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Finding Aid 3.23

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

JOHN SMITH PHELPS, 1877-1881

Abstract: Records (1876-1885) of Governor John Smith Phelps (1814-1886) include correspondence, financial statements, letterheads, petitions, receipts, and reports.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John Smith Phelps was born in Simsbury, Connecticut on December 22, 1814 to Elisha Phelps and wife Lucy Smith Phelps. Educated at Trinity College in Hartford, Phelps was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1835. After his marriage to Mary Whitney (1813-1878) in 1837, the couple moved to Springfield, Missouri where Phelps opened his law practice. The couple would have five children although only two survived to adulthood: John Elisha Phelps (1839-1921) and Mary Anne Phelps Montgomery (1846-1943).

A devotee of U.S. Senator Thomas Hart Benton early in his political career, John Smith Phelps later aligned himself with the anti-Benton Democrats, and then with the national Democratic Party. He was elected to the Missouri legislature in 1840 and in 1844 to the U. S. House of Representatives where he represented southwest Missouri for the next eighteen years. Congressman Phelps was recognized nationally for his support of an overland mail route to California, his efforts towards gaining Oregon statehood, and his work in the reduction of postage stamps to three cents per letter.

He served as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and although was in line to become Speaker of the House in 1860, ultimately failed to obtain the post. Congressman Phelps opposed secession and together with conditional Union and unconditional Union allies in the state legislature successfully kept Missouri in the Union during the secession crisis of 1861. Phelps did not stand for reelection in 1862 and upon leaving Congress, he recruited and commanded a Union regiment at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas in March 1862. In July 1862, hoping to establish a loyal civil government, President Lincoln appointed Phelps as military governor of Arkansas. Ill health forced Phelps to resign that commission in 1863.

Upon the conclusion of the Civil War, John Smith Phelps returned to his law practice in Springfield. Mr. Phelps successfully defended James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok who had been tried for killing Dave Tutt in a duel in Springfield in 1865. Hickok was acquitted. Phelps unsuccessfully ran for governor as a Democrat in 1868; but in 1876, he defeated former Congressman Gustavus A. Finkelnburg in the general election on November 7. He received the largest majority vote of any Missouri governor from 1840 to 1920. Governor John Smith Phelps was sworn into office as Missouri's 23rd governor on February 8, 1877.

The tenure of Governor Phelps was marked by a currency crisis triggered by the federal government ceasing the issuance of silver coins while simultaneously calling back the paper currency issued during the Civil War. Missouri also suffered from staggering war debt and related inflation, depressed wages, and business failures. In his inaugural address, Phelps advocated common schools for whites and blacks. He declared that any new state debt should be approved by the voters, urged the state to economize, and recommended that a tax be levied to pay interest on outstanding state debt. Governor Phelps also called for fair administration of the ballot and impartial interpretation of the constitution.

During the Phelps administration, the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics was created and appropriations for the Board of Immigration were approved. Legislation was enacted requiring counties to balance budgets unless otherwise approved by voters. The balance of state indebtedness was significantly reduced. The University of Missouri received biennial appropriations from the General Assembly for the first time and public schools received increased state financial support. Criminal laws were strictly enforced and the lawlessness that had plague Missouri since before the Civil War was reduced.

Governor Phelps retired from public service at the end of his gubernatorial term in 1881. He died in St. Louis on November 20, 1886 and is interred in Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield, Greene County.

Timeline

December 14, 1814	Born at Simsbury, Connecticut, to Elisha and Lucy Smith Phelps
April 30, 1837	Married Mary Whitney of Portland, Maine
1840	Elected to Missouri House of Representatives
1844	Elected to US Congress
1862	Appointed by President Lincoln as Military Governor of Arkansas, attained rank of brigadier-general, and raised regiment that fought in Battle of Pea Ridge
1867	War Claims Commissioner of Indiana
1876-1877	Elected as the twenty-third governor of the state of Missouri. Sworn in on February 8, 1877.
1878	Mary Whitney Phelps dies of pneumonia in Springfield on January 25, 1877.
November 20, 1886	Died in St. Louis and was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield

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Related Material

Kansas City Public Library-Main Branch, Missouri Valley Special Collections holds the following materials pertaining to Governor Phelps (<http://www.kchistory.org>):

History of Greene County, Missouri, published in 1883 which contains a biographical sketch of Phelps.

United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self Made Men, published in 1878, page 478-480. Contains a biographical sketch.

Missouri Public Library in Springfield holds the John S. Phelps Papers and the Mary Whitney Phelps Papers.

Missouri State Archives, Reference Room, Jefferson City holds *If Walls Could Talk*, by Jean Carnahan, (Jefferson City, MO: MMPI, Missouri Mansion Preservation, Incorporated, 1998). Pages 37-47 provide background information pertaining to Gov. and Mrs. Phelps family life; illuminate the difficulties faced by the family during the Civil War; and describe Mrs. Phelps' own war efforts.

Oregon Historical Society, Research Library, Portland holds the James Boyce Montgomery Family Papers, 1873-1954. Includes correspondence between Montgomery and his wife, Mary Anne Phelps Montgomery during the time period in which she served as the hostess for her father, Governor John Smith Phelps. <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/findaid>

Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia holds:

C 3058 (John S. Phelps, 1814-1886, Scrapbook, 1876-1937). The scrapbook of John S. Phelps contains newspaper clippings and biographical information on the former governor and his family. Some correspondence and photographs of family residences are also included. <http://whmc.umsystem.edu/invent/3058.html>

C 995, State Historical Society of Missouri, Typescript Collection. Item 397 Montgomery, Mary Phelps, Letters, 1936-1939 (Copies of letters from Mary Phelps Montgomery giving information about her father, Governor John S. Phelps of Missouri, and about the family plantation.)

Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla holds R 562 (John S. Phelps, 1814-1886, Receipt, 1864
The document is a retainer paid to Phelps in his professional capacity as a lawyer.

RECORDS OF GOVERNOR JOHN SMITH PHELPS, 1876-1881

Scope and Content

Correspondence comprise the records. The files have been organized topically (and thereunder chronologically) in the following order: Fines and Forfeitures, Fairs and Exhibitions, Appointments—Fulton State Hospital, Appointments—Miscellaneous, Appointments—Oil Inspectors, Appointments—Requests, Appointments—Resignations, Appointments—St. Louis, Appointments—State Penitentiary, and Personal Correspondence. Changes in organizational scheme are noted. Within each topic, non dated material is filed before dated materials. Appointments file headings are self explanatory. Other notable contents are listed below.

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.

When the collection was microfilmed, it was determined that some of the collection required rehousing. As a result, some folder numbers have changed. Original folder numbers are noted within parentheses. For example, 20 (6) indicates that the item originally in folder 6 is now located in folder 20.

Fairs and Exhibition files contain appointment requests and correspondence pertaining primarily to the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. Governor Phelps also received notifications for the Convention for the Promotion of American Commerce in New Orleans; the Centennial Anniversary of the Surrender at Yorktown; World's Fair and Exposition in New York City (1883); and the Inter-State Convention (1880) for Mississippi River valley states also in New Orleans.

Appointments—Miscellaneous files include requests for appointments to the University of Missouri Board of Curators; to the Board of Regents for the Normal School in Kirksville; for various county probate judgeships and other county positions; to the State Board of Agriculture; and military academy appointments.

Appointment Requests files contain petitions and correspondence pertaining to the position of circuit clerk for the Chariton County Court. Candidates Thomas T. Elliot (the incumbent) and John Knappenberger provided Governor Phelps with petitions and correspondence supporting their bids for the office. The governor received five petitions for Mr. Elliot (folder 11). Folder 12 includes a listing of Chariton County officials recommending Mr. Knappenberger. Twenty two petitions signed by 870 citizens of Chariton County were sent to the governor on Knappenberger's behalf.

Communications pertaining to a variety of issues comprise the Personal Correspondence files. Topics include appeals for financial aid; the invention of a machine to exterminate grasshoppers;

proxy votes for stocks owned by the governor, requests for payment, statement of debts owed by Mrs. Phelps, and a receipt for payment; invitation to attend a wedding; a visit to New Madrid; notices from attorney on the settlement of estates; business interests and financial statements; political conditions in Green County, the rise of the National Independent Party (Greenback Party), Democrats, and Republicans; and a 1879 published report from the Committee appointed to visit the Missouri Institution for Education of the Blind to the Missouri General Assembly. Of special interest is a letter from U.S. Secretary of State John Hay (folder 27).

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1B/1/3	1	1	February 3, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: James W. Roberts, prosecuting attorney/attorney at law, Macon, Macon County; objects to remission of forfeiture for Edward O. Donald; Judge Ellison; Edward Kelly
1B/1/3	1	1	March 22, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: George C. Brown, Paris, Monroe County; requesting notification if in receipt of petition asking for remittance of forfeiture against Alfred Freeman, charged with bigamy
1B/1/3	1	1	August 12, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: John Merit, St. Francois County; request for remittance of fine, convicted of obstructing a public road by justice of the peace
1B/1/3	1	1	October 2, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: Nesbit & Ferguson Osceola, St. Clair County; requesting a remittance of the fine imposed upon Freimel for selling liquor to a minor
1B/1/3	1	1	October 5, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: Herman Boiler and Henry Bever, Appleton City, St. Clair County; request remittance of fine imposed upon Freimel for selling liquor to a minor
1B/1/3	1	1	October 5, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: statement, L. E. Freimel, given to Justice of the Peace John R. Hopkins, St. Clair County; charged with selling intoxicating liquor to a minor, declares innocence

1B/1/3	1	1	October 5, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: petition, St. Clair County; Freimel innocent of the charges of selling liquor to a minor
1B/1/3	1	1	December 18, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: Nesbit & Ferguson, attorneys at law, Osceola, St. Clair County; transmittal of statement of prosecuting attorney about Freimel
1B/1/3	1	1	December 18, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: James M. Pugh, St. Clair County circuit clerk, Osceola; certification that court costs have been paid by Freimel
1B/1/3	1	1	December 18, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: James M. Silsby, prosecuting attorney, St. Clair County, Osceola; request remittance of fine imposed upon Freimel for selling liquor to a minor
1B/1/3	1	1	December 29, 1877	Fines and Forfeitures: Fred L. Hensen, Appleton City, St. Clair County; to Secretary of State Michael McGrath; inquiry to status of Freimel's plea for the governor to remit his fine; Hermann, Missouri
1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	January 8, 1878	Fines and Forfeitures: James M. Silsby, prosecuting attorney, St. Clair County, Osceola; statement regarding the Friemel Case
1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	March 26, 1878	Fines and Forfeitures: August Ude, New Wells, Cape Girardeau County; personal request for remittance of fine imposed for conviction of selling beer under a merchant's license; claims ignorance of the law; sole support of twelve children
1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	July 5, 1878	Fines and Forfeitures: J.W. Shafer, attorney at law, Shelbina, Shelby County; transmittal of petition on behalf of John C. Williams
1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	August 14, 1878	Fines and Forfeitures: John Adler, et al, St. Louis; personal request for remittance of fine for his conviction of cruelty to animals, \$8 fine; Adler, a butcher by trade, claims that he struck cow in self defense

