

November 3, 1911.

Sir:

The Governor has requested me to communicate with each of the non-resident hunters who visited Kenai Peninsula this year, with a view to obtaining their views as to the services rendered them by the guides when they employed. I am not certain that your trip included a visit to Kenai, but if it did and you employed a guide there, will you not favor me with a letter stating just what your opinion is of the ability of the guide -- giving, if you will, his name. If his services were unsatisfactory to you, will you please explain fully the circumstances.

The purpose of this inquiry is to place before the Governor in concise form the opinions of the various non-resident hunters who have employed guides on Kenai Peninsula, to the end that the service may be improved should there seem to be a need for improvement. A full and free expression of your opinion, whether by way of criticism or commendation, will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Mr. A. Edward Frost,

Chicago, Ill.

November 2, 1911.

Sir:

This office would appreciate an expression of your opinion, based upon the experience of your recent hunting trip to Kennel Peninsula, as to the character of service rendered by the guide or guides employed by you. Whether in form of criticism or commendation, the opinion which you may hold will be given careful consideration by the Governor, who is desirous of obtaining the views of all non-resident hunters who have visited Kennel Peninsula this year. If anything in connection with the game law and its administration, whether relating to guides or not, has impressed you as needing improvement or amendment, an expression of your views will be appreciated. Will you kindly advise the name of the guide employed by you. Your views will not be made use of to controvert the views of others, but to place before the Governor the conditions as you saw them; and these, with the views of other non-resident hunters, will enable the Governor to determine the exact status of existing conditions.

I shall be pleased to be favored with an early and full, and free, expression of your views. If the services of your guide were unsatisfactory, will you kindly explain in detail, with a view to improving the service.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Otto DeLabar,

74 Sixth Street,

San Francisco, Cal.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 3, 1911

Sir:

At the request of Governor Clark I write to ask you for an expression of your opinion, based upon your experiences on your recent hunting trip to the Kenai Peninsula, as to the competency or incompetency of the guide or guides employed by you. Each of the non-resident hunters who have visited Kenai Peninsula this year is being asked for a similar expression of opinion. This with a view of arriving at the consensus of opinion among the non-resident hunters, and, if necessary, taking steps to improve the service.

Two or three complaints have been made to this office, verbally, of indifferent service rendered by guides. The persons making these complaints, as well as all other non-resident hunters, are being commensurate with the above stated. Your statement will not be made use of to controvert that of any other hunter, but will be considered solely with a view to arriving at the exact facts. If any of the guides are proven to be incompetent, or their services are generally unsatisfactory, the Governor wishes to be apprised of such facts so that appropriate action may be taken. A full and free expression from you will be much appreciated, whether in form of criticism or commendation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. Alexander Brown,

Philadelphia, Pa.

November 3, 1911.

Sir:

I write at the request of Governor Clark, to ask if you will kindly give expression to your views, based upon your experiences on your recent trip to the Kenai Peninsula, upon the question of the competency, or incompetency, of the guide or guides employed by you. A similar expression is being asked of each non-resident hunter who has visited Kenai Peninsula this year, with a view to ascertaining, if possible, the consensus of opinion as to the ability of the guides. A few verbal complaints have been made to this office that certain guides have not been of assistance to those employing them, and the persons making these complaints, as well as all other non-resident hunters, are being asked for an expression of opinion, based upon their own experiences, on the subject of competency or incompetency of the guides. This with a view to improving the service, if such be the need. The first purpose of the guides is, of course, to assist the wardens in the enforcement of the game law; but it is also expected that they will render assistance to those employing them, which shall be commensurate to the compensation they receive. A free expression of your opinion, whether it be in the way of criticism or commendation, will be appreciated, and will be given careful consideration by the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. F. B. Williams,
Sitka, Alaska.

Secretary to the Governor.

November 3, 1911.

Sir:

I write at the request of Governor Clark, to ask if you will kindly give expression of your opinion, based upon your recent hunting trip to the Kenai Peninsula, upon the competency, or otherwise, of the guide or guides employed by you while hunting in the Peninsula. Whether you express criticism or commendation, your letter will be appreciated and will receive the Governor's most careful consideration. The purpose of this inquiry is to ascertain the consensus of opinion of the non-resident hunters who have visited Kenai Peninsula this year, as to the ability of the guides employed by them, with a view to improving the service, if there be need of improvement. In a verbal way some complaints have recently reached this office that certain of the guides have proven of little assistance to those employing them, and these persons as well as others who have not been heard from, are being asked to give full and free expression to their views, whether of criticism or otherwise, to the end that the Governor may be fully informed in the premises and take such action as may seem expedient and proper to better the service. Will you not kindly favor this office with an expression of your own views, arrived at from your personal experience?

