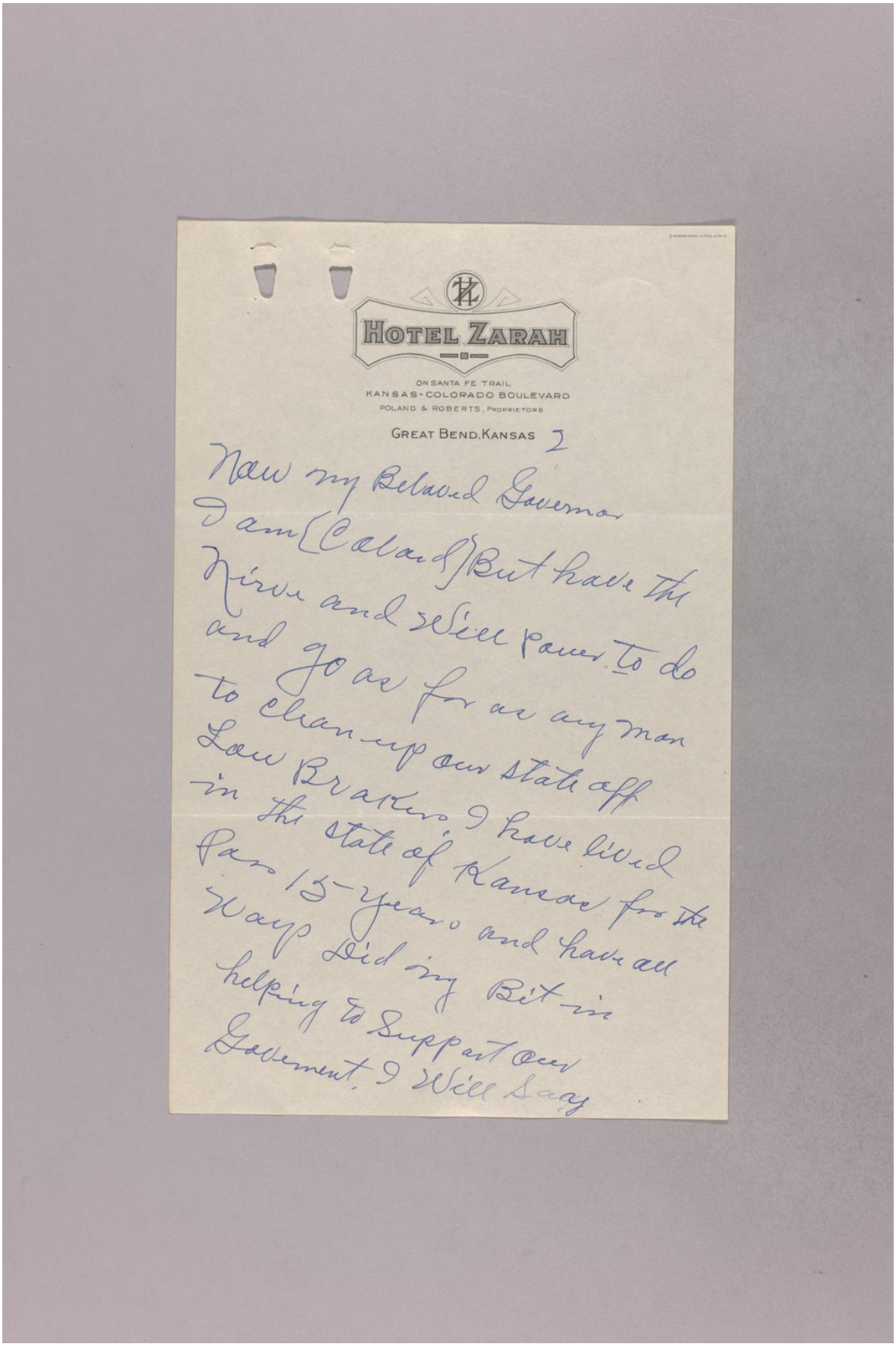
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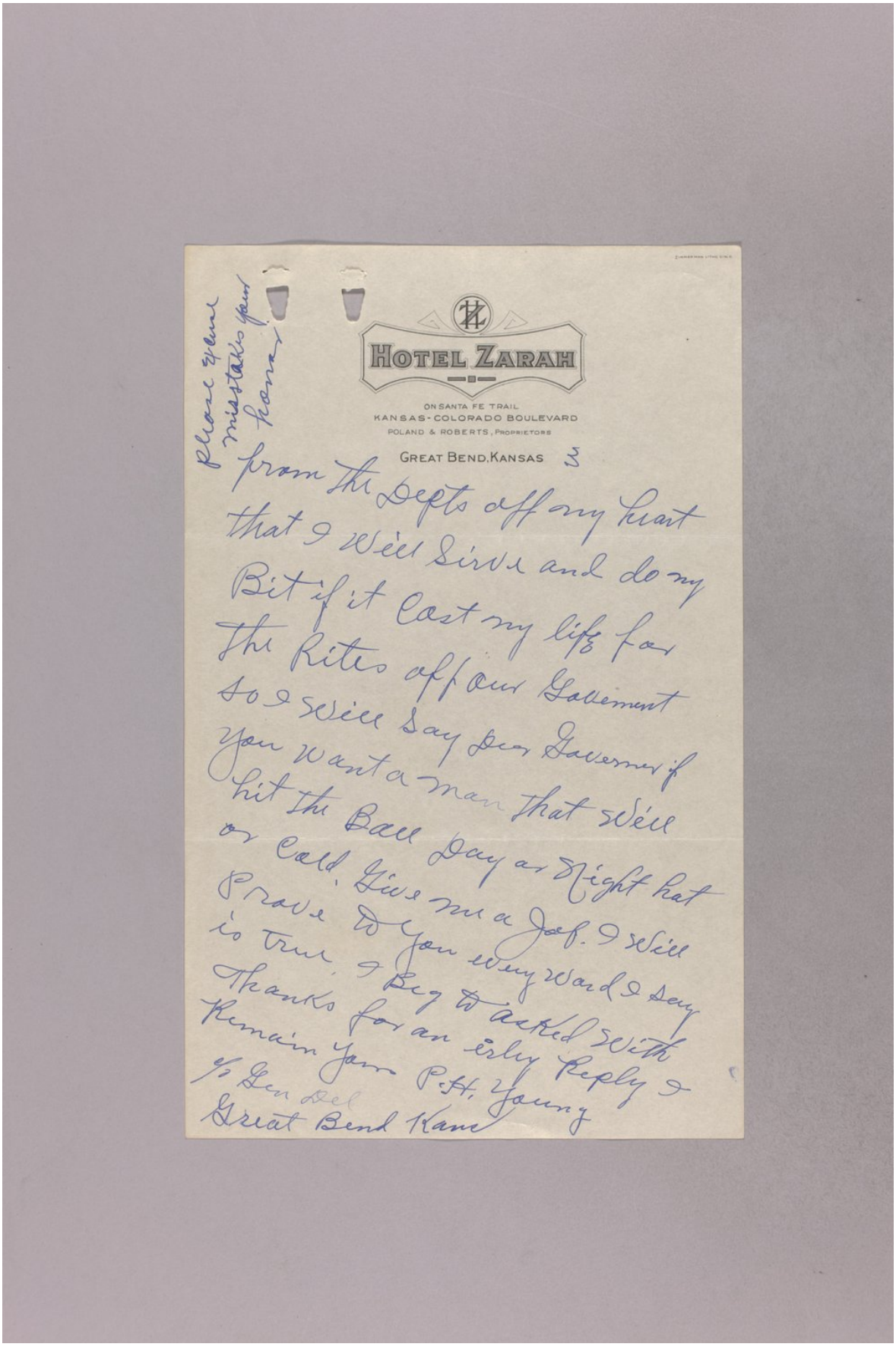
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HOTEL ZARAH
ON SANTA FE TRAIL
KANSAS-COLORADO BOULEVARD
POLAND & ROBERTS, PROPRIETORS
GREAT BEND, KANSAS

Now my Beloved Governor
I am Called But have the
Nirve and Will power to do
and go as far as any man
to clean up our State off
Law Braking I have lived
in the State of Kansas for the
Past 15 years and have all
Ways Did my Bit in
helping to Support our
Goverment I Will Say

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HOTEL ZARAH

ON SANTA FE TRAIL
KANSAS-COLORADO BOULEVARD
POLAND & ROBERTS, PROPRIETORS

GREAT BEND, KANSAS

Please please
misstake your
Honor

from the Depts off my Heart
that I Will Serve and do my
Bit if it Cost my life for
the Rites off our Gallement
so I will say Dear Governor if
you want a man that will
hit the Ball Day or Night hot
or Cold. Give me a Job. I will
Prove to you my Word I say
is true. I Beg to asked with
Thanks for an erly Reply I
Remain Your P.H. Young
Yr Gen Del
Great Bend Kans

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January 31, 1929.

Mr. P. W. Hannibal,
4820 Pine St.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

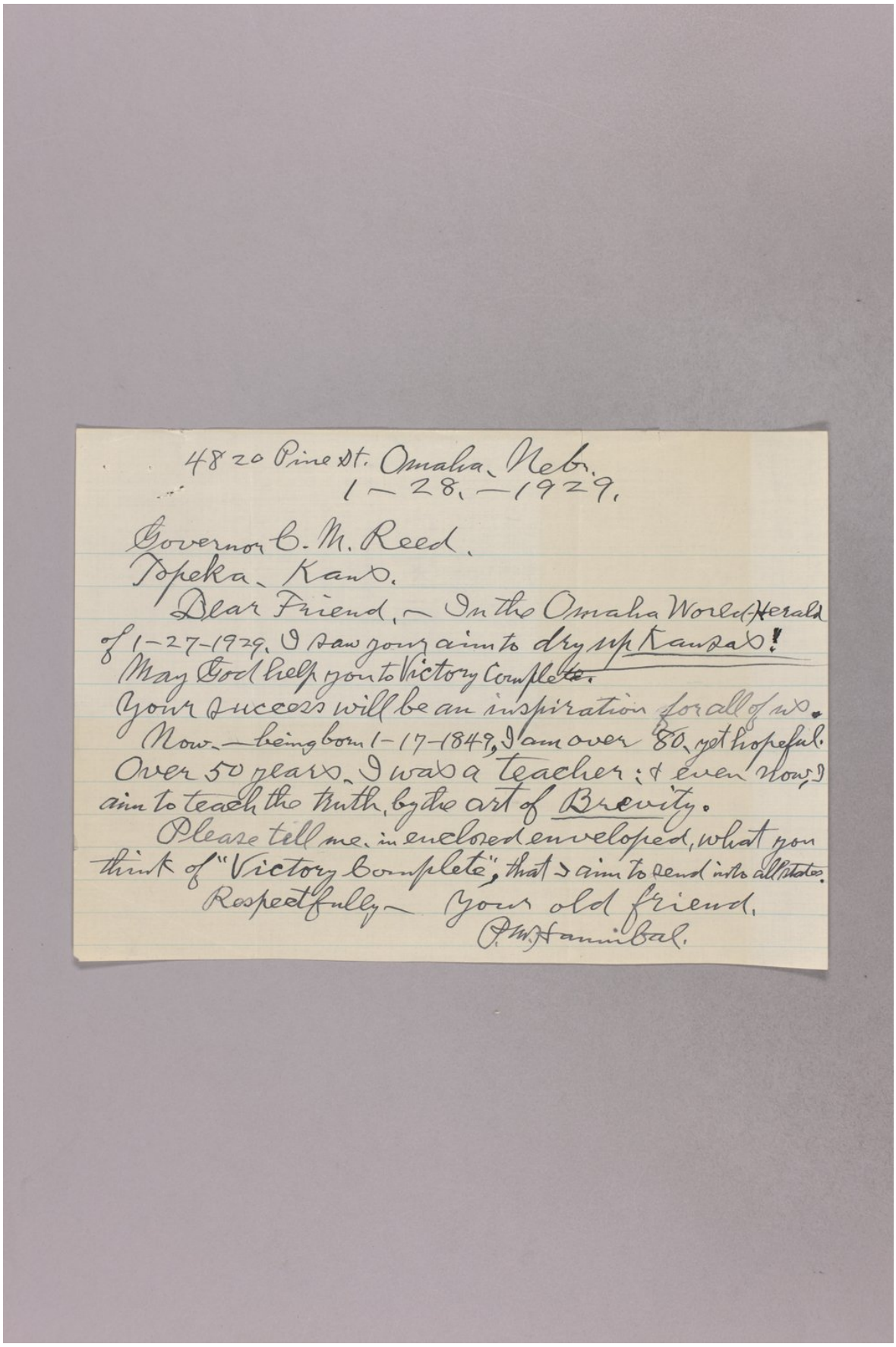
Dear Mr. Hannibal:

This is to acknowledge receipt of communication under date of January 28th inclosing circulars, "Victory Complete".

Governor Reed wishes to express his appreciation for your indorsement of his law enforcement program.

Very truly yours,

WCW:GJY. Secretary to the Governor.



