Executive Department
Austin, Texas
May 17, 1937.

To the Forty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas:

I have today disapproved and vetoed House Bill No. 875, appropriating $2,731 to the Leesville Common School District No. 28 in Gonzales County, and $420 to the DeWett Common School District No. 47.

My reasons for vetoing this Bill are the same as those which prompted my veto today of House Bill 277. The purposes are highly commendable, but the State is not able to help. If we permit this appropriation to go through, there is no end to the number we will have to appropriate for in the future under similar conditions.

I regret to have to veto this worthy undertaking, but, as I see it, the

State is in the same position as an individual. I know of a number of private worthy causes where I should like personally to give several hundred dollars to unfortunate individuals who have lost their homes and are destitute. I cannot make these personal contributions because I am in debt, and my income is limited. Out of that income I must live and pay my debts.

The State is in the same position. It is heavily in debt. Its income is limited. It must continue to function and retire its deficit. We cannot continue this government and meet its obligations without additional taxes, which have not as yet been provided, and at the same time pay off our debts and deficit.

For the reasons stated, the Bill is respectfully disapproved and vetoed, and returned to the House of Representatives in which it originated.

Respectfully submitted

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Governor of Texas