Respectfully yours,

Mr. M. E. Baldwin,

Secretary to the Governor.

Pittsburg, Pa.

P. S. It will be appreciated if you will ask your friends, Messrs. Whitwright, Kirk and Thoms, to give expression in like manner to their views.

November 3, 1911.

Sir:

I write at the request of Governor Clark, to ask if you will not kindly write a letter giving expression to your opinion as to the services rendered to you by the guide employed while on your recent trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. This request is made with a view to obtaining the facts as to the competency, or otherwise, of the guides of Great Smoky Mountains; complaints having been recently made by one or two non-resident hunters that their guides were of little or no assistance to them. The Governor desires to ascertain all possible facts bearing upon the subject of these complaints, with a view to improving the service if such be the need. Your statement will not be used to controvert that of any other hunter, but simply to assist the Governor in reaching a right conclusion in the premises. Whether you express criticism or commendation, it is immaterial so long as you give the facts from your experience on your recent trip. Commendation may be the more acceptable, but if criticism be due, it is desired that it may be given in the form of specific facts or statement of circumstances showing wherein the fault lies. Anything which you may wish to say on the subject, or on any feature of the game law, or circumstances connected with your trip, will be greatly appreciated, and will receive careful consideration by the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. W. Y. Davis,

Paris, Texas.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sir:

At the request of Governor Clark I have the honor to ask that you will, if you feel so disposed, address a letter to the Governor giving an expression of your opinion as to the competency, or incompetency, of the guide employed by you in your recent hunting trip to Kenai Peninsula. This is requested with a view to obtaining the consensus of opinion of the non-resident hunters who have visited the Kenai Peninsula this year, as to the services rendered to them by the guides whom they have employed. Some complaints have been made, verbally, to your office, that certain of the guides are indifferent or incompetent, and that their services have not been satisfactory to those who have employed them. The first purpose of the guides, as of the game wardens, is, of course, to see that the game law is enforced; but it is also expected that when they are hired as guides they shall render service commensurate to the compensation they receive. If any of them are failing in this or any other respect, the Governor is anxious to have the facts before him so that appropriate action may be taken with a view to improving the service. With this in view, may I ask that you will give expression to your view, based upon your own experience? Whatever you may have to say, whether in criticism or commendation, will receive the Governor's careful consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Wolf von Lemmer,
Consul for Germany, Seattle, Wash.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 3, 1911.

Sirs:

I write at the request of Governor Clark, to ask if you will kindly express your opinion upon the competency, or otherwise, of the guide employed by you on the occasion of your recent hunting trip to Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island. Complaints have recently been made to this office, verbally, that certain of the guides are either very indifferent or entirely incompetent, and it is with a desire to ascertain the consensus of opinion among the non-resident hunters who have employed these guides that I am writing this letter to you, as I am writing to other non-resident hunters who have this year visited Kenai. It is recalled that upon your arrival at Seward you wired a request for the appointment of a man as guide for your party, which request was refused as a matter of justice to the other licensed guides. Whether this was because of your doubt as to the ability of the licensed guides then at Seward, is not, of course known to this office. In any event, it will be appreciated if you will, at your convenience, advise as to your experience with the guide whom you employed, and whether in your opinion he is competent. Were his services satisfactory to you? If not, in what respect were they unsatisfactory? Any facts or information which you have and which you think would be of benefit to this office, will be much appreciated, and will receive the Governor's careful

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consideration, since it is his desire that the guides shall not only serve the main purpose of their existence as guides -- that of assisting the game wardens in enforcing the game law -- but that they shall also render services to those who employ them, commensurate to the compensation they receive.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

Messrs. J. J. and J. R. Sullivan,

Los Angeles, California.

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November 5, 1911.

