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San Diego, Calif., April 15, 1922

Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, Calif.

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

Mrs. Albright kindly arranged a meeting between us for next Monday. Unforeseen conditions have arisen making it impossible for me to be there will you be in Los Angeles in the near future and if so could I meet you there Kindly wire my expense

Chg Fletcher Co.

Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Confirming my telegram sent you today as follows:

"Mrs. Albright kindly arranged a meeting between us for next Monday. Unforeseen conditions have arisen making it impossible for me to be there. Will you be in Los Angeles in the near future and if so could I meet you there? Kindly wire my expense."

Enclosed find letter from Dr. Brinkley which is explanatory. I am anxious to see you on this matter and be given the privilege of a hearing. I hope to see you in Los Angeles or Santa Cruz in a few days.

My understanding is you come to Los Angeles regularly if not, I will make a trip north to discuss the matter with you at your convenience.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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Santa Cruz, Calif. April, 29,1922.

Col.Ed.Fletcher,

920 Eight St.,

LOS ANGELES

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 15th.with enclosures concerning Dr.Brinkley received. I have delayed answering you as I want to ascertain all the facts in this application. I have asked that the application be brought to the San Francisco office from Sacramento. I will examine it on Monday next. I remember requesting Mr. Encell, our attorney, to give an opinion as to Dr. Frinkley operating under Sec. 22 of Medical Practice Act.

I do not go to Los Angeles regularly, probably will not be there in some time. I will always be glad to see you if you come to Santa Cruz. I remember very well meeting you in Sacramento at joint meeting of the District Foards.

After I have learned all I can concerning this application next week I will write you again.

Yours truly,

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Colonel Ed. Fletcher, 920 Eighth Street, San Diego, Calif. San Francisco, Calif. May 1, 1922

Yours of April 6 Re: John M. Brinkley, M. D.

My dear Colonel:

I have had the opportunity to examine the application of Doctor Brinkley, also discuss the same with our secretary, Doctor Pinkham, and our chief counsel, Mr. Encell. I feel now that I am thoroughly posted regarding the same.

I will be glad to see you at Santa Cruz at any time, if you desire to come. However, I would suggest that you notify me by wire a short time previous, as I am called out of town occasionally, and I would not like to disappoint you by not being there.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

P. T. Phillips, M./D.

President

PTP: ED

My dear Dr. Phillips:

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Dr. P. T. Phillips.

Santa Cruz, Calif.

Answering yours of April 29th, will say I remember our meeting in Sacramento, and glad to know that you remember me.

May 2. 1922.

Regarding Dr. Brinkley; he is certainly rendering a service to many. This can be fully substantiated if you desire it. Dr. Brinkley graduated from the Medical College in Arkansas when it was in good standing with the State of California, and I do hope that it will be the final determination of your board of medical examiners that he be given a license to practise in this state, which license he has in five other states at the present time.

I am in receipt of a letter today from Dr. Brinkley, who is now in the East, in which he says he will be glad at any time to come to California, and personally meet the Board of Medical Examiners, and I earnestly urge that before you reject Dr. Brinkley's application that you give him a personal hearing, and I will be glad to make all of the arrangements.

I shall certainly be gratified if you can give Dr. Brinkley a license to practise in this state. I will be pleased to hear from you further at your earliest convenience.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours.

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Dr. P. T. Phillips, M. D., Pres., Board of Medical Examiners, Hihn Building, Santa Cruz, California.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Answering yours of May 1st, will say as between friends, if you can see your way clear to issue the license, I hope to goodness you will, right off, but if you are in doubt, don't take any action until I can get up there, please.

I am simply snowed under with work at the present time. Have just put thru the biggest deal of my life, and starting the ball rolling, putting 8,000 acres of land under water.

With kind personal regards, and assuring you I will telegraph you ahead of time, I am

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

May 22, 1922

Dr. P. T. Phillipss, Santa Cruz, California.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Enclosed find letter from Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times, which is explanatory.

but I hope your Board of Medical Examiners can see its way clear to give Dr. Brinkley a license to practise in the state, if he is qualified.

Kindly return letter and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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San Francisco, California.

June 20, 1922.

Colonel Ed Fletcher, Cuyamaca Water Company, San Diego, California.

My dear Colonel:

Very sorry indeed that I did not receive your card telling me that you would pass through Santa Cruz for I surely would have met you. When I received your word from my nurse that you would be at the Hotel Turpin, I asked Mr. Encell to get in touch with you. As I understand he tried very diligently to do so but failed. He tells me that he has written you stating the condition of the particular case in which you are interested as it is. I think it best that you have a talk with Mr. Encell.

