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Jan. 27, 1903.

Hon. S. E. Miller,
House of Representatives,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

As per my short conversation with you a day or two since, I enclose herewith a draft of a bill for the adoption of a State flag for Tennessee, which I would be glad to have you introduce and give your support and influence. I accompany same with a rough drawing, in colors, of the flag, according to its specifications. This design is the result of considerable thought and experiment, on my part, for some weeks past, and is intended to combine simplicity and sentiment. The intended meaning is, three forming one - the three stars of pure white representing the three grand divisions of the State, and bound together by the blue, thus forming one unit: the red being the symbol of protection, or defense. The white margins serve to bring the colors into stronger relief; the blue bar is to prevent the flag from seeming all red when hanging around the staff.

Tennessee has, for a long time, needed an appropriate flag. Her coat of arms is too intricate for practical use on a flag. Most of the surrounding states have, and for a long time have had state flags. The need of one is apparent.

A flag is needed to designate Tennessee buildings or exhibits in the various inter-state expositions so frequent of late. It will be thus

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needed in connection with the StLouis Exposition now approaching. It is needed for use by our State Guard at such inter-state gatherings and encampments; and when Tennessee regiments are in the service of the United States, it makes an appropriate and necessary regimental flag, it being only necessary to place upon it the number of the regiment. As I was told on yesterday by a principal of our public schools, at the inter-state gathering of teachers at Knoxville, Tennessee, on last summer, the Tennessee contingent found themselves in need of a banner by which to designate themselves and finally had to use, temporarily, a flag in use by the students of the University of Tennessee, where the gathering was held.

I have, for some years, desired to see such a flag adopted by the State and am solicitous for the success of the measure.

If, perchance, the measure should be referred to a committee, I would thank you to place this letter in the hands of its chairman.

I am,

Sincerely your friend,

LeRoy Reeves.



House of Representatives,

Nashville, Tenn. May 18, 1903

Gen. Roy Reeves, Esq.,

Jackson City, Tenn.

Dear Roy:

Your letter enclosing draft of law to adopt State flag was received and I introduced same in the House this morning.

My attention has since been called to Resolution No. 49, page 769, Acts 1897, declaring what shall constitute a State flag. Kindly examine this and let me hear from you at once.

I shall hold up the matter until I hear from you. Would not that resolution have to be repealed in order to adopt ours? Or is that one satisfactory?

Yours very truly,

J. H. Miller

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Jan. 29, 1903.

Hon. S. E. Miller,
House of Representatives,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

Yours of yesterday is received. I have examined resolution page 769, Acts 1897. I was under the impression that nothing had ever passed the Legislature with reference to a State flag. About a year ago I saw, in the "Query Column" of the "Banner" a statement that such a flag had been adopted in 1897. I searched carefully the indexes both of acts and resolutions of the Acts of 1897 - 1899 - 1901, but could find nothing. Some time ago, I wrote the editor of that department of the "Banner", telling him of my search and asking him to give me the act. He replied, saying that he had been under the impression that such an act had been passed; but that, like me, after careful search, he had been unable to find it. Hence, I came to the conclusion that there had been a mistake, and that nothing had been passed. I also knew that a bill of this kind had been introduced in either 1899 or 1901 (I think the latter) which did not pass, seeming never to have been pushed or had any attention, and I concluded that was the source of the mistake. You will note the fact that the resolution in question is not indexed.

Now, as to the "merits of the case". The flag called for in the resolution is not at all satisfactory, as I feel confident the Legisla-

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ture will see. I was immediately impressed with this when I first saw the description of it in the "Banner" as aforesaid. This is true not only theoretically (with all respect to the designer of the flag) but by demonstration; for, although it has been five years since the passage of the resolution, no man, so far as I know, ever saw the flag float. This shows there is something wrong.

A flag should, in order to fulfill its real purpose, have the following characteristics: (1) It should be as simple and easily made as comports with a suggestive design. (2) It should be so designed that its details are discernible at a considerable distance. (3) Since a flag is a symbol and not a description by words, its effect is weakened by the use of the latter, and they should, as a rule, not be employed. (4) Finally, and of chief importance: It should be, in design, a suggestive symbol, not calling to mind the obtuse every-day interests of the people, but appealing to the poetry and sentiment of their natures.

I respectfully suggest that the former flag is lacking in each and all of the above. It could not be made, at least not neatly, by any except skilled workmen. What patriotic young Tennessean, with colors grasped in childish fingers could fashion that flag? Would it be a flag of the people?

At even a short distance, the lettering and figures would not be discernible. In a breeze, they would not be at all. The flag would then be meaningless.

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Again, unless there were a brisk breeze, one of the three colors would be all the time hidden in the folds, deadening the effect of those visible.

Taking the design as evidently intended, it is heavy - lacks the airy grace that a flag should have: three large sections, in general form, ^{substantially} the same, yet lacking the addition of symmetry, and with the super-added colors so chosen and arranged that they deaden each other: and if the wording of the act be followed literally, the two dark colors must go together with the white outside, or last, which would still further detract.

The wording is neither a motto nor a symbol. It is a name - one to be proud of, it is true, one that we should cherish; but one that we should keep before the world by deeds, and not by boastfully emblazoning it upon a flag - that is too much like singing our own praises to the world. The figures, like the other, are simply a statement of fact which already, and more appropriately, appears upon the arms of the State.

As to the first suggestion of the flag. Can you imagine a fourth of July orator waxing eloquent over the fact that the line between the mineral lands of East Tennessee and the more level lands of Middle Tennessee runs in a certain direction: or a patriotic song describing, or a Tennessee soldier dying to snatch from the enemy a flag, the meaning of which is to him that the geological formation of Middle Tennessee varies from that of West Tennessee?

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It is evident that such a flag has failed to appeal to the imaginations of the people of the State. How different with a flag that is a symbol - that has some poetry about it. For instance, who has not heard the Blue flag of Texas with its one star described as "the bonny blue flag that bears a single star"? It is thus known from ocean to ocean.

I do not wish to praise unduly the design I have submitted; but I simply suggest its qualities in contrast: The three pure, white stars, representing in their purity and chaste dignity the three grand divisions, arranged in perfect equality (with a different arrangement particularly provided against), indissolubly bound together by the true blue of unity and common purpose and common destiny (a section from the starry vault of a bright Tennessee evening); and surrounding all, the crimson, suggestive of a common protection and defense, and of the sacrifices of her sons.

