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JOHN CUMMINS EDWARDS, 1844-1848

Abstract: Records (1844-1848) of Governor John Cummins Edwards (1804-1888) include correspondence, petitions, proclamations, and reports.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John Cummins Edwards was born on June 24, 1804 in Frankfort, Kentucky to John and Sarah Cummins Edwards but was raised near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He completed preparatory studies at Black's College, Kentucky; and studied law at Dr. Henderson's Classical School in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Edwards was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1825 and began his law practice in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1828.

He was appointed by Governor John G. Miller as Secretary of State in 1830, serving four years. In 1837, he was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1836. Associating himself with Thomas Hart Benton, Edwards became involved in the monetary policy question. He opposed privately held banks and the production of small denomination bills. This political stand

paid off as Edwards earned a position as a district judge in Cole County from 1832-1837. He also served as a justice on the Missouri Supreme Court from 1837-1839.

Elected as a Democrat to the 27th U.S. Congress in 1841, Edwards served one term before seeking the Missouri gubernatorial nomination in 1843. While in Congress, Edwards helped Platte County, Missouri settlers clarify land registration.

In the gubernatorial election of August 5, 1844, Edwards defeated Charles H. Allen. The ninth governor of the state of Missouri, he was a bachelor and the youngest to hold the office. His tenure spanned the Mexican War and oversaw the final resolution of the ongoing Missouri-Iowa border dispute. Under his leadership, legislation was passed to provide for the instruction of the deaf, dumb, and blind. Legislative resolutions were also passed requesting Congress to improve the Osage River and for the reclamation of swamp lands in southeast Missouri. The first railroad in Missouri, the Hannibal to St. Joseph was chartered during his administration.

On February 16, 1847, Governor Edwards signed legislation establishing the Missouri State Hospital for the Insane in Fulton. He also instituted a tax collection system enabling the state treasury to go from a deficit to a surplus. During the Mexican War, he raised a volunteer regiment commanded by Alexander W. Doniphan and Sterling Price, which thereafter played a celebrated role in the war.

Edwards' term expired on November 20, 1848 and a year later, he outfitted a stock train, leaving Missouri for the California Gold Rush. He settled in Stockton and became a successful rancher and property owner. In 1851, Edwards was elected Mayor of Stockton and in 1854 married Emma Jeanne Catherine Richard, daughter of Etienne Richard, a former resident of New Orleans. The couple raised eleven children in the San Joaquin County area. Governor Edwards died September 17, 1888 and is interred in the Rural Cemetery of Stockton, California.

Timeline

June 24, 1804	Born in Frankfort, Kentucky, to John and Sarah Cummins Edwards, and raised in Rutherford County, Tennessee
1828	Moved to Missouri
1830	Appointed as Secretary of State of Missouri
1836	Elected to General Assembly
1840	Elected to US House of Representatives
1844	Elected as ninth governor of the state of Missouri
1846	Called for expedition to join General Kearney to capture Santa Fe

in Mexican War

May 4, 1854 Married Emma Jeanne Catherine Richard, daughter of Etienne Richard, former resident of New Orleans

September 17, 1888 Died in Stockton, California

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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RECORDS OF GOVERNOR JOHN CUMMINS EDWARDS, 1844-1845

Scope and Content

Correspondence relating to the boundary dispute between Missouri and Iowa, as well as correspondence, petitions, and reports relating to the tobacco industry and warehouse located in St. Louis comprise the bulk of the collection. Governor Edwards was called upon to make appointments to fill vacancies in the offices of U.S. Senator, State Auditor, and Attorney General. The collection, arranged in chronological order unless otherwise noted, also includes correspondence relating to slavery and Native Americans.

When the collection was microfilmed, it was determined that some of the collection required rehousing. As a result, all box numbers and some folder numbers have changed. Original box and folder numbers are noted within parentheses. For example, box 5 is now box 1. Under the box heading, the new box number is listed first (original box number in parenthesis) or 1(5). Under the folder heading, 4 (5) indicates that the item originally in folder 5 is now located in folder 4.