1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	1877-1878	Fines and Forfeitures: publication, <i>Union Law Association 92 Broadway, N.Y. Mercantile Directory of Lawyers in the Western & North Western States 1877-1878</i> (includes list of lawyers practicing in Missouri and city where practice is located)
1B/1/3	1	2 (1)	1878	Fines and Forfeitures: petition, officers of Shelby County and jurors; requesting remittance of fine imposed upon John C. Williams for his conviction of petty larceny; \$60 fine is undue hardship; sole support of wife and child
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	March 23, 1878	Fairs and Exhibitions: Joseph L. Stephens, Central National Bank, Boonville, Cooper County; recommends M. M. Price to attend the Paris Exposition; Price's marital problems, attempt to save Price's marriage by sending he and his wife to the Paris Exposition; Stephens' upcoming marriage to Francis E. Jones, St. Louis wedding; reserving a berth for the Governor and his daughter Mrs. Montgomery
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	March 28, 1878	Fairs and Exhibitions: telegram, J. L. Stephens, St. Louis; inquiry to the status of application for the commission of Price
1B/1/3	1	3 (12)	July 24, 1878	Fairs and Exhibitions: Convention for the Promotion of American Commerce," New Orleans, Louisiana; promotion of American Commerce December 3; economic depression; includes handbill
1B/1/3	1	3 (12)	October 24, 1879	Fairs and Exhibitions: Governor Holliday, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; request for representative from Missouri to the commission charged with the Centennial Celebration of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; Independence Hall, Philadelphia Pennsylvania (note: includes official envelope for the office of the Secretary of State)

1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	April 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: Congressman Richard Graham Frost, et al, Washington, D.C.; recommends Frederick W. Mathias of St. Louis to attend the international exhibition of arts, manufactures and to the products of the soil and mine, in the city of New York in 1883; recommends alternates S. Waterhouse of St. Louis; Alexander W. Doniphan, Richmond; Wayman Crow, St. Louis; Milton Tootle, St. Joseph; also signed by Nicholas Ford, Aylett H. Buckner, Gideon Rothwell, Erastus Wells, John F. Phillips, and Sam L. Sawyer, members of the Missouri congressional delegation
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	May 7, 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: F. W. Mathias, New York; transmittal of documents recommending his appointment as Commissioner to the International Exhibition in New York 1883 (see April 1880 letter from Missouri's Congressional delegation)
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	May 10, 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: H. J. Spaunhorst, St. Louis; recommends F. W. Mathias as commissioner to the International Exhibition in New York 1883
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	May 14, 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: S. Waterhouse, Bureau of Geology & Mines, Washington University, St. Louis; request for appointment as commissioner to the World's Exposition to be held in New York in 1883; attendance at three world's fairs, Vienna in 1873, Philadelphia in 1876, and Paris in 1878; Rutherford B. Hayes
1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	May 27, 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: Herman A. Haeussler, St. Louis; request by F. W. Mathias for recommendation as commissioner to the New York World's Fair
1B/1/3	1	3 (12)	August 1880	Fairs and Exhibitions: Tobias Gibson, Central Executive Committee on Levees in Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana; notice of inter-state convention, October 12, 1880, at New Orleans

1B/1/3	1	3 (4)	July 8, 1885	Fairs and Exhibitions: Samuel H. Buck, General North, Central, and South American Exposition, Washington Headquarters, Willard's Hotel, Washington, D.C.; to Charles W. Squires, St. Louis; support for the Exposition
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	Fall 1875	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: list—"Paul Brothers' Selected List of First-Class Business Lawyers in the Principal Towns in the Western States, U.S.A. Fall, 1875"(includes attorney listings for the state of Missouri)
1B/1/3	1	4 (12)	March 1, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: William Harrison, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends James G. Inreman to the Board of Managers of Lunatic Asylum No. 1 in Fulton
1B/1/3	1	4 (12)	March 26, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: William Harrison, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Charles H. Hardin (former governor Charles Henry Hardin, 1875-1877) to the board of managers, Lunatic Asylum No. 1 in Fulton (written on "State of Missouri Senate" Stationery)
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	September 4, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: E. Dobyms, Fulton, Callaway County; request for appointment to the Board of Managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	September 4, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: A. W. Harris, Fulton, Callaway County; recommends Edward Dobyms to the Board of Managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum; Presidential election of 1840; Martin Van Buren; William Henry Harrison
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	September 4, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: Warner Lewis, Fulton, Callaway County; recommends Major Edward Dobyms to the Board of Managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	September 4, 1877	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: L. W. Urskinney, Fulton, Callaway County; recommends Major Edward Dobyms to the Board of Managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum

1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	February 16, 1878	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: William H. Wilkerson, Edwin Curd, and John A. Hockaday, board of managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum, Callaway County; recommends Dr. A. Wilkerson, Dr. J. H. Howard, or Dr. E. Walker to the board
1B/1/3	1	4 (8)	February 16, 1878	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: William H. Wilkerson, Edwin Curd, and John A. Hockaday, board of managers of the Fulton State Lunatic Asylum, Callaway County; to P. E. Chappell, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommendations to the Board of Managers
1B/1/3	1	4 (12)	April 3, 1878	Appointments—Fulton State Hospital: George C. Catlett, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; inability of John Evans to serve on the Asylum Board; recommends James H. R. Cundiff to the board (written on “State Lunatic Asylum” stationery)
1B/1/3	1	5 (12)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, recommending Judge J. S. Edwin of Adair County to the Board of Regents for the North Missouri State Normal School
1B/1/3	1	5 (12)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Andrew Ellison, Kirksville, Adair County; recommends John S. Irwin to the Board of Regents of the Normal School
1B/1/3	1	5 (6)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: H. Kenny, Pineville Central Democratic Committee, Pineville, McDonald County; notification of the election of officers; recommends Judge J. C. Parrish to the county & probate court of McDonald County
1B/1/3	1	5 (6)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: George W. Randolph, Southwest City, McDonald County; request for appointment as county court justice
1B/1/3	1	5 (7)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, Scotland County residents; recommends H. M. Durkee of Memphis to the probate court

