

me that I would probably have trouble with him that night; that he had had trouble with him the greater part of the day. I think that was his words. I don't remember the entire conversation.

Q Now that conversation, in order to refresh your memory, I will ask you did Mr. Reed, the keeper of the solitary, state anything about having whipped him or chapped him?

A I don't think he did. I don't remember of him doing so.

Q Did he say anything about having gagged him?

A No Sir.

Q The Board of Commissioners now desire you to state to them if you know or have an impression that there has been any punishment inflicted upon any convict during the time you have been an







employee of the prison which you considered brutal or cruel called for, If so state what it is?

a No Sir, I know of nothing of the kind. I have no impression that it has been done.

2 I wish to ask you if previous to the time of the gagging of Gus Reid, the convict that died in the solitary you considered the gag a dangerous instrument to use?

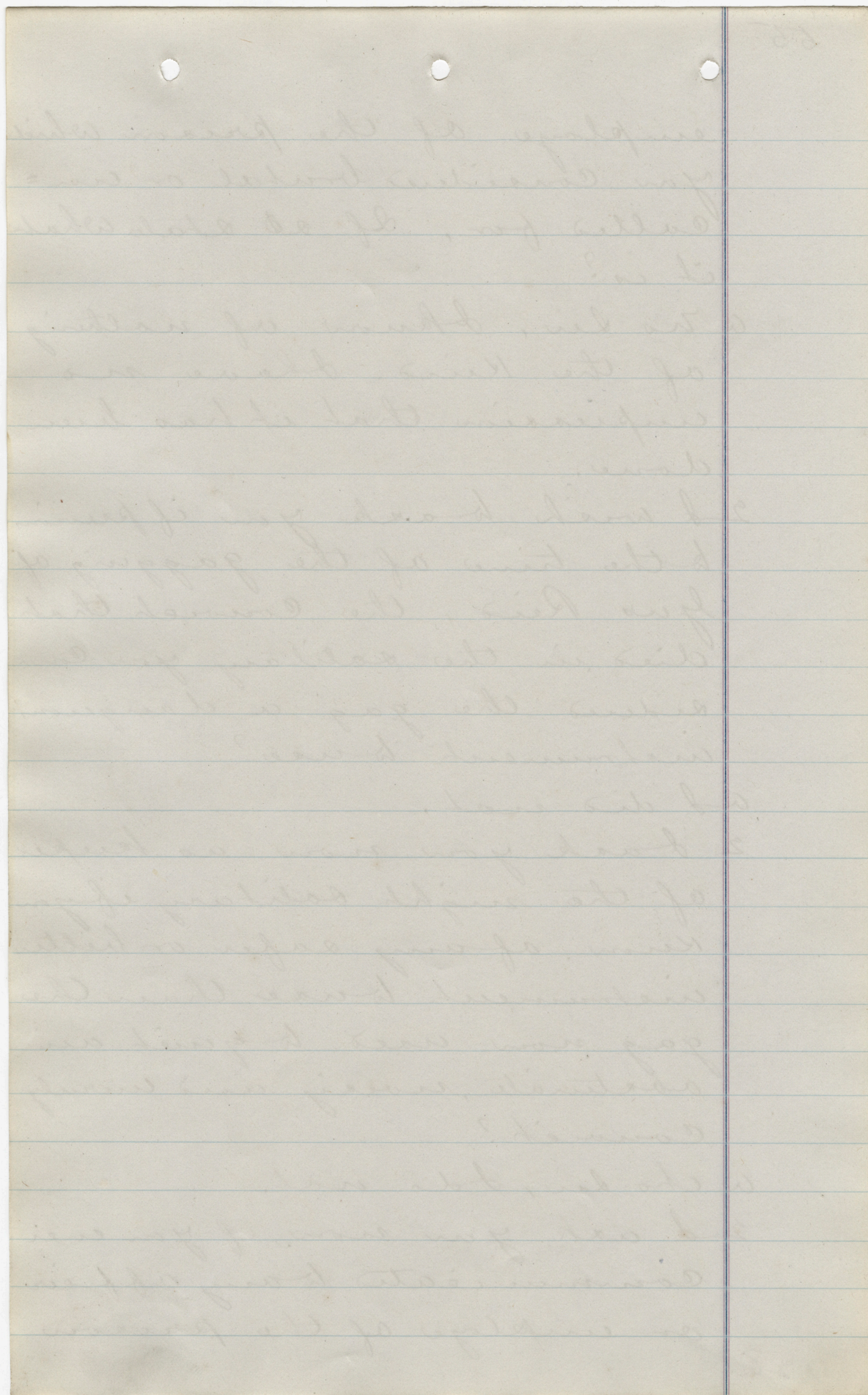
a I did not.

2 I ask you now as keeper of the night solitary if you know of any safer or better instrument to use than the gag now used to quiet an obstinate, noisy and unruly convict?

a No Sir, I do not.

2 I ask you now, if you ever communicated to any officer or employee of the prison







the knowledge that you had of this whip or strap. If so to whom?

a I don't remember positively.  
 & state your impressions,  
 a I think I spoke about or casually mentioned it to Captain M.º Dongal, Captain of the night watch, but I am not positive. I did not at-  
 tach much moment to it.  
 I did not <sup>even</sup> intend to use it myself after first speaking to Mr. Reed. I thought it was none of my business to pay any attention to it as long as it was not used on night duty, or by me.

& Was there any one else that you spoke to about it?

a No Sir.

& Have you any reason to believe that the Commissioners, the Warden, Deputy Warden or his Assistant, and the







physicians knew of the existence of this whip or strap, or its use?

a I have not. I don't remember of Mr. Reed telling me he had instructions to use it. He may have done so, but I don't remember of it.