Very sincerely yours,

P. T. Phillips, M.

President.

PTP:MM

June 27, 1922

Dr. P. T. Phillips. Hihn Building, Santa Cruz, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Answering yours of June 20th, will say there is some mistake. I have not had the pleasure of talking to your nurse, and I was not at the Turpin Hotel.

I received a nice letter from Mr. Encell and propose to be at the special meeting, if I do not see you before then.

With kimlest regards, I am Simerely yours,

EF: KLM

Dictated June 24th

Dr. P. T. Phillips. Santa Cruz, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Enclosed find copy of telegram which I sent Mr. Encell and which is explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

July 14, 1922.

Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Crus, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

I am glad to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce yesterday they unanimously passed a resolution endorsing your position as to location of the state highway between Saratoga Cap and Santa Crus. I will have different organizations in this county and Imperial County do likewise. A copy of the recolution has been sent to the State Highway Commission.

Yours very truly.

EF: AH

July 17th,

Dr. P. T. Phillip, Santa Cruz, California.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find letter from the San Diego Chamber of Commerce which is explanatory. I am having the different committees of the Chambers of Commerce of San Diego and Imperial Counties go to the bat on it.

Yours very truly,

EF:F Incl. August 9, 1922

Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Enclosed find copy of telegram from Dr. Brinkley, which I have received.

There is no question but what he means business, and he is backed by large financial interests in Los Angeles, who believe in him. Undoubtedly the following will happen -

He will commence operating without a license, you will see that he is arrested, and there will be a mix-up in this campaign that will certainly be embarrassing to the governor and all of his friends. I have been doing my utmost to stop this in the governor's behalf, and so far have failed.

You told me that if I could satisfy your attorney, Mr. Encell as to the legality of the procedure that Dr. Brinkley would have a license. I took the matter up with Mr. Encell. It was shown conclusively that no precedent would be established by granting this permit to Dr. Brinkley, and that the Medical Examiners were wholly within their legal rights in so doing, yet the permit has not been granted. To be perfectly frank I do not think I, personally, have had a square deal from the Board of Medical Examiners, and further, my sympathies are with Dr. Brinkley in this matter.

Dr. Brinkley has taken the written examination in three states, Arkansas, Connecticutt and Tennessee, and by reciprocity is practising in Kansas, and Illinois, I believe. You told me personally that if Dr. Brinkley was unethical it was an easy matter to cancol his license, and that you can do at any time. Under all the circumstances, it does seem to me that the action of the Board of Medical Examiners to date has been one purely of procrastination and side-stepping, and not fair either to the Board of Medical Examiners or Dr. Brinkley.

I don't blame you personally for this, as I realize that the Los Angeles bunch has delayed the proposition and complicated the issue. I am writing frankly as a friend to a friend, letting you know what the facts are, and I can see

that a horrible mess is going to be kicked up, and in the near future.

This is purely a personal letter and I ask you, as a friend, on receipt of this letter, to wire me, so that I can get the answer not later than Saturday as to whether or not a vote has been taken as promised, and if not, when it will be taken and a definite answer given.

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Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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August 15, 1922.

Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, California.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

I thank you for your telegram of the 12th.

Dr. Brinkley passed thru here Saturday to Los Angeles.

He has nine patients to operate on in Los Angeles immediately.

I have urged him to take no drastic action and he has agreed to do nothing until next Thursday. I do hope by that time that Dr. Brinkley's license will have been granted, particularly for the sake of harmony and the administration.

Yours vory truly,

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Dr. P. T. Phillips. Santa Cruz, Calif.

My dear Dr. Phillips: '

I hope that favorable action can be taken at the meeting at Sacramento in the matter of granting a permit to Dr. Brinkley, and I will appreciate anything you can do in this matter. If he does not behave himself and his license is taken away from him the punishment will be harder later on, and I do hope that you can see your way clear to help out.

Very sincerely yours.

October 11, 1922.

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Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, Calif

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San Francisco, Calif. November 3, 1922

Colonel Ed Fletcher, Fletcher Building, San Diego, Calif.

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

I received your letter in reference to Doctor Brinkley's application just prior to leaving for the annual meeting of the Board held in Sacramento last month.

As I told you when you were in San Francisco during the June meeting, the Board expected to procure all the information necessary to definitely act on Doctor Brinkley's application, but the committee's investigation unexpectedly raised certain questions in the minds of a majority of the members of the Board that must be definitely settled before it will be possible to take final action.

For this reason on motion duly made and seconded further consideration was deferred.

Very truly yours,

· PTP:ED

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