1B/1/3	1	5 (7)	No Date	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, Scotland County residents; recommends Judge Benjamin R. Hewitt to the Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 14, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: July Louer, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; recommends J. L. Downing to the Scotland County Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 16, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: John C. Anderson, Canton, Lewis County; recommends Henry McBride Durkee to the Scotland County Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 19, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: J. L. Downing, Memphis, Scotland County; request for appointment to the Scotland County Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 25, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: J. L. Downing, to John F. Williams, Jefferson City, Cole County; withdrawal of his name from consideration as Scotland County Probate Judge; recommends Henry M. Durkee to the position
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 25, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Henry M. Durkee Memphis, Scotland County; to John F. Williams; transmittal of petitions recommending his appointment as Scotland County probate judge
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 27, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Sheriff J. Graves, Memphis, Scotland County; recommends William B. P. Hewitt as Scotland County probate judge
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	January 30, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: James L. Downing, Memphis, Scotland County; request for appointment as Scotland County probate judge
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	February 3, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: William G. Miller and H. M. Corin, Memphis, Scotland County; to Thomas Williams; recommends Judge Hewitt to the Scotland County probate court

1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	February 14, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: John M. Glover, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; recommends Judge J. P. Hewitt to the Scotland County Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6 (7)	February 15, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Henry Clay Dean, Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska Railway; recommends Judge J.P. Hewitt to the Scotland County Probate Court
1B/1/3	1	6	March 22, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Dr. A. W. Chenoweth, M.D., Pineville, McDonald County; legislation to appoint two new judges in the counties that have one; opposes the appointment recommended by McDonald County officials
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	April 17, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, residents of Bollinger County, Sedgewickville; recommends Robert Drum to the county court
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	April 27, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: J. C. Montgomery, Pineville, McDonald County; recommends only Democrats to the court; recommends W. E. Smith and Davidson Hisson; can send petition if necessary
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	May 4, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Sutherlin & Wilson, Lutesville, Bollinger County; recommends Robert Drum as county commissioner
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	May 23, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, citizens of Jefferson County; recommends Michael McNamee, prior position as assessor in Jefferson County
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	June 2, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Thomas Holladay (Missouri state auditor), Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Robert Drumb
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	June 6, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: J. T. Ake, Ironton, Iron County; requests delay of appointment to the county court until after the November election; petition circulating in Iron County

1B/1/3	1	7	June 7, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: John J. Cabell, Ava, Douglas County; legislation of February 17, 1875 regarding the separation of the probate court; validity of Judge Alsup's election to the Douglas County Court; 1865 Constitution, 1875 Constitution; Missouri Supreme Court
1B/1/3	1	7 (6)	June 18, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petitions (2), Iron County; recommends Charles Hart to the Iron County Court
1B/1/3	1	7	July 4, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Anton Yeager, Jefferson County; to M. McNamee; letter of recommendation
1B/1/3	1	7 (12)	October 30, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, Macon, Macon County; recommends Prof. Ben Eli Guethrie as regent of Kirksville Normal
1B/1/3	1	7 (12)	November 16, 1877	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Web M. Ruby, Macon, Macon County; notification of resignation of Rev. Dr. John D. Viucil as regent of Kirksville Normal; recommending Prof. Ben Eli Guethrie
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	February 13, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, Democrats of Polk County; recommends Republican Thomas H. B. Dunnegan to the county court (written on Polk County Clerk stationery, Bolivar, Polk County)
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	February 13, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, citizens of Polk County; recommends Thomas H. B. Dunnegan to the county court
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	February 13, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: B. J. Emenn, Bolivar, Polk County; recommends James M. Jones to the county court; Polk County politics
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	February 15, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: A. C. Lemmon, Bolivar, Polk County; transmittal of petition recommending the appointment of T. H. B. Dunnigan as county court justice
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	February 15, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, citizens of Polk County, Bolivar; recommends James Jones to the Polk County Court; Republican Party

1B/1/3	1	8 (10)	March 26, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: father of John H. Fulbright, Dry Glaze, Laclede County; requesting an appointment for John H. Fulbright to West Point Military Academy
1B/1/3	1	8 (10)	May 17, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: George W. Anderson, St. Louis; recommends Maj. Foster
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	May 24, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: A. W. Chenoweth, Neosho, Newton County; appointment of Judge Parrish to the McDonald County Court
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	May 27, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: A. W. Chenoweth, editor, Pineville News, Pineville, McDonald County; recommends Dr. William Duval to the McDonald County Court
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	June 4, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, citizens of McDonald County; recommends William C. Duval to the McDonald County Court
1B/1/3	1	8 (6)	August 12, 1878	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Lewis Brown, Cape Girardeau; requesting the governor contact John G. Miller, John R. Henderson, and William Peterman and ask them to move the legislature to revise the constitution (note: back of document: see private letter book)
1B/1/3	1	8	February 11, 1879	Appointments—Miscellaneous: unknown author (fragment), Executive Office, City of Jefferson, Cole County; nominate Joseph K. Rogers of Boone County, John Walker of Howard County, and William E. Glenn of Phelps County as curators of the University of Missouri
1B/1/3	1	9 (12)	January 29, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: J. P. McAfee, secretary of Missouri State Board of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Columbia, Boone County; notice of vacancies on the board of agriculture; appointment recommendations
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	May 7, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Anton Leiweke, Osage County Clerk, Linn; resignation of James J. Davis as county court justice; Sedalia

