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FOREWORD

Already deeply indebted to the Historical Records Survey for calendars of the papers of three early West Virginia governors, the student of state history will find the present volume a digest of no less significance and value. Politically Henry Mason Mathews belonged to that long line of Democratic governors not inaptly called the "Virginia Dynasty." Of greater importance however is the fact that his term (1877-1881) spanned a period of economic transition. Not only did property values sink to their lowest levels in his day, but agriculture and industry receded to low ebb. Following this recession however there came an upturn which enabled West Virginia products, notably coal, oil, and timber to crowd the market place. This was truly a new day of business venture, although many were the enterprises which never flourished beyond the paper stage.

Approximately four hundred letters in this book bear on clashes between capital and labor. Of these some three hundred concern the unhappy railroad strike on the Baltimore and Ohio in 1877. Others deal with subjects so diverse as the prohibition of prize fighting and the revocation of a "diploma mill" charter. Not a few contain evidence that West Virginia then practiced a "peculiar brand of politics." The entire collection provides a bountiful sample of the raw materials from which real history is made.

F. P. Summers

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was established in West Virginia in 1936 as a part of the Federal Historical Records Survey, under the national direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Pursuant to an Act of Congress, the Federal Historical Records Survey, with other Work Projects Administration Federal Projects, was terminated August 31, 1939; its work in West Virginia has been continued since then by the West Virginia Historical Records Survey, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education until July 1, 1940, and after that date by the West Virginia Department of Archives and History. Mr. Sargent B. Child succeeded Dr. Evans as Director of Historical Records Survey Projects, March 1, 1940.

This is the fifth in a series of calendars compiled from the original letters and papers of West Virginia Governors, preserved in the library of the State Department of Archives and History and in the Division of Documents of West Virginia University. Through these calendars, it is the hope of the survey, to contribute additional source material to those students of history who are especially interested in the formation of the State of West Virginia, its founders, and the part it has played in the economic, political, and industrial development of the nation.

The manuscripts abstracted in this volume have been carefully checked with the entries for errors. All dates and spelling of proper names are preserved as in the original documents. Since the capital of the State at this period was Wheeling, West Virginia, the address on official correspondence to the Governor has been omitted, except that addressed to him at other points. Explanations and corrections which could be obtained from various books of reference have been supplied either in footnotes or enclosed in brackets in the entry itself. If a document has twelve signatures or less, the names of all the signers appear in the entry; if the number exceeds twelve, they are listed in the appendix.

The type of manuscript is designated in the third paragraph of the entry by the following symbols: A.L.S., autographed letter signed; A.L., autographed letter; L.S., letter signed; A.D., autographed document; A.D.S., autographed document signed; D.S., document signed; A.N.S., autographed note signed; A.PC., autographed postcard, and A.PC.S., autographed postcard signed. Symbols have not been used for telegrams or military dispatches. The sizes of telegrams have been omitted because of the uniformity in size of telegram blanks. All other abbreviations are those commonly used in other publications.

The entries of this volume have been compiled from the letters and papers located in the State Department of Archives and History at Charleston, West Virginia.

Preface

Research for the volume was done by Lawrence Gresham, Paul Hively and Albert Goodall. The calendar was prepared in the State office in accordance with instructions from the Washington office of the Historical Records Survey; detailed editorial comments and criticisms of the book have been made by Margaret Sherburne Eliot, Assistant Archivist in charge of the manuscript inventories of the survey.

The survey is deeply indebted to Dr. Festus P. Summers of the West Virginia University for writing the foreword to this volume as well as for his advice and constant cooperation in this and other publications.

Other acknowledgments are due the staff of the Department of Archives and History, for their continuous assistance in securing all available information relative to the manuscripts in that depository; to Joseph N. Alderson, State Director of Work Projects Administration, Mrs. Irene F. Gillooly, Director of Community Service Programs, and Paul B. Shanks, who at the time this manuscript was prepared was State Supervisor of Research and Records, for their kind cooperation.

A list of completed publications of the Historical Records Survey in West Virginia will be found on the last page of this volume. Requests for information concerning these publications should be addressed to the Historical Records Survey, 210 Smallridge Building, Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1834, some twenty years before the formation of the State of West Virginia, Henry Mason Mathews was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia. His family was politically prominent and young Mathews was taught to believe in, and to support, the customs and traditions of the 'Old South.'

He attended the Lewisburg Academy and the University of Virginia. After graduating from the University, Mathews studied at the law school of the famous Judge John W. Brockenbrough in Lexington, Virginia, and opened an office in Lewisburg where he began practice in the fall of 1857.

In November of the same year he married Miss Lucy Fry, daughter of Judge Joseph L. Fry, an eminent attorney of Wheeling, Virginia.

Shortly after opening his law office, Mathews was assigned a chair in Allegheny College, at Blue Sulphur Springs. There he was professor of history, modern languages, and literature, until the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, when he entered the Confederate Army as a volunteer. At this time his father, Mason Mathews, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, was very active in promoting the southern cause and used all of his political influence to secure his son, Henry, a commission as Major of Artillery.

Although his bravery in battle and his loyalty to the Confederacy was never doubted, Henry Mathews frequently ran into military difficulties. In 1863 he was so discontented with official military procedures that he contemplated leaving the army and returning to Greenbrier County. At another time during the same year he, feeling that he had been disagreeably treated by his Uncle Alex, a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army, applied for a transfer to the War Department of the Confederate States of America at Richmond.

On October 10, 1864, from Jacksonville, Alabama, Henry Mathews wrote the following letter* to his brother Joseph:

My Dear Brother:

I enclose you a letter from Sissey which came yesterday as I wanted to hear from home I opened it. The army is somewhere near Resaca and I am here with the train and in arrest. It is not necessary that you mention this until you know the result. On

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* Original letter in Mason Mathews Collection, property of Miss Patty Mathews, Lewisburg, W. Va., hereinafter referred to as Mathews Letters.

the night of the 6th, I got into the Camp tired and wet, went to bed and slept very soundly. About midnight a courier brought me a note that each Brigade should move with its own ordnance. By a very dim light and just aroused, I read the note incorrectly, that each division shall move with its own ordnance.

When I discovered my mistake I explained the matter to Gen. S. He said that my explanation was perfectly satisfactory and asked me to make it in writing in order that he might forward it to Gen. Lee. I did so and just before Lee rec'd the explanation he ordered Stevenson to arrest me and prefer charges. So here I am in arrest. I have not seen Gen. S. since, but I hear that Reeve says no charges will be preferred. I have no further excuse to offer and they can do as they choose, as soon as I am relieved, I will apply to be relieved from duty. I am not willing to serve any longer in Lee's Camps, and they cannot compel me to report to a Capt. I have not heard a word from you since your note of the 22nd ult.

The train will go from here to Godsen and then I suppose will cross the Tenn. River. I heard yesterday that we had taken Resaca and burnt the bridge.

Remember me kindly to Uncle A., Will Patton, Byrd, etc. Write to me.

Your affectionate brother,

Henry M. Mathews

In a letter* from Mason Mathews to his son Joseph, written at Richmond, Virginia on February 27, 1865, we learn that Henry had gone home on a forty day leave and that "He had been relieved from duty on his request and ordered to report here. When he arrived here he reported as ordered and was informed that a Gen'l commanding had no right to relieve an officer from duty, and was ordered to report to his command. He was complaining considerably and went before the medical examining board and was recommended for a leave of sixty days, on which he procured a passport, and went home."

In the same letter we find that Henry was selected by the members of the House of Delegates from Pocahontas County to become a candidate for the Virginia Senate but that he "could not determine what he would do until he got home and talked with the people."

In the fall of 1865 Henry Mathews was elected to the State Senate but could not qualify because of his inability

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* Mathews Letters.

to take the test oath. Furthermore, upon returning from the war he found himself ineligible to practice law since the test oath was also required from all practicing attorneys.

The following year the proscriptive measures were repealed and in 1872 Major Mathews was nominated and elected Attorney General of West Virginia in which capacity he served for four years.

"In the exciting election of 1876 the Democratic State Ticket of eight persons, seven of whom had been in the Confederate army, was elected by a majority of from 12,000 to 16,000. H. M. Mathews, who defeated General Nathan Goff, the popular Republican candidate for governor, was a patriotic, and liberal minded ex-Confederate who had fully accepted the results of a civil war and was well fitted to lead in meeting living issues. Mathews' administration has been characterized as an era of good feeling in which the State began to show new signs of awakening life."*

West Virginians, victims of the "worse results of a sectional conflict..... sought prosperity in terms of dollars and cents."** They now attempted to develop the natural resources of the State which had received much favorable advertising, during the Civil War by non-resident capitalists.

At the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, West Virginia spent $20,000 to prepare an exhibit of the State's resources. The West Virginia building was constructed from 18 varieties of hardwood from Marshall County. Large blocks of bituminous coal, some of which had been hauled 50 miles by ox team to a railroad for transportation to Philadelphia, were among the exhibits. These exhibits attracted international attention and induced the investment of large amounts of capital in the State.

Mathews adopted the liberal and sensible policy of appointing both Democrats and Republicans as members of administrative boards. During his administration a committee of investigation questioned the discriminating freight rates of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and reported that the Camden Consolidated Oil Company had received special advantages by a system of rebates.

In spite of all of Mathews' efforts to the contrary, the State resources were in the hands of non-residents. They held monopolies on industry and transportation. Industrial

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* Callahan's, Semi-Centennial History of West Virginia, p. 242.

** Ambler, West Virginia, The Mountain State, p. 458.

unrest was openly manifested in violent strikes and labor troubles in 1877.

Because of a national business depression the railroads throughout the country were forced to give their employees a ten percent cut in wages. The Baltimore and Ohio was the last of these companies to make the reduction. The cut was accepted quietly except by the firemen and a few engineers.

On July 16, about 25 firemen left their trains at Riverside, Mount Clare and Camden Station in Baltimore, but were replaced by others. In Martinsburg, West Virginia all freight trains were stopped and held. Men brought in to replace strikers were intimidated by the striking men. The mayor of Martinsburg, A. R. Shutt, arrested the leaders of the movement but they were soon released by reinforcements of strikers from other cities. The Vice-President of the road, John King Jr., wired Governor Mathews for military assistance.

At the outbreak of the industrial trouble the military force of the State was in a deplorable condition. The legislature of 1875 had prohibited the enrollment of the militia and at the time of this emergency, the only organized force in the State consisted of four companies, three of which were inefficient. Two of these companies were stationed at Martinsburg where 800 rioters were reported. These two companies, composed mainly of railroad men were in sympathy with the strikers.*

On July 17, 75 trains of coal, cattle and oil were tied up in Martinsburg. The ineffective militia disbanded, leaving the rioters in possession. Mathews did not wish to call upon the Federal Government for aid, so he began organizing other companies of volunteers and ordered them to the scene of the strike. Still the tendencies to riot could not be broken.**

By the 18th, all possibilities of a strike settlement seemed hopeless. There were large threatening mobs at Martinsburg, Keyser, Sir John's Run, and in the vicinity of Opequon. Colonel Faulkner, commanding the State forces, admitted that the force was too formidable for him to cope with. As a last desperate measure Mathews asked the President of the United States for Federal troops to suppress the riots.

The Secretary of War, George W. McCrary, ordered to Martinsburg all available troops from the arsenal at Washington and from Fort McHenry in Baltimore. In less than two days, the riot at Martinsburg was broken and striking men were asking

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* See entries 167, 180.
** See entry 140.

to be reemployed. By that time, in Baltimore, the strike had grown into a small war. There the city police and State militia had been over-powered by the mob. On July 20th, Col. R. M. Delaplain in a telegram to Governor Mathews says, "Terrible state of things now prevailing in Baltimore. Bloodshed, arson, and riot at Camden Station."*

Transients who assisted the strikers at Martinsburg moved on to Baltimore. By July 27, all the main stations from Cumberland to Wheeling were heavily garrisoned and riots in West Virginia were considered suppressed.** Trains began moving east and west with full crews on the night of July 31st.

This strike was followed by other demonstrations, the most formidable being centered in an organized band known as "Red Men." This organization, which first appeared in Wetzel County in 1879 and extended its activities to all adjoining counties, was composed of native farmers who took the administration of justice into their own hands and either terrorized or murdered those whom they suspicioned or disliked.

In January 1880, Coal Valley operators held a special meeting to discuss competitive schemes. On the day following the meeting, January 6th, the operators supposedly told the miners that they could get no orders as long as the Page Mines ran, but that if the miners would stop the Ansted works, they could be put to work, at an advance, on January 12th. On the same day, Mr. Wyant of Eagle Mines came down on the train and encouraged rioters who had come in from Cannelton and Paint Creek to keep the Ansted Mines closed.***

Governor Mathews was in New York City at the outbreak of this strike. His cousin Alex F. Mathews, upon investigation, wired the Governor on January 10th that the strike "is thought serious and seems to be general." In the same dispatch, Alex Mathews stated that on January 9th, 200 or more miners from Coal Valley stopped work at Ansted and since it was quite evident that the power of State Government must be asserted either now or later, insisted upon Governor Mathews' immediate intervention in this labor dispute.****

On the same day, January 10th, the sheriff of Fayette County, G. H. McClung, sent the following telegram to the Governor: "May want 1000 to 1500 men at any minute to stop miner difficulties as I think the civil authorities will be unable to control them."*****

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* See entry 196.
** See entries 325, 327, 338, 339.
*** See entry 817.
**** See entry 813.
***** See entry 814.

Maj. John W. Appleton, commanding State troops in Charleston, began moving troops on January 11th, but his orders were countermanded because authorities did not think that the present conditions warranted troops, except, perhaps at Campbell's Creek where Appleton stated, "force will be used if men who are willing to work are driven out of the mines."*

The Kanawha Riflemen under command of W. A. Bradford moved into the Hawk's Nest vicinity on January 13th, and the strike was settled in two or three days without violence.**

At this time there was less wealth per capita in West Virginia than in 1865, the result of which had a pronounced effect upon State politics. Those highest up in the social scale held the highest political positions and the entire organization became dangerously corrupt.

The social, political, and economic ills of West Virginia were not to be cured nor even successfully treated during Mathews' administration nor during his life time.

Governor Mathews died in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on April 28, 1884, less than four years after leaving the State's Executive Office.

Mary Law Rickard

MARY LAW RICKARD
Project Technician

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1877 Jan. 26 — Geo. W. BRUCE, Medical Officer, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Cannot say positively if a release will prolong the life of Botsford; is certain that the man could be better cared for at home and that his wife would prevent him from becoming a public charge.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 14 cm. /1/

1877 Feb. 4 — L. D. ISBELL, Cotton Hill /Fayette County/ W.Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests information concerning the whereabouts of an application for a requisition in the case against Hackett.

Telegram. /2/

1877 Feb. 24 — Barna POWELL, Attorney-at-Law, Parkersburg, W. Va. To H. SLACK.

By papers "just received" has ascertained H. P. Neal's deficiency in the case of S. B. Hull vs. the Steamer Glenn; the amount in Neal's hands after deducting everything to which he is entitled is $239.71 with interest from April 29, 1875, date of boat sale; at the time of sale there was an order for distributing the fund; remembers that Slack promised to settle this account if Neal could be located; hopes that Slack will remit a check for the amount, including interest; requests that Slack have the first term of court at Charleston approve the amounts due T. L. Maurice and J. M. Baker and that those amounts be incorporated into the Slack account and paid; has advanced money on these accounts long ago; desires immediate payment.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 14.5 cm. /3/

1877 Mar. 2 — William E. ARNOLD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

When writing in behalf of William P. Cooper for the position of Secretary of State, was not aware of his intemperate conduct; has seen enough since that time to be convinced that Cooper would not be a suitable person for the place; withdraws his recommendation for same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 28.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. /4/

1877 Mar. 4 — Jno. B. SNODGRASS, M.D., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the appointment of State vaccine agent, made vacant by the death of Dr. Thomas S. Page.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /5/

At bottom of page: Elban O. Faulkner. To

Hon. Henry M. Mathews. Knows Dr. Snodgrass well and believes, if appointed as one of the State vaccine agents, that he will perform the duties faithfully.
A.N.S.

1877 Mar. 6 — John W. MASON, Member of the Board of Regents, Deaf, Dumb and Blind School, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Resigns from position as a member of the Board of Regents of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind; feels that since the Governor is held responsible by the public for the management of State institutions, during his administration, he should be free to select such persons as he desires to control them; resigns that the Governor may be relieved from any embarrassment in the situation.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 18.5 cm. [6]

1877 Mar. 6 — R. M. MARSHALL, M.D., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
At the request of Senator M. Grantham, makes application for vaccine agent for the first district; the vacancy was caused by the death of Dr. Thomas Page; gives Charles J. Faulkner as reference.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [7]

1877 Mar. 7 — T. B. CAMDEN, M.D., Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The Board has been called to meet on Friday, March 20th; was compelled to call this meeting because the institution is practically out of money; the Board will make necessary orders to draw money until October 1st and will receive his [Camden's] semi-annual report; unless an emergency occurs they will not meet again until the regular October meeting; desires to know the law in regard to drawing an appropriation; the report that money was drawn and banked is not true; the money shall be drawn the first of each quarter; two quarters will be due April 1, amounting to $27,500; heretofore, the money has been drawn as needed; wants to know if they will have to draw the money according to law; does not wish to cripple the organization; wishes the Governor to give his opinion relative to the meeting; will be glad if Governor appoints persons previously spoken of; Governor's letter was delightful and very different from others received from the executive mansion.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 22.5 cm. x 14.5 cm. [8]

1877 Mar. 7 — Charlotte H. YANCEY, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thanks Governor for a favor recently received; was "rather startled at the amount" which came at a most opportune moment; extends an invitation to the

Governor to visit at "Yancey Place" and to bring J. H. Good if it is convenient; her address is Benwood, Marshall County, West Virginia.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /9/

1877 Mar. 9 William A. QUARRIER, Kanawha Court House /Charleston/, W. Va.
Desires to know if the "Erskins devisees" will get any rent and if so when; is particularly "hard run and would like to get hold of enough to get a part of my fee"; was an active participant in the bill concerning food fish and is anxious that it be a success; the success of the bill will depend largely upon the character of the commissioners appointed by the Governor; hopes that the Governor will make careful selections and choose men who will take pains to understand the subject rather than politicians; "Dennis suggests Mr. Harris of Lewisburg as a good selection"; thinks that Harris should be appointed from the third district; does not know enough men in other districts to make suggestions for appointments.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 18.5 cm. /10/

1877 Mar. 10 W. F. BUTCHER, Greenbank, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Was not at home when Governor returned from Washington, therefore has not had an opportunity to inquire into the matter about which they were discussing at their last meeting; if inquiries have been made concerning same, desires to know the results; if Mr. Kenna makes the next appointment and the Governor has any influence with him, requests that he /Butcher/ be recommended for the appointment; if such an appointment cannot be made, wishes to begin the study of law as soon as his school is out, about the 10th of May; wants to study with "the Captain" if possible and will wish to use the Governor's office and books.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /11/

1877 Mar. 10 A. G. TIBBETTS, Attorney-at-Law, Union, Monroe County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Telegram came too late last night for an answer; does not think that he can leave Union at this time; all suits for the May term of the circuit court will have to be instituted before April Rules and on the following Tuesday the county court of Summers will convene, in April the circuit county court of Summers and soon after that "our County Court"; if he should go to Wheeling, he would lose one or more of these courts; is satisfied that the work could not be finished in the time allotted by the Supreme Judge to this work in Wheeling; had supposed that there would be no hindrance to a speedy completion of the work when the contract was closed but it has been so imped-

ed that he has spent half of what he received in traveling expenses; if anything is to be made out of the deal the present arrangement of allowing proof to be sent here must be continued; the 7th and 8th volumes were too hurried; must remain here if the 9th volume is to be done properly.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /I2/

1877 Mar. 12 C. A. SPERRY, Attorney-at-Law, Topeka, Kansas. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Desires that the President of the United States /R. B. Hayes/ who was his Colonel during the war, appoint him United States District Attorney in Topeka; the President knows him /Sperry/ personally but does not know anything about his ability as an attorney; does not know what Mathews' opinion may be; while he /Sperry/ was "under the thumb of Samuel Price. I never felt that I was anybody. I believe he is the meanest man on the face of the earth, even his own family despise him"; feels that the fatal move of his life was when he /Sperry/ went to Lewisburg; feels differently now and hopes to make amends for the past; requests the Governor to write the President certifying Sperry's ability as a lawyer to show that in the Governor's opinion, Sperry is fully qualified for the office; has been in Topeka only eight months but has many friends here; "I have quit all my badness and am on probation in the Methodist Church."
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /I3/

1877 Mar. 12 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges and accepts the appointment to a position on the Governor's staff.
A.L.S. 1 p. 21.8 cm. x 13.7 cm. /I4/

1877 Mar. 12 Thomas A. EDWARDS, Editor and Proprietor, The Weston Democrat, Main Street, Weston, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.
Has written Luzle concerning the appointment of Ralston, Lewis, and Lively to the asylum board; if there is a disposition to put one of Jacob's supporters on the board, Dr. A. M. Dent will be acceptable to both wings of the party; he is also a good friend of Dr. Camden's; Dent's appointment would also satisfy Ralston; Bennett has recommended Lively, Ralston, and a Republican; writer does not desire an appointment to the board but will accept an appointment on the penitentiary board if it is not fully made up.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 25 cm. /I5/

1877 Mar. 12 Thomas H. DENNIS, Attorney-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses a petition for the pardon of Samuel

Potter; the facts are stated in the petition; thinks that the jury erred in imposing so severe a punishment for so slight an offense and that this is a case which recommends itself to executive clemency; the petition is signed by many of the most prominent citizens and also by several of the jury who convicted Potter; asks for the Governor's favorable action on the same.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /16/
Enclosure missing.

1877 Mar. 13 James M. WALTERS, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Applies for position of State Librarian.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 32.5 cm. x 20 cm. /17/

1877 Mar. 13 D. MAYER, M.D., City Health Officer, Charleston, W. Va. To /?/ MILLER.
Requests Miller's influence in receiving an appointment of vaccine agent for this district; held the position at one time but resigned in favor of a friend who was more in need of the position at the time; feels that he deserves some compensation for working for the party; could ask for nothing with a smaller salary than vaccine agent because there is none; C. P. Snider will write to the Governor today in Mayer's behalf.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /18/

1877 Mar. 14 David T. BRECK, Saint Louis /Missouri/. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests Governor's autograph for his collection.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /19/

1877 Mar. 14 W. S. DOWNER, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests appointment of tobacco inspector in this section; has raised tobacco for many years and still owns a tobacco farm; is unemployed at the present; does not intend to get up a petition to obtain the appointment.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 21.7 cm. x 12.5 cm. /20/

1877 Mar. 14 B. L. BUTCHER, Attorney-at-Law, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Received letter containing commission as member of the Regents of the State Normal School; is profoundly "grateful for this mark of your confidence and esteem"; in behalf of the alumni of the Normal School extends "vigorous and earnest support."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /21/

1877 Mar. 14 A. S. NORMENT, Attorney-at-Law, Petersburg, Grant County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

There seems to be a general wish that the Governor should promptly dismiss the Board of Directors of West Virginia University; there is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the present board; recommends Hon. Benjamin Hiner; Mr. Hiner has filled many important positions and is now president of the county court; he is well-known throughout the State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /22/

1877 Mar. 14 Joseph MOREHOUSE, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The present member of the Board of Regents of West Virginia University who resides in Morgantown has been considered by many persons as a very poor person for the position; thinks that it is very important that an efficient person be appointed to the position; requests information concerning the course to be pursued in promoting the desired change; would it be proper for the people in Morgantown to make suggestions relative to the appointment for this district.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /23/

1877 Mar. 14 H. B. WOODS, 29 West 32nd Street, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been requested to quote a price on bonds of the W/hite/ S/ulphur/ Springs Company, which a company /unnamed/ has been purchasing; desires to know who has purchased the first and second mortgages and the opinion of the Governor; has been told that there is about $70,000 in bonds which have not been purchased.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 13 cm. x 20 cm. /24/

1877 Mar. 15 J. M. SCROGIN, Fetterman /now Grafton/ W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants to know why Dr. Kunst is retained as assistant surgeon at the asylum at Weston, when there are so many young Democratic doctors in the State who are equally competent and more deserving of the position; Dr. Kunst and his family are decided radicals; requests that the Governor give this consideration when appointing a new board; recommends William Carr, Esq. as a member of the board; Mr. West knows Mr. Carr.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 23.5 cm. /25/

1877 Mar. 16 W. W. CHANCELLOR, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has received the commission as one of the Governor aides; accepts the commission and thanks the Governor for the distinguished compliment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /26/

1877 Mar. 16 B. WILSON, Wilsonburg, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.
Desires to know the probabilities relative to the appointment of Lurty; he has done a great deal for the party; admires Lurty because he is "warm hearted and was true and faithful to his friends"; is glad to know that Mathews is making a popular and efficient governor.
A.L.S. 1 p. 19 cm. x 24 cm. /27/

1877 Mar. 17 Thos. J. STEALEY, State Superintendent /tobacco inspection/ Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommends J. H. Hann for tobacco inspector of this district; Mr. Hann is recommended by the Hon. J. N. Camden, W. N. Chancellor, and William P. Thompson, as being eminently qualified to fill the position; thinks that the prospects for building up the institution at this point are very favorable; Mr. Camden has just returned from Cincinnati; he is not well, therefore, has deferred his visit to the Capitol; believes that Camden and Company are about to open a commission house for the sale of tobacco; will have no trouble in renting a warehouse at this point.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 21.5 cm. x 20 cm. /28/

1877 Mar. 17 A. E. SUMMERS, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Dr. William P. Ewing, the present vaccine agent here is an applicant for reappointment; recommends that his appointment be continued; Ewing has been faithful to the demands of his office; thinks that he deserves the position; "of course he is a Democrat."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /29/
Endorsed by: Dr. P. Wagnor, Dr. M. L. Mayo, L. L. Comstock, J. L. Cotton, William P. Hogue, Lawson Carr, and A. G. McChesney.

1877 Mar. 19 N. FITZHUGH, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests executive clemency in behalf of A. G. Quarrier who is confined in the penitentiary; the majority of the people throughout the State feel that Quarrier has received enough punishment.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /30/

1877 Mar. 20 E. Boyd FAULKNER, Attorney-at-Law, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of letter confirming appointment of Dr. J. B. Snodgrass as vaccine agent; is interested in the Fish and Boundary Line bills; hopes Governor will hear his suggestions or recommendations before appointing commissioners.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /31/

1877 Mar. 21 H. E. DAVIS, Barnum's City Hotel, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces Dr. William Dent of Newburg, Preston County, who has rendered the Democratic party excellent service in Preston County; he desires the appointment of director of the asylum at Weston.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [32]

1877 Mar. 22 J. M. McWHORTER, Attorney-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is going to apply for position as postmaster at White Sulphur [Springs]; requests a letter of recommendation written by the Governor and addressed to the President or to the Postmaster General.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [33]

1877 Mar. 22 John L. HUTCHINSON, Point Pleasant, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Learned recently that the West Virginia Legislature passed a bill establishing a "Tobacco Ware House" at Huntington; desires position as inspector; has been engaged in the leaf tobacco business for years and has handled it in all shapes; refers Governor to tobacco men of Richmond, Virginia, Evansville, Indiana, and Clarksville, Tennessee; also gives as reference the Governor's father, Grosvenor Price, Judge Moore, John W. English, and A. G. Estham; if Governor does not have appointing power wishes to be informed as to who has such power.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [34]

1877 Mar. 22 John E. KENNA, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the appointment of Joe Chilton as toll collector; Chilton has been struggling under adverse circumstances; if he is appointed toll collector, his brother William Chilton will not be an applicant for the appointment to West Point; is not in favor of Snyder because he is prosecuting attorney; thinks that others who are deserving should have a chance.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [35]

1877 Mar. 22 Charles J. FAULKNER, Attorney-at-Law, Martinsburg, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of appointment as aide-de-camp on the Governor's staff.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [36]

1877 Mar. 22 George PURCELL, Fellowsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Applies for a position wherein he may "earn his salary"; is a Virginian by birth; at the close of the war tried to establish a business in New York City; after four years of indifferent success returned to

his home in Richmond; later established a jobbing house at Cumberland, Maryland, for the sale of Virginia tobacco; this latter enterprise resulted in total financial ruin; came into this county /Preston/ about a year ago with no intentions of staying; remained here to participate in the campaign last fall; met Governor Mathews at the county convention in Portland; was chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee; is interested in the success of this party because he feels that it is the only political party which can restore the country to peace and prosperity; has had more than 20 years of active and varied business experience; encloses letter of recommendation from the Hon. Edward F. Kerr of Bedford, Pennsylvania, with whom he served in two State campaigns.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /37/

1877 Mar. 22 — John S. HOFFMAN, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard much favorable comment about Dr. Ramsey being given a foreign mission; he has been recommended by gentlemen who are respected by both Hoffman and the Governor; does not know what prospects there are of a Confederate being appointed by Federal authorities; recommends Dr. Ramsey as a gentleman of high intelligence, energy and determination.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /38/

1877 Mar. 22 — G/ideon/ D. CAMDEN, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces Dr. J. W. Ramsey, who wishes to apply for a position in foreign diplomatic service; Ramsey was recommended by members of the State legislature; requests Governor to extend to Ramsey all possible aid.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /39/

1877 Mar. 22 — Joseph MOREHOUSE, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has not consulted anyone relative to the appointment of a member of the Board of Regents of West Virginia University; understands that the Governor intends to appoint a portion of the board from the Republican Party; approves of this intention; Monongalia County is a Republican county, in a Republican senatorial district; Democratic officials are seldom seen in this part of the commonwealth; thinks that the resident Regent should be from the Democratic Party because he will have a great deal of influence upon the remainder of the board, members of the faculty, and the officers of the University; spoke to Dr. Jimson yesterday; Jimson expects to visit the Governor in April; he will probably be accompanied by

Dr. Fisher of Wheeling and they will discuss this matter with the Governor.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /40/

1877 Mar. 23 James BURNS, Wheeling, W. Va. To John S. BURDETT.
Requests Governor's influence in obtaining the position of superintendent of the National Pike for which he has applied; has sent a petition signed by citizens of Wheeling and Ohio County, to Hon. Benjamin Wilson; thanks Governor for past favors, especially for the one some 20 years ago when Mathews assisted Burns' brother Thomas to bring him /James Burns/ to this country.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /41/

1877 Mar. 23 C. S. WHITE, Romney /W. Va./. To H. G. DAVIS.
Desires the appointment as commissioner for the protection of fish; understands that there is no money in the office but desires the position because he is interested in the experiment and wants to make it a success; requests a letter from Davis to Governor Mathews recommending White for the appointment so that he may enclose it with his application.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /42/

1877 Mar. 23 William L. McNEEL, near Academy /now Hillsboro/, Pocahontas County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommends R. B. Brown to the Governor for an appointment to some political position.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /43/

1877 Mar. 23 David D. JOHNSTON, Princeton, Mercer County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Desires to take again the deposition in the case of Walkers administrator vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad; requests Governor's permission and a place to which he can give notice.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /44/

1877 Mar. 24 Thomas H. DENNIS, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Samuel Potter is anxious to know whether or not his petition for a pardon was received; if received, desires to know what the Governor can do for him.
A.P.C.S. 12.5 cm. x 7.5 cm. /45/

1877 Mar. 24 FLEMING & MORGAN, Editors, The New Dominion, and others, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"The undersigned subscribers, citizens of this county, recommend the appointment of Joseph Moreland as Regent of the State University from this district."
Signed: Fleming and Morgan, M. M. Dent, Ben M. Dorsey, James Evans, Jos. A. M. Lane, W. R. D. Dent, and Geo. M. Dorsey. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /46/

1877 Mar. 26 B. F. MARTIN, Attorney-at-Law, Pruntytown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Endorses Dr. William Dent as director of Insane Asylum; is opposed to any board that will "turn Dr. Camden out"; is wholly in favor of Samuel Woods, Esq., as a regent of West Virginia University; thinks that Rev. J. Wesley Webb, also an applicant, is a good man.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [47]

1877 Mar. 27 J[ohnson] N. CAMDEN, Camden Consolidated Oil Company, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the appointment of Henry C. Flesher of Jackson County to a place on one of the State boards; if such an appointment is impossible, asks that the Governor inform Mr. Flesher of the fact.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27 cm. x 21.5 cm. [48]

1877 Mar. 27 J[ohnson] N. CAMDEN, Camden Consolidated Oil Company, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Edwards of Lewis County wishes to be transferred from his present position as a member of the asylum board to the State Penitentiary Board; thinks that A. A. Lewis and E. R. Ralston will be the best men for appointment to the board mentioned in a former letter; if a third man is to be chosen, suggests that it be W. E. Lively.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. [49]

1877 Mar. 28 Judge J. J. JACKSON, United States Supreme Court, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a copy of letter sent to Mr. Woods, State Librarian, today, and a copy of Mr. Wood's dispatch to him [Jackson]; wishes to call the Governor's attention to both.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. [50]

For 1st enclosure see entry 51. Other enclosures missing.

1877 Mar. 28 J. J. JACKSON, Clarksburg, W. Va. To [?] WOODS, State Librarian [Wheeling, W. Va.].

"I was not a little surprised at the telegram sent by you in reply to mine. If my recollection serves me, there is some provision of law permitting this court to use the books of the State Library and placing this court on the same footing with the courts of the State. But whether there is so or not, by courtesy the courts of the United States should have always had access to the State Library especially when the United States furnishes so many books & documents to the authorities of the State and I might add, to the people of a State also. I am in the trial of a very important land case, in which a moral question arises. The books I needed to aid the case (not J. J. Jackson) in reaching a proper conclusion upon

the question raised. J. J. Jackson, does not want the books, but Judge Jackson of the United States District Court desires the use of them for a day. To be courteous costs but little. Favors are sometimes reciprocal."

Copy signed. 3 pp. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /51/
Enclosed with entry 50.

1877 Mar. 28 — B. W. BYRNE, Charleston /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Gave Governor's recent letter to Judge Samuels; does not think an interview concerning collecting of claims against sheriffs is encouraging; Samuels feels himself to be master of the situation but will accept advice of the Auditor and the Governor; thought that there would be enough work in the matter to require two men; does not want to take from Samuels what might be to him a profitable enterprise; hopes that Governor will keep Mr. Miller in mind when application is made for the division of these claims.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /52/

1877 Mar. 28 — Elbert FOWLER, Indian Mills, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Applies for position as fish commissioner; will serve without pay; claims that the "fish bill" was gotten up at his special request by Mr. Francis and introduced by Mr. Miller; believes that he possesses special qualifications for the job.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /53/

1877 Mar. 30 — William H. FARR, Wellsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces the bearer of this letter, Mr. George Orr; talked with the Governor last winter about Orr in connection with the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum at Romney; Mr. Orr has a child at that school and takes a special interest in the institution; requests that Orr be given a position as an official of that institution.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /54/

1877 Mar. 31 — George DEAVER, Ice Mountain, Hampshire County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends C. S. White, Esq., of Hampshire County, for appointment to office of commissioner for the protection and culture of food fish; he is well qualified and will take a lively interest in the matter; he is experienced in fish culture and very well informed on the subject.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /55/

1877 Mar. 31 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of West Virginia State Penitentiary, and others, Moundsville, W. Va.

To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned officers of the West Virginia Penitentiary certify to the good conduct of A. C. Quarrier who has been imprisoned since October 16, 1871; in consideration of Quarrier's valuable services to the State, the just reward due a prisoner for exceptional conduct, and fidelity in the discharge of every duty imposed on him, request the Governor to issue him [Quarrier] a free and full pardon immediately.

Signed: W. L. Bridges, Supt., Frank A. Brown, Ass't Supt., A. J. Martin, Commissary, and Geo. W. Bruce, Physician. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [56]

1877 Thomas J. WEST, Treasurer of West Virginia.
Apr. 1 Semi-annual report to the State of West Virginia, showing the amount of money on deposit in each designated depository of State Funds on April 1, 1877, the rate and amount of interest received thereon and the amount and character of security given by each designated depository.

D.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 52 cm. [57]

1877 J. E. COVELL, Principal, Institute for Deaf,
Apr. 1 Dumb and Blind, Romney, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits the receipts and expenditures, as principal, for the Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind, for the 6-months period ending March 31, 1877.

D.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [58]

1877 Wm. N. CHANCELLOR and Thos J. STEALEY, Superin-
Apr. 2 tendent, State Tobacco Warehouse, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Contract: For renting a tobacco warehouse in the city of Parkersburg, situated on lot #9, corner of Ann and Court Streets; it is a three-story brick building owned by William N. Chancellor; building and lot rented for a period of 1 year for the sum of $650, to be paid quarterly by the State of West Virginia; bill for inspection of tobacco was passed by the West Virginia Legislature, December 23, 1875; Thos. Stealey of Tyler County was appointed State superintendent of tobacco warehouse, January 24, 1877 and is authorized to rent the necessary buildings in the cities of Parkersburg and Huntington.

D.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [59]

1877 Arthur B. PUGH, Attorney-at-Law, Petersburg,
Apr. 2 W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends C. S. White of Hampshire County as a person who could ably fill the office of commissioner under the law passed at the last session of the legislature for the protection and propagation of fish; urges his appointment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [60]

1877 Apr. 2 — J. H. PENDLETON, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard that the board of commissioners of Ohio County have unofficially recommended Walter C. Smith for superintendent of the National Road; concurs in this recommendation; Smith is qualified for the place by experience as county engineer.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [61]

1877 Apr. 2 — William Maxwell EVARTS, Secretary of State, Washington [D. C.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of transmitting fund for volumes, comprising the legislative documents of the State of West Virginia for the year 1875.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [62]

1877 Apr. 3 — John J. CHIPLEY, Attorney-at-Law, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been requested to recommend C. S. White of Romney, West Virginia, for fish commissioner from this district; thinks that this appointment would meet with the approval of this section.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [63]

1877 Apr. 4 — Egbert L. VILLE, Consulting Engineer, 234 Broadway, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Forwarded today, a copy of his [Ville's] Topographical Atlas of the City of New York for the West Virginia State Library; is preparing a physical map of the United States and would be pleased to receive any document, reports, or maps illustrating the physical or industrial resources of West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [64]

1877 Apr. 5 — Thomas J. STEALY, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Withdraws his recommendation of J. H. Hann for appointment to office of inspector of tobacco in the State tobacco warehouse here; the amendment to the 7th section of the bill requires that the duties of the clerks be performed by the inspector for the present; those who are best qualified by experience in growing and packing tobacco are least qualified to perform clerical duties; thinks that in making this appointment, other points should be considered as well as the mere knowledge of growing tobacco and its management; believes that unimpeachable integrity in the inspector is more in demand than in any other public office; this position affords ample opportunity to make the enterprise successful or "swamp it in the start"; the commissioner may unfavorably influence owners against banks and business men generally; it has been thought by some that the location of the warehouse in any particular street would cause busi-

ness to locate in its immediate neighborhood; thinks that envy among business men should always be considered; the difficulty between the "green back and hard money" wings of the party existing last fall came up for full consideration in this appointment; after full consideration recommends Edward P. Chancellor of this city for the appointment to the office of inspector of tobacco; Mr. Chancellor is a brother of W. N. Chancellor, member of the House of Delegates from this county; the objections to Mr. Chancellor are less than to any other person whom he /Stealy/ could recommend; there is a great deal of interest manifested in the enterprise here; hopes that the same interest will be shown in Huntington.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /65/

1877 Apr. 9 — Eustace GIBSON, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

J. H. Russel of Huntington would like to be appointed director or visitor of one of the State institutions; his object, to become identified with the State, is a good one; will be very much pleased if the Governor can find it consistent with his views to make this appointment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /66/

1877 Apr. 10 — A. A. LEWIS, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The committee investigating the West Virginia Hospital /for the Insane/ will convene again today; after being in session for 4 or 5 days, they seem to be impressed with the management of the hospital.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /67/

1877 Apr. 10 — W. T. LOGAN, Martin/s/b/ur/g /W. Va./. To /?/ BAKER.

Read recently in the /Shepherdstown or Wheeling/ Register that the Fish Commission is to be composed of three commissioners, one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the Governor; is quite interested in having the rivers stocked with fine food fish; desires the appointment in this district; understands that there is neither honor nor money in the office but is willing to give a portion of his time to carrying out the design of the commission because of the personal interest in it; requests Baker to write the Governor concerning the appointment; will not be disappointed if he does not receive same so long as the purpose of the commission is carried out successfully.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 13 cm. /68/

1877 Apr. 11 — R. P. H. STAUB, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

If the State board desired someone to represent this district as a director of the penitentiary, would like to have the appointment; desires such an appointment particularly because it would necessitate his coming to Wheeling occasionally where he has interests.

A.L.S. 1 p. 15 cm. x 7.5 cm. /69/

1877 Apr. 11 Charles M. BLISS, Secretary of Bennington Battle Monument Association, Bennington, Vt. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At a meeting of the Bennington Battle Monument Association today, the following resolution was adopted: "That His Excellency the Governor of Vermont, President of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, be directed to invite in the name of the association the President and Vice-President of the United States, the members of the cabinet and the Governors of several states of the Union to attend and participate in the centennial celebration of the Independence of Vermont as a state and the centennial celebration of the Battle of Bennington at Bennington, Vermont, on the 15th and 16th of August, 1877."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /70/

1877 Apr. 11 W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests reappointment as superintendent of State prison; admits use of liquor but denies any excessive use of same while on duty; needs the position to support a large family; thinks that the best reference he can give is his past record; thinks that the Governor will recall that he /Bridges/ is responsible for the practice of boarding Federal prisoners, for improvement in discipline and the self-supporting operation of the institution; requests the Governor to present his past record and accomplishments to the legislature; writes the letter instead of securing a personal interview because he is so proud of his past record and his interest in the future of the penitentiary that he wishes it to be a matter of record with the Governor.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /71/

1877 Apr. 13 Joel J. BAILY, Chairman of Committee on Invitation, Philadelphia, Pa. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

The opening ceremonies of the Permanent International Exhibition are to be held on the 10th day of May; the president and board of directors of the Exhibition Company request the presence of the Governor and his official staff to participate in this inauguration of the season of 1877; an early answer is desired.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /72/

1877 Apr. 14 — Bond for performance of duties of Inspector of Tobacco: "This 14th day of Apr. appeared before me Edward P. Chancellor and executed bond with security approved by the judge of the Circuit Court of Wood Co. and took the oath to support the constitution of the U. S. and the state of W. Va. and also to discharge the duties of inspector of Tobacco for the warehouse situated within the city of Parkersburg."

A copy Teste: Will Hatcher, Clerk Circuit Court of Wood Co., W. Va. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [73]

1877 Apr. 14 — B. H. LURTY, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thinks that he can do nothing more about the position he is seeking; plans to return home today; is grateful to all of his friends and their support; now it is for the Governor to decide.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [74]

1877 Apr. 15 — Samuel WHITINGTON, Moundsville, Marshall County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know if the Governor received a petition requesting a pardon for him [Whitington]; the petition was gotten up in Putnam County some time ago; if Governor has the petition, requests that it be given consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [75]

1877 Apr. 16 — W. J. BATES, Jr. and others, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request the appointment of Henry B. Mills as fish commissioner; this petition is sponsored by members of the Panhandle Fishing Club; Mr. Mills has been a member of this club for 13 years and is well qualified to fill the position.

Signed: W. J. Bates, Jr., F. S. Hoge, J. D. Culbertson, D. Hubbard, and M. B. C. Wright. 1 p. 46.8 cm. x 21.2 cm. [76]

1877 Apr. 17 — James F. PATTON, Attorney-at-Law, Union, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received Governor's letter of April 10th; hopes that the Governor will attend the Federal Court on May 1st; was pleased to learn that Quarrier has been pardoned; is writing today to Mr. Pendleton and refers to the Governor relative to Rudd; hopes the superintendent will appoint him [Rudd]; anything that the Governor can do in this case will be greatly appreciated by Rudd and his friends; "Should you ever meet that little charmer Miss Birdie Caldwell ask her please to receive my very grateful rememberances with the hope that if she comes to the mountains of our region this summer I may have the pleasure of enlarging our slight acquaintance"; desires to serve the

Governor, if possible, in this section.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [77]

1877 Apr. 17 — Elbert FOWLER, Pros/ecuting/ Attorney of Summers County, Hinton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
At the last term of the circuit court of Summers County, Jake Coleman was indicted by the grand jury for felony; he has escaped to Virginia; requests a requisition upon the Governor of Virginia for said Jake Coleman; if the warrant of the Governor is forwarded to Fowler at Hinton, he will send the sheriff over to Virginia and arrest Coleman who is now at large.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [78]

1877 Apr. 17 — Wm. COBUN, Clerk of County Court and A. HAYMOND, Clerk of Circuit Court, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommend the appointment of Joseph Moreland, Esq. as regent of West Virginia University; believe Moreland to be qualified for the position in every way.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [79]

1877 Apr. 19 — R. C. GASTON, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommends C. Mason Pendleton for a position on the Governor's staff; he is a son of Philip Pendleton, Esq., of this place, and a grandson of the late Judge P. C. Pendleton of Berkeley County; thinks Pendleton is a "well educated and Gallant young man"; nearly all of his family connections and his numerous influential friends are Democrats and supporters of Mathews in the late canvass.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [80]

1877 Apr. 19 — Marshall Mc. DENT, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses testimonials favoring the appointment of Joseph Moreland, Esq., as resident regent of West Virginia University.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [81]
Enclosure missing.

1877 Apr. 20 — C. P. BROWN, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
John Burus desires the appointment of watchman of the Capitol Building; he has been a resident of Wheeling for many years and is strictly "temperate, moral and industrious"; believes that Burus could fill the position to the satisfaction of the public.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [82]

1877 Apr. 20 — E. HISLER, Attorney-at-Law, Morgantown, W. Va. To Hon. B. F. MARTIN, Pruntytown, W. Va.

As recognition of Joseph Moreland's efforts and personal sacrifices made to keep the Democracy of Monongalia "in Battle array," his friends here desire that he be appointed to the office of regent of West Virginia University which will soon be vacant; Moreland is well qualified for the position and would take pride in using his utmost abilities toward promoting the interests of that institution; requests that Martin write to the Governor concerning this appointment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /83/

1877 Apr. 20 T. B. CAMDEN, M.D., Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Papers have arrived; Mr. Ralston's name has been written as Thomas Ralston; it should be E. Ralston; he will not qualify until it is corrected.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. /84/

1877 Apr. 22 Jno. S. SWANN, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Brother's friends are recommending him to the President for a position on the Supreme Court bench made vacant by the resignation of Justice Davis; all the prominent Democrats in this town have united in his recommendation; Major Fitshugh, Major Miller, Major Brown, and Mr. Dodridge are among the other Democratic lawyers who have written him letters of recommendation; writer's interest in his brother's welfare prompted this letter; "My brother has been rather snubed by the extreme radicals of the State as you know, while the liberals of his party are his main supporters."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /85/

1877 Apr. 22 A. A. LEWIS, Weston, W. Va. To BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

There is an error in the appointment of an E. Ralston to the Board of Regents of the State Asylum at Weston; it should have been Thomas Ralston; there is no person in the county known by name of E. Ralston.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 14 cm. /86/

1877 Apr. 23 John S. RUDD, Union, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thanks Governor for his appointment as State examiner; was getting additional recommendations to forward, but is glad that they are not necessary.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /87/

1877 Apr. 23 T. B. CAMDEN, M.D., Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has seen the announcement of new appointments to

the board of regents of that institution but has not received official notification of the fact; the new members do not wish to assume any duties or be sworn in until notified and the retiring members do not wish to assume much responsibility; has no authorized advisors under the circumstances; suggests that the Governor send a notification to each member of the board; is well pleased with the new board members.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 21 cm. /88/

1877 Apr. 23 Joseph SPRIGG, Attorney-at-Law, Moorefield, W. Va. To H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been informed that Capt. C. S. White of Romney is an applicant for the appointment of fish commissioner for this district; recommends White cordially; thinks that White will be the right man in the right place; he has given the subject of fish culture a great deal of attention; furthermore he is a good Democrat and a hard worker for his party.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /89/

1877 Apr. 23 John W. MASON, Attorney-at-Law, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thanks the Governor for appointment as a member of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind but declines same; declines because of professional engagements during the summer and fall; thinks that a change will be good for him; has been a member of the board for a long time; recommends that Capt. Thomas A. Maulsby of Fairmont be appointed his successor as he is a most competent man.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /90/

1877 Apr. 23 M. CAMPBELL, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Mr. Brady, Secretary of State, has just informed the writer of his appointment as one of the directors of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane; thanks the Governor and assures him of cooperation in making the administration a success.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /91/

1877 Apr. 24 John I. DAVIS, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has heard that John W. Mason, Esq., of Grafton, declined to accept the appointment as a member of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind at Romney; recommends Granville E. Jarvis of Grafton for the place; has known Mr. Jarvis for many years and assures the Governor that Jarvis is qualified to fill the position.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /92/

1877 Apr. 24 — G[ranville] E. JARVIS, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests appointment as member of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind; gives as reference G. D. Camden, Clarksburg, J. J. Lewis, B. J. Martin, Jim Robinson of Hampshire County, Samuel Wood, Attorney General White, and George O. Tingle of Wheeling.

A.L.S. 1 p. 31 cm. x 20 cm. [93]

1877 Apr. 24 — Chas. W. NEWLON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Being informed that John W. Mason has declined the appointment as a member of the board of directors of the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, requests the appointment of Granville E. Jarvis to fill that position; he is a worthy man and desires the position; he feels a deep interest in the institution because he has a daughter who is a student there; Jarvis is a good business man and would make an efficient officer.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. [94]

1877 Apr. 25 — David A. BUCHANON, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

There is a petition before the Governor favoring his pardon; if pardoned will move his family out of the State immediately; has learned his lesson and will never become involved with bad company and drinking again; his family has been in very poor circumstances since his imprisonment; desires a pardon that he may take care of his family.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [95]

1877 Apr. 26 — B. F. MARTIN, Attorney-at-Law, Pruntytown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends Granville E. Jarvis, a Democrat of Grafton, for director of the West Virginia Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, at Romney; the position was made vacant by John W. Mason's declining the appointment; Jarvis has a small daughter there which gives him a special interest in the institution; he is well qualified to discharge the duties of the position.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [96]

1877 Apr. 28 — John CHAFIN, Clerk of Circuit Court of Logan County.

Copy of judgment and list of jurors: Judgment for State vs. M. B. Mullins, on felony charge, $125.00 fine; date of judgment April 28, 1877; jury: B. W. Ferrell, Pattison Christian, Elijah White, C. C. Vickers, John Phipps, James Justice, Jr., William Farley, Henry Godley, Reuben White, Shannon Butcher,

William A. Lee, and Napolion Dingess.
D.S. 1 p. 14 cm. x 20 cm. /97/

1877 Apr. 28 J. L. ARMSTRONG, Jackson Court House /Ripley/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of notice of reappointment as a member of Board of Directors of West Virginia Hospital for the Insane; thanks Governor for the honor; will work for the advancement and best interests of the institution.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /98/

1877 May 1 John BRANNON and C. J. P. CRESAP, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Request the appointment of George A. Tucker of St. George, as fish commissioner; Tucker is well educated and possesses more information concerning fish and the propagation of same than any other man in the State.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /99/

1877 May 1 /Olilm/ HUTTON, Huttonsville /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommends Capt. Jacob I. Hill for appointment as regent of West Virginia University; Hill, a graduate of Washington College, Virginia, has had 20 years teaching experience, 6 years experience as county superintendent, and rendered valuable service in the late war; he is a good Democrat and has the support of his party; thanks Governor for the appointment of B. S. Butcher.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /100/

1877 May 2 B. SHANLEY, County Poor Agent, Elm Grove /Ohio County/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests the appointment of Dr. Thomas Lunsford as a member of the Fish and Game Commission.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /101/

1877 May 9 Mary A. ALLISON, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for her husband who is confined in the State penitentiary; he has been in prison for 1 year; thinks that is long enough to keep a man who cannot be of any service to the State; her husband is a cripple and cannot work; will be glad to take care of him if he is pardoned so that he will not be a burden to the community.
A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. /102/

1877 May 12 Jerome T. BOWYER, Winfield, Putnam County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses a petition requesting the pardon of Albert Dean; petition is signed by this county's most

respected citizens; some of the signers are: Judge James W. Hoge, Prosecuting Attorney, G. W. Cargill, Clerk of Circuit Court, James L. McLean, Attorney, I. Barrett and William R. Gunn, Attorneys, Dr. James Stewart, member of House of Delegates, Capt. J. K. Thompson, Oliver Hutton, the party who lost the tobacco for which Dean was convicted, R. N. Lilley and V. B. Walker, merchants, J. T. Lanham, jury foreman, Dr. T. P. Carpenter and Dr. W. H. Ayles, Rev. Thomas Harmon, J. L. Middleton, clerk of County Court, Rev. T. D. Honaiker, and 230 other citizens of Putnam County; Dean is "simple minded" and was persuaded to do what he did by William P. Hedrick who turned State's evidence against him; there are grave doubts as to Dean's guilt; all believe he deserves executive clemency.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [103]
Enclosure missing.

1877
May 12 John J. CHIPLEY, Attorney-at-Law, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The young men of Moorefield organized a volunteer infantry company with Chipley as captain; requests the Governor to send information relative to obtaining arms for the company.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [104]

1877
May 14 E. G. CRACRAFT, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The bearer of this letter wishes to give the Governor a statement concerning her husband who was convicted of malicious stabbing in Ohio County Circuit Court about a year ago and was sentenced by that court to State penitentiary for 2 years; George Buchanan, the party convicted was a harmless fellow when sober but dangerous when drunk; he was "grossly intoxicated" at the time of the crime; his wife is in a destitute condition; if it were in his [Cracraft's] power, he would grant the man a pardon but makes no recommendation to the Governor.

A.L.S. 1 p. 40 cm. x 20 cm. [105]

1877
May 14 William E. ARNOLD, Member of House of Delegates, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was a member of the Virginia Legislature when the Hospital for the Insane was located in Weston; played a big part in getting it located there; acted as one of the directors of that institution before and after the war; feels a great interest in its management and reputation; the cost of construction to date is $800,000; this year it required $55,500 for maintenance; had hoped that the Governor would make some change in the government of the institution namely, "restoration of the appointing power to the agent where it properly belonged under the Constitu-

tion"; thinks that the Camden-Jacob democracy should be wiped out; believes that the appointments made from Lewis County ought to be from both political parties and composed of the most distinguished and largest tax paying citizens; has previously recommended that Judge Mathew Edmiston, Henry Brannon, and Col. Davis S. Preston, two Democrats and one Conservative Republican be appointed for directors; these men occupy high places in the public judgment and would be efficient in hospital management; present appointees, Lewis, Lively, and Ralston are "courtesans" of Dr. Camden, the superintendent of the hospital whose management is now being investigated by a legislative committee; appointments for the last 4 years have caused much bitterness within the party; the main complaint is that only Dr. Camden's favorites or persons willing to subordinate themselves to Camden's dictation are favored.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 27.5 cm. x 21 cm. /106/

1877 May 14 — Horace FAIRBANKS, President, Bennington Battle Monument Association, St. Johnisburg, Vt. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Invites Governor Mathews to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the Independence of Vermont as a State and celebration of the Battle of Bennington at Bennington, Vermont; the celebration will be held on the 15th and 16th of August next.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /107/

1877 May 21 — W. P. CRAYHILL, U. S. Engineer's Office, Fayette near Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the Governor to send a copy of the law authorizing a boom to be placed on the Great Kanawha River near the falls; the grant was made at the last session of the legislature; does not think that the boom would improve the navigation of the river and a dam is in progress.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /108/

1877 May 21 — Aaron F. COSNER, Greenland, Grant County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The bridge over Stony River, North Branch of Potomac, on the Northwestern Turnpike was burned during the Civil War in 1861; this road is traveled extensively; the walls of the old bridge can be used with very little repair; thinks the bridge can be rebuilt for $500 or $600; requests information as to whether or not the Governor is willing to replace the bridge.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 17.5 cm. x 11.5 cm. /109/

1877 May 21 — William M. EVARTS, Department of State, Washington /D. C./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In accordance with the sixth section of the Act of Congress approved June 20, 1874, entitled An Act Providing for Publication of the Revised Statutes and the Laws of the United States, transmits 133 pamphlet copies of the "Statutes of the United States of America, Passed at the Second Session of the Forty Fourth Congress, 1876-77; and Recent Treaties, Postal Conventions and Executive Proclamations"; pamphlets are edited, printed, and published by authority of said act, under the direction of this department; requests that the accompanying receipt be signed and returned to the State Department.

L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /110/

1877 May 22 C. J. RAWLING, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the appointment of Thomas H. Lunsford as game and fish commissioner for the first district; everyone in this district believes Lunsford to be well fitted for the position; he has taken a deep interest in the introduction, propagation, and preservation of game fish in the waters of the State; he "would bring to the cause an earnest desire to succeed in his efforts added to an intelligent appreciation of the means necessary to be employed to secure that success."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /111/

1877 May 24 James McDONALD, Adjt. Gen., Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests permission for the Alexandria Light Infantry, a volunteer company of Virginia, to pass through a portion of West Virginia enroute to Winchester, to attend the dedication there of a monument to the Confederate dead; requested by the order of the Governor of Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 42 cm. x 17.5 cm. /112/

1877 May 28 S. SMITH, Charleston, W. Va. To J. T. BOWYER, Esq. /Winfield, W. Va./.

Was requested by Bowyer to make a statement to Governor Mathews concerning the trial, evidence, and conviction of Albert Dearn /Dean/; he was charged with breaking into a tobacco house and stealing tobacco and was convicted at the last April term of circuit court in Putnam County; it is impossible for Smith to give a satisfactory statement as he has forgotten the particulars of the case but thinks it is a proper case for executive clemency.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /113/

1877 May 31 A. W. LOVENTZ /Lorentz/, Treasurer, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. To H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits report for period ending March 31; is glad to learn that the Governor will visit Morgantown

at the coming commencement; invites the Governor to stay with him and Mrs. Loventz /Lorentz/ while in Morgantown; will send or have sent, a carriage to Fairmont "to bring the Governor over"; requests an early reply.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /114/

1877 June 1 — Jerome T. BOWYER, Winfield, Putnam County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received letter, acknowledging receipt of petitions for the pardon of Albert Dean; also received the Governor's request for a statement from the judge presiding at Dean's trial; from personal acquaintance with the parties and from circumstances surrounding Dean's case, is certain that the best citizens of our county would gladly see him pardoned; thinks that a statement from Judge Smith will be very favorable to the prisoner.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /115/

1877 June 1 — John R. CAMPBELL, Williamsport, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been shown a letter from Mr. Randolph Stalnaker, the Governor's private secretary, to Mrs. Mary Botsford, relative to her husband Charles J. Botsford now confined in the State penitentiary at Moundsville; Mr. Stalnaker says "there is a petition on file in this office asking that Charles J. Botsford be pardoned. The petition does not show where and when and for what convicted, nor for what time"; there should be on file in the executive department a complete and full copy of the Putnam County record as taken at the trial, showing all the facts in Botsford's case; had this copy of the record taken by Mr. Cargill, clerk of the circuit court; there should also be on file, a long petition signed by numerous citizens residing in the immediate neighborhood where the crime was committed and petitions signed by the best citizens of this city, the former residence of Botsford, where he was very well known; in addition to the above he /Campbell/ forwarded to Governor Jacob several letters from prominent citizens of this city; thinks that the Governor will also find a letter from the superintendent of the State prison addressed to Governor Jacob, showing Botsford's good behavior; encloses a letter received from Governor Jacob on December 18, 1871; had much correspondence with the Governor upon this subject; Mrs. Botsford has made two or three visits to her husband; she is in delicate health; Mrs. Botsford maintains herself and daughter by keeping boarders; recently her house and furniture were destroyed by fire; many good citizens in Putnam County, who thought at the time of the trial and still think that the 15 year sentence was unusually severe, are familiar with

this case; believes that Botsford is a reformed man and if pardoned would make a good citizen; requests that the Governor give this case favorable and immediate consideration.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /116/
Enclosure missing.

1877 June 6 — D. H. LEONARD, Prosecuting Attorney, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Is sending papers and application for requisition for Joseph Cook.
Telegram. /117/

1877 June 6 — D. P. LEONARD, Prosecuting Attorney, Elizabeth, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests Governor to issue requisition on Governor of Missouri for Joseph Cook, fugitive from justice on charge of rape.
Telegram. /118/

1877 June 7 — D. MAYER, M.D., City Health Officer, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests appointment as vaccine agent for the third district; there has not been a vaccine agent appointed from this district; writer was agent 2 years ago but received no application for virus, "the small pox being in this district."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /119/

1877 June 16 — Dan'l B. LUCAS, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has received Governor's dispatch; it is not clear "for what purpose the prisoners, Cleveland and Stipes have been committed"; is enclosing the commitment to the Governor so that Mathews may judge for himself; it is said that they are fugitives from the State of Maryland; Judge Hoge discharged Cleveland habeas corpus and ordered Stipes held for bail; Mr. Hurd gives in full the requirements of the requisition; Cleveland and Stipes reside in Harper's Ferry; Cleveland is a man of good character; has been informed that there is no evidence that Cleveland participated in the assault; if requisition is granted, requests that all the accompanying papers be delivered to the officer who receives the warrant.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /120/
Enclosure missing.

1877 June 19 — James NICHEL, Raleigh C/ourt/ H/ouse/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has forwarded to the Governor a petition requesting his /Nichel's/ release; was sentenced for 1 year in Summers County and is now confined in the Raleigh County jail, which is being used by Summers County; has

already served 7 or 8 months of his time, excluding time served before trial; has lost his health through confinement; asks that the Governor "in mercy do what you can to relieve me from this confinement and save a poor darkey from an untimely grave."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [121]

1877 June 20 — John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Annapolis, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of recent letter; checked over the affidavits and finds that the men mentioned were charged with assault and robbery; issued his requisition upon that charge; if there is no action they can be released on writ of habeas corpus.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [122]

1877 June 25 — L. A. BRADFORD, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Understands the Governor is going to appoint a member of the Board of Regents for West Virginia University from each senatorial district; recommends Capt. Jacob I. Hill of Randolph County; Captain Hill was educated at the old Washington College at Lexington and is qualified to fill the position.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [123]

1877 June 26 — J. T. BOWYER, Winfield, Putnam County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Some time ago several petitions requesting a pardon for Albert Dean now in State prison, were circulated and signed by the best citizens of this county and sent to the Governor; received a reply acknowledging receipt of petitions and requesting a statement from the judge who presided at the trial; obtained a statement from Judge Smith in which he stated that he thought Albert Dean a fit subject for executive clemency; wants to know if the Governor has received this statement.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [124]

1877 July 1 — D. W. SHAFFER, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

It has been reported by telegraphic dispatches that Shaffer's company, the West Virginia Guards, were called out but failed to respond; never received a notice from Mathews or any of his subordinates that his [Shaffer's] services were required; Col. C. J. Faulkner has never said a word about bringing out his company; most of the members of this company are railroad men but he has not had the opportunity of testing what they would do; writes this "in vindication of myself and company and am prepared to substantiate the whole of it."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [125]

1877 July 2 — John N. HUTCHISON, Jailer for Raleigh County. Certifies that James C. Nichols has been in his custody since January 25, 1877 and has been a model prisoner; hopes that the prisoner will be pardoned and set at liberty.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. [126]

1877 July 2 — John R. CAMPBELL, Williamsport, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thanks Governor for liberating Charles J. Botsford from the confinement in prison; thinks that the Governor will never regret his action in this case.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [127]

1877 July 3 — William M. OVERTON, M.D., Raleigh C[ourt] H[ouse], W. Va.
Certifies that James Nichols, colored, confined in this county jail has been in poor health for the past 3 months and that unless he is released from said confinement his recovery is almost impossible; the construction of the jail is such that it cannot be ventilated and it has been condemned twice; the judge has ordered a new jail erected; the conduct of this prisoner has been very good; is the attending physician to the jail.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. [128]

1877 July 6 — James MORROW, Jr., Member of the Board of Regents, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of commission as a member of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia University; thanks the Governor for this appointment; encloses certificate of oath taken in compliance with the law.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [129]
Enclosure missing.

