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District of Alaska,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Sitka, September 27, 1889.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp.
Governor.
Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I have carefully read the letter without date, addressed to you by the Collector of Customs for this district, relative to your application to him that a room be furnished you for occupancy as an Executive Office, and in connection therewith I have the honor to say:

Sec. 10. of the Organic Act creating this district reads as follows:-

"That any of the public buildings in said "district not required for the customs service "or military purposes shall be used for court-"rooms and offices of the civil government; "and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby "directed to instruct and authorize the

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"custodian of said buildings forthwith to make
"such repairs to the jail in the town of Sitka,
"in said district, as will render it suitable
"for a jail and penitentiary for the purposes
"of the civil government hereby provided,
"and to surrender to the marshal the
"custody of said jail and the other public
"buildings, or such parts of said buildings
"as may be selected for court-rooms, offices,
"and officials."

The business of this Office "and its"
various departments has increased to
such an extent, and the archives of the
district demanding careful preservation
have accumulated so rapidly that it
has long been my intent to ask that
additional room be furnished to me
for that purpose.

I contemplated doing this as much

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in your own behalf as in mine.

The business of this office pertains to the following departments of the General Government.

The Executive Department.

The Department of Justice.

The Interior Department.

The Treasury Department

each one of these departments are directly interested, in having the public business transacted expeditiously, and with such degree of convenience as it is possible to obtain here.

My intention to make the demand above noted, was strengthened by credible information leading me to believe that the room in the rear of this Office now occupied as a seizure room by the Collector, had been tended to the Sitka Reading Association, as a library room.

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I am quite glad that you have forestalled me. The room above referred to and the one mentioned by the Collector in his letter to you are identical.

The room now occupied by me as an office, was assigned to me by the late Collector, and was fitted up and furnished out of the funds accruing in our Court from "Fines and Forfeitures", the accounts being approved by the Judge; the Attorney General, and finally by the Treasury department.

Passing over every ulterior suggestion made by the Collector in his letter to you, and actuated solely by a desire to be of such assistance as I can in enabling you to obtain such accomodations as you may desire, I would suggest that the apartment in question be placed at my disposal, or yours, without any pledge whatever as to

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what alterations or improvements shall be made in it, or by whom the expense, of such alterations or improvements if made shall be paid.

I do not know of any other method by which such expenses may be met.

The "Fines and Forfeiture" fund is wholly under the control of the Judge of the Court - and my duties in connection therewith are entirely clerical, and as a bonded officer.

I cannot believe that the Treasury department would audit vouchers on which money was paid out of this fund for the improvement of Hall ways to public buildings, and I know that the department of Justice will not permit me to surrender at my own discretion, the occupancy of any apartment now under its control. and

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in its possession.

The expense of repairing and renovating any Office paid out of the Fines and Forfeiture fund must clearly show that it is for the Clerks Office.

I believe however that if the apartment in question be surrendered <u>without conditions</u> for the uses of this Office, that the repairs &c can be accomplished without friction and I am sure that by so doing your accomodation, as suggested will be the result.

If any other suggestion can be made in which I <u>can</u> coincide, I shall of course gladly accede to it, my only desire being to defer to your wishes.

Very respectfully.

Your obt servant

Henry C. Hazlow.

Clerk U. S. Dist Court.

B. E.K.

P.S. In addition to the above I also suggest that if the Collector for any cause does not desire to assign the room in question for the use of the Clerks Office only, that he assign it for our joint occupancy. This can be readily done, as under the law the Clerk of the Court is also Ex-Officio Secty of the District and therefore forms a part of our Civil Government with Executive powers.

Yours truly
Henry E Hayden

N.C.A.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30, 1889.

Governor of Alaska,

Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 6th last, requesting that one of the launches of the "Pinta," be placed at the disposal of the Civil Officer of Alaska, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter of the 24th, inst., from the Secretary of the Navy in reply to the above request.

Very respectfully,

W. W. Noble

Secretary.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, October 10, 1889.

Hon. John W. Noble,

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 4th instant, enclosing a letter to yourself from the Secretary of War and an abstract of a letter sent to Mr. Proctor by Governor Knapp of Alaska.

In reply, I send for your information a copy of the instructions sent to the Commanding Officer of the Pinta on September 24th. As you will see by these instructions Lieutenant Commander Farenholt is directed to offer every courtesy to the Governor and to render him every practicable assistance in the enforcement of the laws of the Territory. The order to Lieutenant Commander Farenholt covers the Pinta, the steam launches and everything dependent in any way upon the Pinta.

Lieutenant Commander Farenholt must necessarily retain the

military command of the Pinta and her accessories, but he will, in compliance with his instructions co-operate with the Governor in every practicable way, and as he has the mechanics and armed force necessary for expeditions either in the Pinta or in the steam launches to distant points of the Territory, I have no doubt that his co-operation will be found efficient and will be promptly given.

If the instructions already given are not deemed sufficient and you will signify your wishes, further instructions will be given.

The Pinta was on the 7th instant at Port Townsend, to leave the following day for Departure Bay, on her way to Sitka, where shw will be due within the next few days.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed.) B. F. Tracey.

Secretary of the Navy.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 12, 1889.

Z.R.

Hon. Lyman Knapp,
Territorial Governor,
Sitka - Alaska.

Sir:-

The amount you refer to in your letter dated Sept. 20, 1889, as for your salary from April 20 to June 30, and for July - August was not giving you credit for salary for Sept. - $252.70 - has also been found, and draft on Mr. #2018 has been delivered to you before this.

Respectfully,
A. C. Matthews,
First Comptroller,
By Dan'l A. Grosvenor
Actg Dep. First Compt'r

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 1889.

The Governor of Alaska,

Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter of the 10th inst., from the Secretary of the Navy, stating that Lieutenant Commander Farenholt must necessarily retain the military command of the Pinta and her accessories, but he will, in compliance with his instructions, co-operate with you in every practicable way in the enforcement of the laws of the Territory.

Very respectfully,

W. F. Vilas

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 1889.

The Governor of Alaska,

Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter of the 10th inst., from the Secretary of the Navy, stating that Lieutenant Commander Farenholt must necessarily retain the military command of the Pinta and her accessories, but he will, in compliance with his instructions, co-operate with you in every practicable way in the enforcement of the laws of the Territory.

Very respectfully,

D. M. Noble

Secretary.

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Department of State,
Washington, Mar. 15, 1889

The Honorable,
The Governor of Alaska,
Sir:

I have the honor to state that, as I am informed by the Russian Legation here, His Eminence the Bishop of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, contemplates presently visiting the various parishes in his Episcopal

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see; and will be provided with a vessel of the Imperial navy for that purpose.

Not doubting the general beneficence of his mission, I have the honor to commend His Eminence to any proper courtesies within your power which may facilitate the objects of his visit.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
James G. Blaine

Enclosure.
Baron Rosen's Memorandum of 13 Mar. 1891

Memorandum. (translation)

Monsignor Vladimir, Bishop of Alaska and of the Alentian Islands who resides at San Francisco and whose diocese embraces the Territory of Alaska and the adjacent islands is preparing to make soon a tour of inspection of the parishes which belong to his diocese. These parishes being scattered over a great extent of the coast of this Territory; and in localities where the means of regular communication are wanting. His Eminence desires to make this trip on board of a vessel of the Imperial Navy. which will be placed at his disposition for this purpose.

The Chargé d'Affaires of Russia is charged to inform the Government of the United States of this, and the Imperial government hopes that the federal government

will see no objection to it.

Imperial Russian Legation,
Washington.

W. S. S. Mates (3d. rater) off
Sitka, A. T. October 25th, 1889

Sir;

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. requesting that transportation be furnished to yourself, to the General Agent of Education, and to the Timber Agent, to various points in Southeastern Alaska, in order to attend to matters connected with the schools, certain timber depredations and the administration of the laws.

Upon receiving your letter I addressed a communication to the Commanding Officer of the "Pinta", which vessel is permanently stationed in these waters, asking him, if it would be practicable for him to comply with this request at an early

day; and if not, to state the earliest date the Pinta could furnish the desired transportation.

In reply, Lieut. Commander Farenholt states that, in his opinion, a period of thirty one (31) working days will be necessary to complete the repairs to the Engine and boilers of the Pinta.

This delay would make the time of departure so late, that a visit to the points mentioned in your letter, would be subject to all of the disadvantages and risk of a winter cruise.

Under these circumstances I think it best to offer you passage in the "Thetis" to such points, that are practicable and proper for

this vessel to visit, to which you may desire transportation; and which can be reached in time to allow this vessel to return to Sitka by the arrival of the next mail.

I request to be obliged to state that I am not authorized by the Secretary of the Navy, and hence not permitted by the Naval Regulations to offer passage to any other Official besides yourself.

I should be glad, if you decide to avail yourself of the Thetis, to confer with you personally, at your convenience, as to the places you desire to visit first, and as to the time of departure.

I have the honor, to be

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant.

Charles H. Stockton

Lieut. Commander U.S.N.

Comdg. U.S.S. Metis and Senior Officer Present.