1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	May 12, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Anton Leiweke, Osage County Clerk, Linn; transmittal of the original resignation of James J. Davis as county court justice
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	May 14, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Judge Joseph J. Davis, Chamois, Osage County; and Will J. Knott, Linn, Osage County; recommends Alfred A. Higbee to the Osage County Court
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	May 15, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, residents of Chamois, Osage County; recommends Silas W. Laughlin to the Osage County Court
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	May 15, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: W. J. Knott, Linn, Osage County; withdrawal of his recommendation for Mr. Higbee
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	October 9, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: petition, residents of Crawford County; recommends Andrew H. Trask as presiding commissioner of the Crawford County Court
1B/1/3	1	9 (6)	October 9, 1880	Appointments—Miscellaneous: Judge William M. Robinson, Steelville, Crawford County; requests the governor to defer appointing a county commissioner; allowing the people to vote for the candidates in the upcoming election
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	No date	Appointments—Oil Inspector: petition, citizens and business men of St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins as coal oil inspector
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	January 15, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Willard Hall (Willard Preble Hall served as governor, 1864-1865), St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends incumbent oil inspector, Capt. H. P. McCloon
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	January 2, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Second Annual Report of Ira E. Barns, coal oil inspector for Sedalia; includes list of parties inspected, number of barrels, brand on each package

1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	May 9, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Granville G. Adkins, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; transmittal of petition promoting his appointment as coal oil inspector; Senator Wallen Young, Representative Donalan, Wells, and Southerland
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	May 12, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Wallen Young, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	May 14, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: G. M. Sutherland, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	May 15, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: H. B. Branch, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins, Democrat
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	May 16, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: A. Beattie, mayor, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 9, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: James Craig, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Isaac T. Whyte as oil inspector; Liberal Republican; Whig
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 9, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Willard Hall (Willard Preble Hall served as governor, 1864-1865), St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends William Loan as oil inspector; also recommends Isaac T. Whyte
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 11, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: John L. Motter, St. Joseph Board of Trade, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends incumbent oil inspector Capt. H. P. McCloon
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 15, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: George C. Carter, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends incumbent oil inspector Capt. H. P. McCloon
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 27, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Andrew Royal, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Granville G. Adkins as oil inspector

1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	June 27, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Walter Young, Joplin Hotel, Joplin, Jasper County; recommends James Tenant as oil inspector; Granville Adkins
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	July 11, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: John F. Williams, Macon, Macon County; recommends incumbent oil inspector Capt. H. P. McCloon
1B/1/3	1	10 (3)	July 17, 1877	Appointments—Oil Inspector: Henry M. Ramey, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends incumbent oil inspector Capt. H. P. McCloon and Isaac T. Whyte
1B/1/3	1	10 (12)	January 9, 1878	Appointments—Oil Inspector: petition, citizens of Sedalia, Pettis County; recommending the reappointment of Ira E. Barns
1B/1/3	1	11 (2)	No Date	Appointment Requests: petitions (5), citizens of Chariton County; recommends Thomas T. Elliott as circuit clerk; resignation of H.H. Mann
1B/1/3	1	11 (2)	December 31, 1878	Appointment Requests: C. J. Via, Thomas Dougherty, and L. D. Isbell, , Salisbury, Chariton County; recommends Thomas G. Elliot as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	12 (2)	No Date	Appointment Requests: list of letters and petitions received by the governor’s office recommending the appointment of Mr. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk; includes names of elected officials submitting letters of support
1B/1/3	1	12 (2)	December 1878	Appointment Requests: petitions (22), citizens of Chariton County; recommends John Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 27, 1878	Appointment Requests: Judge J. W. Marsh, Chariton County Court, Triplett; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 28, 1878	Appointment Requests: D. H. Hammons, Brunswick, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger or J. P. Wilkerson; resignation of circuit clerk H. H. Mann

1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 28, 1878	Appointment Requests: G. B. Oldham, Keytesville, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 28, 1878	Appointment Requests: C. J. Via, Salisbury, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 29, 1878	Appointment Requests: J. C. Crawley, Chariton County Collector, Keytesville; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk , B. F. Crawley might apply for appointment for circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 29, 1878	Appointment Requests: Judge John M. Davis, Keytesville, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 29, 1878	Appointment Requests: M. R. William, Chariton County assessor, Salisbury, Chariton County; recommends Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: E. Bowman, member of Central Committee, Brunswick, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: Burgess B. Davis, Chariton County Sheriff, Keytesville; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: F. T. Dysant, Chariton County Clerk, Keytesville; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: L. D. Isbell, Chariton County Court Judge, Keytesville; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: Senator Andrew Mackey, Keytesville, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk

1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: Judge Henry C. Minter, Chariton County Probate Court, Keytesville; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk; previous signature on petition in favor of T.T. Elliott
1B/1/3	1	13 (2)	December 30, 1878	Appointment Requests: J. L. Stacy, chairman, Democrat Central Committee, Keytesville, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 1, 1879	Appointment Requests: C. T. Kimmel, Brunswick, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 2, 1879	Appointment Requests: R. H. Hodge, director, Chariton County Exchange Bank, Brunswick; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 2, 1879	Appointment Requests: W. H. Plunkett, Brunswick, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 2, 1879	Appointment Requests: Lewis Salisbury, Salisbury, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 3, 1879	Appointment Requests: J. W. Craig, M.D., Salisbury, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk ; Democratic Party county politics
1B/1/3	1	14 (2)	January 3, 1879	Appointment Requests: O. F. & T. S. Griffen & Co., Brunswick, Chariton County; recommends J. Knappenberger as Chariton County circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	15 (12)	August 9, 1877	Appointments—Resignations: Judge William S. Shirk, as 7th Judicial Circuit of Missouri, Warsaw, Benton County
1B/1/3	1	15 (12)	October 25, 1877	Appointments—Resignations: G. Gothchalk, St. Louis; as State Representative to the 29 th General Assembly
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	January 10, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Judge William A. Guyselman, Macon County