1877 July 9 — Edward INGERSOLL, Major U. S. A., Springfield, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses national armory account vouchers for the Governor's signature and return; includes an original railroad voucher and requests explanation of a charge of 30 cents in pencil; the voucher is to be made out in ink and then returned.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [130]

1877 July 10 — John H. CREBS, Justice of Peace, Winchester, Va. To James L. KEMPER, Governor of Virginia [Richmond, Va.].
Has committed H. P. Bracious alias Stephen Bracious to jail to await a requisition from the Governor of West Virginia, for grand larceny, committed in Hampshire County, West Virginia, of the goods of Jesse L. Rosebraugh; in pursuance of the Code of 1873, ch. 16, sec. 13, hereby notifies the Governor of the fact.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [131]
Enclosed in entry 132.

1877 July 11 James McDONALD, Secretary of the Committee, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"By direction of His Excellency Governor Kemper, I send enclosed copy of a paper received by him this day."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [132]
For enclosure see entry 131.

1877 July 11 R. M. ZEPP, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"The West Virginia guards left the state on July 4, 1877 without permission, to hold a picnic. Their conduct on that occasion was outrageously bad, so much so, that as a member of the company I was ashamed of it. It was nothing more nor less than a drunken spree. They threw their arms and accoutrements around as if they were of no account. Capt. Shaffer has no more control over the company than some little boy would have. Myself and others of the company wish to turn our arms in to the state in good order and withdraw from the com. with your consent."
A.L.S. 1 p. 17.4 cm. x 11 cm. [133]

1877 July 12 D. F. DUNCAN, Thorndike Post Office, Cabell County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recently recommended Prof. B. H. Thacksston for principal of Marshall College to which he [Duncan] received a prompt and kind response; since that time Prof. Thacksston has become an applicant for the position of First Assistant and Duncan has been urged to apply for the office of principal; requests the Governor's support.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 17.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. [134]

1877 July 15 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.
"Come on first train. Inform me when you will arrive here."
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [135]

1877 July 16 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [Charles J.] FAULKNER.
Has been requested to aid the authorities in Martinsburg to preserve the peace,* if necessary; "do so with your companies. Report to me the state of affairs."
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [136]

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* Reduction of ten percent in the pay of all officers and employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-

1877 July 16 — W. A. BRADFORD, Bradford Banking House, Charleston, W. Va. To James S. MILLER.

Encloses his "C.D." for the year ending June 30, 1877; elso encloses account against the State for protest fees; Governor Mathews will explain two witness tickets for $4 and $3; requests check and receipt.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. [137]

1877 July 16 — John KING, Jr., Camden, Baltimore [Md.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Trains of this company have been stopped tonight at Martinsburg by firemen who are dissatisfied with the wages fixed* by the company; they will not permit others to work; firemen have been taken from the trains by the rioters; both east and west bound trains are now held at Martinsburg by a mob; local authorities of the town of Martinsburg are powerless to suppress the riot; requests the Governor to send sufficient military forces to the scene of disturbance and adopt measures that will permit the company to transact its business with regularity and safety.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 18.7 cm. x 11.2 cm. [138]

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road who received over $1 per day was announced by President Garrett on the 11th of July and went into effect July 16th. The reduction was accepted quietly except for the firemen and one or two engineers at Martinsburg. On July 16th about 25 firemen left their trains at Riverside, Mount Clare, and Camden Station, Baltimore but their places were filled by others. At Martinsburg no freight trains were allowed to go through and the new men were intimidated by the strikers. Passenger trains and mails moved on time. Col. A. R. Shutt, Mayor of Martinsburg, arrested the ringleaders but the strikers were reinforced by a large group of citizens who rescued those arrested. On July 16, King telegraphed to Mathews for aid to carry on business with safety. Mathews wired King that two military companies had been armed and supplied with ammunition. On July 17th, Mathews wired Faulkner, in command of militia, to aid authorities to execute the law and suppress any riot. At Martinsburg 75 trains of coal, cattle, oil, etc., were tied up. The local militia was disbanded and the rioters were left in possession. By midnight July 17th, strike extended from Martinsburg over the entire line. The militia ordered out at Moorefield and was joined by Wheeling guards on the 18th.

* First class firemen were cut from $1.75 to $.58; second class firemen were cut from $1.50 to $1.35. These men worked 3 or 4 days per week.

/1877 July 16/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. T. B. Davis, Keyser, W. Va.
"Advise me promptly should there be a riot at Keyser caused by the strike of railroad employees."
Telegram. /139/

1877 July 17 Thomas R. SHARP /Master of Transportation/, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Colonel Faulkner is powerless to do anything and has disbanded the troops because they are principally railroad men; requests troops to settle the riot; has 75 engines and trains here at a standstill; rioters will not allow trains to move; two men have been shot and all railroad operations have ceased; strikers at Keyser are stopping trains.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 18.5 cm. /140/

1877 July 17 John KING, Jr., Vice-President of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Camden Station /Md./. To William KEYSER, Grafton, W. Va.
Has heard of Keyser's consultation with Governor Mathews; "can you not impress him with our views and satisfy him that the quickest and best course is for him to call upon the President of the U. S."*; they will cease in an hour after Federal troops arrive; there are forces at Fort McHenry which can be moved to Martinsburg in a few minutes notice, if the order can be obtained.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 17.5 cm. x 10 cm. /141/

1877 July 17 George S. HUSTON, Governor of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recently received an invitation from the proprietors of Greenbrier's White Sulphur Springs to visit their summer resort and meet the governors of other States; regrets that he cannot accept the invitation because of pressing official engagements which cannot be postponed; requests Mathews to extend to George L. Peyton and Company, Houston's sincere thanks for the hospitalities offered; hopes that Mathews and other governors who may be present will lay aside the cares of state and enjoy a few days of pleasure.
A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /142/

1877 July 17 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

They asked $2 per day for firemen and brakemen and no reduction for conductors and engineers.

* General opinion did not consider this necessary.

The feeling here is most intense and rioters receive cooperation from the majority of the citizens; thinks the best line of action is to arrest the ring leaders; such arrests should be made by civil authorities under military protection; "Our men are very willing to undertake this but my confrees here are unanimous that it would be foolhardy"; the conditions are so that no one can be found who will man an engine even under certain protection; Faulkner's experiment* of yesterday failed and repetition of it would probably precipitate a bloody conflict with the odds against "our small forces"; Faulkner thinks that 200 U. S. Marines would not be in excess of the requirements; will not act until he hears from the Governor; if the Governor decides to call for Federal aid, suggests that the call be made from Wheeling and that he /Delaplain/ be advised from Washington; has been informed by railway authorities that the same conditions prevail throughout the entire line of road.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 21.5 cm. x 17.5 cm. /143/

/1877 July 17/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

Telegraphed General Hancock and asked him to have 200 soldiers ready at Pittsburgh to be ordered here; told Hancock that he would not be asked to give the order until the civil authorities could not suppress a riot and keep the peace; does not believe there will be trouble.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /144/

1877 July 17 John KING, Jr., Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In addition to the mob at Martinsburg, has heard that another is gathering in the vicinity of Opequon.

Telegram. /145/

/1877 July 17/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To John KING, Jr. /Vice-President, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad/, Baltimore, Md.

"I have directed Colonel Faulkner to look also to Opequon."

Telegram. /146/

1877 July 17 John KING, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor to issue a proclamation commanding the rioters to disperse, return to their homes at once and cease to interrupt the progress of trains on the road; thinks that such a proclamation delivered

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* Attempted to arrest leaders of mob but the arrested men were released immediately by the mob.

or read by one of the Governor's officers would perhaps deter more violent movements.
A.L.S. 1 p. 19 cm. x 10 cm. [147]

1877 July 17 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
The peace must be preserved and law abiding citizens protected; whatever force is necessary to accomplish this will be used; can send a company if necessary in which there are no men unwilling to suppress the riots and execute the law.
Telegram. [148]

1877 July 17 Charles J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
It is impossible to do anything further; the military company is made up of many railroad men and they will not respond; the force is too "formidable for me to cope with."
Telegram. [149]

1877 July 17 Charles J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Tried to take train out; was fired on; shot one man and had one man shot*; engineers and firemen left so that the train could not be taken out; firemen and engineers will not go.
Telegram. [150]

1877 July 17 R[andolph] STALNAKER [Grafton, W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The impression is that "your presence here among the rioters" will have greater effect than the military; hopes that he [Stalnaker] can get along without Federal assistance.
Telegram. [151]

1877 July 17 A. R. SHUTT, Mayor, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

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* Martinsburg, July 17.- Captain Faulkner with 75 of the Berkeley Light Infantry Guards took charge of a west bound freight, detained by rioters and attempted to move it; the attempt was halted by 400 armed rioters who jeered at the Captain's threat to fire upon them; the crowd fired, wounding one soldier; Faulkner then ordered men to fire; one rioter was killed outright; the firing caused confusion and mob grew to 1,000; notified all engineers that anyone going aboard engine would be killed; at Grafton, violence was attempted but was promptly checked by the civil authorities. [From Wheeling Intelligencer, July 18, 1877.]

"Mr. Keyser will meet you at Grafton and give you a full statement of affairs."*
Telegram. [152]

1877 July 17 Thomas T. Sharp, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The strikers have just sent a committee to the enginemen and notified them that any man who attempts to run a freight engine out will be shot.
Telegram. [153]

1877 July 17 Thomas R. SHARP, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Will you please telegraph your order to Capt. Chipley, care Jas. Anderson Keyser and I will send them over at once."
Telegram. [154]

1877 July 17 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr.
"Avoid using force if possible but see that the law is executed and the riot suppressed. Give all necessary aid to the civil authorities. I rely on you to act discreetly and firmly."
Telegram. [155]

[1877 July 17] Thomas T. SHARP, Martinsburg [W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The strikers have just sent a committee to the engineers and notified them that any man who attempts to run a freight engine out will be shot.
Telegram. [156]

[1877 July 17] Thomas T. SHARP. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Hopes that the trouble will be ended as soon as Colonel Faulkner gets out with this troop; there was similar trouble at Baltimore today but 50 police dispersed the mob; it was not as large a mob as the one at Martinsburg; "We may have to ask your assistance at other points in West Virginia as the movement seems to be a preconcerted one"; wants to know if Sharp has sufficient force to aid him, if the firemen should attempt to stop trains at Keyser or Grafton; has heard that a portion of Colonel Faulkner's troops are railroad men.
Telegram. [157]

[1877 July 17] [Col.] R. M. DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thinks that all things will be settled in the morning and the business of the road resumed without

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* Mathews was stoned at Grafton.

interference; Vice-President Keyser has addressed the strikers effectively without compromising the main question; he has promised the adjustment of some troublesome minor matters which seem to be satisfactory; thinks it a subject for congratulation that the "difficulty which today seemed most formidable has been so peaceably disposed of."
Telegram. [158]

[1877 July 17] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. Thomas B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va.
Wishes to be informed as to the conditions of affairs at Keyser; has a petition saying that the civil authorities there are able and willing to keep the peace and secure to citizens the enjoyment of these rights; "How is this?"
Telegram. [159]

[1877 July 17] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER.
Has heard that the rioters constitute a combination so strong that the civil authorities are powerless to enforce the law; if such is the case requests Faulkner to prevent any interference by the rioters with the men at work and to prevent obstructions of trains.
Telegram. [160]

1877 July 17 John W. GARRETT, President of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Camden [Baltimore, Md.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The strikers have sent committees to engineers to certify that any man attempting to run a freight engine would be shot; Supervisor Toovy attempted to start a train, acting as enginemen, when a brakeman with a revolver boarded the engine and forced Toovy to give up the engine; the Master of Transportation [Sharp] telegraphed that conductors, brakemen and engineers are all in the strike; "disaffection is spreading over all the divisions on the line and the loss of an hour would most serious affect us and imperil vast interests"; it is difficult to obtain sufficient military force to suppress the rioters; wants to know if the Governor does not think that a call should be made upon the national government for additional military aid; the master of transportation has begun backing all freight trains on the side tracks as it is impossible to run a train through; with the military force the government could furnish, the rioters could be dispersed and there would be no difficulty in the movement of trains; thinks that this condition is quite serious enough to warrant a requisition upon the national government for military assistance.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 21.5 cm. x 14.5 cm. [161]

/1877 July 17/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To John W. GARRETT, President, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad /Baltimore, Md./.

Must first exhaust all means within the State to suppress the riots; believes it can be done without aid from the Federal Government; is starting a company to Martinsburg; this company consists of 65 non-railroad men, well armed and equipped; sends arms and ammunition with them; the force will be increased as they go on; if that force is not sufficient, will then use other means; the riot shall be stopped.

Telegram. /162/

1877 July 17 William KEYSER, Vice-President Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Deer Park /Md./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests an immediate interview with the Governor and Attorney General White; believes that such is necessary for the preservation of peace on the railroad line; requests both men to meet him /Keyser/ in Grafton "this afternoon"; suggests this point of meeting that Mathews and White may be able to judge the extent and gravity of the trouble and decide what steps must be taken; hopes that the Governor will act promptly upon Mr. King's request and call upon the general Government for aid.

Telegram. /163/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Sent the following telegram to Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States: "Owing to unlawful combinations and domestic violence now existing at Martinsburg and at other points along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It is impossible with any force at my command to execute the laws of the State. I therefore call upon your excellency for the assistance of the U. S. Military to protect the law abiding people of this state against domestic violence and to maintain the Supremacy of the law. The Legislature is not now in Session and could not be assembled in time to take any action in the emergency - a force of from two to three hundred should be sent without delay to Martinsburg where my aide Col. Delaplain will meet and confer with the officer in command."

Telegram. /164/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Since telegraphing you the agent informs me that firemen and brakemen have been stopped here today as at Martinsburg but have yielded without resistance in all cases and since daylight have ceased attempting to go."

Telegram. /165/

1877 July 18 George W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received Governor's dispatch to the President asking for troops; is averse to intervention unless it is clearly shown that the State is unable to suppress the insurrection; requests a full statement of facts concerning size of force that the State can raise and the strength of the insurgents.

Telegram. /I66/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To George McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

The legislature of 1875 prohibited the enrollment of the militia of this State; there is but one volunteer company which is available in this emergency; has no doubt that within 10 days he could organize within the State a force sufficient to suppress any riot, but in the meantime much property will be destroyed and valuable lives lost; regrets the necessity but has not hesitated to assume the responsibility of applying to the President of the United States for assistance.

Copy of telegram. /I67/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard nothing from Moorefield; will retain the guards and let Chipley's come as both may be required to protect the town if the main fighting is on the railroad; Secretary of War McCrary advises that the troops left Locust Point at seven o'clock; will probably await daylight for operations; the mob is desperate and it is generally thought they will resist the marines.

Telegram. /I68/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Has just wired the President of the United States for military assistance; this force must be used only to protect and aid the civil authorities in the execution of the laws; if arrests are to be made they must be made by civil authorities, under military protection if necessary; cannot come to Martinsburg.

Telegram. /I69/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"All quiet here. Nothing new from Martinsburg. The probabilities are that Chipley's company will not reach here before tomorrow evening."

A.L.S. 1 p. 17.5 cm. x 10 cm. /I70/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS

The change of tactics on the part of the strikers reported this morning culminated in their weakening this afternoon; an east-bound freight train, carrying 10 men, got off safely this afternoon at 2 o'clock; at 4 o'clock a west bound freight, guarded through the Sand House district, went out without trouble; this train carries 10 men to Keyser; it has passed Sir John's Run without interference; soldiers were stationed upon both engines as they left the yard and neither was attacked, although a large body of strikers lay in ambush in sheds adjoining the Sand House; when these departures were taking place, had the tracks and depot yards cleared of the crowds and sent Captain Miller with 20 guards to support the sheriff in making arrests; they secured one man out of the number against whom warrants had been issued; the others avoided them; previous to this the sheriff and his deputies had found two of them whom they undertook to arrest but were warned by the crowd that they would be shot down if they laid hands on a man; the railroad company could raise no more crews this afternoon but will have more here at 5 a.m., when trains will be started under guard as before; "While the individual feeling is no less intense the strike has lost cohesiveness today"; thinks that another successful day or two will break the riot here and discourage it at other points.

Telegram. /171/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Sharp has received a telegram saying that the President is about to issue a proclamation which he is anxious to have posted along the line; until now all trouble is confined to the State of West Virginia with the exception of Baltimore; a scout has just returned from the Sand House about 500 yards west of depot where the strikers are fortified; he reports 450 armed men.

Telegram. /172/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland /Md./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Grafton, W. Va.

"All quiet here, nothing of importance from Martinsburg - Dispatch from Sharp at Martinsburg indicates a calmer state of things than existed last night."

Telegram. /173/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

"President wants full information. Please go to

Washington at once and inform him and the Secretary of War. Telegraph the latter when you will be there."
Telegram. /174/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Gives Delaplain permission to retain the Wheeling company to serve with the United States troops or to send it home, whichever he chooses; asks that Chipley be given such orders as Delaplain thinks proper; desires constant information.
Telegram. /175/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN.
Has heard from the Secretary of War /McCrary/; will not be necessary for Delaplain to go to Washington; Federal officers will meet him /Delaplain/ at Martinsburg; approves suggestions and requests Colonel Delaplain to exercise his own judgment in the case.
Telegram. /176/

1877 July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been advised that condition of affairs at New Creek is bad; Chipley is encamped four miles out of town with arms but no ammunition; after holding a meeting, railroad men have notified Chipley that, should he attempt to board an east-bound train, they will tear the train to pieces; because of existing conditions, has ordered Chipley home; troops left Washington at 10 o'clock; strikers have been advised of their movements; have had troops stop at Harpers Ferry until daylight as "they would probably be wrecked coming through tonight"; they have 205 rifles but no artillery; does not consider this sufficient and has asked the Secretary of War for 100 additional rifles and two pieces of artillery.
Telegram. /177/

/1877/ July 18 J. W. GARRETT, Camden /Baltimore, Md./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of Governor's suggestions through Agent Devries; has telegraphed the President of the United States as follows: "I am informed that Governor Mathews of West Va. has telegraphed your Excellency that owing to unlawful combinations and domestic violence now existing at Martinsburg and at other points along the line of the B. & O. R. R. that it is impossible for any force at his command to execute the laws of the state and has therefore called upon the gov't for the assistance of the U. S. Military in this great and serious emergency. I have the honor to urge that the application of Gov. Mathews be imme-

diately granted. It is impossible for the company to move any freight trains because of the open intimidation of the strikers and the attacks that have been made upon men in the service of the company who are willing to work. Unless this difficulty is immediately stopped I apprehend the gravest consequences not only upon our line but upon all the lines in the country which like ourselves have been obliged to introduce measures of economy in these trying times for the preservation of the effectiveness of railway property. May I ask your Excellency if the application of Gov. Mathews be granted to have me immediately advised through the Secretary of War the points from which the troops will be sent in order that no delay may occur in their transportation. If I may be permitted to suggest Fort McHenry and Washington are points nearest to the scenes of disturbance and from which the movement can be made with the greatest promptness and rapidity. It is proper to add that from full information on the subject I am aware that the Gov. of West Va. has exerted all the means at his command to suppress this insurrection and that this great national highway can only be restored for public use by the interposition of U. S. forces. From an imperative sense of duty I am impelled to join in asking immediate action in order to prevent the rapid increase of the difficulties in the use of the lines between Washington City and Balto., and the Ohio river"; congratulates Governor for issuance of this requisition as essential for the maintenance of peace; this course should also prove valuable for the "misguided men engaged in these riots"; strike may result in serious injuries to themselves, as well as great damages to the interests connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; will gladly co-operate with the Governor to maintain law and order.

Telegram. /178/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Secretary of War /George W. McCRARY/, Washington, D. C.

"Please send me in addition one hundred men and two pieces of artillery."

Telegram. /179/

/1877/ July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To George W. McCRARY /Secretary of War/, Washington, D. C.

The only organized force in the State consists of four companies, three of which are inefficient; two of these companies are in Martinsburg, where 800 rioters have been reported; they are in sympathy with the rioters*; there is no organized militia in the

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* Most of the men in these companies were rail-

State; will send Colonel Delaplain to see the President if desired; Delaplain is at Martinsburg; has been reluctant to call upon the President but deems it necessary to prevent bloodshed.

Telegram. /180/

1877 July 18 F. W. SEWARD, Acting Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

By direction of the President of the United States transmits a proclamation to be issued at the scene of violence; the Constitution of the United States provides that the United States shall protect every State in this Union on application of the Legislature or the executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, against domestic violence; since the Governor of West Virginia has represented that domestic violence exists at Martinsburg and at various other points along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad within the State which the State authorities are unable to suppress; the laws of the United States require that "in all cases of insurrection in any State or of obstruction to the laws thereof whenever it may be necessary in the judgment of the President he shall forthwith by proclamation command such insurgents to disperse"; Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States hereby admonishes all persons within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States against "aiding, countenancing, abetting, or taking part in such unlawful proceedings"; he also warns all persons engaged in or connected with this domestic violence and obstruction of the laws to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective homes on or before noon of July 19th.

Telegram. /181/

/1877/ July 18 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received Governor's dispatch "about an hour ago"; has heard nothing from Washington; Head telegraphed that he has had no word from Chipley; the strikers are quiet but waiting for "overtures from us"; engineers or firemen willing to work cannot be found; anticipates no collision until arrests are undertaken; this will be done immediately upon arrival of sufficient force; when through here will hold troops for Governor's orders.

Telegram. /182/

1877 July 18 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

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road men and refused to take action against the strikers.

"Have telegraphed the Secretary of War as you suggest."

Telegram. /183/

1877 July 18 J/ohnson/ N. CAMDEN, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Vice-President Keyser has telegraphed that "It is evident that the riot at Martinsburg and elsewhere cannot be quelled by the few state troops at the command of the Governor. Will you not please urge Governor Mathews to call upon the Federal Government for assistance. If this is done, the difficulty will be disposed of in a few hours"; shipments of oil to Baltimore at this time are large and are being held up by the strike; such conditions are serious detriments to the shipping interests; while lying along the road, the shipments are subject to leakage and destruction; if it is consistent with the Governor's duties, requests that the action desired by Mr. King be taken immediately.

Telegram. /184/

1877 July 18 J/ohnson/ N. CAMDEN, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Yours received. Your action is commended. I go to Deer Park tomorrow morning. Can't you run up and spend Sunday?"

Telegram. /185/

1877 July 18 George W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

All available troops at the arsenal in this city and at Fort McHenry, Baltimore have been ordered to Martinsburg; there are over 300 men in all; it is not necessary for Colonel Martingale to report to Washington as proposed.

Telegram. /186/

1877 July 18 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To George W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

"By order of Governor Mathews of West Virginia I will call upon you at eight-thirty P.M. today with information relative to the armed strike of B. & O. R. R. employees at this point and elsewhere."

Telegram. /187/

/1877 July 19/ /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Nothing of importance has happened; at 10 o'clock an effort was made to run a train through when the wife and sister of the fireman got upon the engine and took him off; the rioters applauded them loudly; the sheriff then ordered the crowd to disperse; no attention was paid to his order; things will remain in

status quo until after 12 o'clock when another train will be started; will have the leading rioters arrested if trouble ensues; if they resist will use the troops; the rioters are in a strategic position this morning; they have come out of the Sand House, divided their forces and concealed their weapons; expects them to attempt to stop the next train; will advise the Governor of all important action.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 21.5 cm. x 15 cm. /I88/

/1877 July/ 19 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Two hundred and fifty soldiers have arrived commanded by General French; think these sufficient and have so telegraphed Secretary McCrary; Devries has a copy of the President's proclamation.
Telegram. /I89/

/1877 July/ 19 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Sharp has just received a dispatch from his agent at Cumberland which states that "there is a very large crowd of rough and rowdies here"; Miller is afraid to go any further before daylight; they cut the train in three or four places, blocked a switch tongue and threw one car. Miller is the conductor upon the westbound freight that "got away from here this afternoon"; judging from this report, expects trouble at Keyser which is the end of the next division; there is no disturbance in this town tonight.
Telegram. /I90/

1877 July 19 R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr. To Capt. W. W. MILLER.
"The Governor's telegram to the Sec. of War is not correctly reported - He said - There is now but one volunteer company which is available in this emergency and not, not one. He has every confidence in the efficency of the guards, who have thus far borne themselves as regulars."
Telegram. /I91/

1877 July 19 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To G/ideon/ D. CAMDEN.
Has no information regarding the strike except that which appears in the morning papers.*
Telegram. /I92/

1877 July 19 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

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* See letters for preceding day, July 18. Information contained therein repeated in Wheeling Intelligencer, morning of July 19th.

"Advise me fully as to the conditions of affairs."

Telegram. /193/

1877 July 20 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The riot in Martinsburg has been straightened out; all the ring leaders that could be found have been arrested and are being committed; many of them have left the State; other strikers are coming forward and asking to be re-employed; will leave a sufficient guard here and at Sir John's Run; will move westward when the proper point can be determined; in the meantime 65 soldiers have been placed at Keyser and 10 at Sir John's Run; these will be re-enforced if necessary.

Telegram. /194/

1877 July 20 B/enjamin/ WILSON. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Sends Chalfant's letter; it is not as favorable as he hoped but will utilize it; wrote a very conciliatory letter to Chalfant saying that he /Wilson/ had hoped for better results; congratulates the Governor upon his management of the strike; "Hope to see you in Wheeling Saturday 28th inst."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /195/

1877 July 20 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Terrible state of things now prevailing in Balto. Bloodshed, arson and riot at Camden Station. Militia and police up to this time overpowered by the mob. Track torn up between Camden and next station. Wires cut east of Point of Rocks"; the mob at Cumberland is very large and is made up of railroad men, boatmen, tramps, and negroes; believes that this is a forecast of what yet may come here; will not release any part of the force now under his command until all stations in West Virginia are clear; has no confidence even in this point if left unprotected; Colonel Sharp has just telegraphed from Keyser that of the 16 trains dispatched from Martinsburg today, westbound, only one has arrived here and that one had an escort of 20 men; all others were stopped at Cumberland; the workmen were taken off and some of them have returned to their homes in Martinsburg; it will be impossible to move any of the trains from Cumberland until there are troops to disperse the mob; the trainmen and engineers as a body, are more outspoken than they were at Martinsburg; can do nothing more until the trains come through from Cumberland; has had a full conference with the officers of the transportation and machinery departments; they find it impossible to raise a crew; thinks that nothing can be done from Keyser until the road is cleared from Keyser to Baltimore; one man was shot at

Cumberland on the train that arrived here this morning although there were 20 U. S. troops aboard the train; is fully convinced that the willingness of the men to leave Martinsburg today was only a plot to get the engines away from there into this vicinity; the men on the first train from Martinsburg today have been under the protection of the military all day; they have been afraid to leave the soldiers' quarters because of violent threats by all classes here.
Telegram. /196/

1877 July 20 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.
Sent a company from Grafton to Martinsburg Tuesday and intended to have asked Carroll's permission to pass same through the State of Maryland; was on the railroad and in haste omitted to do so; requests pardon for the seeming want of courtesy; asks permission to pass the same company through Maryland as may be necessary while the riots continue.
Telegram copy. /197/

1877 July 20 John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Camden, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Your dispatch just received. I appreciate your position. You have my permission to send your troops through the state of Maryland."
Telegram. /198/

1877 July 20 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Things look bad at Keyser; the Baltimore and Ohio agent at that point says that 300 or 400 unemployed miners stand ready to aid the strikers; the officer in command who took out yesterday's westbound freight is requesting aid before undertaking to move beyond Keyser; a troop of 45 will be sent him this morning; "From present indications the seat of War is likely to be changed before tomorrow"; two guarded freights left this morning without interference; Garrett has asked Governor Carroll for troops for Cumberland and elsewhere; 27 tramps boarded the east-bound freight this morning beyond Harpers Ferry; they compelled the train to carry them and said that they were going to Baltimore to help the strikers; it is expected that the wires will be cut between here and Harpers Ferry today.
Telegram. /199/

1877 July 20 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"The riot here may be considered suppressed. The sheriff supported by a detechment of our boys is now making arrests without difficulty. Only sufficient force is now required here to ensure order. I

have just sent Capt. Litchfield and two companies to Keyser at which point and at Sir John's Run things are growing bad. Gen'l French and I go to Keyser or Grafton. The Martinsburg campaign has ended without further bloodshed. I hope that I may succeed as well as at the other points."

Telegram. [200]

1877 July 20 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Keyser [W. Va.].

"The tents shall be returned. Ascertain whether the guards can be permitted to retain theirs until after their visit to the Springs. I would be gratified if the arrangement could be made."

Telegram. [201]

1877 July 20 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [H. M.] DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

Everything is quiet at Wheeling; had an interview with the strikers this morning; does not think that there will be an attempt either at Wheeling or at Benwood to interfere with the trains; desires full information concerning conditions at Keyser and a detailed report of the conduct of somewhat prominent men who are said to be inciting the riots.

Telegram. [202]

1877 July 20 — John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"I respectfully request your permission to pass a regiment of troops through your state on its way to Cumberland."

Telegram. [203]

[1877 July 20] — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Thomas R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md.

Concurs with Captain Devries that no freight should be moved here before Monday; by that time Devries thinks there will be no resistance; will endeavor to have the civil authorities prepare to protect the property; "Would it not be well as soon as there is a garrison at Keyser to move the freight west to Grafton and then in the Parkersburg branch"; Devries thinks that any movement here now would endanger the Bellaire Bridge, rioters at Benwood and Bellaire would combine and destroy the bridge.

Telegram. [204]

1877 July 20 — F. M. CHALFANT, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received a letter from Hon. Ben Wilson, expressing regrets that he [Chalfant] was not appointed as Regent of West Virginia University; has received numerous letters of the same nature from many other persons; still has the utmost confidence in the Governor;

requests Mathews not to hold him responsible for anything that may be or has been said in public print.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /205/

1877 July 20 F. M. CHALFANT, Dealer in Drugs, Paints, etc., Weston, W. Va. To Ben WILSON.
Thanks Mr. Wilson for his support in Chalfant's recent efforts to secure the appointment as regent of West Virginia University; thinks that a politically controlled ring caused his /Chalfant's/ name to be scratched from the Governor's list of appointees.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /206/

1877 July 21 Maj. Gen. W. H. FRENCH, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
By directions of the Secretary of War /McCrary/ has dispatched a battalion of artillery troops from here and another drawn in from Keyser; these will report to Colonel Douglas at Cumberland; the command should reach Douglas by sunset; has been asked by Colonel Douglas to transfer headquarters to Cumberland; "even were my instructions to justify it my discretion suggests this point to be the most important for operations both in West Va. as well as in Maryland. The Secretary of War has not indicated that my presence in Cumberland was necessary and as being accredited to you would do nothing except through your advise or aide. Col. Delaplain and myself have coincided as to your views and hope we have received your approbation."
Telegram. /207/

/1877 July/ 21 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has just dispatched a force of 30 men to Sir John's Run; tomorrow, will detail one man each to Cumberland, Keyser and Grafton to act as correspondents; they will report to the Governor upon arrival; "Should your advices suggest the same provision at any other points wire me before 9 A.M. tomorrow"; the guards are in good condition and will do their duty; the charge of timidity insinuated by the Baltimore Gazette and copied in the Wheeling Register of this date is wholly untrue; was present when the company's pieces were being loaded; they were drawn up in line upon the station platform before they started upon the responsible and dangerous duty which they had been detailed to perform; by impartial inquiry can learn of no exhibition of fear in a single instance; "The Register of course will give them the benefit of this correction"; Captain Faulkner has placed 80 men at Delaplain's disposal; it is a first class company; there is no new development in conditions along the line in West Virginia; Major General Meigs advises of shipment of tents today.
Telegram. /208/

/1877 July/ 21 Thomas R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"As we are seriously threatened here & have a large number of cars of oil standing in our yard and as the mob threaten to destroy rail mill and Hotel I have requested Gov. Carroll with the approval of V. P. King to send Gen'l French's troops to Cumb'd /Cumberland/ as there is no immediate necessity for them at Martinsburg or Keyser. We merely want them to protect the property of the company. Gov. Carroll has requested the Secretary of War to send them and I beg that you will immediately telegraph Sec'y of War your assent to the transfer as this is the most vulnerable point outside of Balto."

Telegram. /209/

/1877 July/ 21 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to correct errors in early reports to avoid misconceptions which may arise over telegram dated 18th inst.; the main fighting on the railroad* as reported is incorrect; there was no fighting at that time; in another report of same date it was stated and supposed from reliable sources that fortifications were being erected during the night of which there was no evidence the next day; in order to convey an intelligent idea of the situation, thinks that it is proper to communicate, upon discovery, all errors.

Telegram. /210/

/1877 July/ 21 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Can make the guards more useful at another point where they will require blankets; if convenient, requests that 30 blankets be sent "this afternoon" by passenger train.

Telegram. /211/

/1877 July/ 21 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Please reply to Col. Sharp by referring him to me. I have already today had some correspondence with Col. Sharp."

Telegram. /212/

/1877 July/ 21 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has just sent the following dispatch to Colonel Sharp at Keyser which will indicate the situation today; "When the authorities of Maryland open Cumberland, clearing the line across that state, I am ready

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* See entry 171, p. 39.

to strengthen Keyser and open the way through West Virginia. Until we have uninterrupted communication between here and Keyser it is useless to maintain more than a defensive position at Keyser. The clearance must be done from the centre outward."
Telegram. /213/

1877 July 21 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. T. R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md.
"Ascertain from Col. Delaplain at Martinsburg whether any troops can be spared from West Virginia."
Telegram. /214/

1877 July 21 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"A large meeting of working men. Several speeches were made. The meeting was orderly. No ill temper shown. I apprehend no trouble here - let me know if prudent to do so, the disposition of the Guards. Do you need anything for them or yourself."
Telegram. /215/

1877 July 22 W. N. CHANCELLER, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
All is quiet here; it is a general belief and hope that it will continue so.
Telegram. /216/

1877 July 22 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, aboard Cumberland-Keyser Train. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
General French has telegraphed from Cumberland that Sharp, Master of Transportation, detained the train at that place in violation of orders; he refused to allow the U. S. troops under French's personal command to proceed until he should receive orders from the president of the road /Garrett/; General French has telegraphed the War Department that such conduct upon the part of a petty official of the road, impeding important military movements, might have been disastrous and necessitated an increase of the command which the Government is unable to supply; had it not been for this assumption of command of the U. S. troops by the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, not recognizing the order of the War Department the road could have been opened to the most important point; the impediment to the orders did not emanate from those called strikers but from a presumptuous official whose conduct has been rebuked by the vice-president of the railroad company; while "the troops are waiting upon a siding in a heavy rain dispatches have been received from the Secretary of War and Major General Hancock directing that Sharp subordinate himself to the orders of General French."
Telegram. /217/

/1877/ July 22 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN.
Does not think that there will be any trouble here /Wheeling/; hopes that General French will continue his headquarters at Martinsburg where he can take care of both states; thinks that French will concur with the Governor that his /French's/ place is in West Virginia; knows all about the affairs in Pittsburgh; is in communication with Parkersburg and the Kanawha Valley.
Telegram. /218/

/1877 July/ 22 /Gen./ W. H. FRENCH, Commanding, Keyser, W. Va. To Gen. W. S. HANCOCK, Commanding troops detailed for riot duty, Barnem's Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
Received telegram and the orders have been obeyed; had assumed command and established headquarters at Cumberland at 6:45 p.m. to follow up the proclamation of the President of the United States; "My being detained here instead of being at Grafton is due to the insolence of R. R. officials not only to myself but to my subordinates"; if he /French/ cannot act independently of them and execute the duties heretofore performed with satisfaction to the War Department and without the shedding of blood of employees of the railroad company, it will be preferable to have another officer who would be less objectionable to that corporation.
Telegram. /219/

/1877/ July 22 Jno. KING, Jr., /President Pro tem Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company/, Camden /Md./.
"Obey General French's orders. Furnish train to Wheeling."
Telegram. /220/

/1877 July/ 22 Jno. KING, Jr., Camden /Md./. To Thomas R. SHARP.
Hopes that General French will leave a sufficient force at Cumberland to protect property and keep everything quiet there.
Telegram. /221/

/1877/ July 22 Col. Hy Kid DOUGLASS, Cumberland, Md. To John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.
"General French and some troops arrived here and wanted to proceed to Wheeling. Col. Sharp being unadvised refused to let the train proceed until he telegraphed for orders. Gen'l French became very indignant and applied to me to order the train forward. This I could not do but at my suggestion Colonel Sharp has let the train proceed to the next station until he received his orders. Have you had a reply from your request this morning. Unless Gen'l French

is ordered to Wheeling I suggest you ask Gen. Hancock to detain him here. The railroad officials here think it will do more harm than good for the train to proceed with soldiers over the road to Wheeling - This upon the supposition that Gen. French has not been ordered to Wheeling.
Telegram. /222/

/1877 July 22/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Has requested the Secretary of War not to remove the headquarters of General French from Martinsburg.
Telegram. /223/

/1877 July 22/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Adjt. Gen. W. K. FRENCH, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Have requested the Secretary of War not to remove your headquarters from Martinsburg."
Telegram. /224/

/1877 July/ 23 /Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN/, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Suspend publication of anything until you hear from me. Entre Nous."
Telegram. /225/

1877 July 23 /Col. R. M./ D/ELAPLAIN/, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"I have just now forwarded a dispatch which you will use your judgment as to publishing. A certain large corporation always clamorous for protection and advantage at the hands of our State has successfully carried out the scheme fore shadowed in my dispatches of Friday (20th) and Saturday (21st). I have been in conflict with them since parting with you at Grafton. Their selfishness and indifference to interests more important than their own have impeded me from the start. Finding me not plastic they tried to forestall and defeat me by an appeal to yourself. Last evening Gen. French and I accompanied by the General's staff, while en-route to Wheeling to survey the road and hold conferences with you, were stopped here and informed by Mr. Sharp that he had orders to send our special train no farther. After much correspondence by General French with McCrary and Hancock we were permitted to proceed to Keyser. Arriving there we were detained upon the pretext that our train would have to wait two hours for the time of another train west. Pending this by the exertion of some influence incomprehensible to me, the company triumphed and West Virginia suffers. Nothing is threatened on this line but the property of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and I decline to act as an under-agent for its protection, receiving instructions from Maryland. Our own

force is utterly insufficient - Wire me here - Keyser is badly situated, general disaffection, quiet but very determined. Ex-speaker Welsh and Judge Hoke interviews me on behalf of the strikers. They talked war. My correspondent Davenport came up with me. They had spotted him and would not let me stay. He thinks that a very formidable force is ready for outbreak upon any attempt to move trains. Don't trust anybody there. Those who are not with the strikers are too timid to be of any use."

Telegram. /226/

1877 July 23 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Had an interview this morning with Colonel Sharp and has ascertained the facts relating to the unfortunate occurrence of last night; a different aspect of the case is now presented; the detention at Cumberland seems to have been avoidable on the part of Colonel Sharp; Colonel Douglas desired that military headquarters should be established at Cumberland; General French and Delaplain, using a special train stationed at Martinsburg for French's use, began to make a survey of the line; "We left Martinsburg at 4 p.m., arriving here about 6:40, after a short stay, General French ordered that the train should proceed, to which Colonel Sharp objected. Then followed an interview which led to the serious misunderstanding; Colonel Sharp has shown me a telegram from his train dispatcher at Martinsburg, notifying him that orders had been given to the train men that the special train running on irregular time was to go to Cumberland"; no schedule arrangements were made for it west of that station; Colonel Sharp could not allow the train to proceed without confirmation by other authority of the road; this after some delay, was obtained and the train went on until stopped at Keyser; pending the delay orders were received by General French from commanding General Hancock, directing him to return to Cumberland; French telegraphed the War Department that under these circumstances he would ask to be relieved; this was acceeded to, and General Getty ordered to report here as French's successor; under such circumstances, thinks that Colonel Sharp was not to blame; if previous dispatches have been made public, requests that the Governor have this report published.

Telegram. /227/

/1877 July/ 23 Charles J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Have just been shown your telegram to Shaffer and Miller. Shall I accept the services of Captain Shaffer's Company as aid-de-camp or as senior officer of Company as your telegram /was/ not addressed to me."

Telegram. /228/

/1877 July 23/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Capt. W. W. MILLER, Martinsburg, W. Va.

State troops should serve within the State; "Don't lose sight of the purpose which is to preserve peace in aid of the civil authorities and protect citizens in their rights."

Telegram. /229/

1877 July 23 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. Thomas B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va.

Has received a petition* from citizens of Keyser; requests that Davis see the signers of this petition and find out if they will give sufficient assurance that the peace can and will be preserved in that community by the civil authorities and that men who are willing to work, whether for a corporation or individuals, in moving trains or otherwise will be fully protected while doing so; if so, will not permit any troops to be stationed at Keyser; the military cannot be used in any other way nor for any other purpose than in support of the civil authority to preserve the peace and execute the laws.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /230/

/1877 July/ 23 Lieutenant LINCH, Commanding, Sir John's Run, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Col. Delaplain orders me to return to Martinsburg while Miller orders me to remain here. Whom am I to obey?"

Telegram. /231/

1877 July 23 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.

Lynch telegraphs that Delaplain has ordered him back and that Miller orders him to remain; directs Delaplain to give the order through Miller unless the exigency is too urgent to lose the time.

Telegram. /232/

1877 July 23 C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Telegram received. Nothing of importance has occurred. Will keep you advised."

Telegram. /233/

1877 July 23 E. L. WOODS, Adjutant General, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gen. S. V. BENIT, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

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* The citizens of Keyser had sent a petition to the Governor, asking that all troops be withdrawn from that vicinity and that the civil authorities would guarantee peace.

Makes requisition for 12 army revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition; requests that they be shipped to Capt. W. W. Miller, Martinsburg, West Virginia, and charged to the State of West Virginia; approved by Gov. H. M. Mathews.

Telegram. /234/

1877 July 23 B/enjamin/ WILSON, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received Governor's recent dispatch; it is impossible for him /Wilson/ to go to Wheeling now; upon consultation with the most prominent citizens, finds that peace cannot be preserved by sending troops to Parkersburg; it is feared their presence would lead to breach of the peace and perhaps result in the destruction of property.

Telegram. /235/

1877 July 23 Jno. OLEY, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"No more strikes among miners than has been for two months past. No trouble anticipated here."

Telegram. /236/

1877 July 23 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has telegraphed Lieutenant Linch to return to Martinsburg when relieved by regulars for whom requisition has been made upon General Getty; will leave at once and expect to arrive in Wheeling about 11 p.m.; asks the Governor to meet him at his home then; requests that dispatches sent earlier in the day be considered unwritten; requests also that these dispatches be withheld from the press.

Telegram. /237/

1877 July 23 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.

Would like to bring the guards home if they can be spared; the Federal Government has now undertaken to execute the laws; the guards have already had hard service for inexperienced troops; requests the opinion of addressee.

Telegram. /238/

/1877 July/ 23 Capt. W. W. MILLER, Commanding, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Faulkner has gone to Sir John's Run with 30 men from his company and 14 from Miller's company; has ordered Lieutenant Linch to report to Faulkner; there is only one company of U. S. artillery here; has offered Maurice, U. S. Quartermaster here, a guard to take a commissary train to Cumberland; they are too weak to take guards from their men.

Telegram. /239/

/1877 July/ 23 Capt. W. W. MILLER, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Will you have the kindness to inform me who is in command in this end of the state"; Delaplain left here yesterday without informing either Faulkner or Miller; Faulkner reports that his Lieutenant /Linch/ at Sir John's Run was ordered by Delaplain to return to Martinsburg; "this way of doing business will not do at all"; Delaplain has no legal right to order "either my men or Faulkner's except through us"; if the Governor so orders, will withdraw the command from Sir John's Run within the next few days; thinks that that point, however, should be strengthened instead of weakened.

Telegram. /240/

1877 July 23 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Capt. W. W. MILLER, Martinsburg, W. Va.

"All orders to join command must be given to you. Where companies serve together the ranking officers command. Make no change in the importance of your command without advising me."

Telegram. /241/

/1877/ July 23 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

As expected, an unfortunate movement developed today; the forces supplied by the General Government of the United States to aid the Governor in restoring order and preserving peace within the State of West Virginia has been withdrawn from Mathews' control; General French has been superseded at his request, and headquarters established at Cumberland, Maryland; having now no adequate force at command, asks to be relieved in the execution of the responsible trust assigned to him; has endeavored to do his duty regardless of special interests, small or large; only aim has been the welfare of the State whose representative "in this matter I have the honor to be"; congratulates the State upon good results already achieved and trusts that the final outcome may be as successful.

Telegram. /242/

1877 /July/ 24 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Will carry out Governor's instructions; requests that 180 boxes of cartridges such as are used by the W.L.G. to Captain Faulkner.

Telegram. /243/

1877 July 24 Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gen. M. C. MEIGS, Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

"Capt. Miller telegraphs the following. We are unable to learn the whereabouts of the tents. Ask

the Quarter Master Gen'l if he has shipped them."
Telegram. /244/

1877 July 24 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
A lieutenant of Chipley's company says that his company has arms and is ready for service; "send a messenger to Mansfield and if this company has arms & ammunition or if they can be supplied bring this company to the railroad avoiding Keyser"; they might come to Patterson's Creek or Green Springs or some other point and then be taken where needed by train.
Telegram. /245/

1877 July 24 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
"When I telegraphed Miller I thought you were at Sir John's Run - Make such disposition of Schaffer's Company as you think best."
Telegram. /246/

1877 July 24 — Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Major LYFORD, Major of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.
"Couldn't you ship arms and ammunition on passenger coach, care conductor or put in trunk in Baggage Car."
Telegram. /247/

1877 July 24 — Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Capt. W. W. MILLER, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Make inquiry of the quartermaster as I have telegraphed to the Dept. to know if they had been shipped. Express Company refused to carry arms and ammunition from Washington to Martinsburg - Will try some other way. They may come through as baggage. Will ship your clothes as soon as I can get some one to take them."
Telegram. /248/

1877 July 24 — John W. MILLER, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Introduces William Carr of Grafton; Mr. Carr is one of "our most substantial and reliable citizens"; he is worthy of the Governor's confidence in any capacity.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 19 cm. /249/

1877 /July/ 24 — /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Deer Park, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Atkinson reports "much quiet confab among them at Grafton this A.M., indicating some move"; five or six tramps boarded train on the way but were quietly removed by trainmen; from Dickey's report Wheeling

wants close surveillance; "incendiary speaking is working harm."
Telegram. [250]

1877 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To
[July] 24 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"All quiet here and at Sir John's Run. Report that boatmen had gone to work not true."
Telegram. [251]

1877 [Col.] R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To
July 24 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has sent a messenger with letter to Chipley, requesting him to report here and to advise of his coming that Delaplain may send transportation; if the guards are ordered relieved, would like to retain Mr. Linch; will communicate with General Getty tomorrow; he arrived at Cumberland this evening; thinks he will reduce Cumberland before coming west; there are 200 U. S. troops at Cumberland and 40 here; the railroad company today closed all of its shops; this town is restored to its primitive dullness; will send Myles in tomorrow; would like the Governor's views of Wheeling; if there is any probable danger will bring his [Delaplain's] family to Deer Park.
Telegram. [252]

[1877
July] 25 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To
Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has ordered the return of the detail from Sir John's Run; all the State troops are in Martinsburg; the Mayor of Grafton telegraphed this morning as follows: "Everything quiet here now but in case of outbreak I am wholly powerless to keep peace or protect property. In order to prevent trouble send 75 or 100 U. S. soldiers here at once"; requests that the above message be kept from the public; thinks that this is the situation everywhere; the guards want to get back to Wheeling; with some of them, absence from their business is a serious thing, others are tired and all seem apprehensive for the safety of the city; this morning all engine fires are out; the railroad company will not give in or compromise and "they are right"; in the meantime, however, there will be much suffering and desperation.
Telegram. [253]

1877 Thomas R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M.
July 25 MATHEWS.
Has received the Governor's note of July 24th; appreciates and agrees with all Governor has to say; if the Governor decides to make a trip over the line at any time, Sharp will send a car for him; will

probably make Cumberland his [Sharp's] headquarters until the cessation of hostilities.
Telegram. [254]

1877 July 25 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.
Let Miller have the 15 tents; Wood sends requisition for 50 A tents in addition; supply Chipley and Faulkner with these and send the others here with guards; send the guards home on first train and "let me know when to expect them."
Telegram. [255]

1877 July 25 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Do not apprehend any trouble here at all. Keep telegram from Mayor of Grafton; will order Guards home as soon as Chipley's is heard from. Don't be uneasy about riot here."
Telegram. [256]

1877 July 25 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.
Requests that Delaplain show to General Getty the telegram just received by the Governor from the Mayor of Grafton; it is as follows: "The strikers have complete control and defy civil authorities. They are perfectly quiet, but allow no freight men to work & have just compelled shop men to quit - in case of an outbreak we would be totally powerless to protect life or property. The railroad has large properties here which could not be destroyed without injury to private property. I think a company of soldiers quartered here would prevent any trouble."
Telegram. [257]

1877 July 25 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Miller telegraphed from Martinsburg requesting detail or a lieutenant and 14 men with a Gatling gun as an escort through Grafton in case General Getty should be able and willing to comply; do you wish such escort to accompany them; "If not needed it would not be creditable besides it might not be prudent to bring U. S. Troops to Wheeling."
Telegram. [258]

[1877] July 25 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has had an interview with General Getty and read him the last Grafton dispatch which he is now repeating to General Hancock; the General, as yet, has no authority to go west of Cumberland; he is of the opinion too, that occupation just now at Keyser or Grafton

would so exasperate the rioters that they would destroy bridges and impede travel; Getty prefers to await an overt act; upon any outbreak, however, at Grafton or Keyser he will proceed at once.
Telegram. /259/

1877 July 25 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Gen'l Getty thinks it would not be necessary but would furnish it if desired. If not necessary it would be inadvisable and it is agreed that developments tomorrow be awaited. Should it be necessary before they reach Grafton they can be stopped by telegraph and the escort sent on."
Telegram. /260/

1877 July 25 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Referring to Haymond's application, I will report good success today."
Telegram. /261/

1877 July 25 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Do not send troops to Grafton without further instructions."
Telegram. /262/

1877 July 25 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has instructed Miller to have the Guards ready to start homeward upon further orders; the only train reaching Wheeling in daylight is the Cumberland accommodation to which their car will be attached tomorrow; would send them by special train but is afraid it will be thrown off the tracks; has not suggested troops for Grafton to General Getty; will not do so until Governor directs it; Lieutenant Maurice has 15 tents originally intended for the use of the guards; Miller has been telegraphing Maurice for them but Adjutant General Wood will have to make requisition; "He can do this through me by telegraph"; wants to know what to do with the tents; Maurice advises that the Governor order 50 A tents; they are small and very desirable; has no troops today outside of Martinsburg where the garrison includes 40 U. S. soldiers; cannot hear from Chipley before tomorrow night or next morning; until a move is made he can remain at Martinsburg; will be here until tomorrow morning; shall the tents be retained for Chipley's use or turned over to Miller.
Telegram. /263/

1877 July 25 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.

"Order the guards home. Arrange it if possible for them to arrive in daylight and let me know when to expect them."

Telegram. /264/

1877 July 25 — Capt. W. W. MILLER, Commanding, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Members of his company are anxious to return home; they are perfectly willing to stop here or anywhere else as long as there is any danger; many of them are business men and their interests are being sacrificed by remaining here; they can operate just as well from Wheeling as from this point; Delaplain is in Cumberland.

Telegram. /265/

1877 July 25 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Capt. W. W. MILLER, Commanding, Martinsburg, W. Va.

"You will receive an order for guards to return."

Telegram. /266/

1877 July 25 — J. R. CARSKADON, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

This town is quite excited about the Governor's letter /entry 230/ to Mr. Davis; does not know what action may be taken but thinks that solid facts should be noted; proposes to give the Governor the facts concerning the state of affairs here; "all civil power is subvested as regards the question at issue between the road and its employees. Men who were willing to work have been dragged from their engines - I have been astonished and astounded at some of our people lending countenance and aid to this lawlessness which may return any day to plague the investors as instanced in the Pittsburg pilliage"; some company critics suggest that the foundation of the Governor's action wasn't laid upon solid grounds; "While all is quiet yet any attempt to bring matters to a focus may explode the mine"; the town is about out of provisions, the large tannery here has suspended operations because of lack of materials and transportation; thinks that an honest day's labor should have a better compensation than the railroad pays, yet is not willing to see all the laws and principles of the Government overthrown in the interest of railroad strikers or anyone.

Telegram. /267/

1877 July 25 — T. B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has seen quite a number of signers of the enclosed petition and most of them cannot give assurance asked for; does not think it advisable to send military as they could not be effective unless sent

in large numbers; the railroad men are peaceable and quiet but equally fierce in their determination that no freight trains shall run over the third division; owing to the heavy grades on the division and sympathy of the miners "this should be the last division on the road on which any coercive measures should be used."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [268]
Enclosure missing.

[1877 July] 25 [Col.] R. M. DELAPLAIN, Sir John's Run, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The guards have become impatient to return; thinks that it is advisable to let them do so at once; they say they will come out again if wanted; requests Mathews to telegraph him at Cumberland; Linch can go in with the guards and return; will see General Getty today; will return to Martinsburg tonight.

Telegram. [269]

[1877 July] 26 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

One hundred infantry under Colonel Black just leaving for Grafton; will accompany them; invites the Governor to come to Grafton tomorrow and visit the garrison.

Telegram. [270]

1877 July 26 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Guards have just left for Wheeling; all are well and very happy."

Telegram. [271]

[1877 July 26] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.

Does not think it now necessary to remain constantly on the railroad; he can come here and go out when necessary; will expect him this evening; telegram just received; will determine later about going out.

Telegram. [272]

[1877 July] 27 Quartermaster MAURICE, Cumberland, Md. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN.

Under a decision of the Secretary of War no tents can be issued to the State of West Virginia; has been instructed to hold those turned over to the Governor; request Mathews to return same to him [Maurice] at Cumberland.

Telegram. [273]

1877 July 27 — Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

All is quiet this morning; Vandergriff who was wounded has died; railroad has called upon men in companies to go out on trains; does not like to consent as it will affect organization; thinks that he may get orders to go west of Grafton at any moment.

Telegram. /274/

1877 July 27 — Thos. R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits a proclamation issued by Governor Carroll of Maryland; suggests that Mathews issue a similar order to induce sheriffs, mayors, and other county and municipal authorities in West Virginia to be active in aiding Sharp to open the line.

Telegram. /275/

For transmitted proclamation see next entry.

1877 July 27 — John Lee CARROLL, Governor of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. To the PEOPLE OF MARYLAND.

During the past week travel and commerce upon the lines of the railway company in the State of Maryland and other States has been interrupted by force; this condition has imposed upon the authorities of every State the duties of preserving the peace of the communities in which disturbances exist; these authorities are now obliged to insist that all lines of communication upon which the people depend for intercourse, trade, and subsistence shall be opened and maintained in operation; in order that this duty may be completely performed the Governor calls upon the sheriffs of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard, Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegheny, Garrett, Anne Arundel and Prince Georges counties to summon forthwith to their aid all order-loving citizens in their respective jurisdictions and counties and to proceed in person, attended by the posse so summoned to the places in their respective counties where they best by their presence and authority can enforce peace and good order; hopes that the civil authorities can restore order whenever it is disturbed; if they cannot "It is my duty to give assurance and warning that the civil power now summoned to enforce the laws of the state will be sustained by all the means which the Constitution & laws of the land enable and require me to use in order to insure the complete preservation of the peace of this state for the ordinary purposes of intercourse and trade without hinderance of molestation."

D.S. 7 pp. 21 cm. x 14.5 cm. /276/

1877 July 27 — Col. Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Chipley telegraphs that he has no arms, ammunition or blankets; what arrangements have been made to supply him.
Telegram. /277/

1877 July 27 Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN. To Capt. Jno. C. CHIPLEY.
Sir John's Run requisition has been made for arms and ammunition; they will be forwarded from Washington.
Telegram. /278/

1877 July 27 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Your dispatch is received - will reply promptly after seeing the Governor."
Telegram. /279/

1877 July 27 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Freights were moved eastward today without interference; when Keyser is garrisoned they will be started west; "Douglas and I will arrange for this today"; the force of 100 U. S. Marines will come from Baltimore; none of the State force will be withdrawn; will be here for two hours or more; will go by special train to Martinsburg; Colonel Black has just been ordered to Grafton and goes by return train.
Telegram. /280/

/1877 July/ 27 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Cumberland, Md. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN.
The Moorefield Guards will be at Green Spring Run this evening at five o'clock; "have you provided transportation from that point, Martinsburg. Has not this call now become unnecessary from events subsequent to your order and would it not be advisable for you to telegraph to the Green Spring Depot giving them permission to return to their homes."
Telegram. /281/

/1877 July/ 27 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Cumberland, Md. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Wheeling, W. Va.
Since sending a telegram a few moments ago, has talked with General Getty and some of the leading railroad officials; they concur in the recommendation that the order for the Moorefield Guards be recalled; this is simply a suggestion which Delaplain will act upon according to his best judgment and that of the Governor.
Telegram. /282/

/1877 July/ 28 T. R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has started eastbound freight trains from here this morning; thinks that they shall be prepared to

run to and from Keyser as soon as the Governor can arrange a force of U. S. troops at Keyser to furnish the necessary protection to those men who are willing to work; trains are also moving from Baltimore to Martinsburg.
Telegram. /283/

/1877 July/ 28 Wm. KEYSER, Camden Station /Baltimore/, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thinks that it is of utmost importance that the road should be opened through to the Ohio River, tomorrow; understands that General Getty wants 100 additional troops to render the movement certain and effectual; these troops can be had at once as they are now at the depot in Washington; requests that Mathews telegraph the Secretary of War, immediately, to have these troops forwarded without delay; "Our whole success depends upon our immediate ability to pass our trains unmolested through West Virginia"; this is of vital importance as the effect will be to stamp out all remaining hostility here; the people demand an immediate resumption of business over the entire line.
Telegram. /284/

1877 July 28 Thos. R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"We will not attempt to do anything at Wheeling until Monday as you desire."
Telegram. /285/

1877 July 28 Thos. R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
There are 100 U. S. Marines at Washington who can doubtlessly be obtained for Keyser; is awaiting troops to go to Keyser so that trains can be started for Grafton; it will be impossible for trains to be moved to or from Keyser until that point is properly protected; "Can you not immediately call for these troops by telegraph"; is prepared to move them at any time; Governor Carroll of Maryland advises that he does not need them.
Telegram. /286/

/1877 July 28/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To George W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.
General Getty needs 100 more soldiers to use in West Virginia; "can they be furnished at once?"
Telegram. /287/

1877 July 28 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Desires to correct a statement which appeared in one of the papers of late date; the facts are: "the ring leader Zepp was arrested yesterday and turned

over to the custody of the Berkeley light infantry at the Court House. The man gave bail regularly and was released. I learned from Capt. Faulkner that no guns have been forcibly taken from either company. When I called upon Capt. Faulkner for a detail of ten men to aid the Sheriff last night. They were promptly furnished although afterwards not required."
Telegram. /288/

1877 July 28 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Miners in this vicinity went out on strike today; this may change the situation for the worse; in the past they have been passively dangerous and now may become actively so; they are of a worse class than the railroad men; Devries, agent at Wheeling, telegraphed that Colonel Sharp shall appeal for troops being placed in neighborhood unless the Governor objects; Devries has had an extra force watching the Bellaire Bridge at night for the past week and will at once strengthen it both night and day; such protection as he /Devries/ can command from citizens and employees would prove ineffective in case of an outbreak, following an unsuccessful attempt to move trains; would recommend that no more attempts be made west of Keyser or Grafton until road and company property is thoroughly protected by an efficient military force; thinks that the Governor should be consulted about this problem; requests Mathews to wire his opinion in the matter, that Delaplain may show the reply to Colonel Sharp.
Telegram. /289/

1877 July 28 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"It is proposed to garrison Keyser as soon as practicable and open the road westward from here - I have consented, subject to your concurrence. Answer."
Telegram. /290/

1877 July 28 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Chipley's arms have not arrived; requests the Governor to repeat the order to the War Department; requests that blankets be sent by early train if convenient; the command numbers 38 including officers; the road is now fully opened from Baltimore to Cumberland; is glad that the Governor has refused to allow troops near Wheeling; doubts if it will be necessary at any time; presence of troops might facilitate operations somewhat for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company but it would produce dangerous excitement in this city.
Telegram. /291/

1877 July 28 — Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The railroad company is calling for men formerly in their service; cannot let them go without the Governor's authority as they are in State service and may be ordered away at any time.

Telegram. /292/

1877 July 29 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. T. B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va.

Has just heard that a train was captured at Keyser by rioters; requests Davis to instruct the mayor and civil authorities to arrest the rioters and all who incite to riots; the most prominent and influential of those who incite riot by incendiary language should be the first arrested; if the civil authorities cannot make arrests the military can and must.

Telegram. /293/

/1877/ July 29 — /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The sheriff is about to make arrests; if resisted will call upon the military; Colonel Davis received the Governor's telegram and asks Delaplain to say that "your instructions were being carried out"; Cowen, who represents the railroad company, was having the writs prepared when Delaplain arrived an hour ago; the garrison was placed here this morning; immediately afterwards the company sent two freight trains from Cumberland; the first train came through safely but the second was stopped; Governor has been informed of the situation which depends upon the arrests about being made; the excitement here is intense.

Telegram. /294/

1877 July 29 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Had a dispatch from Vice-President Keyser last night; telegraphed the Secretary of War when the Governor telegraphed Delaplain; desires to know details of the situation; all is quiet here; apprehends no trouble; when it is known here that trains are moving elsewhere, thinks that there will be no resistance; the mayor of Wheeling says that he has no apprehension; there will be no troops here unless an unexpected emergency should render their presence absolutely necessary; "Will you be here this evening?"