To the

Honorable Lyman E. Knapp

Governor of Alaska.

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Department of the Interior,

Washington October 28 1889

The Governor of Alaska,
Sitka,
Alaska,

SIR:

Inclosed herewith is a bill, in duplicate, on account of stationery furnished during the quarter ended September 30, 1889, *for the use of* the Governor of Alaska *from the supply purchased for the Department of the Interior. The prices charged are the same as paid by this Department.*

Please cause the amount ($22 30/100) *of this bill to be deposited, as early as practicable, with some Assistant Treasurer of the United States, or National Bank which is a designated Depository for Government funds, with request that it be placed to the credit of the "Appropriation for Stationery, Department of the Interior, for the fiscal year 1889-'90," and notify this Office at once of your action, giving the number and date of the Certificate of Deposit.*

The ORIGINAL *Certificate of Deposit received therefor should be sent direct to the Secretary of the Treasury. The* DUPLICATE *Certificate of Deposit should be attached to, and filed with, the inclosed bill, and will thus form a part of the voucher and answer in place of a receipt for its payment.*

Respectfully,

Geo Chandler
First Assistant Secretary.

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Bk. Sept 30. 1889 $7.25 Check
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Department of the Interior,

Washington July 15 1889.

The Governor of
Alaska
Sitka Alaska

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SIR:

Inclosed herewith is a bill, in duplicate, on account of printing and binding furnished during the fourth quarter, 1889, for the use of your office.

The prices are the same as charged to this Department by the Public Printer.

Please cause the amount ($ 2.65) of this bill to be deposited, as early as practicable, with some Assistant Treasurer of the United States, or National Bank which is a designated Depository for Government funds, with request that it be placed to the credit of the "Appropriation for Printing and Binding—allotment for the Department of the Interior, for the fiscal year 1889," and notify this Office at once of your action, giving the number and date of the Certificate of Deposit.

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Respectfully,

Geo Chandler
First Assistant Secretary.

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War Department.
Office of the Secretary.
Washington.

November 15, 1889.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,

Governor of Alaska,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Governor:-

I have your two letters of October 21st and 22nd, and have referred one to Mr. Wanamaker, and the other to Secretary Tracy for consideration of the matters you mentioned.

I have received, within a few days, a letter from Secretary Noble about the matter of the steam launch for you, and he says he will talk it over with the President and try to have something done.

Yours very truly,

Redfield Proctor

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TREASURER'S OFFICE—FORM 108.
Accounts.—9-13-'89—10,000.

, Cashier.

TRANSMITTING DRAFT ON ACCOUNTABLE WARRANT.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Nov. 22, 1889.

Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor,
Sitka Alaska

Sir:

I inclose herewith Draft No. 24731 on Treasury Warrant No. 2757, for $500.4, payable to the order of yourself,

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and to be accounted for under the appropriations named in Requisition No. , upon which the above Warrant was issued.

Respectfully yours,

J. A. Houston

Treasurer U. S.

Credited as directed,

(When this letter of advice is received by an Assistant Treasurer U. S. or National-Bank Depositary, the blank on the margin must be filled up and signed, and the letter be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent whose account is credited.)

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, November 12, 1889.

The Governor of Alaska,
Sitka, Alaska Territory.

Sir:

I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of War, to request that you will forward to this office, on or before the first Monday in January next, a return of the militia of your territory.

A supply of blanks for this purpose is sent herewith.

Should there be neither organized or unorganized militia in your Territory, you are requested to state that fact on the face of the blank inclosed and forward it to this office. In the absence of an enrollment of the unorganized force available for militia duty, it is especially desired that you furnish an approximate estimate thereof, based upon the most reliable data in your possession.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

A C Kelton
Adjutant General.

Indian Training School
Sitka, Alaska
Dec. 31. 1889.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp
Governor of Alaska.
Respected Sir,

The government arms and accoutrements used in our school for drill in manual of arms are I believe in good condition and are kept in the Industrial Building, while a number not in use are kept in the boys' building, all of which are subject to your orders.

Very Respectfully,
Wm A. Kelly

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, Dec. 16, 1889.

State Governor of Alaska.

Sir:

The claim for $ 520, in favor of Sunday Peters transmitted with your letter of ——, has been examined and allowed by this Office for the sum of $ —— and this day forwarded to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, who will advise you of final action thereon, and to whom any inquiries concerning the same should be addressed—payment thereof to be made to Claimants, named below, to your care.

Very respectfully,

R. V. Belt
Asst. Commissioner.

AGENCY.	AMOUNT.	AGENCY.	AMOUNT.
Geo. Skoglekah	$192.		
Annakootz	40.		
Jacob	32		
Dick	32		
Kattlan	32		
Johnson (Jas. Noos)	32		
James Henry (Henry)	32		
Edward Pignem	32		
Saginaw Jacob	32		
Ank Joe	32		
Fred Mason,	32		
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U. S. S. "Pinta." 4th Rate.
Sitka, Alaska, January 4. 1890.

Hon.

Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor of Alaska.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 1st instant requesting passage in the "Pinta" for yourself and one or two civil officers, if allowable, to various parts of S. E. Alaska, I beg to reply that I intend to begin my cruising about the 20th April next and shall be ready to take you to the different places you mentioned.

I am instructed by the Hon. Secretary of the Navy to beach the "Pinta", clean her bottom and paint her. This should not be done before May, but,

I shall, if I find it necessary, do so in April.

The standing order "to economize fuel by every possible means" is imperative, and as I have to return to Sitka to replenish with coal – it is my intention, if the weather will permit me, to make the first cruise to the Northward. I trust this will be agreeable to you.

Regulations forbid me to carry passengers. Special instructions permit me to offer passage to you, "if practicable, to places you wish to visit in the performance of the duty of your office." I regret to be unable to comply with that part of your request, asking for passage for Civil officers of the territory.

Understanding the necessity, that you should have an interpreter in your

visits to the various Indian villages, I will take, if you so desire, the Court Interpreter, and report to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy my reasons.

The "Pinta" is a very small vessel, and has as you know only one spare cabin, which I shall be pleased to place at your disposal. Even if I were permitted to carry others - there is no room or accommodation in the officers' quarters for them, not even to swing a cot. All I could do would be to repeat the offer of my predecessor to Gov. Swineford, "placing at his disposal two lazy chairs in the cabin", which might answer for a few days, but, not for a cruise of weeks.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

Lieut. Com'dr. U.S.N. Com'dg.

District of Alaska,

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

Sitka, January 1 1891

Inventory of Property in possession of the U S Commissioner at Wrangell District of Alaska belonging to the Executive Department of the Government of Alaska

6 Springfield Rifles
5 Sets of Accoutrements
45 Ball Cartridges

In addition to the five rifles reported by me last March Captain Greenage of Sheakan returned one to this office which he had borrowed from Gov. Swineford.
20 of the Cartridges were used this summer. I suppose the proper thing to do with this property would be to turn it over to the Deputy Marshall and take his receipt for it.

Geo. Shelikof
U S Commr

District of Alaska,

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

Sitka, January 14th 1891

Hon Lyman E Knapp Governor

My Dear Sir

Please find Enclosed inventory of property belonging to the Executive Department of the Government of Alaska.

The guns are only in middling order but all are in working Condition

The presence of a Deputy U.S. Marshall to Execute the "law has had a good influence on the people in this place. Mr. Millmore is not afraid to do his duty and will make a good and efficient officer

Very Respectfully Yours

James Shakeley

3769 - A, 1889.
Subject: Arming and equipping the militia.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington City, December 20, 1889.

To the Governor

of the Territory of Alaska,

Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, and in reply, beg to state that the appropriation made in the act of February 12, 1887, (24 Stat., 401) being for "the purchase or manufacture of arms, ordnance stores, quartermaster's stores, and camp equipage" there is no authority vested in me to apply any portion of the appropriation to any other purpose, and the fitting up of a room for storing the arms issued can not be paid for by the War Department.

Respectfully,

Redfield Proctor
Secretary of War.

Juneau Alaska
Feby 10th 1891

His Excellency
Governor Lyman E Knapp
Sitka, Alaska

Sir;

On behalf of the parties who, at Juneau, have taken out Liquor Licenses, I desire to ask, if under the circumstances, of the refusal of further permits to land liquor in Alaska, they should not be entitled to a ret[illegible] of their respective [illegible]

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Hon : Lym[illegible]

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of money, paid by them under the impression that the action of the Collector had the direct sanction of the Department?

As a matter of Equity, I think the money should be returned to them, since the arrangement under which it had been paid, cannot be carried out.