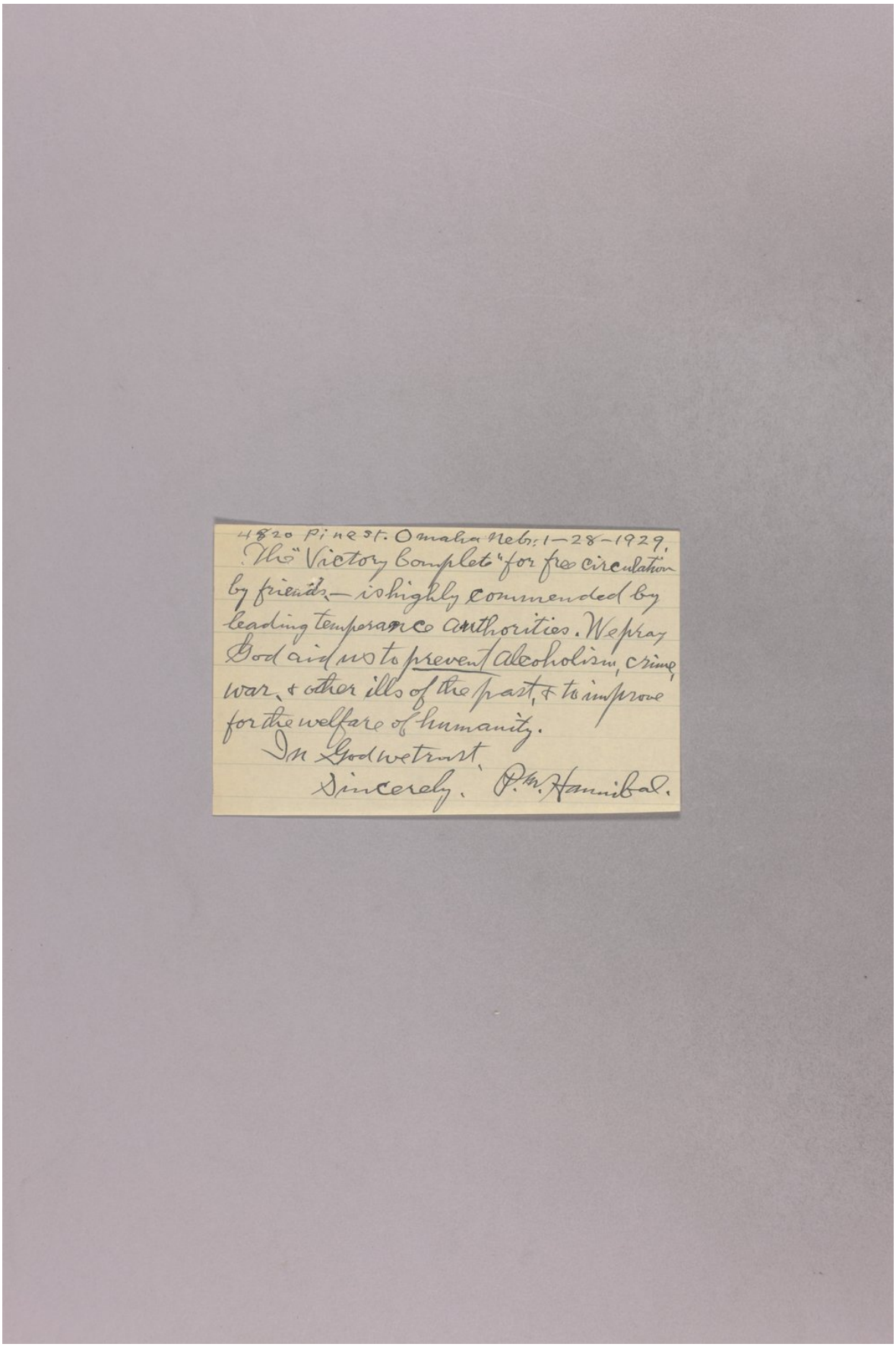
4820 Pine St. Omaha, Neb.
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Governor C. M. Reed.
Topeka, Kans.

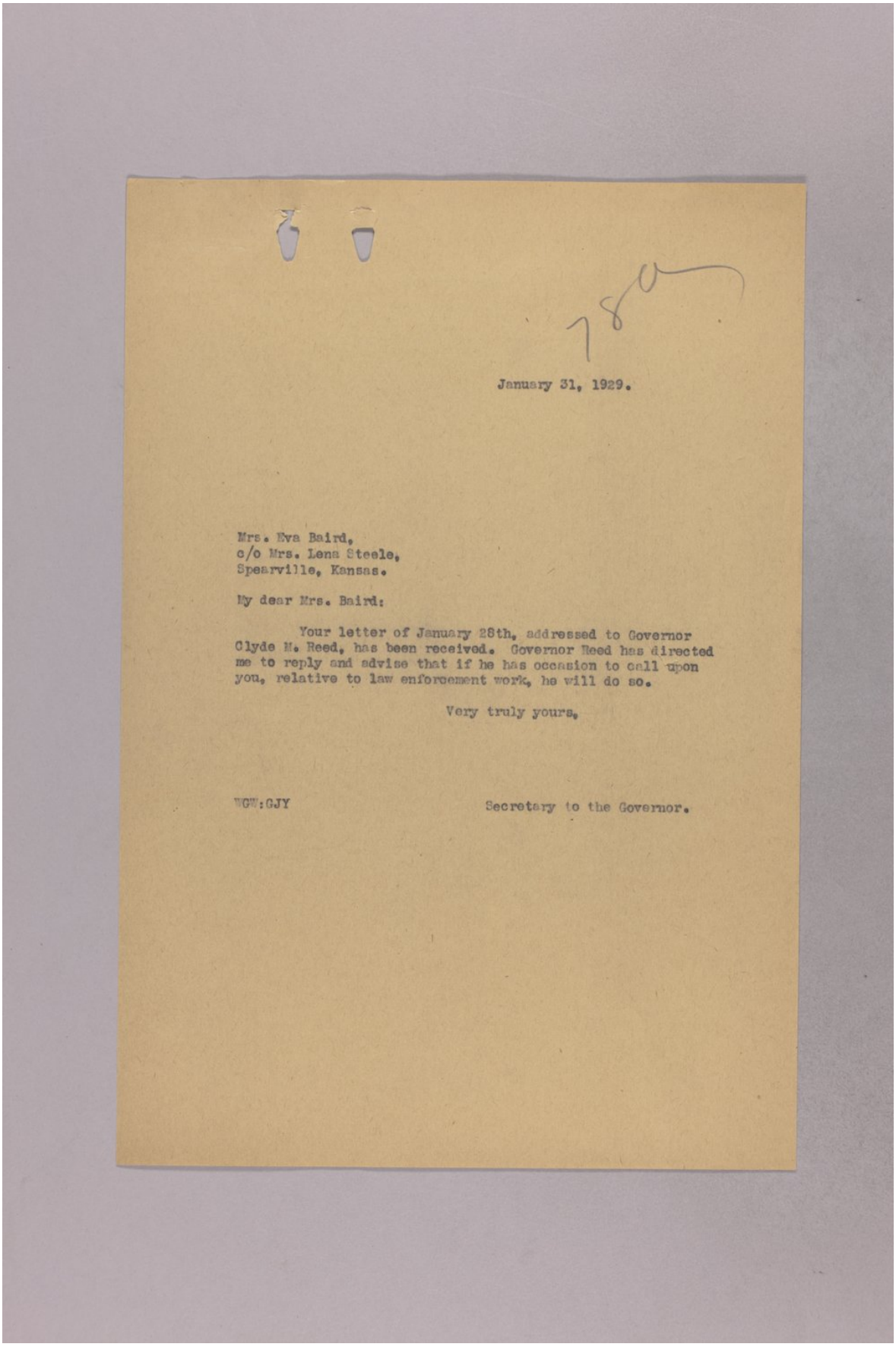
Dear Friend.— In the Omaha World-Herald of 1-27-1929. I saw your aim to dry up Kansas!
May God help you to Victory Complete.
Your success will be an inspiration for all of us.
Now—being born 1-17-1849, I am over 80, yet hopeful.
Over 50 years, I was a teacher; & even now, I aim to teach the truth, by the art of Brevity.
Please tell me, in enclosed enveloped, what you think of "Victory Complete", that I aim to send into all States.

Respectfully— Your old friend.
P. M. Hannibal.

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4820 Pine St. Omaha Neb. 1-28-1929.
The "Victory Complete" for free circulation
by friends — is highly commended by
leading temperance authorities. We pray
God aid us to prevent alcoholism, crime,
war, & other ills of the past, & to improve
for the welfare of humanity.
In God we trust.
Sincerely. P. M. Hannibal.



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January 31, 1929.

Mrs. Eva Baird,
c/o Mrs. Lena Steele,
Spearville, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Baird:

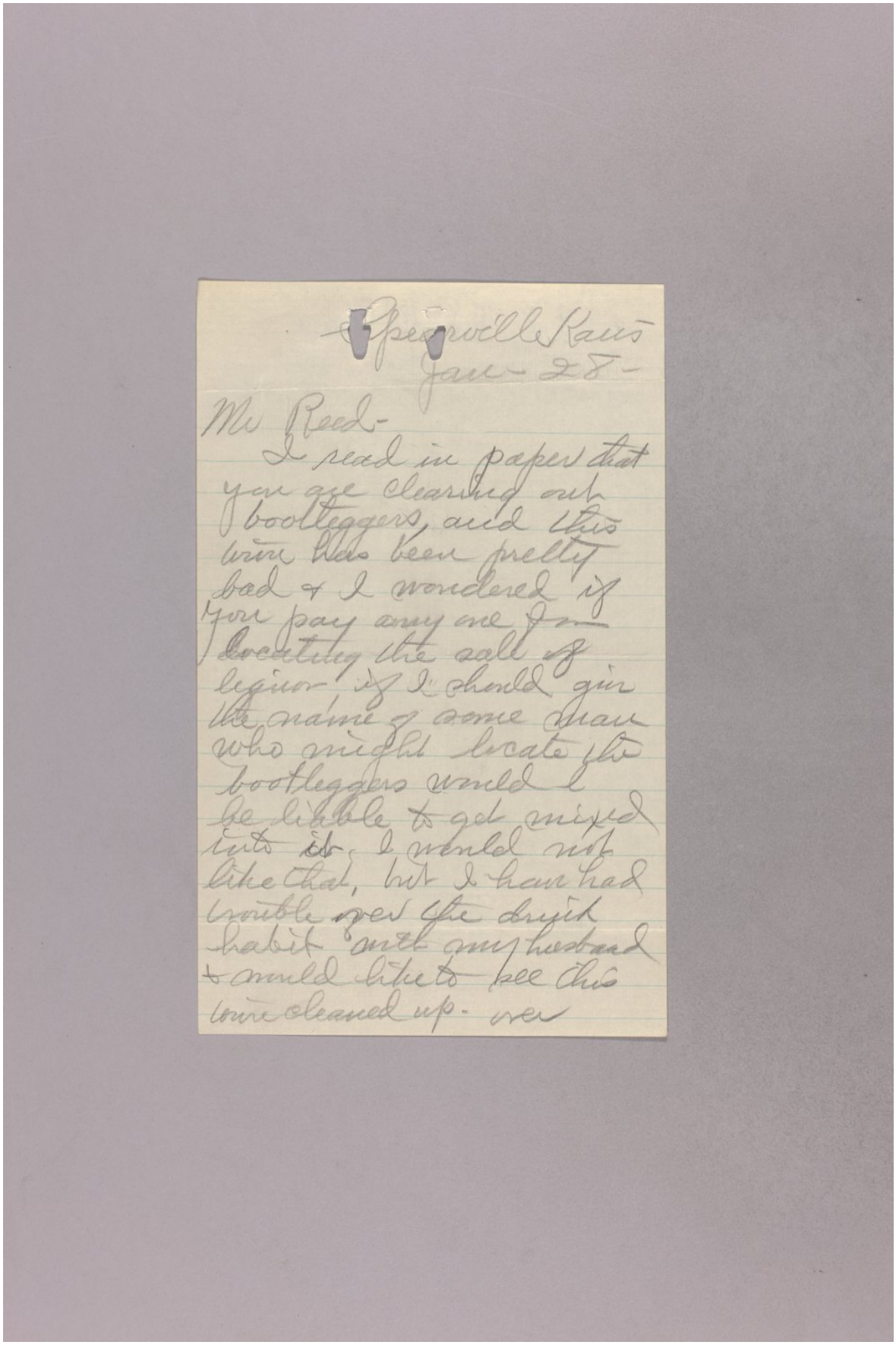
Your letter of January 28th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, has been received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and advise that if he has occasion to call upon you, relative to law enforcement work, he will do so.

Very truly yours,

WCW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor.

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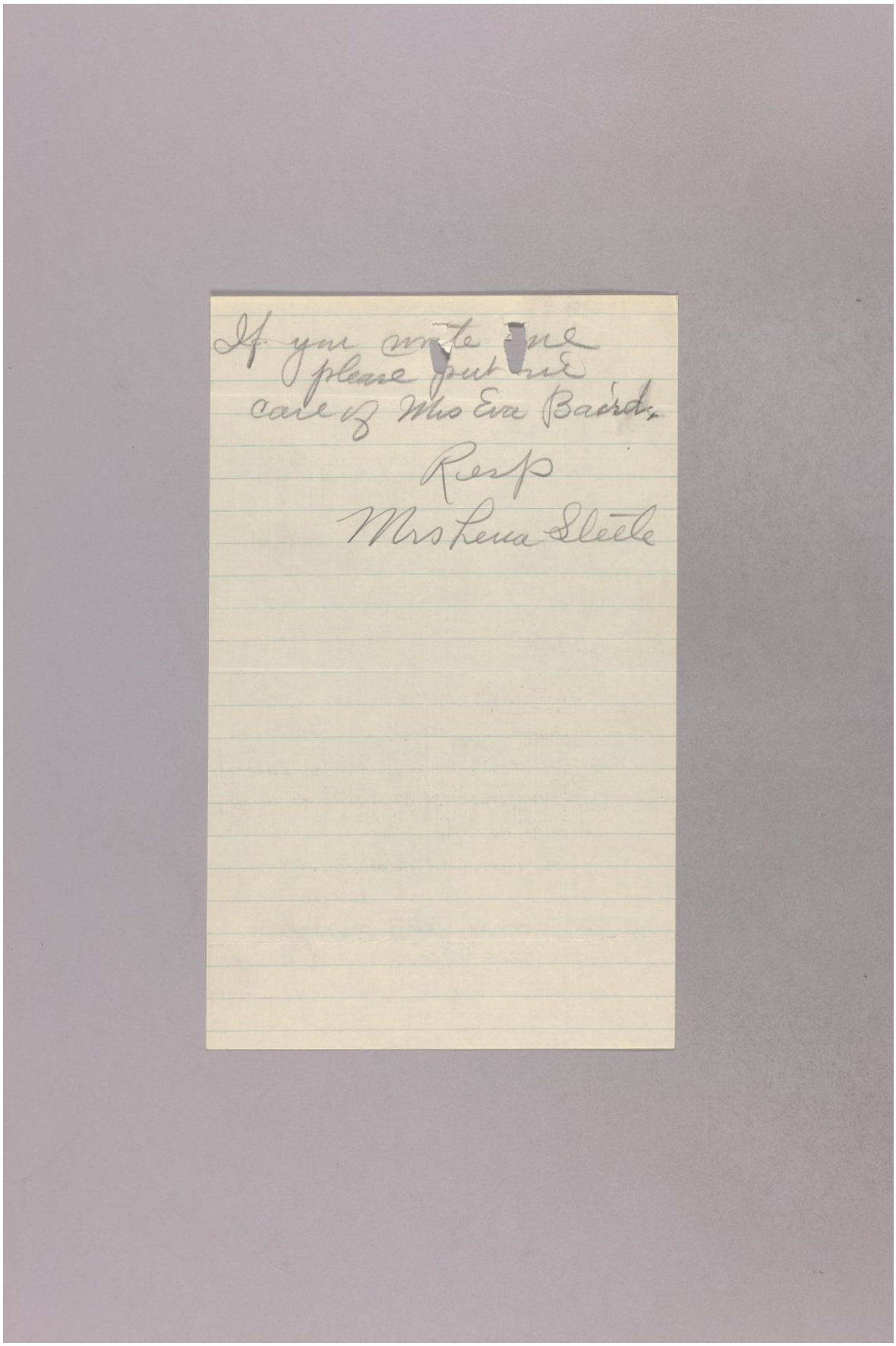


