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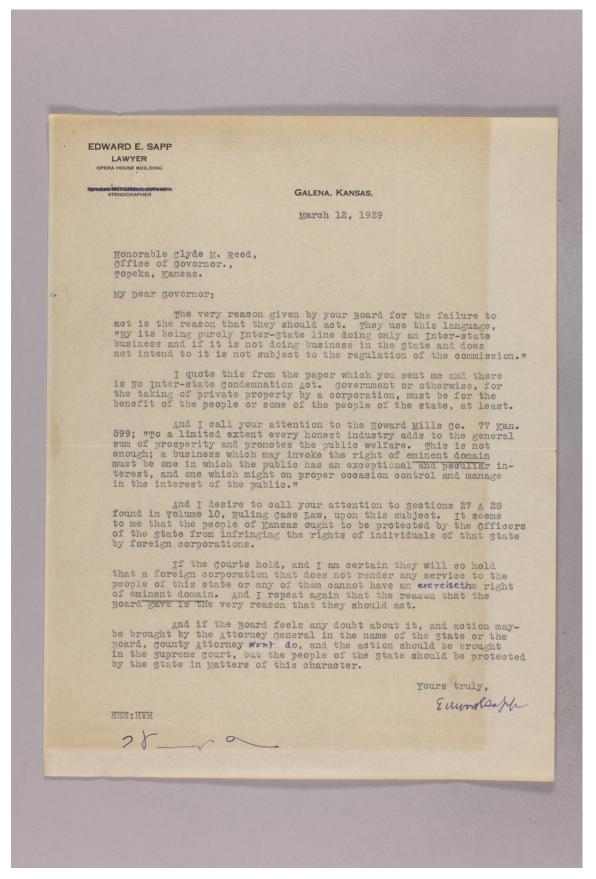
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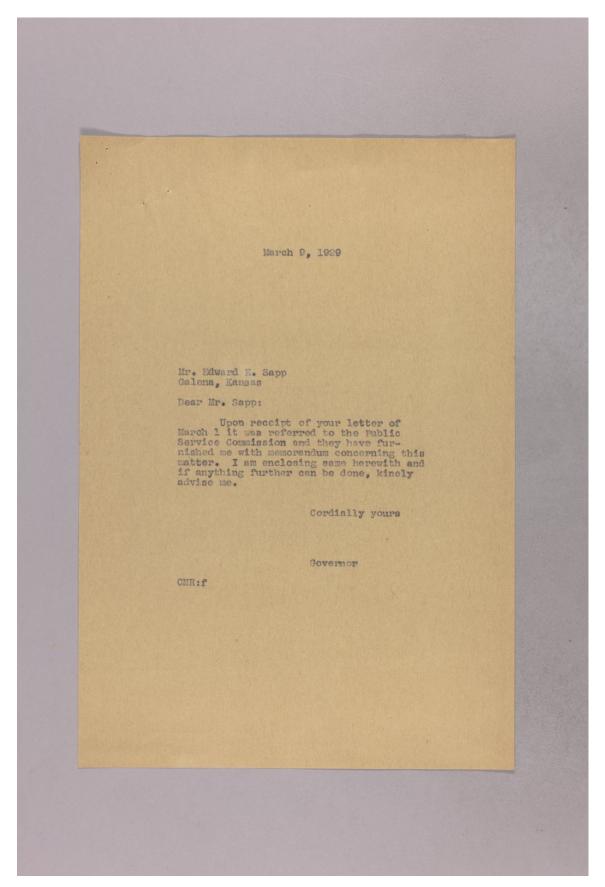
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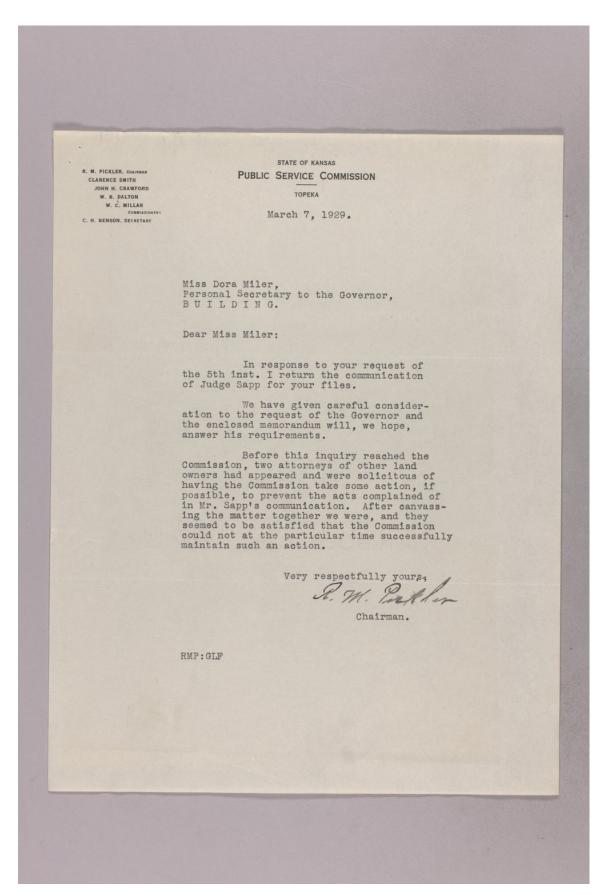