Sir:

Complaints having reached this office recently, that certain of the licensed guides on Kani Peninsula are rendering indifferent or incompetent service to non-resident hunters who have been licensed, under the game law, to employ them, the Governor has requested me to address you, as one of those recently visiting Kani, to ascertain if from your experience in that section you consider the guide or guides employed by you were competent and rendered such service as a guide may properly be expected to render. In the first place, of course, the purpose of the guides on Kani Peninsula is to see that the game law is not violated; but since they receive compensation from those who employ them, it is expected that they shall render service commensurate with the wages received. Heretofore few if any complaints of incompetency on the part of the guides have reached this office, hence the Governor believes that the burden of proof, so to speak, is upon those who make such complaints. If, however, actual cases of incompetency or other fault exist, rendering particular guides of little or no value to those who employ them, the Governor wishes to have the facts before him, so that he may take such action as seems proper in the premises. If you have either criticism or commendation to express, a concise and definite statement will be appreciated, to the end that the service may be improved, if such be the case.

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I shall appreciate a reply at as early a date as possible, and assure you that it will receive the Governor's careful consideration.

I write to acknowledge receipt of your ~~letter~~ ^{letter}, enclosing letter of Deputy Marshal Karl Armstrong in regard to the case of illegal sale of bear skins at Kodiak ~~Alaska~~ ^{Alaska}. The ~~case~~ ^{case} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~handled~~ ^{handled} that his statement in the premises is ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~handled~~ ^{being} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~University~~ ^{University} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Minnesota~~ ^{Minnesota}.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, Respectfully yours,

Governor,

Mr. H. P. Sullivan,

United States Marshal,

Valdez, Alaska.

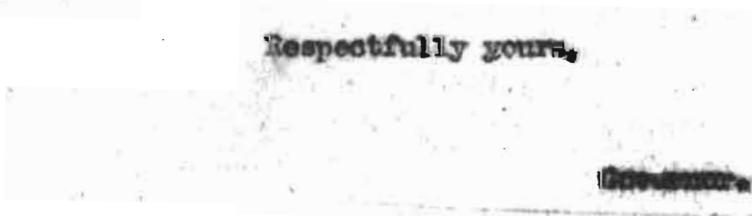
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November 6, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, enclosing letter of Deputy Marshal Karl Armstrong in regard to the case of illegal sale of bear skins at Kodiak. I will thank you to assure the Deputy Marshal that his statement in the premises is entirely satisfactory to me.

Respectfully yours,


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Mr. H. P. Sullivan,

United States Marshal,

Valdez, Alaska.

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November 11, 1911.

My dear Sir:

I write to thank you for your letter of the 26th ult-
imo, and for your suggestion of names for appointment as game
wardens. We have already appointed four, and letters of appoint-
ment for the others will be written out and mailed in due course.

Your impression is correct that only gross violations
of the game law should be taken into consideration by the men of
the Forest Service -- that is, I should not expect them to at-
tempt any enforcement of the law except under a liberal construc-
tion of the law in favor of prospectors, miners, and others who
are remote from a fresh meat supply. Moreover, it is not ex-
pected, of course, that the officers and employees of your Ser-
vice will devote a great amount of time to this work but perform
duties as game wardens merely as an incident to their service un-
der another branch of the government.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. W. G. Weigle,

Forest Supervisor,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

November 11, 1911.

My dear Mr. Cantwell:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, asking application for appointment as game warden in the 3d Division. I am impressed by your evident qualifications for such a position, but no appointments are contemplated in the near future, either in the 3d Division or elsewhere in the Territory, for the reason that there are no vacancies in the list of wardens, the salaries and expenses of whom take up our present appropriation for the enforcement of the game law. I shall be glad to keep your letter and to consider your application in the future should an opportunity present itself for making an appointment in this service.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. Geo. S. Cantwell,

Valdez, Alaska.

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Juneau, November 11, 1911. C. H.

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Bill fees not yet received. Advise when we may expect them and write letter explaining fully cause of delay.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

W. Shorthill
Secretary to the Governor.

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November 11, 1911.

Sirs:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26 in which you request that a certain specimen of moose now at the stevedock wharf in Jaseou, marked "Property of the State of Iowa", the same having been obtained by Messrs. F. C. Hibbell and Dr. D. W. Brown during their recent hunting trip in Alaska, be released for shipment without the payment of the usual fee of one hundred and fifty dollars. I beg to call your attention to the letters which I addressed to you under dates of July 19 and 27 last, which were in response to your letter of July 11 in which you made substantially the same request. As I explained in the letter of July 27, the Secretary of Agriculture has ruled that permits for the free shipment of game trophies for scientific purposes cannot be issued in case the trophies are obtained in the Kenai Peninsula. There has been no change in that ruling, and although I would be glad to extend the courtesy which you request if the law and the rulings of the Department permitted it, I find it impossible to do so under the circumstances, as I fully explained in my former letter.