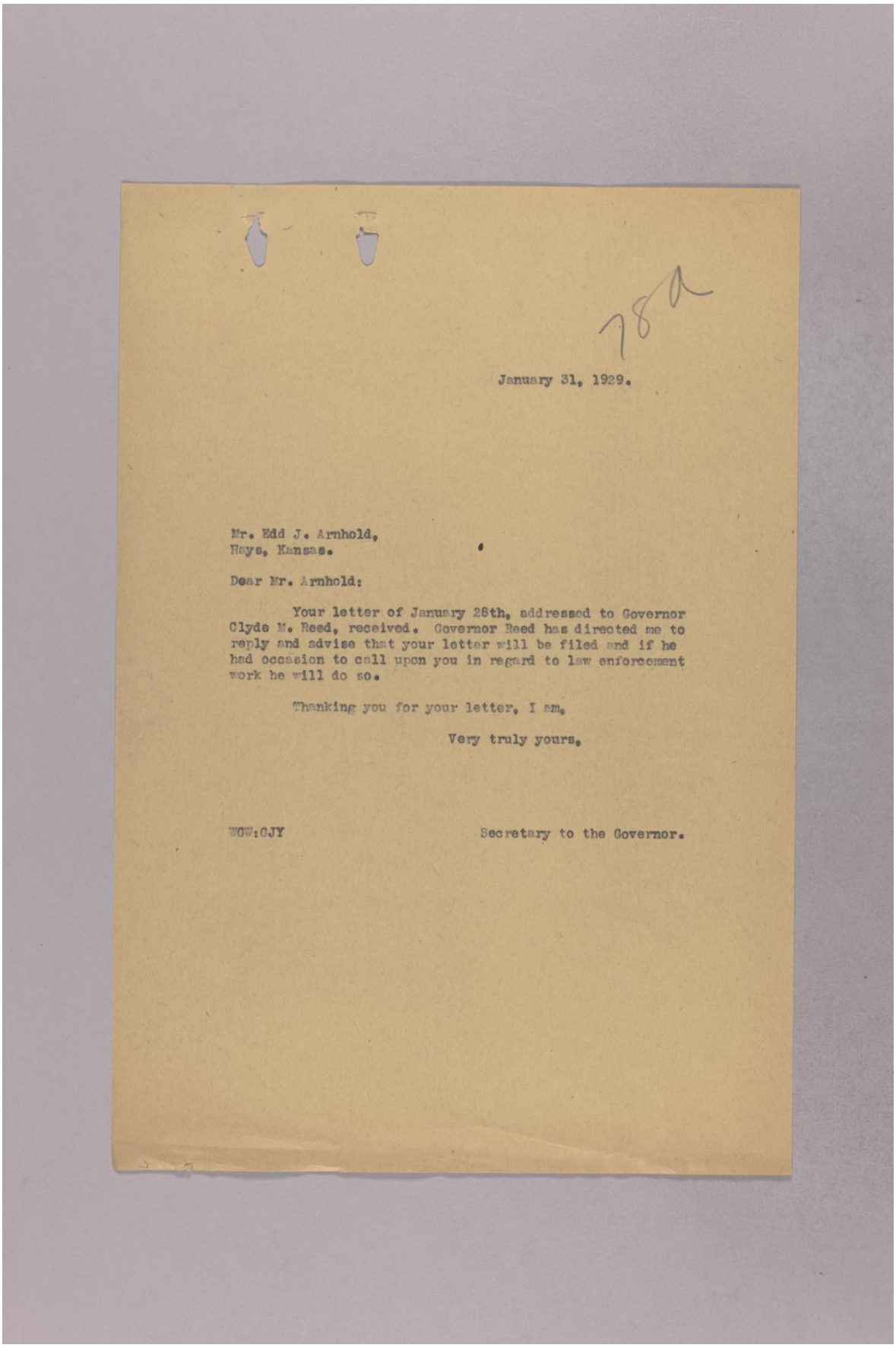
Greenville Kans
Jan - 28 -

Mr Reed -

I read in paper that you are clearing out bootleggers, and this town has been pretty bad & I wondered if you pay any one for locating the sale of liquor - if I should give the name of some man who might locate the bootleggers would I be liable to get mixed into it, I would not like that, but I have had trouble over the drink habit with my husband & would like to see this town cleaned up - over

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If you write me
please put me
care of Mrs Eva Baird.
Resp
Mrs Lena Steele



January 31, 1929.

Mr. Edd J. Arnhold,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Arnhold:

Your letter of January 28th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and advise that your letter will be filed and if he had occasion to call upon you in regard to law enforcement work he will do so.

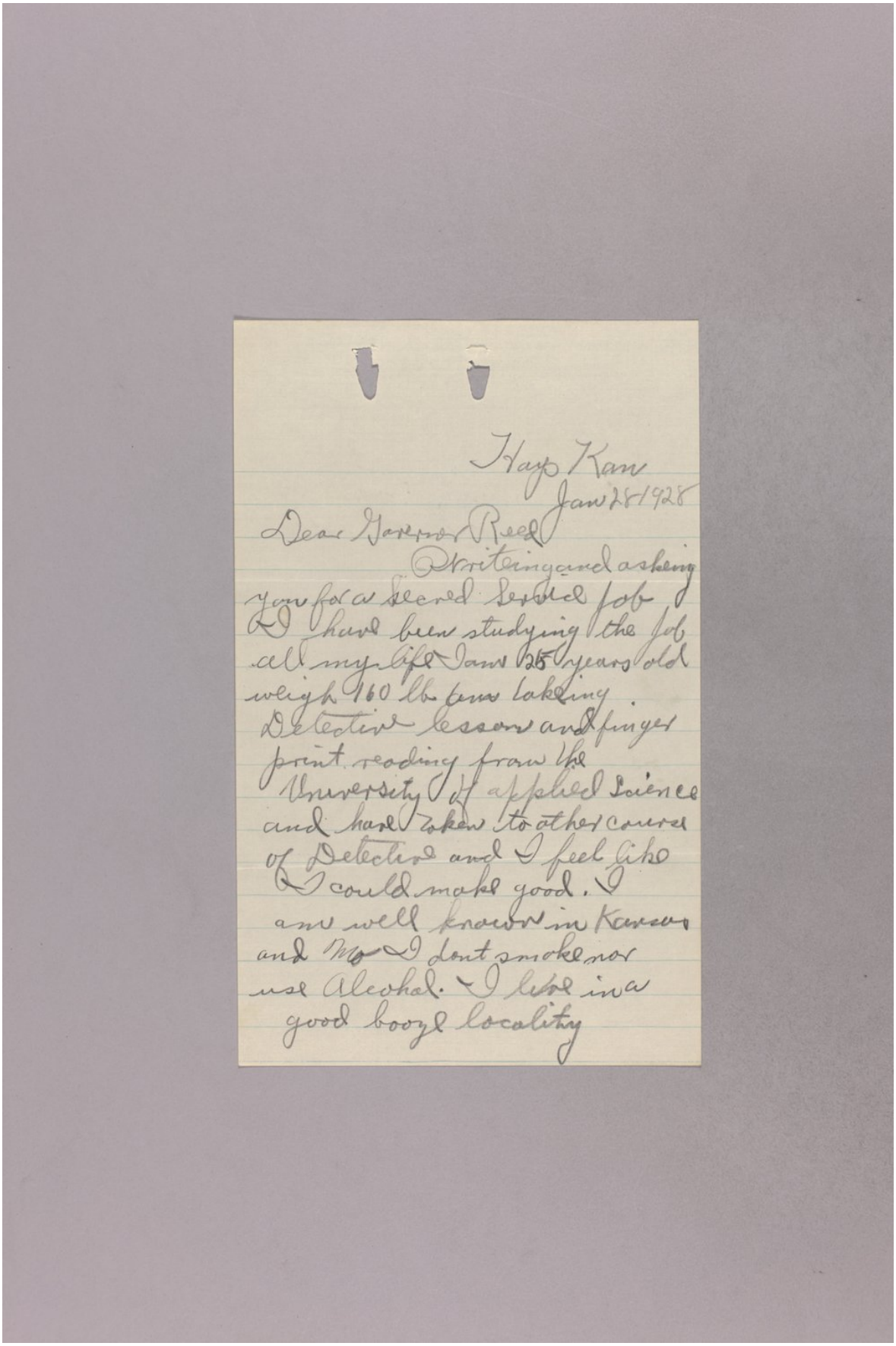
Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

WCW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor.

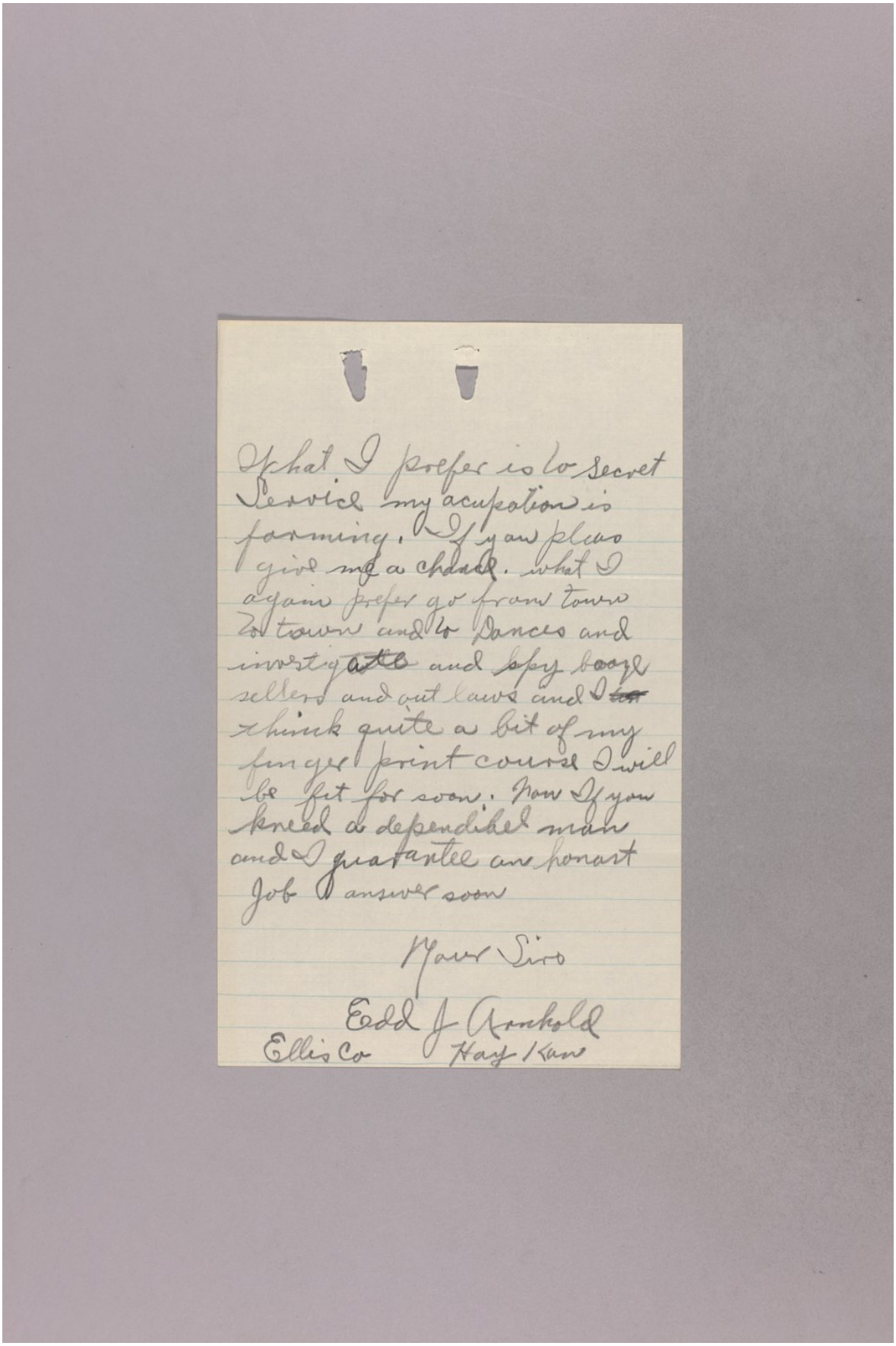
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Hays Kan
Jan 28 1928

Dear Governor Reed

Writing and asking you for a Secret Service job I have been studying the job all my life I am 25 years old weigh 160 lb. am taking Detective lessons and finger print reading from the University of applied Science and have taken to other courses of Detective and I feel like I could make good. I am well known in Kansas and Mo I dont smoke nor use Alcohal. I live in a good booze locality