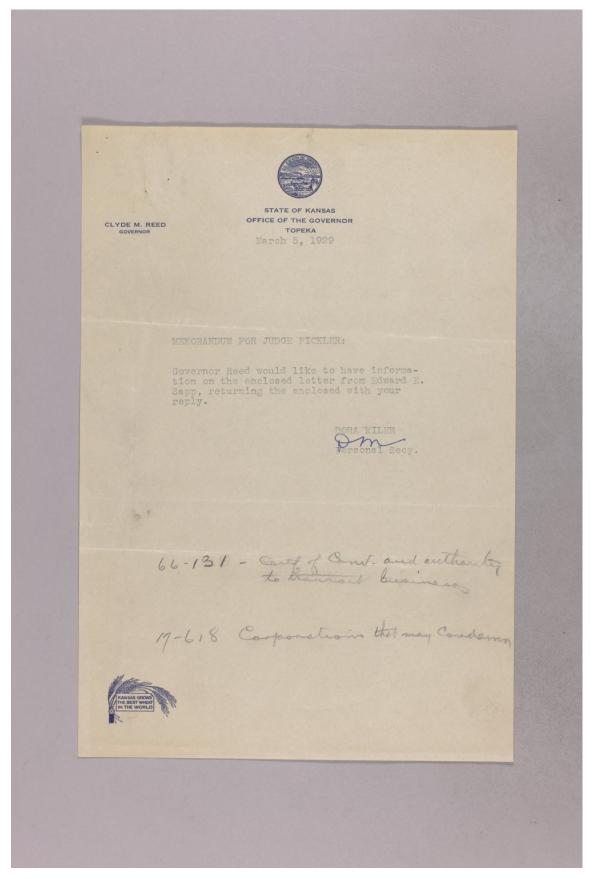




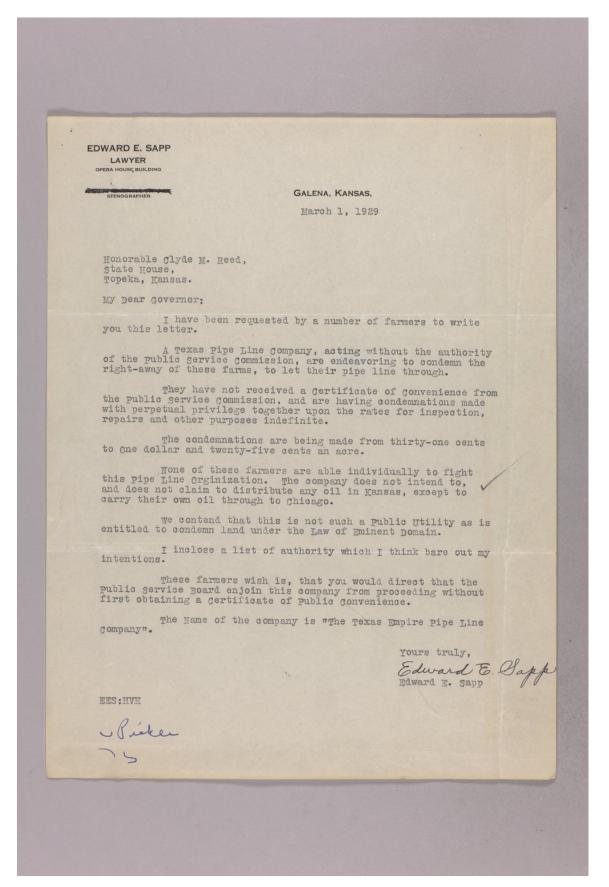




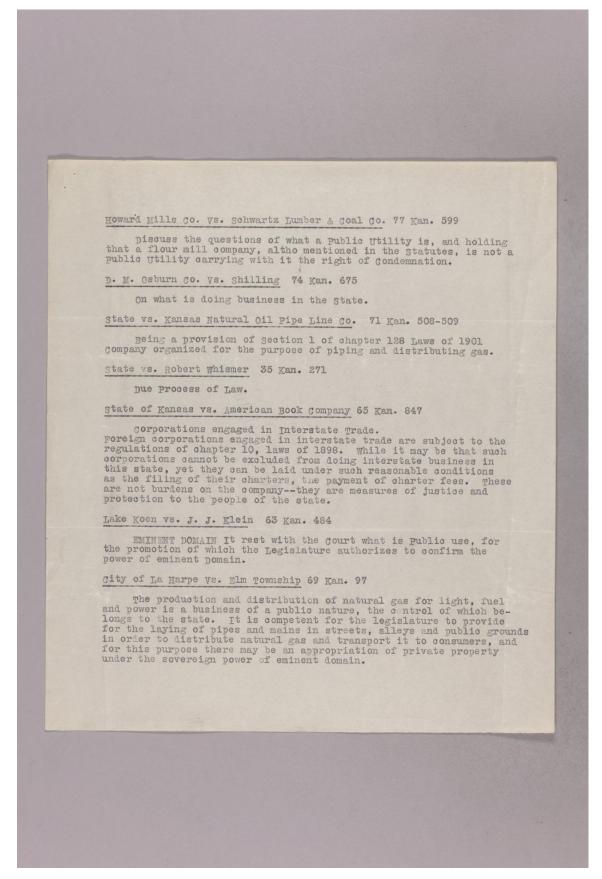




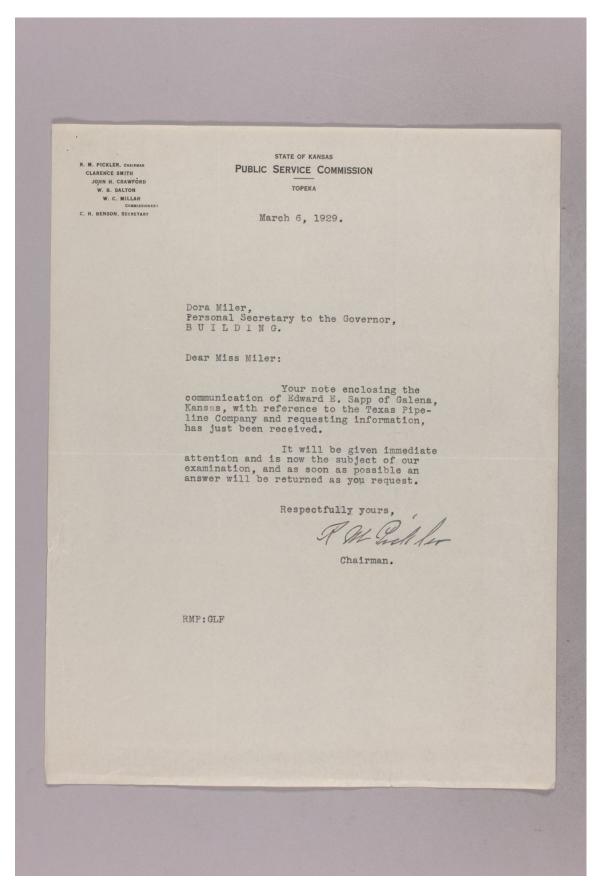




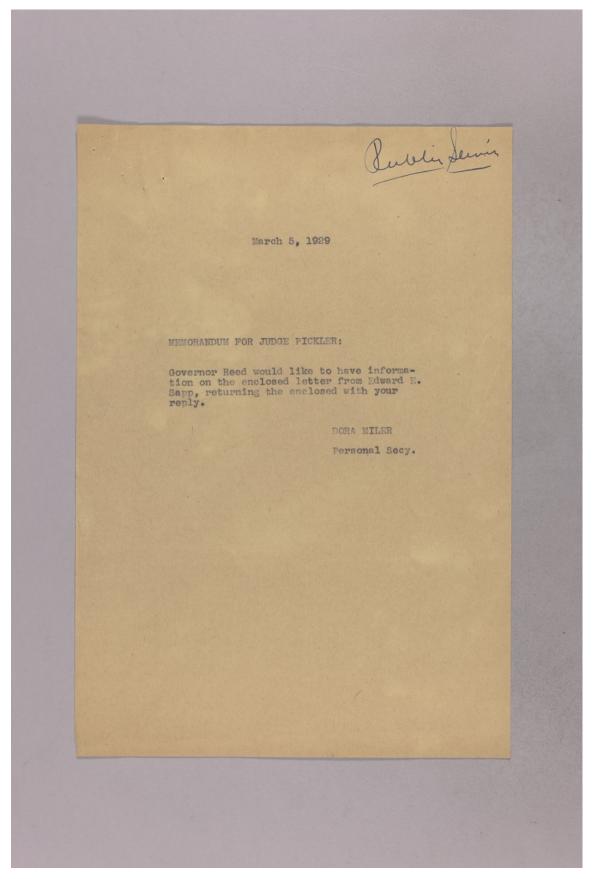














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IN RE. INQUIRY OF EDWARD E SAPP CONCERNING CONDEMNATION OF LAND BY THE TEXAS PIPELINE COMPANY.

In the communication of Edward E. Sapp, written on behalf of certain parties requesting that the Public Service Commission enjoin the proceedings to condemn land by the Texas Empire Pipeline Company and in response to a request for information concerning the matter, we have to say we have given the matter careful consideration and cannot find sufficient justification for such action on the part of the Commission at the present time.

Section 66-104 defines utilities subject to the supervision of the Commission and amongst them "any equipment, plant, generating machinery, or any part thereof, for * * * the conveyance of oil and gas through pipe lines in or through any part of the state, except pipe lines less than 15 miles in length" etc.

Section 17-618 gives authority to condemn lands to * * * * milling and other manufacturing corporations using power, oil companies, pipe line companies " * * * etc.

Section 66-131 provides that no utility governed by the provisions of the act shall transact business until it shall have obtained a certificate from the Public Utilities Commission that public convenience will be promoted by the transaction of said business and permitting the applicant to transact the business of a common carrier of public property within the state.

It is provided in Section 66-131 that no carrier or public utility "governed by" the provisions of this act shall transact business in the state of Kansas without a certificate from the Commission. But if it is a purely interstate line doing only an interstate business, and if it is not doing business in the state and does not intend to do so, it is not subject to the regulation of the Commission.



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Section 17-506 R. S. 1923 defines what constitutes doing business:

"Every corporation organized under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country that has an office or place of business within this state, or a distributing point herein, or that delivers its wares or products to resident agents for sale, delivery, or distribution, shall be held to be doing business in this state within the meaning of this act."

It will be seen that proceedings to condemn private property for the use of a common carrier does not comprehend "doing business" as defined in the above section.

Section 66-139 provides that the Commission may compel compliance with the provisions of the act and compel compliance with the orders of the Commission by proceeding in mandamus, injunction or other appropriate criminal proceedings.

