

Governor, Power to Appoint Stock Inspectors.

The governor has no power or authority to appoint stock inspectors under the law, such authority being conferred exclusively upon the state board of stock commissioners.

Helena, Montana, July 16, 1908.

Hon. Edwin L. Norris,
Governor,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

I received your favor of the 29th inst. enclosing letter dated at Miles City, Montana, June 25th, 1908, and signed by H. R. Wells, Secretary Montana Stock Growers' Association. In your letter you make inquiry as to whether or not it is within the power of the governor to confer upon certain inspectors named by the Montana Stock Growers' Association, the right to act as state stock inspectors with equal power to inspectors appointed by the board of stock commissioners.

In reply you are advised that in my judgment you cannot confer such authority because the law does not clothe you with power so to do. Such appointment might be made by the board of stock commissioners, under the provisions of Section 2970, Political Code, but it, and it alone, has the power to make such appointments and confer such authority under the provisions of the law.

I herewith return you the letter of Mr. Wells and ask your pardon for not having sooner made response.

Yours respectfully,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.