2 Do you think you would have remembered it if it had been done?

a Well, it would have been quite natural with me to have made no note of it. I might have remembered it, but I don't really know whether I would under certain circumstances.

2 Have you ever as keeper of the night solitary seen used as a gag anything different from this gag here?

a Never.

2 No bulb, or snapping, or anything but a straight piece of







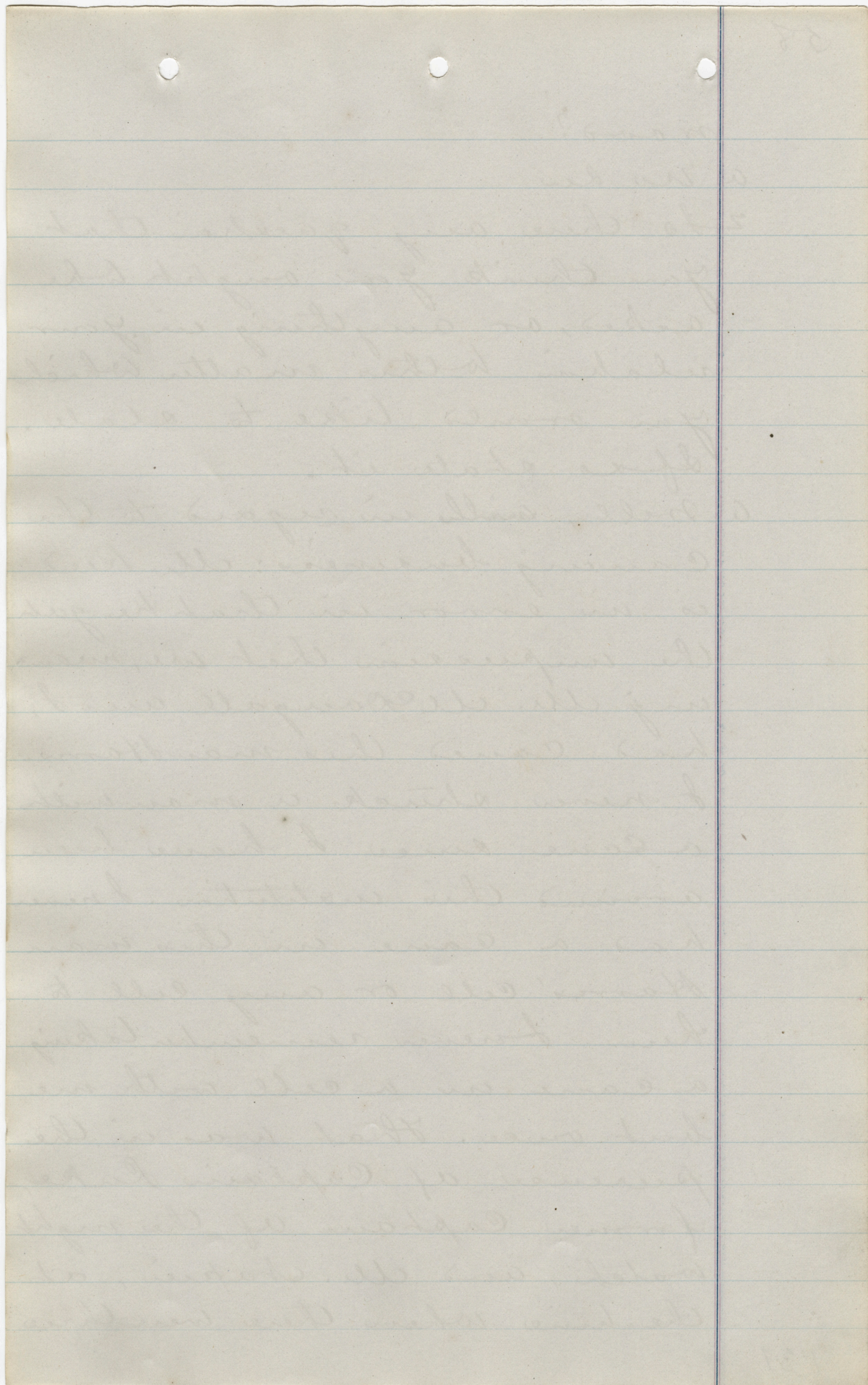
road?

a No Sir.

2 Is there any question that you think you ought to be asked, or anything in your relation to this matter which you would like to state. If so state it.

a Well, ~~with~~ in regard to the caning business; Mr. Reed is in error in that he got the impression that we, meaning Mr. McDougall and I, had caned this man Harris. I never struck a man with a cane since I have been around this institution. I never had a cane in this man Harris' cell or any cell to him. I never remember taking a cane in a cell with me but once. That was in the presence of Captain Luke, former Captain of the night watch, and Mr. Chapin, at the time when there were three







men in the same cell. They were noisy and disturbing the solitary and refusing to obey me, and two of them feigned sleep. I went in to make them get up, and I took a cane to defend myself in case they attacked me, but I didn't strike either one of them with it. That is all I know about caning. I never saw Mr. McDougall or any other officer or employee of the prison have a cane in a cell, using it on the person of any convict.

Is there any other matter which you wish to explain, if so, go on and explain it.

I believe not. All my actions since I have been on night duty - everything I have done if not done by the instructions of the Captain of







the night watch, has been reported to them at my earliest opportunity; and in all cases I believe I received their approval for it, and would refer you to them for any acts of mine on night duty. Captain Sawyer, Captain Luke, and Captain McDougall, they are the only ones under whom I have served.

Commissioner F. H. Jones — I understand that you were the man that had charge of Geo Reid, immediately before he died, and when he did die?

yes Sir.

2 Just go on and state what treatment you gave him at the time you went in there, and at the time he died. State what took place there.

I went to the man's cell shortly after I came on duty, and he was hallooing. I came