If the pipe line is to engage only in transporting oil from Texas through other states, including Kansas, to its destination in Chicago, and seeks to do no business in Kansas, it is not required to obtain a certificate to do business in this state. If it attempted to do business in Kansas of such nature as to give the Public Service Commission a right to compel compliance with any provisions of the Public Utility law, or if it neglected compliance with any order rightfully made by the Commission, the latter could maintain an action to compel such obedience. The Commission would in such case have a right to challenge the exercise of an unauthorized corporate act.

A private person, like a land owner, who is likely to is be injured in some special manner or whose situation/not peculiarly affected by the exercise of a usurped power could maintain an action.

Where private parties are not specially or peculiarly affected, the action for usurpation of corporate privileges must be brought in the name of the state by a proper officer like the County Attorney or Attorney General.



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If the usurped authority touches the duties imposed on the Public Service Commission, the Commission, in a proper case, could maintain an action. But in order to justify the Commission in maintaining such action, it must be one to compel compliance with some provision of the Public Utility law, or for the enforcement of the orders of the Commission.

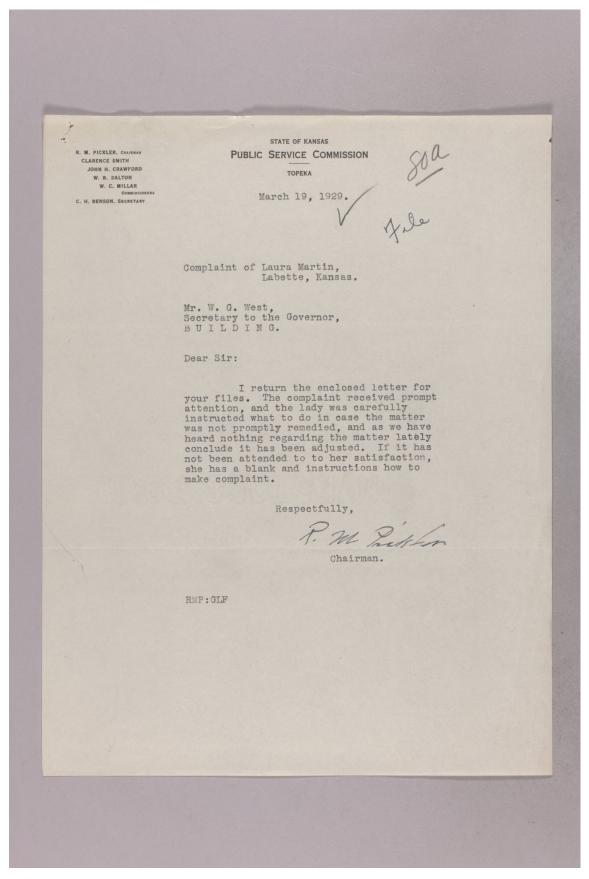
Even though the company be a foreign corporation not intending to do business in this state, if it builds its lines through this state it can be required to file a copy of its charter and pay such fees and to submit to such other reasonable requirements as the law provides before engaging in business in the state. But this would not justify an action by the Commission before an attempt to do some act tending to show an intention to do business within the state. Up to the time it does some act that brings it within the jurisdiction of the Commission, an action for the usurpation of corporate privileges or franchises should be instituted by the state in the name of its proper officer or representative.

At the present time the Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction to prevent the condemnation proceedings complained of. The law gives the right of eminent domain to the class of pipe lines to which this proposed one seems to belong.