I was under the impression that Messrs. Hibbell and Brown

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came to Alaska for the exclusive purpose of collecting specimens for your institution, and it was my natural supposition that when they took out special moose shipping licenses (two, in the name of Mr. Rubbell) as they did, it was for the purpose of shipping the trophies to the Historical Department of Iowa. It seems, however, that their hunting trip, for which we were asked in the first instance to grant free permits both for hunting and shipping, was not instituted exclusively for scientific purposes but for their own personal benefit.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. E. R. Harlan,

Curator, Historical Department of Iowa,

Des Moines, Iowa.

(Copy to Mr. Snouse.)

November 16, 1911.

SIR:

In connection with the execution of a new bond, as of this date, covering my disbursements of the appropriation for protection of game in Alaska, I have the honor to request that, if it be consistent with Departmental regulations, upon the approval of my new bond, transmitted herewith, the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to have the sum of Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1750.00) telegraphed to the First National Bank of Juneau, Alaska, to be placed to my official credit as Special Disbursing Agent. My balance, in bank, on this date is \$2230.85, with outstanding checks amounting to \$2155.53.

I make this request for the reason that it will probably be about December 1st when the bond is approved, and if the requisition be immediately placed for the above amount, as of the date of approval of the bond, it will facilitate the payment of past-due expense accounts, as well as the salaries of the game wardens for November and their November expense accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
Special Disbursing Agent.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.

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November 16, 1911.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letters of the 4th instant, initialed "G.G.A.", in respect to my application for increase of bond in connection with disbursements for the protection of game, with which letters was received the bond form and signature cards.

I have this date signed the bond form and had two witnesses sign the same, and have also filled out the signature cards. The bond and cards are herewith transmitted for further Departmental action.

In reference to the signature cards, it will be noted that I have (as in the case of the former bond) indicated my official signature as "W. W. Shorthill", although I have signed the bond with my name in full. Under my former bond the Department permitted me to use the official signature mentioned, although not in strict conformity with the signature to the bond, and I have the honor again to request that I be permitted to sign in this form, which is my usual signature for all purposes.

I note instructions with respect to making requisition under the new bond, and shall act accordingly; also shall be pleased to arrange payment of additional premiums when advised.

From the instructions contained in one of the Department letters of the 4th instant, I take it that from this date and until ad-

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vised of the approval of my new bond, I cannot make requisitions or draw checks under either bond; and that my accounts from and after this date should be carried under the new bond, if approved, as of date November 16, 1911. I assume, however, that nothing is required in connection with this except that I make proper notation on my records of the date of the new bond, and show proper dates of bonds when making up my accounts for the quarter -- no transfer of accounts or other formal action being necessary on my part so far as the Depository at Juneau is concerned. If my understanding in these matters is not correct, I shall be pleased to be advised. Inasmuch as there are now some accounts awaiting payment, the payment of which is delayed at this time on account of lack of funds, I have the honor to request that the matter of the approval of the new bond be given as great dispatch as is consistent with Department regulations and procedure.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully yours,

(Enclosures)

Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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November 20, 1911.

Siv:

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, for your information I beg to advise that this office has issued the following special moose shipping licenses on this date:

No. 8, to Alexander Brown, for one moose or any part thereof, killed south of latitude 62°, consigned to himself at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, through the port of Seattle;

No. 9, to Alexander Brown, for one moose or any part thereof, killed south of latitude 62°, consigned to himself at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, through the port of Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

November 30, 1911.

Two Hundred and

Fifty-eight (\$298.00)

shipping

Walter C. Clark

By

Secretary to the Governor.

Special Moose Shipping Licenses Nos. ~~647~~

J. J. & J. H. Jeffries

Malcolm McNeill

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

November 20, 1911.

Two hundred and

ninety-eight (\$298.00)

shipping

Walter E. Clark

Secretary to the Governor.

Special Moose Shipping Licenses Nos. 3 and 4.

Alexander Brown

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November 20, 1911.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, with which was enclosed a draft for \$300 to cover two special moose shipping licenses for Mr. Alexander Brown, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to be shipped through Seattle, I enclose herewith special licenses Nos. 8 and 9 issued to Mr. Brown, and am today advising the Customs officer at Seattle in the usual form.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(Inclosures)

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

November 22, 1911.