Telegram. /295/

1877 July 29 — Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to repudiate sentiments expressed in paper regarding Governor's handling of disturbance along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; approves of

measures taken; has acted under the orders of the mayor and local sheriff; this letter is not for publication but is willing at any time to make a full report in writing of his action, if the Governor so desires.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /296/

1877 July 29 — Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gen. S. V. BENIT, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.
"Please send arms ordered for Chipley to Martinsburg in place of Sir John's Run."
Telegram. /297/

1877 July 29 — Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Martinsburg, W. Va.
"I made requisition for guns and ammunition for Capt. Chipley at Sir John's Run on the 27th."
Telegram. /298/

1877 July 29 — Adjt. Gen. E. L. WOOD, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gen. S. V. BENIT, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.
"I have the honor to make requisition for forty Springfield rifle muskets - cal. forty- five, with two thousand rounds of cartridges for same to be shipped by /to/ Capt. John J. Chipley, Sir John's Run, B & O RR. Approved by Henry M. Mathews Gov."
Telegram. /299/

1877 July 29 — Thomas M. VINCENT, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Telegram asking for one hundred more received. It will soon be placed before the Secretary /McCrary/ for consideration & you will be further advised. Available troops are scarce."
Telegram. /300/

1877 July 29 — John K. COWEN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
A body of rioters captured a freight train at Keyser which was coming from Martinsburg and have run the train back to Cumberland, forcing the engineer and fireman to leave their engine; a large body of rioters are here; hopes that the Governor will instruct the civil authorities of camps and towns to adopt the most stringent measures and to arrest at once every man who even by word incites the crowds; the road is open in Maryland; company is waiting for road clearance in West Virginia.
Telegram. /301/

1877 July 29 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To John K. COWAN, Keyser, W. Va.
If the civil authorities cannot or will not

arrest - the military must and the most influential of those who incite to riots must be arrested first."
Telegram. [302]

1877 July 29 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"I have a long dispatch from V[ice] P[resident] Keyser and presume you have another. Before replying please await further communication from me."
Telegram. [303]

1877 July 29 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
A force of 100 U. S. troops have been stationed at Keyser; "will advise you promptly of further movements"; if successful at Keyser, thinks the strike at Wheeling will collapse of itself, making it unnecessary for troops to be placed there.
Telegram. [304]

1877 July 29 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has telegraphed Chipley that the arms will be sent promptly but that the Mathews Guards may yet require their blankets; "Do I rightly understand that the strikers prevent their leaving. I have telegraphed Gen. Getty for sufficient force for Keyser without specifying number"; told him yesterday that they would be required; request details of situation at Wheeling; will go to Cumberland at noon.
Telegram. [305]

1877 July 29 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
From present indications everything will be all right by morning and the business of the road resumed without interference; Vice-President Keyser has addressed the strikers effectively without compromising the main question; "The difficulty which today seemed most formidable has been peaceably disposed of."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [306]

1877 July 29 [Col.] R. M. DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has 200 men; all is quiet tonight; the demonstration of the afternoon wasn't followed up; most of the ringleaders are out of town to avoid arrest; things are not cleared up yet; emissaries from the strikers have been sent to the miners and there may be much trouble; has a large patrol, prepared for quick action, out tonight; trains are to start under guard at 5 a.m. if the embargo is raised here; by tomorrow the line will be clear from Baltimore to Grafton; "The tug of war comes from Benwood and Wheeling as these

points will be next in order"; requests Governor's point of view; Chipley has received arms and ammunition but wants cartridges, axes, belts and scabbards for 40 Springfield rifles, calibre 45; an attempt to set fire to the trains here was discovered in time; Vice-President Keyser is addressing the strikers, with good effect.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /307/

/1877 July 29/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Colonel DELAPLAIN, Cumberland, Md.

U. S. troops must not be brought here; if an escort of U. S. soldiers and a Gatling gun are needed for a safe passage through Grafton, they must not be brought here; "What does Gen'l Getty think of the necessity of such an escort through Grafton."

Telegram. /308/

/1877 July/ 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The strike has not yet collapsed; the strikers' committee reported all right last night but this morning have reconsidered; they have had another interview with Vice-President Keyser and have not retired for consultation; Welsh came over last night advising the men to accept the company's terms; Hoke has not been here; the tents must be returned to Cumberland; the War Department has decided that no tents or camp equipage can be furnished to volunteer companies; "We have no other. We are, of course, excluded, please have them directed to Q. M. Maurice, Cumberland, Md."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /309/

/1877 July/ 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The west-bound express passing an hour ago was boarded at this station by 30 or more roughs; after that train had pulled out the conductor undertook to collect their fares; when they refused to pay, the train was back to this place and the whole part arrested; they are now confined in the depot building; "What disposition shall be made of them. It will not be possible to retain the tents the War Department, having again asked for them."

Telegram. /310/

1877 /July/ 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The situation tonight is grave; the overture of the railroad company has been rejected by strikers; from recent developments, it is not probable that they have entertained any settlement less favorable to them than that prepared by themselves, viz the

restoration of the old rates of wages; Keyser, Vice-President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, representing that company promised that it should be arranged that they would be enabled to make a larger "proportion of days in the month than heretofore"; he also promised to give all minor grievances his personal attention; Keyser addressed the strikers last night; they seemed satisfied and it was believed that all was settled this morning; their committee waited upon him again after an extended conference in which he stated the company's position fully; Keyser gave them one hour for discussion; that was twelve hours ago and they have not returned; the only change from the original situation is in the probable augmentation of their forces; it is apprehended that they may receive the aid of the coal miners who are now idle and of whom there is a large body within a radius of 15 miles; hitherto the railroad strikers have held these allies at arms length; to what extent they may now aid them is the problem tonight; if they appear in such numbers as is possible, the general situation is seriously complicated; has just been informed that a troop train has been thrown off the track between here and Piedmont by a misplaced switch and one man badly crushed.

Telegram. /311/

1877
July 30 Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Just returned from Sir John's Run; all is quiet; desires to know if there is any objection to his /Faulkner's/ changing the detail at Sir John's Run, bringing Chipley's company to Martinsburg and sending an equally strong detail there; it is very uncomfortable there and all should bear it equally.

Telegram. /312/

1877
July 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"I have no reply to telegram of last night. Have U. S. troops been at Wheeling, at any time during this strike? It is explicitly stated in Cumberland paper that a company arrived Saturday evening."

Telegram. /313/

1877
July 30 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

"I have telegraphed you - No troops have been here /Wheeling/. None asked for this place and with the lights now before me I will have none here. Everything as quiet and favorable here as could be desired. You would certainly have been informed of all disposition of troops and you will always know more than the papers. You have managed well at Keyser.

Look after the men especially who incite the more ignorant to lawlessness."
Telegram. /314/

1877 July 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Will stop at Fairmont on next trip to Wheeling; matters here grow more complicated; Mr. Keyser's arrangement with the strikers has fallen through; the apprehension now is that the miners may come down in force; they are outsiders in this matter and only go in to increase the trouble; agent Devries has just telegraphed Colonel Sharp that things are looking less favorable at Wheeling; telegraphed Governor this morning regarding troops in Wheeling that he /Delaplain/ might contradict the statement which appeared in two Baltimore papers; "Can't the Register be muzzled in some way? Require no vindication on point, either at their hands or my unknown apologist at Martinsburg. I can stand being made a political scape goat of in their capital interests but I want no vindications"; is perfectly satisfied with what has been done there and doubly reassured in the expression of the Governor's approval; hopes that Wheeling papers will take no notice of anything from that source.
Telegram. /315/

1877 July 30 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
There was no invasion last night; miners have called a mass meeting for today but in the face of the strong garrison now here it is not likely that anything will be attempted at this point; in the meantime, the railroad company will have sufficient crews gathered to start their freight trains simultaneously from Keyser, Grafton, and Wheeling; this will be done about 10 o'clock.
Telegram. /316/

/1877 July 30/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN.
"Let me know when freight trains will arrive here and when you will be here"; everything here is favorable.
Telegram. /317/

/1877 July 30/ Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To William KEYSER, Esq., Grafton, W. Va.
"Don't be uneasy about Wheeling. I have no apprehension of the slightest trouble here - the train could have gone out this evening, could a conductor have been found"; there is no need for troops here; should an emergency contrary to expectations arise, Colonel Black and his command could be here in time; hopes that Keyser will come here tomorrow.
Telegram. /318/

1877 July 31 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To William KEYSER, Keyser, W. Va.

Does not think that there will be any trouble here; the civil authorities are confident that they can prevent or suppress any violence; has asked General Hancock to have 200 soldiers ready at Pittsburgh to come here at once; "Should I ask him to give the order. I desire to see the matter tested here as soon as possible."

Telegram. /319/

1877 July 31 — Frank McJILTON, Benwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"I will use every precaution necessary for the preservation of the peace. Please notify me of the first movement of trains."

Telegram. /320/

1877 July 31 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

Has notified the mayor of the intention to move trains promptly; severe measures should now be taken in case of riot; has no reason to apprehend trouble.

Telegram. /321/

1877 July 31 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. /R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

All is quiet here and no trouble is apprehended by anyone so far; has seen both Davis and the mayor this morning; "have orders been given to move trains here?"

Telegram. /322/

1877 July 31 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. R. M. DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va.

"Have the trains started along the line? What has been done at Keyser today?"

Telegram. /323/

/1877 July 31/ — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To General GETTY, Commanding, Cumberland, Md.

There is no objection in sending in freight trains under escort; is gratified to know that Getty can if they are needed, send 100 men here; everything is very quiet; does not think there will be any resistance when the trains move; is assured by the mayor and civil authorities that there will be no trouble here and that they can keep the peace, protect persons and property, and execute the laws.

Telegram. /324/

/1877 July 31/ — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To General GETTY, Commanding, Cumberland, Md.

Everything is favorable here now; is gratified

to know that escorts will not be sent; there will be no trouble here but should there be trouble contrary to information and expectation, Colonel Black could be here in time; Agent Devries reports that the men will go to work in the shop in the morning; trains will leave at 7 or 5:30.

Telegram. [325]

1877 July 31 [Gen. George W.] GETTY, Commanding, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Your telegram of 11:30 and 11:40 just received; Vice-President Keyser thinks it inadvisable to send escorts with the trains leaving Grafton for Wheeling tomorrow; Keyser has just left for Wheeling and will explain his plans to the Governor; in an emergency Colonel Black and his command can be sent to Wheeling in three hours and be replaced at Grafton by troops from Keyser in about the same time; trusts that no occasion may arise to use force in Wheeling; if needed General Hancock offers to send four companies from Baltimore.

Telegram. [326]

[1877 July 31] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Maj. [W. K.] FRENCH, St. Georges Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Will communicate with Governor Hartranft of Pennsylvania and General Getty; still hopes that it will not be necessary to call for them; if the emergency arises, wants to be fully prepared to meet it; sends this telegram in consequence of a dispatch which just arrived from General Hancock.

Telegram. [327]

[1877 July 31] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Gen. Winfield [Scott] HANCOCK, St. Georges Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

There is some reason to apprehend trouble here when trains move this evening; asks that 200 soldiers be ready at Pittsburgh to come here at once; will not request them ordered here unless the necessity is imperative; intends that the civil authorities shall have the fullest opportunity of preserving the peace but if it is demonstrated that this cannot be done, will ask for troops to be sent here; General Getty deems it unwise to diminish his force on the eastern end of the line.

Telegram. [328]

1877 July 31 General HANCOCK, Commanding, Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Just received Mathews' dispatch; would be glad to send troops from Pittsburgh but Governor Hartranft has just stated that he prefers the U. S. troops stationed there, to remain until quiet is restored throughout the State; will ask Governor Hartranft, at once.

if he can spare these troops for temporary service in this emergency; if he can spare them for 2 days, they will be held in readiness to start this evening; and Mathews should call upon their commander, Col. John Hamilton at the Pittsburgh arsenal; since General Hancock is now in communication with Hartranft, thinks that it would be best for Mathews to order troops from him; some troops might be collected from Baltimore or Cincinnati but not in time for the emergency referred to; General Getty could furnish 100 men; will replace them for him immediately with men from Baltimore; has notified Getty of same.
Telegram. /329/

1877 July 31 — Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"The authorities of B. & O. R. R. Co. have again called upon me for four or five men and say that if they cannot go to work in the service that other men must be employed and they lose their places. This is hard as they cannot make a living in the service. What must I do to protect the men?"
Telegram. /330/

1877 July 31 — Gen. W. S. HANCOCK, Commanding, Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Sent the following dispatch to Colonel Hamilton, commanding U. S. troops at Pittsburgh: "The Governor of West /Virginia/ asks that about two hundred troops may be held in readiness at Pittsburg to go to Wheeling this afternoon, promptly in case he should have any trouble in starting trains from that point. The service would last a couple of days at the most or the troops would be replaced as I expect to keep your command at Pittsburg until the difficulty of the State is pacified"; it may be that six companies from the Twenty-Second Infantry will arrive in Pittsburgh from Chicago without delay and, if so, they could be held at least until the others return; does not know if Governor Hartranft can spare these 200 troops or not; has telegraphed to ascertain that information; if Mathews does not hear directly from Hartranft, he may have the troops and should have a train ready to transport them.
Telegram. /331/

1877 /July/ 31 — /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
This morning trains are moving here and at Grafton without interruption; "What is the condition of affairs at Wheeling"; it is reported here that they look unpromising.
Telegram. /332/

/1877 July/ 31 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Piedmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Will be in Wheeling tonight."
Telegram. /333/

/1877 July/ 31 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Mr. Keyser dispatches from Agent Devries predict trouble in our vicinity particularly at Benwood"; has just talked with Superintendent Woodward who came from Wheeling last night; Woodward says that Mayor Sweeney expresses his ability to put down any riot but that an attempt to move trains would probably precipitate one; if troops are required they should be obtained from Pittsburgh, which can be done by direct order from Mathews to General Hancock at St. Georges Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; there are approximately 800 U. S. troops quartered at Pittsburgh; General Getty thinks it necessary to protect this end of the line; has just received the Governor's dispatch which is very reassuring; hopes that there may be no necessity for taking U. S. troops to Wheeling; at the same time it would probably be best to start trains today while the moral effect of the improved situation there is fresh.
Telegram. /334/

/1877 July/ 31 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
All is quiet and clear here and at Grafton; trains are moving in all directions except between Grafton and Wheeling; it is expedient to continue the garrisons here and at Grafton for some days yet; as precaution here against any invasion from the mines, the miners are holding a mass meeting at Lonaconing, Maryland; trouble from that quarter may yet occur; should the Governor deem it necessary to make requisition for troops for Wheeling, General Hancock is prepared for it.
Telegram. /335/

1877 July 31 General GETTY, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Railroad officials propose to send freight trains to Wheeling tomorrow under escort of two officers and twenty-five men if no objections; may be able to send 100 men to Wheeling tomorrow.
Telegram. /336/

1877 July 31 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Frank McJILTEN.
Has been informed that when the freight trains move at Benwood, it is probable there may be a riot; there is at least no attempt to prevent the trains going out; thinks that such an emergency should be

prepared for; McJilten can command, if he so desires the service of the sheriff of his county with the sheriff's posse in making arrests; desires to have all lawlessness suppressed by the civil authorities; has no doubt that McJilten will do all in his power to do so; should McJilten be unable to preserve the peace and protect persons and property, troops will be used.
Telegram.
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1877 July 31 /Col. R. M./ DELAPLAIN. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
There was no invasion last night; the miners have called a mass meeting for today but in the face of the strong garrison now here it is hardly likely that anything will be attempted; in the meantime, the railroad company will have sufficient crews gathered to start their freight trains simultaneously from Keyser, Grafton, and Wheeling; this will be done about 10 o'clock.
Telegram.
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1877 July 31 Wm. KEYSER, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has opened line here; all opposition wiped out and trains are running both east and west with full crews; it is of utmost importance that business be opened immediately at Wheeling; trains should start at once but is afraid to move cars without the presence of U. S. troops; is afraid that movement might be delayed and the moral effect of success at other points impaired; requests Governor to telegraph General Hancock for forces; if not needed no harm is done; if their presence is the means of preventing trouble and riot, immense advantage is gained; saw how things worked in Baltimore and therefore strongly recommends that the Governor telegraph for troops; the moment troops arrive, trains will be started; desires to be advised immediately if Governor decides not to make requisition in which case the trains will be moved immediately and thus test the case; General Getty thinks it unwise to reduce his force here.
Telegram.
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1877 July 31 Wm. KEYSER, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"I shall be glad if the civil authorities can maintain the peace and allow the railroad men to start the trains unmolested"; first the yard is to be cleared of all parties not in the service of the company; will order agent, Captain Devries, to start the trains immediately; desires that such protection be offered that it will satisfy the men and make them feel secure in taking their engines.
Telegram.
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1877 July 31 Wm. KEYSER, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

From information of Agent Devries, Supervisor Woodward and others, think that an attempt to start trains from Wheeling without the protection of the troops will be a failure; "we acquiese however, in your decision that the civil authorities are sufficient and will make the effort"; responsibility of failure will not rest upon the company; if the attempt fails men will become more intimidated than ever and the line will remain closed for some time; men have been so intimidated in the past that a show of physical force is necessary to restore their confidence.

Telegram. [341]

[1877 July] [?] TRACY, Manager, Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company. To [Randolph STALNAKER].

The bearer of this note is Tracy's messenger boy; the boy will deliver all messages for the Governor at his room.

Telegram. [342]

[1877 July] W. H. HOGEMAN, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

There is no disturbance but miners are on a strike and refuse to permit others to take their places.

Telegram. [343]

[1877 July] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.

"Change the detail as you suggest."

Telegram. [344]

[1877 July] Capt. John J. CHIPLEY, Hardy Guards, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Captain MILLER, Mathews Guards.

Will take his company to Wheeling when relieved from duty if it is Miller's desire.

Telegram. [345]

[1877 July] Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To Col. [R. M.] DELAPLAIN.

There is a company at Fairmont to be mustered in; requests that Capt. E. W. L. Moore be notified as to when Colonel Delaplain can be there to begin the mustering.

Telegram. [346]

1877 Aug. 1 B. H. ROBERTSON, Mgr., Equitable Life Assurance Society, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The recent strikes among railroad employees has conclusively demonstrated the efficiency and the supremacy of the Gatling gun, used by U. S. troops; many volunteer companies armed with rifles deserted

to the mob when the State authorities had ordered them to disperse; recommends the immediate consideration of purchasing at least one battery of these formidable and efficient guns.
A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. /347/

1877 Aug. 1 General GETTY, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Your telegram of 1:40 A.M. received. I congratulate you upon the peaceful ending of the strike."
Telegram. /348/

1877 Aug. 1 C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thinks that it will be necessary to keep guard at Sir John's Run as long as the boatmen remain on a strike; the engines take water there and if no one is on duty to protect the trains they may be interfered with; the sheriff of Morgan County might accomplish the object by keeping a few deputies there after the militia are relieved from service but a guard of some kind should be there as long as there is a strike on the canal.
Telegram. /349/

1877 Aug. 1 William KEYSER, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Believes that everything will work smoothly from here; two trains have left Wheeling and expect no trouble; thanks the Governor for his prompt, efficient, and judicious aid in this emergency; desires that same be expressed also to Colonel Delaplain.
Telegram. /350/

1877 Aug. 2 General GETTY, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Can the troops at Grafton be spared in your opinion?"
Telegram. /351/

1877 Aug. 3 William KEYSER, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Have you any objection to a small guard of U. S. soldiers going with our pay car from Grafton to Wheeling simply to protect it from any lawless persons."
Telegram. /352/

1877 Aug. 3 W. C. WICKHAM, 2d Vice President, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"I will be at the White Sulphur at eleven forty A.M. Monday morning sixth inst. Will you be able to be there."
Telegram. /353/

1877 General GETTY, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M.
Aug. 3 MATHEWS.

Colonel Black telegraphs from Grafton that he has been called upon by civil authorities for assistance in arresting strikers in surrounding country; wants to know if it is agreeable to the Governor to have troops act in this capacity.

Telegram. [354]

1877 Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
[Aug. 3] To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

If Captain Chipley's company can be used elsewhere or if the Governor desires to relieve them from duty, thinks that there is sufficient force here to attend to boatmen as long as it shall be deemed proper to keep a guard at Sir John's Run; three companies in this end of the State make it very expensive.

Telegram. [355]

1877 Thomas R. SHARP, Cumberland, Md. To Gov. H. M.
Aug. 4 MATHEWS.

"I will meet you with pleasure on arrival of 5- I regret that you did not give me more notice that I might have sent a private car for your comfort. I have directed Mr. Harrison to meet you at Grafton with his car however."

Telegram. [356]

1877 Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
Aug. 4 To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has relieved Captain Chipley's company; send a detail from his [Faulkner's] company to Sir John's Run; the West Virginia Guards are still in service but so far the Adjutant General has sent them no ammunition.

Telegram. [357]

1877 Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
Aug. 4 To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

"I will come up tomorrow by 12:30 o'clock."

Telegram. [358]

1877 [Col. R. M.] DELAPLAIN, Wheeling, W. Va. To
Aug. 4 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Regret to find that I cannot leave today. Some matters of importance require my being here on Monday.

Telegram. [359]

1877 Capt. John J. CHIPLEY, Hardy Guards, Sir John's
Aug. 4 Run, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"By order of Col. Faulkner we are relieved at 2:24 this P.M. and ordered home"; Mr. Lingle said yesterday that the Governor desires that the company visit Wheeling before returning home; it is their wish

if it can be done without individual cost; awaits further instructions.

Telegram. /360/

1877 Aug. 5 — Maj. Gen. /Winfield Scott/ HANCOCK, Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits copy of telegram to General Getty at Cumberland, Md.; it was sent yesterday by Hancock and is as follows: "Your dispatch received. Troops will not be withdrawn from line of Baltimore and Ohio R. R. until peace is restored both on the canal* and railroad. Continue to co-operate with Governor of Maryland and West Virginia and they should be consulted before we withdraw troops."

Telegram. /361/

1877 Aug. 7 — S. BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Referring to my letter of yesterday accompanied by eight letters to your address received since you left us I now state that I send herewith four letters rec'd this A.M."; General Hancock seems to think that the continued presence of some of his troops may have a composing influence; he may have heard of the illustration furnished by the blacksmith to the late Senator Holmes of Maine; will ask that the /Wheeling/ Intelligencer and the /Wheeling/ Register send the Governor copies of their daily to the White /Old White at White Sulphur Springs/ by this mail; forwarded the Wellsburg Herald in which there is notice of the Governor's action during the late annoyance, in rather a pleasant way.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 22.5 cm. /362/
Enclosures missing.

1877 Aug. 8 — Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

It is the opinion of road officials and himself that troops should be kept at Sir John's Run; "would there be any objections to my taking my company to Morgan as I have to send 25 men there every other day"; in this move could keep the company together and drill them every day; could live just as cheaply, especially if he had tents.

Telegram. /363/

1877 Aug. 9 — W. F. R., Greensboro, N. C. To M. T. DAVIS, St. Charles Hotel, Richmond, Va.

Left here Monday for Jacksonville, Florida; knows where "I can put my hands on him" if Davis will

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* All idle canal boatmen had congregated at Martinsburg, W. Va.

get requisition and pay $75 for through fares from Jacksonville to Greensboro.*

Telegram. [364]

1877 Aug. 9 W. F. R., Greensboro, N. C. To M. T. DAVIS, St. Charles [Hotel], Richmond, Va.

"I left here for Charlotte on the 7th inst. Will be back tonight, if don't come, I will leave for Charlotte tonight. Mail in office for him. Will telegraph you tonight."

Telegram. [365]

1877 Aug. 9 L. TUGGLE, Justice of Peace, Fayette County, W. Va. To Preston EPPERLY, Special Constable.

Warrant for the arrest of D. Hacknett for a non-payment of $67, due John W. Slaughter for merchandise issued to a Mr. Kincaid and to William Willard for timber.

D.S. 3 pp. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [366]

1877 Aug. 9 L. D. ISBELL, Prosecuting Attorney, Fayette County [Fayetteville, W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a requisition for the arrest and rendition of D. Hackett, a former resident of Fayette County, now living in Florida; Hackett is charged with obtaining goods under false pretense and left the State to avoid paying for same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 22 cm. [367]

1877 Aug. 9 T. L. MIDDLETON, Winfield, Putnam County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for William H. West; a petition was sent to Governor Jacob regarding same but there was a "remonstrance sent against it"; if such was the case, thinks that R. M. Simms "was at the head of it" because he also desired the release of C. Botsford; citizens refused to sign a petition releasing Botsford; most people thought that Botsford got West into the difficulty; "it is thought Simms had a hand in that, there was a woman he was after and West was in his way"; West committed the crime or assisted in committing it but believes that he has fully atoned for same; West has a wife, seven children, and an aged father to support; he has served six years of a ten-year sentence; thinks that everyone approves of his release.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 31.5 cm. x 20 cm. [368]

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* Person referred to unknown.

1877 Aug. 10 BRAMHALL and COMPANY, Publishers, Southern Guide & Catalogue, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of a copy of Resources of West Virginia; requests reports of maps of geological surveys and one or two extra copies of the book received; are sending to the Governor proof of text of "our account of W. Va. for the Southern Guide."

L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /369/

1877 Aug. 10 J. W. St. CLAIR, Fayetteville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The bearer of this letter has a warrant and requisition from the prosecuting attorney of this county requesting a requisition on the Governor of Florida for the arrest of D. Hackett; if it is not inconsistent with the views of the Governor, requests that the requisition be issued as Hackett has perpetrated wholesale swindle upon innocent people in Fayette County.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /370/

1877 Aug. 11 William KEYSER, Camden /Md./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Shall I meet you at Berkeley tonight? If you desire to see me particularly I will come upon the evening train and spend Sunday. Advise me immediately."

Telegram. /371/

1877 Aug. 13 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. To Gen. R. W. WHITE.

Requests White to examine enclosed papers which the Legislature can issue, provided all the requirements proscribed in the rules are complied with and "you can ascertain how this is"; Mr. Brady has blank requisitions signed; doubts whether a proper case is presented; thinks that the purpose may be to collect a debt; there is a large commissary here; expects to remain about 1 week.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /372/

Enclosure missing.

1877 Aug. 14 C. A. PRICHARD, Secretary Pro Tem Delaplain Guards, Mannington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been requested by Capt. C. E. Wells of Delaplain Guards to inform the Governor that the arms and ordnance for the company have arrived from Washington; requests that the belts and gun slings be shipped as soon as convenient.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /373/

1877 Aug. 14 Samuel WHITTINGTON, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was tried in Putnam County, May 4, 1876, for per-

jury; was convicted and sentenced to two years in State penitentiary where he arrived on May 11, 1876; a petition signed by numerous citizens was sent to Governor Jacob last December but the same did not receive the attention it merited because Governor Jacob's term of office was "on the eve of terminating"; requests that the petition be examined and requests a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 26.5 cm. x 20 cm. [374]

1877 Aug. 16 — Alfred BECKLEGH [Beckley], Wildwood, Raleigh County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thanks Governor for friendly letter recently received; wishes the legislature to enact "a well devised and systematic militia organization"; has a plan before E. Gibson, the Speaker of the House, which Beckley thinks will be approved; thinks that biennial legislative sessions would be popular as they were preferred to annual ones by the late convention; is glad to know that the permanent site for the capitol has been settled.*

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [375]

1877 Aug. 16 — David GOFF, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor to ask the Fish Commission to put fish in the [Tygart] river above Grafton; the Valley Run Falls prevent fish from coming beyond that point.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [376]

1877 Aug. 18 — S. M., Secretary to Governor, Wheeling, W. Va. To David GOFF.

Acknowledges receipt of recent letter; lists appointees to Fish Commission as Henry B. Miller, Christian White, and John W. Harris; does not know what action has been taken by the commission; will give Goff's letter to the Governor upon his return.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [377]

1877 Aug. 22 — Geo. W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, [White] Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier [County], W. Va.

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* An act passed by the West Virginia Legislature, February 21, 1877, provided that an election should be held on the first Tuesday in August, 1877, at the Courthouse of each county and at every other place of voting therein, to ascertain the proper location of the permanent seat of government. (W. Va. Acts, 1877, ch. 58, sec. 1.) At the August election Charleston was chosen as the site of the permanent Capitol of West Virginia.

General Getty has recommended that the troops on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Maryland and West Virginia be withdrawn as in his opinion their presence is no longer needed; desires that the Governor will inform him /McCrary/ at the earliest practicable moment when "in your opinion the emergency is over which requires the presence of the troops at the points indicated."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /378/

1877 Aug. 22 Jerome F. BOWYER, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Albert Dean, for whose release several petitions have been forwarded by the citizens of Putnam County; Dean is a feeble-minded boy and was committed to the State penitentiary last spring; his parents are very anxious to have him released.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /379/

1877 Aug. 23 B/enjamin/ WILSON, Wilsonburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has recently been informed by Capt. Ed. McDonald of Burton, Wetzel County, on line of B. W. Wood, that they have organized a volunteer company with him as captain and now they want the most improved arms equipment; the company has accepted the name of "Wilson Blues"; wishes to aid company in obtaining needed equipment; "When you make your requisition on Washington, think I will run down. Can't you get a pass for Capt. McDonald to go with me"; thinks that the /Baltimore and Ohio/ railroad company will be glad to issue a pass to aid volunteers along their road; wants to know if the company will expect a flag, if so what kind, and should their name be on it; "Don't send requisition to Washington without letting me know it. - I would like to take it myself."

A.L.S. 1 p. 24 cm. x 19 cm. /380/

1877 Aug. 24 Mary H. WISE, 9 Defrees St., N.W., Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard her husband, Dr. James Wise, dentist of Lewisburg, speak frequently of the Governor; now owing to change in circumstances she is forced to go to work; requests a letter of introduction to the President of the United States that she may apply for a position in one of the Federal departments.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /381/

1877 Aug. 28 W. N. HOFFMAN, Editor and Proprietor, the Morgantown Post, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Would like to publish the official vote of the State on the capitol question; none of the Wheeling papers have published the vote correctly, at least,

the tables do not correspond to those in the Governor's proclamation; requests a copy of the official vote; the /Wheeling/ Intelligencer and the /Wheeling/ Register disagree even on the number of votes used in the proclamation.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /382/

1877 Aug. 31 C. W. DAILEY, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"The man Leffingwell, for whom I asked a requisition is here without one. If you have it and can, will you send me the complaint that was attached to my application."

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /383/

On bottom of page: "The complaint referred to from you 31st inst. addressed to Gov. Mathews accompanied his requisition on the Governor of Pa. endorsed to you in my letter of same date." Signed: S. K. Ferr.

1877 Sep. 1 Capt. John J. CHIPLEY, Hardy Guards, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Reports receipt of cartridge boxes and scabbards from United States Arsenal at Washington for use of Hardy Guards; company needs money to buy winter uniforms; knows that no appropriation exists and hopes Governor can borrow to meet the situation; writer's report to Adjutant General on vacancies in offices has met with no reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 22 cm. /384/

1877 Sep. 1 C. W. DAILEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Mineral County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a requisition upon the Governor of the State of Maryland for the arrest and rendition of William Bartholomew, charged with the crime of stealing a gray mare, the property of Permelia Dawson; presents the complaint of William M. Dawson; if the facts stated in the complaint are true the prosecution of William Bartholomew would result in conviction of said fugitive; designates D. T. Greenwade of Mineral County as the proper person to act as agent of this State and certifies that he has no personal interest in the arrest and return of the fugitive.

A.L.S. 1 p. 35 cm. x 17.5 cm. /385/

1877 Sep. 1 Evline COLE, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the last September term of the circuit court of this county, Arch Ward was tried and convicted of the murder of Alonzo Cole, Evline Cole's only son; Ward was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment; the sentence was regarded as a very mild one by all the people in this community; has been informed recently that Ward's family has started a petition for his

release and has told the citizens here that Cole's parents wished them to sign same; such is not the case; requests that the release not be granted.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /386/

1877 Sep. 3 — Eliza COLE, Wheeling /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for her husband, John Cole, now confined in State prison; believes that her husband was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted; has several children for whom she cannot provide the necessities of life; Judge Melvin will assist in securing Cole's release.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /387/

1877 Sep. 10 — KIMBERLY and COMPANY, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests continuation of the contract for supplying the Capitol Building with fuel; such contract can be let with reduced rates as coal is cheaper than formerly.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /388/

1877 Sep. 12 — Thomas RILEY. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Affidavit: Wherein Thomas Riley swears that he stabbed Thomas Henderson on the night of April 30, 1877, after having been attacked by Henderson and William Clinton; the knife used in the stabbing, belonged to John Lambden and had been borrowed from him earlier in the evening by Riley; Riley swears that the stabbing was done purely in self-defense; affidavit made before John T. McGraw and witnessed by Simon P. Kinnel and William B. Kirbey.

D.S. 10 pp. 31.5 cm. x 20 cm. /389/

1877 Sep. 13 — Samuel D. GORDON, Editor of the Examiner, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The Examiner is the only paper published on the South Branch and has the entire circulation of three counties, Hardy, Grant, and Pendleton; it is one of the best friends of the administration; "notwithstanding this I am sorry to say We are ignored and we never received any of the state patronage which is dealt out to other newspapers"; the proclamation of the results of the capitol election was published as an advertisement in many of the State papers but it was not sent to the Examiner; believed that this was an oversignt on the part of the Governor's secretary; published the results and ran the risk of getting paid for it; if the Governor considers Gordon entitled to payment, he can remit the amount paid to other papers of like circulation; Governor has many friends in this section; desires to be of service to the administration.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 21.5 cm. /390/

1877 Sep. 15 B. F. MARTIN, Pruntytown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is practicing law with Frank Woods, Esq., lately a teacher at West Virginia University; requests the appointment of Mr. Woods as notary public for the county; Woods is a most competent person.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. [391]

1877 Sep. 15 W. F. MORTON, Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Dallas, a great central point for parties fleeing from justice from other states, is well supplied with detectives who are very competent; can give those cases special attention; desires names of criminals, charges, descriptions, photographs, and the amount of reward offered.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [392]

1877 Sep. 16 Abraham KNOTTS, Attorney-at-Law, Minnors, Calhoun County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Susana Mark, an old lady, convicted of felony in Clay County; was the defending attorney at the trial; a petition signed by six members of the jury, the prosecuting attorney, and county officials has been submitted to the Governor; everyone desires her release; no one believes her directly involved in the felony.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [393]

1877 Sep. 17 S. LUNDY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va. To Samuel D. GORDON, Esq., Moorefield, W. Va.

Acknowledges receipt of recent letter in absence of the Governor.

A.L.S. 1 p. 29 cm. x 22.5 cm. [394]

1877 Sep. 18 William L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the request of Mrs. Sarah A. Buchanon, submits the following testimonial in favor of her husband, David A. Buchanon, an inmate of this institution; Buchanon has been confined in this prison since April 8, 1876; during the whole of his imprisonment he has been a quiet, orderly, well behaved prisoner, obeying all rules and regulations; it affords him [Bridges] great pleasure to testify to the good conduct of such an obedient prisoner.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [395]

1877 Sep. 18 D. A. BUCHANON, Moundsville, W. Va. To Henry K. LIST, Wheeling, W. Va.

Today the superintendent of the prison mailed a certificate of good conduct to Buchanon's wife; the certificate is addressed to Governor Mathews; "Will

you be so kind as to aid my wife in her efforts to secure the extension to me, of executive clemency?"; thinks that List will know the best course to follow; is satisfied that List's influence properly exerted in connection with Buchanon's wife's petition and Captain Bridges' certificate will assure successful results; shall always be grateful and will do his utmost to deserve List's kindness.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /396/

1877 Sep. 22 — W. L. BRIDGES, Prison Superintendent, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies the conduct of Woodson Harvey, an inmate of this institution; he has always been obedient to the rules and regulations of the prison, is industrious and hard working and has displayed more than ordinary good conduct during his imprisonment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /397/

1877 Sep. 26 — C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Have arrangements been made about bills for troops and rations? Unless I can get money for bills, illness in my family will delay my coming."

Telegram. /398/

1877 Sep. 26 — John R. DONEHOO, Attorney-at-Law, Fairview, Hancock County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Visited the Governor during his /Mathew's/ recent absence, on behalf of the trustees named in the Act of February 21, 1877, Acts 77, ch. 24-5, to request that a deed authorizing that act be made; this request was left with a clerk in the secretary of state's office; the deed should be made to Eli T. McGavern; requests that the Governor proceed to execute the deed in accordance with the terms of said act.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /399/

1877 Sep. 28 — S. P. McCORMICK, Prosecuting Attorney, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses remonstrances against the pardon of Archbald Ward, convicted of the murder of M. A. Cole and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on September 1876; prosecuted said Ward from the day he committed the murder until his conviction; has not known of a more "unprovoked malicious murder"; Ward's character is bad and the community does not desire his release; crime in this county is increasing; tried three cases out of ten at this term of court and all three of the parties were committed to the State penitentiary; hopes that the Governor will not grant a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /400/

Enclosure missing.

1877 Oct. 1 /Col./ R. M. DELAPLAIN, Wheeling, W. Va. To G. F. SIMMS, Esq., Sheriff Mineral County /Keyser/, W. Va.

Has Simms' letter of 29th inst. recommending payment of W. T. McGahans in the amount of $22.50 for meals furnished prisoners arrested at Keyser during the strike troubles of last July; is certain that the amount is correct but before it can be paid it must be officially certified; it must be also presented to Judge Armstrong of Mineral circuit court for certification; after the above procedure has been completed the auditor will issue a warrant for its payment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /401/

1877 Oct. 5 Ham WHITE, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a letter to the President to be used in securing a pardon; is confined in the State penitentiary; G. W. Jones of Texas is paving a way for the final efforts to secure pardon; asks for this letter because he has neither money nor a lawyer to help him.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 12.5 cm. /402/

1877 Oct. 8 A/braham/ KNOTTS, Minnora, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Sent a petition for the pardon of Susana Mark, a convict in State prison from Clay County; desires to know if Governor has received same; received a communication from Treasurer West written on September 27th in which he stated that the Governor had not received the petition.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. /403/

1877 Oct. 19 Robert F. DENNIS and Thos. H. DENNIS, Attorneys-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition for release of John W. Collins, also encloses necessary papers; think that the sentence was very severe for the offense committed and that the demands of justice have been fully met in the prisonment of Collins.

L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /404/

Enclosure missing.

1877 Oct. 20 Jas. D. ARMSTRONG, Romney, W. Va. To G. F. SINES, Esq.

Returned from Pendleton on Monday evening and has been in court every day since; has no authority out of court to allow any account; does not know of any law that authorizes him at any time to allow the account enclosed in Sines' letter of October 12th; the account can be presented at court and Armstrong will consider the matter further.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 20 cm. /405/

1877 Oct. 24 — James P. BELL, Old State House, Boston, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Replies to Governor's recent letter containing charges preferred against Bell by George B. Caldwell of Wheeling; "As to my being under the influence of liquor, on the 11th day of October, to such an extent as to result in my inability to properly discharge my official duties," it is a false charge; if such had been true, desires to know why Caldwell allowed him /Bell/ to proceed in taking the deposition; thinks this a serious charge and believes it to be done through malice; has lived in this community all his life and has always had a good reputation; refers the Governor to any of his other clients or the owners of the building in which his office is situated as to how he carries on his business; does not think that the charge of $20 was too much for Caldwell's deposition as it was taken out of his office and required an entire day to complete; if the Governor is not now satisfied as to the falseness of Caldwell's charges, will furnish further references.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /406/

1877 Oct. 30 — DENNIS & DENNIS, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In reply to Governor's letter of the 24th inst., asking why the judge and prosecuting attorney had not signed petition for the release of Collins; the judge thought it bad policy as he would be beset with other petitions to be signed; Preston is of the same opinion; at this trial the jury hung, Collins walked out of the courthouse and was not seen in the county for some time; later he returned, was arrested, gave bail, appeared promptly and was tried; the offense was "committed in the heat of passion without any intention as we think, to kill Sydenstricker or do him great harm"; think that a year of confinement in the county jail would have been sufficient punishment; Collins was married when the offense was committed; Dr. Hunter, now deceased, was an important witness for Collins and with the Doctor's evidence it would have been difficult to convict him; hope for the Governor's consideration in this case.

L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /407/

1877 Nov. 7 — R. D. HUBBARD, Hartford, Conn. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants to know the number of probate courts in West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /408/

1877 Nov. 8 — W. H. LETTERMAN, Cotton Hill, Fayette County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is contemplating a visit to Austin, Texas; requests a letter of introduction, stating his social

and medical position in West Virginia; wishes to know if there are any books left showing the resources of West Virginia; would like a document showing the part West Virginia filled in the great Exposition.*
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [409]

1877 Nov. 15 Lt. Charles S. SMITH, U. S. Ordnance Agency, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses a check for $4.83 for freight charges paid by Mathews on paulins [tarpaulins] issued to the State on the 5th inst.; requests acknowledgment of receipt of check.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [410]

1877 Nov. 15 John BRANNON, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests the appointment of Louis D. Marshall as notary public; he is well qualified for the position, having been clerk of the circuit court and has an office.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [411]

1877 Nov. 21 E. L. WOOD, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Captain Miller thinks that under existing circumstances, tents can be procured from the Government; wants 12 small tents with flies and three hospital tents; requests that the Governor send to the express office and get one of the drums for the company which was sent this evening.
Telegram. [412]

1877 Nov. 23 John H. RILEY, Attorney-at-Law, Jackson Court House [Ripley], W. Va.
Last winter D. M. Frazier filed with Governor Jacob a petition asking remission of a small fine imposed on him; at Frazier's request, called on the Governor who desired further information concerning same; later the old man [Frazier] furnished affidavits from his only near neighbor and relatives that he had not been selling liquor; "The fact is he lives out almost in the woods"; overlooked affidavits at the time but now requests that they be considered together with the sworn statement and certificates previously filed; the fine is small but larger for him to pay than thousands would be for others; recommends the old unfortunate man to your clemency; what Riley has done for Frazier has been done without hopes of reward as this man has nothing with which to pay fees.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 27 cm. x 20 cm. [413]

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* See Introduction.

1877 Nov. 26 — R. W. ROLLINS, Personal Representative of A. Peeks' Heirs, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Calls Governor's attention to the legislative enactment passed February 28, 1865, for the benefit of the Upshur County Militia, that was captured at Centerville, September 12, 1863 /Acts, 1865 ch. 62/, providing that the money appropriated should only be drawn upon the requisition of the Governor; thinks that all members of the militia have drawn their money except Adam Peeks' heirs, who being without any representative never drew their money; Adam Peek, a member of the militia, was captured at Centerville, Upshur County, September 12, 1863, and died at Richmond in prison on March 17, 1864; requests that the Governor issue a requisition for them to draw their money.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. /414/

1877 Nov. 27 — William L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies the good behavior of John Cole, an inmate of the penitentiary.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /415/

1877 Nov. 30 — Brig. Gen. S. V. BENIT, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In compliance with Governor's requisition of the 26th inst., the following stores have been ordered to be sent from the Washington Arsenal: 12 Colt revolvers, cal. 45 - $13 each, totaling $156; 12 pistol holsters at $ .98 totaling $11.76; 1,000 revolver ball cartridges, cal. 45, $20; from the New York Agency, New York: 12 officer swords, extra scabbards at $13 each, totaling $156; the complete total $343.76; these issues leave a balance of $6,516.34 due the State; surgeons' swords are not supplied by this department.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /416/

1877 Nov. — Elisha TERRY and others, Upshur County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for Alonzo Booth, 18 years old, convicted and sentenced at November term of court of said county for 2 years in penitentiary for breaking into a store; the store belonged to Day and Shipman; the boy was convicted upon his own confession after the arrest was made; think that another person either did the act or caused said Booth to be an accomplice in same; the other person involved was related to the owners of the store and fled from the county; he was set free, leaving Booth to suffer the penalties of the law; requests executive clemency.

Signed by Elisha Terry, and 111 others. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /417/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1877 Dec. 8 — Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of Gatling gun; proposes to enlist 10 men as gun crew; asks requisition for additional arms and accoutrements; wants to select them personally as he is going to Washington; explains why he did not approve Captain Shaffer's payroll; gives Attorney General White's views of the matter; asks for the Governor's decision.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /418/

1877 Dec. 11 — John S. HOGUE, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A company is being incorporated for the purpose of building a narrow-gauge railroad connecting Charleston with Parkersburg; thinks it highly probable that the company will ask for and receive assistance from the State by appropriation of moneys for preliminary survey; since the disbursement of same will be under the control of the Board of Public Works, that board will also appoint the chief engineers; requests appointment as engineer; can send references if desired; has all the instruments, and camp equipage which is usually supplied by the State for such surveys if appointed, can use his own equipment which will cost the State nothing.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /419/

1877 Dec. 14 — James V. BOUGHNER, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses application for remittance of sentence of John Manning; thinks Manning deserves pardon because of very bad health; never committed any other crime, and has an invalid wife in destitute circumstances; refers Governor to John Wagner, a bank cashier, for further personal information; the names on the application are from the local bar association.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /420/

Enclosure missing.

1877 Dec. 14 — W. V. VERNON, President, Board of Education, Wirt Court House /Elizabeth/, W. Va. To W. K. PENDLETON, Esq., State Superintendent of Free Schools.

Encloses application for restoration of the Peabody fund; application shows how the fund was withdrawn; thinks that this school is more entitled to the fund than the school at Burning Springs because more children are being educated here; requests necessary blanks upon which to make the proper application.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /421/

Enclosure missing.

1877 William F. ELDRIDGE, Lawrence, Mass. To Gov.
Dec. 14 H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests information regarding the raising of sheep in West Virginia for the production of wool; is employed in a woolen mill and is studying the wool industry; desires to go into the sheep raising industry; is now looking for a place to locate.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /422/

On verso: The following are first class wool growers in West Virginia, who can give full information concerning same: J. C. Gest, Esq., and C. H. Beall, Esq., of Wellsburg, Brooke County, W. Va.; J. E. Sisson and James William McCulloch, Wheeling, W. Va.; John Ingram, Cameron, W. Va. Signed by H. K. Lutz.

1877 Mrs. W. W. CAIN. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Dec. 15 Encloses a petition requesting the pardon of William W. Cain, sentenced to 2 years in State prison at the September term of court, 1877; his wife and six small children are dependent upon him; she has no means of support except through an aged father who is 64 years old; Cain was induced to commit crime by two men, one of whom posed as a private detective; all of Cain's neighbors believe him innocent; the petition has been signed by Cain's neighbors and Asa Phillips, who prosecuted the warrant against him; asks for the pardon that Cain's suffering family may be relieved.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /423/

Enclosure missing.

1877 W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, State Penitentiary,
Dec. 17 Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Replies to Governor's recent inquiry regarding Buchanan; from the records, Buchanan's time expires on January 5, 1878, he having served all of his good time.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /424/

1877 S. P. McCORMICK, Prosecuting Attorney, Taylor
Dec. 17 County, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Objects to the pardon of John Lamden, convicted for murder of Thomas Henderson; has been informed that Riley, an accomplice of Lamden made affidavit that he /Riley/ committed the murder; Riley made the same statement at the time of the trial but due to Henderson's dying statement that Lamden did the deed, Lamden was convicted; in the last 3 years there have been three murders here, two convictions and one awaiting trial; if these men are pardoned it will have an injurious effect here; does not doubt but that Lamden is guilty and believes that the Governor will be convinced upon investigation; Riley has fled since making affidavit.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /425/

1877 James V. BRAUGHNER /Boughner/, Morgantown, W. Va.
Dec. 18 To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a copy of the case, State vs. John Manning; thinks that the conviction was forced and rested upon an assumption; had it been transversed the conviction could not have been made; a granddaughter of Manning's committed the theft of the property named in the indictment against Manning and was convicted of felony at the same term of the circuit court and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary; she was a member of Manning's family and lived in his home; Manning persistently declined to employ competent counsel and was advised by a young man recently admitted to the bar to plead guilty; when Manning was originally sentenced, he had an examination before one of the most intelligent justices in this county and was discharged on the same evidence submitted to the grand jury; the real charge was having stolen goods in his house of which it was assumed by the grand jury, he had a guilty knowledge.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. /426/

For enclosure see entry 427.

1877 A. HAYMOND, Clerk of Circuit Court, Monongalia
Dec. 18 County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

John Manning, convicted of a misdemeanor, namely stealing household goods from John R. Thompson, was sentenced to six months in the county jail and court costs.

A.L.S. 5 pp. 30 cm. x 20 cm. /427/

1877 Israel C. MYTER, Wellsburg, Brooke County, W. Va.
Dec. 19 To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition for the pardon of William Kines, convicted of grand larceny in the September term, 1877, of the circuit court for Brooke County; Kines worked for A. P. Hancher who owed him a "considerable" amount of money which could not be collected; without considering the effects of his act, Kines appropriated goods belonging to A. P. Hancher, to use in order to get his money; the petition was signed by the most influential citizens in the county; only two persons refused to sign this petition.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. /428/

Enclosure missing.

1877 R. M. D/ELAPLAIN/, Martinsburg /W. Va./. To
Dec. 24 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Will carry out your instructions regarding Chipley. If practicable please have sent to Capt. Faulkner 180 cartridge boxes such are in use by the MLG."

Telegram. /429/

1877 A/lbert/ G. REGER, Attorney-at-Law, Philippi,
Dec. 25 W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is forwarding the petition signed by over 200 citizens of Barbour County, asking for the full pardon of Richard Talbott; Talbott was convicted of felony at the November term, 1876, of the circuit court of Barbour County; the petition is signed by nine of the jurors in the case and the prosecuting attorney, R. P. Brown; it is stated in the petition that Talbott was convicted upon the unsupported testimony of an accomplice and there was some doubt as to his guilt; requests a full pardon for Talbott.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [430]

1877 Dec. 26 T. A. BRADFORD, Philippi [W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In November 1876, Richard Talbott was tried in this county and convicted of house-breaking; he was sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary; did not defend him before his trial, therefore, thinks that he [Bradford] can speak with more indifference; Talbott was convicted entirely upon the evidence of an accomplice; has heard that a petition for Talbott's pardon has been sent to the Governor; after consideration of the case, hopes that the Governor will grant the pardon; believes that the prisoner has been amply punished even if he is partially guilty; everyone will be satisfied if pardon is granted.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [431]

1877 Dec. 28 A. G. DAVIS, Morgantown, W. Va. To Thomas J. WEST.

At request of many citizens in Monongalia County, requests a pardon for W. W. Cain who was convicted and sentenced by the circuit court of this county at the September term of court, 1877; he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in State prison; he has a needy family dependent upon him and was "the victim of others far more criminal"; the Governor's favorable consideration of this case will be appreciated by many citizens.

A.L.S. 1 p. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [432]

1877 Dec. 28 A. G. DAVIS, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A number of highly reputable and substantial citizens of this county have recently petitioned for the pardon of W. W. Cain who was sentenced to serve 2 years in the State penitentiary by the circuit court of Monongalia County; it is quite probable that the states attorney [prosecuting attorney] will oppose the granting of this pardon but his objections are of a personal character; writes this letter because of a strong desire to aid a suffering family and help an unfortunate man whom Davis believes was

"more of a dupe of others than he was a criminal"; thinks that executive clemency in this case would be both just and merciful.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 30 cm. x 20 cm. [433]

1878 Jan. 3 J. W. MASON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has talked with William Morrow in regard to application which he proposes to make to the Governor for the pardon of his son Thomas Morrow; Thomas Morrow was convicted at the March term of the circuit court in 1877 for stealing goods from a car belonging to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Grafton; was local counsel for the company and it was his duty to prosecute Morrow; Morrow was spending most of his time at the home of a Mrs. Turner; Mrs. Turner's son was also involved in the theft; the goods were found in her home; "They swore most of it on Morrow"; the Turner boy was sentenced to six months in the county jail; Morrow is from a very good family; requests that a pardon be granted.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [434]

1878 Jan. 4 J. N. GALLAHER, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

This letter will be given to the Governor by William Morrow who visits the Governor in the interest of his son Thomas Morrow, who is now confined in the West Virginia Penitentiary; does not know anything about the case but has been informed by reliable authorities that the bearer, William Morrow, is a gentleman of excellent character and that full credit can be given to his representations; requests that the Governor give Morrow's petition consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [435]

1878 Jan. 4 W. L. BRIDGES and others, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies to the good behavior of the prisoner Thomas G. Morrow.

Signed by: W. L. Bridges, Frank W. Brown, and James K. Smith. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [436]

1878 Jan. 5 O. M. HEISHELL, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces William Morrow of Grafton; from a short acquaintance with Mr. Morrow has formed a very favorable opinion of the man; believes that Morrow, under no circumstances, would make a false statement; has always hesitated in signing petitions for the pardon of criminals; has no hesitancy, however, in signing this one.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [437]

1878 Jan. 8 — S. BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va. To WEST VIRGINIA SENATE.

In accordance with section 37, chapter 118 of the Acts of 1872-73, submits the official returns of the election held on the second Tuesday of October 1878, for member of the Senate together with a list of the members appearing thereby to have been elected.

A.L.S. 1 p. 28 cm. x 22 cm. /438/

1878 Jan. 9 — Will A. STRICKLER, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Harrisville, Ritchie County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The seal of the Ritchie County circuit court is in a very bad condition; it is almost impossible to get an impression from it; wants to know if Mathews can furnish a new one or have the old one repaired.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /439/

1878 Jan. 10 — William G. LEVAL, Commissioner of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a circular, sketching a plan for an exhibit of American agricultural products in preparation by the Department for the coming exposition in Paris; wishes to know if West Virginia will aid in the exhibit; the time for a reply is limited.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /440/

Enclosure missing.

1878 Jan. 14 — Thos. E. DAVIS, Prosecuting Attorney, Ritchie County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that the Governor of West Virginia issue a requisition upon the Governor of Pennsylvania for the arrest and rendition of Philip Curry, late resident of this county; Curry is charged and found guilty of bastardy; he was placed in charge of the jailer of Ritchie County and escaped; thinks that Curry should be brought back to this State until said bond shall be given or he be legally discharged; designates J. N. Kendall to act as agent of this State but to act at his own cost; certifies that Kendall has no personal interest in the arrest and return of said fugitive.

A.L.S. 1 p. 35 cm. x 20 cm. /441/

1878 Jan. 14 — B. F. MITCHELL, Sheriff of Ritchie County, /Harrisville, W. Va./.

Affidavit: Wherein B. F. Mitchell, sheriff of Ritchie County, had committed to his charge, Philip A. Curry, under order of the county court of Ritchie County at June term, 1876; Curry was being held for safe keeping by the said sheriff and his deputy J. N. Kendall until he should have executed a bond payable to the Board of Overseers of the Poor, in the penalty of $300 for the maintenance of a bastard child of which he had been convicted as being father; while

said Curry was in the sheriff's custody, he escaped through violence, "without giving bond or being legally discharged and is now going at large"; notarized by G. W. Arnold, notary public.

D.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /442/

1878 Jan. 23 — J. D. SMITH, Spencer, Roane County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests remission of fine, in the amount of $25, imposed "upon me for charge upon an indictment for assault and battery"; was not at the trial; was given only a few days notice of indictment before trial; is a physician and could not leave patients on such short notice; indictment was tried in his absence and he was fined $25; the prosecuting attorney and the court now in session favors the remission of the fine.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /443/

1878 Jan. 24 — W. P. COOPER, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that A. Brooks Fleming, Esq., be appointed judge to fill the vacancy created by the death of Hon. Charles S. Lewis; Fleming has a large circle of friends and commands the respect of everyone; there has never been a judge of the circuit court from Marion County.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /444/

1878 Jan. 25 — A. F. HAYMOND, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor to appoint A. Brooks Fleming for judge to fill vacancy caused by death of C. S. Lewis; Fleming is a native of Marion County; he is well qualified, liked, and respected by professional associates; he has exceptionally good habits and is well liked by the general public.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /445/

1878 Jan. 26 — Lewis HAYMOND, Attorney-at-Law, West Union, Doddridge County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Favors the appointment of A. Brooks Fleming for the judgeship left vacant by death of C. S. Lewis; thinks that the applicant would give general satisfaction to the people; he is an able lawyer, "a gentleman of unbending integrity"; he would be an impartial judge and could be re-elected in the fall election.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /446/

1878 Jan. 26 — Geo. I. ARNOLD and others, Attorneys-at-Law, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned, practicing in Lewis County, West Virginia, requests the appointment of Hon. Gideon W. Camden of Clarksburg, as 2nd judicial

circuit judge to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Charles S. Lewis; "His former judicial career has established his fame and his virtues endear him to the people."

Signed by: Geo. I. Arnold, J. M. Bennett, W. G. Bennett, Andrew Edmiston, and Wm. G. Lively. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /447/

1878 Jan. 29 J. W. MASON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A petition is now being circulated through the 2nd judicial circuit recommending the appointment of Hon. Thos. W. Harrison to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Lewis; trusts that the Governor will withhold the appointment until this petition reaches him; wishes to call the Governor's attention to the fact that at the last election for judge in this circuit Judge Harrison was duly elected; the records now on file at the Capitol will fully verify this statement; thinks that justice can now be done to Judge Harrison and the voters; has heard but one opinion since Judge Lee's death and that is that Harrison should be appointed; believes that his appointment would give almost universal satisfaction.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /448/

1878 Feb. 7 Eliza COLE, Rosby's Rock, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know if the Governor has made up his mind regarding a pardon for her husband, John Cole; she is a mother with five small children and no means of support; two of the children have no shoes; she has no means of getting clothing for these children; requests the Governor to pardon her husband that the family will not have to suffer; wishes that the Governor could see for himself and not just take her word for it that they need help.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 12.5 cm. /449/

1878 Feb. 10 Robert P. PORTER, Associate Editor of the Inter-Ocean, Chicago, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of Governor's last annual message to the General Assembly of West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /450/

1878 Feb. 11 Supt. W. L. BRIDGES, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to call the Governor's attention to the case of Calvin Arthur, an inmate of this institution; more than a year ago a petition, signed by many citizens, was presented to the Governor, in behalf of Calvin Arthur; it is doubtless on file in Mathews' office; Arthur's conduct has been uninterruptedly excellent; he has served the greater part of his sentence;

this life is beginning to tell on him; requests Arthur's release.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /451/

1878 Feb. 14 A. M. CAMPBELL, Prosecuting Attorney for Roane County, Spencer, W. Va. To R. STALNAKER, Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Does not know who signed Dr. Smith's petition; cannot say definitely whether it was the same court before which he was convicted.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /452/

1878 Feb. 19 S. P. McCORMICK, Prosecuting Attorney, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been told that the Governor will receive a petition for the pardon of Thomas Morrow; is convinced that Morrow was properly convicted and cannot approve of statements in petition regarding case; Morrow has served over half of a two-year sentence; he has never before been charged with a crime; suggests that if Morrow should return and pursue an honest life, he be granted a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /453/

1878 Feb. 19 John W. MASON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that Governor grant Thomas Morrow a pardon; Morrow's father died recently and left a large family who are wholly dependent on Thomas Morrow to support them; the railroad company agrees to give him his father's job so that he can support the family, if freed; the man convicted with him was set at liberty a long time ago.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /454/

1878 Feb. 20 A. C. HAMMOND, Sykesville, Carroll County, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was informed yesterday that he had been removed as a trustee at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; "You have been deceived by the parties there"; several years ago Philip Pendleton asked Hammond to resign in his favor; wrote immediately, for the opinions of other members of the board; one of the most prominent lawyers in the State wrote that the Governor could not remove Hammond from the board; he stated further that the board is full now and "for me to hold on. I was appointed by the Legislature and my residence makes no difference"; will not permit the board to be bothered by Pendleton; "he /Pendleton/ is no use to himself or anyone else"; is paralyzed but always attends the yearly meeting; refers the Governor to men who know him /Hammond/; these references are: Judge J. B. Hodge, Hon. Jas. Forest Kiner, Hon. B. F. Martin,

Judge James Armstrong, Hon. Bery Wilson, and the State's Attorney General.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [455]

1878 Mar. 7 — A. BRIGHT, Caldwell, Greenbrier County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Mathews' assistance "in getting Dr. Camden to take charge of my poor afflicted son Austin"; thinks that the Governor knows how his family has tried to care for the boy but has failed; Bright's son has been wandering all over the country and never stays more than 2 months in any one place; the boy has been a "continual dread on my mind"; expects to hear that the boy has done something desperate; believes that Mathews knows the Bright family well enough to believe that they would not ask for assistance in the management of their son if it could possibly be done otherwise.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [456]

1878 Mar. 11 — Wm. STEELE, Adjutant General of Texas, Austin, Texas. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a list of fugitive felons, recently published in Texas; this is a second edition; the first edition has proven that it is the proper way to treat the criminal question; criminals are bound to no locality and are always moving to new fields; their description should go with them; suggests an interstate exchange of such information.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [457]

Enclosure missing.

1878 Mar. 12 — F. B. LAWBORN, Secretary, American Social Science Association, 5 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The secretaries of the conference of charities whose printed circular is appended, have requested that Governor Mathews' attention be called to the next meeting of the conference in Cincinnati and hope that he will take the proper measures whereby the State of West Virginia will be represented in the conference.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [458]

Enclosure missing.

1878 Mar. 12 — Eliza COLE, Rosby's Rock, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for her husband; has five small children to take care of; there are eight in the entire family and they are in very destitute circumstances; they are being forced to move but have no money and no place to go; her husband has been in prison for a year.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [459]

1878 Mar. 14 D. McGREGOR, Cairo, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received Stalnaker's letter of the 11th inst. and thanks him for the manual and notice.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /460/

1878 Mar. 17 W. S. WILEY and others, Wetzel County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request pardons for the following: James W. Keely, George Brooks, George Murray, James Hamilton, James Divine, John Clark; they were convicted at the May term of Wetzel County circuit court of unlawfully taking a skiff, valued at $20, the property of John O. Paden; all are young men from good families; at time of taking skiff, they were traveling down the Ohio River on foot and when near Sardis, found the boat on the river shore; taking possession of same, they rowed down the river to St. Marys where they left the boat; believe that none of them were aware of the magnitude of the offense and as they have already served 11 months, ask that the Governor grant each a pardon.

Signed: W. S. Wiley, Pros. Atty., John Stender, Sheriff, John C. McEldowney, Clerk of Circuit and County Courts, and 38 others. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /461/

1878 Apr. 1 A. M. CAMPBELL, Prosecuting Attorney, Roane County, Spencer, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received a communication from Governor's secretary, Mr. Stalnaker, regarding the enclosed petitions of Dr. J. D. Smith; Messrs. Keene and Hunt were the justices on the bench at the trial of the doctor's case; Smith says that there "is a little unpleasantness existing between him and Mr. Keene and that he never presented it to him and that Justice Hunt lives 30 or 35 miles from him"; refers the Governor especially to Justice Daniel Looney, who lives near Dr. Smith and who perhaps knows more about the case than the others; some of the gentlemen signing the petition are "our best citizens."

A.L.S. 1 p. 28.7 cm. x 15 cm. /462/

For enclosure see entry 469.

1878 Apr. 8 Jas. M. McDONALD, Secretary of the Commonwealth and State Librarian, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

On the suggestion of Col. J. M. Bennett of West Virginia, who is now in Richmond, forwards the enclosed papers; the Codes referred to were forwarded and have never been paid for; the price was $3.00 per copy; Colonel Bennett says that the Codes were called for under a resolution submitted by himself, as a member of the Legislature; "he is of the opinion that you

will not object to making payment out of your contingent fund."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 16.5 cm. /463/
Enclosure missing.

1878 Apr. 24 M. CAMPBELL, M.D., and others, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the 1875 December term of the Wood County circuit court, Cornelius Mertin and Samuel Washington were jointly indicted and tried upon two indictments; they were convicted of housebreaking and sentenced to two terms in the penitentiary; one term has been served and a portion of the second; was one of the prosecuting witnesses in each of the two cases; believes that the punishment already received has been sufficient; request pardons for the prisoners.

Signed: M. Campbell, Barna Powell, R. E. Harnor, and 50 others. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /464/
Names of signers in Appendix A.

1878 Apr. 26 Mrs. C. E. MASSEY, Hinton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for her husband; is alone and has no means of support; the gentlemen who signed the petition for his release are honorable, respectable citizens; thinks him innocent of the crime for which he was convicted.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /465/
See entry 468.

1878 Apr. 27 Jas. McDONALD, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Richmond, Va. To S. BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received the treasurer's warrant for $18 in payment for six copies of the Code of 1860, purchased from this State several years ago and the request for a receipt of same; since that time the clerk of accounts has been confined by serious illness; in absence of the clerk, is obliged to apply to Brady for the date of the transaction which he believes to be 1872; will send receipt as soon as requested information is received.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 15.5 cm. /466/

1878 May 14 John THOMPSON and others, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was convicted in the spring of 1877, by the Kanawha County circuit court, for the shooting of J. C. Wolf with intent to maim; was sentenced to serve 2 years in State penitentiary; has served about one half of that time; refers Governor to the certificate now on file, made by superintendent of State prison as well as to the names of the signers to this petition who reside in Charleston.