The flag may not be perfect, but I am confident that it is a needed improvement. I do not mean to criticize unnecessarily the former effort. I admire the spirit which prompted its author - which showed him the need; but I think that the last will better accomplish his purpose. I would have asked you to introduce the act, even had I known of the resolution, and will now ask you to still give it your support and influence.

No repealing clause will be necessary. The act will, by implication, necessarily repeal the former; and besides, the former was only a resolution. To be sure of this, I have had the opinions of Messrs Wms. & Bowman.

Truly yours,

Leroy Reeves

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JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

Johnson City, Tennessee, Feb. 7, 1903.

The Editor of the Banner,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Mr. Editor:

I have read with much interest an article in the Banner of Wednesday last, which discusses my design for a Tennessee flag and gives certain suggestions and designs by others. What we all desire, of course, is not to insist each upon his own design, but to find what will be the most appropriate flag. If that suggested by me (and already introduced in the Legislature) can bear criticism, let it stand: otherwise let it give place to a better one. However, I perceive that the authors of the various designs suggested have fallen into certain errors that I have endeavored to avoid.

As suggested in the article mentioned, the object of such a flag is to represent the autonomy of the State and not its Federal relationship. For the latter purpose we already have one flag upon which each state is represented. If we undertake to design a flag as much as possible like the United States flag the primary object is not attained and the result is useless. Hence, beyond the use of the primary American colors, the State banner should be as little like the Federal flag as possible.

The same reasoning applies to the objectionable tendency to copy after foreign flags. Our object is not to reproduce with slight changes some foreign standard, but to adopt a symbol distinctly Tennesseean. Why copy the tri-color? It has, it is true, a history that should enshrine it forever in the hearts of all Frenchmen; but our banner is to emblemize Tennessee's statehood, and not to remind the world of the glories of "La France". Why copy any flag?

A flag practically like that of Cuba or the Philippines, as suggested by the fourth design, is out of the question. The first design much resembles that of the flag of Peru and could very well claim kinship with that which floats just across the Rio Grande. The second is susceptible to the same objection. All when hanging limp would more or less resemble foreign flags.

The rhomboid center fields do not appeal to one's sense of symmetry and proportion. As can be seen, all the designs are heavy and lack the airy grace that a banner should have.

As further stated in the article, the tendency is to do away with heraldic designs and is toward simplicity. The flag should mean something, but it should not be complex. Hence wording, or the State arms (as suggested), would be out of place upon the flag. To be the flag of the people it should be one that is easily made. The purest patriotism is that learned in childhood. Let the banner be such that the children may learn to love it while their untrained fingers fashion it. Let it be theirs in fact - not in theory.

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Further, there can be no harmonious arrangement of three small stars within the larger star - at least not without giving precedence in position to one star over the others or to one pair of stars over the remaining one, which should not be when the stars represent the grand divisions of the State. I took care to provide against this in drawing the bill ~~xxxx~~ for the introduction of my design.

As for my own design, it is as follows: A flag of red (bright crimson) with length ^{1 1/2}twice its width, ending in a bar of blue sepatated from the red by a narrow margin of white; in the center of the red, a circular field of blue, with width one-half that of the flag, and surrounded by a narrow margin of white. Inside the blue field, three large white stars, distributed regularly around the center, with a point of each star almost touching ^{a point of each of} the others at the center, and with the two outer points of each star almost touching the edge of the circular field.

The three stars represent the three sections of the State. They are bound together by the endless circle of the blue field, forming a uniform figure - the component parts of the indivisible whole, around which is the crimson - the solid field of statehood, suggesting still further its unity as well as the common protection; while the blue, contrasting bar marks its final limit.

Leroy Reeves.

ROBERT C. LUSK, First Lieutenant.

WILLIAM H. HODGES, Second Lieutenant.

Company F, Third Infantry,
National Guard, State of Tennessee,
Capt. LeRoy Reeves, Commanding,
Johnson City, Tennessee.

Jan. 7, 1905.

Hon. W. W. Faw,
House of Representatives,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

If you see proper, I would much appreciate it if you would cooperate with me in a little matter that is, I will admit, in great part only a matter of sentiment - the introduction and passage of a bill adopting an appropriate state flag for Tennessee. Now if for any reason you would prefer not - for fear of being considered a fadist or for other reason, do not hesitate to ~~xxxx~~ tell me so, and I assure you it will be all right. I do not propose to presume too far on your friendship.

For many years I have wanted to see an appropriate symbol for our old State. The "single star" of Texas, the blue flag of Virginia, the crimson emblem of Carolina have become history; yet on a thousand occasions when absent sons of Tennessee, in parades and other places would gladly show whence they are sprung, they have not a decent rag with which to do it. When on to-morrow the Tennessee societies of St. Louis and New York would celebrate Jackson day, they cannot even hang the flag of their State over their banquet tables.

Before the meeting of the last legislature, I gave the matter much study and designed a flag. I followed up every criticism of it and even now that an additional two years has elapsed, I have seen nothing that is an improvement on it.

There was an attempt in 1897 by resolution to provide a flag, but the best that can be said of that design is, that it shows someone was particicly enough to try. It might do for a geological map of the State, but not for a flag. I therefore drew up a bill covering my design and got Earnest Miller to introduce it. The design was well received, and a number of news-papers mentioned the idea approvingly; but the bill was introduced late, and only in one house, and was not much pushed, and of course Earnest belonged to the wrong party to have much influence about the matter. It was referred and "never came back". You probably remember seeing discussions of it at the time in the Banner and other papers.

I enclose two copies of the bill, with designs of the flag, and a newspaper clipping explaining the flag and showing its necessity. If you see proper to introduce one in the House and ask some friend in the Senate to introduce one there, I would appreciate it. If same goes before some committee, I of course stand ready - in so far as I can do so by writing, to defend the design &c. I could, if desired, furnish such committee with clippings giving criticisms (with illustrations) of the design, and of my reply at length to same, cut from "Banner". Would much like to see old Tennessee have an impressive, symbolical flag.

Our senator being a republican, I have not mentioned matter to him. Kindly preserve clippings ^{and copies of bill} in case you prefer not to act.

Truly yours,

LeRoy Reeves

A number of other letters between this and that of April 18, 1905



Senate Chamber

Nashville, Tenn. Jan 9, 1905

LeRoy Reeves, Esq.
Johnson City.

My dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter calling my attention to Bill Reed to our mutual friend Fawc.