All references to places are within the state of Missouri unless indicated, and county is specified when known. The spelling of proper names varies greatly. When correct spelling could not be determined the original spelling was retained. Officeholders are Missouri officials unless noted (U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Supreme Court, etc). State Representatives are referred to as Representative. U.S. Representatives are noted with the title Congressman.

Criminal Cases correspondence and Pardons correspondence are arranged alphabetically by correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1B/1/1	1 (5)	1	March 26, 1844	Correspondence—Governor R. P. Letcher, Frankfort, Kentucky: slavery resolution from the Massachusetts legislature
1B/1/1	1 (5)	2	November 20, 1844	Correspondence—Claiborne Fox Jackson, Speaker of the Missouri House: election of Atchison and Benton to the U.S. Senate; death of Lewis Fields Linn
1B/1/1	1 (5)	3	November 26, 1844	Correspondence—Governor Edwards to Hiram H. Baber, State Auditor (two letters): publication of proposed constitutional amendments

1B/1/1	1 (5)	4 (5)	December 12, 1844	Correspondence—W. H. Crawford, U.S. War Department: sale of whiskey to Indians
1B/1/1	1 (5)	5 (6)	January 16, 1845	Correspondence—Claiborne Fox Jackson: vacancy in Pulaski County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	6 (7)	January 28, 1845	Correspondence—Claiborne Fox Jackson: resignation of Platte County Representative Bela M. Hughes
1B/1/1	1 (5)	7 (8)	February 11, 1845	Correspondence—William C. Jones, secretary of the Missouri Senate: resignation of William Monroe, 20 th District
1B/1/1	1 (5)	8 (9)	February 14, 1845	Correspondence—A. Glasscock, M. M. Marmaduke, William Watson: remission of fine imposed on M. Gonell
1B/1/1	1 (5)	9 (10)	February 22, 1845	Correspondence—John Davis, Tuscumbia, Miller County: remission of fine imposed on Daniel Brumley
1B/1/1	1 (5)	10 (11)	March 3, 1845	Correspondence—William Smith, Bolivar, Polk County: letter of recommendation for Dr. R.W. Wellington
1B/1/1	1 (5)	11 (12)	March 8, 1845	Correspondence—J. G. Lucas, Jefferson City: security bond
1B/1/1	1 (5)	12 (13)	March 10, 1845	Correspondence—Willis L. William: security bond
1B/1/1	1 (5)	13 (14)	April 4, 1845	Correspondence—Edwin Toole, Savannah, Andrew County: Power of Attorney
1B/1/1	1 (5)	14 (15)	May 15, 1845	Correspondence—John P. Morris, Glasgow, Howard County: remission of fine imposed on William Barret
1B/1/1	1 (5)	15 (16)	May 30, 1845	Correspondence—Isaac B. Cobb, St. Louis: request for warrant
1B/1/1	1 (5)	16 (17)	June 12, 1845	Correspondence—Miron Leslie, St. Louis: remission of fine imposed on Edward Silzer
1B/1/1	1 (5)	17 (18)	June 17, 1845	Correspondence—N. C. Orear, St. Charles: remission of fine for Mrs. Mangould