Signed: John Thompson, Silas Morgan, Jailer,

Joel S. Quarrier, Clerk of County Court, and 34 others, 2 pp. 32 cm. x 21 cm. [467]
Names of signers in Appendix A.

1878 May 15 — Cynthia E. MASSEY, Hinton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Forwarded petitions for the release of her husband on April 26th; desires to know if Governor received same; "it was my son-in-law who sent him there, so that he could do as he pleased with my property"; needs husband's help on her farm; wants to know when husband will be pardoned.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [468]
See entry 465.

1878 May 23 — J. D. SMITH, Newton, Roane County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests early consideration of enclosed petition; also encloses certificates made by Daniel Looney, Esq., and John Ferrell, members of the grand jury when the indictment "was purported to have been found against me"; thinks that it was a fraud and malicious prosecution, even to the extent that the members of the jury knew nothing about it; refers Governor also to Ed. Bliss, clerk in the auditor's office; if Governor desires to communicate with Looney or Ferrell he may address both at Roxieana, Roane County, W. Va.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [469]
Enclosure missing.

1878 May 28 — J. E. HOOTON, Prosecuting Attorney, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for John Cole, convicted for shooting George Knight and sentenced to serve 3 years in State prison; a petition being presented is signed by J. L. Parkinson, Esq., who was prosecuting attorney of the county at the time of the trial; prior to the shooting Cole had a good character; he has a helpless family for which there is much sympathy in the county; believes that the law has been vindicated in this case.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [470]

1878 June 5 — J. W. GALLAHER, Wholesale Merchant, Water Street, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Regarding the application for a pardon for John Cole, confined in State prison for manslaughter, wishes to state that Cole has behaved well since his confinement; upon further inquiry from the prosecuting attorney, finds that there was some doubt in regard to the killing having been intentional; the opinion prevails in the neighborhood in which the shooting occurred that it was accidental; believes that it

would be an act of mercy to restore this man to his needy family.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /471/

1878 June 17 Geo. LOOMIS, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition for a reprieve of James Riley, convicted of an assault with intent to kill; does not hesitate to say that it is a case most strongly appealing to executive clemency; "The attack was first made upon the boy who used a knife, it is true, but who happened to have it already in his hand and was whittling with it as he came to the parties. There could have been no meditation of the affray by him as he had no expectation of seeing the state witness but casually came across him and his two associates, loading their wagon in the woods at an unusual place for them to be"; favorable action in the premise will meet the approval of all persons who have a correct knowledge of the affair.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /472/

Enclosure missing.

1878 June 27 R. C. GUSTON, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Dr. A. C. Hammond, one of the trustees of Berkeley Springs has moved from the State, thus creating a vacancy in the board; by act of the Legislature of February 1872, the executive is authorized to fill this vacancy; it is desirable that the vacancy be filled soon; suggests that Philip Pendleton be given the place; Mr. Pendleton resides here and is interested in the Springs property; no more suitable person could be selected and if appointed, he will make a most efficient board member.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /473/

1878 June 29 M. D. BORUCK, President, California State Board of Agriculture, Sacramento, Cal. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In behalf of the California State Board of Agriculture extends a most cordial invitation to Mathews to visit the 25th Annual Fair of California, commencing in Sacramento on September 16, as guest of the Society.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /474/

1878 July 9 J. S. DUCKWELL, Member of Board of Trustees of Berkeley Springs, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that the board of trustees be notified and consulted before making an additional appointment; there are no vacancies in the board; it has always been the policy of the board to recommend and the

Governor to appoint; nine-tenths of the board are opposed to any appointment.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [475]

1878 July 13 — Philip PENDLETON, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. To Sobieski BRADY, Secretary of State [Wheeling, W. Va.].
Received commission from Governor as trustee of the Berkeley Springs; the appointment caused quite a commotion among certain members of the board; however, has learned that the appointment is highly satisfactory to citizens generally.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [476]

1878 July 17 — Joseph R. VANNAUT and others, Barbour County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Request a pardon for William F. Callihan who at the May term of Barbour County circuit court, 1877, was convicted and sentenced to two years in State prison; have forwarded a certified copy of Callihan's record of conviction and other papers that may be used in support of this petition.
Signed: Joseph R. Vannaut, A. M. Douglass, J. B. A. Simon, and 94 others. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.
Names of signers in Appendix A. [477]

1878 July 18 — Charles J. FAULKNER, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has heard that the Governor has recently appointed a trustee of Berkeley Springs; the law limits the board to 16 members; no vacancy exists; Dr. A. C. Hammond, although a non-resident, is an active member of board and appointed by the Legislature of Virginia; hopes the Governor will reconsider the appointment and not create a conflict about the board.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [478]

1878 July 18 — Edmond BLANCHARD, Bellefont, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests the Governor to be present at a meeting in Charleston, West Virginia, of Pennsylvanians who are interested in developing the coal, iron, and timber of West Virginia; they are also interested in building a railroad from Charleston to the Potomac.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [479]

1878 July 24 — John B. LAFITTE and others, New Orleans, La. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Request the Governor to appoint 10 delegates to represent the State of West Virginia at the Convention for Promotion of American Commerce which is being held on December 3, 1878.
Signed: John B. Lafitte, William C. Black, Samuel H. Kennedy, Edward A. Palfrey, John H. Kennard, Thomas D. Miller, and Clem L. Walker. 1 p. 22 cm. x 20 cm. [480]

1878 Philip PENDLETON, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. To
July 26 Sobieski BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va.

Was not surprised at the information sent by Brady; it merely shows the "trepidation which my appointment as a member of the board of trustees here has produced amongst a certain set of men who as members also of the board, have had control of these Springs for years past"; the Act of 1872, establishing the present board provided that all acts not inconsistent therewith are in full force; was credibly informed by a member of the board who was present at the last meeting, that they recognized the vacancy, occasioned by the removal of one of its members from the State and were about to recommend someone to the Governor to fill the vacancy but "the action of the Governor in the appointment of me has defeated their scheme"; "if I should adopt the suggestion which has been made and return the commission" it would only add to the embarrassment of the Governor; requests the name of the trustee who has written the Governor concerning the subject; if there is or was no vacancy, as provided by Act of 1876, "my appointment is null and void and I shall in that event, return the commission unhesitatingly"; is certain, however, that a vacancy did exist; "in view of the duty I owe to the state and to the public - to say nothing of that to myself, I must decline for the present to do so"; expects to present to the legislature the maladministration of affairs at Berkeley Springs but could not do so unless he was a member of the board of trustees; suggests that the Governor and Brady be on their guard; "as to any representations eminating from certain sources until you shall be apprised of the true state of the matter."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /481/

1878 Lewis HAYMOND, Attorney-at-Law, West Union, Dod-
July 29 dridge County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a petition for the pardon of Thomas Powell, sentenced from this county last November, for a term of 1 year for involuntary manslaughter; the petition has 242 signers, among whom are members of the jury which tried the case and many prominent and reputable citizens; the offense for which Powell was convicted occurred under aggravating circumstances, and he was intoxicated at the time; Powell was confined in jail here for a long time prior to his trial; he is a young man, industrious and peaceful when not drinking; he has a large dependent family; thinks this a case for executive clemency; requests a pardon be granted to Powell.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /482/

Enclosure missing.

1878 Aug. 9 Edgar DOUGLASS, Overfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor not to honor the petition favoring William F. Callihan, convicted of robbery; he was sentenced to serve 2 years in the State penitentiary at May term of Barbour County circuit court; has known Callihan since infancy; he is now 40 years old and has always been a desperate character; he has not been clear of indictments for many years; refers Governor to Huntersville court records; Rev. G. W. Barrett will certify that the above is true.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [483]

1878 Aug. 23 L. R. HOAGLAND, Assistant Adjutant General, Columbus, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Order #7 grants permission to Canadian troops, 150 men commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Cowan, to enter the State of Ohio to attend "Soldiers and Sailors National Reunion", at Marietta, Ohio, and to remain during the month of September 1878, if they so desire; order #8 is the same as #7 except that it is made upon application of his Excellency Henry M. Mathews, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of West Virginia.

D.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [484]

1878 Aug. 24 W. N. CHANCELLOR, Camden & Company, Jobbers in Merchandise and oil, Parkersburg, W. Va. To R. STALNAKER, Jr., Secretary to Governor, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses a petition favoring the release of Cornelius Martin and Sam Washington, now confined in the State penitentiary; this petition is signed by a large number of the best citizens.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. [485]

Enclosure missing.

1878 Aug. 27 William HATHEY and others, Marietta, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned residents of Washington County, Ohio, request a pardon for Logan Price, now confined in the penitentiary at Moundsville, West Virginia; Price was tried at Parkersburg in September 1877; he was charged with breaking into a house belonging to a Mr. Harris and stealing a pair of shoes; he was convicted and sentenced to serve a term of 2 years; he has now served 1 year; have known Price all his life and do not believe him guilty of the crime; have been informed that only circumstantial evidence was produced against him; Price is a widower and has three small children who are totally dependent upon him; the youngest is only 3 years old; Price has no relatives with sufficient means to care for his children.

Signed: William Hathey, Amon P. Huff, G. W.

Claymore, and 44 others. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.
Names of signers in Appendix A. /486/

1878 Aug. 27 J. G. McCLUER, Attorney-at-Law, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a petition for the pardon of Samuel Washington, colored, who is now in the penitentiary of West Virginia; knew him in Lexington, Virginia; owned his wife, and "my room was attended by Sam - a great portion of the time for about seven years"; he had free access to the room at all times and was perfectly honest; he was a faithful, humble, and obedient servant; hopes that the Governor will find that granting Washington a pardon will be consistent with his duty.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /487/

On verso: "Receipt of letter and petition acknowledged Aug. 29/78. Mr. McCluer advised of the absence of the Gov. on important official business - that he expects to return about 15th prox, when he will doubtless give the letter and the subject to which it relates proper consideration."

Enclosure missing.

1878 Aug. 28 Richard M. BISHOP, Governor of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges Governor Mathews' request concerning a permit to the West Virginia Militia to enter this State for the purpose of attending the reunion at Marietta, Ohio, on the 3rd-6th of September 1878; will find full permission therefor in the accompanying General Order No. 8.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /488/

For enclosure see entry 484.

1878 Sep. 28 G. W. PARSONS, Commission, Ohio and West Virginia Improvements, Pittsburg, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Aware of Mathews' interest in river improvement, has been instructed by the manager of the commission to issue a special invitation to the Governor to attend the exposition on next Friday, October 4th, which will be Ohio River Improvement Day.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21.5 cm. /489/

1878 Sep. 30 Wm. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of State Prison, Moundsville, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Upon return from Yaricksville Fair learned that reports have been circulated "that I had absconded with $1800 in State funds, that I had quarrelled with Capt. Andrew Wilson, that I never intended to return to the prison, that I was off on a general spree and that I had overdrawn my bank account"; all these re-

ports are false, except that "I did have several drinks, and /reports/ have emanated from persons who would use any means to have my position vacated"; has the money to pay all indebtedness to the State and expects to deposit same tomorrow; left the prison because "I never try to do duty here unless thoroughly capacitated"; requests that the matter be discussed with the Governor and that he be notified if the Governor desires to see him.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /490/

1878
Oct. 1 Robert WHITE, Attorney General of West Virginia, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits statements marked as A, B, C, of cases pending in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, October 1, 1878, circuit court of Ohio County, October 1, 1878, and in the circuit court and District Court of the United States; has prepared and completed volumes 10 and 11 of cases decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals and is now engaged in preparing Volume 12.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27 cm. x 21 cm. /491/

1878
Oct. 1 A. J. WARNER, Marietta, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends a pardon for Logan Price, now confined in the penitentiary for stealing a pair of shoes; has known Price for a number of years and his family and connections, all of whom are respectable citizens; Price has worked for Warner a number of times; he is simple minded, of an innocent disposition, and not naturally a criminal; hopes that the Governor will find it consistent to grant the pardon requested.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 19 cm. /492/

Enclosed in entry 499.

1878
Oct. 16 George J. ARNOLD, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In conjunction with many other citizens of Lewis County, requests that the Governor exercise all his power in releasing John Carpenter, convicted by Lewis County circuit court last March and sentenced to serve 2 years at the State prison; he was charged with grand larceny; Carpenter is a young man and has a small family to support; his health is very bad; does not think Carpenter would have committed the crime with which he was charged except that an "old Criminal made him drunk and then induced him to assist in the theft"; thinks that the ends of justice have been met in this case and that he will never again trouble anyone as a criminal.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27 cm. x 20 cm. /493/

1878 Oct. 21 H. B. GILKESON, Secretary, Institute for Deaf Mutes and Blind, Romney, W. Va. To M. F. HULLIHEN.

Encloses a copy of the Resolution of the board, authorizing you and myself to borrow money and the notes which the Governor requested prepared; they are drawn up in accordance with Gilkeson's idea of what is requisite and he hopes they will be satisfactory to the bank; has just made a copy of the board's order to pay Mr. Cooke $300 and will mail it tomorrow; hopes that Hullihen will have no difficulty in securing the loan.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [494]

For enclosure see entry 495.

1878 Oct. 21 H. B. GILKESON, Secretary, Institute for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, Romney, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies that the following is a true copy of the resolution passed by board of regents at meeting on October 17, 1878: "Resolved that Doct. M. F. Hullihen, President of the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institute for the Deaf & Dumb and Blind, and H. B. Gilkeson, Sec. of said Board, be authorized and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose to apply to the Bank of Wheeling for a loan of $3000 on the first of November, 1878, at four months & $3000 on first of January 1879 at three months. The same to be repaid to said Bank by the principal and Secretary out of the next appropriation made by the Legislature to this Institute."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [495]

1878 Oct. 21 James WITHROW, Member of Board of Directors, Hospital for Insane, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Enclosed herewith the report of the directors; it is signed by all members; was absent from the meeting so the report was sent to be inspected and signed; if needed in Wheeling, will try to come; desires an acknowledgment or receipt of the above.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [496]

Enclosure missing.

1878 Oct. 22 T. B. CAMDEN, M.D., Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The reports of this institution which have not been sent to the Governor, have been sent to the printer; the director's report was made out and signed by directors at last meeting and was sent to Colonel Withrow to sign; he was directed to send it to the Governor; the hospital will need at least 250 bond copies of these reports as there are 200 hospitals to supply besides the State doctors.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27 cm. x 21 cm. [497]

1878 Oct. 25 George W. WOODBRIDGE, Marietta, Ohio. To W. E. STEVENSON.

Favors the pardon of Logan Price, spoken of in the accompanying letter by General Warner; concurs with the General that Price is weak-minded; should he /Woodbridge/ write to the Governor it would be of no value unless the letter was endorsed by someone who knows the Governor; requests Stevenson to endorse the letter; has heard that Stevenson knows General Warner, who was lately elected a member of Congress.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 19 cm. /498/

Enclosed in entry 499.

1878 Oct. 31 W. E. STEVENSON, Editor, State Journal, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

George M. Woodbridge, Esq., who writes to the Governor in favor of the pardon of Logan Price is a prominent and influential citizen of Marietta; he is trustworthy and reliable in every sense; the Governor can put entire confidence in what he and General Warner state regarding the convict referred to; has every reason to believe that Price is the harmless and feeble-minded person as represented by these gentlemen.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /499/

For enclosures see entries 492 and 498.

1878 Oct. A. A. SMITH, Clerk of County Court, Roane County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

J. D. Smith was indicted and tried on the charge of assault and battery; he pleaded not guilty but was found guilty by the jury and fined $25; the defendant by counsel moved the court to set aside said verdict, which motion adjourned the court until the following day; it was then ruled by the court that J. D. Smith pay the above fine.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /500/

1878 Nov. 1 H. B. GILKESON, Secretary of the Board of Regents, West Virginia Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, Romney, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Four months after date the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind promises to pay to the Bank of Wheeling the sum of $3,000 for value received.

A.D.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /501/

1878 Nov. 6 Thomas McCAMANT, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has just telegraphed the prosecuting attorney of Preston County, West Virginia, that application for revocation of warrant for rendition of Elihu Gregg, fugitive from justice, would be heard before the

Attorney General of Pennsylvania on Saturday the 9th inst., in this place; it is desired that he or another person representing the prosecutor be present.

Telegram. /502/

1878 Nov. 7 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Charleston, W. Va. To R. STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Call Col. White's attention to this matter. The Governor of Penna. will I think surrender the fugitive."

Telegram. /503/

1878 Nov. 8 E. C. WINES, Honorary President of the International Penitentiary Congress of Stockholm, Irvington, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is preparing a work on the state of prisons and of preventative and reformatory institutions throughout the civilized world; has already gathered a "rich store of material"; requests any material the Governor might have available on the above subject.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /504/

1878 Nov. 8 Capt. Wm. H. STORY, Greene County, Pa. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Affidavit: Wherein Captain Story swears that he, being a resident of Greene County, has taught music for the past 8 or 10 years; was engaged in instructing a brass band at Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia, in March 1869, when the courthouse burned; lived at the Vankirk House which was built on a lot adjoining the courthouse lot; during most of the afternoon, prior to the fire, was writing music in Mr. Startzman's office, located on the 1st floor of the courthouse; there was a printing office on the 2nd floor which was heated by a dangerously defective stove; was awakened about 1 or 2 o'clock on Sunday morning by fire call; when he first saw the fire, a part of the roof of the courthouse, immediately over the printing office and a part of the cupola was in flames; the Vankirk House did not ignite from sparks and heat from courthouse until that building was about half consumed; is quite certain that the fire originated from a fire in the printing office stove; Elihu Gregg was indicted for burning said courthouse; Story and Gregg were boyhood friends and attended the same school at Brownsville, Pennsylvania; always regarded Gregg as a peaceable, quiet, law-abiding citizen; was present at one of his trials but was not a witness; the testimony did not change Story's opinion in the case; at time of the trial, public feeling was so intense against Gregg that he could not have had a fair trial in Preston County; there were rumors that he might be lynched; he was under constant guard; believes that Gregg is innocent.

D.S. 5 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /505/

Notarized by: James E. Sayers, Notary Public, Waynesburg, Greene Co., Pa.

1878
Nov. 8 Wm. G. WOOLEY, Tunnelton, W. Va. To Robert WHITE, Attorney General, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Notified to be in Harrisburg tomorrow. Davenport and I agreed hearing should be first Dec. arrange this matter with Davenport. Suggest third Dec. answer."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 13 cm. [506]

1878
Nov. 9 W. J. BLAND, M.D., Weston, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Certifies that he attended John Carpenter, while a prisoner confined in the jail of Lewis County; he was convicted for felony and sent to the State penitentiary; "He was suffering from hernia which I reduced and applied a truss"; Carpenter, to a very great extent, is disabled for heavy manual labor; has never regarded him as a bad man; believes that he was induced to commit the theft for which convicted, by bad associates; recommends him to executive clemency.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [507]

1878
Nov. 9 Robt. WHITE, Attorney General, Wheeling, W. Va. To the ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg, Pa.

Dispatch from prosecutor of Preston County indicates that his notification reached him too late; asks postponement until December 3rd; counsel for Gregg agreed to postpone until December 1st.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [508]

1878
Nov. 9 Thos. A. EDWARDS and J. M. BENNETT, Weston [W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Enclose a petition for the pardon of John Carpenter, convicted by Lewis County circuit court for grand larceny; he is now confined in the State penitentiary; Carpenter is young and was doubtlessly led into the crime by older criminals; many of the best citizens of the county have signed the petition for his release; it was also signed by the representative in the House of Delegates from Lewis County; request that Governor grant this pardon.

L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 25 cm. [509]

Enclosure missing.

1878
Nov. 11 W. G. BROWN, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Writes this letter in regard to Elihu Gregg, who burned the Preston County Courthouse because his land was to be sold at the courthouse; a Mr. Woltz, who had a room in the courthouse, with his family barely escaped death; a death later, was attributed to this

fire; Gregg's guilt was proven; he was convicted and escaped to the West; later he returned to Preston County, the Governor ordered his arrest but withdrew the warrant; requests Governor and Attorney General White "to put Gregg where he will be secure from causing more trouble."

A.L.S. 5 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /510/

1878 Nov. 14 — W. H. T. LEWIS, Kabletown, Jefferson County, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Your letter with manual received with thanks."

PC.S. 1 p. 12.5 cm. x 7.5 cm. /511/

1878 Nov. 16 — E. S. HYER, Braxton Court House, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr. /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Acknowledges receipt of manual of the Legislature.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /512/

1878 Nov. 18 — S. P. HAWVER, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Acknowledges and thanks Stalnaker for document /manual of the Legislature/.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /513/

1878 Nov. 20 — L. D. ISBELL, Prosecuting Attorney, Fayette County, Fayetteville, W. Va. To William F. GORDON, Louisa County, Va.

Received Gordon's recent letter concerning "Young Walker"; is of the opinion that an appeal by way of a petition, asking for executive clemency, is the surest and best means of procedure; suggests that the petition should be stated so that the members of the jury will sign; it should be stated in the petition that Walker was drunk when he committed the felony and was led into the act by his associates; has been informed that these are the facts, although it was not in the evidence that he was drinking; is willing to help as much as possible to secure Walker's release; "It will be trouble and expense riding over the County looking up the persons in order to get them to sign the petition"; is a relative of L. D. Isbell of Appomattox, who is now in Salisbury, Missouri, as a judge of a circuit.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /514/

1878 Nov. 22 — Geo. H. MOFFETT, Attorney-at-Law, Clover Lick, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Thanks Stalnaker for the copy of rules recently received; it will be of great value as he /Moffett/

intends to be speaker of the House of Delegates next year.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [515]

1878 Nov. 25 — Wm. Maxwell EVARTS, Secretary of State, Washington, [D. C.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The delay involving extradition from foreign countries of fugitive criminals is caused by omitting to comply with some formality rendered necessary by the stipulation of treaty or the rules of Department of State; to prevent similar recurrence and delays in the future, a circular of May 1876 is being sent out; thinks that this circular giving the provisions, will secure the desired results.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [516]

1878 Nov. 26 — E. W. PATTON, Attorney-at-Law, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard that the Governor has a requisition for T. J. Goodrich now confined at Wheeling; an officer from the Governor of Wisconsin delivered same; objects to the delivery of Goodrich to the Wisconsin authorities; as attorney for Goodrich, requests that he be notified when the demand is made; hopes that the Governor will give Goodrich's attorneys an opportunity to show cause why the demand should not be granted.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [517]

1878 Nov. 27 — Robert WHITE, Attorney General, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has not had time to examine very carefully the question of whether or not the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company is liable to taxation; on March 1, 1866, the legislature passed an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Covington and Ohio Railroad Company"; section 7 of the same act provided that "no taxation upon the property of the said company shall be imposed by the State, until the profits of said company shall amount to ten percent on the capital of said company"; on February 26, 1867, the legislature passed another act providing for the consolidation of certain companies therein named, including the Covington and Ohio Railroad Company; it also provided that when such companies shall consolidate, they shall constitute one corporation to be known as the "Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company"; is aware that the courts have held many times that a charter is a contract and that a State can pass no law violating the obligations of such a contract but at the time the acts of the legislature referred to, were passed, the constitution provided that "taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property both real and personal shall be taxed in proportion to its value, to be ascertained as directed by law -

No species of property, from which a tax may be collected, shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, and public property may by law be exempt from taxation"; the State has a right to tax property including that of a corporation; "to divest the state of such an essential attribute of soverignty, the terms of relinquishment should be clear and unequivocal"; the question arises whether or not the act of the legislature referred to, exempting the Covington and Ohio Railroad Company from taxation until its profit on capital stock should amount to 10 percent, under the original State constitution, is now binding upon the State; the present constitution adopted in 1872 has a similar provision and provides further that the legislature shall have power to tax uniform and equal all privileges and franchises of persons and corporations; has been informed that all the property and franchises of the said company as organized under the aforesaid act, have been sold and conveyed from said company under certain deeds of trust and mortgages executed by it and now belong to purchasers thereunder; if such is the case, the immunity from taxation, being a personal privilege to the company to which it was granted is not transferable and could not pass to such purchasers; refers Governor to "Morgan vs. Louisianna, 3 Otto 217"; is of the opinion that the present property of the railroad company in the hands of such purchasers, can be taxed in this State in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law.

A.L.S. 5 pp. 27.5 cm. x 22 cm. [518]

1878 Dec. 6 — S. H. MARTIN, Clerk of Circuit Court, Martinsburg, Berkeley County, W. Va.

State of West Virginia vs. Jacob Schleuss - for selling spirituous liquors to a minor; Schleuss came into court and pleaded guilty to the charge in the indictment and by consent the matter was submitted to the court; it is considered by the court that the State of West Virginia recover from Jacob Schleuss, the sum of $25 fine and costs in this behalf expended.

A.L.S. 6 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [519]

1878 Dec. 10 — G. D. CAMDEN, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has a suit coming up for trial soon in favor of the widow of Sam Powell who was killed by D. Q. Ross; Ross was pardoned by Mathews during the past year; wants to exclude from the jury all persons who signed the petition for Ross' pardon; therefore requests a copy of the petition if it is not inconsistent with the rules of the executive department; if it is not

proper to furnish said petition, asks to be excused for making the application; wishes to see the Governor in Washington soon.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [520]

1878 Dec. 13 — Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va. To Benjamin F. MARTIN, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C.

By direction of Governor Mathews, forwards to Martin his certificate of election.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [521]

1878 Dec. 16 — N. B. FRENCH, Princeton, Mercer County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses expense account incurred as a Boundary Line Commissioner; the account is for one trip to Martinsburg, West Virginia, in November 1878 and one trip to a meeting of a joint commission at Winchester, Virginia, in June 1878.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [522]

Enclosure missing.

1878 Dec. 20 — James PEATFIELD, Ipswitch [Ipswich], Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"I received a line from J. H. Briston of Martinsburg, W. Va. stating that if I sent on 21 cts. for postage you would give me the information, I am inquiring after, in regard to the resources of W. Va."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [523]

1878 Dec. 28 — William B. POWELL. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Makes affidavit, supporting the pardon for John N. Lambden, convicted of stabbing Thomas Henderson; he believes that Lambden is innocent; was a witness at the trial and was convinced of the difficulty of the stabbing; attended Henderson in the office of Dr. Campbell, where Henderson ran immediately after being stabbed; a statement made by Mary Powell, prosecuting witness, that she saw John W. Lambden with a knife before the stabbing is untrue, because it was too dark that night to see anything; notarized by I. J. McGraw.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [524]

1878 Dec. 30 — J. M. McWHORTER, Attorney-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been employed to prosecute claims and try to recover money due for services as State troops during the late war; the rolls were properly made out and sworn to by the proper officers, approved by a Board of Claims and reported to the State Legislature in 1871; the legislature then passed an act appropriating funds to pay it; there was however, a proviso appended which had the effect to defeat the appropria-

tion and they have not been paid; refers to the 1871 Acts of the Legislature, ch. 109; while investigating the pay rolls in Washington, Mr. Thomas, an advising official, remarked "it was silly legislation and the proviso must have been made by some one who had no idea of how business was transacted"; "How are they to be recognized by the U. S. Government on what would be regarded as a recognizition of Claims?"; the Federal Government paid other similar claims readily and promptly and assumed to reimburse the States for such services; Hereford and Kenna say that it would not be difficult to have an act passed for reimbursement of the State; unless such action is taken this State will get nothing from the U. S. Government; writes this letter that the Governor may refer to the situation in his annual message; it is "the matter of moment to many of the States Soverigns"; will bring the rolls from Washington to Wheeling and present them at the next session of the legislature; these rolls have been recognized and approved by the State already, as just and proper claims; can see no reason why they should not be paid.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [525]

1878 Dec. 30 — L. C. ELLIOTT, Deputy Clerk, Barbour County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Transcript of court record: William S. Marks, convicted of a felony - stealing 3 bushels of wheat valued at $4.50 from the warehouse of W. B. Ward - was sentenced at the May term of Barbour County circuit court, 1878, to 2 years in State prison; Thomas P. Brown was prosecuting attorney in the case.

Signed: L. C. Elliott, Deputy Clerk for I. V. Johnson, Clerk of Circuit Court. 10 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [526]

1878 Dec. 30 — Morgan R. WISE, Waynesburg, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Refers Governor to the Pennsylvania Laws, page 74, number 100, for an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania wherein the State of Pennsylvania calls upon the Legislature of the State of West Virginia to act in concert with them "to examine as to the true location of the boundary lines between said states"; hopes that the Governor will call the attention of the legislature to this law and request that they pass a corresponding act so that the boundary lines may be fully adjusted and plainly marked; if not too late, requests the Governor to mention this in his annual message.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [527]

1879 Jan. 1 — Thos. G. SMITH, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Rathbone's reappointment as bank proxy would be generally agreeable.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [528]

1879 Jan. 1 — David H. MYERS, Hampton, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests Governor's assistance in obtaining a pension.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [529]

1879 Jan. 1 — H. B. GILKESON, Secretary of Board of Regents, West Virginia Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute [Romney], W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Promissory note: Three months after date the Board of Regents of the West Virginia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, promises to pay to the Bank of Wheeling, the sum of $3,000 for value received; witnessed by the president and secretary of the board.
A.D.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [530]

1879 Jan. 3 — Wm. KOPES, Cumberland [Md.]. To R. L. DAVIES.
Requests a report of the special committee of legislature appointed to investigate the relations of the State to the company for which Henry M. Braunaw made a minimum report; thinks that it will be found in the Acts of 1864 or 1865.
A.L.S. 1 p. 17.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. [531]

1879 Jan. 6 — Addison VANDANE, Librarian, New Haven [Conn.]. To W. F. MANNY [Maury].
Requests a copy of the Resources of West Virginia for the library; the library now has the most complete collection of State geological reports in existence.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 13 cm. [532]

1879 Jan. 7 — Annie MARTIN, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests the Governor to send a copy of Colonel Colleden's address.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [533]

1879 Jan. 8 — W. C. WICKHAM, 2nd Vice President [C. & O. R.R.], Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has just received the following from the agent in Cannelton: "About four or five hundred miners will leave here in a day or two for Hawk's Nest to stop that mine from work"; also has private information to the same effect; if such conduct is pursued much longer it will result in absolute ruin to the mineral interests of the line in West Virginia; "Cannot you devise some means to put a stop to it."
Telegram. [534]

1879 Jan. 8 — Mollie POWELL, Grafton, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Was one of the witnesses for the State in the trial of John N. Lamden, who was convicted for the killing of Thomas Henderson in April 1877; is also a cousin of Thomas Henderson; is now in favor of the petition for pardon of said Lamden; thinks that he is serving "an erronious sentence in the penitentiary for an offence in which I think the evidence might show another person the guilty one."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /535/

1879 Jan. 9 — Jacob M. KERN, Black Bear Hotel, 425-427 N. Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa. To A. J. SWEENEY, Wheeling, W. Va.

Requests that Sweeney forward this letter to the proper authorities so that he /Kern/ may receive a copy of Resources in West Virginia; is greatly interested in the development of the State; wants the copy for a friend /Professor Grimshaw/ who is engaged in that particular kind of work.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /536/

On verso: A. J. Sweeney. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. Has great faith in Professor Grimshaw, whom he /Sweeney/ met in Paris; requests that a copy of the Resources be sent to Mr. Kern and that it be accompanied by a letter from Professor Grimshaw. A.N.S.

1879 Jan. 9 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Mrs. Jannie WITHIE /Withey/, Parkersburg, W. Va.

"Yours of the 8th received. I take pleasure in stating that the conduct of your son Frank Withie since he has been confined in this institution has been very good. He having obeyed the rules and worked well."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /537/

1879 Jan. 9 — W. C. WICKHAM, 2nd Vice President of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Four hundred men have come down to Hawks Nest and a committee of them have interviewed miners there; these miners refused to stop work and began to work this morning; a mob, which intends to stop the workers, has just started from the station to the mine; requests advice.

Telegram. /538/

1879 Jan. 9 — W. C. WICKHAM, 2nd Vice President, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

One hundred men went up from Paint Creek and Cannelton to Hawks Nest last night; 150 more are join-

ing them this morning; will send further information of action later in the day.
Telegram. /539/

1879 Jan. 9 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"I would order state troops to Hawks Nest. Say Kanawha Rifleman, Greenbrier Company, and some other convenient company with orders to disperse the rioters without any kind of compromise."
Telegram. /540/

1879 Jan. 9 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
Guns and other equipment, boxed and in possession of railroad for shipment to Wheeling under orders of Adjutant General; should the shipment be stopped; "will see old members and will telegraph tomorrow. Think they will."
Telegram. /541/

1879 Jan. 9 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, New York, N. Y. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
The sheriff of Fayette should inform the Governor directly that the civil authorities are powerless; "see to this. Tell Hogeman that I have two companies ready to move. Will telegraph you again."
Telegram. /542/

1879 Jan. 9 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, New York /N. Y./. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
Has telegraphed the Kanawha and Greenbrier companies to be ready; Faulkner's Company has been mustered out; is waiting for information from Bradford; will telegraph again.
Telegram. /543/

1879 Jan. 10 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
"All quiet this morning. Will need the military I fear."
Telegram. /544/

1879 Jan. 10 C. H. McCLUNG, Sheriff of Fayette County, Hawk's Nest, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
May need 1,000 to 1,500 men at any minute to stop mine difficulties; thinks that the civil authorities will be unable to control them; "Can you furnish them."
Telegram. /545/

1879 Jan. 10 J. Wm. APPLETON, Major 1st Batallion, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Don't send my boys into danger without me -

Order me out too."
Telegram. /546/

1879 Jan. 10 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, New York /N. Y./. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
"Was surprised to see telegram to you published in Herald this morning, also your preparations in detail. Don't allow anything to be published unless I direct it."
Telegram. /547/

1879 Jan. 10 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, New York, N. Y. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
Has answered Sheriff C. H. McClung, and told him to notify when he wanted troops; "it is all right about the telegram."
Telegram. /548/

1879 Jan. 10 — J. W. LOT, Fairmont, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
Thought of coming to see Miller; wants to know if Davis Guards and Garrett Rifles should "train up."
Telegram. /549/

1879 Jan. 10 — W. C. WICKHAM, 2nd Vice-President of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been informed that the mob from Cannelton has returned to that place after inducing the miners at Ansted to make demand for higher wages; does not think that there is likely to be any outbreak at this time.
Telegram. /550/

1879 Jan. 10 — Capt. C. P. SNYDER, Commanding Kanawha Riflemen, Charleston, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER.
"Company under arms awaiting orders. Telegraph me at once."
Telegram. /551/

1879 Jan. 12 — W. T. DENNIS, I/llinois/ C/entral/ Railroad, 12 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Will you please inform me if you gave letters of recommendation to George and Jacob Frazier of your City. It is very important for you, sir, and also to parties in this city in regard to the matter."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /552/

1879 Jan. 12 — /Son of Washington D. BOYER/, Reading, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
His father, confined at the State penitentiary at Moundsville for the past 10 or 15 months was convicted on a charge of having stolen a watch worth $8; encloses a letter recently received from father which

explains the situation; believes that his father is innocent of the charge and did not know that he was buying stolen property; has suffered much embarrassment because of his father's unfortunate position; mother, brother, and sister are living next door to poverty in Philadelphia; requests that father be granted executive clemency.

Not signed. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /553/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Jan. 13 — Maj. John Wm. APPLETON, Commanding 1st Battalion, Hawk's Nest, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, 5th Avenue Hotel, New York, N. Y.

The sheriff has about 25 prisoners, suspicious fellows about town; "we had better have more men for guard duty. Ordered Montgomery down. He will be here at three a. m. During the preliminary trials the town may be full of witnesses and should have a good guard"; wants to know what troops from the east can be sent by rail if needed; has some in readiness; telegraphed to the Quartermaster General at Washington asking if overcoats would be sent on Mathews' order but has had no reply; requests the Governor to communicate with that department that coats may be received soon; needs 75 overcoats.

Telegram. /554/

1879 Jan. 13 — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, New York, N. Y. To Col. W. W. MILLER.

"If we have the arms and ammunition wanted by Lowry tell Adj't General to send them."

Telegram. /555/

1879 Jan. 14 — F. M. REYNOLDS and others, Mineral County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned citizens and residents of Mineral County, West Virginia, request a pardon for Benjamin Moore who was convicted of unlawfully cutting Samuel Head; he was convicted at the May term of Mineral County circuit court in 1878 and sentenced to one year in the State penitentiary; deem it a proper case for executive clemency.

Signed: F. M. Reynolds, D. C. Greenwade, Deputy Sheriff, Jas. W. Virts, and 43 others. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /556/
Names of signers in Appendix A.

1879 Jan. 15 — Frank W. BROWN, Clerk of West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

William L. Marks, age 21, native West Virginian charged with house breaking was convicted at May term, 1878, of Barbour County circuit court and was sentenced to 2 years at State prison; records show that his conduct has been good.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 13 cm. /557/

1879 Jan. 15 W. L. BRIDGES, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies that the conduct of William L. Marks, a prisoner from Barbour County has been good.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [558]

1879 Jan. 16 Tyree I. ELLIS, Notary Public, Roane County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Certifies that statements made in the petition in behalf of J. D. Smith for the remission of fine, with the signatures of prosecuting attorney and members of the county court are true; Smith was indicted and tried in Roane County for an assault on Elizabeth Smith, his wife; he was fined $25.

D.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [559]

1879 Jan. 19 W. T. DENNIS, 12 South Water St., Chicago, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Letters supposedly written by Mathews, and presented by George and Jacob Frazier, were fine letters of recommendation, stating that these young men were sober, steady, honest, upright, etc.; they did not prove as recommended; they left very suddenly, without paying board and laundry bills; they borrowed money from one or two parties, a fine gold guard chain from a lady, and a gold watch valued at at least $90; all this was done by the younger boy, George; Jacob seemed much more honest and steady in disposition and frequently reprimanded his brother when he received letters from other women; they both claimed to be married men; they also claimed that their father was a very prominent man and foreman in one of Governor Mathews' large nail factories in Wheeling; "I do not desire in the least to annoy a man holding your position in life, but merely to get at the facts of the case whether you gave these letters or not"; these men should be severely dealt with whether Governor Mathews gave the letters or not.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [560]

1879 Jan. 20 John Blair LINN, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Harrisburg, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"I have the honor to send you a copy of the opinion of Mr. Lear, Atty. Gen'l, in the case of J. E. Gregg."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [561]

1879 Jan. 22 John W. GRANTHAM, Middleway, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of the Governor's annual message; none of the papers in this county have published the message; would particularly like to see that portion devoted to the insane hospital.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. [562]

1879 Jan. 23 Wm. G. WORLEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Sends the enclosed petition at the request of Hon. Wm. G. Brown; is not clear as to the regularity of the petition and the law governing in this matter but knows that it correctly represents the general feeling and sentiment of the people in this locality; Mr. Ford, the State's agent will probably be in Wheeling with the prisoner, next Saturday and will remain there a short time subject to the Governor's orders; "We don't want Gregg hung and don't care about having him brought to the county."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [563]

Enclosure missing.

1879 Jan. 24 F. M. FORD, Waynesburg [Pa.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Gregg's attorney has procured a writ of habeas corpus and Judge Wilson has set the day for the hearing as February 25th; "Please inform me what to do by telegraph. I will remain here if there is any prospect of securing him."

Telegram. [564]

1879 Jan. 27 E. A. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk of the Senate, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is directed by a resolution adopted by the Senate in executive session to inform the Governor that the Senate has confirmed the following nominations submitted by him [Mathews] to the Senate for confirmation on the 11th day of January 1878; Secretary of State, Sobieski Brady of Ohio County; Board of Regents, West Virginia University (appointed June 30, 1877):

1st	Senatorial Dist.	B. W. Allen, Ohio Co.
2nd	" "	James Morrow, Jr., Marion Co.
3rd	" "	M. S. Hall, Ritchie Co.
4th	" "	D. D. Johnson, Tyler Co.
5th	" "	James Stewart, Putnam Co.
6th	" "	Henry S. Walker, Kanawha Co.
7th	" "	H. C. Simms, Cabell Co.
8th	" "	A. F. Mathews, Greenbrier Co.
9th	" "	F. J. Farnsworth, Upshur Co.
10th	" "	H. W. Brock, Monongalia Co.
11th	" "	John A. Robinson, Mineral Co.
12th	" "	Daniel B. Lucas, Jefferson Co.

Board of Directors, West Virginia Hospital for Insane:

James Witherow	Greenbrier Co.
Dr. M. Campbell	Wood Co.
A. A. Lewis	Lewis Co.
W. E. Lively	Lewis Co.
E. Rolston	Lewis Co.
William L. Hearne	Ohio Co.
J. S. Armstrong	Jackson Co.
J. W. Grantham	Jefferson Co.
C. M. Bishop	Preston Co.

Board of Regents West Virginia University (appointed July 1, 1878):
B. W. Allen Ohio Co.
James Morrow, Jr. Marion Co.
State Superintendent of Tobacco Warehouses:
P. H. McCullough
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /565/

1879 Jan. 28 Eugene UNDERWOOD, Louisville, Ky. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses recent address upon the subject of the commerce of the Mississippi Valley and the improvement of its rivers; expects to send also an authentic copy of the proceedings of the National and International Convention held in New Orleans during the past month; urges the Governor to comply with the convention "in its request as the objects to be sought by the proposed commission are of paramount importance to the state's interest collectively and severally"; can see no reason why the states may not make them the subject of special and united consideration, on the contrary, these are potential reasons why they should; the agitation of these subjects through such a commission would afford material aid to this representation in Congress as this action is influenced by the tone and expression of public opinion; natural causes more than elsewhere in the Republic, have created the commercial interest of each of the states in the Mississippi Valley; they need some special means of comment upon these questions in which politics are not involved; if such a commission can be assembled with only the commercial interest of the whole Mississippi Valley in view, one might confidently hope for measures accomplished that would be for the great good of all; no method for convening the commission was proposed by the convention; from his position Underwood thinks that it may not be inappropriate to suggest that, when the commissioners are appointed, if he is informed of their names and addresses, will communicate with them for the purpose of this meeting and organization.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /566/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Jan. 29 Geo. W. YOKUM, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Application is being made for the release of Archibald T. Ward, who was convicted of murdering Milton A. Cole; he was convicted at September term of court, 1876, and sentenced by Judge Chas. L. Lewis to 10 years in State penitentiary; talked with Lewis recently; at that time Lewis spoke of the heavy sentence imposed upon Ward and agreed to make arrangements to recommend the release of Ward after he had

served several years; went to Clarksburg later to see Judge Lewis about obtaining a pardon for Ward; the judge was seriously ill and died a few weeks later; hopes that the Governor will take this information for what it is worth; requests that upon this foundation Mathews will see fit to release Ward whom Yokum believes has already suffered sufficiently for the crime committed.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /567/

1879 Jan. John J. DAVIS, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends that Cruger W. Smith, a member of the bar in Clarksburg, be appointed notary public; Smith served as Commissioner of Lands in the city of New York in 1874-75.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /568/

1879 Feb. 1 Silas MORGAN and others, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for D. P. Kegley who was tried, convicted, and sentenced to serve 2 years in the State penitentiary; had custody of Mr. Kegley for about 8 months and found him to be one of the best behaved prisoners ever held; on two different occasions, by giving the authorities information he prevented ten or twelve other prisoners from breaking jail when he could have escaped with them; at another time he prevented the prisoners from knocking a Mr. Morgan in the head as he entered the jail; it is the wish of practically all citizens in this community that Kegley be pardoned; believe that the law was too severe and that he has already suffered sufficiently for the crime committed.

Signed: Silas Morgan, Jailer of Kanawha County; John W. Rosler, Sheriff of Kanawha County; H. F. Aultz, Deputy Sheriff of Kanawha County, and R. A. Coleman, Deputy Sheriff of Kanawha County. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /569/

1879 Feb. 1 Hamlin COUSINS, Lewisburg /W. Va./. To Randolph STALNAKER /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Sent a petition to the Governor some time ago; desires to know if the Governor received same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /570/

1879 Feb. 3 A. Pierre PIERPONT, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to become a notary public; wants to know if the Governor will appoint a young lady who can furnish good testimonials as to her qualifications.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /571/

1879 Feb. 3 Charles SOBB, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a full copy of the petition filed in the executive office for the pardon of Chas. E. Lewis; Lewis was convicted for an assault on the jailer; all fees for expense of copy will be paid; also desires any correspondence on the subject of said pardon.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /572/

1879 Feb. 3 — M. F. MAURY, Cleveland, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests that two copies of Resources of West Virginia be sent to A. H. Wyman, Wyoming Court House, West Virginia; Wyman is from New York and is interested in coal land in West Virginia.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /573/

1879 Feb. 4 — C. J. P. CRESAP, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests an interview for Dr. George W. Yokum and other friends of Archibald F. Ward who are seeking a pardon for Ward; asks the Governor to set the date for such interview and report it to him /Cresap/; intended to visit Wheeling during the last session of the legislature but was so busy that he could not do so.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /574/

1879 Feb. 5 — J. H. McGINNIS, Raleigh Court House /Beckley/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Calls the Governor's attention to a petition previously forwarded to him; the petition asked for the remission of a $100 fine against G. W. Plumly, convicted of unlawful cutting; he was also sentenced to 3 months imprisonment; Plumly has a wholly dependent family; the petition gives all the particulars; thinks the fine should be remitted.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /575/

1879 Feb. 9 — John DOONAN, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Is very much in sympathy with the effort being made to secure a pardon for John H. Lamden who is confined in the State penitentiary; does not think that Lamden is guilty of the crime for which he was convicted; the witnesses used against him were not of good reputation; "The Southern Democrats don't have the protection they should have in Taylor County"; on the last election day "John Clayton, Rep. shot down Wm. Sims Demo. in the open street and went scot free if it had been Sims he would have been convicted and hung without a doubt."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /576/

1879 Feb. 8 — J. L. W. BAKER, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was authorized by Colonel Faulkner to furnish medicines during the railroad strike and trouble in the summer of 1877; the prescription of Dr. Harvey of the Mathews Guards, when they were ordered back to Wheeling, was approved and given to Colonel Faulkner; Faulkner said that he would pay it when he paid the bill for his company but when he did so the Harvey bill was lost or misplaced and was not paid; was told to make out a new bill, have Dr. Harvey approve it and send it to Governor Mathews or the Adjutant General for payment; the instructions were followed through; Adjutant General Wood replied that there was not any money to pay such bills in the treasury but that he would file it with other bills to be audited and included in the appropriation to be made by the legislature; inquired about the same bill last week when Dr. Harvey said that it had not been filed and General Wood says he never received it; has the original letter from Wood, stating that bill was received and that he would file it; although Harvey asked for another bill to be approved and another attempt made to have it paid, Mr. Faulkner says that it cannot be done because it was not filed the first time; it certainly was not through neglect on the part of himself /Baker/ or Dr. Harvey that the bill was not paid; Col. C. J. Faulkner, Jr., says that the Governor can pay the bill from the contingent fund; has gone to a great deal of expense in clerical work as well as furnishing the goods; requests the Governor to give this statement his immediate attention.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /577/

1879
Feb. 8 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS. To THE SENATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Returns without approval a bill which originated in the Senate entitled "An Act for the relief of Daniel Looney, sole solvent security of J. W. Spencer, late sheriff of Roane County"; thinks that this bill is in conflict with art. 6, sec. 38, of the Constitution which prohibits the release of any public officer or his sureties from any debt or liability to the State; this bill directs the auditor to receive from Daniel Looney in full discharge of all liability to the State against said Looney, $3,859.80 with interest thereon from January 31, 1879; the accompanying statement of the auditor shows that the liability of Daniel Looney as surety of J. W. Spencer on which there is a judgment exclusive of costs for $7,833.11 as of January 28, 1879; this bill releases more than one-half of this liability.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /578/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Feb. 10 — Martin HILL and others, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Have examined the petitions of D. P. Kegley for a pardon and from what is known of the character of the signers and from personal knowledge of the facts connected with Mr. Kegley's conviction, are satisfied that he has been sufficiently punished for the offense with which he was charged; recommend him as a proper person for executive clemency; believe that it will meet with the approval of all the citizens of Kanawha County.

Signed: Martin Hill, A. A. Rock, and J. C. Montgomery, Members of House of Delegates from Kanawha County. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /579/

1879 Feb. 13 — C. L. KINNEY, New London, Conn. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests information and advice relative to the settlement of a colony in West Virginia, preferably Kanawha County; there are 55 families including C. L. Kinney's; the following trades are represented in the group: carpenter, mason, farmer, engineer, and iron workers; the ages of the group are not over 47 years.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /580/

1879 Feb. 13 — J. D. CAREY, Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has always thought that West Virginia was out of debt and still thinks so; requests information concerning the State debt question.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /581/

Attached to letter: A small clipping from United States and North American Gazette, listing the State's indebtedness and giving the aggregate amount at over $10,000,000.

1879 Feb. 13 — E. Boyd FAULKNER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition letters in case of Jacob Schleuss; recommends his case as deserving favorable consideration; hopes that the Governor will find it consistent with his duties to grant Schleuss some relief.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /582/

Enclosure missing.

1879 Feb. 13 — J. D. IMBODEN, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Transmits a draft of a bill to incorporate the Maury Kanawha Coal Company; requests that the Governor read it and give it to some leading member of the legislature who will "father" it and help push it through; Mr. Maury owns large bodies of land in West

Virginia which is rich in coal; is in Pittsburgh attempting to form the "Maury Kanawha Coal Co."; Maury's land covers more than one county so that a court charter will not be sufficient; wishes to form a large company with considerable capital; therefore it is necessary for the legislature to pass the enclosed bill of incorporation.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 27.5 cm. x 21.7 cm. /583/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Feb. 19 — J. M. ROGERS, late Sheriff of Taylor County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was deputy sheriff for 4 years and was well acquainted with M. A. Cole who was killed by A. F. Wana; had some business transactions with Cole and knew him to be a dangerous and quarrelsome man; J. M. Reed, constable and sergeant of the town of Grafton for many years, concurs in Rogers' opinion of Cole.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /584/

1879 Feb. 21 — A. BELL, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Forwarded today by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad two sets of the documents of the 1st and 2nd sessions of the 45th Congress together with two volumes of the previous Congress, one set for the Executive and one for the State Library of West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /585/

1879 Feb. 21 — Geo. P. SARGENT, Secretary of West Virginia Press Association, Philippi, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to call the Governor's attention to House Bill Number 31; if passed it will cripple every county newspaper in the State besides making ample opportunity for the land sharks to steal all the lands which are offered for sale by notice posted "out in the weather"; newspaper men have all their capital invested in material and receive a large percent of their revenue from legal advertisements; requests that the Governor give the bill careful consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /586/

1879 Feb. 25 — Jonathan BENNETT, Frenchton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests appointment as marshal to take census of Upshur County; gives as reference T. J. Farnsworth, Member of House of Delegates and Hon. B. F. Martin, Congressman; is a Democrat and served under Jackson in the late war.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /587/

1879 Feb. 25 — James A. HAGGERTY, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In accordance with requests from a number of citizens of this county and in the vicinity of Farmington, requests the appointment of W. W. Campbell as notary public to fill vacancy made by death of Mr. Fox; there is but one notary in that vicinity, a Mr. Snodgrass who is a lawyer; his professional duties are so heavy that people are put to a great inconvenience in order to have some small business attended to; Mr. Campbell is a very efficient man; he is agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Farmington and will be there constantly to attend to business.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /588/

1879 Feb. 22 — N. M. LOWRY, Notary Public, Hinton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition for the release of Mr. Shepherd; knows all the facts of the case, having acted as counsel for Shepherd; at the time of trial, W. P. Campbell testified against Shepherd, but afterwards said that he was wrong in doing so; Mr. Shepherd was arrested, indicted, and tried all within 6 or 8 weeks; when called to trial he /Shepherd/ made affidavit that he had important witnesses who lived in Giles and Bedford Counties /Va./; these witnesses, though summoned, failed to appear and an affidavit asked for a continuance of the case which was refused; Shepherd was tried and convicted; the Court of Appeals granted a supersedeas in the case but does not know what became of it; Colonel Hoalt was taking care of the case when he died; under the above circumstances requests that Shepherd be granted a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /589/

For enclosure see entry 592.

1879 Feb. 25 — Chas. W. PHELPS, Point Pleasant, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been anxiously awaiting communication from the Governor "respecting my petition which I forwarded to your Excellency some weeks ago"; it may be possible that the Governor never received it; has a great deal of work on hand "provided you make the appointment"; thought it would be proper to make this inquiry; it will be impossible to get a start in the law profession without some aid in the beginning, therefore thinks that the Governor will favor his /Phelps/ claims and make the appointment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /590/

1879 Feb. 28 — C. W. NEWLON, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has heard that there is now an application for the pardon of Arch F. Ward on file in the executive department; was mayor of the town of Grafton at the time of the difficulty between Ward and Cole which

resulted in the death of Cole and Ward's imprisonment; Cole was well known around town for his quarrelsome nature; Ward was 18 or 19 years old and Cole was "a stout man of 34 years"; Cole was frequently involved in fights and sometimes with the most peaceful citizens; the Ward-Cole quarrel was sudden; Cole hit Ward several times and Ward in the excitement cut Cole with his pocket knife which later resulted in Cole's death; is satisfied that Ward has repented and believes that the ends of justice have been met; a pardon would restore to society a young man who will prove to be a good citizen.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /591/

1879 Feb. Caleb HALL, Sr., and others, Summers County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon and release for Benjamin H. F. Shepherd; he was indicted for forgery and convicted at the Spring term of the Summers County circuit court in 1877; he was sentenced to serve 6 years in the State penitentiary at Moundsville, West Virginia; prior to this trial Shepherd bore an excellent character as an honest, law abiding citizen; there had never been any suspicion of illegal practices of any kind connected with him; has a wife and eight children dependent upon him for support; Shepherd is now 61 years old; he came to this county from Giles and Bedford Counties in Virginia where he has a reputation for being an honest, industrious, hard working man.

Signed: Caleb Hall, Sr., Caleb C. Hoell, Caleb R. Hoell, and 70 others. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /592/

Enclosed in entry 589.

1879 Feb. W. P. CAMPBELL, Summers County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

On March 25, 1876, made a bargain and contract with B. H. F. Shepherd of Giles County, Virginia, for a tract of land and a mill located in Bedford County, Virginia; on January 23, 1877, went to Hawkins County, Tennessee, and was detained by business until May 10, 1877, therefore knew nothing of the circumstances of Shepherd's trial; upon his return was told that Shepherd was arrested and convicted "for assigning my bonds over to another man"; these bonds were assigned as collateral security for a tract of land in Summers County, West Virginia; there was no money paid on said bonds as one bond was not due until December 1, 1877, one on December 1, 1878, and one on December 1, 1879; these bonds were given in payment for the Bedford County property purchased from Shepherd; "Mr. Shepherd's arrest and conviction is erroneous. It was all done through a mistake by another man being of the same name as myself"; has had an interview with

the Mr. Campbell who prosecuted Shepherd and he admits that it was all an error; Campbell thought that the bonds had been forged as he knew of no other man by that name at the time because he /W. P. Campbell/ was not at the trial the other Campbell, prosecutor, felt sure that it was a case of forgery and forced the trial; Mr. Shepherd was not to blame because /W. P./ Campbell was not at the trial and he did not have the articles of the contract; had the contract with him /Campbell/ while in Tennessee; Shepherd was wrongly prosecuted; notarized by H. M. Lowry.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /593/

1879 Mar. 3 — Noah FLASHER, Weston, W. Va. To G. J. ARNOLD.
Read Arnold's letter to Woffindin regarding the release of John; the petition for John's release was signed by several members of the jury, the men who prosecuted and by the man from whom the goods were stolen; more members of the jury would have signed the petition if a special effort had been made in that direction; public sentiment here generally favors John's release.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /594/

1879 Mar. 4 — Robert P. PORTER, Associate Editor of the Inter-Ocean, Chicago, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
A short time ago the Inter-Ocean requested a copy of the annual message to the legislature but received no reply.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /595/

1879 Mar. 8 — John W. KENNER, Loneconing, Allegheny County, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests information concerning vacant land in West Virginia; wishes to know whether the land belongs to the State or the United States; if one desires to purchase this land with whom should be negotiate so that a good deed may be secured.
A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /596/

1879 Mar. 14 — W/eston/ FLINT, Librarian, U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a copy of the last State Manual; is making a collection of legislative manuals from various States.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /597/

1879 Mar. 8 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To T/homas/ B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va.
Reports that the conduct of Ben Moore since confined in the State penitentiary has been good; he has obeyed all the rules of prison and worked faithfully; would willingly write a letter of recommendation to

the Governor in his behalf.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [598]

1879 Mar. 10 D. S. THOMPSON, Cameron, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Accepts the honor of his appointment as member of the Governor's staff with gratitude and thanks Governor.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [599]

1879 Mar. 10 J. H. QUIN, Member of the House of Delegates, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been requested by citizens of Hancock County to name James M. Lee, Esq., as a very suitable person to act as commissioner to establish the boundary line between West Virginia and Pennsylvania; Mr. Lee is an educated gentleman and a good Democrat; President White of the State University wishes the Governor to know that Lee is a graduate of that institution.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [600]

1879 Mar. 10 E. A. CUNNINGHAM, Senate Clerk, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Is directed by a resolution of the Senate adopted in executive session on the 10th inst. to inform the Governor that the nominations for the Board of Supervisors of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, for the term commencing on the 1st day of April 1879, presented to the Senate, have been confirmed.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [601]

1879 Mar. 11 Andrew J. ROPER, London, G. B. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Will esteem it a very great favor if you will kindly let me know by return post what has been the result of our application for charter as set forth in my letter to you of July 28th last post with form of charter* enclosed. Until we hear from you we cannot proceed. If the charter has been granted kindly send me a copy as early as convenient and we will be very grateful."
A.L.S. 1 p. 17.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. [602]

1879 Mar. 12 Geo. C. REIS, New Castle, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been in correspondence with Newton G. Sims, confined in State penitentiary, for 5 or 6 years; sometime ago had letters from ex-Governor Stevenson and all the Wheeling nail manufacturers as Hubbard, Vance, Gilchrist, DeBois, and others who had written

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* Charter for Emigration Company.

to Governor Jacob requesting Sims' release; thinks that the law has been vindicated; requests that Sims be released; is preparing to open a wheat farm on the Red River of the North some 1,200 or 1,400 miles northwest and if Sims is released will take him on the farm; "West Virginia will never be troubled with him again"; is going out to that farm this week and will return for about 10 days in April; expects to return to the Red River Country about the middle of April and hopes to take Sims with him at that time.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /603/

1879 Mar. 16 M. A. MANNING, Greenbrier District, Summers County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Last night, March 15th, near the east portal of the Big Bend Tunnel in Summers County, Page Edwards dragged his wife, Polly Edwards, out of bed and shot her four times; she died from the effects of the wounds; requests that the Governor offer a liberal reward for the apprehension of Edwards.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /604/

1879 Mar. 23 Jas. SHEETS, President of Hampshire County Court, Romney, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests that C. S. White, clerk of county court and brother of Attorney General Robert White, be appointed fish commissioner of his district; he has made arrangements to supply one of the mountain streams with trout at his own expense; he is well qualified and interested in the work; requests that Dr. R. S. Lupton be appointed, if there is to be a change in the Board of Regents of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute; he is very familiar with the work and will save the State money.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /605/

1879 Mar. 17 John H. HARRIS, Lewisburg, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr. /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.
"I received 11th West Va. /Legislative Manual/ which you were kind enough to procure for me, but you have not sent the bill - at least I have not received it. Will you let me know how much it is. The Greenbrier Statesmen have gotten back, but Haevner seems to have found the duties somewhat heavy for him, as he is looking quite thin."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 13 cm. /606/

1879 Mar. 19 R. W. DORPHLEY, Secretary, National Security Iron, Coal and Improvement Company, 318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a dozen copies of Maury's report /Resources of West Virginia/.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /607/

1879 Mar. 20 Henry K. MILLER, Secretary of Committee, New York, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a list of all prisons or penitentiaries in the State of West Virginia with the location and name of warden of each; desires this information that it may be possible to ascertain the number committed for arson.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 20 cm. /608/

1879 Mar. 20 R. H. BIOT, Jr., Secretary to Governor of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt, through Secretary of State Barnes, "of yours 18th inst to thank you for same and to advise that requisition for party had been issued."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /609/

1879 Mar. 21 M. Wood WHITE, Kanawha C/ourt/ H/ouse/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that copies of the Resources of West Virginia be mailed to Mrs. Aurelia Bretz, Milton Station, Wood County, Ohio, and John Jordon, Sinclair, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /610/

1879 Mar. 22 Wm. Gilbert SLEEMAN, 78 New Street, Birmingham, England. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has read in recent English newspapers that West Virginia, in conjunction with neighboring States, intends to appoint agents in England to exert themselves with a view to inducing small English farmers to emigrate to these States; requests appointment as agent; is well acquainted with West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland, having lived in Anne Arundel County, Maryland for some time as a school master; can speak with authority regarding these States since his four crossings of the Atlantic led him chiefly in their direction; if appointed would give a series of lectures in various agricultural districts of England in an attempt to induce a rapid tide of emigration to West Virginia; if this application is given favorable consideration, thinks that the State's agent now in England might desire an interview to obtain information relative to Sleeman's position, ability, and references.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /611/

1879 Mar. 24 J. W. MASON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A petition for /John/ Lamden's pardon should reach the Governor in a few days; requests that all action on the petition be deferred until further communication with Mason.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /612/

1879 Mar. 24 F/ranklin/ B. SANBORN, Secretary American Social Science Association, Concord, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The secretaries of the National Conference of Charities whose printed circular is enclosed desire that the Governor's attention be called to the sixth annual meeting of the Conference in Chicago, on the 10th of June next and to express their wish that Mathews will take measures to have West Virginia represented in the conference; the Governor of Illinois /Shelby M. Cullom/ will preside at the opening session and many of the eastern and western states will be officially represented.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /613/

Enclosure missing.

1879 Mar. 25 C. W. DAILEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Mineral County, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wrote a letter in the interest of T. B. Davis who is presenting an application in behalf of Benj. Moore who was convicted of unlawfully cutting Samuel Head; gave only the facts in the case and did so without partiality; Moore and Head both worked for Davis; Moore took care of the race horses and Head cared for the work horses; some difficulty arose between them in the stables where Head was cut with a razor by Moore; James Raw, Frank Paxton, Dan Brown, and Johnny Williams testified that Head came out of the stable and ran to the feed room where he pushed Moore against the side of the stable with a pitch fork; Moore got the fork from Head and struck him but did not follow him; Head testified that Moore came into the feed room, cursing over a difficulty that had arisen at the woodpile; Head said that Moore commanded him to stop; both started for the door, Head carried a pitch fork and as Moore emerged, he saw that Moore had a razor; testified that he was overtaken by Moore, cut several times and struck over the head; another witness, Josephine Gerstell, who lived on the lot adjoining the stable heard Moore cursing Head and later saw him hitting Head; a boy, Harry Buxton, testified that he saw Head run Moore into the feed room and could see Head thrusting the fork but that was all.

A.L.S. 6 pp. 25 cm x 20 cm. /614/

1879 Mar. 27 Jennie WITHER* /Withey/, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a release for her son who is now confined in the State prison; is a widow and has been

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* According to the court record of this case the name is Withey.

under the doctor's care for more than a year; could get a number of signers if she were able to get around; cannot get the names of the jury on the petition because they live too far out in the country; the boy will be 17 years old in April; thinks that he will be a better boy if allowed to come home; needs the boy's help in order to support herself.