I shall be glad to aid Mr. Fawc,
Yours truly,
J. D. Cox

Had written him saying had sent W. W. Fawc for introduction,
bill for State flag,



House of Representatives,

Nashville, Tenn. July 11 1905

Capt. Leroy Reeves
Johnson City, Tenn

Dear Roy;

Your letter, enclosing bill & concerning state flag, has been received. I have not had an opportunity since receiving the bill yesterday to examine it, but from the little knowledge I have of the subject, it will give me pleasure to introduce the bill and endeavor to secure its passage.

I assure you of my desire to do anything I can to serve you, when I see no objection to the legislation, and knowing you as I do, I do not think it probable that you will propose anything objectionable. With best wishes I remain,
Your friend
W. H. Fawcett

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Nashville, Tenn. Mch 7, 1905

Capt LeRoy Reeves

Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Roy:

Your of the 4th inst
received. I will take pleasure
in introducing your vice
for a state flag, and will
do so tomorrow or next day.

My failure to do so before
the recess was occasioned
by an effort I made to interest
the Adjt Genl in the matter
and awaiting a "convenient"
opportunity to take the matter
up with him and study it
a little. I will not wait
longer, but will introduce

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its passage.

With best wishes I am

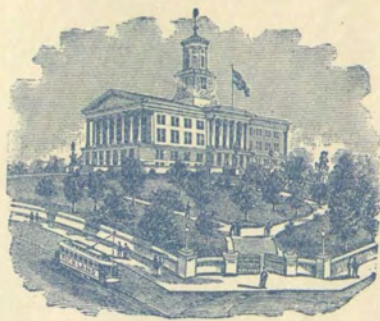
Very truly, Your friend
J. H. H. H.

Bill introduced Wednesday March 8, '03, in House
On Thurs I wrote letters urging support of it to

- Gen. N. H. Kammal
- Col. H. C. Alexander
- Sen. Jas. D. Cox, Chairman Senate
- Mc. Laurin Chairman Sen Com on Mil af.
- Callix " " " " " "
- Sen. J. A. Wilson of Wash Co.

and acknowledged the letter of Mr. Hens, & suggested
introduction also in Senate.

Some bill as one introduced in House in 1903, by Rep.
L. C. Miller, at my request, but never came to
final vote.



Senate Chamber

Nashville, Tenn. March 25, 1905.

Mr. LeRoy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your favor of recent date with reference to the adoption of a State Flag, I beg to say that I think your suggestions are good, and have referred your letter to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, Mr. Rufus H. McLaurine.

If I can serve you further, please command me.

Yours very truly,

J. I. Cox

New Government
(April 1, 1905)
Wrote McLaurine
also saw
today

OFFICE OF THE PUBLISHER

MEMPHIS NEWS-SCIMITAR

March 29, 1905.

Mr. LeRoy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

The exacting demands of the News-Scimitar have kept me in Memphis since the reconvenement of the legislature. I do not know that I will be able to get back to the legislature before it adjourns. If I do it will be announced in the News-Scimitar and I would be glad to have you call my attention again to your matter.

I hope you feel as I do, that in pushing the success of the News-Scimitar I am working in the public interest in probably a larger field than my one vote would count in the state senate.

Yours truly,

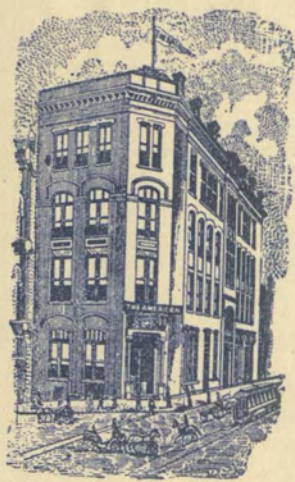
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*Had requested him to support my bill
(New bill) for Tennessee State flag.*

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Le Roy Reeves,

Johnson City, Dear Sir: I will do what
I can on the flag matter, but I fear the
rush of business is so great now at the
tail of the session that the chances for
success are not favorable.

Very truly,

Wm J Ewing,
Ed American



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Apr. 8, 1905.

Le Roy Reeves, Esq.,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

I am to-day in receipt of several cuts of the Tennessee State Flag, designed by you, which, I assume from the envelope, were sent by you. On behalf of the Society I thank you for remembering us, and will file same with ~~our~~ records. We may make use of the design in decorations for some of our Society functions.

Again thanking you for remembering us, I am,

Very truly,

Nelson Thomas.

Secretary.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
State of Tennessee
HARVEY H. HANNAH, ADJUTANT GENERAL
HARVEY C. ALEXANDER, ASST. ADJT. GENERAL

NASHVILLE April, 10, 1905.

Capt. LeRoy Reeves,

Johnson City, Tenn.,

My Dear Captain:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st inst, relative to your Flag Bill and the poll tax matter. With reference to the flag will say, that I have discussed the matter with several members of the Assembly, but am unable to give you the concensus of ^{opinion.} information. Our present State Flag, which was adopted by a joint resolution of the General Assembly, April, 30th, 1897, which resolution appears on page 769 of the Acts of 1897, was designed by Col. Smith, who was Commander of the 1st, Tennessee, and died in the Philippines. This resolution does not appear in the index of the Acts, and there is considerable sentiment in ~~the~~ favor of retaining this flag in memory of Col. Smith, but I do not know what will be done.

In regard to the poll tax will say, that General Hannah, discussed the matter with the Attorney General, and while he did not express an opinion, Gen. Hannah, was of the opinion that he would decide against us, and so permitted the matter to drop. It is highly probable that under the Constitution of Tennessee, militiamen cannot be exempted

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NASHVILLE April, 10, 1905.

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from poll taxes, though this has never been settled, and we are endeavoring to have a clause placed in the assessment bill, which will exempt Militiamen in accordance with provisions of the Act of 97. Conditions are ~~is~~ such that we have been unable to insist on much legislation for the National Guard.

Hoping to see you soon, and with best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

H. C. Alexander

Assistant Adjutant General.

H.C.A.

Company F, Third Infantry,
National Guard, State of Tennessee,
Capt. LeRoy Reeves, Commanding.
Johnson City, Tennessee.

April 18, 1905.

Hon. W. W. Faw,
Franklin, Tennessee,

My dear Sir:

Last night at 8:30, just as the drill of "Company F" was ending, I received your telegram, "Congratulations. Flag bill has passed". It was to me certainly a welcome message as I had entirely given up hope. It is true that a flag for Tennessee is not a necessity - only a sentiment, a rallying ground for pride in and love for our State, but I had been interested in the project so long that it was hard to reconcile myself to defeat of the measure.