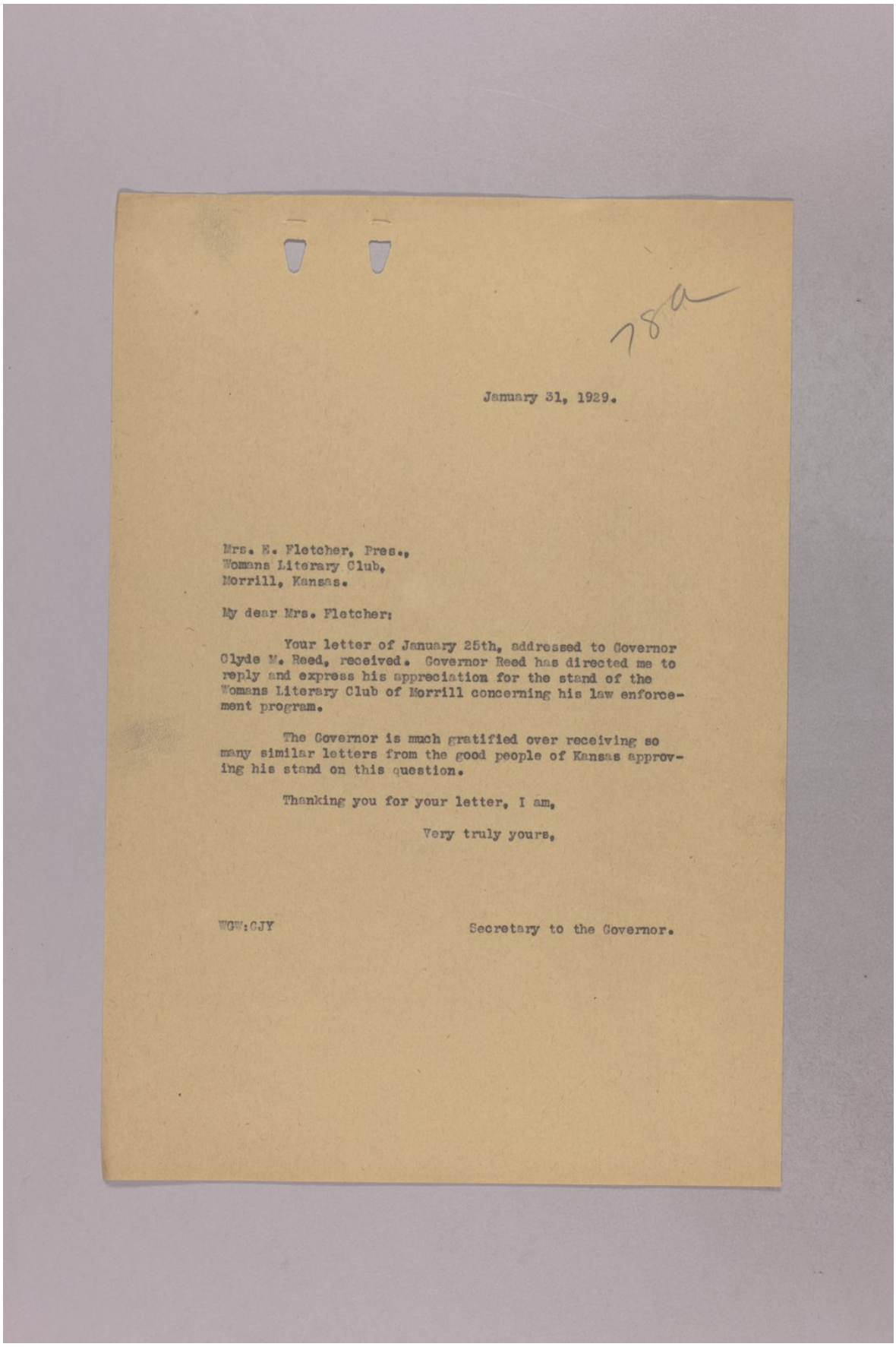
What I prefer is to secret service my acupation is farming. If you plase give me a chance. what I again prefer go from town to town and to Dances and investigate and spy booze sellers and out laws and I ~~can~~ think quite a bit of my finger print course I will be fit for soon. Now If you kneed a dependible man and I guarantee an honest Job I answer soon

Your Sire

Edd J Arnhold

Ellis Co Hays Kans

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January 31, 1929.

Mrs. E. Fletcher, Pres.,
Womans Literary Club,
Morrill, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Fletcher:

Your letter of January 25th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and express his appreciation for the stand of the Womans Literary Club of Morrill concerning his law enforcement program.

The Governor is much gratified over receiving so many similar letters from the good people of Kansas approving his stand on this question.

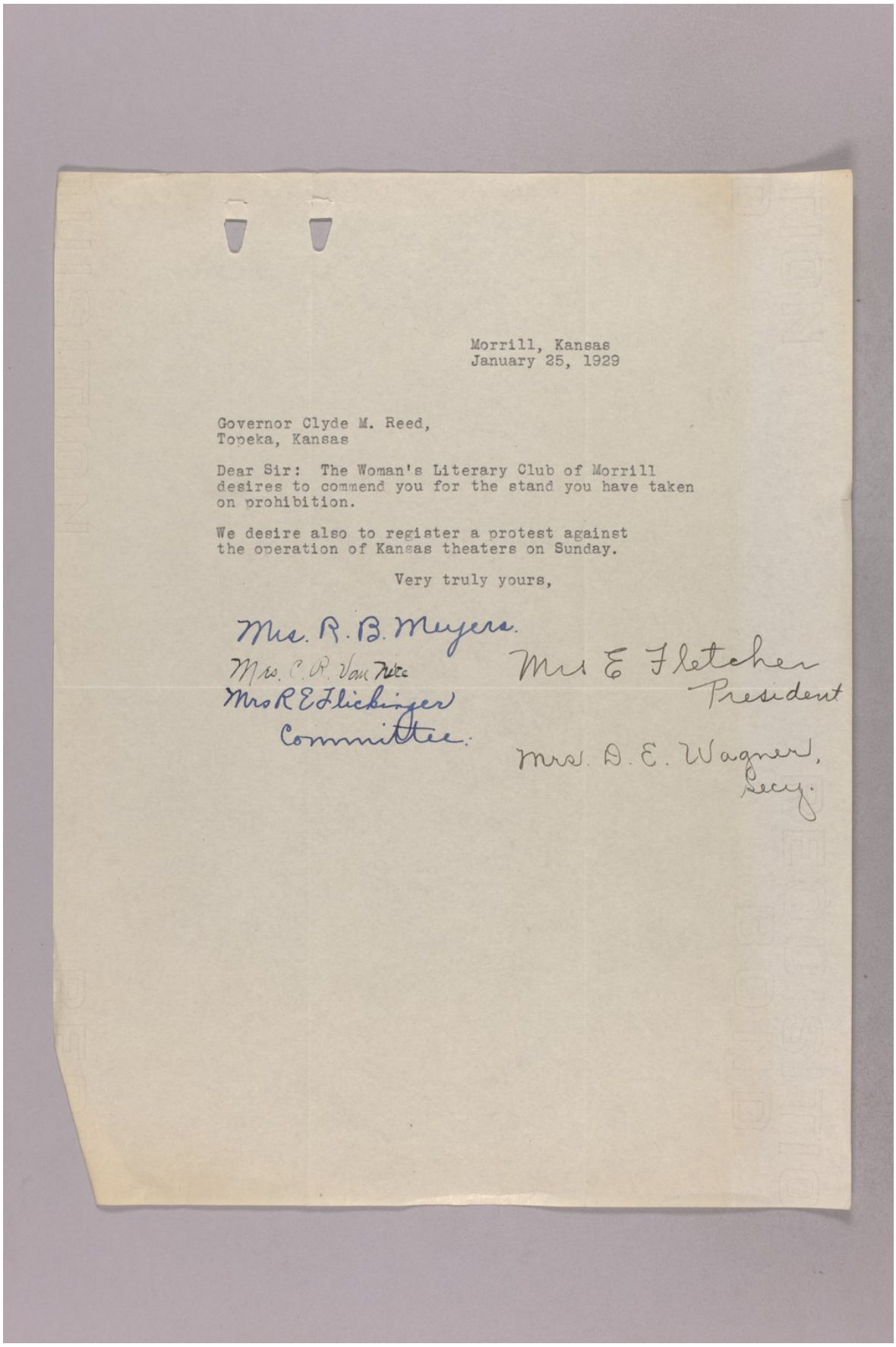
Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

WGW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor.

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Morrill, Kansas
January 25, 1929

Governor Clyde M. Reed,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir: The Woman's Literary Club of Morrill desires to commend you for the stand you have taken on prohibition.

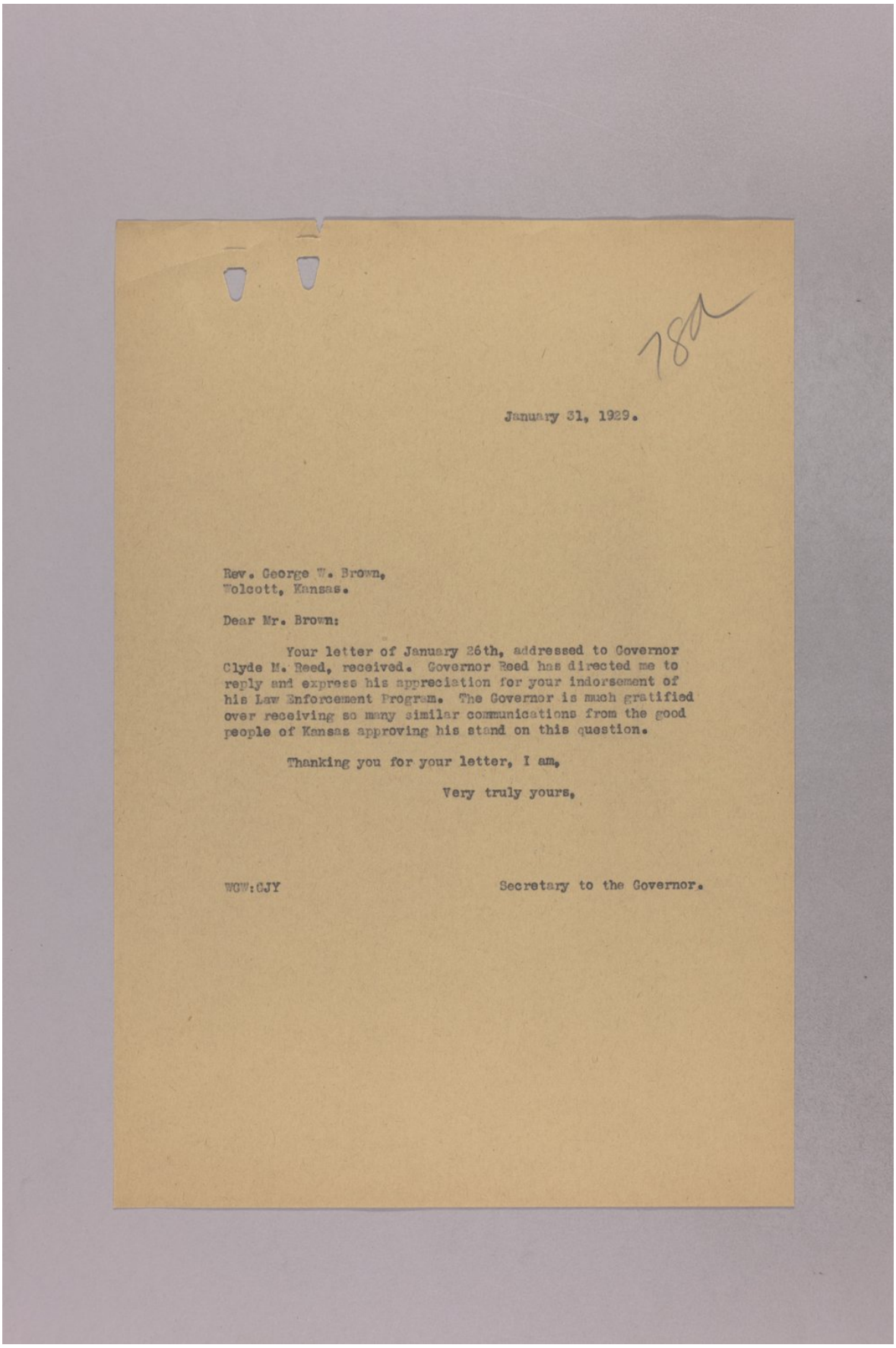
We desire also to register a protest against the operation of Kansas theaters on Sunday.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. R. B. Meyers.
Mrs. C. R. Van Nice
Mrs R E Hickinger
Committee.

Mrs E Fletcher
President

Mrs. D. E. Wagner,
Secy.



January 31, 1929.

Rev. George W. Brown,
Wolcott, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter of January 26th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and express his appreciation for your indorsement of his Law Enforcement Program. The Governor is much gratified over receiving so many similar communications from the good people of Kansas approving his stand on this question.

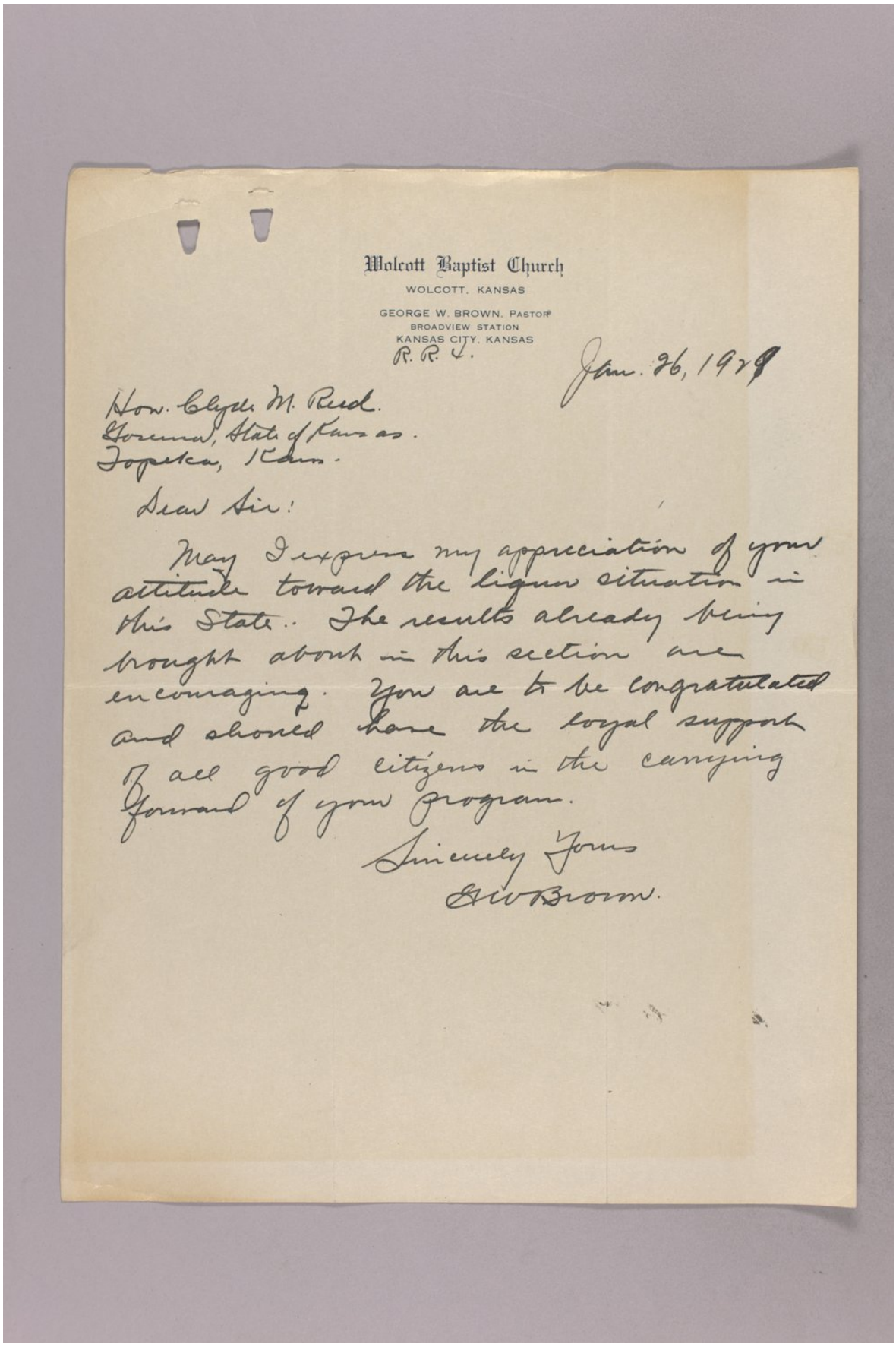
Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

WGW:CJY

Secretary to the Governor.