A.L.S. 1 p. 17.5 cm. x 11 cm. /615/

1879 /Mar. 28/ A. S. BERRY. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thinks that the Court of Appeals should have decided the Berry vs. Hevener case which has been on submission for more than a year; the Governor's brother Alex says that nothing can be done to have a decision except to let the court take its time; the insurance company here is about to bring the suit to the next chancery court and it "is very important to me to have it decided as soon as possible"; has always had confidence in the case but desires that it be decided one way or another at an early date; thinks that the case may have been pigeon-holed and forgotten.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /616/

1879 Mar. 31 Jno. M. DULANY, 332 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Wheeling, W. Va.

Desires to be informed about the progress of Senate Bill 152.

A.L.S. 1 p. 24.5 cm. x 13 cm. /617/

1879 Apr. 1 E. C. WINES, Honorary President of the International Congress of Stockholm, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"From the enclosed your Excellency will see that I have in hand a laborous work"; requests a short account of the penal and reformatory institutions of West Virginia; would like to have the information as soon as possible.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /618/

Enclosure missing.

1879 Apr. 2 Marabeau N. LYNN, Proprietor of the Lynn Saloon, Rising Sun, Ind. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recently learned of the passage of legislation relative to taxing saloons and collecting same by registration; desires to register as owner and proprietor of the Lynn Saloon; "is the matter open to competition?"

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /619/

1879 Apr. 2 Frank W. BROWN, Clerk, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

James Walker, age 21, native of West Virginia, convicted of grand larceny was sentenced to 2 years

in State prison by circuit court of Fayette County, September 2, 1878; he was received on September 20, 1878; his conduct has been such as to entitle him to recommendation for release; there have been no charges whatever against him.

A.L.S. 1 p. 23 cm. x 15 cm. /620/

1879 Apr. 3 — N. M. LOWRY, Hinton, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received letter of 31st inst.; will be pleased to accept position as fish commissioner of district.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /621/

/1879 Apr. 4/ — A. J. ELLIOTT, Reedsville, Preston County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"If your Excellency would please I would like to have some speech of some emininey man on the West Va. interest question."; is a poor farm boy of Preston County.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /622/

At bottom of page: "Question - that the legal rate of interest in West Va. should not exceed 6%."

1879 Apr. 7 — A. KNOTTS, Minnora, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Presents an affidavit in the case of Dr. J. D. Smith requesting the Governor to remit a fine imposed on him in the circuit court of Roane County for the sum of $25; "Have you received the affidavit of the Dr. if so is it sufficient?"

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /623/

1879 Apr. 9 — C. ROLES and others. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

The undersigned citizens of Raleigh County hereby certify that John F. Jones, a citizen of said county, is a person of good character and is in the opinion of the signers a well qualified person for the office of the United States Deputy Marshall to take the census in the year 1880.

Signed: C. Roles, F. Shumate, H. H. Cook, Assessor, and 19 others. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /624/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1879 Apr. 9 — Jefferson TAYLOR, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor to set his sentence at 2 years and he /Taylor/ will remain out of the State for 15 years or if the Governor will make the sentence 1 year, Taylor promises to remain out of the State for life; is being held now as a witness for the State; is charged with breaking into a store belonging to Emrod Tennett in Monongalia County; admits that he has been in State prison twice previous to this charge.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /625/

1879 Apr. 9 — Jennie WITHER [Withey], Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has written previously regarding a release for her son but has had no reply; requests the Governor to give her letter some consideration.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [626]

1879 Apr. 9 — J. D. SMITH, Newton, Boone County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Sent affidavit on January 5th, 1879, in compliance with Governor's request but has heard nothing further regarding same; desires to know what disposition the Governor has made of his case; supposed that the affidavit which was sent by Captain Knotts and made out January 5th was the only procedure necessary.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [627]

1879 Apr. 10 — Rice W. PAYNE, Attorney-at-Law, Warrenton, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
At suggestion of Capt. M. F. Maury, requests a copy of the Resources of West Virginia.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [628]

1879 Apr. 10 — Henry S. GILLESPIE, Late Judge of the Circuit Court, Fayette County, West Virginia, Ukiah, Cal. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Received a letter from J. H. Hall, Fayette County, West Virginia, stating that petition had been presented to Mathews for relief from a fine imposed while he [Gillespie] was judge; does not know Hall or recall the case but if petition is satisfactory in other respects will add the request that fine be remitted.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [629]

1879 Apr. 11 — Noyes RAND, La Pierre House, Philadelphia, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Desires to know if there are any of Maury's Report [Resources of West Virginia] in the State Department for general distribution; thinks that it would be a good idea to forward some of these reports to The National Security Iron, Coal and Improvement Company of Philadelphia; has been in the city some days and finds that the company named contains as members some of the most prominent and wealthy men of Philadelphia as well as of the State of Pennsylvania.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [630]

1879 Apr. 11 — R. L. BERKSHIRE, Attorney-at-Law, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Is forwarding a petition to the Governor requesting the pardon of Lemuel G. W. Stewart who was convicted of shooting [John M.] Nine and is now confined in the West Virginia Penitentiary; the shot was just

below the knee and was very slight; the shooting occurred when Stewart was in the rear of the home of a Mrs. Nine, a sister-in-law of the Nines; Stewart shot in self-defense; regarded the verdict under the circumstances as "the most extraordinary and atrocious I have met with during my practice."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 15 cm. [631]

1879 Apr. 11 — B. L. BERKSHIRE and W. T. WILEY [Attorneys-at-Law, Morgantown, W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Were of the counsel for the defense of Lemuel G. W. Stewart, lately convicted in the circuit court of Preston County of the felonious shooting of one John M. Nine; favors the petition which is to be presented to the Governor in a few days for Stewart's release; have a very "distinctable collection of the testimony introduced on the trial"; are of the opinion that the verdict was not warranted by the evidence and do not hesitate to say that the verdict was cruel and inhuman; Stewart was the object of a conspiracy at the time of the occurrence of the act for which he was prosecuted; the same conspirators secured his conviction by their own evidence; believes that Stewart was justified in his act in defense of his own premises, "under a just and reasonable apprehension of personal violence and injury to himself and to those whom it was his duty to protect."

L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [632]

1879 Apr. 14 — Wm. G. WORLEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has learned that there is an effort being made to procure executive clemency for Lemuel G. W. Stewart, a convict at West Virginia Penitentiary, from this county; encloses a letter of Hon. [W.] G. Brown in reference to the matter and protests against any such action; Stewart was convicted but little over a year ago for malicious shooting with intent to kill and sentenced for a term of 5 years; it was an aggravated case and Stewart is a dangerous and bad character; his sentence was and is considered righteous; Stewart's victim, John M. Nine, lost a leg near the hip from the effects of the shot.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. [633]

Enclosure missing.

1879 Apr. 14 — Chapman ANDREWS, Notary Public, Wayne Court House, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was previously appointed notary public for Wayne County by Governor Jacob and is still acting in that capacity; desires to know how often and when his bond should be renewed and if his official acts are legal for the time past.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22 cm. x 14.5 cm. [634]

1879 Apr. 16 W. T. BURCH, Rodemers [Tunnel], W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

L. G. W. Stewart was convicted of felony and sentenced unjustly to 5 years in the State penitentiary; one of Stewart's witnesses was paid a sum of money to stay away until after the trial; was acquainted with all the circumstances and thinks the punishment was very unjust; Stewart is a poor boy while the Nines have much money and many relatives; Stewart's friends are now presenting a petition for his pardon; Stewart is a very peaceable young man and has always attended to his own business; "Those Nines had threatened to whip him and cut him open"; on the morning of the shooting, eight of the Nines came to Stewart's house, one had a rifle, one a revolver, and a couple had clubs; they were "spiteful at him for voting a Democratic ticket and in the face of all this they swore almost anything and everything" to attain their ends; does not think that they understand the nature of an oath; wishes that the Governor could be familiar with the particulars of the case; if so, is sure that Stewart would be granted a pardon.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [635]

1879 Apr. 17 Louis HAYMOND, Justice of Peace, Taylor County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Today George W. Lamden of this county made complaint and gave information under oath that Theodore Riley feloniously and with malice aforethought murdered Thomas Henderson; therefore, commands the Governor in the name of the State of West Virginia to apprehend the said Theodore Riley and bring him before some justice of the county to answer said charge for the death "within relation thereto according to law."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [636]

1879 Apr. 23 M. M. MOORE, Sheriff, Dallas, Texas. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

There is a man here known as W. C. Whiteman not C. W. Whiteman; recognizes him as the same man in question; his address is Dallas, Texas; secrecy will be observed; Whiteman is proprietor of a beer garden now and did keep a saloon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. [637]

1879 Apr. 23 Edward McCONNELL, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of Maury's Report of West Virginia [Resources of West Virginia] prepared for use at the Centennial.

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1879 Apr. 24 Chas. S. TAYLOR, Personal Secretary to Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Va. To Randolph STALNAKER,

Secretary to Governor of West Virginia, Wheeling, W. Va.

"I have delayed yours of Apr. 18th inst. until the return of Gov. Fred W. M. Halliday from Winchester but as he is detained by sickness I write to say that as soon as he returns your request will be attended to."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 21 cm. /639/

1879 Apr. 25 James W. ARNOLD, Cabell County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The records of Putnam County have been modified at Winfield, West Virginia; Judge Smith and 12 jurors decided on May 18, 1876, that after complying with the conviction that he /Arnold/ should be admitted again into citizenship and society; such was recorded, the State only "pronouncing me a scriptural transgressor priority over this record a judgment entered back of this date was paid and put to record"; "you know that the supreme law of the land says full faith and credit shall be given to the records and public acts, please Mr. Mathews if not settled this circuit at Winfield appoint a lawyer or get it in a fix so I can proceed to prosecute those parties engaged in this plot"; requests Mathews to have the records examined and enforce the law in proceeding that he /Arnold/ may be able to enjoy what the State decided he should have.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /640/

1879 Apr. 28 A. HAYMOND, Clerk of Circuit Court, Monongalia County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Transcript of court record: Of the indictment of William Johnson known as William Castle for a misdemeanor; the indicted stole from Warren C. Dorsey, 1 wagon whip valued at $2, 1 riding bridle valued at $3; Johnson /Castle/ pleaded guilty to the charge when tried on March 28, 1879, and was sentenced to serve 9 months in the county jail and to pay the costs of the court.

A.D.S. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /641/

1879 Apr. 30 John TRIMBLE, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

For the past 10 years has been agent for several States for the collection of the war claims; has made large collections in a short time for former Governor English of Connecticut; has also made such collections for New Jersey, Vermont, Indiana, and Maryland, and even for ex-Governor Boreman of West Virginia; West Virginia has claims for expenses in the late war which ought to be reimbursed by Congress; makes application for the agency and if appointed will work faithfully for the interest of the State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 21 cm. /642/

1879 May 2 — F. NIELSEN, Burton, Wetzel County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests information regarding immigration to West Virginia; wants to know what the last session of the legislature accomplished in that line if any; whether there is a commissioner of immigration; would like an interview on the first of the week, if convenient with the Governor.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /643/

1879 May 4 — /?/, Littleton, Wetzel County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Honest, law-abiding citizens of Wetzel County are being terrorized and notified to leave the State or be killed by a "vilainous and plundering" organization of men; everyone is afraid to speak against this organization; it is useless to attempt to convict this gang for they would only go free; if Governor Mathews cannot do anything to remedy this condition, the law-abiding citizens expect to resort to the Mosaic law.

Not signed. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /644/

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1879 May 5 — A. N. CAMPBELL, Union, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Writes in regard to the case of Warren vs. Branch, et al in the Court of Appeals; Jim Patton and he are counsel for Warren; last week sent to Long, clerk of the court, for the syllabus of the case and he forwarded same; has considered the syllabus with Patton and is unable to decide whether they won or lost the case; requests that the Governor examine the case and inform them "whether the case has been decided in our favor or not"; desires to know too, whether Rowan and Warren have been released from liability entirely or if they have been held for the whole debt.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /645/

1879 May 6 — Jannie WITHER /Withey/, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the March term of the Wood County circuit court in 1878, her son Frank Withey was sentenced to serve 2 years in the West Virginia Penitentiary; about 7 months ago a petition was forwarded for his release; the boy is her only support; circumstances force her to make a personal appeal for his release; if the Governor will release him will undertake to exercise such influence upon him that the boy may be a help and comfort to her in her old age.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 35 cm. x 20 cm. /646/

1879 May 8 — William J. HAMMONDS, Private Detective, Curran, Sangamon County, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has read recently about a man by the name of

Miller who is a fugitive from justice; Miller was charged with murder and was confined in the State prison of West Virginia for 12 or 18 months; understands that a reward is offered by the State of West Virginia for Miller's arrest and capture; if Governor will send information concerning this case with sufficient particulars to justify a warrant, thinks that he knows of Miller's whereabouts and can arrest him any day.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /647/

1879 May 8 — Charles WEITZEL, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Your Secretary having read to me this morning a written complaint against my official conduct as janitor of the State House, signed by Mr. C. L. Wood, Librarian, I respectfully ask that the matter of which he speaks be fully and fairly investigated that I may have the opportunity to vindicate my official behavior."

A.L.S. 1 p. 26 cm. x 20 cm. /648/

1879 May 14 — J. B. CROUCH, Editor, Moundsville Commercial, N. Market Street, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to be informed regarding the Lamden case and the application made by Mr. Mason for a requisition for Riley; requests that the Governor give Mr. Lamden an impartial hearing concerning his son's innocence; thinks that Mr. Lamden should establish his son's innocence and obtain his immediate pardon; everyone in Grafton will sign a petition for the Lamden boy's release except two of his personal enemies.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /649/

1879 May 17 — G. W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Referring to McCrary's letter of January 21st, requesting the presentation to the Legislature of West Virginia of the draft of a bill for the transfer of the title of the Antietam National Cemetery from the State to the United States and to the Governor's reply thereto dated January 24th; wants to know whether or not the desired action in the matter has been taken by the Legislature; if so, requests for the War Department, a copy of the law in the premises.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /650/

1879 May 19 — Azel FORD, Shady Springs, Raleigh County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of a pamphlet relating to the resources of the State of West Virginia /Resources of West Virginia, by M. F. Maury/.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /651/

1879 May 20 — B. H. F. SHEPHERD, Moundsville, W. Va. To Robert BLAIR, Esq.

"Thomas Swadley from your county is now very low with consumption with no hope of recovery"; he wishes to die at home among friends and relatives; requests that Blair get up a petition immediately for Swadley's release; thinks that this is a case of mercy and hopes that Blair will grant the requests; this letter is written by the order of Dr. G. W. Bruce, prison physician; asks that the papers be sent to W. S. Bridges [warden of the penitentiary].

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [652]

1879 May 22 — Julia A. JOHNSON, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to call the Governor's attention to a petition forwarded some time ago in behalf of her husband who was convicted of petit larceny and is now confined in the State prison; thinks that Johnson has been punished sufficiently and his help is needed to support his family; requests an immediate reply that it may be shown to Strugiss.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [653]

1879 May 23 — J. W. CRACRAFT and others, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for Newton G. Sims; Sims was sentenced by the Kanawha County circuit court to serve 18 years in the State penitentiary; he has already served 13 years; in consideration of the good conduct time due him and the time since the offense was committed think that Sims is a proper subject for executive clemency.

Signed: J. W. Cracraft, H. C. McWhorter, Prosecutor for the State, Joel S. Quarrier, and 27 others.

2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [654]

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1879 May 23 — BARRETT and WILSON, Attorneys-at-Law, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Have been told by M. S. Kintry, State Senator from this district, that he presented a petition to Governor Mathews, requesting the release of Simeon Milam; Milam was convicted of rape and sentenced from this county to West Virginia Penitentiary; Kintry assured them that the Governor was convinced of the justice in granting Milam a pardon and that it could be expected within a few days; three petitions have already been gotten up in this case and have received no reply to any of them; "Will you please advise us in the premises."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [655]

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1879
May 26

M. PINNER, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been identified for many years with the cause of emigration as is shown from enclosed clipping from New York Times of January 15, 1866; has been informed by the Hon. S. Kaufman, a member of the Board of Commissioners of Emigration of the State of New York and President of the German Society here, that said board has forwarded their circular of February 15, 1879, as well as their report for the year 1878; said circular shows that the Board of Commissioners recommend and invite the establishment at the Port of New York of a Central Bureau of Information under the auspices of the authorities of several States and believe Pinner capable of establishing and successfully conducting such a bureau; would be inclined to establish such if the Governors and legislatures of at least six states will give systematic and efficient assistance; would prefer to establish such a bureau for the southern states exclusively; is perfectly familiar with the causes that have heretofore operated against emigration into the southern states but believes that those causes are rapidly disappearing and that "the southern states by preferable climate, greater variety of natural resources and lower prices of land offer far greater advantages than the so-called western states to the industrious emigrant"; thinks that previous indifference toward emigration to the south by State legislatures was not caused by antagonism toward the emigrant but simply an insufficient consideration of the subject; the emigrant brings into the State labor, ready money, goods and chattels, which like their ready money, adds to the capital of the State and in the end becomes taxable property; they create an increased demand for land and houses, the value of which increases and therefore they directly or indirectly benefit every owner of real estate; their necessities and habits make them industrious and their industry and prosperity sets a good example to the less industrious citizens; all the emigrants' production becomes necessarily taxable whether he works for himself or others and the taxes derived therefrom will soon repay the State for all the outlays incurred in securing them; 5 years of intelligent effort bestowed upon encouraging emigration into any State would probably suffice to make the resources of that State well known here as well as in Europe and need not cost over $15 per year; when emigrants once begin to flock into a State systematically, they can soon be counted by the thousands; thinks that uniform action upon the part of several State legislatures is desirable; has taken the liberty to draft a bill bearing upon the subject and encloses same with the hope that the Governor will submit it to the West Virginia Legislature;

gives as reference, Hon. S. Kaufman of New York.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /656/
Enclosure missing.

1879 May 27 — Chas. S. TAYLOR, Secretary to the Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Secretary to Governor of West Virginia, Wheeling, W.Va.
Encloses signatures as requested; the recent illness of the Governor has prevented an earlier reply; regrets to say that a rule of the department prohibits the use of the Great Seal, except on official documents.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /657/
Enclosure missing.

1879 May 28 — R. S. BLAIR, Attorney-at-Law, Ritchie Court House /Harrisville/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Submits to the Governor a petition for the release of Thomas Swadley, a convict at State penitentiary; he was sentenced from Ritchie County for 5 years and has served 3 years; thinks that it would be an act of mercy to release him.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /658/

/1879 May 28/ — C. E. LUTZ, Alpena, Randolph County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The Swiss are searching for 100,000 acres of land with the intention of directing immigration thereto; that government is corresponding with the Swiss Consulate General at Washington in regard to the matter; the Swiss Consulate has an interest in Tennessee; requests Governor to send information to Capt. John B. Sisler in care of Swiss Consulate as he is in favor of West Virginia.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /659/

1879 May 28 — J. L. ARMSTRONG, Clerk Jackson County Court, Jackson Court House /Ripley/, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr. /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./
Stalnaker's letter of the 17th inst. was received during Armstrong's absence; the names signed to the petition "appear very similar yet I have no doubt that it was done at their request"; there is neither a justice nor a notary in the neighborhood in which Mr. Thomas lives and it would be quite a convenience to the citizens to have one; does not think, however, that Mr. Thomas is exactly the type of man to fill the position but does think that he is as well qualified as any other man in that community; supposes that the appointment of Thomas will give satisfaction in his neighborhood; nearly all of the petitioners live near Mr. Thomas; is personally acquainted with all the signers but has not talked with any of them recently.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /660/

1879 May 30 — Matilda HUSTUTLER, Grafton, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Was afraid to mail this letter from her home in Burton; waited until visiting in Grafton to write Governor concerning conditions in her home county; an organization under the title of "Red Men" are terrorizing the entire county and the people there are afraid to object; the Governor must have "no idea the trouble and fear and dread that the civil people suffer in Wetzel County"; requests that the Governor keep this communication secret or "they would hang me"; has never been harmed by the organization but has seen them "run nice men from their homes, cripple women and children"; if an end is not put to these activities, fears that there will be a great deal of blood shed in the county; appeals to the Governor for help; "I would not stay there one day if I could get away but we have got a little start there and have our living to make and are almost bound to stay"; does not know the members of the organization but thinks that Rally Snider and Henry Snider know them and perhaps belong to the "Red Men"; thinks that David Veubolt might also be a member.

A.L.S. 5 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /661/

1879 May — Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Deer Park, Md. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W.Va.

"Will be home this evening at six."

Telegram. /662/

/1879 June 3/ — John F. JONES, Cool River Marshes, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests appointment as census taker for Raleigh County; is sending a certificate from neighbors and other men in the county.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /663/

Enclosure missing.

1879 June 5 — Robt. BEATY & COMPANY, Bankers and Brokers, Toronto, Canada. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Stalnaker's letter dated April 8th with $1 enclosed for Gwinn's Index has not been received; desires to remind him that the fee for subscription is $2.

L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /664/

1879 June 6 — LIVINGSTON & COMPANY, Auctioneers and Brokers, 13 Pine Street, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Your note of the 5th inst., received. We will be glad to see you at our office on Thursday next and confer with you regarding the sale of the White Sulphur Springs property."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /665/

1879 June 6 — S. C. PEYTON, Nicholas C/ourt/ H/ouse, Summersville/, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Requests a position in connection with the improvement of New River which will begin soon; has had experience in that line of work; does not think it necessary to give references since the Governor has known him since boyhood; however, if Governor desires further information regarding his education, ability, etc., he can obtain it from Peyton's uncle, J. B. Peyton; is a graduate of Richmond College at Richmond, Virginia, and has been teaching in Kanawha and Fayette Counties but desires to change occupation.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /666/

1879 June 16 — Geo. A. KOLBE, Attorney-at-Law, 236 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Contributes numerous articles to various German newspapers and magazines; requests a copy of State reports which will be of great assistance in his work.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /667/

1879 June 16 — F. M. TRUSLOW, Agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Ronceverte, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Secretary to the Governor, Wheeling, W. Va.

Wrote on May 8th, saying that the "bill to Capt. A. F. Mathews was delivered on May 10th"; this freight bill was in the amount of $12.85; has had no reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /668/

1879 June 29 — Charles GUMBRILL, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Requests that Stalnaker use his influence with the Governor to obtain a position for Gumbrill's brother, R. D. Gumbrill; Gumbrill is an applicant for "inspector of illuminating aids"; he is needy, competent, and his appointment would be satisfactory to the Democrats and to those engaged in the oil business.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /669/

1879 July 5 — M. C. DORSEY, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

William Johnson was convicted of petit larceny at the March term of the Monongalia County circuit court and sentenced to 9 months imprisonment in the county jail; "The stealing for which he was sentenced was done from me"; in consideration of Johnson's family, a delicate wife, and two small children which will become county charges unless he is released to support them, has joined in filing a petition for Johnson's release; requests that the Governor add to the release that Johnson remove with his family out of this State; thinks that the impris-

onment already suffered will do the man as much good as the full term.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /670/

1879 July 7 — C. J. P. CRESAP, Attorney-at-Law, Beverly, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses $200 in accordance with the requests of Lutz to the Governor; Strossers "with a grant of Lutz from Switzerland" will leave here tomorrow to spend a month in traveling over the States; Lutz is to pay his expenses; the residue of the $500 after paying Strossers', will be spent in Europe for advertising; Strossers desires to have the money with him; requests a receipt to Lutz for the money enclosed.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /671/

1879 July 8 — E. M. TURNER, Attorney-at-Law, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In the absence of the prosecuting attorney, John Bassel, who is in Upshur County holding a special term of court for Judge Brannon, requests a reward be offered for the arrest of Benjamin W. Boggess who shot Louis E. Carrico here last Saturday night; the affair has caused great excitement and the mayor has offered $100 reward for the arrest, or $50 for information that will lead to the arrest; thinks that the reward should not be less than $200; encloses a description of Boggess; if the reward is to be offered, desires several copies of hand-bill notices.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /672/

Enclosure missing.

1879 July 22 — A. B. FLEMING, Fairmont, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received letter enclosing Mr. Hartman's letter to the Governor and turned it over to the prosecuting attorney; Hartman is in no danger from "Red Men" as the members of that organization in that section live over the line in Monongalia County and are completely exposed and broken up; the civil authorities of Monongalia County "took hold of them. Got their papers and I have just concluded a special term of court there. I impanneled a grand jury and many turned against their fellows, testified, fully exposed the leaders"; they were indicted and the organization disbanded.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /673/

1879 July 23 — W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Will be in Wheeling Wednesday night. Your first telegram was not received until today."

Telegram. /674/

1879 Aug. 1 — John R. CAMPBELL, Williamsport, Tenn. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Three years ago obtained a copy of the trial of the Commonwealth against Charles J. Botsford, Putnam County, West Virginia; secured same from the clerk of said county and paid him the usual fee; at the time Botsford was pardoned - thinks that it was in the spring of 1876 - forwarded the court record to the Governor with other papers; in consequence of an important suit now pending in which "Botsford is a party and I am interested" should like very much to have the copy of those proceedings returned.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [675]

1879 Aug. 5 — I. M. ST. JOHN, Consulting Engineer, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that 12 copies of Maury's "Report upon the Resources of West Virginia" be sent by express to him at White Sulphur Springs, and 12 copies to Gen. W. C. Wickham, 2nd Vice-President, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Virginia; these are to be used by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [676]

1879 Aug. 5 — A. M. ROWE, Committee on Invitation, Soldiers and Sailors Reunion, Steubenville, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At a meeting of the soldiers and sailors in Jefferson County last February, it was decided to hold a reunion of all soldiers and sailors from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania; at that time an invitation was issued to the Governor inviting him to be a guest of the association on that occasion; the reunion is to be held at Steubenville, Ohio, on August 28, 1879; hopes that the Governor will inform them when he will arrive so that the committee on reception may meet and escort him to the place of entertainment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [677]

1879 Aug. 10 — Jas. M. JACKSON, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Endorses the application of George Trumpour for a pardon; Trumpour is now confined in the West Virginia Penitentiary where he has served 3 years of a 5 year sentence; he was convicted of robbery while under the influence of intoxicating liquor; did not think the evidence very strong against him but at the time did not feel warranted in interfering with the verdict of the jury; his conduct has been good for 3 years; recommends him for executive clemency.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 25 cm. [678]

1879 Aug. 12 — B. D. FOORING, Committee of Invitation, Society of the Army of West Virginia, Marietta, Ohio. To Gov.

H. M. MATHEWS.

Extends an invitation to the Governor to attend the next meeting of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, which will be held at Marietta, Ohio, September 19, 1879.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /679/

1879 Aug. 15 — A. B. MILLER, Secretary, Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The committee of arrangements reported Mathews as the speaker at the laying of the corner stone of the new college building at 10 a.m. September 10th; wishes to reaffirm this statement that the program may be completed and published in a few days.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /680/

1879 Aug. 19 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The records show that the conduct of George Trumpour, a prisoner in this institution from Wood County, has been good; he was sentenced July 24, 1876, for 5 years for robbery; there has been only one charge placed against him since imprisonment and that was of a minor character.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /681/

1879 Aug. 21 — John A. SHANK, Secretary of Ohio River Improvement Commission, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the names and post office addresses of each of the present members of the Ohio River Improvement Commission; there have been some vacancies since the original appointments and has heard that new appointments have been made.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /682/

/1879 Aug. 23/ — J. C. TALBOT and others, Barbour County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Citizens of Barbour County favor the pardon of Octavius Anglin, sentenced to 2 years imprisonment at the May term, 1878, of the Barbour County circuit court for stealing one pair of pants, a vest, and one dress coat from Jacob B. Anglin; previous to this conviction Anglin bore a good reputation for honesty; doubt if he should have been convicted as the evidence was circumstantial and unsupported.

Signed: J. C. Talbot, E. O. Talbot, H. A. Barron, and 112 others. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /683/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

At bottom of letter: "I concur in this petition except as to the 'grave doubts'. - Thos. P. R. Brown, Pros. Atty."

1879 Aug. 24 Geo. C. STURGISS, Prosecuting Attorney, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses application for pardon of a William Johnson, now confined in the Monongalia County jail; he has served more than one half of his sentence.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /684/

Enclosure missing.

1879 Aug. 28 Wm. L. ROBINSON, Chairman, Committee on Opening Ceremonies, Seventh Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Urges the Governor to attend the exposition and reminds him of the invitation previously extended by Edmund H. Pendleton; if the Governor accepts, would like to be informed as to the number in the Governor's party and time of their arrival so that proper accommodations might be had.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /685/

1879 Sep. 2 B. L. BUTCHER, Attorney-at-Law, Beverly, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor to offer a reward of $25 or $50 for the arrest of A. C. Ward, indicted for grand larceny in 1871; an application for a requisition was made on the Governor and was granted; Ward was arrested there and escaped; he now has reliable information as to where Ward can be found but cannot have him arrested without paying a proper sum for detective's services; asks that the reward not be made public as it may induce Ward to flee.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 13 cm. /686/

1879 Sep. 6 Wm. JOHNSON, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Was put in jail on 26th of last March; since that time his wife has had to work to support herself and two small children; it will be impossible for his family to earn their support during the coming winter; friends secured a petition for Johnson's release which had more than 200 signers; this petition was forwarded to the Governor; has been told by the prosecuting attorney that the petition would be granted; promises not to "taste, touch nor handle" intoxicating liquors if released.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /687/

1879 Sep. 8 Neil ROBINSON, Manager, Robinson Coal Company, Coalburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has a number of correspondents in the East who are very much interested in West Virginia; would like to give them a copy of Maury's Centennial Report on the Resources of the State; requests that Governor send him five to eight copies of same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /688/

1879 Sep. 10 SWISS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE, Berne, Switzerland. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

This department has been notified that lately Swiss emigrants are going to the colony of Alpina [Alpena] in the Allegheny Mountains, North America; according to the report of the Consulate General of Switzerland at Washington for the year 1875, this colony is located in a remote region, and is almost entirely deprived of means of communication; "great caution is regnisite in the acquisition of such lands"; under these circumstances, emigration to Alpena is advised against.

L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [689]

1879 Sep. 11 R. A. SIDEBOTTOM, Secretary of State, Boise City, Idaho. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, [Wheeling, W. Va.].

The forwarding of the enclosed signatures was delayed by reason of the absence of Governor Brazman; could not get the Governor's signature until he returned.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [690]

Enclosure missing.

1879 Sep. 12 J. H. Diss DEBAR, Astor House, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Submits a report on southern colonization; it was first suggested by prominent citizens of Philadelphia who raised a partial subscription; however, after the death of Thomas H. Powers, a millionaire philanthropist, they lost interest; had to resort to railroad advertisements to raise funds for the printing of 5,000 copies which fell short $140 of actual expense; offers to sell them to the Governor at $20 per hundred; the retail price is 30¢ per copy.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [691]

1879 Sep. 17 T. CALLAWAY and others, Bent Mountain, Roanoke County, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In order to correct an erroneous petition which is circulating, wishes to give an explanation of the circumstances and request the Governor not to offer an award for the arrest of R. B. Price; 5 years ago in West Virginia, Price killed a man by name of William Morgan; Morgan stole a horse from Price, who shot him in "heat of passion"; Price then escaped to Franklin County, Virginia, where he had been born and raised; he lived there until about 2 months ago when he was arrested on a requisition from the Governor of Virginia; they released him for a small consideration of money; now, men of low character are petitioning the Governor to offer a reward of $1,000 for the apprehension of Price; has no doubt but that the petition was gotten up with the idea of making some money;

requests the Governor not to offer this reward; Price will give himself up for trial as soon as his means are sufficient to care for his family; he does not want to be arrested by "unprincipled men for money"; all of the best citizens of this county will testify that the above statement is true.

Signed: T. Callaway, J. R. Bartlett, and J. D. Bartlett. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [692]

1879 Sep. 19 Julia A. JOHNSON, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know whether or not the Governor is going to reprieve her husband, William Johnson.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [693]

1879 Sep. 20 Chas. S. TAYLOR, Secretary to Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received Stalnaker's letter of the 18th inst.; the book to which he referred is in the hands of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Gen. James McDonald; by enclosing $1 to him it will be forwarded.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [694]

1879 Sep. 22 Wm. THOMPSON, Clerk of Circuit Court of Boone County, Boone C[ourt] H[ouse, Madison], W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The seal furnished the circuit court is worn out; should it be sent to the Governor to be repaired.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [695]

1879 Sep. 23 J. W. BETCHELOR and others, Committee, Allegheny City, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"We wish to have one day set apart as the States Governors' day at the exposition and extend to you a cordial invitation to be present as a guest, say on Wednesday, October first, promising you a hearty welcome."

Telegram. [696]

1879 Sep. 25 John H. ROSLER, Sheriff, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recently wrote Mathews concerning the trouble at Paint Creek in this county; on September 18th received a telegram from J. C. Montgomery; started immediately with the prosecuting attorney and a guard but did not arrive until after the hanging was over; stayed over until the next morning; held inquests upon the bodies of both parties but could not find any evidence implicating anyone in the hanging; all witnesses examined swore that they knew none of the parties; thinks that the only way to find out who was concerned is to employ a detective and let him work it up for Snyder; those implicated could be indicted at the fall

term of court; "Whilse I think the negro was wholly to blame and deserved hanging. I am quite confident the law would have imposed that punishment upon him and it would have had a better effect upon the community. This mob law which is getting so far advanced in our Valley must be checked and I know of no better time to commence it than now"; wants to know if the Governor will approve of employing a competent man to assist Mr. Snyder in hunting up evidence against the parties and bringing them to justice; if such procedure is approved, will put a man to work on the case at once; both he /Rosler/ and the prosecuting attorney are certain that there can be nothing gained by summoning these men before the grand jury now.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /697/

1879 Sep. 26 J. W. BETCHELOR and others, Committee, Allegheny City, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Can you not meet Governor /Henry Martyn/ Hoyt /Governor of Pennsylvania/ and /Richard M./ Bishop /Governor of Ohio/ at Pittsburg Exposition on Wednesday Oct. first."

Telegram. /698/

1879 Sep. 26 Emanuel D. LUDWIG, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to call the Governor's attention to the papers left with the Secretary of State, Hon. S. Brady by George W. Norris, Esq., of Baltimore; the object is to colonize a large portion of West Virginia with immigrants from Switzerland; urges the Governor to cooperate and affix the State seal with his signature to the papers which contain the names of leading citizens of the State; among the names mentioned is that of S. A. Miller of Charleston; the Swiss people are very industrious and law abiding.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 25 cm. /699/

1879 Sep. 27 Wm. Maxwell EVARTS, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

An act was approved June 20, 1879, entitled "an Act providing for publication of the revised statutes and the laws of United States"; is sending 133 pamphlet copies of the statutes of the United States of America passed at the first session of the Forty Fifth Congress; requests that the accompanying receipt be dated, signed, and returned to the Department of State.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /700/

1879 Sep. 29 William L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In accordance with a request made by friends of W. F. Callahan, a prisoner in this institution from Barbour County, reports that the conduct of said prisoner has been good; he worked diligently and obeyed all the rules of the prison.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /701/

1879 Sep. 29 Frank W. BROWN, Clerk of West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
William F. Callahan, age 24, native of West Virginia, was sentenced by Barbour County circuit court May 18, 1878, to serve 2 years in the State prison for house breaking; he was received here on May 27th, 1878; the records show that his conduct has been good and that he is entitled to full 'good time'.
A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /702/

1879 Sep. 29 Geo. W. BRUCE, Medical Officer, Moundsville, W. Va. To John G. MUNROE, Esq.
Munroe's letter to Colonel Bridges regarding a colored prisoner, Tom Simpson, has been received; the prisoner is affected with pulmonary disease, possibly consumption; he has been confined to the hospital for some weeks and the chances are decidedly against his recovery; he is very much emaciated and within the last few days he has suffered swelling of the limbs, a symptom of serious illness; understands that Simpson has been a faithful prisoner.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 13 cm. /703/

1879 Sep. 30 /Gov./ Fred W. M. HALLIDAY, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
In accordance with the enclosed resolutions, invites Governor Mathews to attend the Annual and Centennial Celebration of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /704/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Oct. 1 Geo. A. CREEL, Publisher, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has sent bill for subscription to Gazette to date; is ill now but hopes to be well enough to resume publication of the Gazette soon; hopes that the Governor will continue to patronize him.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /705/

1879 Oct. 3 Smith CRANE, Clerk of Circuit Court of Preston County. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Copy of court record: Elihu Gregg, convicted for felony by the Preston County circuit court was sentenced on October 21, 1869, and remanded to jail to remain until January 28, 1870, when he was to be hanged; he escaped from jail before the day of execu-

tion; Gregg was surrendered as a fugitive from justice by the executive authority of the State of Pennsylvania to the executive authority of West Virginia; yesterday Gregg was delivered to the sheriff and jailer of this county and it is ordered that said prisoner "be safely and securely confined and imprisoned in the jail of this county, for such action of the court at the present term, as the Court may be advised is proper in the premises."

A.D.S. 1 p. 35 cm. x 21 cm. /706/

1879 Oct. 3 — S. L. FLORENOY, Romney, W. Va. To COLONEL /?/. Requests that Tom Simpson be released.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /707/

1879 Oct. 7 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.

Reports the good conduct of Thomas Simpson; if not incompatible with the cause of justice would urgently ask that he be granted a pardon; has very serious doubts as to his being guilty of the offense for which he is imprisoned.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /708/

1879 Oct. 8 — T. M. LOGAN, Chairman, State Conservation Executive Committee, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The State of West Virginia is having a political contest to determine whether "the debt"* shall be paid or unpaid; this committee is sending canvassers into each county of the State with information regarding taxation of other States; the agitators are telling the people that they are being mistreated and that there is no such taxation in other States; requests information of the rate of State and county taxation for all purposes in West Virginia, showing total tax paid by country men, rate of State taxation, rate of city taxation, total tax paid by inhabitants of West Virginia cities and all other information available on the taxation question.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /709/

1879 Oct. 8 — William THOMPSON, Clerk of Circuit Court, Boone County, Boone C/ourt/ H/ouse, Madison/, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Requests that the seal for the circuit court clerk of Boone County be sent by express to Brownstown, Kanawha County.

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* Refers to the Virginia debt.

1879 Oct. 9 — Isaac MESSMARE, Union Town, Pa. To F. M. FORD, Esq., Sheriff of Preston County, W. Va.

No reward has been offered here for the arrest of Benson and none can be paid; requests a statement of the expense of the arrest and keeping; if the authorities will pay same will come for Benson at once.

Copy. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /711/

Enclosed in entry 714.

1879 Oct. 11 — Geo. C. STURGISS, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Have you disposed of Johnson's application for pardon. Wife waiting information."

Telegram. /712/

1879 Oct. 11 — Mrs. NOLAN, Cattlettsburg, Ky. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Don't do anything in the Walker case until you hear from me."

Telegram. /713/

1879 Oct. 13 — F. M. FORD, Sheriff of Preston County, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wrote some time ago concerning William Benson, a fugitive from Pennsylvania; had notified the county authorities and received no reply; asked for instructions from the Governor and what to do in the premises; received a letter today from an agent of Pennsylvania, a copy of which is enclosed; "under these circumstances I feel under no obligation to hold him"; desires immediate instructions as to what to do with Benson.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /714/

For enclosure see entry 711.

1879 Oct. 13 — Hannah NOLAN, South Point, Lawrence County, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the Governor not to release Lawson Walker who murdered Mrs. Nolan's husband, Patrick Nolan, at Trouts Mills; Walker was sentenced to death, but recently has learned that his mother is getting up a petition for his release; can get many signers among the people in her neighborhood to a petition demanding justice by the death of Walker; was left with eight children to care for and with no means to do so.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /715/

1879 Oct. 13 — Charles C. KASEY, Agent, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Martins, Pulaski County, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Arrested at this place on October 10, 1879, a negro by the name of Champion Adams who is supposed to have murdered a woman and child in Monroe County, West Virginia; he is a black negro, about 5 ft. 9 in.

tall, and weighs about 150 pounds; he has a front tooth missing; he also has shot marks on his head, face, and neck, and a pistol mark on his leg; from the amount of hair on his clothing it is apparent that he was riding bare back; this man is now confined in the county jail at Newburn, Virginia; has heard that there is a reward offered for Adams' arrest; requests all particulars in the case.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /716/

1879 Oct. 16 James GOULD, Boston, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests another copy of The Resources of West Virginia; visited West Virginia last spring after reading the first copy of that book; will leave here about the first of February /1880/, to settle in Greenbrier County; desires the requested copy of book to give to a friend, Stephen L. Smith, Hollis Centre, Maine, whom he /Gould/ hopes to persuade to come to West Virginia also; has a lively interest in West Virginia and expects to be followed by a number of young men from New England as soon as he is settled; "Your state only needs to be known to become the home of thousands of the willing workers of New England which result it will be my aim to accomplish."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /717/

1879 Oct. 17 G. W. NORRIS, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

E. D. Ludwig, Esq., sailed on the 15th from New York to Switzerland; before sailing he wrote that he had expected a letter from Mathews, addressed to the Astor House, but had not received it; if this letter has not already been sent requests that it be addressed to Ludwig at Yonkangasse 152, Berne, Switzerland.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /718/

1879 Oct. 17 J. Rowland ECHOLS, Fire Creek, Fayette County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

When living at Quinmont /Quinnimont/ in this county was appointed notary public and served as such until 1876, when he left the State; returned to the State on the first of this month; desires to know if the appointment as notary made by Governor Jacob is still valid.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /719/

1879 Oct. 22 William T. HART, General Superintendent, Altoona Coal and Iron Company, Martin's Station, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Several weeks ago a group of mass capitalists visited this section with a view to investing in mineral property; since their return, the enclosed has been forwarded to me; wishes to know the truth of the

whole affair; "I cannot help believe that this is a mistake and the people of Greenbrier County have been slandered."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [720]
Enclosure missing.

1879 Oct. 23 — H. S. CARR, Prosecuting Attorney of Hardy County, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been informed that a petition is being circulated in this community for the pardon of Thomas Scott; Scott was imprisoned by Judge Armstrong, to 4 months in county jail; Scott was indicted for the murder of John Deckwith, colored, last May; the jury at the September term of the circuit court found Scott guilty of involuntary manslaughter and assessed a fine of $50 against him; in sentencing Scott, the court stated that the State had made out a case of voluntary manslaughter and added the 4 months imprisonment sentence; in the opinion of the State and others, Scott's punishment is far too light; "the best interest of the state will be prompted by a refusal of your Excellency to grant the prayer of said petition"; all personal relations with Mr. Scott have been "very pleasant and kind" but cannot fail to recognize the fact that he should be made to pay the penalty which the court has "very mercifully metted out to him"; requests a copy of the petition; expects to get up a counter-petition; asks Governor to delay action on the case until he [Carr] has had time to work on the copy of the petition requested; refers Governor to Captain Chipley who heard the case.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [721]

1879 Oct. 24 — Gov. Fred W. M. HALLIDAY, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

On the 19th of this month at Independence Hall in Philadelphia there was a meeting of the Governors of the 13 original colony States to discuss the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; at this meeting it was resolved that: A committee of one from each State, to be nominated by the Governor thereof, shall be appointed to constitute a committee of which Governor Halliday is to be chairman, for the arrangement of the celebration; requests the name and address of the representative from West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27 cm. x 20 cm. [722]

1879 Oct. 24 — Frank W. BROWN, Clerk of Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Hon. S. BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses an abstract from the record of Thomas Simpson, colored.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. [723]
Enclosure missing.

1879 F. H. PIERPONT, ex-Governor of Virginia,
Oct. 24 Fairmont, W. Va. To R. H. COCHRAN, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received Cochran's letter of the 23rd inst., in which are requested the facts in regard to the conviction of Eli Ice on charge of murdering young Wade; from careful investigation of this case and from information obtained from intelligent jurymen who tried the case and from lawyers who were present at the trial, believes the following to be the facts substantially submitted to the jury; during the winter of 1862-63, Ice was a soldier in the Union Army, but returned to his home in this county without furlough; some time before Ice's return home, young Wade had been arrested and sent to Camp Chase; it was reported that Wade was about to be released; Ice declared that if Wade came home he would kill him; both lived in the same neighborhood about four or five miles from Mannington; Wade soon returned home and was staying all night with A. Hess; that night, Ice came to the Hess home and demanded that Wade go with him to Mannington; on the way, Ice told Wade to go before him, whereupon Wade stepped forward; thinking that he heard the click of Ice's gun hammer, Wade said, "Ice you are not going to shoot me" and almost instantly Ice shot him in the back; Ice left Wade, went to the nearest neighbor, told them what he had done and requested that they take care of Wade; Wade lived about six or eight hours after being shot and gave the above dying declaration to a justice who presented it to the jurymen as evidence; there was no pretense of order of arrest of Wade from any person; 11 of the jurors who tried Ice were Union soldiers of good character and Judge Harrison, who presided at the trial is "a true Union man and an intelligent and human judge"; Mr. Somers who defended Ice was a capable attorney, and was at least the equal of either of the able gentlemen who prosecuted; at the trial there was no pretense that Ice was ever tried by a court martial or attempted to be tried; Ice was arrested by civil authorities of Marion County, placed in jail at Fairmont; on April 29, 1863, just before General Jones entered Fairmont, Ice was released by order of a Union military officer, and returned to his regiment where he remained until the expiration of his 3-year term of service; he then enlisted in a Pennsylvania veteran regiment; at some time between 1865 and 1870, Ice returned to Wetzel County, West Virginia; he was indicted by the circuit court of Marion County in June 1863, and neighbors in Wetzel County learning of his indictment, reported him to the officers of Marion County, where he was arrested and tried; does not think it the best course to publish the above information with his /Pierpont's/ name, as he is a neighbor of one of the jurymen and is married to a sister-

in-law of the Judge; "Judge Haymond was present and heard the trial. Show him this letter. He has paid close attention to the case, see if my statement agrees with his recollection"; thinks that it "may go with more force in some other form"; A. W. Campbell is a good advisor and so is D. Logan.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [724]

1879 Oct. 24 E. A. CANNAN, Commissioner of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. To R. M. DELAPLAIN, Wheeling, W. Va.

Notice of shipment of four cases of woods returned from the late Paris exposition of 1878; wools were not included in shipment; desired the wools to be sent later, otherwise they will be retained for permanent exhibition.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [725]

1879 Oct. 25 Chas. SOBB, Clerk, Circuit Court, Hardy County, W. Va. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

Thomas Scott was tried for the murder of John Beckwith; the jury found him guilty of involuntary manslaughter; he was fined $50 and sentenced to 4 months imprisonment in the county jail; Scott supposedly struck Beckwith on the right side of the head with a stick inflicting a mortal wound; this took place on May 20, 1879; the case was tried in the September term of circuit court 1879; names of the grand jurymen are: William M. Randolph, foreman; William Eberly, George Kohn, John G. Harness, William Fisher, Joseph I. Cunningham, William Wirt Harness, N. D. Parran, Thomas Maslin, Jr., Henry Hulter, James Kerykendall, Pahroah Wilkins, George Cleaver, Mathias Wilkins, James Teets, and James S. Whiting.

A.L.S. 5 pp. 34 cm. x 20 cm. [726]

1879 Oct. 25 James A. CLINEDINST, Hardy County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

A sworn statement made before H. G. Maslin, Justice of the Peace, wherein Clinedinst certifies that he is jailer of Hardy County and that Thomas Scott, sentenced at the September term of the circuit court for killing John Beckwith, admitted to him that he [Scott] had gotten off much better than he had expected on said trial and that he was very well contented with his punishment for the crime committed.

D.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [727]

1879 Oct. 27 Joseph SPRIGG, Attorney-at-Law, Moorefield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses the petition of sundry citizens for the pardon of Thomas B. Scott now confined in Hardy County jail; the petition sets forth full facts of the case; Scott is one of the best citizens; was surprised at

the judge for sentencing him to jail as the jury found him guilty of involuntary manslaughter; "It was an impudent good for nothing negro that was killed"; furthermore, it was a pure accident; defended Scott and knows the case very well; Scott is a farmer and his business is suffering from his absence; requests that the Governor consider the circumstances and grant the pardon; was instructed by Colonel White to tell the Governor that this petition is signed by all the best citizens of the county.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /728/

Enclosure missing.

1879 Oct. 28 — J. W. MASON, Attorney-at-Law, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces Lewis Haymond, Esq., who is visiting Wheeling to attend the "grand encampment I.O.O.F. about to assemble there"; Mr. Haymond is mayor of Grafton; he /Haymond/ has consented to speak to the Governor in relation to John Lamden who is now confined in the State penitentiary; Lamden was charged with the murder of Thomas Henderson; Mr. Haymond was justice of the peace at that time and conducted preliminary examination and is therefore well acquainted with the case; he feels that John Lamden's imprisonment is a mistake.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /729/

1879 Oct. 30 — Geo. W. SILCOTT, Clerk, Circuit Court, Calhoun County, Grantsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The seal of the circuit court of this county has become worthless; requests a new seal; returns to the Secretary of State the old one which was in this office when Silcott came.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21 cm. /730/

1879 Oct. 30 — Louden S. PETTREY, Mercer County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the October term of Mercer County circuit court, 1879, he /Pettrey/ was indicted for malicious stabbing; he was sentenced to 3 months in the county jail and was fined $200; is a young man without money; has a destitute family; cannot pay the $200; will be arrested upon a capias profine and imprisoned for the payment of said fine which he is unable to pay; "your petitioner does not question the justness of the conviction and secence /sic/ aforesaid but prays your Excellency to remit said fine and release him from the payment thereof."

Signed: Louden S. Pettrey, David E. Johnston, Attorney, A. C. Davidson, Attorney, and 94 others. 5 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /731/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1879 Nov. 3 J. H. REALL, Chairman of Committee National Agricultural Society, 323 Pear Street, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Solicits Governor's cooperation for the formation of a National Agricultural Society; the movement is receiving the support of representative men in all sections of the country; the meeting in this city for organization, December 10th, promises to be very well attended; hopes that West Virginia will be represented; requests the names of farmers interested in the improvement of agriculture.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. [732]

1879 Nov. 5 M. J. FERGUSON, Louisa, Ky. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Hesitates to express an opinion in Walker's case because of the peculiar relations to it; refused to sign the petition because it did not correctly state the testimony; in this case Judge J. H. Ferguson had been, at a former term, assigned as counsel and procured a continuance for the accused, at the trial term other counsel had expressed the opinion that they knew a defense that would acquit Walker; Ferguson asked to be, and was, excused and other counsel assigned including the counsel entertaining such opinions; in opening the case the prosecution informed the court that no objection would be urged to any course of examination or arguments which the defense might choose to pursue; the widest scope was given them and their theory utterly failed; when such a license was given the defense Judge Ferguson remarked to counsel for the prosecution that he was glad to see such course taken, that such conduct distinguished Henry Chapman as a prosecutor; after the verdict, a motion for new trial was made "bound alone upon the allegation that the jury did not understand the instructions of the court"; six jurors then present, swore that they understood the instructions to be, that they could determine the punishment by failing to provide for imprisonment, after they had found murder in the first degree and that they intended to fix the verdict so that the punishment should be death; has advised against any opposition to the commutation and when asked the probable result of the petition has said that the youthfulness of the convict would perhaps be a strong plea with the executive; "With the most profound respect for and confidence with your Excellency I would leave every question yet to be decided in Walker's case to your own decision assured of its correctness and assuring you that whatever that decision may be the public will approve it."

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21 cm. [733]

1879 Nov. 8 — Amos PAYNE, Orleans, Va. To Maj. Rice W. PAYNE. Requests a copy of Professor Maury's Resources of West Virginia; has lived in West Virginia and owns land in that State, therefore is much interested in the development and natural resources of that State.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /734/
Enclosed in entry 738.

1879 Nov. 9 — George LEAR, Attorney General, Harrisburg, Pa. To Robt. WHITE, Attorney General, Wheeling, W. Va. "Monday the eleventh was fixed for a hearing and Counsel for Gregg as some of them here would prefer to hear both sides then but if you cannot get here will give you an opportunity on Saturday the Sixteenth. Will hear the applicants and withhold decision."
Telegram. /735/

1879 Nov. 10 — Dr. G. W. N. BRUCE, Medical Officer, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Certifies that Alexander Woods, convict, has been the subject of epilepsy for several months past with no probability of any improvement; in addition to his inability to do anything for the State he requires the constant attention of a fellow prisoner to care for him.
A.D.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /736/

1879 Nov. 11 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for Alex Woods, a convict, subject to epileptic fits; it requires the services of one man all the time to wait upon him; while in a fit, Woods disturbs the whole prison with groans; thinks that a pardon would be an act of humanity; Woods says that he has relatives at Keyser, West Virginia, who are able and willing to take care of him.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /737/

1879 Nov. 12 — Rice W. PAYNE, Attorney-at-Law, Warrenton, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses letter from Dr. Amos Payne, an "estimable gentleman of this county"; requests that a copy of Maury's report /Resources of West Virginia/ be sent to Dr. Payne, Orleans, Fauquier County, Virginia, or to him /Rice W. Payne/ at Warrenton.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /738/
For enclosure see entry 734.

1879 Nov. 13 — John W. SENTZ, Kanawha County, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.
Can swear that the signatures of the petition now circulating in favor of Sims are genuine; has attempted to secure the names of persons who were

familiar with the circumstances at the time of the crime; in an attempt to get the signatures of the jury that convicted Sims found that only seven jurors are now in the State, four of whom have signed the petition; the other three jurors stated that they would sign same but have not been asked to do so because of their remoteness from the community; the population of this community has changed radically since the crime was committed, making it difficult to obtain signatures of those who actually know of the circumstances; numerous citizens are willing to sign the petition simply upon representation but that class of signatures has not been desired nor sought.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /739/

1879 Nov. 13 J. Sutton WALL, Civil and Mining Engineer for Bituminous Coal District of Pennsylvania, Monongahela City, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received a copy of the Resources of West Virginia through the kindness of the Hon. James K. Moorehead, President of the Chamber of Commerce at Pittsburgh; considers it a very able and excellent report; requests a copy for the company's scientific library.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /740/

1879 Nov. 14 M. F. MAURY, R. H. MAURY & Company, Stock Brokers, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests that three copies of Resources of West Virginia be sent to Gen. John H. Oley, agent, Central Law Company of West Virginia, Huntington, West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /741/

1879 Nov. 15 John A. CARROLE, Detective, Smith, West and Lyons Company, Baltimore, Md. To SMITH, WEST and LYONS, Detective Police Agency, Baltimore, Md.

Left Baltimore on November 7th and proceeded to Lewisburg, West Virginia, where he reported to I. A. Preston, Esq., States Attorney, from whom he obtained information concerning the burning of William F. Taylor's barn at Salem, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, on the evening of September 18th, 1879; from sworn statements made by Hans Remley, in the employ of Mr. Taylor for the past 4 or 5 years, by Walter Welch, Colonel Henry, Thomas Wells, T. L. and I. F. George, neighbors of the Taylors, the fire was started by Mrs. Taylor who wanted to burn all the buildings on the place so that her husband would move away; they certified to the good character and honesty of Mr. Taylor and to the bad reputation and unscrupulous actions of Mrs. Taylor and her friend, a Miss Cullison.

A.L.S. 5 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /742/

Enclosed in entry 743.

1879 Nov. 16 — SMITH, WEST and LYONS, Detective Police Agency, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the request of Thomas L. Shallcross, Esq., detailed a man to investigate the burning of William F. Taylor's barn at Salem, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, on evening of September 18, 1879; in the character of an adjuster of fire insurance, he interviewed quite a number of the neighbors and obtained all the information he possibly could in the matter; encloses a copy of the report.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /743/

For enclosure see entry 742.

1879 Nov. 17 — Wm. U. ANDERSON, Newman, Coweta County, Ga. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Is getting up a work in which all governors of all states will be listed"; requests that Mathews supply such a list for the State of West Virginia from the time of founding of State to present time; will give the Governor a copy of the work when finished.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /744/

1879 Nov. 18 — James M. JACKSON and others, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Burr Harden, convicted of house breaking at the September term of Wood County circuit court in 1877, and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment; Harden has served more than 2 years; his conduct has been exceptionally good and he is very old; after his imprisonment, his wife became insane and died in the asylum at Weston; he has several small children in destitute circumstances; think that the legitimate object of his punishment has been accomplished.

Signed: Jas. M. Jackson, D. H. Lemaul, Dave D. Johnson, and 24 others. 1 p. 48.7 cm. x 19.5 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /745/

1879 Nov. 18 — Geo. M. ADAMS, Clerk's Office, House of Representatives of the United States, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In compliance with the requirements of a rule of the House of Representatives forwarded today by mail three copies of the House Journal, 3rd session, 45th Congress, and three copies of the House Journal, 1st session, 46th Congress; one copy is for the executive and one copy each for both branches of the State Legislature; requests acknowledgment of receipt of same; encloses blank receipt.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /746/

1879 Nov. 21 — P. W. MORRIS, Attorney-at-Law and Publisher, Harrisville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has applied to President /Rutherford B./ Hayes

for the position of supervisor of the census for the first district of West Virginia; requests a letter of recommendation to the President in his [Morris'] behalf; was introduced to the Governor during the recent session of the Press Association in Wheeling.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [747]

1879 Nov. 22 — B. WILSON, Wilsonburgh [W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for Frank Owens, convicted and sentenced to the State penitentiary last year, for burglary; "the case is not an aggrivated one"; Owens' associate in the crime, who was also sentenced to the State penitentiary, has been pardoned.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [748]

1879 Nov. 22 — Chas. C. NARET, Wholesale Grocer of Gallipolis, Ohio, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Lewisburg, W. Va.
From information gained while at Coal Valley yesterday does not think the pending strike will amount to much; if the men come out today as threatened, the strike will be of short duration; the trouble originated over a question about keeping a contract between operators and miners; thinks that the matter will be settled by Monday or Tuesday.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [749]

1879 Nov. 24 — Chas. P. NATHALIE, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Colonel Faulkner left with Mr. Stalnaker, the executive secretary, a bill for ice furnished the military; requests that the Governor have the bill paid.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [750]

1879 Nov. 25 — Chill W. HAZZARD, Editor, Valley Republican, Monongahela City, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Pending the extension of the P[ennsylvania] O[hio] & C[hesapeake] Railway up the Monongahela into West Virginia and the probable contingency of its divergences as contemplated towards Connellsville [Pa.] as an objective point, desires to advocate its being kept to the original route; requests a copy of the Resources of West Virginia which may be used in gaining his point concerning location of the above railway.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [751]

1879 Nov. 27 — Roger HAMPSON, Bernice, Sullivan County, Pa. To CHIEF of THE STATE DEPARTMENT, Wheeling, W. Va.
In the November number of the Princeton Review there is an article by R. P. Proctor of Chicago in which he refers to a work on the Resources of West

Virginia issued by the State Department; requests information concerning the price of it or if it is issued free; desires a copy of same.
A.PC. /752/

1879 Nov. 28 Charles WILLIAMS and others, Maryland State Penitentiary, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The undersigned, three negroes, were removed from Martinsburg, West Virginia, to Montgomery County, Maryland, upon a requisition issued by Governor Mathews; in Montgomery County they were charged with robbery of John T. Belt, merchant at Gaithersburg Station, Maryland; requisition was issued upon a false oath made by Belt that he recognized the undersigned as the three men committing the crime; are not guilty of the charges but had no opportunity to defend themselves as the justice in Montgomery County before whom they appeared refused to allow them to talk; they were sentenced to 13, 15, and 15 years respectively in the Maryland State Penitentiary; requests that Mathews communicate with the Governor of Maryland and assist them in being released.
Signed: Charles Williams, Gabriel Smith, and Samuel Johnson. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /753/

1879 Nov. 28 H. R. HOWARD, Attorney-at-Law, Point Pleasant, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.
Encloses application of George Daugherty, Esq., for notary public commission; requests that the commission be made and received in time for the December term of the county court which meets on December the 15th so that Daugherty may give bond and qualify.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /754/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Nov. 29 A. J. SMITH, Sink's Grove, Monroe County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Desires to know the names of the supervisors for the second district of West Virginia; wishes to procure a position if possible, for taking the census in the second district.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /755/

1879 Dec. 2 Thos. J. GROVE, M.D. To THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
Has been treating Mrs. Herman Scott for an attack of inflammatory rheumatism; thinks that there is serious doubt as to her recovery as her general health is very bad; "she is also lamenting and grieving about her son Thomas Scott, which makes her case more difficult to treat."
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /756/

1879 Dec. 2 John DANNER, Canton, Ohio. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., Wheeling, W. Va.
Will deliver "Parlor Case" in Wheeling free of charge; requests this be kept confidential.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /757/

1879 Dec. 3 J. H. REALL, Chairman of the National Agricultural Society, 323 Pearl Street, New York City. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.
Acknowledges recent letter and thanks Stalnaker for enclosing the names of West Virginia farmers; will be very much disappointed if Governor Mathews fails to appoint a delegation to attend the convention of the society of December 10th; many of the larger States have already appointed their delegates.
A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /758/

1879 Dec. 4 J. W. MASON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Encloses letter from Mr. S. P. McCormick, in relation to John Lamden; Mr. McCormick is the prosecuting attorney for the county and was so when Lamden was convicted; with this additional information hopes that the Governor will see his way clear to grant the pardon without delay.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /759/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Dec. 6 A. TAYLOR, President, Wheeling Female College, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Please send $1 - for tickets to the lecture of Rev. Dr. George at 4th St. M. E. Church or return tickets per envelope enclosed."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /760/

1879 Dec. 6 Solomon MARIGOLD, Moorefield, Hardy County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Was one of the jury that tried Thomas B. Scott at last September term of Hardy circuit court; was away from home when the rest of the jury sent a petition to the Governor requesting the pardon for Scott; the jury did not suppose the judge would impose any additional punishment on Scott or they would have acquitted him; "The evidence satisfied all of us that the killing was accidential and that the negro by his impudence to Scott in his own home provoked him to strike the blow"; feels certain that nine tenths of the people of the county would approve the pardon of Scott.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /761/

1879 Dec. 7 William A. WALKER, Washington /D. C./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a list of Democratic members of the present Legislature of West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [762]

1879 Dec. 7 Charles W. NEWLON, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the request of George Lamden, whose son John is now a convict in the State penitentiary, writes to say that he has known George Lamden for some time and that he is a respectable citizen here; knows young John Lamden, also; John, convicted of murder, has been regarded here as a good, well behaved boy; from Newlon's knowledge of the facts in the case and of the character of the witnesses who testified against him, can say that he has grave doubts as to the boy's guilt; hopes that the Governor will examine the case and find it consistent with his duty to pardon John Lamden.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [763]

1879 Dec. 8 Lewis HAYMOND, Grafton, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

John Lamden was tried and convicted for murder, some 2 years ago; the character of the witnesses who testified against him are such that there are grave doubts as to whether Lamden is guilty; the statements of the witnesses did not seem creditable at the time of the trial and the facts learned since the trial has forced him [Haymond] to believe that Lamden was not guilty; hopes that the Governor will issue the boy a pardon.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [764]

1879 Dec. 9 Jas. L. McLIAN, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to call the Governor's attention to the petition for the pardon of Henry Campbell, which he presented to the Governor at Charleston; if notified, will promptly furnish any additional information needed; is particularly interested in this case and feels certain that Campbell's pardon will meet the approval of the people of Putnam County; hopes for a favorable reply soon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. [765]

1879 Dec. 10 Jno. Blaine HOGE, Martinsburg, W. Va. To J. N. WISNER, Esq.

In reply to Wisner's recent note regarding the case of the State vs. Schleuss - violations of the license laws in which judgments were confessed at the late term of this court - has no hesitation in saying that the character of the defendant was admitted to be that of a quiet, orderly citizen not disposed to violate the law; he acted rather in accordance with a custom among liquor sellers, which the non-enforcement

of the law seems to have encouraged and it was "not supposed that prosecutions cared or sustained in all the cases in which he plead guilty"; Mr. Schleuss had more indictments against him than any other person, without being more guilty of violating the law; thinks that it would be only fair that Schleuss' punishment should be proportioned to that inflicted upon the others; "from what I know of the cases themselves and with all regard for the community and the object designed to be affected by the enforcement of the law, I am prone to say that if it were in my power I would remit the penalties in all the cases in which the fines have not been paid."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [766]

1879 Dec. 11 — Kyle BRIGHT, Williamsburg [Va.]. To Ran[dolph] STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses tax receipts for land sold in Nicholas County in his name; requests Stalnaker "to examine the land office" and give the amount due the State for the years named in the sheriff receipts; will send a certified check or postoffice order for same; the county and district taxes on this property has been paid as will be seen on enclosed papers.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. [767]

Enclosure missing.