I realize how much credit is due you, and to Senators McLaurine and Winkle who supported you, for success; for while I was doing all I could, I could have accomplished nothing but for your co-operation, not only officially but with your personal influence. Who knows but that, a hundred years hence, when measures that unquestionably are of more immediate importance are forgotten, when in some great crisis a wave of sentiment inspired by the "crimson flag with its triune star" has turned the tide toward victory, your great-grandchildren may be proud to remember you as the one who made it possible for the idea to become a reality?

The telegram as to your own matter has gone, signed by all members of the Johnson City Bar and some visitors from Jonesboro and Elizabethton. We are for you.

Your friend,

LeRoy Reeves

Company F, Third Infantry,
National Guard, State of Tennessee,
Capt. LeRoy Reeves, Commanding.
Johnson City, Tennessee.

April 19, 1905.

Gentlemen:

I have interested myself in the adoption of an official flag for Tennessee. A bill drawn by me, covering my design, and introduced by friends in the session of the Tennessee Legislature just closed, became a law on April 17, last.

As you may probably be called upon in the future to supply such flags; or it may be that you will supply badges, or flags for decoration, for the Tennessee division and headquarters of Confederate Veterans, for the reunion at Louisville on June next, I hand you herewith black & white cut of the flag, copy of the bill showing dimensions, and samples of the proper shades of red and blue that should be used, which latter should be the same as in the well known confederate battle-flag.

The proper proportions of some proper sizes would be (in inches):

Breadth 6:	length 10:	bl. bar 5/8:	w. stripes 1/8:	bl. field 3:
12	20	1 1/4	1/4	6
9 3/5	16	1	1/5	4 4/5
24	40	2 1/2	1/2	12
36	60	3 3/4	3/4	18
6ft.	10ft.	7 1/2 in.	1 1/2 in.	3ft.

I desire to inquire:

What would be the cost of the 9 3/5X16 and 12X20 sizes, in silk, in lot of only 2 or 3?

Of the 12X20 and 24X40, in the ordinary solid piece, stamped color cheese cloth or thin bunting, such as is ordinarily used for decoration flags, in lots of 6 or 12?

Of the 24X40, 36X60 and 6ft.X10ft., in good bunting with stars sewed on &c.?

Very truly,

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LeRoy Reeves
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Nashville, Tenn.

April 21, 1905

Capt. Leroy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 20th at hand in reference to the State flag. We have read it with much interest, and will get out one as soon as we well can. We are so rushed with color work right now, however, that nothing of the kind can be touched. I doubt very much our ability to get it out in time for the Louisville Reunion.

Thank you very much for writing us and giving us the information.

Very truly,

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Capt. Le Roy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your favor of 19th covering design for Tennessee Flag. Would be pleased to furnish Silk Flags-

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April 23, 1905.

The M. C. Lilley & Co.,
Columbus, Ohio,

Gentlemen:

I have at hand your communication of 4/22, referring to my former one of April 19 with reference to the design of the Tennessee flag, and enclosing description &c.

You quote me Tennessee flag in bunting, as follows:

36 X 60 in., \$1.50.
6 X 10 ft., 6.00.

At this rate, I presume that a 5 X 8 1/3 ft flag would be about \$4.00.

Please manufacture me two of said flags, sizes as follows:

36 X 60 in., \$1.50.
5 X 8 1/3ft. 4.00

Total, \$5.50.

Please make strictly regulation, using the shades of color and proportions heretofore sent you. The proportions will be:

Breadth, 36; length, 60; diam. bl. fld, 18; width bl. bar, 3 3/4; wd. wt. stars ^{3/4}
5ft 8-4 2-6. 6 1/4w 1 1/4

Please see that the three stars are of the size and of the arrangement not only with the center but relative to the sides of the flag, as called for in the "Act" of which I sent copy, and which is fairly well shown in the printed cut I sent.

XXXXXXXXXXXX See that the final blue bar and the narrow white stripes are the required width, that is that they fully net the required width after any loss in seams &c.

I understand your quotations to be for good, sewed flag, with stars sewed on both sides &c.

If by making first and mailing to me, I could receive the smaller flag by Apr. May 1st, please do so.

Very truly,



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Apr. 24th, 1905.

Captain Le Roy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of April 27th, enclosing colored drawing of the statutory banner of our State. Have submitted same to the President, and am directed to inform you that the correspondence will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the next meeting, and some steps will doubtless be taken for the acquisition of some of the flags for use at our meetings and Banquets. It is also probable that we will have the flag embossed upon our stationery.

Again thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I am,

Very truly,

Nelson Thomas
Secretary.

THOS. D. MORRIS
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April 27, 1905

Capt. Leroy Reeves,

Johnson City, Tenn.

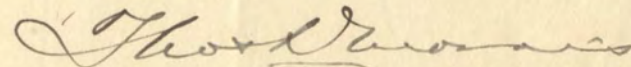
Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of April 25th with regard to new state flag:-

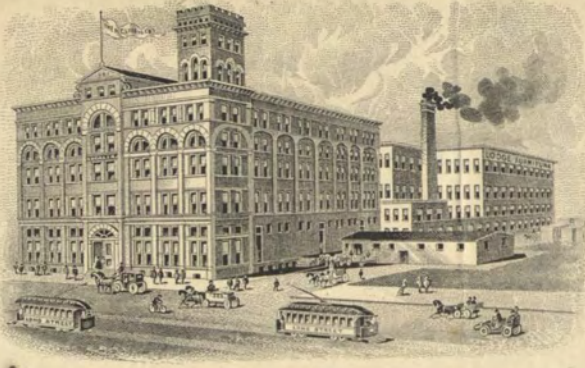
I think the flag is very pretty indeed, and of course we shall do everything we can to help bring it into general use. I shall lay the matter before our President, and the Manager of our supply store, and hope that we shall be able to distribute a number of them among the students at once.

It has been our custom to have the emblem of the state hung in our public hall, and we shall secure one of the new flags for this purpose as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



Bursar.



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Columbus, O. Apr. 28/05

Please mark your reply (not the envelope)
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and refer to the date of this letter.

Capt. Leroy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.,

Dear Sir :--

We are in receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst., enclosing check for \$5.50, which we have placed to your credit, and for which please accept our thanks. Also accept our thanks for your order for flags. We regret to state that we will not be able to ship the smaller size, so it will reach you by May 1st. but we will send just as quickly as possible. We will take special care in filling the order, and hope that you will be greatly pleased.

Would you be kind enough to send us two more copies of the circular illustrating the flag?

Very truly yours,
The M.C. Lilley & Co.,
per H.



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Columbus, O. 5/22/05

Please mark your reply (not the envelope)
For **Military** Dep't.
and refer to the date of this letter.