1B/1/1	1 (5)	18 (19)	June 18, 1845	Correspondence—Moses H. Simmons, Gentry County: land sales
1B/1/1	1 (5)	19 (20)	June 21, 1845	Correspondence—A. Blair, Hickory County: petition for prisoner
1B/1/1	1 (5)	20 (21)	July 4, 1845	Correspondence—Ebenezer Allen, Texas Secretary of State: tribute to Andrew Jackson
1B/1/1	1 (5)	21 (22)	July 8, 1845	Correspondence—John F. Darby, St. Louis: Joseph A. Rozier
1B/1/1	1 (5)	22 (23)	July 31, 1845	Correspondence—David McCausland, Lexington: passport for Charles Orrick, Santa Fe trading expedition
1B/1/1	1 (5)	23 (24)	August 16, 1845	Correspondence—Reuben Samuel, Randolph County Clerk: death of Dr. Head, member of state convention
1B/1/1	1 (5)	24 (25)	August 19, 1845	Correspondence—William Fort, Huntsville: election of representative to Constitutional Convention
1B/1/1	1 (5)	25 (25A)	August 28, 1845	Correspondence—Governor John C. Edwards to R. I. Walker: Missouri banking system
1B/1/1	1 (5)	26	August 29, 1845	Correspondence—Pierce C. Grace, St. Louis: certificate of character for John E. Thomas, Marion County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	27	September 14, 1845	Correspondence—J. B. Anthony and G. Terry, Ripley County: location of Ripley county seat
1B/1/1	1 (5)	28	September 20, 1845	Correspondence—James Thompson, Camden County: power of attorney
1B/1/1	1 (5)	29	September 24, 1845	Correspondence—Reverend I. B. Townsend and Reverend N. B. Dodge, Henry County: a day of Thanksgiving
1B/1/1	1 (5)	30	October 28, 1845	Correspondence—R. F. Lakeman, Hannibal, Marion County: certification of Judge Hunt
1B/1/1	1 (5)	31	November 7, 1845	Correspondence—Thomas Howell, St. Louis: notary certification

1B/1/1	1 (5)	32	November 12, 1845	Correspondence—S. G. Watkins, Palmyra, Marion County: extradition of prisoner from Illinois
1B/1/1	1 (5)	33	November 13, 1845	Correspondence—Leonard Jones, Jefferson City, Cole County: liberation of Mormons
1B/1/1	1 (5)	34	March 19, 1846	Correspondence—Writ of Election issued to Sheriff of St. Charles County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	35	March 22, 1846	Correspondence—James S. Rollins, Columbia, Boone County: remission of fine for Burl Glenn
1B/1/1	1 (5)	36	August 1846	Correspondence—Thomas W.H. Moseley, Columbus, Ohio: debt collection
1B/1/1	1 (5)	37	August 10, 1846	Correspondence—Abraham McClellan, Independence: request for auditor to drop proceedings
1B/1/1	1 (5)	38	November 3, 1846	Correspondence—John Langdon Sibley, Harvard College: copies of state publications
1B/1/1	1 (5)	39	February 25, 1847	Correspondence—John D. Russ, corresponding secretary, Prison Association of New York: reports on prison conditions
1B/1/1	1 (5)	40	March 16, 1847	Correspondence—Lewis Burnes, Platte County: pardon for prisoner John Groff
1B/1/1	1 (5)	41	March 24, 1847	Correspondence—Miron Leslie and Trusten Polk, Jefferson City: land, care of Baptiste De Lisle
1B/1/1	1 (5)	42 (44)	March 25, 1847	Correspondence—J. B. Brant, St. Louis: letter of introduction
1B/1/1	1 (5)	43 (42)	March 25, 1847	Correspondence—H. Shurlds, St. Louis: letter of introduction
1B/1/1	1 (5)	44 (43)	March 25, 1847	Correspondence—J. E. Walsh, St. Louis: letter of introduction
1B/1/1	1 (5)	45	May 3, 1847	Correspondence—William Connaway, Platte County: security of bond
1B/1/1	1 (5)	46	June 10, 1848	Correspondence—Thomas J. Marshall, Warren County: Power of Attorney
1B/1/1	1 (5)	47	June 27, 1848	Correspondence—C. Eisenmayer, St. Louis:

				probate of marriage
1B/1/1	1 (5)	48	July 31, 1848	Correspondence—Thomas J. Marshall, Warren County: certificate of character
1B/1/1	1 (5)	49	December 4, 1848	Correspondence—John F. Long, St. Louis County Marshall: certified indictment, capture of criminal in New Orleans
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	April 25, 1845	Criminal Cases—David Bailey, Troy, Lincoln County: request for reward for the capture of “The Regulators” alias “The Slickers” a band of men accused of murdering John Plummer; vigilantes, extra-legal court, shooting
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	January 1, 1845	Criminal Cases—George Bancroft, Mobile, Alabama: incarceration of George Henderson an escapee from the Missouri State Prison; extradition, Judge Bragg
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	October 7, 1845	Criminal Cases—Edward C. Cunningham, sheriff, St. Charles County: escape from jail of slave Isaac Dean, includes physical description, charges, description of property taken by escapee; Circuit Court, Criminal Court
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	August 7, 1845	Criminal Cases—Edward Charles Cunningham, St. Charles County Sheriff: request for reward for the capture of David Porter, accused of attempted murder of Silas Redinger, includes physical description of porter (back of document, Governor Edwards offered \$100 reward for the capture)
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	July 7, 1845	Criminal Cases—John P. Dunklin, Potosi, Washington County: request reward for the re-capture of William Campbell convicted of the murder of Marion Wisdom of Webster, Washington county; includes physical description of Campbell (Governor Edwards offered \$150 for the capture of Campbell)
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	July 20, 1845	Criminal Cases—John P. Dunklin, Potosi, Washington County: information about escaped prisoner, Joham Hobbs; \$200 Reward

1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	December 24, 1845	Criminal Cases—Governor Edwards, Jefferson City: proclamation offering a reward of \$200 for the capture of Griffith Dickinson for the murder of William O. Bagley; Saline County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	July 22, 1845	Criminal Cases—F. Kennett, St. Louis: letter of introduction for John C. Scott, charged with the transport of Joham Hobbs; Benton County; Washington County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	August 27, 1845	Criminal Cases—John Price, Johnson County Sheriff, Warrensburg: request for reward for the capture of John, runaway slave, belonging to E. L. McLane of Kentucky; accused of the murder of Mr. Wiley of Johnson County; John escaped from the Jackson County Jail in Independence; physical description of John (Governor Edwards offered \$100 reward for the capture of John)
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	April 25, 1845	Criminal Cases—David D. Stockton, Bolivar, Polk County: request for reward for the capture of Robert M. Turk, accused murderer of Thomas J. Hobbs of Polk county; second indictment for shooting and killing Jacob Dobkins; circuit court, record includes copy of indictments, grand jury, includes physical description
1B/1/1	1 (5)	50	July 1845	Criminal Cases—J. S. Williams, Sheriff of Hickory County: request for reward for the capture of escaped prisoner Joham Hobbs, convicted of the murder of Abram Howell; Polk county, justice of the peace, Benton county (back of document includes Governor Edward's order to offer \$200 reward for the capture of Hobbs)
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	December 10, 1844	Militia—Benjamin W. Sharp, Boonville, Cooper County: request for arms to supply the volunteer company of cavalry named "Cooper Independent Hussars," Clarks Fork Township; formation of Militia Companies
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	January 1845	Militia—J. D. Minn: request for commission for F.W. Duncan, as aid to commander in chief of 12 th Division; Governor Marmaduke

1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	June 5, 1845	Militia—Mathias Steitz, 2 nd Division, Missouri Dragoons of St. Louis: transmittal of amendments of laws regarding the dragoons, necessity of amending laws, translation from German to English
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	June 18, 1845	Militia— “Washington” St. Louis: organization of the Jackson Guards, security for arms, accusation of poor characters of some members of the Jackson Guard
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	July 8, 1845	Militia— Newspaper Clipping- Letter “From a Respectable Gentleman in Santa Fe”: Texas statehood, Texas border, status of New Mexico; revolt, D. Marano Charvice
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 19, 1845	Militia— Alphonso Whitmore, St. Louis: request for appointment as colonel of Infantry; authorize the raising of troops, includes a resume of military accomplishments
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 21, 1845	Militia—Major General Elliot Lee, Head Quarters, 2 nd Division Missouri Militia: danger of invasion from Mexico, statement of readiness and capabilities, Mexican War
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 23, 1845	Militia— Major General Elliott Lee, Major General Head Quarters, 2nd Division Missouri Militia: request for Governor to order troops to New Mexico; Mexican War, Texas border, New Orleans
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 26, 1845	Militia—Alphonso Whitmore, St. Louis: offer to raise a brigade and serve as brigadier commander, request for Governor to authorize his actions, Col. Boggs' small regiment, Saline county, Colonel Harrison Hughs; Howard, Benton, Randolph, Johnson, Boone, Callaway, Cooper counties, Randolph county, Henry Pearce; Capt. Kretschman, Major Hamilton, Platte county, 6 th U.S. Infantry
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 27, 1845	Militia— Lewis V. Bogy, St. Louis: Missouri Artillery Company, formation of company called the Native American Rangers, naturalized citizens, Missouri militia law; Mexican War, General Milburn, organization of troops

