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R Commonwealth Land Company. 790 Letter, 1906. One folder.

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This is a letter dated 1 October 1906 from J. P. Allen in Muskogee, Indian Territory (soon to be Oklahoma), to J. C. Smock & Co. in Eufaula, I.T. Allen was president of The Commonwealth Land Company, whose "home office" was at Windsor in Henry County, Missouri.

The Commonwealth Land Company, according to its letterhead, maintained a "branch of-fice" in Muskogee, Oklahoma. It was from that office that President J. P. Allen wrote this letter. The company's "motto" was "Good Dirt at Low Prices." In addition to Allen, other officers of the firm included Vice-President J. S. Calfee and Secretary-Treasurer B. L. Hart.

Boasting that "We Have Bought and Sold \$1,000,000 Worth of Land During Past Two Years," the company's letterhead promised "cheaper homes and milder climate." The enterprise claimed "capital stock" of \$50,000, "fully paid." The subject of the letter was payment for providing an abstract for a property and the recording of the deed.

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