1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	February 16, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Edwin E. Chase, Knox County; as Knox County public administrator
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	March 1, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Stephen P. Twiss, Kansas City, Jackson County; as Representative with the General Assembly
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	May 29, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Philip Trammel, Macon, Macon County; as Macon County public administrator
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	July 15, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: S. A. Field, Meadville, Chariton County; as notary public for Chariton County, relocating to Linn County
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	August 29, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: A. H. Breckenkamp, Washington, Franklin County; as Franklin County public administrator
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	September 2, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Arthur P. Terrill, Huntsville, Randolph County; as probate judge
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	September 3, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: James H. Neal, Joplin, Barton County; as notary public for Barton County, request for appointment as notary public for Jasper County
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	September 7, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: A. Mitchell, Jr., Marble Hill, Bollinger County; as public administrator
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	September 19, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: John A. Flood, Denver, Colorado; as Senator from the 9 th District, for health reasons
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	October 21, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: P. R. Hamilton, Fairmont, Clark County; as notary public; recommends Joseph Brosius as replacement
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	November 6, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Judge Joseph T. Morton, Greene County Court, Springfield, Greene County; as Greene County Court judge
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	November 12, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Philip Trammel, Macon, Macon County; as Macon County public administrator; election as Macon County treasurer

1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	November 13, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: Frederick D. Snyder, , Maryville, Nodaway County; as public administrator due to election as probate judge, recommends Silas L. Craig as replacement
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	November 13, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: W. H. Pollard, Ozark, Christian County; as notary public due to his election as prosecuting attorney
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	December 31, 1878	Appointments—Resignations: S. H. Headlee, St. James, Phelps County; as curator of the University of the State of Missouri (University of Missouri, Columbia)
1B/1/3	1	16 (12)	1878	Appointments—Resignations: John Richey, Kirksville, Adair County; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	January 30, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: Lucius W. How, New York; as commissioner of deeds for Missouri, recommends Albert Fetzer Jr. as his replacement
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	February 24, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: G. S. Van Wagoner, New York; as commissioner of deeds for Missouri
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	April 30, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: Charles L. Dobson, Linneus, Linn County; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	May 1, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: A. H. Calef, St. Louis; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	May 5, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: Thomas C. Brown, Carter County; as Carter County prosecuting attorney
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	July 1, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: Don Palmer, Palmer Lead Company, Palmer, Washington County; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	November 28, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: H. J. Maynard, Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory; as Representative from Lawrence County to the General Assembly; relocated to Wyoming
1B/1/3	1	17 (12)	December 4, 1879	Appointments—Resignations: J. A. Hammond, Potosi, Washington County; as notary public

1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	February 20, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Henry T. Mudd, Kirkwood, St. Louis County; as a member of the state board of agriculture; board reorganization, enabling legislation of 1865
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	April 7, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Senator John A. Hockaday; from the 9 th District
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	May 13, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Judge M. B. Merritt, Henry County; from Henry County Court
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	June 9, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: J. R. Hardy, Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad, Kansas City, Jackson County; as notary public for Buchanan County
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	September 16, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: John O'Connor, Chicago, Illinois; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	November 1, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: James Sill, Erie, Pennsylvania; as commissioner of deeds
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	November 8, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Robert Schneck, Clayton, St. Louis County; as associate justice of St. Louis County; election as sheriff and ex-officio collector
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	November 10, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Judge Theodore Brace, Paris, Monroe County; from Monroe County Court
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	November 29, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: Judge Jacob Crone, Cooper County; from Cooper County Court
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	November 30, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: John C. Karnes, Kansas City, Jackson County; from board of curators at the University of Missouri
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	December 9, 1880	Appointments—Resignations: W. H. Pipkin, North Springfield, Greene County; as notary public
1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	1880	Appointments—Resignations: Judge M. R. Merritt, Henry County; from Henry County Court due to deafness

1B/1/3	1	18 (12)	January 1, 1881	Appointments—Resignations: M. G. McGregor, Carthage, Jasper County; as Jasper County notary public
1B/1/3	1	19 (2)	No Date	Appointments—St. Louis: petitions (3), citizens of the City of St. Louis; recommends Edgar Miller as circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	19 (2)	No Date	Appointments—St. Louis: petition, citizens of St. Louis; recommending Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	September 7, 1876	Appointments—St. Louis: Henry Clay Dean, Rebels Cove, Putnam County; recommends Andrew Ellison as 24 th Judicial District Court judge; Adair County
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 20, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: petition, St. Louis County officials; recommends Elijah Payne to the St. Louis County Court; resignation of Joseph Conway
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 21, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: D. H. Armstrong, St. Louis; recommends Dr. R.N. Stevens; St. Louis County
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 22, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: Erastus Wells, Missouri Railroad Company, St. Louis; recommends Rufus I. Lewis as St. Louis County Court justice
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 23, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: George William Higgins, Jefferson City, Cole County; request for appointment as St. Louis County Court justice; Lt. Governor Henry C. Brokmeyer; Senator Coleman, Representative Smith, Secretary of State McGrath, Col. Kitchen, Judge King (letterhead shows capitol building before remodeling in 1887; destroyed by fire 1911)
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 24, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: James C. Edwards & Co., St. Louis; recommends Elijah W. Payne as judge; petitions held by Senator R.G. Coleman