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Wolcott Baptist Church
WOLCOTT, KANSAS
GEORGE W. BROWN, Pastor
BROADVIEW STATION
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
R. R. 1.

Jan. 26, 1919

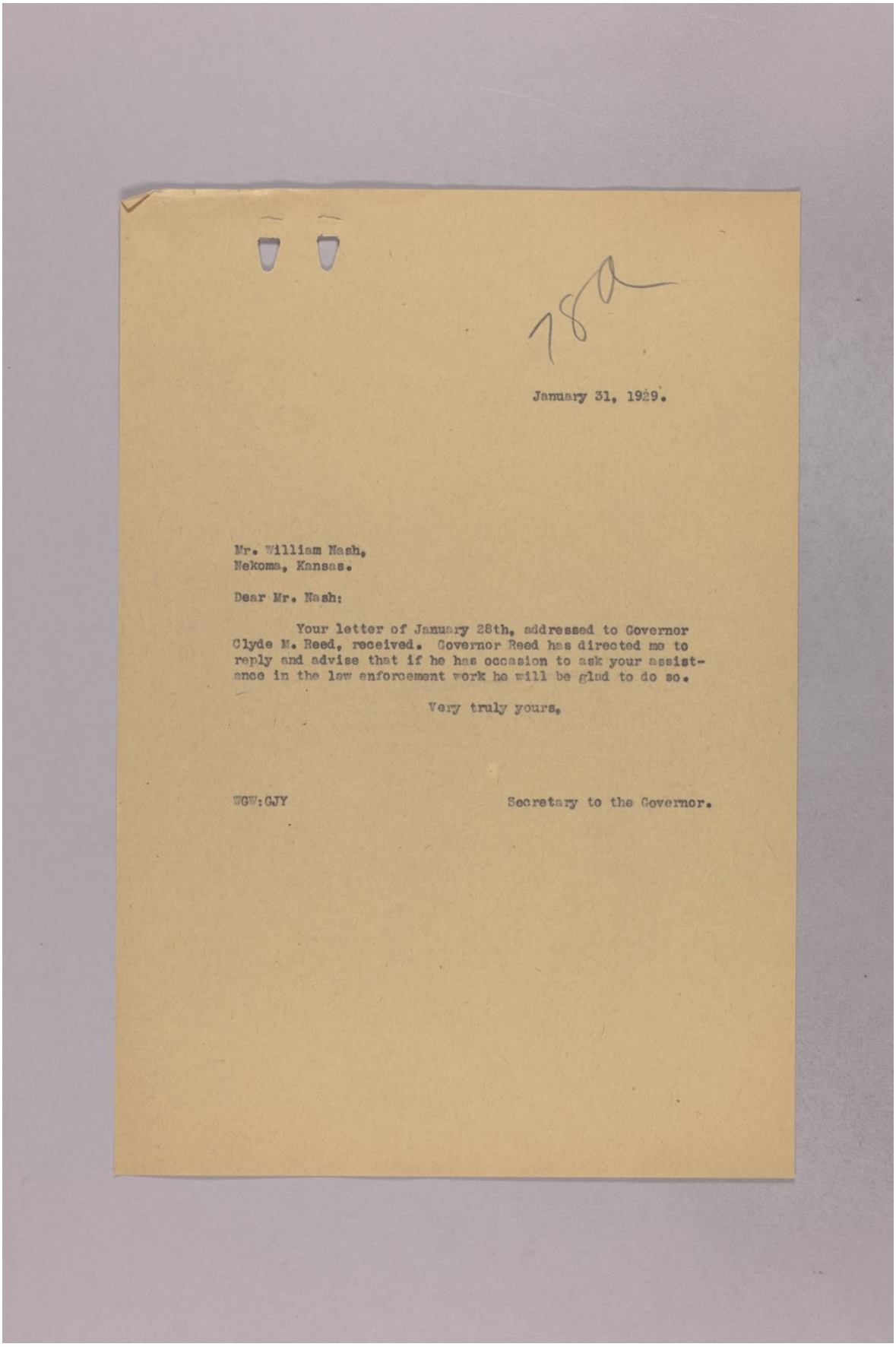
Hon. Clyde M. Reed.
Governor, State of Kansas.
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

May I express my appreciation of your attitude toward the liquor situation in this State. The results already being brought about in this section are encouraging. You are to be congratulated and shown there the loyal support of all good citizens in the carrying forward of your program.

Sincerely Yours
G. W. Brown.

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January 31, 1929.

Mr. William Nash,
Nekoma, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Nash:

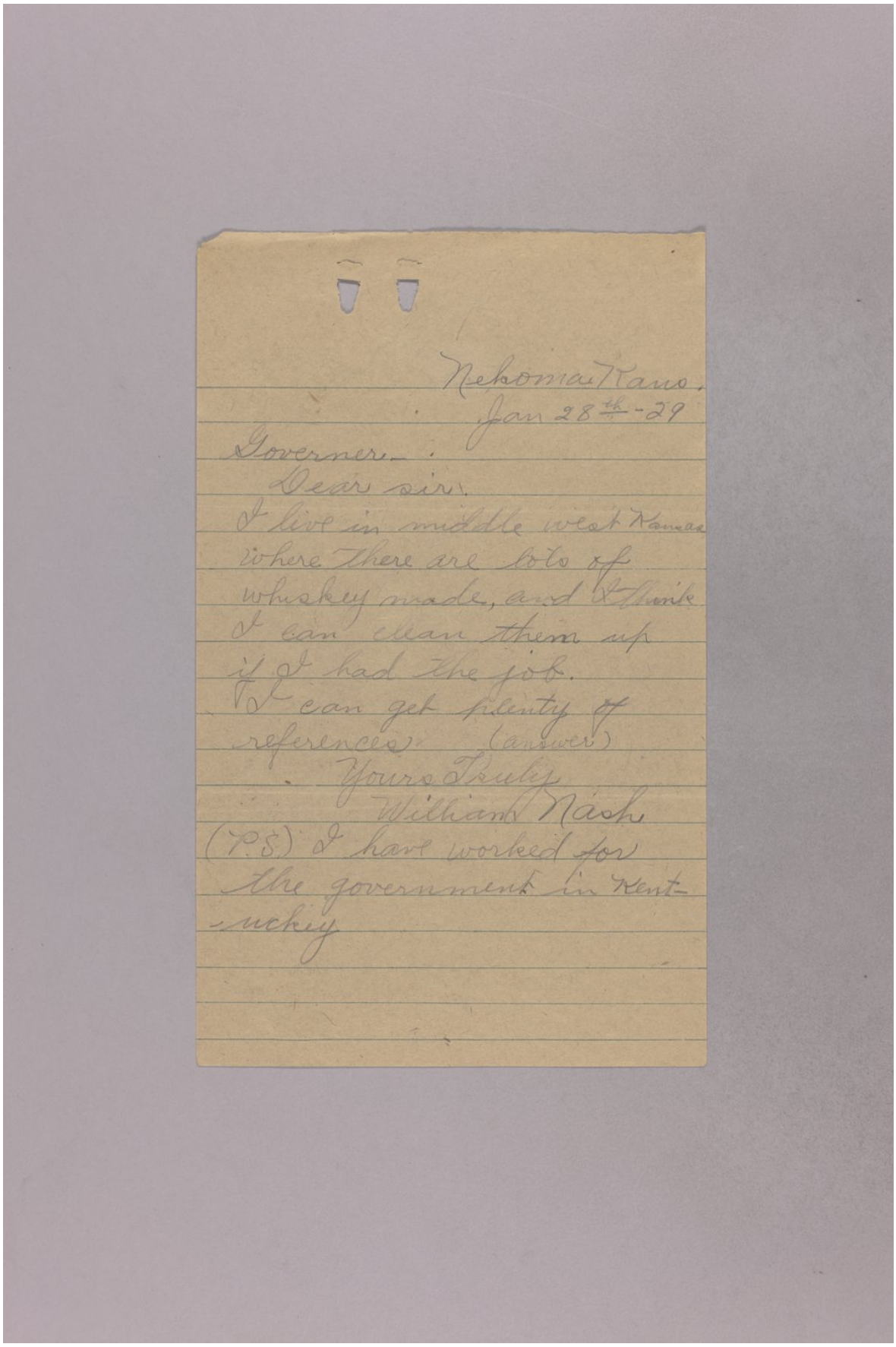
Your letter of January 28th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and advise that if he has occasion to ask your assistance in the law enforcement work he will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

WGW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor.

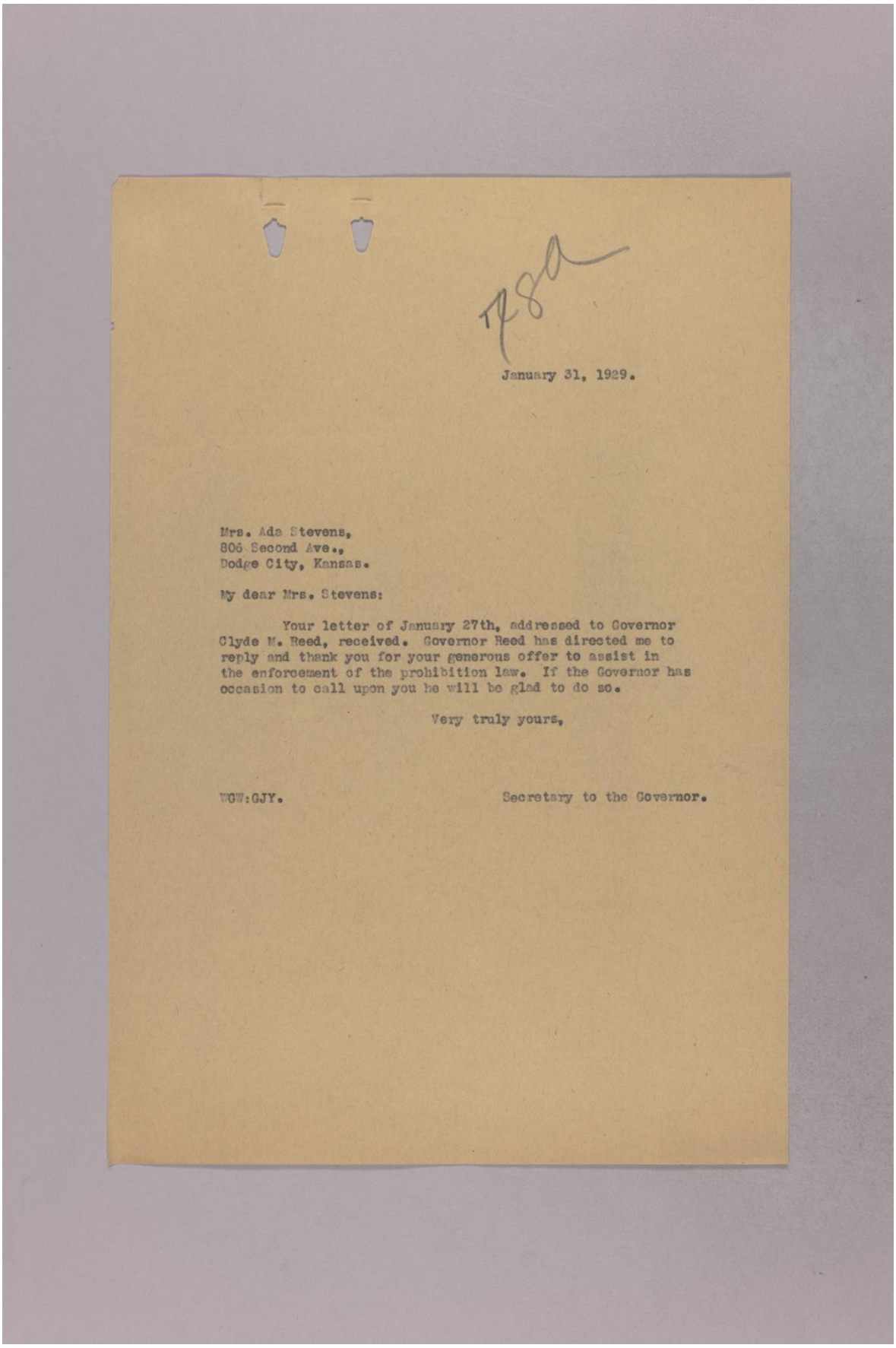
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Nekoma Kans.
Jan 28th -29

Governer -
Dear sir.
I live in middle west Kansas where there are lots of whiskey made, and I think I can clean them up if I had the job.
I can get plenty of references (answer)
Yours Truly
William Nash
(P.S.) I have worked for the government in Kentucky

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January 31, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Stevens,
806 Second Ave.,
Dodge City, Kansas.