Capt. LeRoy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Responding to your postal of the 18th instant, beg to say that the flags were shipped on the 20th and no doubt you will receive them today.

Trusting that you will find them satisfactory and that we will be favored with all of your future orders, we remain,

Yours very truly,
The M.C. Lilley & Co.,
per H.

M.R.K.

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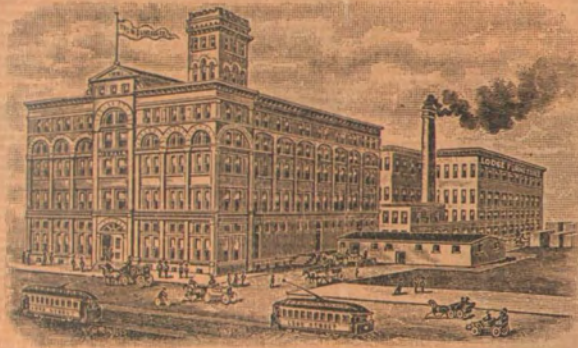
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NASHVILLE May, 24th, 1905.

Capt. LeRoy Reeves,

Johnson City, Tenn.;

My Dear Captain:-

Your letter informing me of your sending the flag, just received, and also the flag by Express today.

I take this my first opportunity to acknowledge receipt of same and to express to you my sincerest appreciation and thanks, and shall in accordance with your wishes have the flag among the decorations in the House of Representatives, for the Military Ball, and will keep it in our Office for the purpose of floating the same on notable occasions.

I am very much pleased with the design, and if the name "Volunteer State", could have been woven into it somewhere I think it would have been one of the handsomest flags in the Union. However, it is a beauty and you deserve great credit, not only for your artistic conception, but for the patriotism and love for the old State in securing it a suitable emblem, for the former flag was a crazy quilt affair, and from an artistic standpoint it resembled the gaudy sign of a Barber Shop.

I wish that quite a number of the flags that are scattered throughout the State that the people might become

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acquainted with them and in that way become attached to their own State colors.

Again thaning you and with best wishes for your splendid Company, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Harvey H. Hannah
Adjutant General.

H.H.H.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
State of Tennessee
NASHVILLE.

May 24, 1905.

LeRoy Reeves Esq.,

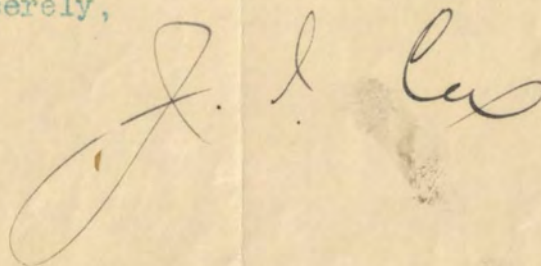
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter notifying me that you have forwarded by Southern Express to Gen. Hannah a flag of the design lately adopted.

I am, indeed, pleased to see the interest you have taken in the State flag, and think you deserve a great deal of credit for same. I assure you it will be my pleasure to do anything with the Military Department that I can to make this flag prominent in our military affairs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. I. Cas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
State of Tennessee
NASHVILLE.

April 13, 1907.

Mr. LeRoy Reeves,
Hotel Munn,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:--

I thank you very much for the embossed engravings of the official State flag, which you sent me; also for the kind words contained in your letter.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Malcolm R. Patterson
Governor.

#438, S. Olive St.,

June 8, 1907.

The Commanding Officer of the
Cruiser Tennessee
Care Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

Prior to the last session but one of the Legislature of Tennessee, I set on foot a movement for a Tennessee State flag; and at said session the Legislature enacted a law providing for one, according to my design.

Thinking that same might be of interest to you or other officers of the Tennessee (particularly if any of them should be Tennesseans) I have taken the liberty to forward to you accompanying this communication some engravings of same in colors.

As you may know, the State is divided into three political (as well as natural) divisions, this being the significance of the three stars appearing on the flag.

The red field should be of a slightly more crimson shade than in the engravings.

Very respectfully,

(Of Johnson City, Tennessee.)

July 27, 1908.

Gen. Tully Brown,
Adjutant General,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

Believing that, like myself, you are one of those who take particular pride in the history of Tennessee as a state, I beg leave, as a propos of our conversation at Chickamauga, to call your attention to the following:

The Legislature, in 1905, by due enactment, gave us a flag for Tennessee. I worked to this end, not because I favored any particular design especially, but because I wanted to see the Volunteer State (as have most of the southern states, some of them for a hundred years past) have a state flag, symbolical of her entity as a state and of her wonderful history. Irrespective of desirability as to design, the flag just mentioned stands, by the law of the land, as the symbol of her sovereignty, the emblem of the common bond of her two millions of people. Notwithstanding this, the emblem has, heretofore, been ignored, so far as I know, by the State officials. If the flag has ever been hoisted over or at the capitol, where of all places it should be used, I know nothing of it; and this notwithstanding a flag was once donated (during the incumbency of Gen. Hannah) for the purpose. As you no doubt noticed last week at Chickamauga, while, during the review, the Georgia and Carolina Regiments carried side by side with the national emblem their symbols of statehood, our two fine regiments had no mark that would indicate, ten paces away, that they were Tennesseans.

I believe you will agree with me that we should use the State flag; and where first if not among her soldiery? You must, too, have noticed that the two regimental standards, particularly that of the Third Rgt., are tattered and frayed and would bear replacing.

I therefore respectfully suggest that there be included among the armory supplies enough Tennessee flags to furnish one to each regimental and battalion headquarters, and if possible to each company. I suggest that there be furnished to each regimental headquarters, for regimental flag, a 3-ft x 5ft silk, gold fringed Tenn. flag, lettered respectively on the lower right hand corner, 3d Inft. Rgt. and 1st Inft. Rgt.

To this end, I take the liberty to enclose a memorandum showing proportionate measurements of various sizes of flags, as a guide for manufacturer. I have, heretofore purchased from The M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus Ohio, Tenn. flags, at the following prices:

12 x 20 inch, silk, - -	\$1.40
36 x 60 " bunting	1.50
60 x 100 " "	4.50

No doubt, in lots, a much better price could be obtained.

I will appreciate it if the above receives your serious consideration. My motive in the matter now, as in what I have done in the past in the matter, is solely my pride in my state and my desire to see a love of her educated into the oncoming generation.

Respectfully,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
State of Tennessee
TULLY BROWN ADJUTANT GENERAL
HARVEY C. ALEXANDER ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL
NASHVILLE

July 29, 1908.