1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 30, 1845	Militia— Thomas Ward, Weston, Platte County: offer of his services should the Mexican Government declare war
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	August 31, 1845	Militia— John S. Campbell, Springfield, Green County: offer to raise fifty to one hundred men for service; Mexican War; Santa Fe
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	1845 September 17	Militia— Jed Decourney, Glasgow, Howard County: notification of the organization of a regiment of riflemen and their availability for service in the event of war with Mexico
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	1845 September 25	Militia—Lewis V. Bogy, St. Louis: Missouri Artillery, ownership of gunpowder and guns, membership in the artillery company, election of Bogg as Colonel, request for Governor to come and review the troops
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	October 12, 1845	Militia—Robert Campbell, St. Louis: notification of acceptance of appointment as aid for the 2 nd Brigade, Missouri Militia
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	July 7, 1846	Militia—William Waldo, Osceola, St. Clair County: request for governor to discharge Waldo P. Johnson from service in Capt. David Waldo's Company Number 7; Col. Doniphan's Regiment, Mexican War, Santa Fe Expedition
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	1847 April 16	Militia— David C. Tuttle, St. Louis: inquiry into the procedure to raise a company to serve in Santa Fe; appointment of Hamilton as Circuit Judge; Mexican War
1B/1/1	1 (5)	51	May 10, 1847	Militia— G. B. Wade, Franklin County: receipt of letter and act by the legislature amending the militia law
1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	March 1846	Pardons—J. B. Birley, Russellville, Cole County: request for clemency of Miller, accused of beating a man (example of 19 th century rural dialect and writing
1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	August 29, 1846	Pardons—Henry Collins, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City: commutation of his sentence imposed in St. Louis for burglary

1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	November 12, 1845	Pardons—J. S. Henning, Alexandria: recession of his signature on petition for Bonifon; reform, defraud, swindler
1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	March 21, 1846	Pardons—petition from the residents of Cole County: request for pardon of William Hunter, convicted of larceny
1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	December 10, 1844	Pardons—Jacob C. Richmond, Jefferson City: request for the release of William G. Johnson from the state penitentiary
1B/1/1	1 (5)	52	April 25, 1845	Pardons—Richard H. Ridgely, Lexington: request for clemency for John Horton, convicted of perjury
1B/1/1	1 (5)	53	1846	Senatorial Districts—B. C. Stephens, Hartville, Wright County: disagreement with Attorney General Stringfellow
1B/1/1	1 (5)	53	1846	Senatorial Districts—Attorney General B. F. Stringfellow: representatives of senatorial districts in 1848 election
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	No date	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis, letter marked “private”;re: request for appointment as director of the State Bank in St. Louis; Governor Edwards reelection campaign
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	1845	State Bonds—Handwritten sample of bond, “copy of bonds”
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	March 15, 1845	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis: transmittal and cancellation of bonds, exchange of bonds
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	May 24, 1845	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis, transmittal of bonds; law of 1843, Trusten Polk, cancellation of Missouri debt
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	June 16, 1845	State Bonds—William E. Rogers, Philadelphia, Pa: exchange/refunding of \$100 Missouri State Bonds; slanders, newspapers, Missouri securities
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	June 30, 1845	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis: Request for recommendations for the form & style of bonds; Steamboat Wapello, Trusten Polk