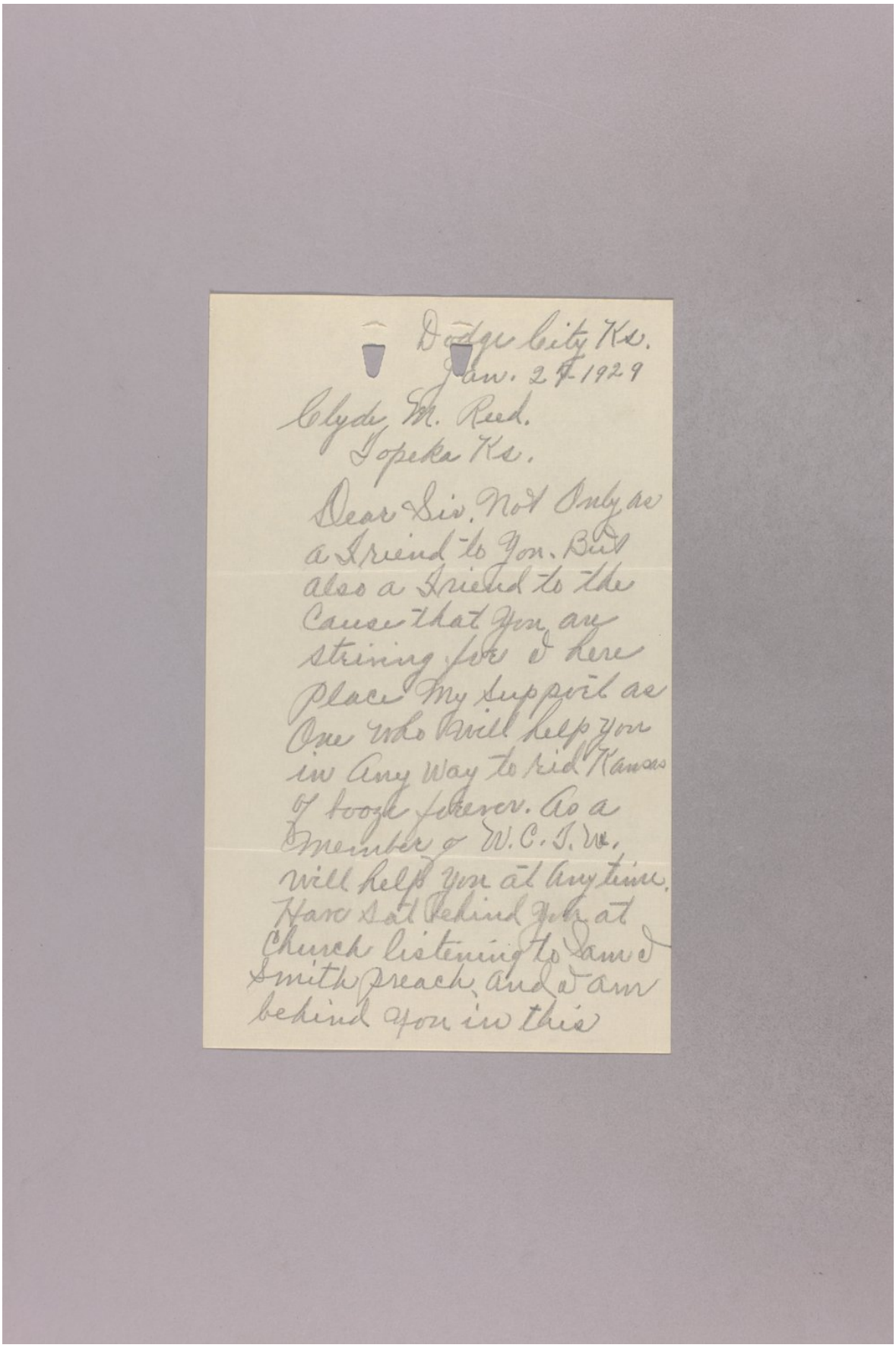
My dear Mrs. Stevens:

Your letter of January 27th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and thank you for your generous offer to assist in the enforcement of the prohibition law. If the Governor has occasion to call upon you he will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

WGW:GJY. Secretary to the Governor.

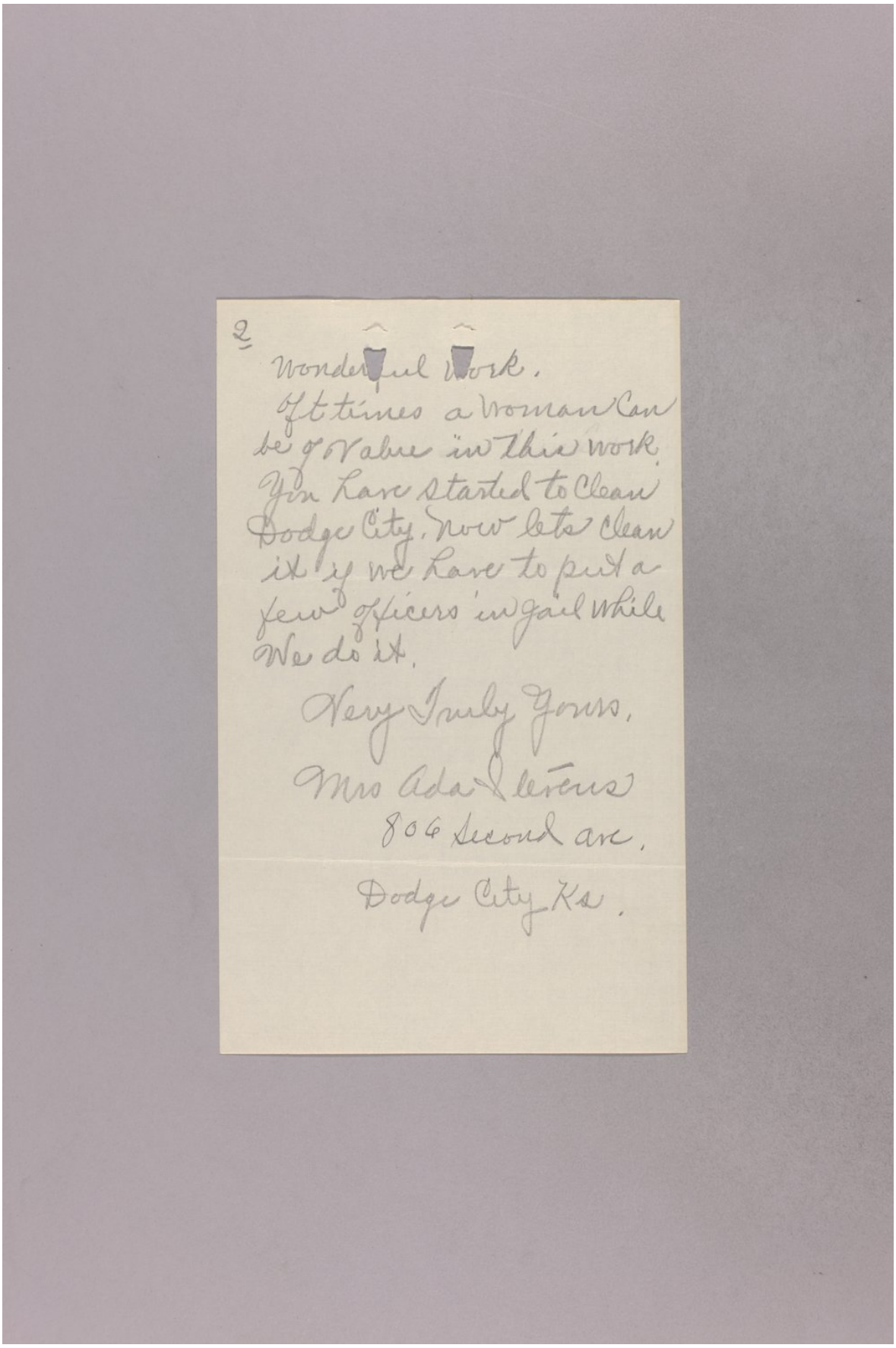
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Dodge City Ks.
Jan. 27-1929

Clyde M. Reed.
Topeka Ks.

Dear Sir. Not Only as a Friend to You. But also a Friend to the Cause that You are striving for I here place My support as One who will help you in Any Way to rid Kansas of booze forever. As a Member of W.C.T.U. will help You at Any time. Have sat behind You at Church listening to Sam Small preach and I am behind You in this



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Wonderful work.
Of times a woman can
be of value in this work.
You have started to clean
Dodge City. Now lets clean
it if we have to put a
few officers in jail while
We do it.

Very Truly Yours,
Mrs Ada Stevens
804 Second ave.
Dodge City Ks.

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January 31, 1929.

Mr. M. W. Vincent,
Burns, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Vincent:

Your letter of January 28th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and express his appreciation for your indorsement of his law enforcement program. The Governor feels much gratified for the receiving of so many similar communications from the good people of Kansas approving his stand on this subject.

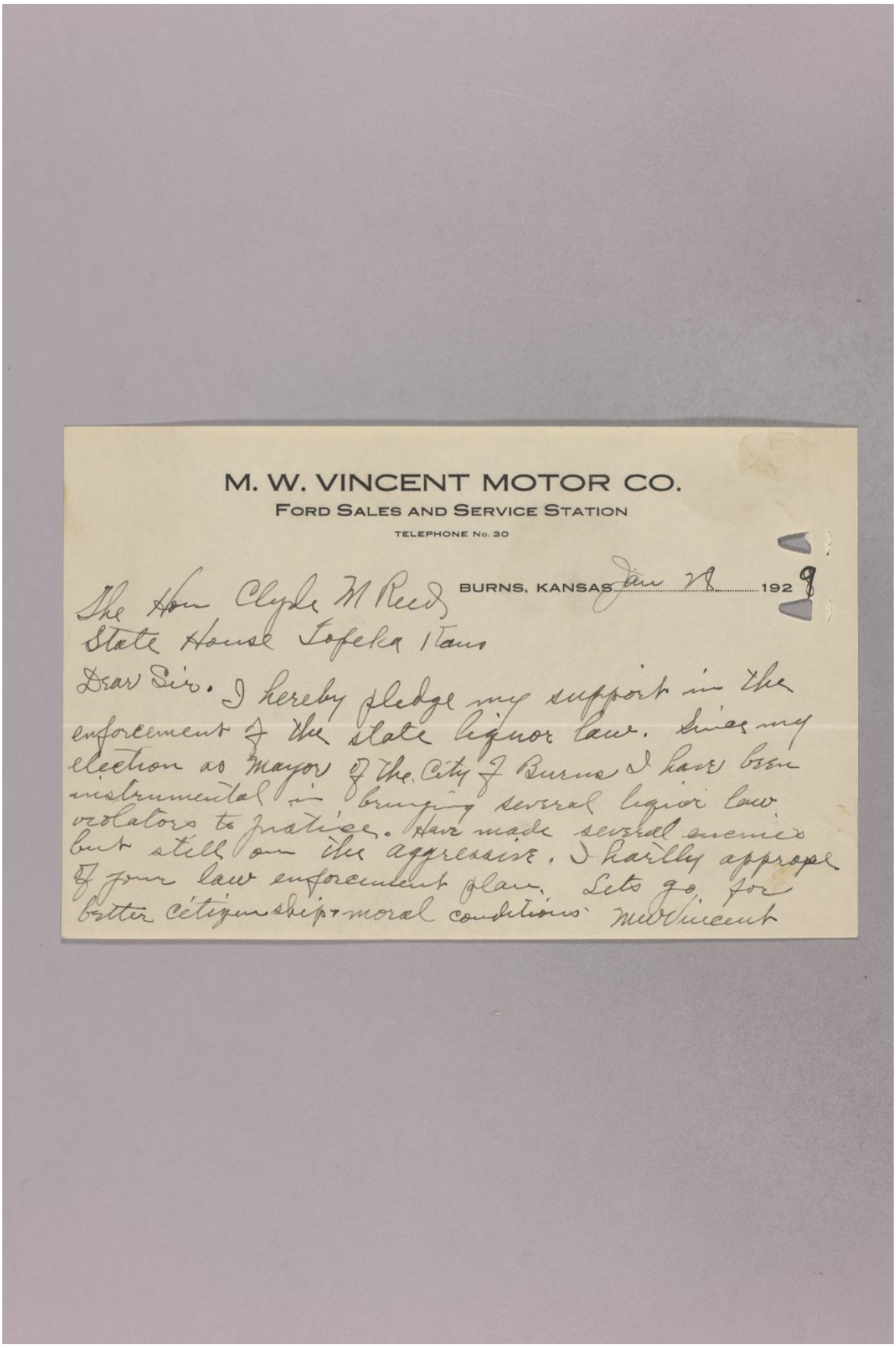
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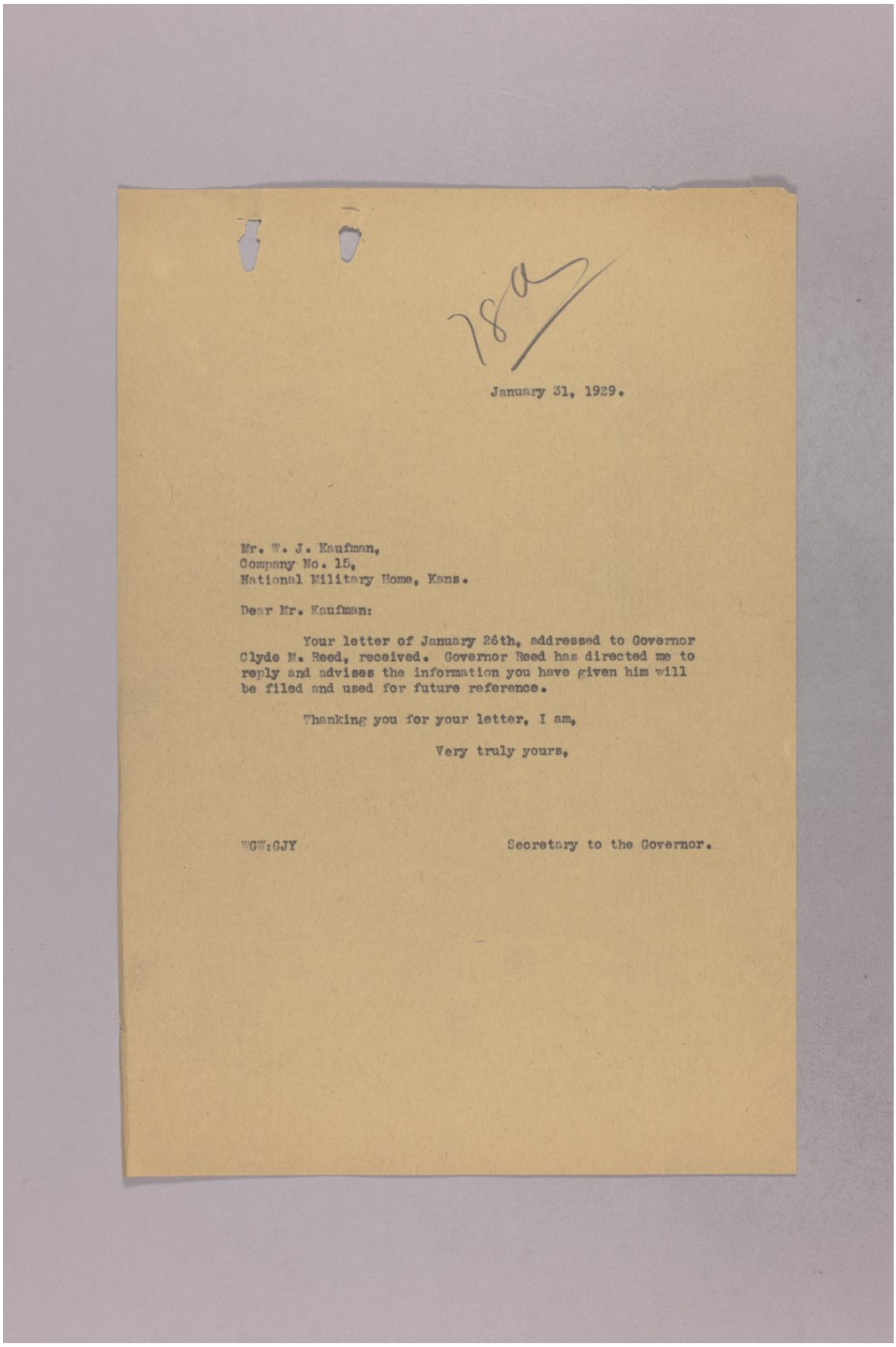


M. W. VINCENT MOTOR CO.
FORD SALES AND SERVICE STATION
TELEPHONE No. 30

BURNS, KANSAS Jan 28 1929

The Hon Clyde M Reed
State House Topeka Kans

Dear Sir. I hereby pledge my support in the enforcement of the state liquor law. Since my election as Mayor of the City of Burns I have been instrumental in bringing several liquor law violators to justice. Have made several enemies but still on the aggressive. I heartily approve of your law enforcement plans. Lets go for better citizenship & moral conditions. M W Vincent



January 31, 1929.