Mr. LeRoy Reeves,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of July 27th, with reference to Tennessee State flag, and your remarks and suggestions thereon ~~has~~ been received.

I partake very much of your views in this matter, and I agree with you that our Military organizations, at least the Regimental and Battalion formations, should have a State flag. I ~~some how or other~~ think the flag for the State ought to some way indicate that it represents Tennessee, and while the present flag is a very pretty flag, it needs too much explanation. But that is a matter I won't speak of now, but sometime we will talk to the Governor about this matter and see what can be done about it. I think he would take an interest in it.

I was very glad to get your communication and have the matter brought thus to my attention.

Very respectfully,

Tully Brown
Adjutant General.

TB.

Aug. 17, 1902.

Tenn. State Fair Assoc'n.,
Hon. J. W. Russwurm, Mgr.,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

As you are perhaps aware, the Legislature, by law enacted in 1905, provided for a Tennessee State flag. Since, as a matter of state pride, we should do what we can to bring same into prominent use, I beg to suggest that your Association make use of said flag for decoration purposes, where proper, in the approaching fair. To this end, I enclose herewith print embossed in colors together with specifications and measurements for regulation flag, in case you should wish to have some made.

My interest in the matter is purely patriotic.

Very truly,

August 19, 1908.

Hon. J. W. Russum, Secy.,
Tenn. State Fair Assn.,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

I have at hand your favor of the 18th with reference to the Tenn. State flag.

The embossed cut I sent you was reproduced from a die used by the Tennessee Society of St. Louis for its programme and menu card at one of its annual banquets some time back. The work was done by the Woodward Tiernan Printing Co. of St. Louis. By special permission of the Society, through its secretary, Hon. Nelson Thomas, Rialto Bldg., I had the said printers to make me some copies of the flag from the said die. The prices they made me were \$10.00 for 150; \$12.50 for 250.

For flags of good hunting, the H. C. Lilley & Co. of Columbus Ohio have charged me as follows:

36	x	60 in.	\$1.50.
60	x	100 "	4.00.

They also quoted:

24	x	40	1.25.
72	x	120	6.00.

In lots these could, I presume, be had much cheaper, and the thin, printed, muslin decoration flag at rates cheaper still.

I also furnished description of flag to Pettibone Mfg. Co. of Cincinnati, and to Cincinnati Regalia Co., Cincinnati.

The letter head you mention, showing the State flag in colors, either alone or in combination with the U. S. flag would be very appropriate. This work could be done by any reliable printing or embossing firm of this city, according as you might wish same embossed or only printed. The Brandon Printing Co. or the Davie Printing Co. could, I am confident, do the subject justice.

I was lately talking with the proprietor of the Davie Printing Co. (339, 4th Ave. N.) He seemed interested in the State flag and was talking of ordering a supply of the decoration flags for local sale. I furnished him with description of the flag. I phoned him a few minutes ago and he told me that he was in touch with some good companies who make the decoration flags and could take orders for same; and further that he could take an order for printing or embossing of the design.

I thank you for your interest in our flag. Hope same can soon be brought into general use. Any time I can further assist, write or phone me.

Very truly,

with mark

Oct. 8, 1908.

Mr. Ross Wynn,
207, Ala. Ave.,
Nashville, Tenn.,

Dear Sir:

I take your address from the city directory. I presume that you are the same Mr. Wynn whose letter appears today in the American, discussing the fact that, though Tennessee has a state flag, it has not been put in use as it should be.

I designed the present Tennessee flag and originated the movement for its adoption. By the kind assistance of friends who were then in the Legislature, the act adopting it was passed by the Legislature of 1905 and appears in the printed acts of that year. I hand you herewith a print in colors of said flag, the three stars of same being to represent the three grand divisions of the State.

I have, since the adoption of the flag, written many letters and sent descriptions of the flag to various official organizations that should be interested in the matter, to State officials, news-papers &c., trying to get the flag brought unto more common use, but without very much success.

At the Chickamauga maneuvers, this spring, troops from other states proudly carried their state colors. Those from Tennessee did not. As you state, at our state fair just closed, the flag of the State was conspicuous for its absence. There is, or should be, at the Capitol an eight foot flag that I bought and sent there, but it seems never to be displayed.

I thank you for your letter, which was to the point. I will be glad if you will use what influence you can to have our state symbol more widely known and used. It should be flown from the City Hall, the County court-house and the Capitol. Why does not the Governor direct its use at the latter place?

The pride that the various states around us take in their state flags is proverbial. Why should Tennesseans be less patriotic?

Truly yours,

W. Nashville, Tenn.,
Oct. 16, 1908

Lee Roy Reeves, Esq.,

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your valued favor of Oct. 8. I thank you for the compliment you have paid me both in writing as you have and in sending me the print of the Tennessee flag. I am very pleased to make the acquaintance of the designer of the flag, and I congratulate you on that distinguished honor.

I am a Tennessean only by adoption, being a native of Texas.

Your design for

Tennessee's flag is both artistic and beautifully symbolic. That it should fail of recognition by our people is certainly surprising as well as disappointing. However, I do not doubt that it will in time come into general use. The people are as yet in ignorance of its existence.

I am going to bring its use to the attention of our Mayor and the Governor, not that I am egotistic enough to think I have the

least personal influence,
but because often a mere
suggestion can accomplish
much.

I am very glad
to have been honored
with your attention; and
thanking you again therefor,
I am,

Very truly yours,
Ross Winn
4608 Indiana Ave.

January 30, 1909.

Hon. W. L. Sawyer,
Supt. of Capitol,
Nashville, Tenn.,

Dear Sir:

With reference to the joint resolution just passed by the Legislature, directing the use of the State flag upon the Capitol and requesting you to purchase two 6 x 10 ft. Tennessee State flags for this purpose at a cost of not exceeding \$13.00, I beg to give you the following information, which may be of service to you:

After the passage of the act for the flag in 1905, I obtained a schedule of prices for good bunting flags, regulation made, from The M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, some of which were as follows; *and from which I have since made purchases*

6 ft.	x	10 ft.,	-	\$6.00 each.
5 "	"	8 1/3	-	4.00 "
3 "	"	5	-	1.50 "
2 "	"	3 1/3	-	1.25 "

You could, if you desire, refer to their letter to me of date 4/22, '05.

This company has on file all necessary description for making Tennessee flags.

You will note that the appropriation, \$13.00, leaves a margin of \$1.00, which will easily cover all expressage.

Very truly,

Feb. 6, 1909.