My dear Sir:

I am greatly indebted to you for your ample reply to my inquiry regarding your experiences with one or more of our registered guides on the Kenai Peninsula. This information will, I have no doubt, prove valuable, and I am very glad to know that the guide, Sweeney, impressed you so favorably.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Hon. Wolf von Lohmeysen,

Seattle, Wash.

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November 22, 1911.

Sir:

Responding to the request contained in your letter of the 20th ultimo, you are advised that in the administration of the game law this office does not countenance the selling of moose skins or the skins of other game animals, but holds that any man who is engaged in such business is violating section 4 of the game law. For your confidential information I wish to apprise you of the fact that it is not the desire of this office to interfere with what is known as the legitimate curio trade — that is, to prosecute for the sale of small articles such as moccasins, beaded mittens or gloves, and other trinkets, especially since the making of these articles forms an industry for the Natives. You will appreciate that in order to draw the line in this matter we are in danger of being made to appear inconsistent, and so we are simply saying as little as possible about the curio business. We do hold, though, that the sale of a whole skin is illegal, and a case of this kind was recently prosecuted at Kodiak and the defendant was fined. In the case of the moose skins which you mention, we had occasion to hold up several of these skins at Seward last summer, and to refuse to let them be shipped out of the Territory. This was the Aldridge case, regarding which we wired you some time ago. I think that you had better advise any

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person or persons in Fairbanks who are engaged in the business of selling whole skins, or substantially whole skins, as for instance moose hides which have been painted or burned, that while we do not wish to be unduly strict in the enforcement of such provisions we must insist that these articles cannot be shipped from the Territory: and also that in case the sale of such articles constitutes a regular business of such person or persons the sale will be interfered with.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. Wm. Lloyd,

Game Warden,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

November 22, 1911.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant enclosing draft for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars which you state is to cover the "charge for exportation" of the moose specimens now at Juneau. It is noted that you say you do not waive your appeal to "disregard the rule by which such charges are made", and that you ask the Governor to "hold this draft as a personal and unofficial matter", etc.

I am directed to return the draft herewith, inasmuch as the Governor has no authority to hold funds "personally and unofficially," and for the further reason that since the charge for shipping moose from Alaska, whether under an ordinary hunting license or under the special license required when the moose is killed south of latitude 62°, is not occasioned by any "rule", either of the Department or of this office, but is a provision of the Alaska game law itself, there rests in the Governor no discretion or authority whatever to waive the charge for any purpose — however willing he might be to do so were he vested with such power. It is purely a question whether you do or do not wish to pay for the license; and until this is determined this office can take no action. The Governor addressed a letter to you some days ago, which you will no doubt receive before this reaches you, advising that it is not

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within his province to waive the payment of fees which are required
by law.

Awaiting your further pleasure, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Enclosure)

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. E. R. Harlan,
Curator, Historical Department of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

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November 25, 1911.

Sir:

In conformity with the arrangement of last year, I write to advise you that your salary as game warden will be discontinued on and after December 31, 1911, and until further notice. This is made necessary on account of work in other parts of the Territory which cannot well be discontinued. It will be appreciated if you will continue to make monthly reports, as was done last year, of conditions at Kenai, for the information of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Mr. P. F. Vian,

Game Warden,

Kenai, Alaska.

November 28, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in respect to your experiences with guides on Kenai Peninsula this year, and to thank you for it. I am glad to know that you found your guide, Chamberlain, to be competent and familiar with the country, so much so that you express a willingness to recommend him to your friends should you have an opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. C. B. Williams,

Bonham, Texas.

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November 28, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in respect to your experience with the guide employed by you on your hunting trip in Western Alaska this year, and wish to thank you for giving such an extended and highly commendatory report of the guides services while in your employ. It is a pleasure to know that at least one of our guides possesses qualifications satisfactory to even the most exacting. You were certainly fortunate in securing this man. We have received letters from other hunters in respect to their experiences, and thus far they have all spoken in highest praise of their guides. This is, of course, very gratifying. However, those who have complained of poor service on the part of guides have not yet responded to my inquiries, and when they do it may be that we shall find that some of the guides are lacking in those qualities which are absolutely necessary if they are to be of service to the hunter as well as to assist in the enforcement of the game law. It is to the credit of the non-resident hunters, however, that thus far we have had no complaints of willful violation of the law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. A. Edward Frear,
4309 Grand Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

November 28, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in reply to my inquiry as to your experiences with guides on Kenai Peninsula this year, and wish to thank you for the full expression which you have given to the subject. I am pleased to know that your own experiences were entirely satisfactory, and that you found both the guide, Ensweller, and the packer, DeWitt, thoroughly familiar with the country and with exceptional knowledge of the game and their habits.