1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	August 4, 1845	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis: exchange of bonds; validity of Bond Exchange
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	August 16, 1845	State Bonds—By Governor Edwards to S. Riggs, St. Louis: State Bond Case,”; Secretary of State, publication of laws, northern boundary, school fund case
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	March 18, 1847	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis; request for Governor to exchange bonds
1B/1/1	1 (5)	54	April 23, 1847	State Bonds—S. Riggs, St. Louis; request for Governor to respond to his previous letters, clarification exchange of bonds
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (56)	March 3, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis, Tobacco Warehouse; validity of his commission as tobacco inspector; Representative Gamble
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (57)	March 12, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas G. Rayburn, St. Louis; request for appointment as tobacco inspector; resignation of inspectors, authority of inspectors, hemp warehouse; Thomas Hart Benton, Sterling Price
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (57)	March 16, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis Tobacco Warehouse; interview and appointment of Woolfork as tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (58)	March 21, 1845	Tobacco—Z. T. Woolfolk, St. Louis; appointment as tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (56)	March 26, 1845	Tobacco—George W. Huston, Jefferson City, Cole County; letter recommending appointment of Pines Shelton tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (56)	March 27, 1845	Tobacco—William C. Jones, Jefferson City, Cole County; letter recommending appointment of Pines H. Shelton of St. Charles County as tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (56)	March 27, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis, State Tobacco Warehouse: letter of recommendation for Harrison Rea; New Orleans

1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (58)	March 28, 1845	Tobacco—John D. Coalter, Benjamin McClure, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommending Col. Pines Shelton, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (57)	March 29, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas B. Hudson, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (58)	March 29, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas Kennett, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (58)	March 29, 1845	Tobacco—John M. Krum, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	55 (58)	March 29, 1845	Tobacco—petition recommending Woolfolk and Shaw tobacco inspectors, St. Louis; Planters Warehouse; tobacco buyers, recommends John Slack as keeper of the warehouse
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 1845	Tobacco—petition from members of the General Assembly; recommends John W. Price as keeper of the tobacco warehouse in St. Louis
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	April 1, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis Tobacco Warehouse; position of tobacco inspector; dispute between Mr. Gamble & Mr. Bay; vacancy in the position of inspector, plea for reappointment; Col. Chiles, St. Louis County Court
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 3, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas G. Rayburn, Jefferson City, Cole County; application for tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 5, 1845	Tobacco—H. King, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 8, 1845	Tobacco—A. W. Manring, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	April 8, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas G. Rayburn, St. Louis; request for appointment as tobacco inspector; competition between state and private tobacco warehouses, state control
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 8, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis, State Tobacco Warehouse; plea for Governor to answer his request and appointment as curator; Mr. Childs, Mr.

Shelton, University of Missouri, City Court

1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 10, 1845	Tobacco—William Milburn, St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn, tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 10, 1845	Tobacco—Thomas G. Rayburn, St. Louis; application for position of tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 11, 1845	Tobacco—petition recommending Woolfolk and Shaw as tobacco inspectors in St. Louis
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (58)	April 12, 1845	Tobacco—petition from citizens of St. Louis; recommends Thomas G. Rayburn tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	April 20, 1845	Tobacco—John Smith, St. Louis; recommends Z. T. Woolfolk as tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56	April 22, 1845	Tobacco—John Slack, St. Louis, State Tobacco Warehouse; inquiry into the status/lack of his commission as tobacco inspector
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56	April 23, 1845	Tobacco—A. W. Jeffries, Franklin County; recommends William Slack as tobacco inspector, Franklin County tobacco growers
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	June 26, 1845	Tobacco—Petition by the Residents of St. Louis; Re: Support for appointment of Woolfork & Shaw Tobacco Inspectors
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	September 12, 1845	Tobacco—F. P. Chiles, St. Louis Tobacco Warehouse; summons to appear in district court in October; dispute over possession of state tobacco warehouse
1B/1/1	1 (5)	56 (57)	October 10, 1845	Tobacco—F. P. Chiles, St. Louis; tobacco warehouse report
1B/1/1	1 (5)	57 (56)	October 1, 1846	Tobacco—J. C. Edwards; report of state tobacco warehouse, St. Louis
1B/1/1	1 (5)	57 (56)	March 1847	Tobacco—John Slack, tobacco inspector, St. Louis; commission and bond as tobacco inspector; family economic conditions; Hard Democrats, Soft Democrats, April election, political unrest