1879 Dec. 11 — Asa SNYDER, Asa Snyder Iron Works, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests information concerning the type of architecture of the new Capitol Building, now proposed to be erected in Charleston; desires to place a bid on the iron work for same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. [768]

1879 Dec. 13 — Geo. W. TOWNSEND, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. [H. M. MATHEWS].

Has just had an interview with some English gentlemen visiting this State; they are pleased and will invest in the State; they desire copies of Resources of West Virginia and any other pamphlets on the State; requests five copies to be sent to him [Townsend] for distribution; address copies to 834 Broadway, New York City.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 15 cm. [769]

1879 Dec. 15 — William TINCHER, Sabinia, Clinton County, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for his son, John M. Tincher, who has served 2 years and 4 months of a 3 year term at the West Virginia Penitentiary; John has been in poor health and his mother, who is not expected to live, wishes to see her son before she dies.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [770]

1879 Dec. 15 Silas MORGAN, Jailer, and others. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for George E. Kaiser, convicted of larceny by the Kanawha County circuit court at the fall term in 1879; Kaiser stole property from George R. Jacobs; Kaiser was under the influence of liquor and was influenced by another man when the crime was committed; when arrested without being informed of the charge placed against him, he delivered up the stolen property to the officer saying that he supposed that that was the cause of his arrest.

Signed: Silas Morgan, Jailer, John H. Rosler, Sheriff, Romeo H. Frees, Attorney, W. L. Hindman, Attorney, William L. Mahan, and Henry Ritter, jail guards. 2 pp. 35 cm. x 20 cm. [771]

1879 Dec. 15 John C. SLACKPOLE, Moore's Post Office, Tyler County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a release for Alpheus Nolan; has known Nolan for years and can swear that he has always been of good character; has also known Brancin Arnett for 10 or 12 years and has never known anything good about him; "Nolan has been a democrat ever since the war and Arnett is republican and we pray that you will take that in consideration"; was told by a neighbor that he caught Arnett stealing his hogs and he made him give them up; this happened just a few days ago; under the circumstances thinks that Nolan deserves a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [772]

1879 Dec. 16 D. E. CHANEY, Operator of Lumber Mill, Orange, Franklin County, Mass. To A. J. SWEENEY, Wheeling, W. Va.

Requests a copy of Resources of West Virginia; is engaged in the lumber business and wishes to locate where there is plenty of timber and where it can be bought cheap.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 19.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. [773]

On verso: Notation on back of letter stating that it was referred to the Governor by A. J. Sweeney.

1879 Dec. 17 Geo. H. ANDERSON, Post Master, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been repeatedly solicited by leading ex-soldiers to write to the Governor in behalf of Eli Ice; Ice was a faithful, courageous soldier but "through the fortunes of war committed an act for which he was subsequently punished by the civil authorities of your state"; Ice was among a squad sent to arrest a man by the name of Wade; Wade resisted and was killed in the melee that followed; after the war Ice was arrested by civil authorities, tried, convicted, and is now serving a life sentence in prison; a strong case is made in Ice's behalf; a military

tribunal examined the case and cleared Ice, declaring that he did nothing but that which was justified by the rules of war; until the time of this occurrence, Ice's reputation as a citizen and a soldier was without reproach; thinks that the 12 years which Ice has already served in prison should satisfy local justice and the embittered feelings engendered by the war; does not know of a single Confederate soldier who suffers in a northern prison for any act of the war; the terms of the Appomatox treaty of surrender have been rigidly adhered to, and no prosecution against a Confederate soldier was allowed to stand; thinks that it would be a gracious act to liberate "perhaps the only Union soldier suffering punishment for his conduct in the war."

A.L.S. 4 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /774/

1879 Dec. 18 John DRYDEN and others, Kanawha County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the fall term of the circuit court in 1879, George Paxton was indicted, tried, and convicted of unlawful shooting; he was sentenced to 1 year imprisonment in the State penitentiary; the undersigned believe Paxton was, at the time of the crime, for a long time before it and now is, of unsound mind; therefore think that Paxton is not accountable for his actions; request that he be granted a pardon.

Signed: John Dryden, Joel S. Quarrier, W. G. Sorrell, and 125 others. 3 pp. 32.5 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /775/

1879 Dec. 20 John GUNTER, Kanawha County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Gunter has known G. W. Paxton for 40 years; regards Paxton as insane and unaccountable for his actions when excited; Paxton is very old, weak, and decrepit; he has always been a quiet and law-abiding man; notarized by Benjamin Slack, Justice of the Peace, Elk District, Kanawha County.

A.D.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /776/

1879 Dec. 20 John M. DAVIS, Kanawha Head, Upshur County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon; was indicted by the United States Court for selling tobacco in violation of a law of which he was ignorant; is an invalid and can work very little; refers Governor to Robert Bean, Attorney; promises never to violate this law again if pardoned.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /777/

1879 Dec. 20 William FLUHARTY, Pine Grove, Wetzel County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests pardon for Alpheus Nolan convicted by the Wetzel County circuit court and sentenced to 20

years in the State penitentiary; the majority of the people of the county feel that he was unjustly accused and was convicted upon false testimony of a notorious character.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /778/

1879 Dec. 21 C. H. SHATTUCK, Sheriff and Treasurer of Wood County, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Burr Harden, convicted by Wood County circuit court for larceny and sentenced to serve 3 years in the State penitentiary; he has already served 2 years; has always had doubts as to "Harden's complicity in the theft for which he was convicted - other than having received the stolen goods"; thinks that the fact that Harden was very poor and had a large family and that the stolen goods being bacon, the case to some extent explains itself; however, believes the associate Gertman to be the leader of the theft; the petition being circulated in behalf of Harden has been signed by Judge J. M. Jackson, the judge by whom Harden was sentenced, the prosecuting attorney, clerk of the court, judge of the county court and numerous attorneys.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /779/

1879 Dec. 22 Jas. D. ARMSTRONG, Circuit Judge of Hardy County, Romney, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In compliance with the request contained in the letter of Mr. Stalnaker, makes the following statements and observations in regard to the case of Thomas B. Scott, tried in Hardy County circuit court for the murder of John Beckwith, colored; the jury found Scott guilty of involuntary manslaughter and he /Armstrong/ sentenced Scott to 4 months imprisonment in the county jail; Beckwith was employed by Scott by the month and lived in one of Scott's houses; on the day of the crime, Scott and Beckwith, with others, had been working on the public road; the work was completed about 2 o'clock in the afternoon; after their return Beckwith was eating lunch in Scott's kitchen when he was told to work for the rest of the afternoon in the corn fields; the negro refused, whereupon Scott ordered him off the place and the negro replied that he would go when he was ready; Scott picked up a piece of stove wood and struck Beckwith over the head; the negro fell unconcious from the blow which crushed his skull and he died a few hours later; the only witness present was Scott's wife whose testimony was comparatively muddled; thinks there was only a shadow of a theory that there was a fight or any attempt at an assault on the part of the negro; Scott's excuse for striking the negro was that the negro was impudent and provoking and that he /Scott/ was in a passionate rage when he struck him;

the evidence established beyond all question that Scott was guilty of voluntary manslaughter; the sympathies of the jury were with Scott; although Scott proved that he was a good character he was also proved high tempered and passionate; the judge's sympathy was with Scott and because of that feels that he made the sentence too light; after being out for a day the jury asked for instructions and understood thoroughly what they were to do; the petition gotten up by Mr. Marigold is not true; those who know Marigold would not consider him very competent to judge the sentiment of the people of Hardy County; furthermore Scott has served part of his sentence which he [Scott] considered a light one; one of the objects of the punishment was to teach men that they must restrain from indulging in their tempers at the expense of their fellowmen; "Life is too sacred to be at the mercy of every passionate and high tempered man"; urges the Governor to deliberate long and carefully before granting a pardon to Scott.

A.L.S. 12 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [780]

1879 Dec. 22 — Wm. E. MASLIN, Spanishburgh, Mercer County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests an appointment as census taker for Mercer County.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [781]

1879 Dec. 24 — W. H. BILLINGS and others. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

At the October term, 1879, of the county court of Brooke County, Joseph McHenry was found guilty of assault and battery; he was sentenced to 6 months and has behaved well; his health is failing; he is the sole support of his family, a wife and child; thinks that the ends of justice have been met; request that he be released.

Signed: W. H. Billings, William Jones, T. H. Marks, and 68 others. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [782]

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1879 Dec. 26 — A. F. HAYMOND, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Returns the Ice record with his marginal endorsements; read them to one of the jury, a strong Republican, who tried Ice, and he concurs in their correctness.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. [783]

1879 Dec. 27 — Andrew TUSTIN, Conaway, Tyler County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a release for Alpheus Nolan; thinks that he was imprisoned unjustly; he has a good reputation among his neighbors; has always found Nolan to be a gentleman; he is a law-abiding citizen; he works

the roads and pays his taxes.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /784/

1879 Dec. 29 Jacob FLUHARTY, New Martinsville, Wetzel County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Thinks that Alpheus Nolan, sent to the State penitentiary in October 1879, for the unlawful cutting of Brannon Aarant /Arnett/ should be pardoned; Arnett made the assault on Nolan and the cutting was done in self defense.
A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /785/

1879 Dec. 29 Geo. H. ANDERSON, Post Master, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Received recent letter and all the enclosures regarding the Ice case; thanks the Governor for all the facts in this celebrated case; from the evidence submitted, no reasonable doubt can exist as to the justice of the verdict and consequent punishment of Ice; "The publication of the record or so much of it as may be necessary will or ought to settle forever any further discussion of the subject"; will return the papers as requested; is delighted that the public has an opportunity of hearing both sides and setting at rest the whole question.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /786/

1879 Dec. 29 F. B. SANBORN, Secretary of American Social Science Association, Concord, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"The American Social Science Association at its last general meeting at Saratoga in September 1879, considered the subject and adopted the resolutions mentioned in the enclosed printed leaf and directed me as secretary to forward same to you."
A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 13 cm. /787/
Enclosure missing.

1879 Dec. 30 C. J. STUART, Attorney-at-Law, West Union, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been informed that there is in circulation a petition requesting pardons for Maurice Adams and Fraser Cain, who were sentenced by the Lewis County circuit court last spring, to 10 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; the relatives of these boys are getting up the petition on the understanding that they will implicate and prove that another, younger boy by the name of Leeson, was with them at the time of the robbery and that he is more guilty than they; Leeson is a boy of good reputation and his family is one of the best in the county; the two boys now imprisoned do not have good reputations; does not think it a good example to release these men in an attempt to convict Leeson.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /788/

1879 Dec. 30 — Alex RAMSEY, Secretary of War, Washington City [D. C.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of letter dated December 16th, endorsing requisition for ordnance and ordnance stores for the use of the State of West Virginia; the chief of ordnance reports that the State has already overdrawn its quota for the year ending June 30, 1880 and therefore, these requisitions cannot be filled until after that date.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [789]

1879 Dec. 30 — Eugene TARR, State's Attorney, Wellsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has seen the application of Joseph McHenry for executive clemency; from knowledge of the character of the offense and McHenry's present condition, does not think that leniency in the matter of executive pardon would be misplaced.
A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 20 cm. [790]

1879 Dec. 31 — J. S. VAN VOORHES, Belle Vernon, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a copy of the Resources of West Virginia.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [791]

1879 Dec. 31 — Hedgeman SLACK, Notary Public, Kanawha County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Makes a sworn statement that he believes G. W. Paxton, whom he has known for 25 years, to be insane; his mother and aunt were insane; Paxton is an old man and has always been a good citizen; a petition is being circulated for his release.
A.D.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [792]

1879 n.d. — Alex RAMSEY, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Telegraphic request for 5,000 cartridges to be sent to J. Wm. Appleton, Charleston, not clearly understood. The State's quota for arming and equipping the militia is overdrawn for the present year. Are your Senators or Representatives advised of the nature of the emergency."
Telegram. [793]

1880 Jan. 1 — James W. GREEN, Attorney-at-Law, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has written Governor concerning the case of Strander vs. State of West Virginia; was not informed as to the usual fees charged for such a case in West Virginia or what authorities in West Virginia had the right to determine same; has been told by Mathews that he did not expect to pay more than $500 for counsel in the case; is willing to divide the amount with Colonel Gordon; does not pretend to pass judgment on

the amount to be paid Gordon; knows nothing of the amount of labor performed by him; thinks that Colonel Gordon must be paid without mentioning the division of the $500 with himself as he /Green/ is not in the position of instituting a comparison of services.
A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /794/

1880 Jan. 6 Alex RAMSEY, Secretary of War, Washington City, D. C. To Hon. H. G. DAVIS, U. S. Senate /Washington, D. C./.
The State had overdrawn its quota for the present fiscal year in the sum of $4.90 for ordnance and ordnance stores; the annual quota of the State is $2,398.95; the value of stores requested is $2,798.76 or nearly 20 percent in excess of the authorized issue for the next fiscal year; the Department does not feel justified in approving this requisition; regrets the inability to comply with Davis' wishes.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /795/
Enclosed in entry 797.

1880 Jan. 7 W. A. FISHER, Kanawha County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Affidavit wherein Fisher swears that he has known G. W. Paxton for about 5 years and at times would not consider him a sane man; on the night of the shooting of Humbles, Paxton came to Fisher's house, "looking very well and acting very much like a maniac"; Paxton's conversation was that of a maniac; notarized by James L. Brown; witnessed by Brown and W. A. McCorkle.
D.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /796/

1880 Jan. 8 H. G. DAVIS, Member, Committee on Appropriations, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Called in person at the War Department and saw Secretary Ramsey; told Ramsey what occurred "between ex-Secretary McCrary, yourself and myself"; the principal objection in carrying out the understanding was that the Governor's requisition was so large; thinks that he /Mathews/ might get a small supply in advance; it will be useless to make further application unless Governor reduces the original requisitions; returns Governor's letter and one addressed to him /Davis/ for Governor's information.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /797/
For enclosure see entry 795.

1880 Jan. 8 Azel FORD, Raleigh Court House, Raleigh County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a copy of Resources of West Virginia, for a friend, Robert H. Maxwell, who is dealing in West Virginia lands; Maxwell will visit Pennsylvania

soon on land business; the copy already received has been of great benefit to Ford.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [798]

1880 Jan. 8 J. H. HALL, Coal Valley [W. Va.]. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.
Encloses an account against the State for services rendered in 1878 for guard duty; account has been corrected to conform to State requirements; requests that the present account be presented to the auditor for payment.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [799]
Enclosure missing.

1880 Jan. 9 R. A. CAMM, Ansted, Fayette County, W. Va. To Gen. William C. WICKHAM, Second Vice President of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway [Richmond, Va.].
Received Mr. Page's letter of the 8th inst.; telegraphed Governor [Mathews] yesterday that four cars would be sent daily to Tredegar Company but last night the "Mollies 500 strong came up and have today brought our men out. The scamps have decided in meeting today that our men are to remain out until Mr. Page pays them .55¢ per ton for run of mine"; has telegraphed Page who is now in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; understands from many of these men that the operators in Kanawha Valley are at the bottom of this, especially Mr. Wyant of Eureka Mines; will advise Governor as soon as the men go back to work; "Can nothing be done to stop this lawlessness?"
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [800]
Enclosed in entry 824.

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. W. HOGEMAN, A.D.C., National Hotel.
"Governor says that the Sheriff of Fayette County should inform him directly that a riot prevails in his county. Two companies are ordered. The address I gave you today is correct."
Telegram. [801]

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Sr.
"Hold the arms and telegraph me what your men will do."
Telegram. [802]

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.
"Have answered by Western Union. It is a strike among the miners."
Telegram. [803]

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, 5th Avenue Hotel, New York City.

"Have repeated two dispatches to you today. No answer - Understand Faulkner's Company has been mustered out. Hogeman is here. Wants to open up communication with the Sheriff of Fayette County. Have ordered Snyder to hold his company in readiness for service. We have only (4000) four thousand rounds of ball cartridge."

Telegram. /804/

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. Miller, Wheeling, W. Va. To Capt. C. P. SNYDER, Kanawha Rifleman, Charleston, W. Va.

"Hold your company in readiness for active service. Report the strength and condition of your command to these head quarters by telegraph. By order of the Governor."

Telegram. /805/

1880 Jan. 9 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. C. J. FAULKNER, Martinsburg, W. Va.

"Would your old company respond to a call for duty in the Kanawha Valley if the State required their services?"

Telegram. /806/

1880 Jan. 9 INTELLIGENCER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Please send us situation on Chesapeake and Ohio Road tonight."

Telegram. /807/

1880 Jan. 9 Daniel B. AMES, 44 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Would you be kind enough to inform me to whom I may apply for information as to the Agricultural, Mineral, Topographical, Manufacturing, etc., inducements of your state for Capitalists. Also the name of your state paper in which legal notices are published."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /808/

1880 Jan. 10 Col. W. W. MILLER, To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, 5th Avenue Hotel, New York City.

"Have made no details - Grubb, the Herald reporter here says he drew on his imagination - I have positively refused to give him anything."

Telegram. /809/

1880 Jan. 10 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Col. Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va.

"The Governor of course cannot give the guarantee you ask. You are soldier and lawyer enough to understand this."

Telegram. /810/

1880 Jan. 10 O. C. PEYTON, Hawks Nest Coal Company, Limited, Ansted, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is anxious for a copy of the M. F. Maury's Resources of West Virginia; will find it useful in the preparation of letter for the Independent*; desires to know how one can be secured; address is Nicholas Court House, West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /811/

1880 Jan. 10 Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Maj. J. W. APPLETON, Charleston /W. Va./.

"Governor is in New York. Of course your men will go out under your command."

Telegram. /812/

1880 Jan. 10 Alex F. MATHEWS, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Strike is thought serious and to be general; 200 or more miners from Coal Valley stopped work at Ansted yesterday; came to Nuttallburg last night and received all information from Colonel Bryon; would think it a good opportunity to assert power of State Government which must be done now or later; "had you not better be on hand in person"; there are 800 cartridges here in private hands; Montgomery is ready.

Telegram. /813/

1880 Jan. 10 G. H. McCLUNG, Sheriff, Fayette County, Hawks Nest, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"May want one thousand to fifteen hundred men at any minute to stop miner difficulties as I think the civil authorities will be unable to control them. Can you furnish them?"

Telegram. /814/

1880 Jan. 10 W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has received the following from Vice-President Wickham, Richmond, Virginia: "My information is that the mob from Cannelton has returned to that place after inducing the miners at Ansted to make demand for higher wages. I do not think there is likely to be any out break at this time."

Telegram. /815/

1880 Jan. 10 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"No rioters at Hawks Nest. I believe the trouble is over. Page says his men will go to work Monday if they have protection. I telegraphed him if they went

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* Name of an Industrial periodical.

to work and required protection to get the sheriff to ask for it. I would send him a company. Will be at Brunsten till Monday Morning. Telegraph me if need one."

Telegram. /816/

1880 Jan. 10 R. A. CAMM, Hawks Nest, W. Va. To Gen. W. C. WICKHAM, Second Vice President, C. & O. R. R., /Richmond, Va./.

Mr. Page will be here tonight; in the meantime has called upon the sheriff for protection; has telegraphed for 1,500 troops; "my men are all ready and willing to go to work but 4 Mollies. They will be discharged"; on January 5th, the operators of Coal Valley had a meeting; on the following day the operators supposedly told the miners that they could get no orders as long as Page's work ran but that if the miners would stop the Ansted works they would put them to work on Monday, December 12th, at an advance; on the same day, "while the rioters were at our bank, Mr. Wyant of the Eagle Mines came down on the train and asked from the cars, 'Boys have you stopped the Ansted works?' upon being told they had, he replied, 'All right keep them out'"; such is the present state of operations; in Mr. Page's absence all "I intend to do is to try if the state has any adequate force to keep these 'Mollies' off the premises"; when they took "our men out yesterday they took them in a field, formed a ring about them and after many hootings, yellings, pistol shots, etc, they informed them that if any of them went back to work under the 55¢ per ton run of mine, they would come up and make their legs dangle in the air"; thinks that Mr. Page will fight this mob until the end and expects General Wickham to help; believes that the operators at Cannelton are at the bottom of the whole thing, especially Mr. Wyant.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /817/

Enclosed in entry 824.

1880 Jan. 10 A. DOWNEY and others, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned, citizens of Clay County, request a pardon for Elsa Mark who was convicted by the Clay County circuit court and sentenced to serve 8 years in the State penitentiary; since the conviction, the prosecuting witness has confessed that Mark was not guilty of all the charges placed against him; after taking everything into consideration, think that the boy has served long enough; "all of the head leaders and the elder ones has gone clear of the charge"; Mark's mother needs his support badly; repeats request for Mark's release.

Signed: A. Downey, John Harner, Hiram Harris,

and 158 others. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /818/
Names of signers in Appendix A.

1880 Jan. 10 John C. STACKPOLE, Moorse, Tyler County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for Alpheus Nolan, convicted and sentenced from Tyler County; does not think that Nolan deserves the sentence that he received; he was a good, law-abiding citizen, and the man "that was agance him never pay no tax or works the roads so the man that was agance him is not a law abiding sitizen and many other things is two bade to say eny thing about"; the general opinion of the people in this community is that Nolan should be released.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /819/

1880 Jan. 10 Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has telegraphed Major Appleton, asking the amount of ammunition he has; the Adjutant General is ill.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /820/

1880 Jan. 11 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va.
"I have thirty-two men enrolled other than ten mentioned in former telegraph. If state needs their services, they will have to be mustered in and new commissions given to officers. I will not take them from their business until I receive further orders."
Telegram. /821/

1880 Jan. 11 Chas. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va.
"Company has now forty-seven members volunteers for the occasion under no legal obligation to respond to call should be protected. A request from legal authorities to vice-president Keyser* would accomplish it. Will it be done?"
Telegram. /822/

1880 Jan. 11 Maj. John Wm. APPLETON, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, 5th Avenue Hotel, New York City.
Started to move troops this morning under orders but orders were countermanded; does not think that there will be any occasion to use force in the present condition of affairs, although, has heard that there will be trouble at Campbell's Creek tomorrow; force will be used there if men who are willing to work are driven out of the mines; after exhausting prudent forbearance, will fire on the rioters and crush resistance decisively as Governor's telegram directs; to

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* Wm. Keyser, Vice-President of B. & O. R. R.

fire on a crowd in such a case is very different from firing on the enemy in time of war and an officer using arms in such a case has a legal gauntlet to run after the affair is over; "In case of a movement give me explicit orders over your own signature"; works with Major Bradford in perfect confidence and harmony; does not propose to repeat the mistake made by troops in the Pittsburgh riot; has had much trouble with miners on former occasions; there has been no actual violence, only a few drunken threats; this lawlessness has been disowned by some of the best of the miners; thinks that miners must openly repudiate lawless actions; believes that the Governor's prompt action and readiness of the troops will go far toward stopping this lawlessness.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /823/

1880 Jan. 11 W. C. WICKHAM, Second Vice-President, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses letters from Hawks Nest which will explain the situation.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /824/

For enclosures see entries 800, 817.

1880 Jan. 11 W. A. BRADFORD, Brownstown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Will be in Charleston by three o'clock A. M. Sunday morning. Will execute your orders unless countermanded."

Telegram. /825/

1880 Jan. 11 Maj. John W. APPLETON, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Major Bradford has gone up the road; troops are ready to move; thinks that violence is not probable; shall move men to Hawks Nest as soon as sheriff says so; from last report all is quiet at Hawks Nest and there are no strangers there; Montgomery has no ball cartridges; will take some there.

Telegram. /826/

1880 Jan. 11 C. H. McCLUNG, Sheriff of Fayette County, Nutallburg, W. Va. To /W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va./.

"Everything quiet this morning. Apprehend no trouble unless men resist arrest."

Telegram. /827/

1880 Jan. 11 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has just received a telegram from McClung at Nutallburg, "saying all quiet do not apprehend further trouble."

Telegram. /828/

1880 Jan. 12 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Saw Page last night; received telegrams from him this morning; his miners are afraid to go in without protection; has ordered Kanawha Riflemen with Gatling gun to report to McClung at once.

Telegram. /829/

1880 Jan. 13 John W. APPLETON, Major Commanding, Hawks Nest, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Moved Kanawha Riflemen here without trouble; there have been some threats; sheriff went to Cannelton to arrest 35 men; expects that mob to come up on the train with them; shall take up track beyond bridge and fire on them if they attempt to cross; has an excellent position for Gatling and men; shall order them from Montgomery to Ronceverte and here if needed; "Cold and snowing. Wish we had overcoats."

Telegram. /830/

1880 Jan. 13 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Troops arrived safely at Hawks Nest; all is quiet; "See Cincinnati Gazette of thirteenth inst."

Telegram. /831/

1880 Jan. /13/ Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Faulkner has enough extra arms to fill up line but they are fifty caliber and can give no ammunition. Appleton enough forty five caliber from Hale Rifles. Faulkner has forty-seven old men who will re-enlist."

Telegram. /832/

1880 Jan. 14 E. L. WOOD, Adjutant General, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

"Received telegram from Maj. Appleton from Hawks Nest asking for ammunition. I telegraphed sec'y of war for it."

Telegram. /833/

1880 Jan. 14 Pearl WATSON, Huntington, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

His wife, Fanny Watson, was shot and killed on the night of January 19th, 1879, in Huntington, West Virginia; Henry Johnson was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life for committing the crime; was present at the time of the shooting which was done accidentally by Beck Booth, Mrs. Watson's mother; was a witness for the State in the trial and did not tell all he knew, fearing that he might be implicated in the affair; however, never stated in court or out of it that Johnson committed the act; notarized by

William Land, Justice of the Peace.
D.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /834/

1880 Jan. 14 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Plenty of troops at Hawks Nest. No danger. I thought of ordering them back in a day or two."
Telegram. /835/

1880 Jan. 14 W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Twenty-five men were arrested instead of fifteen. St. Clair has telegraphed to Windy Wilson to come to Hawks Nest. I suppose to defend them."
Telegram. /836/

1880 Jan. 14 John ECHOLS, Huntington, W. Va. To Gen. /W. C. WICKHAM/.
Came down the line today and talked with men of all classes about labor troubles; evident that unless vigorous measures are adopted and the guilty parties are brought to punishment, it will be as well to abandon all idea of maintaining a coal business at New River and Kanawha River mines; everyone agrees that the issue now is, if the 'Mollies' are allowed to prevail and the parties under arrest are allowed to go free, they will consider that they will have entire "impunity for any actions for the future"; engaged in conversation with a man on the train who is in sympathy with the mob; found out later that his name was Twentyman and that he was a constable at Coal Valley; learned that a justice at the same place by the name of Sarver is also a warm friend of these people; traveled and talked with Wyatt of the Eagle Mines; he was very discouraged and anxious that the ring leaders should be punished; he says that these men are "miserable cowards and are only defiant now because they think the authorities are afraid of them"; unless the proprietors of the mines are protected now, fears the worst consequences for the future.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /837/
Enclosed in entry 840.

1880 Jan. 15 J. M. ALDERSON, Agent, Hawks Nest, W. Va. To Gen. W. C. WICKHAM, Second Vice-President, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway /Richmond, Va./.
There were very few men at work yesterday due to the fact that all of the regular miners were attending the trial of the Ansted miners; has learned that today there are 15 or 20 men at work in Page's mine; they expect to load six or seven cars today; the trial of prisoners commenced yesterday and is still going on; everything is quiet.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /838/
Enclosed in entry 840.

1880 Jan. 15 — Henry C. LEE, Special Agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the Governor's aid in securing information which will aid the people who desire to settle along the railroad; on the new railroad maps a sketch of the counties through which the railroad passes will appear; these sketches will give the county's population, school facilities, churches, principal products, soil, etc.; the maps will be put into the Land Register which is sent to parties out of the State; the Register is published by the Bureau of Immigration; is forwarding a copy of the Register to the Governor; the railroad assists the Bureau in obtaining contributions and by granting liberal terms to the settlers.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /839/

1880 Jan. 15 — W. C. WICKHAM, Second Vice-President, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses copy of a letter received today from General Echols in regard to matters in West Virginia which Wickham commends to Governor's consideration; also encloses copies of letters from agents at Princeton and Hawks Nest.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /840/

For enclosures see entries 837, 838.

1880 Jan. 15 — C. W. DAILEY, Keyser, W. Va. To Col. [?].

Encloses petition, as requested by William Brophy, who is asking remission of fine imposed by the court; Brophy's family really "needs the money and if he has to pay it his family will have to suffer"; requests an early reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /841/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Jan. 16 — James F. FLUHARTY, Moore's Post Office, Tyler County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received Governor's letter stating that in such cases as A. Nolan's it is usual to have the jurors or a majority of them to sign the petition; if Mathews will examine the petition closely, will find that a majority of the jurors have signed it with their positions designated; wants to know if the prosecuting attorney has not already visited the Governor in regard to this case; if not, he "will instruct you on it."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /842/

1880 Jan. 16 — C. J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Have received no answer to first telegram by W. U."

Telegram. /843/

1880 Jan. 16 — Maj. John Wm. APPLETON, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Gen'l Van Sliet telegraphs that Col. Rucker at Phila. is authorized to sell me seventy five infantry overcoats at regulation prices - five dollars thirty three cents. May I order them in your name?"

Telegram. /844/

1880 Jan. 16 — W. A. BRADFORD, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The trouble is over; troops return home today.

Telegram. /845/

1880 Jan. 17 — J. W. BELL, Piedmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been requested by friends of William Brophy of this place to request favorable consideration of his petition for remission of fine, imposed upon him by the circuit court of this county, which is now before the Governor; Governor will note that a majority of the jurors have signed the Brophy petition and had it been possible to contact the rest, is certain that they would have signed without hesitation; this is Brophy's first offense; he has always been honest; his wife died several years ago leaving him to care for seven small children; soon afterwards he came here and opened a saloon and restaurant in connection with M. J. Burke; they took out a beer license and under same, sold some spirituous liquors, for which Brophy was indicted and fined; it has always been said and believed that the violation of this law was instigated by Burke and if Brophy ever assented to it, feels confident that "he was driven to it because of poverty"; his wages do not exceed $30 per month; every one in this community is in sympathy with Brophy and earnestly requests the favor to be granted.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /846/

1880 Jan. 19 — Rulett A. SMITH, Coal River Marshes, Raleigh County, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Wishes to be informed immediately of the Governor's decision relative to a pardon for his /Smith's/ son; if more names to the petition are required, will get three times as many.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /847/

1880 Jan. 20 — Geo. E. PRICE, Attorney-at-Law, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a remission of fine for William Brophy because Brophy was seriously injured and will be unable to work for some time; if he is forced to pay the fine his family will be left in destitute circumstances.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /848/

On verso: Statement, certifying that William Brophy's condition is of "such a nature as will entirely disable him for several weeks at least, from following the business he has been in." Signed by Dr. R. Gerstell.

See also entry 846.

1880 Jan. 23 — Sarah A. LONGACRE, Gerrardstown, Berkeley County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has complied with the Constitution of the State of West Virginia in regard to obtaining her homestead; Justice J. S. Gardner of Martinsburg has issued an attachment to J. P. Stump, deputy sheriff of Berkeley County to notify said provision in the constitution granting the sum of $200 as a homestead; requests the Governor to grant her protection, as the attachment issued is a violation of the provision of the Constitution of West Virginia; requests Governor to write immediately to her son at Gerrardstown and notify Sheriff Nadenbush to protect her property.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /849/

1880 Jan. 23 — C. C. DONNELLS & Company, Dealers in School Desks, 10½ Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To R. STALNAKER, Jr., /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Requests a rough pencil sketch giving all dimensions of desk desired; will figure estimate down to lowest figure.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 8 cm. /850/

1880 Jan. 24 — Ash M. PRINCE, Proprietor Raleigh County Index, Raleigh Court House, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know when the money for printing the Constitutional Amendments will be paid; needs his money badly.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /851/

1880 Jan. 26 — J. Ed PENNYBACKER, Franklin /W./ Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor's influence to have William E. Wilson appointed as numerator of the census in this county; recommends Mr. Wilson as a very worthy young man, supporting a widowed mother.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /852/

1880 Jan. 26 — T. A. MOORE, Clerk of County Court, Jefferson County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Transmits case of Theodore L. Hines, indicted at the January term of Jefferson County circuit court for an assault with intent to commit a rape; Hines pleaded not guilty; the jurors on the case are: Philip R. Moles, George D. Johnson, R. L. Moles, Richard W. Barnes, G. W. Armentrout, D. L. Reutch, William McIntyre, Samuel N. Clipp, Philip Reinhart,

William Link, George T. McChane and Daniel Getzenhourer; the jury adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.; the jury sworn in in this case came to court and after hearing the evidence retired to consult the verdict; having agreed, they returned to the court; they found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of $5; a motion for a new trial overruled; the court fined the defendant $5 and costs and upon further consideration sentenced him to 6 months imprisonment in the county jail without "bail or mainprize."

Copy. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /853/

1880 Jan. 27 — Wm. G. WORLEY, Prosecuting Attorney, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition requesting executive clemency on behalf of Thomas R. Dawson convicted and sentenced to 2 years in the State penitentiary for grand larceny; would have been satisfied if Dawson had been sentenced to 1 year and believes that the jury would have done so had they been permitted to do it by law; Dawson is "respectably connected and is of rather feeble intellect"; is willing for the young man to be released after 1 year of imprisonment.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /854/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Jan. 27 — C. M. GOODSELL, Manager, The Graphic Company, New York City, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The Graphic desires the opinion of prominent men on the third term question; requests Governor's views on the matter; encloses list of interrogations for facilitating a reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /855/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Jan. 28 — F. D. MUSSEY, Private Secretary to Governor of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

To avoid to some extent the delays and embarrassments which frequently arise on account of the return of requisitions for amendment because they fail to meet the requirements of the State statutes, wishes to advise the Governor that the laws of Ohio have recently been revised and codified; among the provisions thereof which have undergone change are those relating to extradition; desires information concerning similar changes in West Virginia laws.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /856/

1880 Jan. 30 — HEKTOGRAPH COMPANY, 22-24 Church Street, New York, N. Y. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The undersigned have the Hektograph in daily use and find it invaluable for the duplication of letters, circulars, invoices, etc.; they say, "Having tried other apparatus for the same work, we cheerfully recom-

mend the Hektograph as the best we have used, and a perfect instrument for the purpose"; those hereby recommending the Hektograph are: J. C. Honahman, Gen. Supt. W. U. Telegraph Company, G. L. Wiley, Supt. Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, C. G. Clark, American Express Company, N. Y., J. B. White, Comptroller. Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Company, William Baldwin, Chief Commissioner of Highways, Joseph Wood, Jr., Ass't Treas. and Sec'y A. D. T. Co.

Circular. /857/

1880 Jan. 30 — John P. DAVISON, Aurora, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a release for his son, Thomas R. Davison, confined in the State prison since April 3, 1879; young Davison's mother is ill and is not expected to live; she wishes especially to see her son before she dies.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /858/

1880 Jan. 31 — Cameron AMBERG & COMPANY, Chicago, Ill. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Notification of the shipment of a cabinet letter file ordered from McDonnell on the 17th day of December; hopes it will be received in good condition and is satisfactory; encloses invoice and bill of lading.

L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /859/

Enclosure missing.

1880 /Jan./ — Capt. C. P. SNYDER, Commanding, Kanawha Riflemen, Charleston, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER.

"My company is now awaiting orders. Can move when ever directed upon an hours notice. I can turn out forty men in good condition, well disciplined soldiers in my command."

Telegram. /860/

1880 /Jan./ — Charles J. FAULKNER, Jr., Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. W. W. MILLER, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Have answered telegram by other line. Give me in reply character of difficulty. It may control many in volunteering. Answer by B. & O. Line."

Telegram. /861/

1880 Feb. 2 — Alice A. JOHNSON, Providence, Rhode Island. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a picture or impression of the coat of arms of the State together with Governor's autograph; is making a collection of autographs.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /862/

1880 Feb. 3 — D. H. PUTNEY, Merchant, Malden, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Met the Governor in Wheeling last October while

attending the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows; one of the members of the lodge here was brutally murdered at Raymond City, Putnam County, on the night of December 31, 1879; the three adjoining lodges offered a reward for the arrest of the murderer; no arrest has been made; there are current rumors that the Governor would offer a reward; the murder was deliberate; this lodge raised $100 by subscription at one meeting and offered it through the sheriff of Putnam County; there is no disposition on the part of the lodge to take the law in their own hands; all Odd Fellows in this end of the State have taken a pledge to abide by the law and justice in the matter, but they would like some direct action in the case; it will satisfy all law abiding citizens in this community if the Governor will offer a reward for the murderer's arrest.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /863/

1880 Feb. 6 — Asbury COWARD, Chairman Executive Committee, King's Mountain Central Association, Yorksville, S. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the Governor's presence at the one-hundreth anniversary of the battle at King's Mountain and urges him to designate three or four influential citizens of West Virginia to serve as members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /864/

1880 Feb. 10 — James W. GREEN, Washington /D. C./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received letter from Executive Secretary, yesterday, with a check on the Commercial Bank of Wheeling in the amount of $300; this check is full settlement of his fee in the case of Strander vs. State of West Virginia in the Supreme Court of the United States.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /865/

1880 Feb. 10 — Arthur B. PUGH, Attorney-at-Law, Petersburg, Grant County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of Maury's Resources of West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /866/

1880 Feb. 11 — HEKTOGRAPH COMPANY, 22-24 Church Street, New York. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Wheeling, W. Va.

"We have your favor of 9th and sent circulars in another envelope. We have no idea of the size you want or would send one on trial. Everybody who tries one, keeps it."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /867/

1880 Feb. 11 — J. BASSEL, Prosecuting Attorney for Harrison County, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

About a year ago Frank Owens of this place was convicted of felony and sentenced to imprisonment in the State penitentiary for a term of 2 years; Owens is about 18 years old; his parents are growing old and rely upon him to some extent for support and company; he has served about 13 months; because of his youth and the condition of his parents, requests a pardon for Owens.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [868]

1880 Feb. 16 James H. HOGE, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received letter from Governor's secretary asking for a copy of the indictment against Fulmer for the murder of John E. Wills; Fulmer has not yet been indicted but there is a warrant of a justice in the hands of an officer for Fulmer's arrest; cannot give the particulars of the details but can say that it was a "deliberate and premediated" murder; Fulmer went some distance for his pistol, followed up Wills and without provocation shot him two or three times; Wills died.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [869]

1880 Feb. 16 Eugene UNDERWOOD, Louisville, Ky. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses address of the Mississippi State Commission; requests a receipt for same that report may be made to the commission; regrets that he [Underwood] is not able to send a copy of the entire proceedings of the commission including the address to Congress; this commission has no means to pay the expense of printing; the publishing of its proceedings is therefore limited.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 13 cm. [870]

Enclosure missing.

1880 Feb. 19 D. E. CHANEY, Operator, Lumber Mill, Orange, Mass. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thanks Governor for sending a copy of Maury's Resources of West Virginia; requests another copy be sent to Mr. John Tyroll, 83-85 State Street, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Tyroll is very much interested in West Virginia coal, oil and iron.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [871]

1880 Feb. 19 M. S. THORNBURG, Cabell Court House, W. Va. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

Encloses transcript of the record in the case of the State of West Virginia against Henry Johnson alias Henry Lewis, upon an indictment for felony; sends it at the request of the prosecuting attorney of this county.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [872]

Enclosure missing.

1880 J. W. ARBUCKLE, Attorney-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va.
Feb. 20 To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr. /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Requests the price of the last eight volumes of West Virginia Reports; would there be a reduction in price if more than one set were ordered; the only thing of interest at present, is the March term of court.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /873/

1880 F. D. MUSSEY, Private Secretary to Governor of
Feb. 20 Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is directed by Governor Foster to acknowledge receipt of a communication addressed to Mathews by J. E. Hovey, a justice of the peace of Mason County, West Virginia; it was referred to this department by Mathews, in reference to the arrest and commitment of Samuel Crass, alias Triplett, charged with having committed a rape in Belmont County, Ohio; same has been forwarded to the prosecuting attorney of Belmont County with the suggestion that he apply for a requisition in the case.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /874/

1880 J. M. SCROGIN, Justice of the Peace, Fetterman
Feb. 20 /Grafton, W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Thinks it an appropriate time to grant John Lamden a pardon; Lamden is serving time in State prison; the circuit court of this county is now in session; John F. Clayton, charged with the murder of William Simms, a negro, on day of election in 1878, was tried and acquitted; "The killing was deliberate and entirely inexcusable and was done in full view of perhaps 20 persons but the prosecuting attorney failed to call the proper witnesses or to draw from even those he did call, all they knew in relation to the case. So far as the State was concerned, the trial was a farce"; people of all classes are remarking that "if John Clayton is acquitted from a deliberate homicide why is the boy Lamden kept in the penitentiary when his guilt is doubtful"; was present at Lamden's trial and heard the evidence against him; the character of the witness who testified against Lamden, was such as to make one doubt Lamden's guilt; Lamden has always been of good character and his conduct in the State prison has been excellent.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /875/

1880 A. M. OWENS, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Rev. Q. A.
Feb. 21 WHEAT, Fayette Court House /Fayetteville/, W. Va.

Mr. Lynch has been to Wheeling with Owens' brother's case in view, having Mr. Bazell's /Bassel's/ recommendation for executive clemency and was told by Governor Mathews that he had never seen the petition

and could not find it now; "This as you could know blocked the game with him, and of course our folks are ready to accuse me of duplicity"; requests that Wheat write by first mail to the Governor, and give him information of circumstances of his /Wheat's/ visit; State Treasurer, Hon. T. J. West, interested himself in the case and has written here confirming Mr. Lynch's statement; hopes that Wheat in his reply to this letter will embody the facts or circumstances of his /Wheat's/ interview with the officials at Wheeling that it may be transmitted to Mr. West for his guidance and to give that much additional certainty; "We know that such things happen in public affairs where the motive is good but carelessness over-rules"; requests Wheat to act immediately.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /876/

1880 Feb. 23 — William H. HOGMAN, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a private pass for the Governor on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for 1880 and a pass for the Governor's Secretary, Randolph Stalnaker, Jr.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /877/

Enclosures missing.

1880 Feb. 23 — Q. A. WHEAT, Fayette Court House /Fayetteville/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Visited Wheeling during the last week in September to present a petition for the release of a young boy /Owens/ now confined in State penitentiary at Moundsville; the Governor being absent, the petition was presented to the Executive Secretary, Randolph Stalnaker, who suggested that he /Wheat/ get the aid of the judge or prosecutor of the case as that was usually required by the Governor; secured the recommendation of Mr. Bassel, the prosecutor; requests release for the boy because of "his old father, decrepit with age and infirmity . . . . and for the sake of the interested brother, who is a high-minded, honorable christian gentleman"; has no pecuniary interest in this case as it came under his /Wheat's/ notice while in charge of the Southern Methodist Church in Clarksburg, where the brother of the convict, is an acceptable communicant.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /878/

1880 Feb. 23 — Ruth HINNEY. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for her husband who is now confined in the State penitentiary; has secured 36 signers to a petition requesting his release; is heavily in debt and it will take everything in the house to pay these debts; asks Governor not to force them to leave the State because they cannot afford it.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /879/

1880 Feb. 24 Andrew J. ROGERS, President and Manager, the Cosmo-American Colonization and Improvement Bureau, 24 Park Place, New York City. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In reference to previous letter "touching the bill pending in Congress for incorporating" the above named Bureau, begs to submit that it would greatly expedite the progress of the bill by Congress "if your State Legislature would pass a joint resolution, asking Congress to grant the charter as speedily as possible so that the Bureau may get fairly under way by the opening of Spring"; thinks that Governor knows how important it is that there be some speedy remedy toward putting the homeless and needy population, who are now overcrowding the cities and trampling the rural districts, in a way to become self supporting; thinks that it is apparent that the continual depression of trade throughout Europe and the brightening prospects for a general revival of trade throughout the United States will increase immigration.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /880/

1880 Feb. 24 V. B. ARCHER, Attorney-at-Law, Wirt Court House /Elizabeth/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Henry Newman appointed notary public for Wirt County failed to qualify, therefore asks the appointment of William Beard, a duly qualified and honorable young man of "Simon Pure Democracy"; there are a number of notaries already in this county but many are not qualified to transact all the duties of the office; Mr. Newman, the Governor's appointee of last year will not serve, due to private business; bases application on same grounds as those in previous request; requests notification if applicant is to be appointed that fees may be forwarded.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /881/

1880 Feb. 25 R. H. CATLETT, Attorney-at-Law, Staunton, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In regard to promotion of the iron interests of the State, Hobelkiss has enlarged his program so as to take in Professor Kerr of North Carolina; urges the Governor to get in touch with him so as to arrange a meeting with Hobelkiss.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /882/

1880 Feb. 25 J. BASSALL, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Do not pay reward for capture of Boggess. Sent letter today."

Telegram. /883/

1880 Feb. 26 R. BRINKERHOFF, President, Conference of Charities, Mansfield, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Some weeks ago issued an invitation to the Cleve-

land Conference and interrogatories for reply; having received no reply, assumes that the letter has gone astray; requests information and if delegates will be appointed; if delegates are appointed, requests their names that it may be known in advance what States will be officially represented; returns thus far indicate a large attendance; hopes for a full representation from West Virginia.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 21 cm. x 13 cm. /884/

1880 Feb. 26 George W. SILCOTT, Clerk of Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Grantsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned respectfully ask that Charles H. Richardson, Esq., of Richardsonville, Calhoun County, be appointed as a notary public for this county; he is well qualified and is located at a point requiring an officer.

Signed: George W. Silcott, Alfred Stump, W. S. Stevenson, T. R. Stump, and R. G. Sims. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /885/

1880 Feb. 26 T. C. PERRINE, Dealer in Furniture, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been informed by John S. Scully, Esq., Cashier of Diamond National Bank, that Governor Mathews has a friend who desires information concerning the probable cost of furnishing rooms for a hotel; it would expedite the matter to know something of the type of hotel to be furnished; a country summer hotel would, of course, be furnished very differently from a permanent city one; if an interview could be arranged, could give all the desired information; has been in the furniture business for years and is buyer of the house; has furnished many hotels as well as practically all the steamboats built here; can furnish place at the lowest cost that could possibly be gotten from any responsible house; "as soon as we hear from you we will make some estimates of rooms and send photos."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 13 cm. /886/

1880 Feb. 28 GROVE and BROWN, Attorneys-at-Law, Charles Town, Jefferson County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition requesting a pardon for Theodore S. Harris which is signed by many of the best citizens of the community; knows little of Harris except that he is the main support of his family who are now destitute; "For them we would ask you to consider the petition at any early date and relieve them if possible."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /887/
Enclosure missing.

1880 ----------, Berkshire, Tioga County, New York.
Mar. 1 To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

An old man who desires to settle in the State wishes to know if there are any large tracts of land for sale at one to three cents per acre; is a Republican and very ambitious; has excellent health; desires a large tract of land that it may be cut up into townships for four of his friends who wish to settle in the State; they are all fine families.

Page with signature missing. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /888/

1880 Alex Y. LEE, Editor, Valley Farmer, Staunton, Va.
Mar. 1 To A. J. SWEENEY, Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Would like very much to procure a copy of M. P. Maury's Resources of West Virginia for the benefit of his magazine, the Valley Farmer; the receipt of same will be duly acknowledged in our columns.

A.L.S. 1 p. 12.5 cm. x 7 cm. /889/

1880 J. K. HUDSON, Secretary of Agriculture, Topeka,
Mar. 3 Kansas. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In reorganizing the library of the State Department of Agriculture, finds that there are no publications of either agricultural or horticultural societies of West Virginia; if either of the above named departments have made publications, requests that this letter be referred to the officers in charge; desires to complete the series for each State from 1870 to date; will refund all expense incurred in postage or expressage; if either of the secretaries of these societies has not been supplied with a copy of the Kansas Agriculture Board's Biennial Report for 1877-1878, will be glad to forward same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /890/

1880 Wm. J. WOODDALL, Green Bank, W. Va. To Gov.
Mar. 3 H. M. MATHEWS.

Expects to move from Green Bank to Addison /Webster Springs/, the county seat of Webster County, about April 1st; has been acting in the capacity of notary for the past 12 or 14 years at this place; if Governor thinks him a suitable man and Addison a suitable place, requests authorization to act in that capacity in Addison; recommends William L. Brown to fill his place at Green Bank; Brown is well qualified and fully competent to fill the place; has bought the hotel owned by Peter Cozer in Addison; "if you should be inclined to come down and use the mineral water of that place, I would be pleased to entertain you."

A.L.S. 1 p. 24.5 cm. x 19 cm. /891/

1880 Daniel R. CLYMER, Member of Reading Bar, Reading,
Mar. 4 Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires a list of the members of the West Virginia Legislature.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 10 cm. /892/

1880 Mar. 5 — Wm. J. WELLHOUSE, 101 South 5th Street, St. Louis, Mo. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Is making a collection of autographs of honored and eminent persons; requests Governor's autograph.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /893/

1880 Mar. 6 — George W. HAINES, Publisher, The Spirit of Jefferson, Charles Town, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Suggests that the Governor authorize the Spirit of Jefferson to publish the proposed amendments to the Constitution; the amendments are to be published in some newspaper in each county for a period of three months; the Spirit of Jefferson is a Democratic paper.
A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 14 cm. /894/

1880 Mar. 7 — Travis PARSONS, Point Pleasant, Mason County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a pardon for her husband, now confined in West Virginia State Penitentiary; asks that a reply be sent to Sarah Parsons, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.
A.L.S. 1 p. 16 cm. x 12.5 cm. /895/

1880 Mar. 9 — Hugh W. SHEFFEY, Attorney-at-Law, Staunton, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a brief copy of Mr. Van Guy's statement concerning the Erskine mortgage and including the coupon held by John Stewart; would also like to receive the name and proper address of Mathews' glass manufacturing friend from whom Sheffey desires to purchase some glassware.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 12.5 cm. /896/

1880 Mar. 12 — Frank W. WALKER, Superintendent of Census, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests a copy of the Governor's last annual message together with the accompanying executive documents; these documents are greatly needed in the preparatory work of the fourth census.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /897/

1880 Mar. 13 — O. W. CLEMENS, Clerk of Circuit Court, Wood County /Parkersburg/, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.
James E. McWane pleaded guilty to grand larceny and was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; members of the jury who tried the case were: Simon Fairburn, James T. Dunbar, S. J. Warder, James D. Tooney, G. B. Foley, Alexander McPherson, E. L. Gale Jr., John R. Barrett, S. T. Guinn,

Chas. M. Rauch, Chas. W. Stone, and R. A. Little.
Copy of record. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [898]

1880 Mar. 15 Francis A. WALKER, Superintendent of Census, Department of Interior [Washington, D. C.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of March 13, 1880, with accompanying copy of Mathews' Biennial Message and Documents to the Legislature of West Virginia, session of 1879.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [899]

1880 Mar. 15 S. B. PATTERSON, Cranberry [Summit], Preston County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses 6 cents in stamps and requests that Governor send two copies of his address before the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; wants to know if, in the near future, there is a probability of a railroad being built up the Cheat River or anywhere through the eastern part of this county; last fall, moved from New Jersey to West Virginia and purchased a charcoal furnace on Muddy Creek, about 2 miles from Cheat River; is very much interested in the natural resources of the State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [900]

1880 Mar. 16 S. BRADY, Secretary of State, Wheeling, W. Va. To J. N. TIFFT, 57 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

A thorough investigation was made by Governor Mathews and he could find no record of Governor Boreman having offered a reward; Mathews advises that he will do everything within his power to arrest and convict the murderers of Mr. Tifft's father; requests that parties who have written to Mr. Tifft be placed in direct communication with Governor Mathews.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [901]

On verso: Price LEWIS, New York City. To A. W. BENNETT, Esq.

Encloses copy of letter from Secretary of State of West Virginia to Tifft which explains itself; a copy has been sent to Colonel Swann; suggests that Bennett get in communication with Governor Mathews as suggested; wishes to be informed in regard to negotiation.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. Two letters pasted together.

1880 Mar. 17 J. K. MOREHEAD, President, Monongahela Navigation Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is a member of the commission appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to locate and construct a model penitentiary in this State [Pennsylvania]; it was decided that the commission should visit certain prisons in New York and one in West Virginia; the trip

will be made about the middle of May; the commission hopes to be able to meet Governor Mathews when inspecting the West Virginia prison; desires to know the location of the new West Virginia prison and by which route it can be reached.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [902]

1880 Mar. 18 R. L. BERKSHIRE, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Lemuel G. W. Stewart who has been confined in the State penitentiary since January 1878, and in the Preston County jail for a year before conviction because he was a poor boy and unable to secure bail; Berkshire and Mr. Willey defended Stewart who was charged with shooting John M. Nine; Stewart was a "farm hand" on the farm of Mrs. Christian Nine, a sister-in-law of said John M. Nine; Mrs. Nine, a widow with two children had difficulty with her husband's father who tried to take her property from her shortly after her husband's death; this affair caused extreme ill feeling towards Mrs. Christian Nine, "formerly a Busch of a good family"; the Nines' have caused her a great deal of trouble; they burned her home which, with the help of neighbors she rebuilt; John M. Nine and a friend came to Mrs. Christian Nine's home and annoyed her and were driven away by Stewart; on Saturday of the following week, eight men, "the Nines and their confidents" returned; "Four of them including John M. Nine came into the lot and others stood outside the lot. One of John M's brothers ordered his brother Charles Nine to fire on Stewart who was in the yard near the house. Becoming alarmed, Stewart fired and shot John M. below the knee. It didn't hurt him at the time but he disregarded it and the leg had to be amputated "; the jurors who tried Stewart said that they would not have convicted him had they not misunderstood the doctor as to the condition of John M. Nine; will forward a petition for Stewart's release; Judge Brandon says that he will discuss this case with the Governor as soon as possible; "Disregard petition urging you not to pardon Stewart, as it is the works of the Nines."

A.L.S. 9 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [903]

1880 Mar. 19 John H. LANDIS, Millville, Lancaster County, Pa. To Gov. [H. M. MATHEWS].

Requests two copies of the last agricultural report, one copy for himself and one for Lancaster County Agricultural Society.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [904]

1880 Mar. 20 Saul COOK and others, Clay County, W. Va. To W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent of State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.

Requests a release for Elsa Marks, convicted and sentenced by Clay County circuit court; thinks that the charges were fraudulent and developed by spite; the prosecuting witness has confessed that the Marks boy was not guilty of all the charges.

Signed: Saul Cook, A. Downey, A. J. Cottrell, and 172 others. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /905/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

/1880 Mar. 22/ J. B. LITCH, Pennsylvania Steelworks, Duphin County, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests names of land agents who could give reliable information concerning farming and stock raising in West Virginia.

A.L.S. 1 p. 15 cm. x 8 cm. /906/

1880 Mar. 23 Alf. W. BURNETT, Chief, Eureka Detective Agency, Kanawha Court House /Charleston/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Mr. Pryce Lewis, one of the best detectives in New York is with me in the effort to arrest one Dr. Wiley, charged with the murder and robbery of one J. N. Tifft in this county in 1863. Wiley got out on straw bail and is now in Texas. The friends of the murdered man are not now able to pay any suitable reward and although we know your fund for contingent expenses is far too small, yet I hope something can be done. Mr. Stalnaker will remember that this is an /sic/ very aggravated case."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /907/

1880 Mar. 24 Jno. M. LEA and others, Nashville, Tenn. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Invite Governor to attend the Nashville Centennial Exposition and unveiling of the statue of General Andrew Jackson, commencing April 23, 1880; also authorizes Governor Mathews to commission three or four of West Virginia's most prominent citizens to attend.

Signed: John M. Lea, John Ruhm, F. R. Cheatham, Jos. W. Allen, Jno. Lawrence, M. C. Goodlett, J. C. Guild, Chairman, S. R. Anderson, and Neil S. Brown. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /908/

1880 Mar. 25 Otto BRUNNER, President, Swiss American Commercial Society Commission, Gauley Bridge /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Expresses thanks for the manner in which members of the society were received in the State; it will be a privilege to testify to the true status of the State, its resources and hospitable citizens.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /909/

1880 Mar. 27 Eliza OWENS, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a release for her son, Frank Owens, now confined in the West Virginia Penitentiary; she wants to know why he cannot be released that she might remedy it.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /910/

1880 Mar. 29 — Frank W. BROWN, Clerk, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.
Newton G. Simms, age 25, native of Virginia was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to serve 18 years in the State penitentiary; he was sentenced on October 19, 1866, by the Kanawha County circuit court.
A.L.S. 1 p. 21 cm. x 14.5 cm. /911/

1880 Mar. 29 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Certifies that the conduct of George Stanley has been good; Stanley was sentenced by the Ritchie County circuit court on October 20, 1876, for grand larceny; nothing except charges of a trifling nature have been reported against him.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /912/

1880 Mar. 30 — Frank BARRETT, Attorney-at-Law, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Received Governor's letter regarding Simeon Milam; has no interest in this man's pardon, pecuniary or otherwise; was appointed by the examining court to take down the evidence when the county court examined Milam; firmly believes that the whole was a "set up job"; the girl in the case swore that her father forced her when he had a broken arm and carried it in a sling "and that could not be"; "It was a put up job to get him away and get possession of his property by his boys"; the boys are afraid of Milam and want to keep him out of the way, therefore there will probably be opposition to the application for release; favors the pardon because he thinks that Milam is an innocent man, "wrongly held."
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /913/

1880 Mar. 31 — Jas. H. GROVE, Attorney-at-Law, Charles Town, Jefferson County, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.
Hopes that Governor will grant the enclosed petition; thinks it a case deserving executive clemency; "No wrong was intended."
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /914/
Enclosure missing.

1880 Apr. 3 — R. W. VANDALL, son of A. L. Vandall, Spencer, Roane County, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Wheeling, W. Va.

Father received Stalnaker's letter last evening and also the request to come to Wirt County immediately to see his sister who is not expected to live; answers this letter because his father had to leave immediately; father says that he does not know so very much about Mr. Watson except that he is a "strenious republican," has a tolerable good standing in his neighborhood and does not believe his business capacity to be extremely good; leaves the decision to the Governor but would like to suggest the names of Hamilton Young, Mark Hershman, or Eli Bent, all Democrats and men of good standing; they all possess a certain amount of business diplomacy; thinks that especially Mr. Young would make a better notary public than the gentleman spoken of; the post office address of the three men named is Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /915/

1880 Apr. 5 R. C. BERKELEY, Secretary of Faculty, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The Governor has been elected to act as one of the judges at the annual contest between literary societies of West Virginia University to be held at 7:30 p.m., on June 10, 1880.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /916/

1880 Apr. 5 J. E. HOGAN, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Writes in behalf of James Yost convicted by Monongalia County circuit court in 1871, and sentenced to a term of 10 years for robbery; he escaped in 1872, and was at liberty 8 months; since his recapture, he has been a model prisoner; during the past 5 or 6 years Yost has not broken a single prison rule; for a number of years he has had charge of the kitchen, a position requiring him to perform about 3 hours additional labor daily as well as all Sundays and holidays; the goods which were stolen originally by Yost and his companions have been recovered; has been reliably informed that the owner of the store from which goods were taken, expressed surprise at the length of the sentence; "The strong feeling existing in that county at the time of Yost's conviction against men who had served in the confederate army, as he had done, had, I have no doubt, its effect in getting for him this long term"; as a guard, he /Hogan/ has had an opportunity, for the past 5 years, of observing Yost's conduct and from this observation can truthfully say that Yost is a proper prisoner for receiving the benefit of executive clemency; Yost is without the means of employing an attorney to represent him; intends to send a petition to Monongalia County for

signers, if such can be done without funds; requests Governor to release Yost at the expiration of his term without serving the extra 8 months added because of his first escape.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /917/

1880 Apr. 5 Geo. W. BRUCE, Medical Officer, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Certifies that Elsy Marks, a convict, received at this institution on March 29, 1878 for a term of 8 years, has been subject to scrofula for at least 2 years; he has been in the hospital since December 4, 1879; in all probabilities he will not improve and will be of little if any service to the State during his term of imprisonment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /918/

1880 Apr. 6 J. H. HARLOW, Secretary, Engineer's Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

This society is composed of persons interested in engineering in its various forms and who reside in Pittsburgh and vicinity; the object of the society is the professional improvement of its members; it has been suggested that during the coming summer the society take an excursion to objects of engineering interest; the president of the group has directed Harlow to ask Governor Mathews' opinion as to the advisability of visiting the mineral region of West Virginia; "Could we accomplish anything on a trip of four or five days?" desires further information as to the best route to take, the chief points of interest, and the best time of year to visit same.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /919/

1880 Apr. 11 W. P. THOMPSON, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces a friend, Capt. A. S. Norman, who wishes to know the Governor and expects to have official business with him in the near future; Norman served with Thompson during the first years of the war; knows Captain Norman to be a gentleman of character; thinks that it will be a pleasure for the Governor to aid him.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /920/

1880 Apr. 14 F. W. SANBORN, Murray Street, New York City. To REGISTER PRINTING COMPANY, Wheeling, W. Va.

Desires a copy of the Resources of West Virginia; is endeavoring to organize a company to direct immigration towards West Virginia and eastern Kentucky; has already secured large tracts of land in each State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /921/

1880 Apr. 16 H. W. CROTHERS, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Expects to form a company to build a narrow guage railroad from the northeastern line of Monongalia County through Marion, Taylor, Barbour, Upshur, Randolph, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, and Monroe counties and to connect on the south with the Richmond Southwestern Railroad in Giles County, Virginia, and on the north with the Pittsburgh Southern; wants the aid and cooperation of a few active gentlemen in each of the counties named; if donations of land and county subscriptions in a reasonable amount can be secured, he /Crothers/ can furnish money to build the railroad at once; requests Governor to furnish names of reliable people in Pocahontas, Greenbrier, and Monroe counties.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /922/

1880 Apr. 17 Robert F. DENNIS, Attorney-at-Law, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces A. S. Norman of Grant County; has known Norman since a boy; urges Governor to give Norman his kind consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /923/

1880 Apr. 20 W. H. H. FLICK, Attorney-at-Law, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for George F. Hyer, convicted of bigamy by Grant County circuit court; Hyer's wife, having left him and refused to live with him again, probably induced him to believe that he was at liberty to marry again; "I found him incompetent to manage his affairs with anything like intelligence and acting on my advice, his friends had his estate placed in the hands of a committee"; Hyer is of very low intelligence and might be considered an idiot; thinks that the man should be confined in an asylum rather than a penitentiary.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /924/

1880 Apr. 23 J. H. HARLOW, Secretary, Engineer's Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests names of the best localities for visitation by excursion of the society members; this society is made up of iron and steel manufacturers and consumers; among the firms represented are: Lewis, Oliver and Phillips; Phillips Nimick and Company; Williams, Long and McDowall; Miller, Metcalf and Parkin; Jones and Laughlin; Edgar Thompson Steel Works; Pittsburgh Bessemer; Union Iron Mills; Jacob Reese and J. S. Gill.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /925/

1880 Apr. 26 John H. OLEY, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Marshall College roof badly damaged by tornado yesterday. What shall be done. No funds here. Building exposed."