Mr. W. J. Kaufman,
Company No. 15,
National Military Home, Kans.

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Your letter of January 26th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, received. Governor Reed has directed me to reply and advises the information you have given him will be filed and used for future reference.

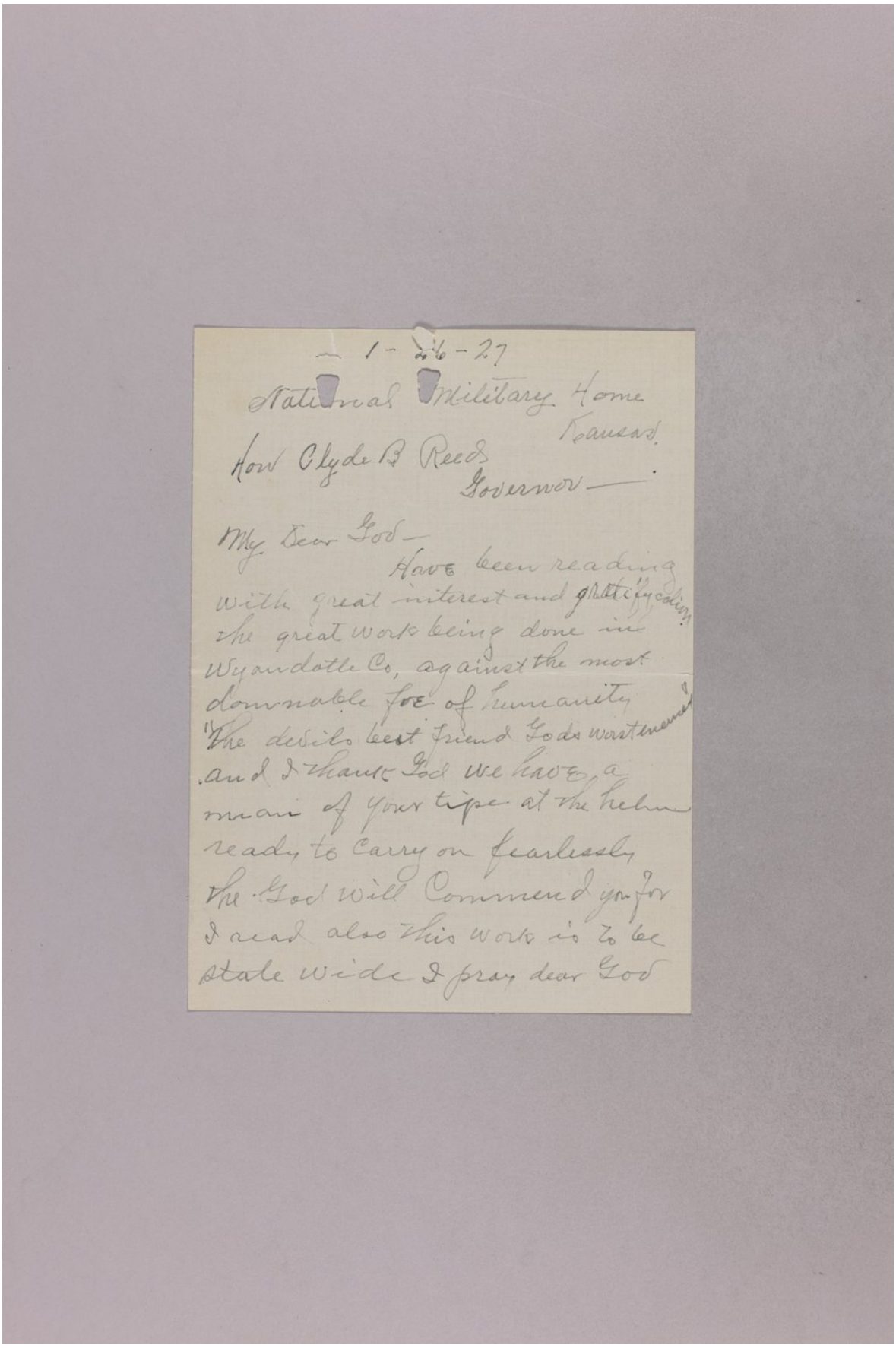
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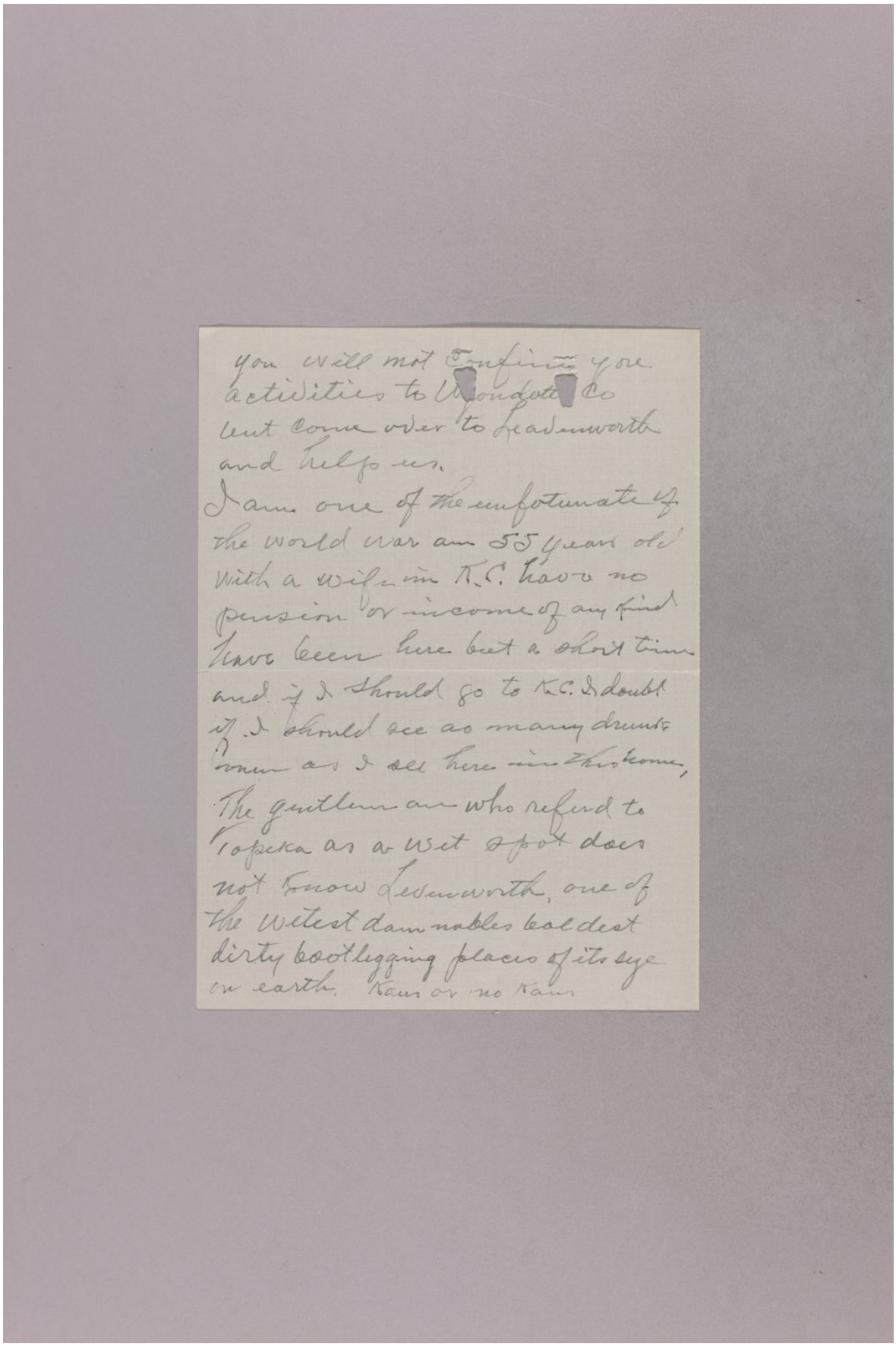
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National Military Home
Kansas.

Hon Clyde B Reed
Governor —

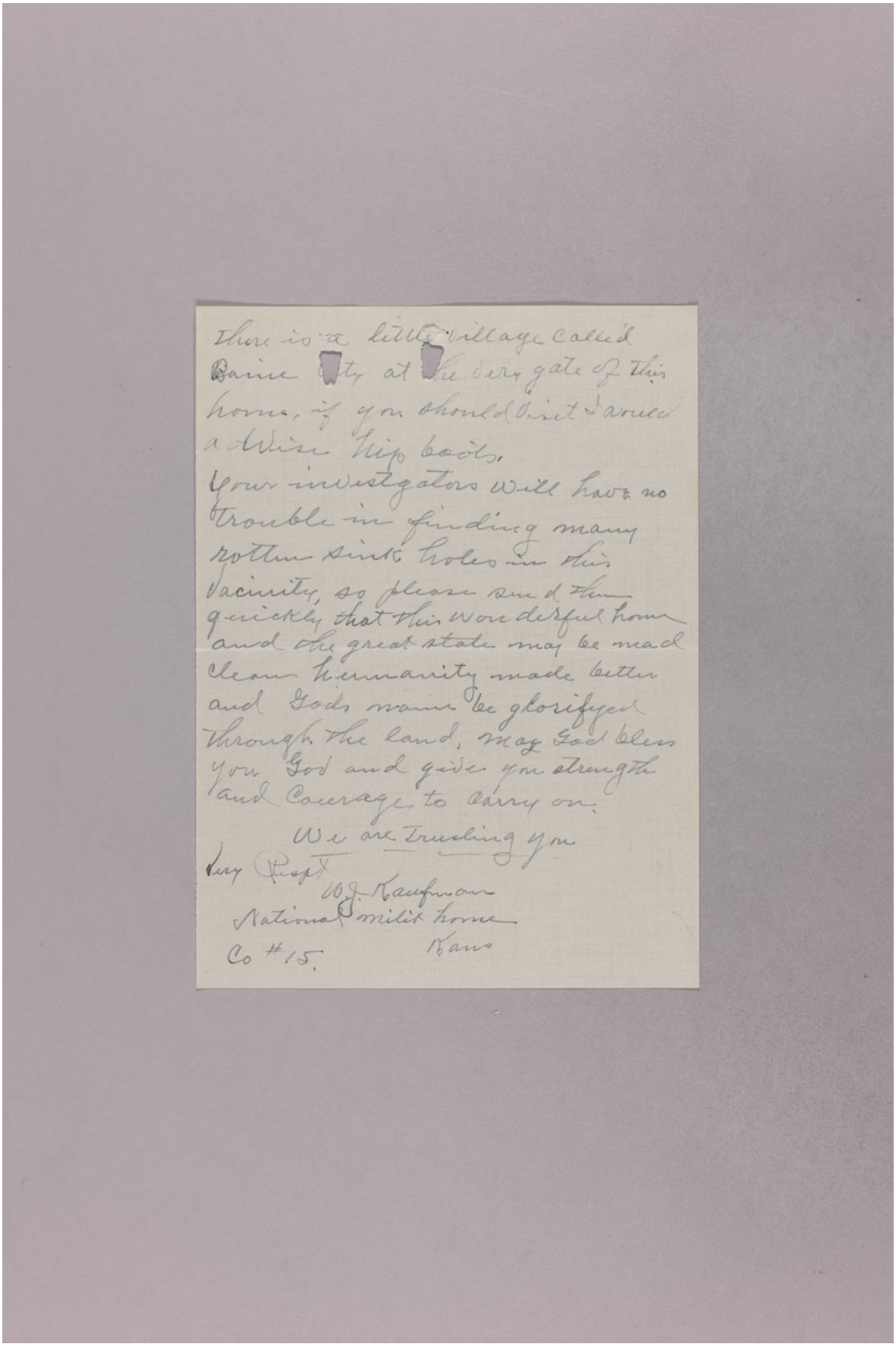
My Dear God —

Have been reading with great interest and gratifycation the great work being done in Wyandotte Co, against the most damnable foe of humanity "The devils best friend Gods worst enemy" and I thank God we have a man of your type at the helm ready to carry on fearlessly the God will Commend you for I read also this work is to be state wide I pray dear God



you will not confine your
activities to Mondotte Co
lent come over to Leavenworth
and help us.
I am one of the unfortunate of
the world war am 55 years old
with a wife in K.C. have no
pension or income of any kind
have been here but a short time
and if I should go to K.C. I doubt
if I should see as many drunks
some as I see here in this town,
The gentleman who refered to
Topeka as a wet spot does
not know Leavenworth, one of
the wettest damnables boldest
dirty bootlegging places of its size
on earth. Kans or no Kans

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there is a little village called
Paine City at the very gate of this
home, if you should Direct Search
a Whisk flip boils.
Your investigators will have no
trouble in finding many
rotten sink holes in this
vacinity, so please send them
quickly that this Wonderful home
and the great state may be made
clean humanity made better
and Gods name be glorifyed
through the land. May God bless
you God and give you strength
and Courage to carry on.
We are trusting you
Very Respt
W J Kaufman
National milit home
Co #15 Kans

January 30,
1929

Mr. Jos. D. Smith,
4108 Seventy-seventh St.,
Jackson Heights,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Replying to your letter of January 28 relative to law enforcement program in Kansas, beg to advise that Governor Clyde M. Reed has adopted a law enforcement program in which the state legislature has just made an appropriation available for the Governor in this work.