Letters have been received from other non-resident hunters, in response to a letter similar to the one sent you, — thus far all of them have spoken in high praise of their guides. Those who seem, from reports or from their own verbal complaints to this office, to have had unsatisfactory service from their guides, have not yet been heard from. It is possible that when we have heard from all of them we shall find that some improvement can be made in the guide service; if so, it will be made. The sole purpose of the letters of inquiry which I have sent to every non-resident hunter who has visited Kenai this year was to ascertain from them just what their experiences were, and by so doing to try to reach a proper conclusion as to the character and ability of the several guides. The personal experiences of these hunters, nearly all of whom seem to have been men of much ex-

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perience in big game hunting, will be of great assistance to the Governor in determining which of the guides are competent and which seem to be of inferior ability or, perhaps, entirely incompetent.

I assure you that any courtesies extended to you by this office or those employed under its direction, were extended with the greatest pleasure.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. James Ford Bell,

care Washburn-Crosby Co.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

December 1, 1911.

Sir:

Your letter dated October 1, 1911, enclosing copy of opinion on the forfeiture clause of the game law, rendered by Assistant District Attorney Green to United States Marshal Sullivan, has received careful attention. You are advised that this office deems it advisable to follow the practice of enforcing the forfeiture of game only upon conviction of the person accused of violating the law. A person found having in his possession more than 25 game birds in any one day should always suffer the seizure of the game, but the question of the final forfeiture of the game should not be determined until after a trial of the person accused. In case of no trial, or of an acquittal by a jury, the game should be restored to the person from whom it was seized, since no violation of the law has been proven.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska

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December 2, 1911.

Sir:

Your letter of November 5, with expense account for October and monthly report for October, reached this office on yesterday. The Governor asks me to express his appreciation of your very complete report of your work for October.

I note that you had not received your check for September up to the time you wrote -- November 5. I hope it has reached you before this time. On receipt of this letter, if you have not yet received the September check, please send a telegram to the office at Eagle (or nearest and most convenient telegraph office reached by mail from Chicken), addressed to "Secretary to the Governor, Juneau", and signed "Larson, Game Warden", advising me of the non-receipt of the check and I will see what I can do in the matter. I rather think, however, that you will have received both the September and October checks by the time this letter reaches you.

I send herewith some more travel expense voucher blanks, as requested.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. C. L. Larson,
Game Warden,
Chicken, Alaska.

Secretary to the Governor
and S. I. Agents.

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December 6, 1911

Sir:

This office is favored by your letter of the 20th ultimo, which was ostensibly in reply to ours of the 3rd in which an honest effort was made to obtain facts which might improve the administration of the Alaska game law. Some ten or twelve other non-residents who hunted in Alaska last summer have replied to the official inquiry in excellent spirit -- all of them, by the way, even those who had made some ill-considered verbal criticisms while in Alaska, speaking in commendation of the licensed guides employed by them. It is regretted that your letter does not lend any helpful information or discuss any matters which are in point.

The whole tenor and contents of your communication characterize the writer so clearly, however, that your insinuation that the Governor spoke from "inner consciousness" instead of speaking the truth may be passed over as a matter of the slightest possible consequence. But that a non-resident of ALASKA visiting our Territory in the guise of a sportsman should deliberately and clearly set up the proposition, as you do, that flagrant violators of the game law ought to be appointed as licensed guides, and that hunters have a right to command the services of such, suggests a possible conclusion -- which is that that particular non-resident hunter wishes an opportunity to break the law himself. This would appear to justify absolutely what you have termed, with more intemperance than discernment, the "policeman" feature of the Alaska game law.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Mr. F. C. Habbell,
Des Moines Union Railway Company,
Des Moines, Iowa

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December 6, 1911.