Telegram. /926/

1880 Apr. 27 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gen. John H. OLEY /Huntington, W. Va./.

"What is necessary to protect the building? Will see you Thursday."

Telegram. /927/

/1880 Apr. 28/ A. B. FLEMING, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Two accounts presented to Fleming at this term of court were directed to the Governor for payment; these accounts were for services rendered the State under requisition; could see no authority for the courts allowing them and supposed that Governor could pay same from contingent fund; "Being sent in your absence they were I supposed handed to the auditor who returned them endorsed"; encloses these accounts for which he still can find no authority for the court to allow them; "if however you cannot pay them from the contingent fund and think they should be allowed by the court please return them so I may do so before court adjourns."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /928/

Enclosures missing.

1880 Apr. 29 Laura I. TISDALE, Chairman of Bazaar Committee, Chicago, Ill. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The ladies in charge of the Illinois Industrial School for girls are about to give a bazaar for the benefit of that institution; they desire to have a representative American booth; to carry out this idea they wish to have something from each State and territory which will in some manner represent that State and at the same time be salable; they are asking each Governor to send something representative from his State.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /929/

1880 May 3 Clarence L. SMITH, Clerk of Circuit Court, Marion County, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Abstract of court record of State of West Virginia vs. Henry Nutter at the May term of court: Nutter was indicted for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to main, disable, and kill James E. Mason; a jury was selected and James Nutter was tried and found guilty; he was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

A.L.S. 8 pp. 32 cm. x 17.5 cm. /930/

1880 May 5 — M. A. NEIL, Hinton, Summers County, W. Va. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

Requests a pardon for her husband J. N. Neil now confined in the State penitentiary; he was sentenced at the April term of Mason County circuit court; knows that the charges placed against him were false because she saw him buy the jewelry from Bill Clifton's wife "or the woman that lived with him [Clifton]."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [931]

1880 May 5 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia State Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has had three interviews with Henry Jansen, colored, from Cabell City and feels satisfied that he is innocent; he tells the same story every time and it corresponds with the story he told on trial; thinks that some course should be taken to release him; Jansen said that he never had an intimation that there was or would be an effort made to release him.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [932]

1880 May 10 — V. M. POLING, Clerk [Circuit Court], Romney, Hampshire County, W. Va. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

The September term 1865, of the Hampshire County circuit court, was held in the rooms of the Literary Society at Romney; Judge L. P. W. Black, judge of the 10th judicial circuit of West Virginia, presided; the grand jury presented an indictment against Hiram Medcalf for murder; Medcalf was charged with having shot and killed Benjamin F. Smith on March 28, 1865; the indictment was founded on the evidence of William H. Shores and Henry Blackburn and was endorsed by jury foreman John Arnold; the court ordered that Medcalf be apprehended and arrested by the sheriff of Hampshire County; on Monday, May 7, 1866, Medcalf was reported as not found; the attorney for the State, with assent of court, refused to "further prosecute and upon the premises, on the indictment aforesaid. Therefore it is considered by the court that the defendant be acquitted and discharged from the indictment aforesaid and go thereof without day."

A.L.S. 6 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. [933]

1880 May 11 — J. P. FELL, Frankford, W. Va. To Ran[dolph] STALNAKER, Esq., Wheeling, W. Va.

Requests the name of some reliable house in Wheeling that deals in salt fish; desires to buy some white fish and finds that same are generally cheaper in Wheeling than at other eastern points.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [934]

1880 May 13 — WATTS and McCORKLE, Attorneys-at-Law, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for John Mallory, who was convicted on the evidence of the prosecuting witness Carr; afterwards when by a technical rule of law his evidence could not be used, completely freed Mallory from all complicity in or knowledge of the crime with which he was charged; "it is notorious that the witness Carr who convicted Mallory is a man of the most debased morals and is now serving out a term of years for this crime"; beyond Carr's evidence there is no evidence to convict Mallory; Mallory's aged mother needs his help; she is living with the aid of neighbors; encloses a petition for Mallory's release.

L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /935/

Enclosure missing.

1880 May 14 — William McCORKLE, Kanawha County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Affidavit wherein is stated the evidence in the case of State of West Virginia vs. John Mallory; a store house owned by George Pheiffer was robbed of goods in the amount of $250; it was proven that there were tracks leading to the river from the store, the marks of a boat landing and also tracks from the landing up the road in the direction of the house where Mallory was employed; Mallory lived about three or four miles from the store at a Mrs. Mitchell's on Davis Creek; three or four witnesses testified that they were with Mallory at Mrs. Mitchell's until about midnight on the night of the robbery, that he went into the house and went to bed with Rush Mitchell; the employer, Mrs. Mitchell, testified that Mallory was not out of the house during the night; the State proved by John Carr, who stood convicted on the same charge that he and Mallory went up the river in a boat, robbed the store, went down and across the river to the mouth of Davis Creek and from there up the creek home, some other parties having gone on down the river with the boat and goods; notarized by John Dryden, commissioner of Kanawha County Court.

A.D.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /936/

1880 May 15 — John J. INGLE, Attorney-at-Law, West Union, Doddridge County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Received the letter to Colonel Latham; has received the appointment.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /937/

1880 May 15 — E. Boyd FAULKNER, Attorney-at-Law, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends that the Virginian Free Press of Jefferson County, be selected for publishing the proposed Constitutional Amendments, for the 3 months previous to submitting same to voters of the State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /938/

1880 May 15 W. C. BENINGER, Attorney-at-Law, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

On July 31, 1874, the Hon. Adjutant General of the United States Army transmitted to the Governor the claim of Charles Bryson for reimbursement of money paid out while recruiting Company K, 1st West Virginia Volunteers, in May 1861; desires information regarding the present status of the case.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /939/

1880 May 15 John HITZ, Washington, D. C. To Emanual D. LUDWIG, Gauley Bridge, W. Va.

Returns the letters of C. E. Lutz and E. Hutton which were left by Ludwig for inspection; "The statements of Mr. Lutz in regard to one our most esteemed members of Government are so disrespectful and his construction of the law he refers to so erroneous that I deem it in the interest of the state which he claims to represent as immigration agent to take no official cognisance thereof. As to the allusion made in regard to me personally and the opinion I have expressed in regard to the state of West Virginia as an objective point for Swiss immigrants, they are so contrary to the facts of the case that I cannot otherwise than believe the writer bereft of reason"; thinks that it is to be deplored that a State so inviting to foreign immigration as West Virginia should have been so unfortunate as to select a person so deficient in essential qualifications as Mr. Lutz to represent it.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /940/

Enclosures missing.

1880 May 17 Jas. L. McLEAN, Winfield /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wishes to call the Governor's attention to the petition presented by Gen. S. C. Bowyer in behalf of William Ruby; Ruby was convicted at the April term of the Putnam County circuit court and sentenced to 2 years in the State penitentiary; he was convicted on the testimony of a party who confessed his own guilt without any corroboration, while another party, who also admitted his guilt, testified that Ruby was innocent; the general public opinion in the entire community is that Ruby is innocent; furthermore, he is the only support of an aged mother.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /941/

1880 May 18 Frank W. BROWN, Clerk, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The meeting of the Board of Directors on the 13th inst., failed for want of a quorum; by order of the president, the Board will meet again on Thursday, June 3rd.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /942/

1880 May 22 — Emanuel D. LUDWIG, Manager and Contractor for the United States, Gauley Bridge, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In regard to Swiss colonies or settlements, Mr. Hitz purchased a horse and rode through Randolph County; Hitz found the people dissatisfied because of deeds and mistreatment in regard to homesteads; Mr. Lutz was acting as agent without power of attorney and charging $1 fee for his services without giving them any deed to land; agents are well pleased with West Virginia's fertile land and natural resources; many families intend to locate in West Virginia.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /943/

1880 May 22 — J. W. M. JOHNSTON, Petersburg, Grant County, W. Va. To Judge /John Blain/ HOGE.

At the last term of the circuit court of this county George Hyer was convicted of bigamy and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; a petition for Hyer's pardon has been signed by a number of citizens and many county and State officials; the pardon is asked on the grounds of feeble-mindedness; Hyer's father was a highly respected farmer of this place; "His family is good but the truth is that George has not sence enough to distinguish right from wrong. Moreover the wife whom he just married utterly refuses to live with him after being repeatedly solicited and with a spirit of contrariness characteristic of some women also refuses to join in asking a divorce"; a few years ago a committee was appointed to manage Hyer's affairs; Major Norman is attending to the petition and will present it in person to the Governor; requests endorsement as to the Judge's opinion of Johnston and what degree of confidence he /Hoge/ has in the above statements.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /944/

Endorsed by John Blaine Hoge.

1880 May 24 — W. Henry FLESHER, Three Forks, Reedy, Roane County, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Requests an official copy of the vote for United States Senator of 4 years ago; if Stalnaker has difficulty in finding same, requests that he ask Mr. Bills about it; also wants to know the standing in the House of M. Depue and Vandall from this county; may ask for other documents in the future.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /945/

1880 May 24 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies that the conduct of James Youst, since July 23, 1873, has been good; adding to his term the

sentence of 7 months and 18 days, when he was absent, his term will expire January 1, 1881; had he not escaped his term would have expired last April.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /946/

1880 May 24 J. E. HOGAN, Guard, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition, requesting the release of James Youst; if it is necessary or if it will add to the potency of the petition, can secure the signature of all the officers and guards of this institution to a recommendation for Youst's release; the Governor's attention is called especially to the statement from J. M. Hagans, former prosecuting attorney of Monongalia County; hopes that the Governor will give this case favorable consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /947/

Enclosure missing.

1880 May 24 Tetel T. MANN /Hinton, W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for G. Neil, now confined in the State prison; has no doubt as to Neil's innocence even though he was found with a portion of the jewelry in his possession; thinks that goods were stolen by Bill Clifton or wife and sold to him; Neil had no chance to prove same; if a petition is necessary for a pardon will secure one.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /948/

1880 May 28 L. O. BROCKETT, M.D., Editor, Johnson's Cyclopaedia, 206 Quincy Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is preparing a book for publication in interest of European immigration; wishes to show facilities offered to settlers; received information relative to West Virginia from Mathews' predecessor which was used for publication in Johnson's Cyclopaedia; now wishes to know present conditions of the State in regard to crops, mining, grazing lands, timber production, population, schools, prices of land, etc.; requests copies of pamphlets, documents, or other information concerning statistics in the above mentioned industries; will forward Governor a copy of book when published.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /949/

1880 May 28 W. M. WELCH, Attorney-at-Law, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses petition in behalf of Quinn Bain, of Mineral County, requesting remission of a fine imposed upon him by Hon. John B. Hoge, for contempt of court; also encloses a note from the Judge /Hoge/ recommending this remission; hopes the Governor will give this

case favorable consideration.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /950/
Enclosures missing.

1880 May 31 — J. E. CURTIS, Sheriff, Wellsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has been informed that a prize fight will take place in this county at Collier's Station on the Panhandle Railroad tomorrow; is powerless to prevent it; requests the aid of a military force sufficient to prevent same; just received the following from J. E. Freshwater, Colliers, West Virginia: "The Goss and Ryan prize fight comes off at daylight tomorrow. The parties are now here. We want you to come here tonight."
Telegram. /951/

1880 May 31 — T. B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Major Norman will present a petition asking the pardon for George Hyer, who was convicted at the late term of the circuit court of Grant County for bigamy; "Any favor you may show Major Norman in the premises I will deem it as a personal favor."
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /952/

1880 May 31 — J. E. FRESHWATER, Colliers, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Goss and Ryan are here. Will fight at day break tomorrow. Can you send us some officers?"
Telegram. /953/

1880 June 1 — J. E. CURLY, Sheriff, Colliers, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Your excellency the crowd is here, the ring is set. We are powerless. Can you send assistance? Mr. Barrett offers free transportation. What shall I do our posse can do nothing with this crowd."
Telegram. /954/

1880 June 5 — William C. CLAYTON, Attorney-at-Law, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
"Mr. Welch goes to you with a petition for the pardon of Hiram L. Metcalf, convicted of murder in the 2nd degree, and sentenced to the penitentiary for nine years"; requests permission to say that he believes this to be a proper case for executive clemency; because of lapse of time has no opportunity to show what circumstances existed; Judge Dille examined Metcalf immediately after the affair at Kingwood and discharged him; Metcalf was again indicted in Hampshire in the fall after the offense and the indictment was dismissed and never resumed; if the State had presented and convicted then there would have been no

wife and children to share the punishment; Metcalf now has a family who are dependent upon him for support; thinks that it is against the policy of the State to show no interest in such a case.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /955/

1880 June 5 T. B. DAVIS, Keyser, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Mr. Welch will present a petition signed by many of the citizens of the neighborhood in which Hiram L. Metcalf lives; such petition requests a release for Metcalf who was convicted of killing a man by name of Smith; Metcalf killed Smith 15 years ago when a mere boy, and while intoxicated; after a lapse of 15 years, he was convicted; he was reported by a man by the name of Roberts and it was all spite work; requests his pardon on the condition that Metcalf leave the State, thus avoiding further trouble which may be caused by Smith's friends.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /956/

Endorsed by Orlando Shay, Justice and Commissioner of Mineral County.

1880 June 7 James GAYLORD and others, Lewis County, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.

The undersigned request the Governor to commute the sentence of George Kayser, recently sentenced by Kanawha County circuit court, to 2 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

Signed: James Gaylord, Julian L. Gregory, G. C. Spofer, and 117 others. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /957/

1880 June 7 William E. ARNOLD and others, Attorneys-at-Law, Lewis County, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.

Request a pardon for George E. Kayser, recently sent to State penitentiary from Kanawha County; think that Kayser was led into the commission of crime by others; in this case think that the law has been vindicated.

Signed: William E. Arnold, Henry Brannon, James W. Woffindin, J. M. Bennett, and W. G. Harrison. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /958/

1880 June 14 James J. PETERSON, Editor and Publisher, Western Republican, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for George Kayser, formerly of this county, now confined in the State penitentiary; thinks he is innocent of the charge on which he was convicted; joins with a number of citizens in making this request.

A.L.S . 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /959/

1880 June 14 J. W. MASON, Attorney-at-Law, Charles Town, Jefferson County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is requested by Board of Directors of the Jefferson Law Library Association to ask the Governor for journals and bills of the Senate and House of last session of Legislature.

A.L.S. 1 p. 12.5 cm. x 7.5 cm. [960]

1880 June 14 C. L. BOWMAN, St. George [Tucker County], W. Va. To Gov. [H. M. MATHEWS].

Has learned recently that the proposed amendments to the Constitution have to be published for 3 months prior to the election, beginning on July 1st; desires confirmation.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [961]

1880 June 14 G. S. SUDLER, Executive Secretary, Raleigh, N. C. To Gov. [H. M. MATHEWS].

Today forwarded a copy of the laws of 1880; requests the Governor to sign the enclosed receipt and return.

L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. [962]

1880 June 15 S. A. DONNELLA, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses with papers a diagram of the house in which Fanny Watson, commonly known here as Fanny Parsons, was shot on the night of January 19, 1879; she died on the following night; from the diagram it is evident that the shot could not have been fired from the doorway so as to hit Mrs. Watson in the right side of the abdomen as was supposed; this together with the fact that the victim would never say anything about the shooting aroused suspicion; when Henry Johnson was convicted and sentenced at the March term of the circuit court, Donnella told William Thompson, prosecuting attorney, that he was certain that Johnson was innocent, although the proof was positive and all the circumstances pointed to his guilt; after investigation, was satisfied that Rebecca Booth, commonly called Beck Floyd, was the party who had done the shooting accidentally; found that she had a pistol in her possession at the time of the shooting, which she denied at the trial; Beck Floyd was arrested on January 10th on a lunacy charge and was placed in jail; the prisoner was examined before a justice by Drs. J. O. Wall and A. J. Beardsby who pronounced her insane; while in jail Mrs. Floyd talked constantly about the shooting and Henry Johnson; upon further investigation, arrested Fanny Watson's husband, Pearl Watson, at Portsmouth, Ohio; Watson confessed that Beck Floyd did the shooting and explained how it was done; brought Watson to Huntington and sent for William

Thompson; all facts in the case are enclosed.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /963/
Enclosure missing.

1880- Frank W. BROWN, Clerk, West Virginia Penitentiary,
June 18 Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.
Abstract of prison record of Isaac Magruder, age 19: Magruder, colored, a native of West Virginia was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced by Mineral County circuit court on May 22, 1880, to 2 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; he was received at the prison on June 6, 1880.
A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /964/

1880 W. F. RICHARDS, Clarksburg, W. Va. To /Gov.
June 21 H. M. MATHEWS/.
Requests that the Governor select the Clarksburg Telegram as the proper paper in Harrison County to publish the proposed amendments to the Constitution; will publish same as prescribed by law for $50.
A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 15 cm. /965/

1880 John P. DAVISON, Rowlesburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M.
June 22 MATHEWS.
Wishes to call the Governor's attention to the case of his son, Thomas R. Davison, now serving a 2 year sentence in the State penitentiary; in February 1880, a petition asking for Davison's release was presented to the Governor; the petition was signed by a large number of the most prominent men in Preston County where Davison was convicted; requests that some action be taken in the case.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /966/

1880 L. B. DELICKER, Clerk, United States Circuit
June 25 Court, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Some time ago, sent a copy of bill of costs of the defendant in case of State of West Virginia vs. Isaac Thompson; Thompson was indicted for murder in the circuit court of Marion County; at that time, supposed that the United States Government would pay the costs of the prosecution; received today a letter from the first auditor of the Treasury at Washington, stating that those costs are not chargeable against the United States in as much as they were costs incurred by the State of West Virginia in the prosecution of the case; encloses a statement of the costs; requests payment of same out of whatever fund may be under the Governor's control for such purposes.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /967/
Enclosure missing.

1880 R. BURKE, Proprietor, Monroe County Register,
June 25 Union, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses complaint from one of the four colored men to whom Governor guaranteed protection last winter; "This poor man's only offence is partisan zeal"; does not think that the Governor will hesitate in "stirring the local authorities in his behalf."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 13 cm. /968/

Enclosure missing.

1880 June 27 — MORGAN and HUFFMAN, Editors, Morgantown Post, Morgantown, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends the Morgantown Post as a medium of publishing the proposed amendments to the Constitution which will be voted on in the next October election.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /969/

1880 June 29 — John H. OLEY, Secretary, Executive Committee, Central Land Company of West Virginia, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know if Governor received his /Oley's/ letter written about 2 weeks ago in reference to the repairs of Marshall College; knows that the Governor has been absent much of the time and therefore expected delay; requests Governor to arrange the matter as soon as convenient as he /Oley/ had to settle the accounts himself.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 21 cm. /970/

1880 June 29 — E. PRINCE, Publisher, Raleigh County Index, Raleigh Court House /Beckley/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Is sending a copy of the second issue of the Raleigh County Index; the paper just started recently, aims to show the natural resources and advantages of its section; invites Governor to call on the Index for any official advertising or publications.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /971/

1880 July 5 — John H. ROSLER, Sheriff, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been told by Judge Hindman that a petition for the pardon of George H. Kayser, convicted of felony and sentenced to serve 2 years in the State penitentiary at the fall term 1879 of the Kanawha County circuit court, has been presented to the Governor; during Kayser's confinement in the county jail his conduct was very orderly; at that term of court two desperate characters were convicted; feels sure that these parties were preparing to escape but would be unable to do so without the help of someone on the inside; made a proposition with the guards that if Kayser and Mynne would give the information that he /Rosler/ would try to secure each of them a pardon; they reported that each of the prisoners had a key

concealed upon his person and that on their trip to the penitentiary they intended to unlock their shackles, overpower the guards and escape; searched both prisoners upon the morning of their departure, found the keys and tested them; the keys fit the shackles exactly; does not doubt that the information given by Kayser and Mynne saved the authorities a great deal of trouble and probably saved several lives; requests that Governor issue a pardon to Kayser.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /972/

1880 July 5 — F. J. SNYDER, Hutinsville /Huntersville/, Pocahontas County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants to know the cost of mailing a copy of the Acts of West Virginia Legislature of 1877 and 1879; requests Governor to ask the postmaster to reduce his ordinary rates of postage; "Tell Ran* to steal me some W. Va. Reports & forward them on the terms above indicate, which, the same, if he does I will vote for him for Secretary of War."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /973/

1880 July 9 — Thomas GARNET and others, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request pardon for Richard Baxter, tried and convicted in the circuit court of Wood County on a charge of shooting with intent to kill; he was sentenced to State penitentiary for 1 year; Baxter acted in self-defense as he should have done; previous to this act his character was "above reproach"; he was the only support of an aged, widowed mother; he is the most skillful carriage painter in the country; now that half of his term has expired, request that he be released in order to support his mother.

Signed: Thomas Garnet, Jas. T. Mitchell, G. Mathews, and 35 others. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /974/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1880 July 9 — J. M. HAGANS, Attorney-at-Law, Morgantown, W.Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The application of James Yost for a pardon has been presented to the Governor; has been asked to make a statement in behalf of Yost; can say only that Yost was convicted and sentenced while he /Hagans/ was prosecutor of this county; Yost's sentence would have expired by reason of deduction for good behavior, except that he escaped from prison and was recaptured; he is now required to serve extra time because of his absence from the institution; thinks that Yost has

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* Randolph Stalnaker, Private Secretary to Governor Mathews.

suffered sufficiently for his crime; requests that the prisoner be released.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [975]

1880 July 9 — Ran[dolph] STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"The civil authorities have made no request as yet."

Telegram. [976]

1880 July 9 — P. W. MORRIS, Publisher, Ritchie Gazette, Harrisville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Knows that by law the Governor is not required to publish the amendments to the Constitution in more than one county newspaper; thinks that it would be not only legal but far more profitable to have the amendments published in both a Republican and Democratic paper so that all the people may be reached; there are several hundred families in the State who take no other papers than the Ritchie Gazette, the Intelligencer and the State Journal; noted that in some counties such as Barbour and Gilmer Counties, there are two Democratic papers in the county and amendments appeared in both; think that the amendments are sent out for publication without asking the price of same; publisher's law in West Virginia is very loosely framed and under it, if the publisher desires, he can charge an exorbitant price; has taken an active part in trying to secure more legal advertising at reduced rates; thinks that West Virginia should have a more just and liberal law; if amendments had been placed in the hands of someone who is familiar with legal advertising, they could have been published in every paper in the State for half the amount spent.

A.L.S. 6 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [977]

1880 July 15 — C. M. McELWEE, Cannelton, W. Va. To Gen. W. C. WICKHAM [Richmond, Va.].

It is difficult to obtain reliable information relative to the actions of miners and operators here; operators and miners are very cautious about talking at all; they say that the action was for the benefit of the operators alone; the Hawks Nest coal was gotten out "at 384 and sold for .75¢", therefore, it was always supplied with cars to the detriment of the valley mines; in a conversation with Dr. C. J. Lewis who has been raised here, learned that a good many of the operators in the valley endorsed the action of the miners; with the Hawks Nest mine closed more coal orders came down the valley; the miners acknowledged that they would rather get out the Hawks Nest coal at .58¢ or .60¢ and could make more money there than here in the valley; cannot find out whether or not

there has been a meeting of operators in which there was any complaint alleged against the Hawks Nest Company; if anything of importance can be discovered will write immediately.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /978/

1880 July 26 — Millie FOGLE, Grimes Store, Upshur County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for her husband Sardine Fogle, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; has served nearly 3 years; a petition has been sent to the Governor but it seems that it is necessary for a part of the jury to sign it; has learned that most of the jurors "is the same kind men that Borstic was. That was the reason they were so hard on my husband"; has four small children to support and needs her husband's help.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /979/

1880 July 27 — W. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent /of State Penitentiary/, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has received an application for a certificate of conduct from counsel of Simeon Milam, a convict sentenced from Putnam County in April 1875, on a charge of rape; Milam has been an excellent character since his arrival at penitentiary and is now one of the prison's most trusted men; "from my opinion of his general character, deportment, etc., I consider him innocent of the crime of which he stands convicted."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /980/

1880 July 30 — Samuel D. GORDON, Editor, South Branch Gazette, Keyser, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Has inquired from men of the "editorial fraternity" as to the amount to be charged the State; the amounts they quoted differed, none were higher than $300 nor lower than $200; encloses a bill for $200 for State advertising; in the beginning thought it to be worth about $100 but later found that there had been an error in the measurements; wishes to be informed if Governor thinks the account is not justifiable; thinks the convention /Democratic State Convention/ the most pleasant and harmonious ever attended and is well satisfied with the ticket; will support Judge Hoge and elect him.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /981/

1880 Aug. 1 — /R. P. H./ STAUB, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Col. R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Train leaves at seven; because of present circumstances could not get expenses for Faulkner; did not tell anyone what Stalnaker told him at Grafton; "Hadn't

I better come and leave expenses in obeyance until I get there as this matter may turn out of value or importance to the Governor. Will come if you say so. Answer confidentially."

Telegram. /982/

1880 Aug. 2 A. H. VANDIVER, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Isaac Grooder, colored, who was convicted of felony by Mineral County circuit court; Grooder stole $25 from George Washington to make a payment on a colt which he had purchased; Grooder was convicted on circumstantial evidence; the boy's father, Caleb Grooder, is an old one-legged negro who has a helpless family of daughters; the old man is very feeble and depends upon Isaac for support; Isaac was an industrious and hard working boy; many of the jurors and a number of influential citizens here have signed a petition for his release.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /983/

1880 Aug. 4 William Maxwell EVARTS, Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of letter in which the Governor nominated as commissioners William F. Hearne and J. N. Camden and as alternate commissioners, C. P. Snyder and John A. Robinson; these men are to represent West Virginia at the Centennial Anniversary of Peace to be held in New York City during 1883; encloses names of respective commissions with the request that they be forwarded to their proper destination.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /984/

1880 Aug. 4 John BRANNON, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Adams and Frazier who were convicted of robbery and were sentenced to 10 years each in the State penitentiary; thinks that the sentence was too severe for the crime committed; they have served 2 years; believes the time served has been sufficient to pay their debt to society; recommends a pardon.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /985/

1880 Aug. 6 Geo. P. SARGENT, Philippi /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests the Governor to arrange a day when he can address the voters of this county; expects a good crowd and is very anxious to have the Governor come.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 12.5 cm. /986/

1880 Aug. 6 D. C. LOVETT, Notary Public, Kanawha County, W. Va. To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Affidavit made by Alf Burnett that he was present in court at the trial and conviction of Alexander Racer of Putnam County, West Virginia, during the spring term of 1880, and that the statements enclosed are correct and true to the best of his knowledge.

A.D. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. /987/

For enclosure see entry 988.

1880 Aug. 6 Alf. W. BURNETT, Chief, Eureka Detective Agency, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Alex Racer, convicted in Putnam County and sentenced to State penitentiary; no one knows better than himself /Burnett/ the true status of the many thieves from this section who have been arrested and evidence furnished by this agency; is positive that Alex Racer was convicted on false evidence; knows personally that the witnesses who gave state's evidence held malice toward Racer because he and his father's family had formerly given Burnett and other officers material aid and information in pursuit of many other thieves; this young man has always been industrious and honest - "unfortunate only in his name 'Racer' of which stock comes many thieves"; all the others convicted were under many different indictments while Racer was charged with only one; he was charged with entering an apple house to get some apples to eat; one witness stated that Racer did not even enter the house but stood in the road while he /the witness/ carried apples to him; the man from whom the apples were stolen swore that his lock was not disturbed; is strongly opposed to thieving but thinks that this boy is innocent.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /988/

Enclosed in entry 987.

1880 Aug. 10 W. L. MAHAN, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses letter from C. P. Snyder, prosecuting attorney of this county, in relation to the pardon of George Kayser; Kayser is confined in State penitentiary; asks to be advised whether or not the pardon will be granted.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /989/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Aug. 16 INDEPENDENT, Newspaper, Sistersville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The Democratic Bee, the newspaper selected to publish the Constitutional Amendments is going out of business; asks Governor to hold the giving of the amendments until more definite information is known; the Independent is the largest county paper and is independent in politics, but supports Hancock and English; gives Hon. T. I. Stealey as reference; the

only other county paper, a Republican one, is the Star published at Middlebourne; will make formal request for publication of amendments if the Bee is suspended.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /990/

1880 Aug. 30 — Mark M. ROCKHOLD, Editor, Wirt County Appeal, Wirt Court House /Elizabeth/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Requests payment for publication of Constitutional Amendments; the course taken by the Appeal during the last election has alienated all Republican patronage and the Democrats in this county are inactive and have done nothing to help him to sustain this loss; is compelled to depend upon his own resources to keep the paper going; if a payment of $100 could be made upon the State advertisement, it would be a great help.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /991/

1880 Sep. 1 — Samuel D. GORDON, Editor, The South Branch Gazette, Petersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Acknowledges receipt of order to publish proclamation; sent to Mr. Stalnaker statement in the amount of $200 for publishing the Constitutional Amendments, but failed to receive a reply; desires to know if $200 is too much; many other papers with no larger circulation, charged $300; needs the money badly for a mortgage which is now due; requests Governor to read the next issue of his paper in which he intends to "start the ball rolling" for senator and to do for the Governor what was promised 2 years ago.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /992/

1880 Sep. 20 — H. NUTTER and others, Wood County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Request a pardon for William Cenkle alias Swank, convicted and sentenced at the September term, 1880, of the circuit court of Wood County to 3 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary; about 7 or 8 years ago, A. R. Ralston, a man of "considerable means" induced Cenkle's wife to leave her husband and home, and reside with him; several years ago Ralston persuaded one of Cenkle's sons to live at his house also; Ralston caused Cenkle's little farm to be sold for a balance of purchase money due on notes purchased by Ralston; thereupon Ralston deeded the property to Mrs. Cenkle; there was evidence tending to show that Ralston lived in constant fear of Cenkle and that Ralston had attempted either directly or indirectly to procure witnesses "to swear to enough to send Cenkle to the Penitentiary for a consideration"; Ralston was a witness for the State in said trial and said indictment was found by the grand jury at the instance of Ralston; consideration of the relations

existing between Ralston and Cenkle's wife forces the jurors and other signers of this petition, to believe that if Cenkle had killed Ralston when the facts first came to his knowledge that any jury would have regarded the act as excusable homicide; the specific act charged is that on the night of November 27, 1879, Cenkle fired a shot or slug into the Ralston dwelling, penetrating the upper room which was unoccupied, immediately over the bed of Ralston who occupied the room below; there was evidence to show that Cenkle strove to keep Ralston in a constant state of fear and apprehension, to "render his life in other words, miserably unhappy"; believed that while Cenkle was not entirely innocent and that the act complained of was reckless and dangerous that he "was more sinned against than sinning"; taking everything into consideration, commend the case strongly to executive clemency; Cenkle is over sixty years old and labors under great "bodily infirmity"; in the name of higher justice, asks for his release.

Signed: H. Nutter, Thomas Ross, Richard Wilcox, and 311 others. 9 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /993/

Names of signers in Appendix A.

1880 Sep. 21 P. GIRARD, 39-41 Park Place, New York, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests Governor's views for publication in the Graphic on the condition of the country and the restoration of that "peace of which the Christmas season is so admirable an exponent"; is addressing letter containing the same request to the Governor of each State in the Union.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /994/

1880 Sep. 27 J. E. MASON and others, Marion County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for Henry Nutter, convicted of a felony at the April term, 1880, of the Marion circuit court; Nutter was sentenced to 4 years confinement at the State penitentiary; believe the sentence to be too long for the crime, assault with intent to kill James E. Mason, there being many "palliating facts and circumstances connected with affair in his favor."

Signed: J. E. Mason, Prosecutor; Z. W. Wyatt, V. J. Dent, and 79 others. 4 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /995/

1880 Oct. 4 PATTON and LOGAN, Attorneys-at-Law, Monroe County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

H. A. Webber, a citizen of Virginia, arrested Edward McCoy who broke jail in Greenbrier County, June 12, 1880, and for whom a reward of $100 was offered by the Governor; McCoy has been turned over

to J. W. Johnston, Agent for West Virginia by Sheriff of Roanoke County as will be shown by receipt given for the body of said McCoy; desires to know what vouchers are necessary from the county authorities in regard to the collection of reward and costs of arrest; the total amount spent will be sent to Governor in a few days.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 24.5 cm. x 15 cm. /996/

1880 Oct. 4 R. F. KIDD, Editor of Banner, Buchannon, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Partner McCreery says he sent the statement for publishing the Constitutional Amendments some time ago and has received no reply; can send certificate of publication if necessary; is publishing a Democratic paper in a Republican stronghold and it is not very profitable financially; would appreciate immediate payment; democracy is flourishing in this section and "everything in good trim."

A.L.S. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 17.5 cm. /997/

1880 Oct. 13 R. F. KIDD, Editor, Buchannon, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

The last legislature fell short of its duty in making an appropriation; has had no conferences with other editors as to the amount they propose to charge; wishes to be informed as to the amount each will be allowed; "It costs to run a newspaper in a Republican County"; needs money badly; "The election yesterday went off great"; thinks that "we have busted the Republican primary"; the Republicans elected a sheriff and the Democrats elected a "greenbacker" to the legislature "who has been a good democrat"; has heard that Stalnaker and the Governor did good work in Barbour County; thinks that the Governor is the finest speaker in the State and will be well remembered by the interest he takes in State affairs.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /998/

1880 Oct. 18 John H. HOLT, Attorney-at-Law, Kingwood, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

A. T. Holt of Preston County will be a candidate for the position of doorkeeper of the Senate at the coming session of the legislature; requests the Governor's support for Holt; desires to know what Stalnaker thinks of Hancock's chances; "Jake went through all O.K."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /999/

1880 Oct. 18 BAILEY WILSON COMPANY, General Commission Merchants, New York, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants to obtain two copies of Resources of West

Virginia; have had many inquiries from capitalists who are favorably disposed toward the State and wish to procure for them the best official information concerning the State and its advantages for the investment of capital.

L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 22.5 cm. /1000/

1880 Oct. 20 J. D. BAINES, Secretary, Kanawha Board, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

There is a case pending in Kanawha County Court wherein the Kanawha Board is appellant and W. H. Tompkins, appelle; Tompkins had obtained against the Board a judgment in Kanawha circuit court for damages arising from the sinking of a barge of salt; as the legal points raised in the case are applicable to other similar cases that have occurred, and as the Board desires to know the nature and extent of its liabilities in such cases, he /Baines/ has been requested by the directors to inquire whether Mathews would feel free to request the Court of Appeals to give a decision in the above case; "Our arrangements for meeting our bonded debt, maturing on the first of Jan. next, hinge somewhat upon the decision referred to"; Mr. Tompkins, a member of "our Board" agrees with the others in wanting a speedy decision.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1001/

1880 Oct. 23 Andrew EDMISTON, Attorney-at-Law, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In September 1878, upon the complaint of Robert H. Bosely, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Marion Adams, Frazier Cain, and Amaziah Leison, all of Doddridge County, upon a robbery charge; Adams and Cain, aged 16 and 17 respectively, were arrested and placed in the county jail until the following January when, at their confession in open court, they were convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in the State penitentiary, minimum sentence for such an offense; Leison was not arrested until April 1879; at the time of Leison's arrest, the prosecuting witness fled from the State and in time was compelled to enter a "nolle prosequi"; under all circumstances thinks that the youth of the convicts should be taken into consideration; considers 2 years confinement sufficient vindication of the law; requests executive clemency in this case.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1002/

1880 Oct. 25 Judge J. J. JACKSON, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a bill of costs due the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States, District of West Virginia, which was incurred by the State in prosecution against Isaac Thompson on an indictment for murder

and was transferred from circuit court of Marion County to United States District Court; requests prompt payment.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [1003]

1880 Oct. 26 D. McGREGOR, Member of Senate, Third District, Cairo, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
The Constitutional Amendment* voted on at the recent election seems to have been adopted by the people; the judges of this district, taking it for granted that the amendment has been adopted, refuse to hold any more courts until after the meeting of the next legislature and many other officers refuse to perform their functions; they believe that the adoption of the amendment disqualifies them from doing so; thinks it would be wise to call an extra session of the legislature as early as possible, if the amendment has officially been adopted.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [1004]

1880 Oct. 26 A. G. STAGG, Parkersburg, W. Va. To [Randolph] STALNAKER [Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.].
Desires to know if the city of Wheeling has any jurisdiction over the janitorship of the building now occupied as State Capitol; has been informed that the city's mayor or council recommends the janitor and that such is confirmed by the Governor.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1005]

1880 Oct. 29 Eugene UNDERWOOD, President, Mississippi Valley Improvement Commission, Louisville, Ky. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Has received a notice from Capt. John McLure of West Virginia, who was appointed by Mathews as a commissioner on the Board of the Mississippi Valley Improvement Commission, that he cannot attend the meeting of the commission on November 9, 1880, in St. Louis; McLure states that there is no fund provided by West Virginia to pay the expenses of the commissioner; from the course taken by McLure at the last session of the commission, thinks that he would make a most valuable member of the commission; regrets the want of means to support the commission; requests the Governor now, as well as on a former occasion, to "call the attention of the Legislature" of West Vir-

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* Amendment to article 8, Const. of W. Va. wherein the judicial power of the State was vested in the State Supreme Court and the various circuit courts. The county court lost most of its judicial power by this amendment - amendment proposed by Act of W. Va. Legislature passed March 7, 1879. See. W. Va. Acts, 1879, ch. 49.

ginia to the matter; hopes that Governor will have his State fully represented at the coming session of the commission; expects that measures will be adopted to provide for means to support the commission; "It has accomplished much I believe, in the way of procuring appropriation for our river and I cannot but think the legislatures of the Valley will provide for its support."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1006/

1880 Oct. 30 Robert S. BROWN, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has endorsed a petition for the pardon of James B. Kemp, now confined in State prison; recommends that the said petition be granted; "Young Kemp is well and respectably connected in Wood and Jackson Counties, and I have no doubt but that the ends of justice will be subserved by his pardon."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /1007/

1880 Nov. 3 F. HICKMAN, Publisher, West Union Record, West Union, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

"Will you please inform me when payment for publishing Constitutional Amendments will be made and amount that will be allowed."

Telegram. /1008/

1880 Nov. 9 Henry C. FLESHER, Attorney-at-Law, Jackson Court House /Ripley/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants to know why the $30 due H. P. Bishop for printing the Constitutional Amendments has not been paid.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /1009/

1880 Nov. 9 W. S. JOHNSON, Gypsum, N. Y. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wrote to West Virginia University for information relative to the climate, soil, and agricultural resources of West Virginia; was referred by Mr. T. S. Lyon, to a work published in 1876, the Resources of West Virginia; Mr. Lyon is of the opinion that the Governor has copies of same for sale or distribution; requests that a copy be sent; is willing to pay any reasonable amount.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1010/

1880 Nov. 10 Thomas L. BROWN, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Wants a dozen copies of Maury's Resources of West Virginia for non-resident clients who own land on Coal River; encloses postage for one copy to be mailed to Thomas Bond, 132 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1011/

1880 Nov. 10 — John S. WITHERS, Attorney-at-Law, Glenville, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses certificate of the publication of Governor Mathews' proclamation in the Review and receipted bill for same; purchased the Review from Mr. Wells; requests that check for payment be made to him /Withers/.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1012/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 10 — William MILLER, President, Exhibition Society, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Introduces Oliver Anderson of Anderson and Porter, engine builders of this city who have some business difficulties in West Virginia; asks Governor to give to Mr. Anderson any available information relative to State laws and the address of some competent attorney near Grafton.

A.L.S. 1 p. 21.5 cm. x 13 cm. /1013/

1880 Nov. 10 — J. Ed PENNYBACKER and others, Randolph County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Request a pardon for Lafayette Elza convicted of the murder of David Purkey in the county of Randolph in 1876; he was sentenced to the State penitentiary by Judge John Brannon at the spring term of the Randolph County circuit court in 1877; the crime was committed "in the heat of passion, under provocation, the deceased having used threats against the life of said Elza"; previous to the murder, Elza always bore a good reputation; he is a poor man with a wife and four small children who are now wholly dependent upon a charitable public for their support; furthermore, said Elza is in very delicate health and it is feared that further confinement will result in his death; believe that since his confinement, Elza is entirely reformed and is now a "true and humble christian."

Signed: J. Ed Pennybacker, Jacob Thompson, David W. Turner, and 406 others. 6 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /1014/

1880 Nov. 11 — PATTON and LOGAN, Attorneys-at-Law, Union, Monroe County, W. Va. To Maj. Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Encloses statements from the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff of Greenbrier County in regard to the arrest of Edward McCoy as requested; request all necessary papers; if nothing further is required, ask that Stalnaker get the order from the Governor and forward; the arrest was made about September 1, 1880.

L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 15 cm. /1015/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 11 — Samuel L. HAYS, Glenville, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

A few days ago, John S. Wither gave him /Hays/ a circular from Stalnaker in reference to the amount of the claim against the State made by Mr. Wells; these claims were assigned to him /Hays/ by Wells who has since left the county; encloses statement for the amount of said claim together with the certificate of publication; if the enclosed is not in the form required, will try to get in touch with Wells and have it made out as it should be.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1016/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 11 — J. M. JACKSON, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

The majority vote is placed at 9,000 which is incorrect; it should be about 18,000 with nine counties to hear from; Looms and friends are circulating the report that the proposed article eight of the amendment is defeated and that he is judge-elect and will be commissioned; requests information as to when the Governor will issue his proclamation and whether or not any trouble is contemplated.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1017/

1880 Nov. 13 — W. T. LOGAN, Wisner and Logan, Martinsburg Independent, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses bills for advertising amendments and Governor's proclamation.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1018/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 13 — ADVOCATE PRINTING COMPANY, Publishers and Proprietors of the Wayne Advocate, Wayne Court House, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses statement of account for publishing Constitutional Amendments and election notices; would appreciate an early payment of same.

L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1019/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 15 — H. H. HYDE, Editor and Publisher, West Virginia Argus, Kingwood, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Encloses sworn statement of account against the State for publishing Constitutional Amendments in the amount of $450; encloses also, bill for publishing proclamation of Governor; wishes to know when the amount will be paid.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1020/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 15 J. G. DOURITAIN, Editor and Publisher, Putnam Democrat, Winfield, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Returns the blank properly filled in as by instructions; has charged the regular rates in publishing the amendments; enclosed Governor's bill for subscription; disposed of his claim to publishing the amendments to J. T. Bowyer, Esq., of Winfield, but is responsible to Bowyer for any reduction the department may make in the bill.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1021/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 17 M. J. CRAMER, Diplomatic Representative of United States, American Legation, Copenhagen, Denmark. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has resided in Copenhagen since 1820; owns some wild land in Webster County, West Virginia, and is very much interested in the development of the State's natural resources; requests maps, publications, or other information regarding the State that will help him /Cramer/ in encouraging immigration to the State.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1022/

1880 Nov. 18 W. N. CHANCELLOR, Parkersburg /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In behalf of Mrs. Kemp, the bearer of this letter, requests Governor to give her "solicitation" in regard to her son's pardon from the State penitentiary, kind and careful consideration; she and her husband are respectable and industrious people; their son was led into the crime for which he was convicted through "unfortunate association"; a petition for his release is signed by the county's best citizens.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1023/

1880 Nov. 22 PATTON and LOGAN, Attorneys-at-Law, Union, Monroe County, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Received check for $100; encloses receipt for same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. /1024/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Nov. 23 M. P. PRETTYMAN, Editor, St. Marys Observer, St. Marys, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Encloses account for publishing the Governor's proclamation in the September 17th issue of the Observer; did not expect any pay for it, therefore did not save a copy of same, however sends a sworn statement of its publication and shall be glad if Governor will forward amount.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1025/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Joseph M. BROWN, Madison, Boone County, W. Va.
Nov. 27 To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

About 8 days ago, the commissioners of election forwarded by mail to the Governor two certificates, one for Presidential Electors and one for Congressmen; desires to know if certificates were satisfactory, if not will prepare the returns according to the Governor's instructions; "the two certificates above mentioned were in lieu of the one returned by you for separation."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1026/

1880 H. F. SHEFFEY, Peytona, Boone County, W. Va. To
Nov. 27 Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know the exact number of official votes that the Hon. J. E. Kenna received in the last Congressional contest and the number received by H. S. Walker; requests that same be sent on enclosed postal card.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1027/

1880 C. L. BOWMAN, St. George, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M.
Nov. 29 MATHEWS/.

In accordance with recent rèquest sent bill for publishing the Governor's proclamation; requests that the matter be given attention.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1028/

1880 Frank W. BROWN, Assistant Superintendent /of
Nov. 29 State Penitentiary/, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Certifies that the conduct of Lafayette Elzy, a convict in the State penitentiary from Randolph County, has been good; during his confinement Elzy has worked faithfully and diligently; his conduct has been such as to justify a recommendation for pardon from this office.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1029/

1880 F. H. B. DAWSON, Clerk of County Court, Berkeley
Nov. 29 Springs, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In regard to the probability of a contest over the question of the passage of the Constitutional Amendment* finds that one of the poll books in this county show there were polled 192 votes and that the commissioners counted for and against ratification 211 votes or 19 more votes than were polled; feels certain that one third of the voters in this county did not vote on the amendment and has been informed that some of the commissioners counted the tickets

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* See footnote on p. 234.

for ratification when they were voted for and against same; thinks that the majority reported for ratification of amendment in this county was over 400; believes that had the votes been correctly counted the amendment in this county would have carried by a much smaller majority.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1030]

1880 Dec. 1 Thomas H. HARNEY, Winfield, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Friends of William Ruby who was convicted here last April for a felony are anxious to have him pardoned, not only because of his youth and this being his first offense, but also on account of his aged mother who is dependent upon him for support; at the time of his conviction, a petition was sent requesting executive clemency and at that time Harney protested on the ground that he did not deem it advisable to pardon before the convict had been punished to the extent of at least showing them the consequences of such crimes; now feels that the boy has been punished sufficiently; recommends the pardon; "Hope you are not allowing Camden and Herford to get ahead of you in the Senatorial race - Sincerely hope you will beat them."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1031]

1880 Dec. 1 William EASTON, Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Ky. To Gov. [H. M. MATHEWS].

Postal received recently; Ed Easton, the person mentioned therein is a brother; he [Ed Easton] left here in September 1879, and was not heard from; he lost his mind about 5 years ago; does not know what to do under the circumstances; has taken care of his [William's] brother for the past 4 years; is now too poor either to send for him or go for him; had determined before he left "to give him up to the court that he might be sent to the Insane Asylum but he went off and I had no knowledge of his whereabouts until I received your postal."

Copy. 1 p. 23.5 cm. x 15 cm. [1032]

Enclosed in entry 1039.

1880 Dec. 2 William A. QUARRIER, Attorney-at-Law, Charleston, W. Va. To Gen. Ned WOOD.

Desires to redeem lands mentioned in the auditor's letter which is enclosed; also desires to redeem 1,044 acres in Raleigh County owned by William Richmonds which were sold by the sheriff in December 1879 for 1877 and 1878 taxes; the same land was sold by sheriff for taxes in 1878 and bought by Morris Harvey; since that time redeemed the land from Harvey; same land is returned in the name of Carrol McDonald for 1879 "see auditor's letter" therefore the auditor should give a full redemption by paying the taxes of 1877 but "if he can't see it give him anything he

charges, I must have the redemption"; complications above stated prevent redeeming land here; will pay all charges promptly; is certifying a title and want the redemption as quickly as possible.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1033/
Enclosure missing.

1880 Dec. 4 J. B. PEMBERTON, Editor and Proprietor, Kanawha Gazette, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
It has been suggested by Adjutant General Wood that there are not funds at the control of the executive to pay the advertising bills for the Constitutional Amendment; he also suggested that probably it would be practical to have the bills, after they had been approved, discounted at some of the Wheeling banks, at a reasonable rate; takes the liberty of requesting that in case the funds are not now in hand, Governor "cause" his bill to be discounted at one of the city banks and direct the proceeds to be remitted; asks this favor because he is very much "pressed" for funds to be used before the close of the month.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1034/

1880 Dec. 4 John CHAFIN, Clerk of Circuit Court, Logan Court House /Logan/, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
Recommends that Governor grant the petition for a remission of fine to M. B. Mullins which was imposed upon him by the Logan County circuit court April 28, 1877; Mullins was charged with unlawfully but not maliciously cutting Gordon Hinchman; was clerk of said court at the time and was present at the trial; all the statements made in the petition are true.
A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1035/
Endorsed by P. R. McComas, prosecuting attorney.

1880 Dec. 8 H. A. SMITH, Coal River Marshes, Raleigh County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.
His son William H. Smith, was sentenced to the State penitentiary on June 9, 1879, for a term of 2 years; understands that the Governor has given the boy 4 months of his time; requests that he /William Smith/ be given 6 months time; the father /H. A. Smith/ is not able to work and is dependent upon his son for support.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1036/

1880 Dec. 10 J. CORBETT, Jr., Executive Secretary, Frankfort, Ky. To /Dr./ T. B. CAMDEN, Superintendent of Insane Asylum, Weston, W. Va.
Received Camden's letter of December 4th to the Governor; is directed to say that the State of Kentucky assumes no control of lunatics not so adjudged by the proper courts.
A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1037/
Enclosed in entry 1039.

1880 Dec. 11 George LOOMIS, Attorney-at-Law, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Encloses a petition signed by more than 50 of the county's leading citizens, asking that James E. McWane be pardoned from the State penitentiary; the petition is also signed by nine of the jurors who tried the case; the owner of the stolen property, Alexander Mair, and the assistant prosecuting attorney, C. T. Caldwell, also signed; D. H. Leonard, Esq., prosecuting attorney, makes it a rule not to sign petitions; however, if there is any hesitancy in granting the pardon, requests that a letter of inquiry be addressed to Mr. Leonard for the merits of McWane's case.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1038/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Dec. 13 T. B. CAMDEN, M.D., Superintendent, Hospital for the Insane, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A colored man arrested near Weston on charge of insanity was tried, adjudged insane and placed in county jail; wrote to the man's brother and received a reply, a copy of which is enclosed; also wrote to the Governor of Kentucky, sending him all the facts in the case; a reply from the latter is also enclosed; "If no other way it can be done by a special act of the Legislature"; thinks that Mathews might be able to get Governor Blackburn to pay the negro's transportation to his State; one person could take the man as he is very quiet.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1039/

For enclosures see entries 1032, 1037.

1880 Dec. 14 T. Brent SWEARINGEN, Swearingen and McCandles Insurance Agency, Pittsburgh, Pa. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Received letter of 10th inst.; has obtained about 200 of the Governor's addresses given before the Chamber of Commerce and will be pleased to send him all or any part of them.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1040/

1880 Dec. 15 H. C. HYDE, Kingwood, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In the winter of 1878-79, was appointed notary public for this county; last February went to Denver, Colorado, to practice law; did not like the West and returned in June; wants to know now if he can perform any of the duties of his office or should he be reappointed.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1041/

1880 Dec. 16 Henry C. FLESHER, Attorney-at-Law, Jackson Court House /Ripley/, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses a bill in the amount of $430 for publication of the Constitutional Amendment in the Jackson Herald, owned by H. B. Bishop.

A.L.S. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /1042/

Enclosure missing.

1880 Dec. 22 D. D. JACKSON, Long Reach, Tyler County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Did not receive reports from Dr. H. W. Brock, Secretary of Board of Regents of the University, until late Monday; Dr. Brock stated that a summary of the principal points had been sent to the Governor; he will forward report as soon as it is made up.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1043/

1880 Dec. 22 D. J. CHAPMAN, Attorney for Commonwealth, Pearisburg, Giles County, Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A fugitive from justice, John Honaker, charged with grand larceny committed in Giles County, Virginia, has been arrested at Hinton, West Virginia, and is in the Greenbrier County jail; desires to have Honaker returned to Giles County, Virginia, for trial on aforesaid charge.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1044/

1880 Dec. 24 G. W. LOOMIS, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends W. Conkle /Cenkle/ for a pardon; a petition requesting same has already been presented; Cenkle, now confined in the State penitentiary, is over 60 years of age and "suffers from great bodily infirmity"; a pardon granted to Cenkle would meet with approval of a majority of the citizens.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1045/

1880 Dec. 24 C. C. DUNNELLS AND COMPANY, Dealers in School Desks, 10½ Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Received warrant for payment of desk which is fully satisfactory; receipt enclosed.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1046/

1880 Dec. 27 William A. QUARRIER, Attorney-at-Law, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In August last year a requisition was granted for Henry S. Foote of Huntington to be taken to Cincinnati to answer a charge for obtaining money from R. Powell under false pretense; he was taken to Cincinnati and the grand jury refused to find any indictment; he was discharged; Foote now thinks that another requisition

will be asked for and he desires to have a "hearing" before Mathews, before another requisition is granted; the first requisition cost him /Foote/ $650; he does not want to spend that much again; Foote says that it is a blackmailing affair.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1047/

1880 n.d. A. A. LEWIS, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

George E. Kayser of this county is confined in the State penitentiary for "some violation of law" in Kanawha County; without knowing precisely the character of the charge against him, joins with others in recommending his pardon; requests the Governor to give this case favorable consideration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1048/

1880 n. d. George WOOFTER and others, Lewis County, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon for Marion Adams and Frazier Cain, 18 years old, convicted of robbery and sentenced to 10 years in State penitentiary at fall term, 1878, of the Lewis County circuit court; these two boys were confined in the county jail from September 24, 1878, until delivered to the authorities at the penitentiary; petitioners believe that the time served is sufficient punishment; the crime was committed while intoxicated and these boys could not have realized the consequences of it.

Signed by: George Woofter, Louis McBride, J. H. Sommersville, and 101 others. 5 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Names of signers in Appendix A. /1049/

On verso: Marion Adams and Frazier Cain, both pardoned October 26, 1880.

1880 M. B. COLSTON, Martinsburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"What about the judicial appointment?"

Telegram. /1050/

1881 Jan. 1 G/ideon/ D. CAMDEN, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

A young man by name of Fitzhugh has recently been convicted in the Harrison County circuit court for unlawful shooting; is personally acquainted with the circumstances of the case but from his knowledge of the bad character of the party shot at and the high degree of intelligence and respectability of the signers of a petition requesting executive clemency for Fitzhugh, is induced to join the petitioners in their request.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1051/

1881 Jan. 4 — Frank SILVER, Bunker Hill, Berkeley County, W.Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER /Executive Secretary/, Wheeling, W. Va.

Today mailed to Governor-elect Jackson, a letter in the interest of H. N. Tabb, for the appointment to the position of superintendent of the State penitentiary at Moundsville; has said everything that he can think of saying in favor of Tabb; does not think it improper to say to Stalnaker that Tabb "was one of the citizens of this county who does not belong to the rival candidate for Governor Jackson's place" and that unlike the other applicant for the same position who was a "warm and ardent Faulkner man" he was in favor of Jackson and for that "sin" has not been able to secure Faulkner's influence; hopes that Stalnaker will use his influence with Governor Jackson to secure the appointment for Tabb.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1052/

1881 Jan. 4 — J. B. JACKSON, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Hon. Benj/amin/ WILSON, Congressman, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Annie C. Neale, mother of Charles E. Neale of Company E, 1st West Virginia Artillery, has filed her claim for a pension, number 265,464; Mrs. Neale is a widow; she is dependent in a great degree upon her relatives for support; if she is entitled to this pension, "of which I have no doubt," she ought to receive it at once; Mrs. Neale is over 70 years of age and has been confined to her bed nearly all winter; requests Wilson to advance her petition for pension.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1053/

Enclosed in entry 1068.

1881 Jan. 10 — C. J. SKIDMORE, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

If Mathews' prospects for election to the United States Senate are good, thinks that Judge Cyrus Hall can probably do more for Mathews' success than any other man in the State; "you are aware that there are three or four Greenback Senators with whom he would have more influence than any other man in the state"; he will also control one member of the legislature from Wood and Pleasants Counties; would advise Mathews to send Hall a sufficient amount of money to pay for his time and expenses that he may go to Wheeling; thinks that $150 will be sufficient; if such course is followed will see that Hall goes to Wheeling at once to do what he can in Mathews' behalf.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1054/

1881 Jan. 12 — Evan Rowland JONES, Consul, United States Consulate, Newcastle /England/. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know if the laws of West Virginia entitle a citizen of another State to hold real estate in West Virginia in his own name; person for whom

inquiry is made holds a large area of land in West Virginia through trustees; is anxious for an early reply that it may be incorporated in the next edition of the Emigrants Friend, concerning which the Governor "has already been addressed."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1055/

1881 Jan. 12 William Maxwell EVARTS, Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, D. C. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Acknowledges receipt of letter relative to J. N. Camden's declination as a commissioner for West Virginia to the American Exhibition of 1883 at New York and his intention to nominate Beverly Tucker to the place; will be glad to present the formal nomination of Mr. Tucker to the President as soon as it is received.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1056/

1881 Jan. 12 D. S. H., 107 North 7th Street, Richmond, Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

"Have written to 'M. H.' Will advise you as soon as his reply reaches me. My regards to Gov. M."

L.S. 1 p. 15 cm. x 7.5 cm. /1057/

1881 Jan. 14 J. T. FARLAND, Coal Operator, Clarksburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Operates a coal mine about two miles west of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and until January 1, 1881, has employed "some fifty men"; about December 15th notices were posted on his mine as well as on other mines in that neighborhood; on December 26th, notified the men that he /Farland/ would make an advance of 10 cents per ton and furnish them oil free of charge; the men held a meeting on the 28th of December and sent out a committee of three to notify Farland that his proposition was satisfactory and they were willing to work on the proposed terms; on December 29th, the railroad company advanced freight to Chicago, the principal shipping center for this coal, $1 per ton; went to Baltimore on January 2d and returned on the morning of January 4th; upon return some of his employees who belonged to an organization known as Miners' Union or Knights of Labor gave notification that there would be a meeting of their lodge that evening and they would let him /Farland/ know the next day whether or not they would go to work; only 14 men belonged to the union; the day after the meeting they reported that they would not go to work on previous terms; requested the man to come to him on January 7th for a settlement with them and that they "could look for work as I had no more work for them"; paid the men off; on January 11th decided to begin work again; had

a number of applications from men who did not belong to the union; three men, even though they did belong to the union, were willing to work; began work yesterday; this morning finds that the drum house and fixtures have been burned to the ground and the steel wire rope, used to operate cars on the incline, was cut to pieces; loss is not less than $1,200 to $1,500 and 45 men are out of work; requests that the Governor, in behalf of the State, offer a reward of "say $500" for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1058/

On verso: Alex C. MOORE, Prosecuting Attorney, Harrison County, W. Va. To /Gov. H. M. MATHEWS/.

Certifies that Mr. Farland's property was destroyed last night as stated above; requests that Governor offer a liberal reward for the arrest of parties involved; if a reward is offered desires to be informed by telegraph. A.N.S.

1881 Jan. 17 — Samuel PRICE, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Colonel Davis is not here. Postponment of one day would not end the term. Full time given for briefs."

Telegram. /1059/

1881 Jan. 18 — J. C. COVELL, Principal, Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Romney, W.Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires to know when this institution will receive its quota /300/ of the printed reports of the institution; thanks Governor for his kind and considerate support throughout the entire administration.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1060/

1881 Jan. 18 — /C. W./ ROGERS, Baltimore, Md. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a copy of the Resources of West Virginia by M. F. Maury and W. M. Fontaine, prepared under the direction of the State Board of Centennial Managers.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1061/

1881 Jan. 19 — C. P. T. MOORE, Huntington, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"No sir!"

Telegram. /1062/

1881 Jan. 19 — I. C. MONTGOMERY, Coal Valley /W. Va./, To WILL.

Received letter of 14th inst.; is sending to State bank today the amount requested; hopes same will arrive in time; all is quiet in this section; "Ice all gone. No damage."; will get up papers as soon as a map can be secured; "Hurrah for Mathews."

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12 cm. /1063/

1881 Jan. 22 — D. W. GULL, office of Plaindealer, Philippi [W.Va.]. To [Gov. H. M. MATHEWS].

Desires to know when he [Gull] will be paid for State advertising; needs money for immediate payment of his own bills; was surprised that Sargent went to Wheeling in interest of Camden; always thought that Sargent was a strong Mathews supporter.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 22.5 cm. x 15 cm. [1064]

1881 Jan. 26 — J. A. PRESTON, Prosecuting Attorney, Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

J. P. Woodrum of Giles County, Virginia, agent for the State of Virginia to receive John Honaker for whom a requisition has been made by the Governor of Virginia upon the Governor of West Virginia, is here; desires to know if requisition has been granted and if the sheriff should deliver the prisoner.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [1065]

1881 Jan. 27 — M. P. PRETTYMAN, St. Marys, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Made out statement for publishing Constitutional Amendments, as requested; has heard nothing further; desires information concerning payment of same.

A.PC.S. [1066]

1881 Jan. — Elihu GREGG, Wheeling [W. Va.]. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests an unconditional pardon; was convicted in Preston County for the burning of a dwelling house which in fact was the Preston County Courthouse; said indictment was made so that the jury was not permitted to pass on the question of guilt or motive of the crime; public opinion was aroused against him [Gregg] and was the result of the heavy sentence; his [Gregg's] attorney was not capable; the Court of Appeals granted a new trial; tried to get change of venue but it was denied; circuit court's decision was upheld; it was never proved that he was near the courthouse at the time of the fire; is innocent of the crime; is 70 years old and will not have many years to live at the most; asks to be pardoned from the death sentence which was given him for the crime.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [1067]

[1881 Feb. 1] — B[enjamin] WILSON, Congressman [Washington, D. C.]. To General BENTLY, Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Encloses letter from Governor Jackson of his [Wilson's] State; knows Mrs. Neale personally; requests Bently to examine the pension claim enclosed and return this letter with his [Bently's] reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1068]

For enclosure see entry 1053.

1881 Feb. 2 — A. J. ROGERS, Superintendent of Police, Detroit, Mich. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Have you issued your warrants for Isaac Clark alias Robert Wilson and Daniel Graham alias George Groves and if so have the papers been forwarded to Moundsville? I forwarded requisition papers to you on September 1, 1880."

Telegram. /1069/

1881 Feb. 4 — Andrew ANDERSON, Neenah, Wis. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has been advised by Hon. J. Runan, Member of Congress, to request from the Governor of West Virginia, pamphlets, books, and other information regarding inducements of that State to emigrants from Wisconsin and Minnesota; this is the only possible method to secure desired information.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 19 cm. /1070/

1881 Feb. 5 — John F. RITCHIE, West Barnet /Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

There has been a dispute here as to whether Wheeling or Charleston is the capital of West Virginia; some geographers have the capital listed as one city and some the other; request accurate information; encloses return envelope.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1071/

1881 Feb. 7 — Wm. PRINCE, Wheeling /W. Va./. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests executive clemency in behalf of William Smith, now serving a sentence in the State penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter; Smith was convicted in the criminal court of Raleigh County and was sentenced by that court on June 17, 1879; Smith is 20 years old, a native of West Virginia, and his conduct at the penitentiary is reported by officers of that institution as to be such that entitles him to full "good time"; he will be discharged February 26, 1881; thinks that a pardon, even at this late date, will have an influential effect upon making him a better man.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1072/

1881 Feb. 7 — H. C. H. HYDE, Editor and Publisher, West Virginia Argus, Kingwood, W. Va. To Ran/dolph/ STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Has heard recently that there is a movement in the legislature to allow $200 to papers publishing the amendments; desires to know whether or not this is true; does not think that such a settlement in which all papers, regardless of circulation, be allowed the same amount, would be fair.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1073/

1881 Feb. 8 — Frank SILVER, Bunker Hill, Berkeley County, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Has been informed that desperate efforts have been made by the enemies of H. N. Tabb to prove that he was a good "Greenbacker"; such is utterly false; Tabb was a Whig before the war and has been a staunch member of the Democratic party since then; regrets that Tabb's rivals have adopted such a "low and desperate" course to defeat his appointment; it is a striking contract with Tabb's "honorable and high-minded" conduct towards them; was a staunch supporter of Governor-elect Jackson and would not ask him to do anything which would tend to "cast the slightest cloud over or in any way diminish the luster of his incoming administration"; in behalf of himself and a great majority of the people in this section, requests that he do all that he possibly can in favor of Tabb.