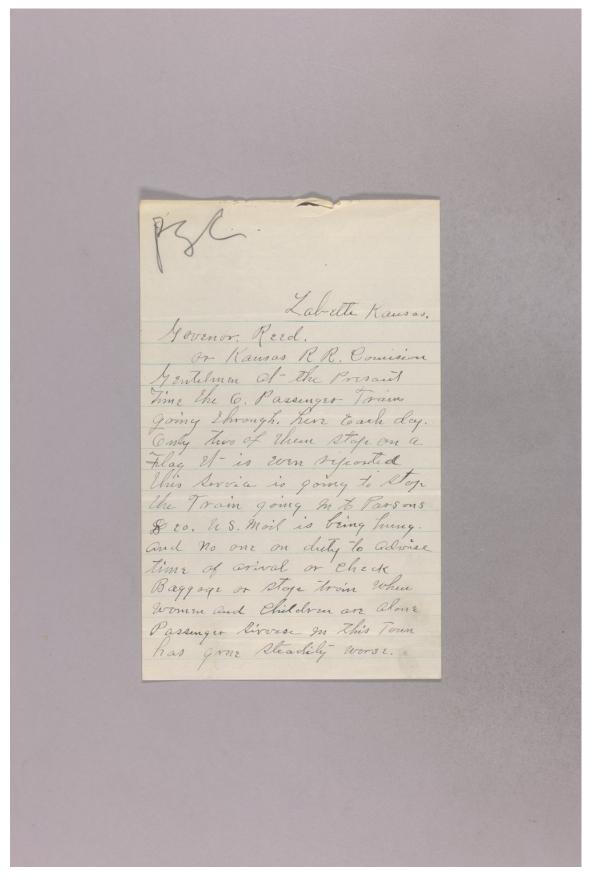
Ordinarily the usurpation of a corporate privilege or public franchise can only be challenged by an action in the name of the state of by a proper officer. In Kansas that proper officer would be the County Attorney or the Attorney General. However, the Public Service Commission can challenge the exercise of an unauthorized corporate act if it comes within its jurisdiction.

The interstate character of the pipe line and the business to which it is to be subjected, the fact that no business is to be engaged in in Kansas, that the owners of such a line, is by statute entitled to condemn and take property in the way it is said they are proceeding to do would render an action by the Public Service Commission premature at this time.