Very Respectfully
John G. Heid

January 13th 189e

To

His Excellency

Hon : Lyman E Knapp

Governer of Alaska

Sitka Alaska

Sir The undersigned, citizens of Alaska, and business men of the town of Juneau, largely interested in the present welfare and future prosperity of the entire Territory, greatly desire your presence at Juneau during the present session of the United States District Court, and would most respectfully request that you endeavor to grant this , t their request. We wish to confer with youin regard to certa tain matters of vital interest to the business men of the District, and feel that your presence will be beneficial to us and to your administration, in which we join in ex)- pressing our entire confidence

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servants

W. F. Reed

Willis Thorp

William [illegible]

[illegible]

C. E. Coon.

J. K. Simpson M. D.

H. S. Hyman M. D.

C. W. Young

Clift Carter

A. Kerr

Stillman Lewis

B. M. Behrends

Chas F. Barth

Howard and Lu

Frank H. Nowell

F. S. D. Cockburn

To his Excellency Lyman E.Knapp,

Governor of the District of Alaska. 16

The committee appointed by the citizens of Juneau, Alaska to present to you the question of regulating the liquor traffic within the District of Alaska, recommend to your Excellency, with the endorsement of the citizens of Juneau, the following view and plan, to aid you in determining your action in dealing with the liquor question for the best interests of Alaska, and submit the following for your approval:

We recommend that an annual license be granted to applicants for the same,- said applicants should be good law abiding citizens and of good moral repute-, at a sum or license fee not less than two hundred dollars; said license to be non-transferrable, and that every person or persons, securing a license as aforesaid, to sell or retail liquor within the District of Alaska who, upon information filed by the District attorneyfor said District of Alaska, and sufficient cause shown, shall be found not to conduct such business in an orderly and quiet manner, then such person or persons' license shall be revoked and cancelled by the said District Court for the District of Alaska.

We further recommend that the money paid by applicants, residing at Juneau, for such license should be expended in repair and improvement of the streets and sidewalks in said town of Juneau, and that the U.S.Commissioner at Juneau, be designated as the custodian of the money paid by applicants, residing at Juneau, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, January 28th, 1890.

John G Reid
Still Hunt Lawyer
M C Orton
Frank M. Berry
W. F. Malony
Committee

Respectfully forwarded
Secretary of War.

Juneau Jan 31st 1890

To
His Excellency
Lyman E Knapp
Governor of Alaska

Sir
I have the honor to transmit herewith a petition from citizens of Juneau, asking for a license system for the sale of liquor in this district, and to request that the matter be referred to the Secretary of War for his consideration and action.

Respectfully yours
C. E. Cox
J. H. Kimpton Jr. Jr.
H. P. Phillips Jr.
E. W. McFarland
Committee

To His Excellency Lyman E. Knapp,

Governor of the District of Alaska.

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The undersigned citizens of Juneau, Alaska, appointed by the citizens of Juneau, Alaska to present to you the urgent necessity of reorganizing the Juneau District, within the District of Alaska, recommend to your Excellency, with very earnest endorsement of the citizens of Juneau, the following named gentlemen as a Juror for said District, so that you may be enabled to select from the Juror's Lists, the Juror for the Juneau District, and submit the Juror's Oath for the best interests of Alaska, and submit the following for your approval:

John Power
Frank H. Myers
C. W. Young
Charles Morse
Robert M. Adams
E. Valentine
B. M. Edmunds
John Boyle
H. P. Ellinger
J. M. Rogers
Oscar Walton
W. J. Williams
W. H. Hainer
Pat. McGlinchey
Willard Northrup
T. F. Johnson
Leiter Bros.
R. Goldstein
Al. Low
L. L. Williams
Hugh Bourne
L. R. Moore
J. T. Fraser
H. Worthington
D. Martin
R. Starr
F. H. Nowell
T. D. McMorris

Wm Nelson
Peter A. Wilbory
George Stellez
Henry Coon
W. S. Heald
John W. Carrier
Nelson Brothers
Harry Ach
James Winn
B. T. Wright
Levi Harrod
E. R. Chapman
J. J. McSmith
M. V. Sharpe
Harry Dhonin
Rice Seelhoff
J. R. Gray
Dr. F. Schultz
W. Mulcahy
H. E. Cutler
James Galligan
W. J. Clark
A. D. Lagging
W. H. Reid
Charles W. Perret
George Kyrage
Wm Goatley
S. B. Robbins

Respectfully Yours,
Redfield Proctor
Secretary of War.

To
His Excellency
Lyman E. Knapp
Governor
Sir: The undersigned, citizens of Juneau, of the town of Juneau, respectfully desire your prompt

Las Schmidt	Clark Miller
O. L. Sandstrom	John Trembley
R. Schiblie	H. Hoff
Robert Schönhoff	H. Oliver
John L. Myers	Frank Carter
J. Fiel	Geo. Webster
C. H. James	R. F. Quiet
Mich. Donaher	J. F. Wilson
Geo. Goldsmith	Terrence H. McMahon
J. C. Moore	J. C. Bell
A. H. Gamel	Louis Kinbach
C. E. Leon	Com. Ladenitt
William Rugg	Xavier Neumayer
Geo. Shipal	Gene Sullivan
J. H. Simpson M. D.	A. McDonald
J. C. Howard	J. S. Schillaber
F. S. Cockburn	J. B. Brady
L. Grainer	D. Driver
D. J. Lamney	F. Sweeney
	H. Zgoina
G. H. Church	J. Howe
H. H. Hand	James Moody
J. D. McLongea	Dan Lamnady
Wm. C. Antisell	Calvin Neff
Robert Dunne	David S. Phillips
Michael Connolly	H. S. Hyman M. D.
O. R. Chapman	W. M. Bennett
F. E. Howard	Chas. F. Batt
J. Winkie	Archt. Campbell
Chas. R. Mitchell	Henry Stokes
Dennis Foley	Marion Thomas
A. Burns	
Lev. Olds	
John W. Allen	
H. J. Blackett	
Dan Smith	
J. H. Kuig	

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Henry Stales
Marion Thomas

To His Excellency Lyman E. Knapp
Governor of Alaska

Upon further consultation by the above mentioned committee and upon a reconsideration of the question herein submitted, this committee respectfully desires to amend the foregoing memorial by changing the sum to be paid for the liquor license in question, to two hundred and fifty dollars, believing that said sum, ~~would~~ to be exacted for such license, would better serve the best interests of the community.

Jany 30th 1890

John J. Reid
J. F. Malone
M. C. Orton
Stillman Lewis
Frank M. Berry
} Committee

Secretary of War.

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Douglass City Jan 16th 1890.

Hon. L. E. Knapp Sitka Alaska.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of the Douglass City - School. The school-house is now completed and ready for occupancy - But there are no seats, desks stoves etc, or in fact any thing necessary for the furnishing of the school-room, nor can I learn whether those articles have been sent for or not.

Will you not look into the matter, and hurry the matter. I am very anxious to get the school started, and the people here, at Douglass City are doubly so.

And another matter I wish to bring to your favorable notice. The terms of my contract calls for a school-session of ten months, - well half of that time has allready expired, and the schools will I presume close in July for

vacation, don't you think that under present circumstances when I do get my school started that I could continue right on, and teach the ten months mentioned in the contract. The children have been kept out of school so long a time, that they can easily dispense with a vacation. Some of the residents of this place have mentioned this matter to me, and I can send you a list of names urging this step.

And if I do have to close the school in July will you interest yourself so as to secure it for me another term.

Mr Jackson informed me that "Miss Lee" had not sent in my examination papers (thinking I it would do to hand them to him, when he passed through here) and in consequence he had not sent for any supplies, but they would probably arrive in six weeks. I am happy to write you, that I stood pretty high in the examination I think.

I have been settled at Douglass City some time, have all my arrangements completed

and am ready and anxious to enter into
new labors. You understand how important
this little matter is to me and will you kindly
give it your earnest attention, thereby conferring
the greatest of favors on

Yours Respectfully
Mrs W. S. Adams
Douglass City.

TREASURER'S OFFICE—FORM 108.
Accounts.—9-13-'89—10,000.

TRANSMITTING DRAFT ON ACCOUNTABLE WARRANT.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Jany 14th, 1890.

Lyman E. Knapp, Govr
Sitka
Alaska

Sir:

I inclose herewith Draft No. 25791 *on* Treasury *Warrant No.* 3832, *for $* 500 —, *payable to the order of* Yourself

and to be accounted for under the appropriations named in Requisition No. ....., *upon which the above Warrant was issued.*

Respectfully yours,

J. N. Huston

Treasurer U. S.

Cashier.

Credited as directed, ..., 18

(When this letter of advice is received by an Assistant Treasurer U. S. or National-Bank Depositary, the blank on the margin must be filled up and signed and the letter be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent whose account is credited.)

U. S. S. Pinta. 4th Rate.
Sitka, Alaska, February 7th 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp. 16
Governor of Alaska.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst., received this day, requesting me to serve as Commissioner on a board to set apart lands in and near Sitka, Alaska, for government purposes.

In reply I beg to state that I will cheerfully serve on such Board, and thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[redacted]
Lieut. Commander, U. S. N.
Commanding "Pinta".

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SUBJECT:
Clothing and Equipage
for Militia.

War Department,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor of Alaska,
Sitka, Alaska.