The M. C. Lilley & Co.
Columbus, Ohio,

Gentlemen:

On April 19, 1905, I wrote from Johnson City, Tenn., informing you that a Tennessee State flag had been adopted for the State of Tennessee, and giving you description of same.

On April 22, 1905, you replied, giving me prices for various sizes of said flags, among others quoting good bunting flags as follows:

3 ft. by 5 ft., each \$1.50
6 " " 10 " " 6.00.

A few days ago, the Legislature, now in session, passed a joint resolution directing that the Supt. of Capitol fly said flag from the dome of the Capitol, and that for this purpose he purchase two 6 ft. by 10 ft. flags.

As I was to some extent responsible for the introduction of said resolution, the Supt. of Capitol has suggested to me that because of the height of said dome, the size of flag provided is too small, and further that an ordinary bunting flag whips out very soon up there, and that we should provide accordingly.

Will you kindly give me therefore at your earliest convenience the following information:

Are you prepared to make a flag stronger and more durable than the ordinary good bunting flag - something reinforced and strengthened in some way?

Kindly quote prices of standard Tennessee state flags as follows:

12 ft. x 20 ft. of good standard bunting.
" " " made extra strong and durable as above.

Kindly make your figures as close as possible, as I am trying to work to the end of bringing the flag into general use more than heretofore.

Very truly,



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Columbus, Feb/10/09

(Military Dept.,)

Mr. LeRoy Reeves,
Vanderbilt Bldg.,
Nashville, Tenn.,

Dear Sir :-

Your letter of the 6th inst., received, and we are very glad to hear from you again. We will furnish two Tennessee State Flags, for the Capitol, size 12 X 20 feet, made of the best quality double warp bunting, first class workmanship and reinforced, \$20.00 net each.

We regret to state that there is nothing we can offer that will give any better satisfaction than bunting. It is very true that the flags whip out in a very short time. They will do this no matter what the material may be if the wind is strong enough. The Government uses bunting for their flags, and if there was anything better, or anything better could be made, they certainly would have it.

Trusting that we shall have the pleasure of furnishing the flags, and again thanking you, we remain,

Very truly yours,
The M.C. Lilley & Co.,
Per Haller.

P.S:)-

Should you order kindly give us full specifications, as to width of stripes, etc.,

*Memo
Sen. Sells helped
pass bill
he had left committee
Monday*

Feb. 12, 1909.

Senator S. R. Sells,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

The Supt. of Capitol called me up about the flag matter, saying that the size directed was too small to show up well on the Capitol, and suggested that the size be made 12 x 20. I therefore secured the passage through the House of a second resolution, House Joint No. 22, in accordance with above, a copy of which resolution I enclose.

This resolution went over to the Senate this morning - a day sooner than I expected, and as I had therefore not arranged to have it taken care of, it was referred to Committee on W., M. & Finance, Sen. Fisher, Chmn. (as I am informed.)

If you see proper and the rules permit, I would thank you to call the matter up; otherwise I will do what I can to get it reported at once and would appreciate it if you would take care of it for me. Do not suppose there will be any opposition, but I will speak to some of the senators.

I received a letter to-day from M. C. Lilley and Co. with information that they will make these flags, first class, at \$20.00 each, net, which will make total cost about \$41.00. The resolution provides not exceeding \$50.00

Very truly,

February 15, 1909.

Senator J. N. Fisher,
Chmn. Finance, W. & M. Com.,
Senate Chamber, Nashville,

Dear Sir:

Referring to my conversation with you on Saturday last with reference to House Joint Resolution #22, as to Tenn. flags, now before your Committee, I beg to say:

House Joint Res. #13 directed the purchase of two flags for use on Capitol, 6 ft. x 10 ft., at cost of not exceeding \$13.00. This has been passed and signed by the Governor.

The Supt. of Capitol objected that the size was too small to look well on the tall Capitol tower. For this reason, the above House Joint Res. #22 was introduced, passed the House and came to your Committee. It provides that said flags shall be 12 ft. x 20 ft. in size and shall cost not more than \$50.00 *for both*

I have lately received from the H. C. Lilley & Co. a quotation for said flags of first class material and workmanship, of \$20.00 each, net, which would make the total cost about \$41.00, which I am satisfied is a close figure, and which information I will give the Supt. of Capitol.

I would appreciate an early and favorable report on said Joint Resolution, it being a patriotic measure that will, I hope, appeal to all Tennesseans.

Very truly,

Act 1908, p. 1098

LE ROY REEVES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
VANDERBILT BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Copy

March 8, 1909.

Hon. W. L. Sawyer,
Supt. of Capitol,
Nashville, Tenn.,

Dear Sir:

You have probably noticed the passage by the Legislature of House joint Resolution No. 22, changing the size of the two Tennessee State flags authorized by the former resolution No. 13 to 12 x 20 feet and raising the appropriation for purchase of same to \$50.00; this to conform to the objection you made to me as to the former size being too small.

I have a letter from The M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, (Military Department), in which they say: (Feb. 10, '09.):

"We will furnish two Tennessee State Flags, for the Capitol, size 12 x 20 feet, made of the best quality double warp bunting, first class workmanship and reinforced, \$20.00 net each."

I think you will find these people entirely reliable.

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a cut of the flag and memoranda for the given size, 12 x 20 ft., which may be of assistance in ordering.

I believe it would be well, before forwarding memoranda, to change the specification of width of final blue bar from 15 inches as it there appears to 16 inches, as I have found that the heavy seams detract from width of bar to considerable extent.

Very truly,

LeRoy Reeves

copy *(Nashville)*
June 22, 1909.

Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson,
Governor of Tennessee,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

In 1905, by law duly enacted, a state flag was provided for Tennessee. I took some part in this movement, actuated by a desire that I had from boyhood, to see our State have a flag as have the other southern states. You may remember that I sent you from California, in 1907, some prints in colors of the flag.

For some reason the State officials have uniformly failed to use or recognize the State flag. In one department I have heard objection to its design. This design was arrived at after a careful study of the various state flags and of flags in general. I have lately seen a calendar gotten out by an insurance company displaying the flags of all the southern states, and I think our flag compares favorably with any of them. But be this as it may, this flag is the flag of the state, the emblem of the unity of our Commonwealth, and should receive recognition accordingly.

By House Joint Res. #13, the last Legislature directed that the State flag be flown from the Capitol tower on holidays and when the Legislature is in session. The Supt. of Capitol having objected that the size provided was too small, House Joint Res. #22 was passed, increasing the size of the flags provided and the amount of the expenditure to be made for this purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State flag has never at any time been displayed from the Capitol, and so far as I know no steps have ever been taken to provide the twd ordered for this purpose by the resolutions aforesaid.