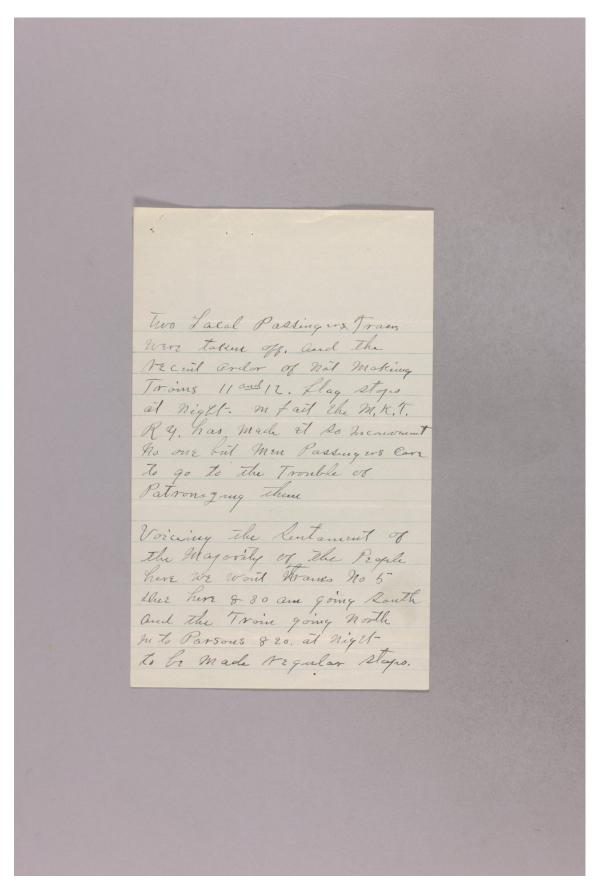




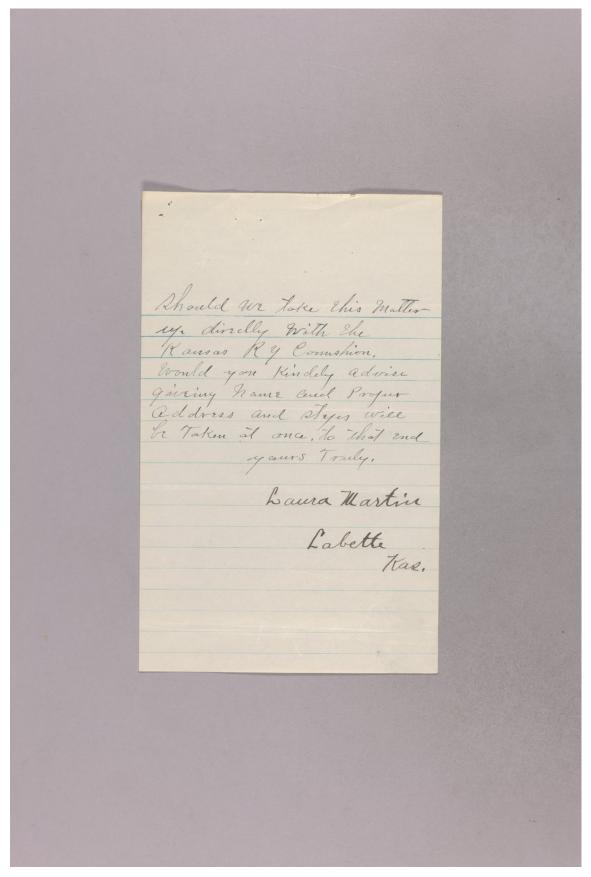




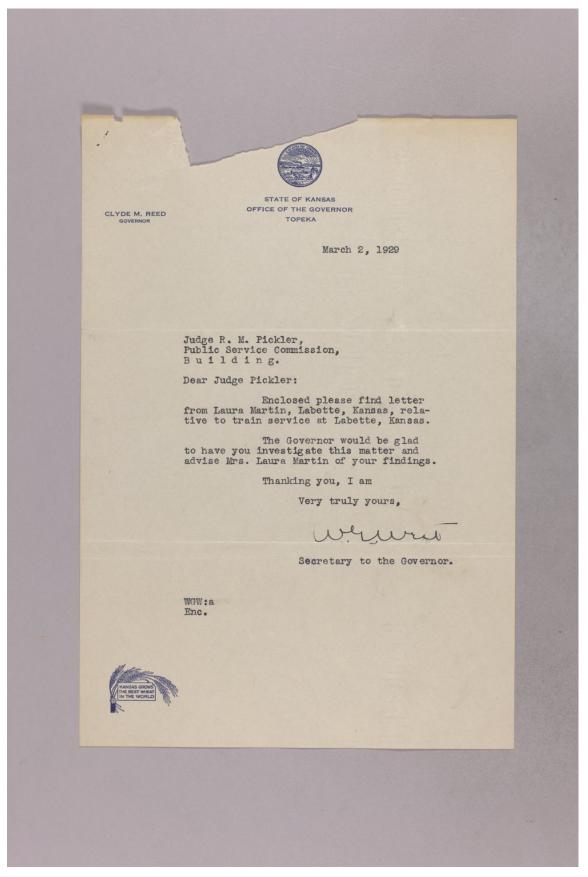




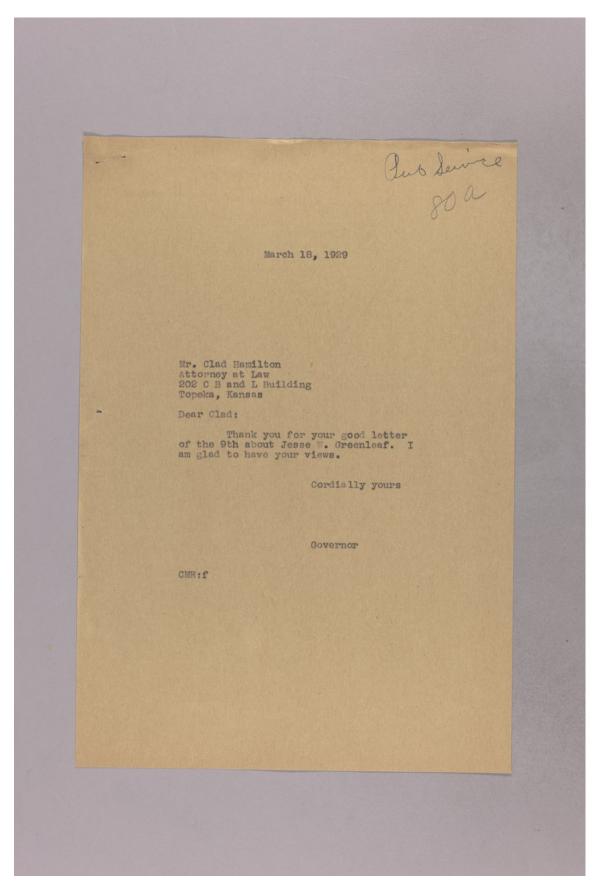