Governor:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Return of Clothing and Equipage, for use of militia of Alaska, for the year 1889, and to inform you that it has been examined in this office and has this day been transmitted to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the following named differences which appear between the numbers of articles taken up on this Return and those remaining on hand at foot of that rendered by Gov. Swineford for 1888. Viz: Six pairs Trousers, foot, unmade, fine quality, twenty-three Common Tents, forty-eight Common Tent Poles, upright, twenty-one Poles, ridge, and four hundred and thirteen Tent Pins, small, were at foot of Return rendered by Gov. Swineford: five pairs Trousers, twenty-two Tents, forty-six Poles, upright, twenty Poles, ridge, and four hundred Pins are taken up on this Return. It will be seen that one pair Trousers, one Common Tent, two Poles, upright, one Pole, ridge, and thirteen Pins are not brought forward to this Return.

Very respectfully,

S. B. Holabird

Qr. Mr. General, U.S. Army.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9, 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor of Alaska,
Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:-

In response to your question in regard to the disposition of the unexpended balance of "last year's appropriation", and whether the same is available for "this year's expenditures", I have to say that, the regular appropriations for one fiscal year cannot be used to pay the expenses created in another fiscal year — and, that, the account of your expenditures for each fiscal year must be rendered separately. Also, that the unexpended funds in your hands must be deposited to the credit of the appropriation from whence they came.

Respectfully,

DAG

J. R. Garrison
Acting First Comptroller.

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

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Territorial Board of Education,

Washington D.C.
~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Jan 21st, 1890

Mr C. W. Young

Dear Sir

One of my Juneau correspondents mentions that the School house at Douglass City is done.

To expedite your receiving your pay I send you some vouchers. with a sample copy of how they should be made out in triplicate.

Please ask Mr Heid & C. H. Edwards to examine building & certify on each bill like sample.

Then please send to Gov Knapp for his signature & he will forward it to me at Washington.

Trusting that business is flourishing I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agt.

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C. W. YOUNG, Contractor & Builder, 21

DEALER IN

ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

Juneau, Alaska. Feb 20 1890

Hon. Lyman E Knapp

Dr Sir

I Red a letter from Mr Sheldon Jackson to Have Mr J. G. Heid and C. H. Edwards to Examine School Building and certify. Mr Heid will go along to Douglas city this afternoon and comply as Requested and I will send vouchers to you as directed by Mr Jackson

Hoping all will be Satisfactory

I Remain

Yours C. W. Young

Juneau Alaska

I Red your letter of Jan 20 to day which came via Port Townsend in which you instructed Judge Brigby to inspect the Building

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, January 15, 1890.

His Excellency

The Governor of Alaska,

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that the Annual Return of the Militia of your ~~State~~ Territory, called for in the communication from this office of Nov. 12, 1889, has not yet been received.

By section 282 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the Secretary of War is required to lay before Congress on or before the first Monday in February of each year an abstract of the militia returns of the several States as furnished by the Adjutants General thereof.

In order, therefore, that this requirement may be promptly met, it is necessary that your return should be forwarded without delay.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Kelton

Adjutant General.

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Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C., Jany 14, 1890.

Sir:

Inclosed you will please find my draft, No. 77546, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for Fifty no/100 Dollars, ($50.00) being amount of your account rendered the Education Office for Services for the quarter ending Dec 31/89.

You are respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the same to this Office on the accompanying blank form.

Very respectfully,

GEO. W. EVANS,
Disbursing Clerk,

Lyman E. Knapp.
Sitka
Alaska

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Office of
JOHN G. HEID,
Attorney at Law.

Juneau, Alaska, Feby 14th 1890

Your Excellency, Lyman E. Knapp
Governor of the Dist. of Alaska

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the Commission, appointing me as one of the three Commissioners, to examine and report as to what lands in and about Juneau and Douglas Island, Alaska, should be permanently reserved for public use.

As one of the Commissioners, I accept the trust, and will be amply repaid for my services, should the action of the Commissioners prove beneficial to Alaska.

The weather having, until yesterday, been unusually severe, so that Mr. Burfeind could not come over from Douglas Island, and nothing so far has been done by the Commissioners.

Upon the return of Judge Williams, from Sitka, we will be in a position to enter upon a careful examination and make a full report.

Your obedient servant
John G. Heid

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,

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SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

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Territorial Board of Education,

Washington D.C.
~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Jan 29th, 1890

Gov Lyman E. Knapp

Dear Friend

I inclose you contract with the Alaska Commercial Co in triplicate for the erection of the School buildings at Kodiac, Afognak & Karluk Alaska.

For the educational fund of 1889 there is remaining an unexpended ballance of about $10,000.00 And for 1890 there will be no ballance. It is important then that the buildings should be paid for from the 1889 fund.

To accomplish this the contract should be dated within the year closing June 30th 1889. This can be done as the Board of Education on June 19th 1889 authorized you to enter into such a contract. Please therefore sign the contract in triplicate and if possible

return ~~to~~ them
~~Start it back~~ to me by this Steamer.

The Construction of the Department is that when a building is authorized, the payment for the same belongs to the fiscal year when Authorized & Contract made, even if the building is two years in being erected.

Therefore the Contract is dated June 19th that bring the date when the Territorial Board Authorized the Contract.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

You can say to Mr Pracht, that I have seen Senator Frye, who has his Confirmation in Charge, and from what he told me that I am sure Mr Pracht will be Confirmed and that within the next two weeks-

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,

Division of Public Moneys.
Form 4.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

January 22, 1890.

Gov. Lyman E. Knapp,
Sitka,
Alaska.

Sir:

The First National Bank of Portland, Ogn *reports that you made a deposit therewith on the* 24th *of* October, *1889, on account of* Printing and Binding, 1889 *as per Certificate of Deposit, No.* 362, *for* $2.15

The original of said Certificate of Deposit not having yet been received here, and sufficient time therefor having elapsed, your attention is hereby called to the same, and you are requested to forward it at once to this Office.

Respectfully, yours,

By order:

C. B. Dawkins

~~Assistant Secretary.~~

Chief, Division of Public Moneys.

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1st SESSION.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 1890.

Mr. MANDERSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Territories.

A BILL

Providing for a steam-vessel for the use of the civil government of Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to contract for the purchase or construction of a steam-vessel of from one hundred to two hundred tons capacity, having accomodation for at least twenty-five passengers, with a speed of not less than nine knots per hour, for especial service in Alaska waters, to be used by the officers of the civil government of the district in the discharge of their official duties, and in the administration of the government under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase or construction of such vessel,

and the further sum of eleven thousand dollars is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray current expenses and repairs upon the same for one year.

A BILL

Providing for a steam-vessel for the use of the civil government of Alaska.

1890—JANUARY 6.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Territories.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

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Washington D.C.
~~Sitka, Alaska~~ Jan. 21st 1890

Dear Governor

Your welcome letter of Jan 3d reached me yesterday. I mail you a supply of blank vouchers for such as may apply to you -

As soon as Mr Shields returns from Killisnoo ~~Juneau~~, please have him make out his bill for repairs &c on Killisnoo School House.

Learning that the School House at Douglass is done, I have sent blank vouchers to Mr C. M. Young & asked him to have Mr John G. Heid of Juneau & Mr C. H. Edwards of Douglass certify to his work & then forward to you.

You will please sign as Pres.t of the Board & forward to me here -

It is not necessary for you to secure Judge Dugher's signature to the School

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United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

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Sitka, Alaska, ..., 188....

Vouchers. I reached here last Friday & received a very pleasant welcome from Comr Harris.

I had the "Grippe" in San Francisco & was eight days under the Dr's care. I am still suffering from the prostration & weakness that follows it.

Consequently I have not been able to get around much yet or fairly commence work.

Please write Mr C. H. Edwards to see the Carpenters of Juneau & Douglass & get bids on home made desks ~~for the~~ ~~No~~ (similar to those used by Miss Lee at Juneau) for the new School building at Douglass & write you - When I get the figures, you had better order desks for, say, 25 children.

Mr Edward's written voucher for salary for Dec 89 - has been re-

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Sitka, Alaska, ; 188

turned to him with a supply of blank vouchers. I mail you a printed copy of your Report. You may already have received a full supply. If not, this copy will be welcome.

Kind regards to your family

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agt.

If Mr Ivan Petroff, Special Agt. of the last Census for Alaska, does not secure the taking of the next Census of Alaska, he would be an excellent man to take along as Interpreter on your proposed trip next Summer.

If for any cause there should be a change in the Court Interpreter at Sitka, I am not sure that Mr Petroff would not be a good man to secure. He is now out of employment. His address is 1227 Pacific St. San Francisco Cal.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

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Washington D.C.
~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Jan 31st, 1890

Hon Lyman E. Knapp

Dear Governor

Mr Ivan Petroff, who took the last Census of Alaska, was this A.M. appointed Special Agent to take the forthcoming Census of Alaska

If there are any special lines of information or inquiries you would like made in taking the coming Census please let me know as soon as possible (if convenient by return Steamer) and I will try & have them included in the printed blanks which will be made out. Kind Remembrances to your household —

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.