1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 26, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: Joseph A. Brown, Eureka, St. Louis County; recommends Rufus A. Lewis as St. Louis County Court justice; St. Louis County; Democratic Party
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 26, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: Basil Duke, St. Louis; recommends Judge George W. Higgins to the bench of St. Louis
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 26, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: James C. Edwards & Co. Planters' Horse and Mule Market St. Louis; requesting the withdrawal of Judge Conway's resignation from the bench, at Conway's request
1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	March 27, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: R. Graham Frost, St. Louis; recommending a delay in the appointment to the St. Louis County Court until the return of the state representative; Mr. Lewis
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	April 21, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: petition, citizens of St. Louis County; opposed to legislation to add two more judges to the circuit court of St. Louis; St. Louis Court of Appeals
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	April 25, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: John Broadhead, St. Louis; opposition to adding two more judges to the bench of the circuit court of St. Louis
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	April 25, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: S. T. Glover, St. Louis; opposition to adding two more judges to the bench of the circuit court of St. Louis
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	April 26, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: John F. Darby, et al; recommends James C. Moody to the bench of the circuit court of St. Louis; also signed by C. C. Carrall, R.S. MacDonald
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	April 27, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: James C. Moody, St. Louis; request for appointment to the bench of the circuit court of St. Louis; his removal from the bench by refusing to enforce the test oath after the U.S. Supreme Court had decided it void
1B/1/3	1	20 (5)	May 3, 1877	Appointment—St. Louis: W. B. Thomas, St. Louis; enactment of judicial circuit bill signature on petitions supporting appointments in the City of St. Louis

1B/1/3	1	20 (6)	June 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: petition, residents of St. Louis; protesting the appointment of August Elbring as county surveyor, recommends James B. Woods for position
1B/1/3	1	20 (1)	June 12, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: John A. Watson, St. Louis; requests appointment as St. Louis County sheriff; Missouri attorney general supports him
1B/1/3	1	20 (7)	July 10, 1877	Appointments—St. Louis: Michael McNamee, Glencoe, St. Louis County; request for appointment as probate judge; qualifications for position and family background provided
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	February 25, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: B. W. Lewis Jr. & C. S. Greeley, St. Louis Kansas City and Northern Railway Co., St. Louis; recommends Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	February 25, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: James W. Stith, St. Louis; personal request for appointment as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	February 26, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Charles P. Chouteau and Basil Duke, St. Louis; recommends Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	February 26, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: R.M. Scruggs, St. Louis; recommends Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	February 27, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: John W. Noble, St. Louis; recommends Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 5, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Thomas E. Tutt, St. Louis; recommends Edgar Miller as St. Louis circuit clerk; son-in law of former Governor Hamilton Rowan Gamble (deceased); displeasure with Governor Phelps' appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Boggs
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 7, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Silas Bent, St. Louis; recommends Lewis P. Harvey as St. Louis circuit clerk

1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 7, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: William F. Haines, St. Louis; recommends Edgar Miller as St. Louis circuit clerk; suspension of Thornton as circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 7, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Lewis P. Harvey, St. Louis; personal request for appointment as St. Louis circuit clerk; personal references, transmittal of petitions on his behalf
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 8, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Edgar Miller, St. Louis; personal request for appointment as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 11, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: L. V. McClelland, Wellington, Lafayette County; recommends Edgar Miller as St. Louis circuit clerk; Mr. Thornton
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 11, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: Walter C. Carr, St. Louis; personal request for appointment as St. Louis circuit clerk ; J. Fred Thornton, Democrat, St. Louis auditor
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	March 22, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: James L. Allison, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Edgar Miller as St. Louis circuit clerk
1B/1/3	1	21 (2)	April 29, 1878	Appointments—St. Louis: E. C. Cabell, St. Louis; recommends Phillip Stock as St. Louis circuit clerk; suspension of J. Fred Thornton; Cabell plans to run for the state legislature, Democrat
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	No Date	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Dr. G. B.; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	October 10, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Dr. John Baker, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 10, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Dr. A. C. Davison, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician

1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 11, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: James McNarknow, Missouri Institution for the Education of the Blind, St. Louis; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 14, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: John F. Philips, Sedalia, Pettis County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 14, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: C. A. Thompson, M.D., Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 15, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: O. Gleture, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 25, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: R. D. Shannon, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	November 27, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: John G. Prather, Memphis & St. Louis Packet Company, St. Louis; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	December 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: petition, St. Louis physicians; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	December 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: petition, members of the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	December 6, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: A. P. Laukford, 620 Olive St., St. Louis; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	December 16, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Dr. Charles O. Curtsman, St. Louis; to Dr. W. B. Winston, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician

1B/1/3	1	22 (9)	December 30, 1876	Appointments—State Penitentiary: P. T. Miller, Regan & Carter Practical Printers, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	January 5, 1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: G. W. Hough, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	January 9, 1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Willis B. Winston, Jefferson City, Cole County; request for appointment as Missouri physician ;transmittal of recommendations (note: letter is written of state of Missouri Senate Stationery)
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	January 11, 1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: J. P. R. Gray, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	January 13, 1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Phil E. Chappell, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	January 13, 1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: Fred Fisher Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician
1B/1/3	1	23 (9)	1877	Appointments—State Penitentiary: John G. Riddler, Jefferson City, Cole County; recommends Dr. Willis Winston as physician; Dr. George B. Winston will assist him during busy seasons at no charge to the state
1B/1/3	1	24 (11)	No date	Personal Correspondence: Vania Linhirshbower, Springfield, Greene County; request for financial assistance; Mr. Benjamin U. Massey, Mr. Porter, Mr. Young, Mr. Abbott
1B/1/3	1	24 (11)	July 1, 1877	Personal Correspondence: W. Wallace Dunbar, Atlanta, Illinois; invention of a machine to eliminate grasshoppers; introduction of the machine in Missouri to eliminate grasshoppers
1B/1/3	1	24 (11)	October 1877	Personal Correspondence: McAfee (no first name given); subject unknown as letter is illegible