I have been told that the flag of Texas is habitually flown from her capitol. Last summer I took part in the encampment at Chickamauga Park. In the final review the North Carolina and Georgia troops proudly carried their state colors. Ours did not. Should not our officials give proper recognition to our flag, beginning with its use as aforesaid on proper occasions upon the Capitol?

Very truly,

LeRoy Reeves

Reeves

State of Tennessee
Department of State
NASHVILLE

HALLUM W. GOODLOE, SECRETARY
JOHN E. SHELTON, CHIEF CLERK

March, 9th, 1911.

Captain Leroy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tennessee.
Dear Sir:-

If you have any fac-similes of the Tennessee State Flag, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me one copy. The Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution are desirous of having the State flag put on the back of their state year book, and I have been unable to locate anything that the printers could use as a model for the reproduction. If you cannot supply me with the flag, please let me know where it was printed, so that I may apply there for the cuts.

Yours very truly,

Hallum W. Goodloe
Secretary of State.

Mar. 15, 1911.

Hon. Hallam W. Goodloe,
Secretary of State,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

As per your favor of recent date, I forwarded
to you on yesterday ^{by mail} an embossed print, in colors, of the
Tennessee flag. The shade of red in this is not as deep
as it should be - it should be the deep shade of the
Confederate battle-flag.

The die from which this print is made is in the pos-
session of the Woodman-Tierman Printing Co. of St. Louis,
Mo., being the property of the Tennessee Society of St.
Louis, the secretary of which (whose name right now slips
my name the permission to have brass made from it
and would no doubt be glad to grant you the same privilege.

Truly yours,

State of Tennessee
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March 18, 1911.

HALLUM W. GOODLOE, SECRETARY
JOHN E. SHELTON, CHIEF CLERK

Captain LeRoy Reeves,
Johnson City, Tennessee.
Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 15th instant, duly received. I also received the embossed print of the Tennessee Flag for which I thank you. I am having a cut of it made and will have a number of prints made from it. I am glad you called my attention to the coloring so that I can get it correct. If you have any other suggestions to make as to coloring, or proportions or dimensions, I should be glad to hear from you. I decided to have the cut made so that it would be convenient at any time to secure copies.

Yours very truly,

Hallum W. Goodloe
Secretary of State.

Recd
Apr 16, '11

I think my printers have
the red field as much too
dark as yours had it too
light. What do you think?

Truly
Hallam W. Gooding

April 19, 1911.

Hon. Hallum W. Goodlow,
Secretary of State,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note enclosing proof of proposed print showing the Tennessee state flag in colors with copy of act adopting same, for which I thank you.

I agree with you that the shade of red used in same is too dark. I am enclosing a sample of the proper shade. I further suggest that if the final arrangement is to be in one single sheet, like the proof, the repetition (just above copy of act) of words "Tennessee State Flag" be omitted, and the fine print below pushed up close under the words "Adopted April 17, 1905", which will considerably shorten and make more compact the print. However, the reproduction of the flag and other details are quite nice. I am glad you are getting this out, as it will assist to bring the flag into use. If you should, later, see proper to send me two or three copies, I would like to have them.

I thank you for the reference to myself in the matter. However I must say that out for the support of Gen. Fawcett, Judge Winkle and Senator McLaurin, then in the Legislature, ~~the first two having~~ *who* introduced my bill for me, I could not, in all probability have procured its passage.

Truly yours,

Aug. 26, 1911.

Hon. Geo. T. Renfro,
Superintendent of Capitol,
Nashville, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

On May 1st I forwarded to you, as per previous conversation with you and Hon. Mr. Goodloe, memorandum for the making of Tennessee state flags for use on the Capitol. I have since seen an article in the Banner to the effect that the state flag would be put into use on the Capitol, as per H. J. Resolutions 13 and 23, 1907, but have heard nothing further as to ~~their~~^{its} being put into use. Simply as a matter of patriotism, # I beg to express the hope that it will not be long until we will see our state flag thus displayed, ut having now been more than six years since its adoption by the State.

Thanking you for past kind consideration of this matter, I remain,

Very truly,

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SAM F. BREWSTER, COMMISSIONER

Nashville

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TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN RETAILING THE TENNESSEE STATE FLAG

Gentlemen:

It appears that the people of Tennessee should make a wider use of the Tennessee State Flag, which is the symbol of Patriotism and State Pride. Hitherto, little or nothing has been undertaken to cultivate a respect for our State Flag and that for which it stands.

Without question the Tennessee State Flag should be owned and displayed by the schools of the State, by the various Civic Clubs of the State, as well as by individuals.

The Division of State Information, in the Department of Conservation, is launching a campaign to popularize the use of the State Flag as a means of reviving and conserving the noble qualities of respect and veneration for the past and a pride in the States present progress.

Will you, as a dealer, provide a small stock of flags, keep one on display and talk up, insofar as possible, the matter of new loyalty to our State and a new respect for our State Flag which is the one common symbol of all that is fine and worthwhile within our Commonwealth.

Trusting that you may succeed with this campaign in your own community, I am

Most cordially yours,

Willis B. Boyd, Director
Division State Information
Department of Conservation

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"Acuone"
Johnson City, Tenn.,
March 12, 1946.

Handwritten note:
Booklet sent to
Col. Reeves

Col. Lee Roy Reeves,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Col. Reeves:

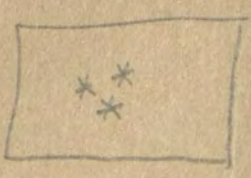
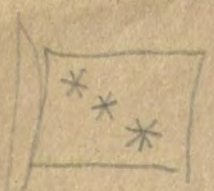
I have been writing the arrival of the Boone Booklet before writing you. I promptly sent to the Mayne Williams Library your letter calling attention to the failure of the Librarian to acknowledge receipt of another copy of the same booklet, stating that a horde of members of the families treated of live in this immediate region. I trust that the Library's copy has not miscarried or been lost.

The enclosure will demonstrate that more and more the State Flag is being used by State authorities as an emblem. I shall send a duplicate to Judge Faw. By the way, the Judge has had a very hard winter, many painful diseases besetting him.

With cordial best wishes, I am,
ever and

Truly,

Samuel C. Williams



Dear Mr Reeves.

I am certain that
 there was an act
 creating a statute that
 passed. I think it
 was passed by the
 Legislature of 1897. But
 like you I have been unable
 to find it in the
 published acts.

Yours very truly
 Richard H. Manning

Editor "Query Box"
 Banner, Nashville.