YOUNG, Contractor & Builder,

DEALER IN

INDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

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Mr L. E. Knapp

Dr Sir

I orderd by the last Str Elder the desks table and Black Board for the Douglass Island School House. Had a Stove Set up also the painting done inside. will have the out side painted as soon as the weather will permit. Inclosed find bill in Duplicat for the amount of contract. if the check can be sent to the firm of Honeyman De Hart & Co 174 First St Portland Oregon instead of to me it will save the four weeks time of making the Round trip and suit me as well.

The weather continues cold with now and then a little wind. Hoping soon to see a change for milder weather.

Yours

C. W. Young

Juneau Alaska

Juneau, Alaska, Feb 15 1890

United States Bureau of Education

E. W. YOUNG, Contractor & Builder, Jr.,

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—DEALER IN—

Rough and Dressed Lumber, Flooring, Mouldings, Rustic, Sash and Doors, Tar Paper, Shingles, Assortment of Hardware, Pulleys, Carpenter Tools.

Glass, Paints, Oils and Brushes, Terra Cotta Chimney Pipe.

TERMS CASH—Payable in lawful money of the United States, with interest after 30 days at 1 per cent per month.

Deficient		To Building School House at Douglas City Douglas Island Alaska as Per Contract Twelve Hundred Dollars	$1200	00		

Juneau, Alaska. Feb 15 1889 90

M The United States Bureau of Education

To C. W. YOUNG, Contractor & Builder, &c.

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Rough and Dressed Lumber, Flooring, Mouldings, Rustic, Sash and Doors, Tar Paper, Shingles, Assortment of Hardware, Pulleys, Carpenter Tools.

Glass, Paints, Oils and Brushes, Terra Cotta Chimney Pipe.

TERMS CASH—Payable in lawful money of the United States, with interest after 30 days at 1 per cent per month.

	To Building School House at Douglass City Douglass Island Alaska as Per Contract Twelve Hundred dollars	$1200	00

Paid

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~~Hon. A. P. [illegible]~~
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

Territorial Board of Education,

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Washington D.C.
~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Feb 1st, 1890

Mr C. W. Young
Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir

A few days ago I sent you the necessary vouchers to sign in order to receive your pay for the erecting of the School House at Douglass City.

I now learn that the Contract must be sent in with the vouchers, therefore I send you a Contract to sign.

When signed by yourself, please mail it to Gov Knapp by the earliest Steamer that he may sign it for the Board and then mail it to Washington at once.

If Gov Knapp has made no arrangements for School desks (Home made similar to those in the Juneau Schools) you had better make him an offer

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Supt Ag't

C. W. YOUNG, Contractor & Builder,

DEALER IN

ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

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Juneau, Alaska. Mar 2 188 90

L. E. Knapp Esq

Sir

I sent to you by this last Str vouchers for you to sign for the Erection of the Douglas city School House.

This Str I Recd a letter from Mr Jackson stating the contract must accompany the vouchers He sends me contract to sign which I will inclose to you as directed I will also send plans and Specifications weather they will have to be sent on to the Department you know best.

I am sorry to state there was no School furniture came by this Str and Recd no word what ever. But Hope to see it by the next Str

Yours C. W. Young

Juneau - Alaska

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,
Attorney at Law.

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see how it reads, all doubts will be at an end.

For Road Commissioners, the Committee suggests the names of Charles W. Young, John F. Gray, and John Olds, for the town of Juneau. The parties interested in this matter agreed to hand in the names of the parties they desired as Commissioners, at Douglas City but so far have not attended to it.

Very Respectfully.

John G. Heid
Chairman

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,

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Office of
JOHN G. HEID,
Attorney at Law.

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Juneau, Alaska, March 1st, 1890. 18

To His Excellency
Governor Lyman E. Knapp.
Sitka, Alaska.

Your letter of the 17th ult., with enclosed copies of bond and application for liquor license, was received by the Committee.

After considering all, the Committee came to the opinion that the bond of $2000. was a little too high, since under the existing laws it would be difficult to furnish a good and sufficient bond, and as the object of the bond is not only to insure the keeping of orderly houses, but also to suppress the liquor traffic with Indians, the Committee believes that a bond of $1000. would bring about the desired end.

With respect to the "application for license", to sell "intoxicating liquors / . . . . . under the regulations of the Government of the United States", the Committee requested me to ask you to have the kindness to explain if the clause mentioned, to wit: "under the regulations of the Government of the U.S.", comes within and under the provisions of the Organic Act prohibiting the sale of liquors excepting for medicinal, mechanical, or scientific purposes.

However I think that a copy of the license will set all clear, and if you will have the kindness to send a copy, so that they can

Office of
JOHN G. HEID,
Attorney at Law.

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see how it reads, all doubts will be at an end.

For Road Commissioners, the Committee suggests the names of Charles W. Young, John F. Gray, and John Olds, for the town of Juneau. The parties interested in this matter agreed to hand in the names of the parties they desired as Commissioners, of Douglas City but so far have not attended to it.

Very Respectfully.

John G. Heid
Chairman

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF STATISTICS,

Washington, D. C., February 3, 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor of Alaska,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau contemplates the preparation and publication of a report during the current calendar year on the Internal Commerce of the States and Territories of the Pacific Slope, similar to those prepared by this Bureau in 1886 and 1889 transmitted herewith for your information, which give an exhibit of the commercial, transportation and industrial interests of the Southern and Western States and Territories.

In the preparation of this work we desire to secure the services of an energetic expert in your Territory, who has an aptitude for statistics, and who will procure and collate in a thorough and exhaustive manner the facts and figures relating to the commercial and industrial interests of your territory, its commerce by rail and by water, internal traffic, industries, manufactures, agricultural and mineral resources, quantities and values of leading products for a series of years, railroad interests, freight rates by water and by rail, &c. &c.

and if you will have the kindness to send a copy, so that they can

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While I am aware that the compensation to be allowed for this service is entirely inadequate to the labor to be performed, the meagre appropriation not permitting a compensation of more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for the entire service, it is hoped that in this case, as has been our experience in the past, some one will be found who will undertake the work more for the purpose of exhibiting in such a document, to be widely distributed by the government, the commercial and industrial resources of your Territory in the best possible light than for the amount which can be paid for the work.

If you will be kind enough to suggest the name of the gentleman in your opinion best qualified for this work, who has had experience in the work of collecting statistics, and who will do full justice to this subject so that his report will be a credit to him and your Territory, I will carefully consider your recommendation in connection with those of other gentlemen who may be commended to me for the position, my only object being to secure the man best fitted for the task.

The person appointed would be allowed until June 30 next to collect the information required, and prepare his report.

Respectfully yours,

S. G. Brock

Chief of Bureau.

and if you will have the kindness to send a copy, so that they can

Custom-House, ~~Sitka~~ Juneau, Alaska, 38

Collector's Office, Mar 15, 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp.
Sitka A.

Sir.

Indian Policeman Johnson wishes me to write to you - as follows.
I intended to go to Sitka on the Str. Lone Fisherman but was delayed, and missed the boat.
I have been working for the Government as an Indian Policeman for some time past and have received no pay, and have been informed that I will have to wait for same until the arrival of Ex Gov. Swineford - will you please give me information concerning same -
I wrote you on last Steamer but rec'd no answer -

Custom-House, Sitka, Alaska,

Collector's Office, , 18 .

I would like to have a council with you concerning the Indians in this portion of Alaska. concerning their rights in Salmon streams, where Canning's are being erected, and heretofore the Indians have lived on those streams. In the Takou the salmon are scarce and have hardly enough fish for Indian consumption; if a canning is to be erected there this summer, which will take away the food which rightly belongs to the Takou Tribe —

I intended to talk to you while you were here but the weather was so bad I did not get an opportunity

Yours Respectfully
C. S. Blackett for
Johnson. Policeman

Custom House Juneau ~~Sitka~~ Alaska 38

HENRY H. HAYDON,
Clerk,
Ex-Officio Secretary and
Treasurer.

District of Alaska,

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Clerk's Office.

Sitka, April 1st 1890.

Hon Lyman E. Knapp,
Governor of Alaska.

Sir:- I have the honor to hand you herewith the report of the Commissioners appointed by you to designate certain lands in Sitka and its vicinity which in their judgment should be reserved for public uses.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Henry H. Haydon.

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Hon Henry E. Hayden
Sitka Alaska

Dear Sir—

Please find enclosed report of the commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor of Alaska February 1st 1890 for the purpose of designating what grounds and buildings should be reserved by and for the use of the Government of the United States.

Also a map kindly made for the Commission by Mr Edwin Chamberlain Deputy United States Collector of Customs at this Port. We had no surveyors compass or instruments by which a perfectly correct survey could be made. But the measurements are correct and the boundaries are plainly marked so that no mistakes need be made by any one. The numbers on the map point out the buildings correctly and the red lines show the boundaries of the reservation.

Hoping that this will be satisfactory to His Excellency and beneficial to all the people of Alaska I remain

Yours Respectfully
James Breakey

Wrangell March 28 1890

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Hon Henry E. Winder

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Hon. Lyman E. Knapp.
Governor of Alaska.