1B/1/1	1 (5)	57 (56)	October 1, 1847	Tobacco—F. P. Chiles; report of state tobacco warehouse
1B/1/1	1 (5)	58 (55)	January 2, 1844	Vacancies—George M. Buckner, Ezra Stuart, Bowling Green, Pike County; recommends William McDaniel of Marion, to the Committee to Settle Boundary Dispute; Missouri - Iowa Border
1B/1/1	1 (5)	58 (55)	October 31, 1844	Vacancies—Peter Besançon, Natchez, Mississippi; request for personal appointment as commissioner of deeds in Mississippi
1B/1/1	1 (5)	58 (55)	November 17, 1844	Vacancies—B. Clark; recommending appointment of Judge Blair
1B/1/1	1 (5)	58 (55)	December 19, 1844	Vacancies—John Roland, Jefferson City, Senate Chambers; recommends David Thomas, Esq., for justice of the peace, Bridgeton; St. Louis County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	58 (55)	December 30, 1844	Vacancies—James Eagan, Palmyra, Marion County; recommends William McDaniel, superintendent to survey and mark the northern boundary, Missouri - Iowa Border
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	January 29, 1845	Vacancies—Aaron R. Belknap, New York; letter of recommendation for position as commissioner of deeds for Missouri residing in New York; signed by W. C. Wetmore, Lam R. Betts, U. L. Judge, Robert Maitland, Samuel S. Kelapp, W. P. Hallett, Reuben H. Cudlepp, and J. Oakley, clerk of the New York Superior Court
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	January 29, 1845	Vacancies—Aaron R. Belknap, New York; personal request for appointment as commissioner of deeds for Missouri, residing in New York
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	February 7, 1845	Vacancies—M. Blair, St. Louis; request for Governor to appoint his brother, Frank Blair
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	February 13, 1845	Vacancies—T. T. Gannt, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Francis P. Blair, Jr., to superintend the reading of the proofs of the Missouri Statutes when printed
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	February 18, 1845	Vacancies—John M. Wimer, St. Louis; recommends Col. Consaul, post master at St. Louis; President Polk

1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	February 20, 1845	Vacancies—Bela M. Hughes, Weston, Platte County; transmittal of bond for Nathaniel Burnowes, registrar of the state land office at Savannah; Commends the Governor for appointing General William Monroe as state auditor
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	February 23, 1845	Vacancies—John P. Williams, Warsaw, Hickory County; appointment of Hickory County sheriff; request for Governor to delay appointment so Williams can obtain signatures on a petition for personal appointment
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	March 2, 1845	Vacancies—Edward Hutawa, St. Louis; request for Governor to separate the office of ex officio recorder and county court clerk in St. Louis; request for appointment as St. Louis recorder; Dr. Campbell; Oregon and Nebraska Territories
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	March 27, 1845	Vacancies—William C. Jones, Jefferson City; recommends General Finch of Dade County and William S. Green of Lewis County to defend Preston Mullican
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	March 27, 1845	Vacancies—Richard F. Richmond, Jefferson City; Re: Notification of Joint Resolution Establishing a Court of Common Pleas in Hannibal, Marion-Ralls County
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	March 31, 1845	Vacancies—William Forbes, Lost Cedar, Randolph County; request for Governor to appoint his son, Henry T. Forbes as commissioner of state lands
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	April 21, 1845	Vacancies—Dewitt C. Ballou, Warsaw, Benton County; appointment of Hickory County officials, county court, sheriff; refusal of Major Blackemore, Judge Montgomery, and William Rankin to accept appointments; recommends Holbert, Lindsay, and Boise as county justices; John Williams, sheriff
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	June 10, 1845	Vacancies—J. B. Thompson, St. Joseph; transmittal of papers pertaining to the position of justice; resignation of Judge Young
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	June 11, 1845	Vacancies—J. Rosier, New Orleans, Louisiana; acceptance of commission as Commissioner of Deeds