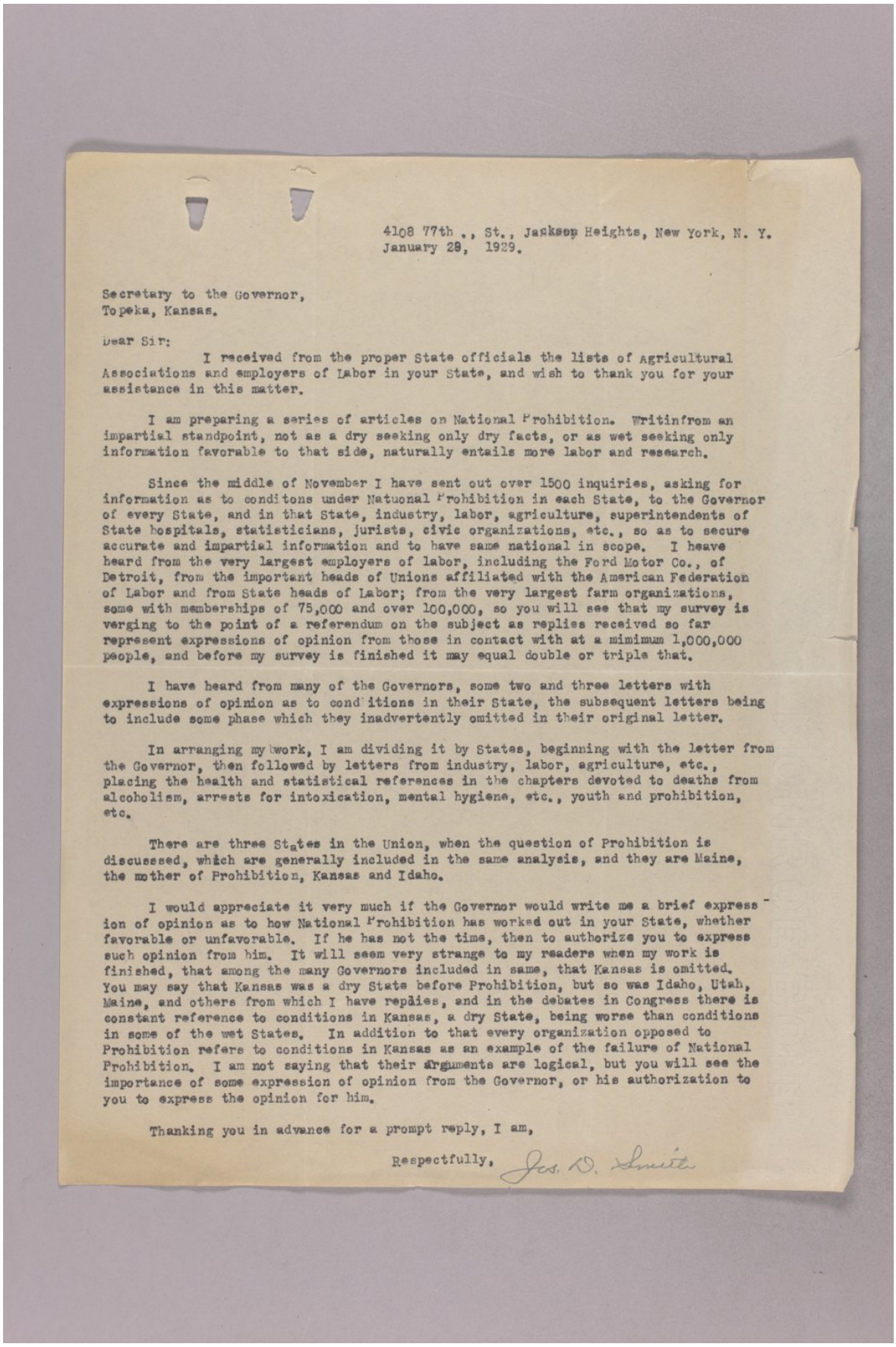
Relative to your letter inclosed asking for data on liquor prosecution in Kansas, will advise that same is being referred to Justice W. W. Harvey who is chairman of the Kansas Judicial Council. Justice Harvey will likely furnish you with a printed copy of his report on this subject.

Very truly yours,

WGW-H

Secretary to the Governor

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4108 77th ., St., Jackson Heights, New York, N. Y.
January 28, 1929.

Secretary to the Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I received from the proper State officials the lists of Agricultural Associations and employers of Labor in your State, and wish to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I am preparing a series of articles on National Prohibition. Writinfrom an impartial standpoint, not as a dry seeking only dry facts, or as wet seeking only information favorable to that side, naturally entails more labor and research.

Since the middle of November I have sent out over 1500 inquiries, asking for information as to conditons under Natuonal Prohibition in each State, to the Governor of every State, and in that State, industry, labor, agriculture, superintendents of State hospitals, statisticians, jurists, civic organizations, etc., so as to secure accurate and impartial information and to have same national in scope. I heave heard from the very largest employers of labor, including the Ford Motor Co., of Detroit, from the important heads of Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and from State heads of Labor; from the very largest farm organizations, some with memberships of 75,000 and over 100,000, so you will see that my survey is verging to the point of a referendum on the subject as replies received so far represent expressions of opinion from those in contact with at a mimimum 1,000,000 people, and before my survey is finished it may equal double or triple that.

I have heard from many of the Governors, some two and three letters with expressions of opinion as to conditions in their State, the subsequent letters being to include some phase which they inadvertently omitted in their original letter.

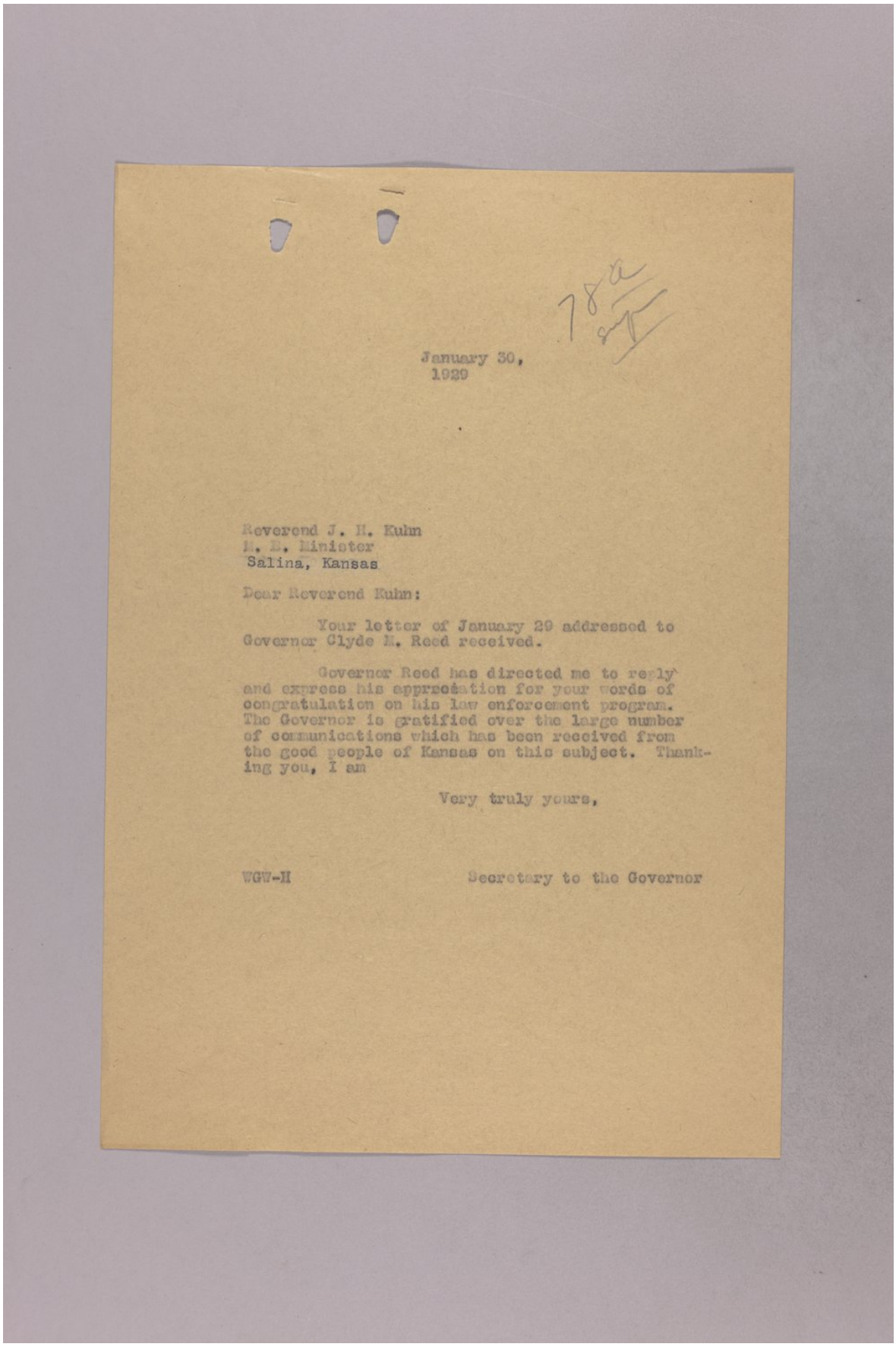
In arranging my work, I am dividing it by States, beginning with the letter from the Governor, then followed by letters from industry, labor, agriculture, etc., placing the health and statistical references in the chapters devoted to deaths from alcoholism, arrests for intoxication, mental hygiene, etc., youth and prohibition, etc.

There are three States in the Union, when the question of Prohibition is discussed, which are generally included in the same analysis, and they are Maine, the mother of Prohibition, Kansas and Idaho.

I would appreciate it very much if the Governor would write me a brief expression of opinion as to how National Prohibition has worked out in your State, whether favorable or unfavorable. If he has not the time, then to authorize you to express such opinion from him. It will seem very strange to my readers when my work is finished, that among the many Governors included in same, that Kansas is omitted. You may say that Kansas was a dry State before Prohibition, but so was Idaho, Utah, Maine, and others from which I have replies, and in the debates in Congress there is constant reference to conditions in Kansas, a dry State, being worse than conditions in some of the wet States. In addition to that every organization opposed to Prohibition refers to conditions in Kansas as an example of the failure of National Prohibition. I am not saying that their arguments are logical, but you will see the importance of some expression of opinion from the Governor, or his authorization to you to express the opinion for him.

Thanking you in advance for a prompt reply, I am,

Respectfully, Jos. D. Smith



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January 30,
1929

Reverend J. H. Kuhn
M. E. Minister
Salina, Kansas

Dear Reverend Kuhn:

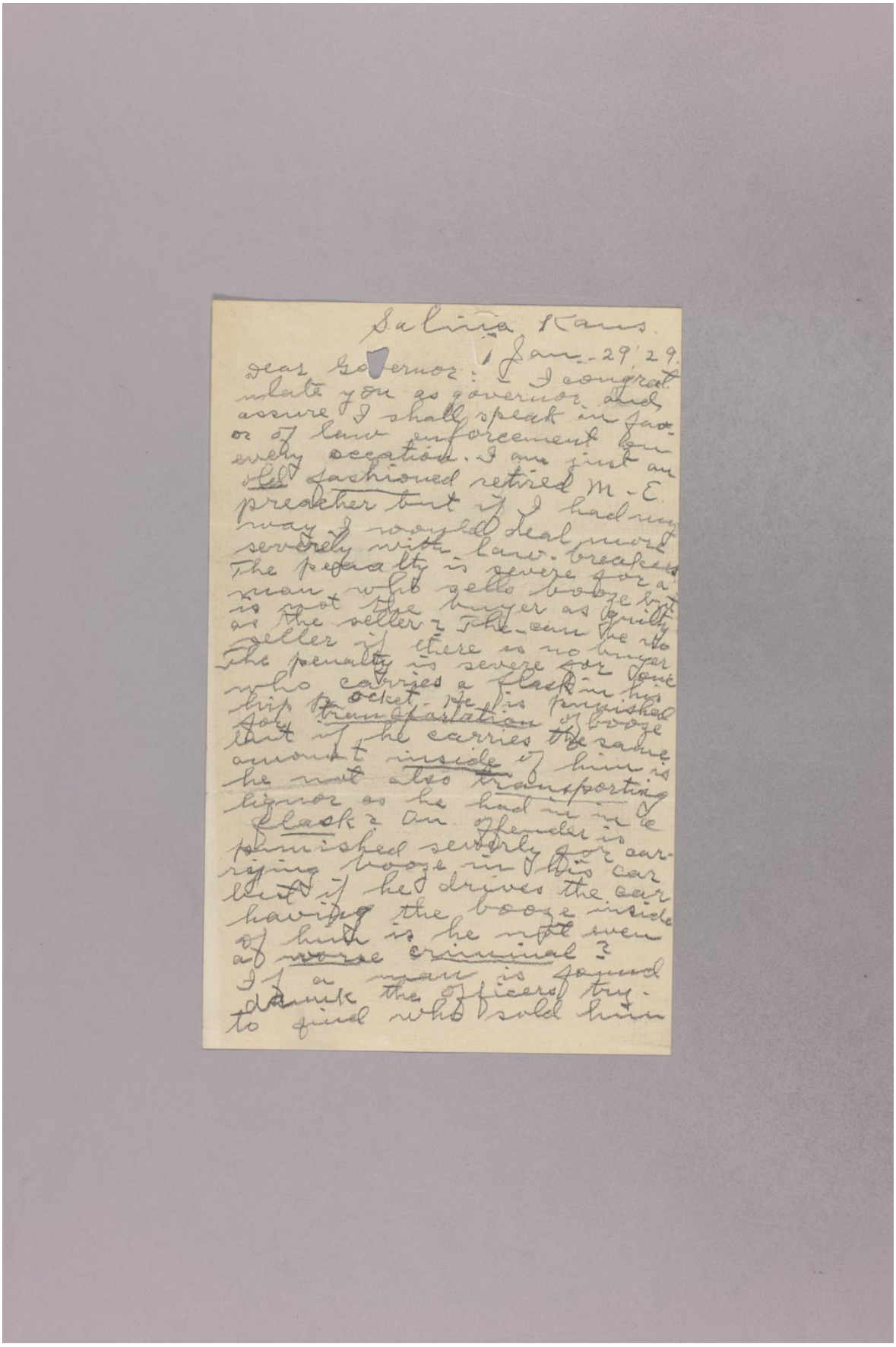
Your letter of January 29 addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed received.

Governor Reed has directed me to reply and express his appreciation for your words of congratulation on his law enforcement program. The Governor is gratified over the large number of communications which has been received from the good people of Kansas on this subject. Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WGW-H

Secretary to the Governor



Salina Kans.
Jan. 29' 29.

Dear Governor: I congratulate you as governor, and assure I shall speak in favor of law enforcement on every occation. I am just an old fashioned retired M. E. preacher but if I had my way I would deal more severely with law-breakers. The penalty is severe for a man who gets booze but is not the buyer as guilty as the seller? The seller is the one the penalty is severe for. One who carries a flask in his hip pocket. He is punished for transportation of booze but if he carries the same amount inside of him is he not also transporting liquor as he had in the flask? An offender is punished severely for carrying booze in his car but if he drives the car having the booze inside of him is he not even a worse criminal?
If a man is found drunk the officers try to find who sold him