Sir:-

The Commissioners appointed by you on February 1st. 1890 "to examine and report as to what lands in and about Sitka Alaska, should be permanently reserved by the Government for its uses, for public buildings, barracks, parade grounds, parks, wharves, coaling stations or other purposes defining and describing the same and indicating the purposes for which they should be reserved," have the honor to make the following report.

We were confronted at the outset with one difficulty. There is, at this time no land surveyor in Sitka, and we anticipated some trouble in locating such property as we might wish to designate for reservation, but it was agreed between us, at our first meeting, that the "map of the settlement at New Archangel Sitka accompanying a letter from General Lovell H. Rousseau dated December 5th. 1867 with inventories, published in House Executive Document No 125, 40th. Congress 2d. Session, signed by Alexis Pestchouroff Russian Commissioner, and Lovell H. Rousseau, United States Commissioner, copies of which documents, certified by Honorable F. F. Bayard Secretary of State on June 17th. 1887, and in the custody of the Clerk of the United States District Court here, should be used by us in making reservations and designating the same, and their limits, as far as it was possible to do so. With the aid of these documents we have been able to locate and designate definitly, all of the public buildings, and much of the land described by us in this report as desirable for reservation.

It is recommended by the Commissioners that the property designated on the Certified Map and inventories as a "Wharf", together with the Wharehouse Marked No1, being on the approach to the said Wharf, be reserved to the Government for its uses, and for the ligitimate uses and privilages of the residents of Sitka generally.

It is recommended by the Commissioners that the buildings designated on the Map and inventories as No 3 and No 15 be reserved for the following purposes viz: No 3 as a Coal Shed for Naval Vessels:-No15 as a Store house for Naval supplies during such time as it may be neccessary for said Buildings to be so used.

It is also recommended by the Commissioners that all the land covered and included in the following description be reserved for a Custom House or such other purpose as may be deemed necessary for the public service viz:

Commencing at a point thirty feet from the North West Corner of Building designated on Map and inventories as No 6

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thence along Lincoln Street to low water mark in the Bay: thence following the shore line at low water mark in a South Easterly direction to a point outside of a rocky point running into the Bay: thence in a North Easterly direction to a point at right angles from the place of begining: thence in a North Westerly direction to the place of begining on Lincoln Street Meaning to include with other land, all of these lots designated on the Map by Numbers 2, 3, and 5 and part of lot No. 4.

It is recommended by the Commissioners that the plot of ground marked No. 20 on the map but more particularly described as follows:-commencing at the Northern corner of that plat of ground which we hearafted ask shall be reserved as a public Common, and now known as the "parade ground," near the Presbyterian Church and running North 33° East 64,68 feet thence West 35° North 59,73 feet, thence North 39° East 87,79 feet, to a road 26,40 feet wide crossing this and continuing the line (N 39° E.) 59,40 feet: thence East 39° South 104,28 feet, thence South 30° West 46,20 feet to a road 26,40 feet wide, thence on South side of said road East 30° South 86,64 feet, thence South 29° West 111,54 feet, thence West 4° North 150,40 feet to point of starting, for a Marine or Military barracks and garden. Provided however, that within three years from the date of this report a building shall be erected at the expence of the United States upon said land for the occupation of said Marine or Military force, and if not erected within that time then this reservation if made, to be abondoned and the land to become part of the public domain, subject to entry and purchase as may be provided by any Land Laws then in force in theis district.

It is also recommended by the Commissioners that all of that plat of ground bounded on the North West side of Lincoln Street from Wharehouse designated No. 1 on Map and inventories and along Lincoln Street and the shore line to the Southern Corner of the fence enclosing House designated No 24 on the Map and inventories, thence along the walk in a North Westerly direction fronting Lot No20, and Government School No2, to the North West Corner of Plat designated on the Map and inventories No18, thence in a South Westerly direction to Water front, most of which is now known as the parade ground be hereafter set apart and reserved as a public common.

It is also recommended by the Commissioners that all that plat of ground designated on Map and inventories as No 103 now occupied in part by United States Government School No 1 be reserved for School purposes. Also for like purposes, that plat of ground described as follows:-begining at the South East corner of Lot designated on Map and inventories as No 18 in a North East direction to the North West Corner of plat marked "I" on Map and inventories, thence in a South

East direction to the South West Corner of Said plat marked "I", thence in a South Westerly direction to line of the land asked herein to be reserved as a public common upon which is United States ~~public~~ Government School No 2.

It is also recommended by the Commissioners that the Block House marked "C" on Map and inventories be reserved for public services including a space of ground One hundred feet square surrounding the same.

Also the Block House marked "D" on said Map and inventories including a space of land described as follows: begining at a point on the North West corner of the street running East and West from the House now occupied by the Governor and the road leading North from said street to the Russian Cemetery, thence North 50° West 660 feet West 36° South 363 feet, to be reserved for public buildings for the civil service

It is also recommended by the Commissioners that the land upon which were situated the buildings designated on the Map as Nos. 116, 117 and 118 and more particularly described as follows: to wit: Commencing at a point 28 feet from the North West Corner of the main building situated on American St. now occupied by Rueben Albertson as a Hotel and running thence in a Northernly direction 123 feet to the line of a street or road; thence along said street or road 224 feet in an Easterly direction to certain fence posts, thence South Easterly 109 feet to the line of an old fence, thence in a Westerly direction 197 feet to the place of beginning, to be reserved for a Governors House or such other occupancy as may be deemed best by the general Government.

Also ten acres of land including that now designated on the plat of land as surveyed and claimed by Rev. Sheldon Jackson for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions as the same appears of record in the office of the Recorder Ex Officio for this district, and marked "Military Cemetery", and more particularly described as follows: to wit: beginning at Corner mark No VIII on said plat, running North Westerly 660 feet, thence North Easterly 660 feet containing ten acres more or less, to be reserved for a Military and Naval Cemetery

In connection with this reservation we would recommend that the road leading to said cemetery from Lincoln Street be made straight at a continuous width of 50 feet from the ~~place~~ fence forming the Western line of the lands enclosed by the Presbyterian Mission.

We would also recommend for reservation as a public park all that plat of ground, bounded on the West by the line as established by the survey made for the Presbyterian Mission, as above referred to, and along the shore line of the Bay at low tide to the mouth of the Indian River, and across the mouth of said River, along its right bank for an average width of 500 feet along said bank, to the point known as Indian River Falls: and also on the left bank of said river

from said falls, an average width of 200 feet from said falls to the Eastern line or boundry as shown on the Mission plat.

Also all of that stream of water, running into Jamestown Bay on the South side thereof, on Baranoff Island now used for watering purposes by the United States Navy, and Mercantile Vessels:-and that 250 feet on each side of said stream be reserved for a wharf, and such other purposes as may be necessary for the Naval and Marine of the United States, and that this reservation be so made that the water, of said stream, nor any part thereof shall be directed from its original channel for any private enterprise.

We would also recommend that all of that Island situated directly opposite the town of Sitka, known as "Japonsky" Island be reserved for Naval and Military purposes. This Island on account of its location, the depth of water surrounding it, and its other natural advantages, is peculiarly adapted for Government uses.

In connection with this recommendation, we would suggest, that any party who now has permanent improvements upon the Island, be remunerated for any loss sustained by reason of its being reserved and occupied for the purpose above set forth, such remuneration to be estimated upon the apparent value of such improvements as the same may appear at the date of this report. Your Commissioners believe that at this time the maximum value of such improvements do not exceed One thousand Dollars.

We have the honor to be with great respect

Your obt. servants

Henry E. Haydon.

O. W. Farenholt U. S. Navy.

John G. Brady.

Commissioners.

Sitka Alaska

March 31. 1890.

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(1) All of Block 6 except lots 5 & 6, as per recorded survey for school purposes

(2) Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 of Block No. 7 & all of Block 6 of recorded survey for public buildings military & naval purposes — Com.te recommend that improvements now on them be paid for

(3) ~~Lots 7 & 8 of Block 9 as per plat of G. C. Hanus for Court house & jail purposes. if they~~

Douglas City

(1) Juneau Island for coaling station & Gov. Wharf.

(2) Block on which are situated the public school buildings, for school purposes

(3) Block next east of that for school purposes, for Court house & jail purposes

Sitka

(1) Wharf & Warehouse (No. 1 on certified map)

(2) Building No 3 as coal shed for naval vessel

(3) " " 15 " Storehouse " " supplies

(4) Land east of Lincoln St & west of 33 from N. W. Corner of barracks building

(5) Parade ground

(6) Ground east of plank walk to Church for Marine barracks

(7) Gov. Schools

(8) Block house "C"

(9) " " D & land — for public buildings

(10) Tea house grounds " Governors residence

(11) Military Cemetery 10 acres

(12) Park 500 ft along right bank & 200 ft left bank of Indian river

(13) Stream 250 ft each side Jamestown bay
(14) Japansky

Ft. Mangell (1) Including present Gov buildings & grounds & add section of swamp

Refer in reply to the following: F

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, March 31st 1890.

Hon.L.E.Knapp,
Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to claims of Annahootz,James Henry,Dick,Jacob,Tom and Kattlan,for services rendered under Governor A.P.Swineford as native policemen previous to July 1st 1887.