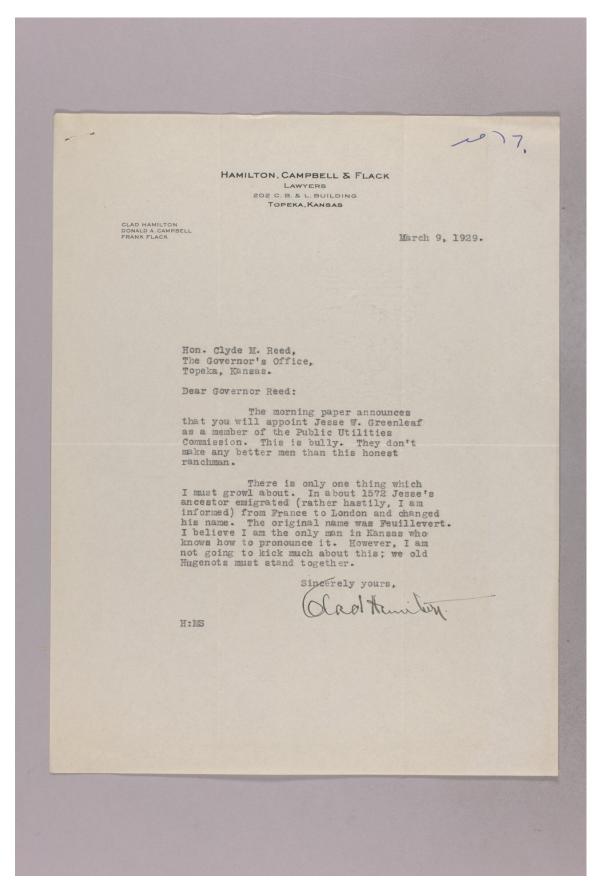




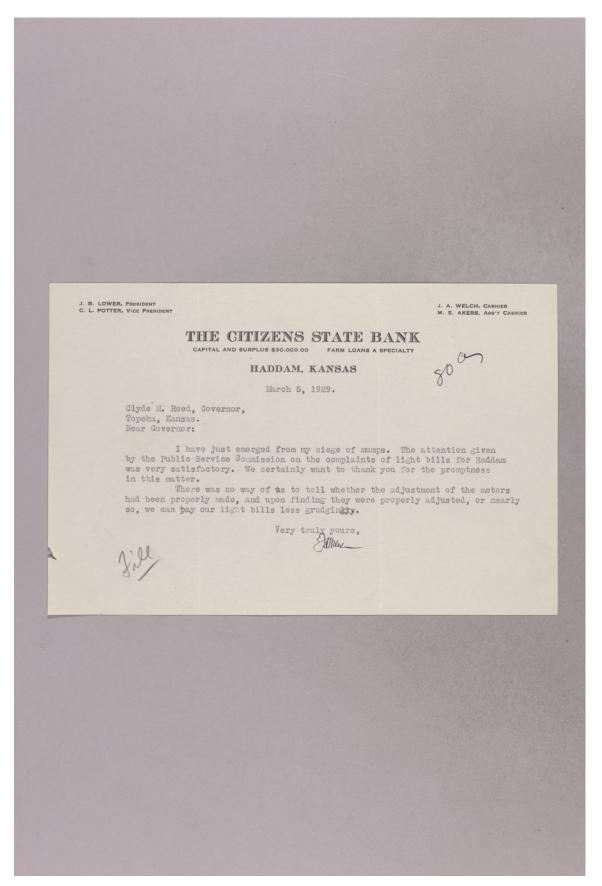














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