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1074/

1881 Feb. 11 — Mrs. J. W. GALLAHER and others, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The undersigned directors and officers of the West Virginia Penitentiary certify the good conduct of Newton G. Sims, a prisoner in this institution from Kanawha County; his conduct for the past 10 years leads the undersigned to believe that his professed reformation is genuine and if released, he will live an upright and honest life.

Signed by: Mrs. J. W. Gallaher, J. S. Pauley, J. W. Gallaher, and 33 others. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm. Names of signers in Appendix A. /1075/

1881 Feb. 12 — Isiah BEE and others, Directors, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary of the State of West Virginia having thoroughly investigated the physical condition of Lafayette Elzy and the circumstances under which he was convicted, recommend his pardon; the State prison's physician states that Elzy's life is in great danger and that if he remains in confinement it may result in death.

Signed by: Isiah Bee, Thomas G. Smith, James K. Smith, and J. E. Alderson. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1076/

1881 Feb. 12 — Moses H. DAVIS and others, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Recommends the appointment of Thomas J. West as Superintendent of the penitentiary; believe that West possesses all the qualifications to make a "faithful, energetic and efficient superintendent"; his appoint-

ment would be accepted with satisfaction and approval by all classes of people.

Signed by: Moses H. Davis, B. H. Susty, David Poe, and 17 others. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1077/
Names of signers in Appendix A.

1881 Feb. 12 George H. CREEL, Moundsville, W. Va. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Certifies his account for publishing the Constitutional Amendments which Governor Mathews endorsed; the Exchange Bank gave him /Creel/ the money on it; the account was in the amount of $151; if necessary will call and make additional certificate.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1078/

1881 Feb. 12 J. B. VAIDEN, Marion, Perry County, Ala. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires facts on the following question: "Did not the people of West Virginia a year or two ago decide by a popular vote that Charleston in your State was to be the permanent capital of the State?"; if Charleston is to be the permanent capital, desires to know about "what time" it will be used as such?

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1079/

1881 Feb. 17 Thomas A. EDWARDS, Weston, W. Va. To /Randolph STALNAKER, Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Has been too ill to return to Stalnaker's office; came home the next morning; has been confined to his room since that time, therefore has been delayed in sending his account; if this account was not included in the list sent to the legislature under the Cresap resolution, requests that it be filed with those already sent in; encloses a receipted bill for publishing the Governor's proclamation concerning elections, as requested.

A.L.S. 1 p. 15 cm. x 10 cm. /1080/
Enclosure missing.

1881 Feb. 18 John SHIELDS, Union, Monroe County, W. Va. To A. C. SNYDER.

Encloses petition with 20-30 signatures in behalf of Hezekiah Brown; petition is self explanatory; discussed this case with Alex F. Mathews, a brother of the Governor, in Lewisburg; requests that the petition be sent to Alex Mathews or the Governor; urges immediate attention to the matter as the time is "short"; could have obtained more signatures had there been more time allowed to do so.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1081/
Enclosure missing.

1881 Feb. 18 J. C. BARTLETT, Marietta, Ohio. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Desires information concerning the topography and the mineral and agricultural resources of West Virginia; requests maps and State publications relating to same.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1082/

1881 Feb. 19 WEAVER and BARDALL, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Lafayette Elzy's conduct all the time he has been at work for us has been very good."

L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 20 cm. /1083/

1881 Feb. 20 J. F. HUBBARD, Sheriff and C. P. SNYDER, Prosecuting Attorney, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

"Robert Wolf murdered a man named Coit on Campbell's Creek yesterday and has escaped. Can you not through the sheriff of Kanawha County offer reward, say two hundred dollars, for apprehension."

L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1084/

1881 Feb. 20 Lee C. SAYLES, Editor and Proprietor, Cabell Democrat, Cabell Court House, W. Va. To Major /Randolph/ STALNAKER /Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va./.

Requests the date of the claims against the Bee, and by whom made; wants to know why Arthur Smith does not stand before Okey Johnson and others; make a great mistake in letting Long have the management of "that business" and as a result has been "euchred"; does not think that he /Sayles/ is the only victim of Long's swindles; the first $300 paid is all that "I know anything about"; any information concerning it will be thankfully received; does not expect to realize anything out of it now but wants dates that the claims were submitted.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1085/

1881 Feb. 21 W. W. ARNETT and others, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.

The undersigned request executive clemency for Elihu Gregg who has petitioned for pardon on a conviction of arson in the circuit court of Preston County; Gregg is an aged man, being about 70 years of age, and in the ordinary course of life cannot survive his pardon for any great length of time; thinks that he has already been punished by confinement in jail for a long period; furthermore the Supreme Court of the State in passing upon a writ of error granted in this case expressed the opinion that there was error in the trial of his cause sufficient to grant him a new trial but for the fact that the writ of error was

barred by the statute of limitations; recommend that Gregg be granted a pardon.

Signed by: W. W. Arnett, R. G. Barr, Alfred Caldwell, and 14 others. 2 pp. 32 cm. x 20 cm.

Names of signers in Appendix A. /1086/

1881 Feb. 21 James W. BOGGESS, Fairmont, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Has signed a petition to the Governor, requesting the release of Henry Nutter who was sentenced to the State penitentiary at the April term, 1880, of the Marion County circuit court for a felony; thinks that the sentence given Nutter was too severe; has known Nutter since boyhood; two-thirds of the jury who tried him and J. E. Mason, the prosecutor, have signed the petition; thinks that the general opinion of the public is in favor of Nutter's release.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 20 cm. x 18 cm. /1087/

1881 Feb. 22 Okey JOHNSON, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

The record in the case of State vs. Elihu Gregg is convincing that error was committed "to his prejudice in his last trial" and but for the fact that a writ of error was barred by the statute of limitations, a new trial would have been awarded; all the evidence was not certified and it is impossible to say whether or not the evidence was sufficient to justify the verdict; could not recommend his unconditional pardon but earnestly recommends a "commutation of his punishment."

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1088/

1881 Feb. 23 B. T. MEIGHEN, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

In connection with John H. Middleton's application for a pardon, is forwarding a letter from Dr. G. W. Bruce, the attending physician at the West Virginia Penitentiary; hopes that this letter from Dr. Bruce, together with the recommendation of Col. W. L. Bridges and Capt. J. W. Lowe, will be sufficient; Middleton was not arrested until about 2 years after the trouble occurred; the circumstances of this case are given in full in the petition which has been sent to the Governor; Hon. Joshua Day from Pendleton County "can advise you as the matters."

A.L.S. 1 p. 32 cm. x 20 cm. /1089/

1881 Feb. 25 C. C. DUNNELS AND COMPANY, Dealers in School Desks, 10½ Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Esq., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Desk was shipped in good condition; encloses bill for same; draftsman has been ill but will make drawing

for the standing desk and foreward by next mail; request an early reply.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25.5 cm. x 20 cm. /1090/

Enclosure missing.

1881 Feb. 25 — Howard TEMPLETON, Publisher, Summersville, W. Va. To Randolph STALNAKER, Jr., Executive Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Encloses bill and certificate of publication of Governor's message as requested; this should have been attended to sooner but has been neglected; requests payment of the amount.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1091/

Enclosures missing.

1881 Feb. 25 — John F. HUBBARD, Sheriff of Kanawha County, Charleston, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

On night of January 6th, 1881, five prisoners escaped from the Kanawha County jail; these prisoners were charged with felony; under the advise of Hon. William A. Quarrier, Hubbard's counsel, offered a reward of $50 each, for their capture and return; they have all been returned and the rewards paid; wants to know if the $250 paid for rewards will be refunded by the State.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1092/

1881 Feb. 28 — John SCHATZMANN, Attorney for Swiss Emigration Society, New York City. To Gov. /H. M. MATHEWS/.

Is attorney for the Swiss Emigration Society which intends to purchase tracts of land suitable for colonization purposes; has been requested first to see West Virginia lands and eventually tracts in Kentucky and to negotiate the purchase of such lands; desires to know at what prices large tracts of land may be purchased from the State of West Virginia and what commission will be allowed the purchaser if the settlers would be placed in that State; as soon as he /Schatzmann/ receives a reply, will notify the Governor the date of his /Schatzmann's/ arrival in Wheeling; is not certain if the Governor is personally interested in the sale of lands of the State and if not, requests that this letter be referred to the proper channels.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1093/

1881 Feb. 28 — C. L. BOWMAN, Editor, Tucker County Pioneer, St. George, W. Va. To Hon. R/andolph/ STALNAKER, Executive Secretary /Wheeling, W. Va./.

Desires to know when the amount due the Pioneer from the State for publishing the amendments will be forthcoming; needs the money very badly.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1094/

1881 Feb. 28 — Jennie WITHEY, Parkersburg, W. Va. To Gov. [H. M.] MATHEWS.

Requests the consideration of the Governor in petition for release of her son, Frank Withey, who is now confined in the State penitentiary; is a widow with several other children to support; needs her son's assistance; has secured the signature of nine of the jurymen who convicted him; could have gotten the other three to sign petition if she had been in good health so that she could have gone out into the country to get them.

A.L.S. 4 pp. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. [1095]

1881 Mar. 3 — T. Marcellus MARSHALL, Principal, State Normal School, Glenville, W. Va. To J. B. JACKSON, Esq., Governor-elect of West Virginia, Wheeling, W. Va.

Has been connected with the State Normal School longer than any other person in the State; requests that Governor appoint R. G. Lewis of Grantsville, First District, B. F. Martin of Pruntytown, Second District, Judge H. J. Samuels of Barboursville, Third District, and Hon. John Brannon of Weston, State at Large, as the Board of Regents of Normal Schools in West Virginia; there never has been a proper board; believes that this will be an improvement over all others.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1096]

1881 Mar. 8 — D. D. JOHNSON, Clerk of the Senate, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. Jacob B. JACKSON,* Wheeling, W. Va.

On March 5, 1881, Senate appointed Randolph Stalnaker, Secretary of State; on the 7th inst., appointed the following officers: Joseph W. Gallaher of Marshall County, James K. Smith of Taylor County, J. C. Alderson of Ohio County, Thomas K. Smith of Wood County, and Edward Shehan of Marion County to be members of the Board of Directors of the penitentiary; other appointments made at that time were: C. L. Wood of Kanawha County, State Librarian, and Samuel Voltz of Ohio County, janitor of Statehouse.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. [1097]

On verso: "Ex. Dept., Wheeling, Mar. 8, 1881. The Secy of state will enter upon Legislative Journal the formal order making the within appointments. By order of the Gov. J. B. JACKSON. To R. Stalnaker, Jr. Esq., Sec. of State."

1881 Mar. 8 — D. D. JOHNSON, Clerk of the Senate, Wheeling, W. Va. To Gov. Jacob B. JACKSON* [Wheeling, W. Va.].

Wishes to advise the Governor that on this day the Senate appointed the following officers: Dr. M. Campbell of Wood County, George R. Tingle of Ohio

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* Jacob B. Jackson became governor Mar. 4, 1881.

County, John W. Grantham of Jefferson County, A. F. Martin of Preston County, Jacob L. Armstrong of Jackson County, John G. Labban of Morgan County, Arthur M. Dent of Lewis County, Alfred A. Smith of Lewis County, and Thomas J. Moore of Lewis County to be the Board of Directors of Hospital of Insane for the term prescribed by law.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1098/

On verso: "Ex. Dept., Wheeling, Mar. 8, 1881. The Secy of State will enter upon the Executive Journal that formal ones making the within appointments By order of the Gov. J. B. Jackson. To Ran. Stalnaker Sec. of State."

1881 Mar. 9 John EATON, Commissioner, Department of Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. To Gov. /Jacob B. JACKSON/.

Has been advised by the "Honorable Superintendent of Free Schools of West Virginia" that it is proposed to invite the attention of the Governor and the legislature to the "real character of the School incorporated by said legislature, Oct. 19, 1874, under the name of the Livingston University of America"; this charter was obtained by the notorious John Buchanan, M.D., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who has been made infamous all over the world because of his "traffic in learned degrees"; he is now in jail in Pennsylvania for selling degrees contrary to the laws of that State; the charters of the institutions he controlled in Pennsylvania "viz: the American University of Philadelphia and the Electic Medical College of Pennsylvania", have been repealed by action of the State courts on account of the fraudulent practices above recited; "This statement is made for the information of yourself and the Legislature of the State of West Virginia in the confident hope that the charter of Livingston University above named will be rescinded and all opportunities for its fraudulent use in the future abolished."

A.L.S. 3 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1099/

1881 Mar. 15 John EATON, Commissioner in Department of Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. To Gov. Jacob B. JACKSON.

Acknowledges with thanks Governor's communication of the 14th inst. notifying this office that the Legislature of West Virginia has recently passed an act repealing the charter of the Livingston University of America.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1100/

1881 Mar. 15 John BRANNON, Weston, W. Va. To Gov. Jacob B. JACKSON.

Governor's action in the appointment of new directors of the State Hospital for the Insane has been

the subject of "much talk and I assure you the condemnation is outspoken and almost unanimous"; the popular feeling is against the appointees and the people as a whole desire a change of the management for the institution.

A.L.S. 1 p. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1101/

1881 Mar. 16 — J. L. ARMSTRONG, Clerk of County Court, Jackson Court House /Ripley/, W. Va. To Hon. J/acob/ B. JACKSON.

Acknowledges receipt of his commission as a director of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane; assures Governor that he will discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability and for the best interest of the State and Democratic party; any suggestions relative to the institution will be kept strictly confidential.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1102/

1881 Mar. 17 — Arthur SMITH, Summersville, W. Va. To /Gov. Jacob B. JACKSON/.

Received an order from Long and Sales, last June, calling for $150 on the State of West Virginia for printing the Constitutional Amendments; this order is filed in Governor's office and was given notification by Oka /Okey/ Johnson.

A.L.S. 1 p. 20 cm. x 12.5 cm. /1103/

1881 Apr. 19 — James R. HAUCK, Sheriff, Albany, N. Y. To Governor of West Virginia /Jacob B. JACKSON/.

"Have Paddy Ryan in my custody. What shall I do with him?"

Telegram. /1104/

1881 June 26 — Thomas J. WEST, Superintendent, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Mrs. Janey WITHEY, Parkersburg, W. Va.

At request of Frank Withey, a convict at this institution, certifies that his conduct has been unexceptional throughout his imprisonment; Withey sentenced by the circuit court of Wood County on a charge of house breaking, to 2 years imprisonment, commencing on the 24th day of September 1880.

A.L.S. 1 p. 27.5 cm. x 20 cm. /1105/

1881 Nov. — William CANTREL, Prisoner at West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va. To Gov. H. M. MATHEWS.

Requests a pardon; Judge Loomis has promised to secure his freedom but has failed to do so.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 25 cm. x 20 cm. /1106/

APPENDIX A

Additional signers of petitions and requests are listed below by number of the Calendar entry in which they appear.

/Entry 417/

Haymond Boggess	Henry Bostick	Smith H. D. Barr
Daniel Pence	N. Dean	P. Poundstone
L. W. Dean	M. K. Manly	Loew Deer
J. B. Shreeves	F. H. Caynor	G. W. Ours
W. W. Lance	C. E. Brady	Wilton Moody
Jack Foster	Johnthan Moody	Delmer Ours
L. D. Westfall	Daniel Wilfong	Henry M. D. Rollins
Hoy Skeen	Nelson Foster	Jacob Neff
Lewis A. Westfall	L. Westfall	Adam Mick
E. C. Rollins	William Ratleff	Noah Ratleff
Zebedee Westfall	Elias S. Smallwood	N. W. Ratcliff
B. Ratcliff	Clarence Warner	Johnathan Reese
William Reese	Josiah Willfong	Josiah Tenney
John C. Murphy	George C. Smith	Thomas Robinson
Abraham Black	L. R. Rowan	F. M. Haney
Francis S. Kettle	John Linch	A. R. Taylor
Peter Tenney	A. S. Tenney	L. J. Wamsley
James M. Black	G. G. Moore	Martin Kirks
A. J. Cutright	Lafayette Cutright	Cain W. Hinkle
Hiram H. Smith	Andy Eskew	John P. Bailey
William Miles	William Bailey	R. Humphrey
W. H. Bailey	John J. Miles	Jacob M. Shreve
Harrison Reed	John B. Watson	Henry H. Shreve
Alvin B. Westfall	Chas. Black	Elijah Harper
Jos. A. Set	Andrew J. Watson	John Miller
Absolom Shreves	Perry L. Leyman	G. T. Heavner
George W. Kiddy	J. W. Heavner	M. V. Ward
W. J. Dean	B. F. Armstrong	John W. Hinkle
G. Wm, Kisling	Harris Westfall	Geo. Warner
M. Westfall	J. D. Westfall	Wm. H. Smallwood
I. B. Henderson	J. T. Riggs	Seymore Hess
C. T. Wamsley	W. L. Burner	John Bougess
George Smith	William Casto	John L. Beer
T. A. Norvell	Geo. W. Eskew	John L. Hunt
Martin E. Shreves	C. A. Shreves	Oliver Westfall
Harrison Deene	S. W. Deene	S. B. Phillips
Wm. Deene	Henry F. Westfall	C. C. F. McWhorter

/Entry 461/

J. O. Paden	David Denis	Jacob Dennis
Jules Payet	Milton J. Paden	J. C. Grimes
Martin Cerary	Jacob C. Grimes	Wm. Ice
John M. Vancamp	George W. Grimes	Louis Billiter

Lanstrom Cook
Elmore R. Ice
Friend Wm. Watkins
Daniel Denis
N. P. Gall
Robert H. Browse
C. P. Cochran
J. M. Snively
T. J. Bailey

Harison Foster
O. T. Streight
Samuel S. Cunningham
Geo. Gillis
A. S. Namee
S. D. Knight
Thos. Taylor
B. F. Stendiford
J. K. Bailey

E. Bishop
Daniel Conley
Isaac T. Cunningham
Mones Browse
Sarey Tice
E. C. Nursey
George Feller
F. A. Reynolds

/Entry 464/

E. T. Bullock
W. W. Vanwinkle
C. H. Shattuck
E. Z. Chancellor
Martin N. Lee
J. Garber
C. A. Wade
Samuel L. Stapleton
H. Noel
Chas. M. Rauch
George Jackson
C. B. Barnes
W. J. Nill
P. Pew
L. N. Tavermer
W. P. Rathbone

E. D. Safford
J. S. A. Farrow
K. Snodgrass
M. L. Weisberg
C. D. Merrick
S. Reitzenberger
J. R. Murdock
W. H. Hunter
C. C. Hatcher
A. Greenstein
P. D. Gamboils
Sam'l Newberger
J. R. Melisson
N. H. Brown
George Loomis
Pres. B. Smith
G. B. Moffett

J. L. Gelbert
Thos. G. Smith
S. S. Hazen
A. W. Gordon
E. P. Chancellor, Jr.
O. M. Clemens
Jas. Hutchinson
F. Katchman
W. H. Hatcher
Jas. W. Dills
William Dill
Samuel Lewis
J. A. Dent
Andrew G. Clark
N. H. Johnson
W. A. Chancellor

/Entry 467/

Davis H. Estill
F. W. Morgan
W. W. Rand
W. Shearer
John D. White
W. A. Bradford
Charles K. Lee
S. M. Snyder
A. P. Fry
William L. Hindman
G. Ritter
Lawrence Carr

W. A. Kelley,
Deputy Clerk
John N. Rosler
J. G. Wood
N. Fitzhugh
R. S. Carr
W. B. Hume
R. H. Frieer
J. T. Brodt
Wm. H. Quarrier
R. A. Coleman
Henry D. McFarland

John W. Sentz
Jas. F. Lewis
I. H. Brown
M. Hanly
H. H. Wood
L. H. Ewart
J. C. Summers
W. B. Watkins
H. Slack
E. F. Hill
B. L. Young

/Entry 477/

Martin Talbott
S. O. Welch
Isaac E. Adams
P. L. Reed
J. S. Kennedy
C. Stewart
Theodore Overfield

John Welch
James R. Welch
W. B. Ward
John W. Benson
R. R. Stewart
George Carr
Henson D. Stewart

Randolph Sadler
W. M. Rymer
Hiram A. Adams
J. W. Carder
Jas. Stewart
G. H. Hornisk
William R. Ruckman

Elias Ridcliff
Perry Luzader
Ison Reeder
Omar Marks
John N. Hall
Melvill Peck
Thomas K. Crislep
Nathan Callihan
John Stewart
Samuel O'Neal
R. A. Douglas
B. R. Greathouse
J. J. Reynolds
P. J. Rutherford
Simon W. Hite
Henry Jurden
John R. Rinckman
R. C. Benson
H. C. Lang
John Anderson
Clifton Goff
Milton D. Guinn
F. M. Reed
Samuel Welch

James H. Bird
James Perkins
James M. Robinson
Stephen Radcliff
Wm. K. Jenkins
John H. Daniels
A. J. Daniels
Edgar Callihan
David Nutter
James A. Crislep
John A. Campbell
Melvin D. Douglass
Alexander Pickens
C. R. West
Silas Douglass
J. H. Douglass
James G. Dilworth
G. W. Board
G. W. Post
John Stone
J. O. Chenowith
G. R. Chrislip
David Russel
James A. Chrislep
James A. Caplin

Robert H. Barrett
Nelson Peck
Ruphis Hale Stark
Luther Hickman
J. N. B. Criss
Jasper Queen
John Callihan
M. D. Rud
F. G. Stewart
Joseph Lamont
John W. Bean
Calvin Douglass
David Parks
Steward V. Cox
John Ruckman
L. C. Bartlett
Eden Ardester
W. C. Hickman
W. W. Rule
Ruben Board
Sanford Bean
D. G. Russel
Rulander Post
J. B. Sandusky

/Entry 486/

L. L. Brown
S. H. Fuller
John R. Young
Wm. H. Goldsmith
W. H. Reynolds
Dr. C. H. Smith
S. A. Harris
Geo. Sarver
John C. Goldsmith
Benson Athey
J. C. Tolges
Jas. P. Brown
Clinton Pope
J. H. Collins
H. S. Harris

M. Monett
D. W. Morse
Geo. Young
John P. Palmer
Chas. Athey
M. T. Wells
M. Morse
John Pope
Jas. Inman
P. C. McGregor
D. P. Bosworth
T. B. Dowling
Robert Snodgrass
J. P. Harris
Dr. J. C. Hardy

J. W. Stanley
T. H. Britton
S. K. Chapman
G. A. Harris
Jas. Palmer
J. S. Sprague
J. Hockenbury
T. A. Young
W. M. Athey
O. G. Athey
A. J. Warner
Geo. Bascheer
Chas. Grass
Emmannuel Wilson

/Entry 556/

T. R. Carskadon
R. Gerstell
Walter R. Mills
J. W. Keys
W. E. Whitter
G. A. Barnhouse
L. D. Rizer
W. B. Fisher

Orlando Shay
C. H. Vandivet
H. E. Wallace
J. R. Carskadon
Jno. T. Miller
Amos Umstet
Jas. H. Simmons
H. W. Baker

Wm. C. Clayton
W. W. Welch
A. P. Ritzell
John Miller
J. H. Ashfield
J. W. Davis
E. N. Davis
Geo. E. Leps

H. V. Neale
James E. Keenan
D. B. Lauck
Tobies Baker
John H. Payne
Joseph Ritzell

John Melode
J. T. Hoke
J. M. Long
B. Huyzine
G. F. Sims, Sheriff
C. W. Benke
John G. Peerce

James L. Kendall
J. B. O'Clemen
G. T. Carskadon
John W. Athey
G. W. Parsons
T. B. Greys

/Entry 592/

Granville Pettrey
Cornelius Cooper
Anebien Y. Farley
G. M. Johnston
B. P. Shumak
John J. Vest
Ballard Houchins
James Cook
William T. Ellison
Henry M. C. Hopkins
H. C. Farley
Jas. Ellison
Wm. L. Raines
E. H. Peck
Wm. L. Shurf
W. S. Meador
Michael R. Pack
Howard Roles
W. C. Goff
Jas. Brannon
Siloesks Terrill
John Goodwin
W. R. Wohap
M. D. Neely

J. N. Reel
Melvin Turley
M. Shumak
John C. Winick
Jas. Hubbard
George W. Caldwell
David Marhis
H. C. Cook
Rufus Abbott
William R. Hopkins
John S. Meadow
W. Hughes
Chas. Massey
Wm. H. Parrack
J. Crocket
John H. Meador
J. H. Pack
Leander Lushes
W. C. Obison
L. M. Meador
Samuel A. Meador
Jas. Rodes
Levi M. Niely
Wm. Adkins

J. G. S. Jordan
Elbert Farley
C. M. Spradlin
H. H. Martin
J. L. Heslip
William D. Wyricks
S. B. Marhis
N. H. Neely
William K. Ellison
Reuben Hopkins
W. M. Ellison
G. C. Hughes
B. L. Hoge, Clerk,
Circuit Court
H. I. Hughes
Tolevas Meadow
J. Nickel
Charles Clark
B. B. Burks
Bird Hall
Wm. R. Martin
Josephus Lilly
W. R. Niely

/Entry 624/

Geo. W. Cook, Supt.
of Schools
H. A. Smith
George W. Callaway
M. P. Mankin
Harvey Cottle
Samuel Henderson

James A. Mankin
L. McDonald
Geo. S. Claypool
L. F. Meador
A. W. Mankin
H. Sarratte
Jesse Mankin

James A. Sarrette
Cyrus Snuffer
Allen D. Jones
M. C. Mankin
R. G. Frump
Joseph Wills

/Entry 654/

Romeo H. Freer
H. Slack
H. F. Aultz
I. D. White
L. A. Martin
D. W. Jenkins
Allen Belcher

W. Mollohan
B. F. Wyatt,
Deputy Sheriff
John H. Rosler,
Sheriff
William Franklin
John Slack, Jr.

W. E. G. Gillison,
Clerk Circuit Court
F. W. Holmes
Wm. L. Mahan
Isaiah Curry
M. A. Lively
John W. Sentz

Jno. Slack, Sr.
A. Haws
Silas Morgan, Jailer
James H. Sentz
J. D. Praither
Thomas Swinburn
J. E. Loyd
H. T. Merey
Hamilton Morris

/Entry 683/

L. H. Campbell
J. W. Corder
David H. Smith
J. E. Tadboat
Samuel O'Neal
Benjamin Pojinery
G. W. Board
G. W. Gall
J. E. Mann
Bethuel Dalton
W. W. Gillespie
E. L. Bosworth
D. G. Carter
John McVicker, Sr.
W. C. Thompson
G. D. C. Tharig
James E. Hulderman
R. T. Talbott
J. B. Knapp
George Pitman
A. J. Gall
A. Sigmon
A. P. Sturm
J. N. Zinn
Addison Reed
Regin Moats
Loyd D. Robinson
A. J. Moore
L. A. Bradford
Jacob Hudkins
J. W. Bosworth
G. L. Corder
B. O'Neal
William H. Zinn
John Wells
J. V. Johnson
J. L. Zinn
J. P. Evrine
Alpheus P. Wilson
Samuel Sturm
Wm. P. Keyes
J. F. Talbott
Robert Tolbert
J. N. B. Crim
C. P. Thompson
Thomas Moran
J. L. Fridley
A. T. Daniels
Geo. Goldin
John Pickens
Elias Saffee
Fredrick Coontz
John E. Hulderman
S. T. Hulderman
E. B. M. Poling
G. E. Grant
J. C. Pitman
Alexander Pickens
John A. Daugherty
H. Poling
John H. Daniels
A. B. Madisett
Lewis Wilson
J. Rush Hale
Wm. Price
W. T. Ice
Wm. W. Tolbert
J. M. Beben
W. G. Hulderman
Meredith Hathaway
W. J. Wells
R. Zinn
L. C. Elliott
J. W. Shank
Shelton L. Reger
C. C. Hovalter
John S. Robinson
Granville Zinn
Wm. McClaskey
A. S. Hulldenman
Gany Hickman
S. Knapp
Henry Wery
Jacob Shank
H. H. Stalnaker
H. Glascock
W. Chenowith
Joseph Martery
J. P. Thompson
David O'Neal
John P. Briton
Sam Anglin
D. Thompson
Geo. P. Sargent
George T. Baker
Thomas D. Thompson
Henry Gall
C. A. Woodford
J. S. Cornwell
Joshua Wood
Isaac Anglin
J. H. Barner
Timothy Mali
M. T. Hall
I. W. McGuffin
J. C. Bennett
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F. M. Harsh
J. S. Wells
J. B. Anglin
J. W. Talbott
A. G. Reger

/Entry 731/

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George Evans
J. H. White
B. White
Rowland J. Tracy
T. W. Dunn
John F. Remmington
Alenzo Gooch
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G. W. Pearis
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Mateson Belcher
A. A. Belcher
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H. F. Gore
A. W. Reynolds
C. W. Cooper
James Miller
Bease Winston

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D. A. Stone
C. J. Kinston
M. S. Johnston
Amos L. Pettrey
Edgar P. Kirkner
A. H. Pennington
F. H. Shelton
John A. Dunlap
E. E. Phipps
W. M. S. Farley
Geo. W. Burch
Ward Pennington
R. G. Meadows
L. A. Hunt
H. A. W. Pennington
James M. Gore
M. A. Kidd
William Martin
B. F. Pennington
William Waddel
J. F. Belchey
W. M. Pennington
J. H. French
N. B. French

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J. C. Johnston
J. A. Gore
Geo. W. Martin
Ruben Hopkins
Andrew B. Pettrey
H. F. Martin
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Circuit Court
C. F. Sand
A. F. Clark
Powell Jones
F. M. George
G. W. Pennington
D. G. Austin
W. S. McVey
James B. Martin
Edd Kidd
Floyd Philips
G. W. Devor
E. G. Neel
Isaac G. Fletcher
J. T. Lion
P. T. Singleton
D. M. Alves

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Wm. C. Martin
L. B. Massie
J. R. Hall
W. H. White
S. J. Radford
Wm. H. Fletcher
Thos. C. Gooch
J. P. Hopkins
B. F. Torny
Jacob Pettrey
James Pettrey
Henry Higginbottom
A. G. Austin
P. W. Done
James Phillips
M. D. Haldron
John A. Strader
Nelson Farley
A. W. Gore
C. H. Terry
J. A. Stafford
S. T. Vermillion
C. Clark
E. T. Mahood

/Entry 745/

J. G. McCluer
I. N. Johnson
M. P. Amiss
L. N. Tavenner
K. Snodgrass
Geo. Loomis
W. L. Cole
H. N. Ross

P. M. Adams
N. S. Clark
George W. Neale
C. H. Shattuck
J. E. Remley
Thompson Leach
B. M. Ambler
B. H. Butcher

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A. I. Boreman
I. B. Jackson
Thos. G. Smith
C. D. Merrick
Talbot O. Bullock
S. T. Stapleton

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Geo. T. Barlow
Oliver A. Patton
Dryden Donnally
J. H. Brown
S. A. Miller
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N. B. Coleman
W. A. McCorkle
James F. Brown
Jno. G. Burdette
A. W. Flack
R. A. Coleman
Jno. S. Cole
Davis H. Estell
James Snyder

Robert S. Carr
L. L. Saunders
Samuel Durnell
C. G. Doddridge
C. Hedrick
D. C. Gallaher
J. T. Brodt
W. Mollohan
G. Ellinger
S. C. Wolf
W. E. G. Gillison
J. B. Davenport
J. H. Gray
G. W. Morris
Jno. A. Truslow

Snyder & Burdette
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T. B. Swann
Isaac Smith
D. L. Ruffner
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Peter Fontaine
M. W. Young
T. Wharton
J. M. Payne
W. A. Kelly
J. M. Kennedy
Benj. H. Smith
Geo. J. Couch

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J. E. Thayer
Wm. H. Truslow
H. R. Putney
Thos. J. Matthews
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Geo. Bender
John W. Sentz
J. W. Woods
R. R. Winkler
A. Peysen
John McNabb
John Moulton
G. A. Goshorn
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A. F. Penlin
H. Reed
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Heing Beny
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J. B. Pemberton

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J. J. Ritter
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Wm. Marye Ruffner
T. C. Watkins
Wm. Iclenko
R. B. Humphrey
G. L. Welch
F. W. Arny
Henry Ritter
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C. G. Reynolds
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John Spaniel
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Jacob Smith
H. L. Gebhart
James Austin
D. C. Snyder
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Jas. Bohnart
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Nelson Mahan
S. T. Smithers
J. F. Wilcox
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R. J. Ashby
C. B. Smith
John Uhl
A. P. Sinnett
O. L. Botkins
S. C. Wheeler
A. H. Campbell
I. G. Gebhart
Ephraim Gibson
C. C. Watts

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James Hervey, Mayor
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R. Nicholls
W. Reeves
Ira Latimer
Wilson Beall
W. P. Campbell
W. K. Curtis
A. T. Pool
James Lawson
A. W. Hall
T. G. Kinsey
K. R. Murphy
Joseph Kerleton
John Blankinsop
A. C. Nicholls
Thomas Park
John Adams
Philip Donaden
John Holly
Jos. Thompson
Thomas Wilson
John Aplegate

C. B. Turner, Clerk County Court
S. Blankinsop
Joseph Waldron
Wm. Linton
Thos. H. Winch
C. H. Bracken
Jacob Miller
J. B. Summerville
R. F. Craig
Israel C. Wright
J. R. McChoz
Josiah Porter
Thomas Loyas
J. M. Duval
Wm. H. Lyons
Tomas Parish
George Ralston Taylor
James Donaden
John Brown
David Roberts
Jas. Johnson
George Davison
J. H. Duval

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H. W. Crothers
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James Blankinsop
J. S. Beall
M. M. Everett
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Hugh Scott
C. Spendil
H. Lewis
J. C. Bickerstoft
Louis Vollhardt
James Whitson
Thomas Bell
John Parish
Benjamin Parish
John Thompson
John M. Charnock
George Fletcher
Andrew Aplegate
Augustus Workley

/Entry 818/

Henry Harmon
Miles McCumbers
Harry McCumbers
William Campbell
Charles Siers
Norman Harris
Sherdoin Harris
Solomon Cottrell
G. M. Hardway
James Jarvis
Thomas Cottrell
Samuel Hay
James Schoolcraft
John L. Siers
William Dickey
Solomon Carpenter
J. E. Douglas
Andrew Tanner
M. C. McCumbers
Isaac Morris
John Vand
John B. McClain
J. Morris
H. Watkins
Thomas Jarvis
James M. Siers
A. Downey
I. W. Cook
Elijah McClain
Andrew Mall
Robert Morris
W. M. Wilson
Elijah Tanner
Joseph Morris
John D. Sans
G. W. Hardway
James McCune
Alva Miller
S. M. Fraim
John Sirk
J. H. Weep
William Vaughr.
Wm. F. McCune
Enoe Tanner
P. B. Dobbins
Franklin Smith
Johnson Smith
Ellet Cook
Wellington Cook
Ethelbert Cook
James Parsons
Wm. Campbell
John McCourt

A. J. Cottrall
James Wall
Thomas McCumbers
John Harris
John Siers
James Downey
Thomas Cottrell
Martin Hardway
Eldridge McCumbers
John A. Tanner
Thomas Cottrell
Smith McCumbers
William Carter
John Siers
J. W. Truman
Jesse Carpenter
John Douglas
Benjamin Dickey
Elmore O. Bran
Amos Morris
Caleb Jarvis
Wily Marks
Wm. Elison
Joseph Elison
Thomas Marks
Martin Siers
William H. Carter
H. Triplet
William Nottingham
John Butler
Thomas West
J. R. Chapman
James Downey
Anthony Morris
D. Siers
Wm. Hernd
Peter McCune
S. W. Fraim
R. C. Green
Robert Burnes
Evean Cottrell
James Jarvis
James McCune, Jr.
John Harvy
B. B. Perens
Isaac Niclas
Jesse Lanham
Saul A. Cook
John W. Cook
G. W. Parsons
Joseph Parsons
John McCune
Robert Mires

George Miller
Ira McCumbers
John J. McCumbers
William Harris
John Butler
Warden Harris
George Cottrell
Eldridge Cottrell
William McCune
James McCune
Jacob J. Boon
John H. Carter
Jefferson Carter
James Siers
Shedrick Carpenter
John Carpenter
James Tanner
W. M. Chapman
Jefisan Tanner
John Geen
Wm. McClain
Anthony Morris
James Tanner
M. T. Elison
Thomas Anes
Isaac Siers
Solomon Jarvis
James Davis
Jackson Nottingham
John Nottingham
D. W. George
Joseph Santz
Joseph Barnhouse
Charles Siers
P. G. Mall
Solomon McCune
David McCune
N. W. Fraim
Thompson Copen
Samuel Samples
J. W. Downey
Isaac Siers
Preston Messer
Absolom Ones
Nuting Nottingham
Simeon Smith
S. Cook
Sherman Cook
Albert Cook
William Parsons
Samuel Smith
Beri McCost

/Entry 905/

G. W. Persons	Patrick Rogers	David Sans
Franklin Smith	Joseph Cook	Isaac Nicklas
John Cook	Simeon Smith	W. P. Cottrell
Thomas Westfall	Thomas Cottrell	Wm. Truman
Barnabus Truman	Albert Truman	Soloman McCune
James McCune	Peter McCune	David McCune
James Schoolcraft	Levi Reed	John Carter
Wm. Carter	Jefison Carter	John Carter, Jr.
Jefison Carter, Sr.	Alva Miller	Wm. Miller
Ethelbert Miller	Albert Cook	Sherman Cook
Wellington Cook	Hiram Hiras	Norman Hiras
Warder Hiras	Nathan Cottrill	Thomas Cottrill
Solmon Cottrill	Henry Harmon	Gore Harmon
John Harmon	Thomas Landy	Hiram Cox
Gore Cox	Wm. Burns	Robert Burns
A. Truman	George Truman	Joseph Murphy
Peter Murphy	Daniel Starcher	Wm. Siers
J. W. Truman	S. Cook	Braben Carpenter
Iven Cottrell	James Mobe	Wm. H. Cottrell
Jacob Boon	Samuel Tapen	W. E. McCumbers
Harvy McCumbers	Miles McCumbers	Marion McCumbers
Smith McCumbers	M. M. McCumbers	D. McCumbers
John McCumbers	S. J. McCumbers	J. H. Sheppersen
John Carter	John H. Carter	James E. Schoolcraft
Stephen Carpenter	John Duglas	Jesse Carpenter
Solomon Carpenter	J. K. Duglas	James Towney
John Carpenter	Andrew Towner	Benjamin Dicky
Wm. Chapman	E. H. Lives	M. C. McCumbons
Elie O'Brion	Isaac Morris	John Young
John Green	Caleb Jarvin	Amos Morris
John R. Malovoy	Wm. McCune	Wily Mark
Creven White	Anthony Morris	G. W. Miller
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J. W. Cook	E. Morris	M. V. Duglas
Aaron Turner	W. H. Ceky	H. C. Cam
F. H. Walker	Enoch May	Thomas J. May
W. E. Elison	Joseph Elison	M. J. Elison
Thomas Jarvis	Wm. Arnold	Thomas Marks
Thomas Lane	James Siers	Hugh Bunnes
Anthony Morris	Joseph Morris	Chas. Cook
Chas. Siers	D. Givens	J. W. Hardway
N. J. More	Solomon McCune	Alva Miller
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R. J. Bonner	Samuel Samples	Thos. Chapman
John Surk	Eldridge Hill	Joseph Pask
J. H. Weep	J. Duglas	A. Norman
James Jarvis	Peter Parker	A. Sans
Wm. H. McCune	Jas. McCune	Preston Messor
Enoc Tanner	John Harris	Abraham Lowers
B. B. Pureman	John McCount	Bej. McCount
Wm. Simons	John Harris	Andrew Harris
Grant Harris	Sherodin Harris	John Carpenter

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W. M. Harris
D. Hicks
C. McCrosky
Simeon Cook
V. A. Cook
T. J. Jarvis
L. Hicks
Geo. Parsons
Solomon Cook
B. C. Cook
Al Maners
J. H. Tucker
Barnabas McCune
W. B. C. Parsons

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N. T. Watson
Edwin E. Bond
E. T. Barnett
P. M. Mick
C. A. Williams
John H. Ballard
J. H. Fox
W. L. Hudnall
Lewis Lee Cob
J. C. Darlinton
William Tracey
Edwin Flesher
M. W. Dougherty
Jas. Timms
J. W. Trowbridge
George C. Smith
L. A. Cobin
Thomas Hawkins
James M. Atkins
Wm. Simpson
S. D. Flesher
R. L. Coburn
J. M. Dyer
----- Skidmore
A. M. Stalnaker
J. R. Dyer
A. McClain
John A. Mitchel
Geo. A. Woofter
H. Musser
A. W. Carpenter
John B. Swisher
James Freeman
Robert Smith
Asa Law
E. R. Loury
M. C. Hall
David Clayton
Thos. M. Hamon
L. V. Blake
David S. Bennett
James Smith
J. L. Helmick
Tom Turner
James H. Wheeler
Wm. J. Sponaugle
J. W. Darlinton, M.D.
W. G. McWhorter
Luke Lunch
J. H. Sommerville
B. F. Collins
G. M. Bennett
H. H. Smith
T. Ryan
Carr B. Bailey
Jas. J. Turner
Jno. Carpenter
M. W. Stalnaker
S. W. Hall
C. F. Harden
J. M. Peck
Joseph Allman
J. M. Davis
A. W. Green
Wm. Runion
M. McWhorter
J. R. Hinzman
J. B. Atkins
G. H. Barnett
French Hays
D. S. Keeney
F. E. Law
Mart Freeman
P. S. Coliss
Thomas Smith
J. D. Summers
N. J. Eolvin
L. Riffee
Joshua E. Smith
W. H. Alkire
Samuel M. Atkinson
William G. T. Camp
S. L. Wilson
Isaac Butcher
J. W. Neff
E. P. Sponaugle
John W. Compton
W. H. Aspinall
John Riley
W. H. McClain
Geo. R. Morrison
John R. Ryan
Pat Kearns
W. B. Smith
Gilbert Wilson
Minter J. Turner
James Faulkner
N. P. Alkire
M. J. Jackson
John Mullady
W. Jackson
I. Jackson
W. S. Hornor
G. S. Jackson
James Flanigan
Geo. Lewis
E. J. Jackson
T. R. Riffee
E. E. Porst
W. Alkire
G. W. Swisher
George Coffindaffer
O. Denisen
T. T. Lawrentz
Frank B. Haymaker
H. J. Hughes
Joseph Bailen
John H. Bailey
G. P. Goldsmith

/Entry 974/

Geo. S. Robinson
W. H. Guard
W. A. Haislop
B. F. Cottrill
G. T. Halliday
Wm. McHugh

Charley Caldwell
Jno. A. Hutchinson
A. Hunter Smith
O. M. Clemens
J. B. Jackson
J. N. Camden
A. B. Beckwith,
Deputy Sheriff
J. W. Mitchell
E. H. Morehead
Cyrus Hall

Sandris Stuart
W. A. Chandler
W. H. Hatcher
L. N. Tavenner
A. G. Clark
C. H. Shattuck,
Sheriff
Wm. T. Cook,
Deputy Sheriff
C. E. Tracenour
George Loomis

H. M. Stoope
Thos. Smith
R. Heber Smith
J. G. McCluer
W. P. Thompson
S. S. Hazen, Deputy
Sheriff
S. L. Addison
M. J. O'Brien
A. G. Stagg
Wm. L. Howard

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Mrs. Isaac Ramson
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Thomas Rinehart
Mrs. J. D. Ross
Wm. Ross
W. A. Ward
Wm. Ward
W. Weesbroker
Mrs. David Welling
Wm. S. Wells
Joseph Whiston
C. W. Whittatch
W. P. Whittatch
Daniel Willford
H. C. Williamson
Isaac Williamson
John Alleman
M. M. Atkinson
James Batson
James W. Blair
F. C. Boggs
James H. Bradford
John Bradford
----- Butler
H. G. Call
Thomas Campbell
James S. Carp
Ephram Carter
J. T. Clark
T. C. Core
A. B. Cronin
Jacob Cronin
S. B. Cronin
James M. Cross
W. J. Cross
C. C. Delong
M. H. Dotson
James Eastern

Clark H. Nisley
Wm. R. Nowery
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James M. Ross
J. W. Rowley
J. H. Ryan
Aron F. Watson
David Welling
Geo. B. Welling
Mrs. Geo. Wheory
L. F. Whitlatch
L. Whittatch
A. J. Willis
John T. Willford
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Marimone Willison
Fred Arn
R. S. Barker
W. E. Bier
Mrs. L. Blair
David Borean
James Bradford
W. H. Briscoe
Miss Butler
Mrs. Fannie Camda
Pat Carney
A. H. Carpenter
Wm. S. Cashman
J. J. Cobin
G. Cornell
Isaac Cronin
John Cronin
Wm. Cronin
T. L. Cross
James Crosson
Jonathin Delong
Geo. H. Dunbar
C. L. Eppelin

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S. Ramson
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B. D. Whittatch
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Amherseen Higgins
Lewis Barr
D. V. Blair
Linzay Blair
A. B. Bradford
Mrs. James Bradford
J. C. Brook
James Butter
R. G. W. Campbell
Mrs. R.G.W. Campbell
Mrs. H. Carpenter
Martin Clark
Imlah Corbin
A. Cronin
Mrs. J. Cronin
Joseph Cronin
A. M. Cross
Wm. Cross, Jr.
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John H. Dobbin
James R. Dunham
D. P. Elliott

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M. Lewis Ford
V. Fletcher
John Freeman
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Jacob Garrison
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Lemuel Griffith
Ralph Hanes
J. F. M. Hall
J. R. Harris
Mrs. James Harry
E. C. Hawkins
J. F. Hennen
Larry Hendrickson
G. I. Higgin
Isaac Higgins
J. J. Higgins
Mrs. John Higgins
Wm. Higgins
G. C. Hughes
Mrs. G. M. Ingram
J. W. Jackson
E. A. Johnson
J. O. Johnson
John Kester
R. D. Kinney
Wm. Lightner
Walter Locker
Daniel Loury
Thomas Mahoney
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James Malone
W. T. Mason
A. C. Martin
Mrs. Mary Martin
Sophia Martin
James Maston
David Matheney
Joseph McFadden
David McMasters
Jacob Mellinge
Mrs. A. Moorhead
Wm. Morekitze
Mrs. T. Morgan
Elias Morland
J. G. Peirsol
Cyrus H. Pickens
H. L. Pickens, Jr.
J. A. Phelps
C. Sarber
John Shetlesworth

Maggie Everly
A. J. Fleming
L. F. Flowers
David Freshwater
E. Furman
Jerry Gard
Jess Gasson
Mrs. H. J. Gault
A. J. Grant
Pressley Halkins
Wm. Hanes
Mrs. James Hall
T. B. Harris
Jacob Hashman
Henry Hawkins
Dan Henry
W. S. Hendrickson
Mrs. Garnet Higgins
Mrs. Isaac Higgins
Mrs. Jacob Higgins
Mrs. Joseph Higgins
G. W. Hills
B. F. Hyson
J. H. Ingram
A. M. Johnson
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D. Jones
Wm. Kester
James C. Lane
Mrs. Wm. Lightner
George Loomis
E. L. Lynch
John Maiden
D. H. Malone
James Malone, Jr.
Miss Mary Marten
James Martin
N. R. Martin
Wm. F. Martin
John Maston
P. F. Matheney
D. McKinben
Andrew Meeks
J. W. Metheney
John More
D. H. Moreland
T. R. Morgan
C. P. Morrison
T. S. Peirsol
H. L. Pickens
John W. Piper
Wallace Pratt
Mrs. Jane Sarber
James H. Sims

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Mrs. V. Fletcher
James Francis
John Freshwater
L. C. Furman
John B. Garrett
A. J. Gault, Sr.
Mrs. James Gault
Cradock Griffith
Albert Hanes
Elias H. Hall
Geo. Harner
F. P. Harry
D. Hawkins
R. Hay
W. Henry
J. P. Hermerter
Mrs. Garnet Higgins
J. Higgins
Jerry Higgins
Mrs. Jerry Higgins
Geo. Hudkin
G. M. Ingram
Wm. S. Ingram
E. Johnson
James A. Johnson
Wm. Jones
J. W. Kincheloe
Mrs. John C. Lane
P. T. Linch
Guffus Louderman
W. A. Lynch
Wm. Maidens
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Mrs. Wm. Maston
A. C. McConnaughy
S. W. McKinley
Geo. Mellinge
S. B. Mitchel
A. Morehead
J. E. Morgan
W. G. Morgan
G. C. Mure
W. B. Pernell
Mrs. H. L. Pickens
B. F. Phelps
A. M. Sarber
William Sarber
Mrs. Hatty Shetlesworth

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B. F. Stout
Wm. F. Sugden
B. D. Thorn
Mrs. Lucy Triplett
C. G. Vincent

R. R. Sinclair
J. Smith
Isaac Steel
J. B. Stoneking
E. Stoner
John J. Stout
W. H. Swigger
Alfred Triplet
Peyton Triplett
Mrs. D. Valentine

F. Smalley
W. S. Smith
Mrs. Corneleus B. Steed
Miss B. F. Stout
D. Q. Sturn
G. D. Tallison
F. M. Triplett
Len Tull

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Calder Bice
H. Manly Steele
B. F. Shaver
G. W. Martin
D. S. Martin
T. L. Stevenson
R. J. Mason
M. Miller
E. W. Martin
Thos. F. Hull
Zachariah Johnson
George H. Griffin
James D. Bryan
D. Flemming
Thomas Thea
John Davis
J. Cooper
W. S. Shaver
Thos. M. Leeper
B. Martin
Wm. P. Fortney
M. C. Cochran
T. R. Hall
Thos. W. Flemming
E. H. Cochran
Jas. W. Thomas

Taylor Nichols
Richard Nesbitt
John V. Holbert
W. H. Manlen
Isaac Nay
James B. Fowler
Emory Downs
Isaac Koon
Daniel Cooper
C. E. Manley
Isaac Davis
Leander Griffin
Isaac Bromage
David Anderson
----- Fullen
D. J. Smith
B. W. Kuhn
J. N. Kuhn
Miner Holbert
Wm. G. Sharp
David Holdreth
Austin O. Davis
Stephen Mahaffey
C. B. Flemming
L. M. Leeper
Wm. R. Dicken
James A. Haggerty

George Nichols
Jas. W. Rogers
N. B. Shaver
D. D. Snider
R. J. Martin
Eber Downs
Robert Downs
Wm. Clayton
R. P. Morgan
Cris Mackentier
Jackson Griffin
George W. Watkins
W. B. Leeper
Davis Smith
Right B. Manley
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APPENDIX B

JOHN WORK GARRETT, born July 31, 1820, in Baltimore, Md., was the second son of Elizabeth and Robert Garrett, a Baltimore merchant of high standing. Garrett attended Lafayette College, and at the age of 19 years, became associated with his father and brother in a commission house. Seventeen years of training in this business prepared him for a successful career as railroad executive. During the early fifties, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in which Garrett held stock, was involved in serious difficulties. The necessity of raising more money than the initial three million, which in 1827 had been considered adequate to carry the line to the Ohio River, led to contentions concerning representation on board of directors for Maryland, for Baltimore City, and for individual stockholders.

Garrett, chairman of a sub-committee prepared such a challenging report on the railroad's finances that on November 17, 1858, on the motion of John Hopkins, the largest individual stockholder, he was elected president of the road.

Although he was sympathetic with southern friends, Garrett supported the Union during the Civil War. For valuable assistance rendered to the Government at this time, he received the warmest appreciation from Lincoln. Garrett's loyalty saved his railroad from Government seizure. The first military rail transport movement in history, the transfer of 20,000 men from the Potomac to Chattanooga in 1863, was a genuine victory for Garrett and early railroad management.

At the close of the war, Garrett replaced the war damages and resumed his plans for extending and projecting the system. His active mind had planned a line to New Orleans, extending across the southwest to California. He was the first American railroader to see that a trunk line should start at the sea board and end at Chicago or on the Mississippi. This was an era of prosperity for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Garrett pushed his line to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Sandusky and Chicago.

In 1870, Garrett was at the height of his successful career. In 1877, when wages were cut to reduce expenses, the Baltimore and Ohio bacame seriously involved in a series of strikes. This was a source of constant drain upon Garrett's energy. In 1883, his wife was accidentally killed, and he never recovered from the shock of her death. He died in September of the following year. His son, Robert, succeeded him.

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WILLIAM CARTER WICKAM, born at Richmond, Va., September 21, 1820, son of William Fanning and Ann Carter Wickam. He was educated in private schools, and attended the University of Virginia. Wickam was admitted to the bar of Hanover County in 1842.

After practicing law for several years, General Wickam retired from that profession to become a planter. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates; was presiding justice of the Hanover County Court in 1859, and was elected to the State Senate as a whig. He was a member of the State Convention in 1861, which passed the ordinance of secession. He voted against that measure. However, when war was declared, Wickam supported the South. He volunteered as Captain of the Hanover Dragoons.

In September 1861, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 4th Virginia Cavalry. In September 1863, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General for active and brilliant services. Resigning his commission October 5, 1864, General Wickam took his seat in Congress and labored to restore friendly relations between North and South.

Wickam was elected President of the Virginia Central Railroad Company in 1865, and President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad with which the other company merged in 1868. He was appointed receiver of the company in 1875 and upon reorganization of the company in 1878, became second vice-president. This position he held until his death in July 1888.

The naval portfolio was offered to Wickam in 1880 by President Hayes, but it was refused because of other business. General Wickam headed the Garfield electoral ticket in Virginia. As Chairman of the Republican Party, he managed the Campaign in Virginia. In 1881 he was nominated for Governor by the Republican Convention but declined it. He was a member of the Virginia Senate from 1883 until his death.

General Wickam married Lucy Penn in January 1848. They had two sons, Henry and William, and one daughter, Ann.

He died July 23, 1888 in Richmond. Three years later a bronze statue by Valentine, was unveiled in Monroe Park, Richmond.

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The following account of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad during a period of strikes has been taken from Edward Hungerford's, The Story of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, chap. 7, pp. 121-144.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's 50th birthday came and went practically unnoticed in the "very blackish of those black 70's." For, to the general depression that prevailed over the property, there was to be added labor unrest, riot, and destruction.

Together the eastern lines had decided - at the very beginning of 1877 - that the terrible and wide-spread commercial depression in the United States which was affecting their revenues most vitally, must be shared, in part at least, by their workers. In other words, wages must come down. The rank and file of a railroad is not always responsive to the great financial problems that are bearing upon the men at the top. Hence, the first rumors of wage cut upon the railroad, brought mutterings and threats of reprisal throughout the land.

At that time there was still comparatively little organization among the workers of American railroads. The four big modern brotherhoods of the engineers, the firemen, the conductors, and the trainmen were hardly beginning to function. The oldest of them, the engineers, dates back to 1863. Most railroad unions, where they existed, were local in character and had little cooperative effort among them.

The Baltimore and Ohio's competitors to the north - the New York Central and Hudson River, the Erie and the Pennsylvania - anticipated it in the actual wage cut to the men. In May 1877, apparently without serious objection on the part of the employees, the Pennsylvania reduced its pay 10 percent. The Erie followed, then the New York Central. The Baltimore and Ohio was the last of the four to decide on this drastic measure. Mr. Garrett was finally forced into it. On July 11, he issued a circular which stated that an immediate reduction had been made in the pay of all the officers and operators of the road whose wage was in excess of $1.00 per day. Five days later the order took effect. It affected every man engaged on main line and branches of the Ohio River. The notice stated that the road had postponed its action until its great competitors made similar retrenchments, in the hope that business would revive and the step be rescinded. But business failed to revive, and wage cuts could not be postponed. On the 14th of July, firemen of the Baltimore and Ohio decided to strike.

Divisions or sections of the trainmen's union (not the present brotherhood) but a national organization then sponsored by Robert A. Anmon of Pittsburgh, during the spring and early summer had come into being on the system. The locals had been organized by professionals from the Pennsylvania.

The trainmen's union made definite statements in return to the circular from President Garrett's office. It averred that men were being badly treated by merchants and boarding-house keepers along the line, and they were being compelled to pay high rates for meals and lodgings. There was much truth

in this. Even at home they suffered high rents and extravagant prices for groceries and other supplies and the demands of the money lenders.

Times had gone from bad to worse. The size of train crews was cut. On the longest freight there were four men, conductor, brakeman, engineer and fireman. There were no air brakes on cars at that time. Brakemen were required to release or set brakes on 20 or more cars. All these methods failed. As a final measure came the ten per cent cut and the decision for trainmen to strike.

Martinsburg, West Virginia, was the scene of the first demonstration. On July 16, 1877, men began deserting trains there. Simultaneously, they were quitting at large terminals at Riverside south of Baltimore, at Cumberland, and at Wheeling. Strikers notified all crews of freight trains, that under penalty of death, no person should move an engine after a certain hour.

The train hands who left Baltimore on the morning of July 16, and those arriving from the west began to concentrate at Martinsburg. There was much ugly talk and ill humor with no one in command until as a signal, the locomotives that were accumulating, were detached from trains and run into round houses. These were freight locomotives. No one assumed to interfere with the passenger and mail trains.

The size of the crowd increased. The mayor of the town, Capt. A. P. Shutt, was summoned. In his speech he counseled against violence. The crowd hooted. He told police to arrest leaders, but they were impotent. The civil forces of Martinsburg were forced to retreat. Word of impending trouble was telegraphed to Baltimore. At Mr. Garrett's suggestion, General Master of Transportation Sharp, prepared to go by special train to Martinsburg. At midnight, Colonel Sharp was on the battlefield. He telegraphed Governor Mathews of West Virginia, requesting troops. The Governor replied promptly. He ordered Colonel C. J. Faulkner to call out the militia, and the Berkeley Light Infantry, to preserve order. Colonel Faulkner wired the Governor at Wheeling that the strikers refused to let trains pass either east or west through Martinsburg, and asked if his order extended any further than to preserve peace. The Governor replied, telling Colonel Faulkner to avoid the employment of force, if possible. The message concluded "I rely upon you to act discretely and firmly."

Martinsburg stayed up all night. In the morning the Colonel was joined by W. H. Harrison, Master Mechanic of the Company, who personally helped in firing up the locomotive of a stock train but when the engineer made ready to start, a delegation of the strikers told him that if he touched the throttle he would be killed.

The militia and police failed to appear. Sharp was being constantly urged from Baltimore to take definite action. At one time when telegraphed by Mr. Garrett, Sharp wired Camden Station as follows: "Tell President Garret and Mr. King (Vice-President of the Road) that everything possible for me to do shall be done."

Harrison and Sharp went down to the passenger station where several thousand persons had gathered. Harrison used all of his best arguments to no avail. He admitted his defeat to Sharp who decided to fight the thing to a finish.

At nine o'clock there were still no trains moving in Martinsburg. The Berkeley Light Infantry arrived. Firemen and engineers who had been evicted from their cabs and who were returning to duty, walked behind the soldiers. Women begged their husbands not to risk their lives in this manner.

The Infantry went straight to the roundhouse and moved out the cattle train under guards. The progress was slow because of the close formed ranks of the strikers. There was no violence, only cursing and threats.

When the third experimental train was made up and started off under the protection of armed soldiers, the excitement of trainmen and on-lookers rose to the peak.

The civil authorities grew cautious again. Colonel Faulkner attempted to argue with the crowd. The cattle train moved on.

As the cattle train neared the switch, a militiaman, John Poisal, sitting on the cowcatcher, saw that the switch was open so as to derail the train. A striking fireman, William Vandergriff was guarding the switch. When Poisal attempted to turn it, Vandergriff fired twice, hitting Poisal once on the head. The locomotive stopped. Several soldiers fired and the fire was returned. One man was mortally wounded. The others were not seriously hurt.

On the morning of July 18th, 50 militiamen came from Wheeling to Martinsburg. These men did not seem anxious to quarrel with the strikers. Colonel Sharp, determined upon definite action, telegraphed President Rutherford B. Hayes and asked for Federal troops. That evening 200 men from the Fourth U. S. Artillery, armed as infantrymen, arrived in Martinsburg. The rioters were compelled to retire.

While Martinsburg roared in flame, the blaze broke out in Baltimore. The railroad company used every measure to avoid provoking the crowds. Orders had gone out from Camden Station withdrawing all freight trains, thus completely closing all merchandise transportation east of the Ohio River. Only trains carrying passengers and mails were permitted to operate. This

move gave strikers great offense. They were anxious for an immediate issue. For three days the strikers brooded over the affair. The Railroad succeeded in gaining the support of Governor John Lee Carroll of Maryland and Mayor Ferdinand H. Latrobe of Baltimore.

On the morning of July 20th, the storm broke. The crowds on the street and railroad tracks became excited and nervous. The troops at the armories were ordered to prepare to march to Camden Station. Rumors came that the station was surrounded by an ugly mob. At 7 o'clock, the militia men received orders to march to its protection. The Sixth Maryland was quartered in its new armory, not far from the shot tower in Front Street. From their drill hall on the upper floor, the guardsmen looked upon the noisy mob. When their commander, Col. Clarence Peters gave orders for two companies to march down through the mob, it was a supreme test of nerves. The guardsmen were stoned and insulted by the vilest of language. Some fell. A number of the mob were injured; real street fighting began. The two companies of the undaunted Sixth made steady progress. Many of the guardsmen and three or four times as many of the mob were seriously injured.

The Sixth Regiment pressed forward and joined the Fifth which had just arrived in Camden. That station now became the seat of battle. To a certain extent, the militiamen were actually imprisoned within the station. A mob estimated at 20 or 30 thousand men gathered around its walls and barricades. The crowd succeeded in destroying the dispatcher's office and burned a new passenger coach. But the station stood. Gradually the rioters wore themselves out. The threat of Federal troops on the morrow changed the strikers' line of thought, even though it was a fortnight before desultory rioting all along the line ceased and train service was restored upon the Baltimore and Ohio.

The strike spread to other roads. The Pennsylvania line suffered most from it. Pittsburgh became a more acute storm center than Baltimore. Regiments of Pennsylvania militia poured into Pittsburgh with no effect whatever. There were street fights and much blood shed. Freight cars by the hundreds were opened and pillaged. Passenger coaches were burned by the dozen.

For six days, July 21-26, Pittsburgh lived in a veritable reign of terror. The full fatalities of that week will never be known. In a lesser degree, the New York Central suffered from the depredations of the strike sympathizers. It was several weeks before the situation had completely settled down and wage adjustments were completed.

As a contrast, it is well worth recording that in these same black 70's, the Baltimore and Ohio first instituted its relief department for the benefit of its injured and needy

personnel, in accident, in sickness, and in death. While this department did not come into effect until May 1, 1880, it did succeed in finding, in the first five months of its existence, 595 cases where it was able to be of real help. It began with a modest annual appropriation of $6000 a year on the part of the company, a sum which has since that day been increased many times over. The kindly impulse that prompted a great corporation to at least lay the foundation of a humanitarian and a just move for the welfare of its men, a thing none too prevalent in the 70's, deserves to be recorded if for no other reason than as a bright spot in American History of railroading - a bright spot in a season when it was much needed.

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