In reply I have to state that,at the time Governor Swineford employed the above named Indians,no Indian police were authorized to be employed by this Office in Alaska,and it was not until July 1st 1887 that such employment was authorized. The law fixed the pay at only $10.00 per month for officers and $8.00 per month for privates,and there is no authority for this Office to audit and allow their claims.

In the opinion of this Office these claims are a part of the expenses of the Territorial Government,the Indians in Alaska not being under the control of the Indian Bureau.

Very respectfully,

T. J. Morgan

M.I.B. Commissioner.

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Baraboo, Wis., March 22nd, 1890.

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My Dear Governor:---

Your letter of Feb. 28th received, and in replying I send you herewith a brief sketch personal to myself, which I promised you some time ago. I have not received any notification of my election as an honorary member of the society, an honor for which I wish you would please convey my thanks to the society. If it occurs to you that I can in any way contribute to the promotion of the purposes it is designed to serve please advise me.

I do not at present have a photograph of myself, but will submit to the torture of a sitting one of these days and then remember you, as you request.

Up to three weeks ago it had been my firm intention to return to Alaska this spring and link my fortunes with those of the people already there. I have, however, received an offer to engage in the newspaper business in the new city of Superior, in this state, which is of such a tempting character that I cannot resist it, and I have accordingly changed my plans and it is now altogether unlikely that I shall ever see Alaska again. Should you have occasion to address me further on any business, or official matters, your letters will find me at Superior, Wis.---and I indulge the hope that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you often. With best wishes for the success of your administration and the welfare of Alaska and her people, without regard to former friendships or enmities, I am,

Most Sincerely Yours,

A. L. Stimpson

M.L.D.

Baraboo, Wis., March 22nd, 1890.

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Hon. Lyman F. Knapp,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:---Yours of Feb. 28th received and contents noted. In relation to the claim by Indian policemen for services rendered in 1886-7 I have to say that I gave to each one of them a paper fully stating all the facts and circumstances in the premises. When I assumed the duties of the office of governor I found these Indians on duty as policemen, and paid them out of the contingent fund until I was notified from Washington to discontinue doing so. I then stated to them the fact that I would not be permitted to pay them, but that if they desired to remain as policemen they could do so, and I would use my best endeavors to secure them pay for their services. That I was unable to do; but nevertheless I think they should be paid, though I am quite certain now that such ~~an appropriation~~ payment can only be had through a special appropriation.

Now as to the claims made by each I have only to say that they are entirely wrong in so far as the years 87 and 88 are concerned. For the fiscal year of 88, which, of course, commenced July 1st, 87, they were paid in full, and, in fact, were paid the full amount of their services under the two years' appropriation, 88 and 89, except that part which I turned over to you, and for which I paid the money into the treasury. If the $528 of the police appropriation left on hand when I went out of office has been paid out to the parties entitled to receive it, then the Sitka policemen have no claim against the government, except for the

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time intervening when I was ordered to stop paying them out of the contingent fund and when the first appropriation was made available, on July first, 1887---and the paper I gave them, and which they will doubtless show you, states what that claim is, together with the opinion I then held and still hold, in regard to its justness. Perhaps as good a way as any would be for you to send to the first and second auditors of the treasury for certified copies of vouchers, on account of monies paid to Indian policemen in Alaska, by myself, during my term of office.

At the time I stopped payment out of the contingent fund I fully believed that I could secure an allowance from the Indian Bureau to pay the services of those men. I made an effort in that direction, and failed, but never made any effort in behalf of a special appropriation, owing to the fact that I met with opposition in the committee to which the matter would have been referred. The services were rendered upon my promises, as governor, to secure payment, if I could, from the government, but the men very well understood, or at least I thought they understood, that if I failed in that regard, they would get no pay. Mr. Kostrometinoff, who acted as interpreter, can tell you what the conversation and understanding was at the time.

The men cannot be right in any event in regard to their having received $50 in 1887. They received pay in that year for six months, at $8 per month, which was $48, which is half the amount due them for that fiscal year, and I am quite confident---in fact, I know they are wrong as to the $16 in '86, for in that year all the money they received

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was paid out of the contingent fund at the rate of $25 per month. Henry may be right in reference to the $88 in '88-89, as that would be the whole amount of his year's pay, minus the month of June---a fact of which you can satisfy yourself one way or the other by referring to your own accounts- If I paid him $88 in that year and left you more than one month to pay for, then he received more than was coming to him, which I do not think was the case. I can only say that they were paid every dollar of the amount appropriated for each, except the balance which I left you to pay, and the total amount of which I covered into the treasury.

I wish you would have a full talk with Mr. Kostrometinoff concerning this matter; because I would not like to have you get the impression that any money has been withheld from the men. They, of course, know nothing about keeping accounts, and their statements must be based upon their memories only. I found great difficulty---in fact, never succeeded in making them understand why I could not pay them from the time I left off paying them from the contingent fund, in 1886, up to the time that I had succeeded in securing them an appropriation, so that I could renew payment from and after the first of July, 1887. They should be paid for the interregnum, if there is any way by which the money can be obtained for them, and I have no objection whatever ~~of~~ to your making use of the paper I gave them explaining the circumstances in any way you can, looking to the accomplishment of that object; indeed, I will be very glad to assist you in any way in my power to secure such an appropriation---but I

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doubt very much if anything can be done.

Hoping that you are finding your official and social life in Alaska altogether pleasant and profitable, I am,

Very Truly Yours,

A. P. Swineford

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, March 24, 1890.

The Governor of Alaska.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 15th ultimo, requesting that arrangements should be made with the Navy Department to furnish the officers of the civil Government of Alaska, with coal upon payment therefor, I have the honor to enclose copies of letters from the Acting Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting of the Navy Department from which it appears that that Department is willing to furnish the coal as requested to be paid for from the funds of this Department provided an estimate of the quantity desired be furnished. You will therefore please forward such estimate at an early day so that it may be transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy.

Very respectfully,

D. M. Noble
Secretary.

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of Block 8 except lots 5 & 6, as per recorded survey

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Equipment & Recruiting,

Washington, D. C. March 21, 1890.

Sir:-

Referring to the letter of the Secretary of the Interior dated the 18th inst., transmitting a copy of letter from the Governor of Alaska, asking that an arrangement be made by which the Officials of that Territory may be permitted to draw coal "for their own use" from stock at Sitka belonging to the Navy on the payment of such sums as may be required by the Navy Department, I have the honor to inform you that the Bureau contemplates placing a limited supply of coal at Sitka as soon as funds shall be available under appropriations for the next fiscal year, and that if the Secretary of the Interior will indicate the quantity desired for the use of the Officials of the Territory, the Bureau will take pleasure in providing therefor in its contract, reimbursement to be made from the funds of the Department of the Interior on the delivery of the coal at Sitka.

The Bureau would be glad to have this information as soon as possible, if its offer shall be accepted.

Very respectfully,

Geo. Dewey,

Chief of Bureau.

The Secretary of the Navy.

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U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries,

MARSHALL McDONALD,
Commissioner.

Washington, D.C., Mch 22, 1890.

Lyman E. Knapp, Esq.,
Executive Office,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The subject of the depredation of the starfish upon the oyster is one of great interest to the Commission, and we are now prosecuting the investigation on the eastern coast. The results of this inquiry will be applicable as well to the west as to the east coast, should we succeed in finding

a remedy.

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oyster in Alaska, mu
be preceded by a study
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of the waters, &c.; and th
studies are now in prog

Very respectfull
M M McDonald
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C. W. YOUNG, Contractor & Builder,

DEALER IN

ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

Juneau Alaska. April 29 1890

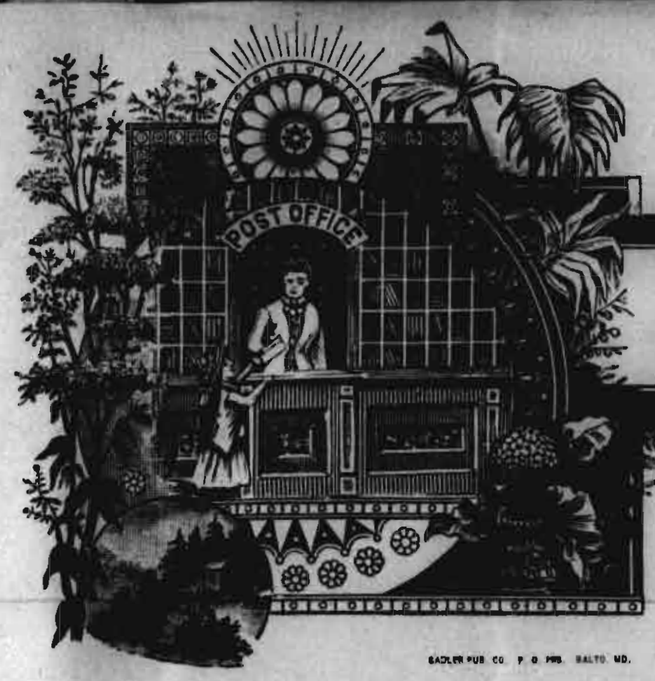
Honl L. E. Knapp

Dr Sir

When I sent you the vouchers for the Erection of School House on Douglas Island I wrote to Mr Sheldon Jackson to make the Draft Payable to Honeyman De Hart & Co if it could be done without any irregularity. I Recd a Not from the above firm by this Str Stating they had Not Heard from it yet. as for my part I have Not Hear from any one. I dont see why there should be so much delay in this matter. Hoping to gain some information from you by Return Str I Remain

Yours C W Young

Juneau Alaska



SIDNEY S. SMITH, P. M. 41

POST OFFICE.