1B/1/3	1	24 (11)	October 29, 1877	Personal Correspondence: A. E. or George Young, Springfield, Greene County; request meeting with governor on a personal matter
1B/1/3	1	24 (11)	November 2, 1877	Personal Correspondence: E. W. Gaty, St. Louis; request for governor to transfer proxy to vote for the board of directors of the Hope Mining Company
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	January 29, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Philip Sutherlin, Lutesville, Bollinger County; explanation of citizenship
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	February 6, 1878	Personal Correspondence: George B. Clark, Little River Alley and Arkansas Railroad Company, New Madrid, New Madrid County; invitation for the governor to visit New Madrid County March 18
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	March 3, 1878	Personal Correspondence: receipt of \$50 payment by Governor Phelps for stock in the State Insurance Company of Missouri, currently in bankruptcy
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	March 6, 1878	Personal Correspondence: W. G. Porter, Springfield, Greene County; settlement of the estate of Willie and Bessie Dindenvower; out of pocket payments, heirs, repayment
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	March 15, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Benjamin U. Massey, Springfield, Greene County; settlement of Smith's debt to Governor Phelps, who can't pay money owed; Massey refuses to deliver deed until payment is made; theft of timber owned by Governor Phelps; Governor Phelps' legal disputes and personal accounts
1B/1/3	1	25 (11)	March 22, 1878	Personal Correspondence: R. S. Eddy, Springfield Iron Works, Springfield, Greene County; inquiry to purchase price for land owned by Governor Phelps on College Street in Springfield; refuses to deal with Benjamin U. Massey

1B/1/3	1	25 (4)	March 29, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Joseph L. Stephens, Boonville, Cooper County; acknowledged receipt of the telegram; Governor and Mrs. Montgomery (Mary Phelps Montgomery) to attend wedding; plans to reserve Pullman car of the night train; Laclede Hotel, Trinity Church
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 4, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Josiah Ivy, Lebanon, Laclede County; transmittal of money owed to Governor Phelps
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 5, 1878	Personal Correspondence: W. A. Carr, Christian County; bill in Congress for Carr's relief or payment for lumber sold to the government
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 6, 1878	Personal Correspondence: R. S. Eddy, Springfield, Greene County; interest in purchasing a lot in Springfield owned by the governor
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 7, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Charles McCulloch; sale of land by Atwood in Dallas, proceeds from land sale
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 9, 1878	Personal Correspondence: R. McElhay, St. Louis; invitation for Governor Phelps to stay at his home during the convention
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 9, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Ralph Walker, Springfield, Greene County; Walker and Phelps partnership in coal mine, transport of coal
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 10, 1878	Personal Correspondence: J. E. Kaine, St. Louis; meeting to settle the estate of Thomas M. Finney
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 12, 1878	Personal Correspondence: James Abbott, Springfield Iron Works, Springfield, Greene County; business activities of Springfield Iron Works; includes financial statement
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 12, 1878	Personal Correspondence: B. Massey (Benjamin U. Massey), Springfield, Greene County; rewriting of note held by First National Bank for property owned by the governor on College Street in Springfield; railroad

1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 12, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Warren Russin, editor, <i>People's Vindicator</i> , Piedmont, Wayne County; inquiry whether Governor Phelps will be running for the seat of United States Senator
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 13, 1878	Personal Correspondence: George C. Anderson, St. Louis; transmittal of article about Capt. Silas Bent
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 19, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Benjamin U. Massey, Massey & McAfee, Springfield, Greene County; payment of debts incurred by Mrs. Phelps; location of Springfield Depot, Springfield & Western railroad Company; College Street property; wheat harvest, cold weather, convalescence of Massey's father from suffering a stroke
1B/1/3	1	26 (11)	April 25, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Charles B. McAfee, Springfield, Greene County; resignation of Morton; controversy regarding railroad tax
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	June 10, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Governor John S. Phelps; order for the printing of 6,500 copies of the <i>Report of the Board of Curators of the State University</i>
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	June 21, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Ralph Martin, Springfield, Greene County; political turmoil in the Democratic Party; Greene County politics; Greenback Party; Martin & Phelps' coal mine business; land development; Republican Party; Benjamin U. Massey
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	July 11, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Dr. E. T. Robertson, Springfield, Greene County; plans to nominate Phelps for U.S. Senator; former U. S. John B. Henderson
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	July 22, 1878	Personal Correspondence: McAfee, from National Bank of the State of Missouri in St. Louis; notice of personal promissory note due at the bank

1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	August 6, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Dr. William Post, Huntsville, Randolph County; corrupt Randolph County officials; illegal tax collections; Greenback Party, Democratic Party
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	August 14, 1878	Personal Correspondence: James Abbott, Springfield Iron Works, Springfield, Greene County; transmittal of note for renewal from the Greene County Bank
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	August 20, 1878	Personal Correspondence: Silas Woodson, St. Joseph, Buchanan County (governor of Missouri, 1871-1873); failure of the Missouri State Bank; former Governor Charles Henry Hardin (1875-1877)
1B/1/3	1	27 (12)	1879	Personal Correspondence: <i>Report of the Committee Appointed to Visit the Missouri Institution for Education of the Blind Thirtieth General Assembly</i> ; condition of building, health of students, scholastic proficiency, musical department, mechanical department; facility is a school of instruction, not a care facility for the indigent or imbecile blind patient; confusion over the name
1B/1/3	1	27 (11)	May 13, 1880	Personal Correspondence: John Hay, acting Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; transmittal of Public Act No. 41; 100 th anniversary of the Treaty of Peace and the recognition of American Independence