1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	June 17, 1845	Vacancies—J. C. Griffon, Grundy County; recommends W. H. Simmons of Gentry County, Commissioner of School Lands
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	June 27, 1845	Vacancies—A. F. Frost, Lost Cedar, Randolph County; acceptance of appointment as Commissioner to select of the five thousand acres donated to t Missouri; banking companies, state convention, Democrats, Whigs
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	June 28, 1845	Vacancies—G. L. Leonard, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Jesse B. Thompson, Commissioner to Select Lands
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	September 2, 1845	Vacancies—F. P. Gaines, Lexington, Lafayette County; expected resignation of sheriff, recommends George M. Butler
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	September 15, 1845	Vacancies—Lycyrus Shepard, Platte City, Platte County; application for appointment as commissioner to select state lands; inquiry into the selection of lands by General Leonard; Platte County surveyor
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	October 29, 1845	Vacancies—Lawson Cooley, Clifton, Jefferson County; notification of receipt of commission
1B/1/1	1 (5)	59 (55)	November 23, 1845	Vacancies—Moody Mandus, Maple Grove, Ray County; request for commission as aid for the 3 rd Division of the Missouri Militia, Office of the Surgeon General; military service as officer in the “Army of Florida,” Seminole War; political unrest
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	February 21, 1846	Vacancies—Charles H. Bland, Williamsburgh, Lewis County; transmittal of credentials and application for appointment as Lewis County sheriff; appointment of Richeson Groom as sheriff; death of Sheriff B.W. Shield
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	March 9, 1847	Vacancies—Thomas Gray, St. Louis; recommends Adolphus Meire, Bank Director
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	March 17, 1847	Vacancies—John Stevenson, Columbia, Boone County, “Private”; appointment of Col. Thomas Hart Benton as Major General; recommends Benjamin F. Stringfellow as Benton’s replacement in the Senate; William A. Robards to replace

Stringfellow as attorney general

1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	March 25, 1847	Vacancies—Henry W. Kelly, John Morris, Joseph M. Gibson, Moniteau County; recommends Benjamin F. Stringfellow as replacement for Thomas Hart Benton in U.S. Senate
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	April 1, 1847	Vacancies—J. P. Martin, Martins Landing; recommends Benjamin F. Stringfellow as replacement for Thomas Hart Benton in U.S. Senate
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	April 19, 1847	Vacancies—James Whitcome, Indianapolis, Indiana; recommends Addison Smith as a teacher of deaf mutes
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	May 1847	Vacancies—R. Wells, Jefferson City, Cole County; inquiry into disposition of Stickney's case
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	August 7, 1847	Vacancies—William W. Gitt, St. Louis; recommends Seth T. Sawyer, commissioner of deeds
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (58)	August 17, 1847	Vacancies—James L. Mathews, Columbia, Boone County; recommends Robert McAfee to University of Missouri Board of Curators
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (58)	August 18, 1847	Vacancies—Thomas D. Grant, Columbia, Boone County; recommends Robert McAfee to University of Missouri Board of Curators
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (58)	April 1848	Vacancies—petition recommending William Priest's of Ralls County, appointment as state auditor
1B/1/1	1 (5)	60 (55)	October 5, 1848	Vacancies—E. B. Ewing, Richmond, Ray County; acceptance of appointment as commissioner to examine Bank of Missouri