LORING, ALASKA.

May 27th 1890

Mr. Governor Katt.

My Dear Friend -

I am very glad to say you about this place. I want to know how is the law concerning the man who made the liquor, and also real whisky. Because I have seen one man up to "Yes Bay last few day's ago, made the liquor, and give it by two men, and they were much drunk-ard., they don't know what they do. One man go in the china men house, and they fight with them. Now the foreman in the Cannery got a gun or some of that kind and he want to shoot them all. But we trying to stop the drunkard, so they get mad for us we are Port Chester people. One man came in our cottage and he ask me if I get fifty dollars out from his house, because he accuse me if I steal $60 from

him. And I say him no. Now after that ab
five seconds and he want's to fight with m
But I told him I don't want to do that.
Sure he say he will shot my head off with his g
and I don't know what to do, and I send him
out with three our Port Chester women. Now
dear Sir - I wish you to help me how to stop the
kind of a business, because they can't stop it.
have seen just the same last summer, whe
I had visit my parents working there. I feel I
brave enough to stop them for what they do, if
only tell me what to do, I don't care how much
money you going to pay any-body about the liqu
but only the lives of the human being I want to sa
it. Not only "yes Bay, but some little places arou
this country. That all I wish to say. I been
in Sitka school exactly two years. I just com
down last Elder. I am one of the Port Chester
boy. I am twenty five years old now. I send
my loving regard to you dear Sir. I am

Yours Respectfully
Benj Booth.

E.L.N.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21, 1890.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,

Governor of Alaska,

Sir:

Special attention is called to the following provisions of the Statutes relating to the purchase of articles for the use of the United States; or for services rendered under provisions of law or regulations of the Treasury Department:

SECTION 3648. "No advance of public money shall be made in any case whatever. And in all cases of contracts for the performance of any service, or the delivery of articles of any description, for the use of the United States, payment shall not exceed the value of the service rendered, or of the articles delivered previously to such payment. It shall, however, be lawful under the special direction of the President, to make such advances to the disbursing officers of the Government as may be necessary to the faithful and prompt discharge of their respective duties, and the fulfillment of the public engagements."

Hereafter, specific evidence of receipt of any and all articles purchased for the public use will be required for file with vouchers presented to this Office for audit.

Disbursing officers, who are charged with payments for articles purchased, or services rendered to the Government, are notified that suspensions or disallowances will be made in all accounts rendered by them for such articles or services.

until full evidence is filed that the service has been rendered and that the articles have been delivered to the proper custodian or agent of the Government.

Yours respectfully,

JBGS.

A. F. McMillan
Acting First Aud'r.

W. T. Harris,
Commissioner.
J. Holcombe,
Chief Clerk.

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.,

April 24, 1890.

Dear Sir :-

Some modifications of the regulations governing the public education in Alaska seeming advisable, a careful revision of those heretofore in force has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. A printed copy of this revision entitled "Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Schools and Education in the District of Alaska", is sent you herewith. By reference to page 8 you will see that you have been named a member of your local committee. Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether you can accept the duties of this position.

Very respectfully yours,

J. Holcombe,
Acting Commissioner.

Gov. Lyman E. Knapp,
Sitka, Alaska.

Department of the Interior,

~~San Francisco,~~ Alaska April 21, 1890

To His Exc. Gov. Lyman W. Knapp,
Sir—

I wish to inform you how the native of Alaska are used by Mr. Duncan and his people, and therefore I take the liberty to write to you.

A little after New Year on my having a few words with my Kloukna at Port Chester, one of Duncan's watchmen came to my house and took away my rifle and fourty Dollars ($40) in cash and kept them he said to keep me from making further trouble.

Before I left Port Chester I went to Mr. Duncan and ask to return my thing to me, but he would not do so, and of course I had to come away without them.

In a few days, however, he returned to

Now of course I am unable to do any hunting so it is hard for me to make a living.
Knowing that you will attend to this and get my rifle and send back for me and working that you would send a Gun-boat to stop such work, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Charles

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Metlakatla Alaska 57

10 May 1890

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp
Governor of Alaska

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 3rd April enclosing a letter of complaint from one Charlie White, on which you request me to report, is to hand.

In reply I am sorry to inform you that the Complainant has given us a great deal of trouble. He has found him to be an incorrigible Indian. But, bad as he undoubtedly is, I do not believe he was the author of the falsehoods contained in the letter to which some one has signed his name. Most likely the writer was one of the whites at Loring who, either ignorantly, or wilfully, has misrepresented the statements made to him.

The facts of the case are the following:— Charlie belongs to the Cape Fox band of Indians, but came to Metlakatla in the Autumn of 1888, asking to be admitted a member of our settlement. This request was no doubt prompted by his newly married wife, who is a Tsimshean from British Columbia. After two months of probation, and having become fully acquainted with the law-abiding principles of our Community, he was enrolled as a settler on New Year's day 1889, in the presence of our entire Male population.

Very shortly, however, after his enrollment he began to cause us trouble. He proved to be a man of violent temper, and in his fits of passion, which were frequent, he invariably maltreated his wife for some time the

bore his ill treatment without complaining; but at last his savage conduct brought her to me in great alarm and crying for protection. He had, she said, seized his rifle and but for the timely interference of the inmates of the house, a sad tragedy would have ensued.

I then took the man in hand, and spent a good deal of time with him to bring him to his senses. Not having a prison in which to confine him, the best I could do was to bind him over to keep the peace, and take pledges for his good behaviour. I took his rifle and some other property into my custody. For a time he acted well enough and we hoped he was subdued. In the spring of the year (1889) all his property in my hands was returned to him, and soon after he left us to go to work on the Skeena River in British Columbia. Before he left he thanked me for all the trouble I had taken with him, and assured me he would be more careful of his conduct in the future.

Last Autumn he returned to Metlakahtla, and having no house of his own he was hospitably sheltered by one of our people, who had before befriended him. Though rumours were afloat that he had led a bad life while away, it was not till the friend, whose house he occupied, came to complain again of his outrageous conduct that I felt called upon to interfere. Having now lost all hope of reclaiming the man by our usual methods, I advised the complainant to turn him out of his house, but to continue to shelter and protect the injured wife until she could be sent to her relations in B.C.

After this I had nothing whatever to do with the Man, and therefore the accusations against me in his letter, based on they are upon events subsequent to my action, are purely malicious.

I have learnt that after failing to induce his wife to join him Charlie appealed to our Village Council, and begged their intervention. Unknown to me a few of the Members of the Council met together and had the Man and his wife brought before them for reconciliation. After a long talk the Council decided that Charlie must pledge some property with them as security for his future good conduct, — the property to be forfeited to the village if he failed to behave himself. I am told that Charlie fully acquiesced in this arrangement — in order to obtain his wife, and handed over the property asked for.

Matters went on smoothly enough for a short time, and then, as usual, another quarrel and fight ensued. Charlie now became clamorous for his pledged property, and appealed to me to have it restored to him. I told him the property was not in my control and he must apply to the Council to whom he had given it. This, it seems, he took care without success: the Council arguing that he had forfeited his claim to the property by his misconduct. On learning of this the Council refused to deliver the property up. I spoke to some of its Members, advising them to return the Man his property and send him away. (The wife so learnt was arranging to return to her people in B.C.) In the mean time Charlie had departed for Loring where it appears he succeeded in finding some one to write the letter for him which you received

In a few days, however, he returned to Metlakahtla, and the Council, having adopted my advice, returned him all his property ~~and~~ with which he left us the same day.

I regret my letter is so long but the desire to give you all the particulars of Chaikin's case must be my apology for its length.

Please find the letter of complaint here returned.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
W. Duncan.

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Fort Wrangell May 10. 90

Hon
Lyman E. Knapp
Governor of Alaska

Sir

By the last mail we rec'd a blank application for a liquor license, also, a liquor license bond. We respectfully ask, if by giving the bond, and paying the license we will be protected in the importation of liquor &c, &c, we desire to procure a license, under the terms presented

We have the honor &c

Your obt Servants
Mordecai & Irwin

Respectfully referred to the Collector of Customs

Lyman E. Knapp
Governor

Forwarded, with the information, that permits can be issued upon proper application to the Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of importation, for the introduction of liquors for any of the purposes specified in the Organic Act and Executive orders following same. In the case of Saloon keepers, permits would be refused, except to such as had "License" from the Governor of the Territory.

Wm. Pratt
Collector.

Sitka May 20/90