Sir:

Dr. William T. Hornaday, of New York, has sent to this office a clipping from a Valdez newspaper, as follows:

Under the leadership of Dr. Romig and Fred Hale, the people of Seward are now engaged in a four days' hunting contest, which commenced this morning.

Sides were chosen, nearly every resident of the city being engaged in the hunt. L. P. Shaw, of the Gateway, is score keeper, and Game Warden Chris Shea is referee.

The parties will start at mile 12 and hunt toward town. Every bird and beast of the forest is given a value in points, and the party scoring the greatest number of points is the winner.

After the hunt the losers are to give a dinner to the whole town, at which will be served the game brought in by the hunters. Last year the bag of the contending sides consisted of one grouse and one squirrel.

Dr. Hornaday suggests that if the game warden participated in this contest, in the manner described, his action was improper. You are requested to report the facts in the premises to this office not only as to your own alleged participation, but as to the general subject matter of the newspaper article in question.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska

December 6, 1911.

Sir:

In regard to the subject matter of your letter of the 21st ultimo an inquiry is being made by this office to establish the facts in the premises, upon receipt of which I shall take pleasure in advising you further.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. William T. Hornaday,

2969 Decatur Avenue,

Bedford Park,

New York, N. Y.

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December 8, 1911.

Sir:

Referring to my annual report on the Alaska Game Law, which was mailed to you from this office two days ago, I have the honor to request that the following correction be made therein:

On page 7, substitute for lines 5, 6 and 7 the following—

"These and other charges will probably not be wholly sustained by the investigation now being carried on by this office".

That is, strike out the words:

"but it is believed to be true that some of the guides are inefficient".

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, enclosing postoffice order for five dollars, the legal fee for shipping license for one brown bear skin, issuance of which you request on behalf of Dr. H. O. Schelaben. License No. 12, issued this date, is herewith enclosed to you, as you requested in your letter.

You state that the shipment will be made by Dr. Schelaben to himself, through Seattle; but whether or not Seattle is also the destination of the shipment, you do not state. I am assuming that it is, however, and am so advising the Customs officer at that place. You understand, of course, that while most of the shipments pass through Seattle, many of them are destined to points in the states beyond Seattle; and in all applications for licenses, as heretofore explained to you, the port through which the shipment will pass, and also the destination (and name of consignee) should be given.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(Enclosure)

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

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December 7, 1911.

Sir:

Under the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, for your information you are advised that this office has this date issued general game shipping license No. 12, to H. O. Schalen, for the shipment of one brown bear skin, consigned to himself at Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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December 7, 1911

Four (\$4.00)

shipping

(G. G. S. L. #12. H.O. Schelaben.)

December 7, 1911.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1, enclosing five dollars and requesting that a shipping license for one brown bear skin be issued to you. The license has been issued this date, and is herewith enclosed.

Your letter does not state to whom the skin will be assigned, although this information should have been given, under the rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses. However, to save time for you, and solely for your accommodation, it is assumed by this office that you will ship the skin to yourself, at Seattle, and the Customs officer at that place has been advised to that effect. Should you not be going to Seattle with the shipment, it would perhaps be permissible for you to ship the skin to yourself, ^{with someone} in care of someone in Seattle whom you may wish to have look after it on arrival there.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. E. B. Sprague,

Karluk, Alaska.

December 7, 1911.

Sir:

Under the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, for your information you are advised that this office has this date issued to E. B. Sprague, of Karluk, Alaska, general game shipping license No. 11, covering shipment of one brown bear skin, consigned to himself at Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

The Collector of Customs,
Seattle, Wash.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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December 7, 1911.

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(General Game Shipping License #11, to E.B.Sprague.)

Jameau, December 8, 1911. O. B. Govt. rate COLLECT.

Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Accounts under old bond closed November thirty and now in mail. Since I had no instructions ~~me~~ from Department as to disposition of unexpended balance it was taken up by me in my accounts under new bond. Upon receipt Chief Clerk Ucker's message this date I have deposited the unexpended balance of seventy-five dollars thirty-two cents to credit U. S. Treasurer with First National here. Necessary correction of abstract will be sent first mail.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to Governor.

W. W. Shorthill
Secretary to Governor.

December 8, 1911.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of November 28, advising me that it would be necessary for me to close my accounts under my old bond, on November 30, and to your two letters of that date in further explanation of the matter, I have the honor to herewith submit my accounts at the closing of same under the bond dated April 11, 1911.

I closed the accounts as of date November 30, pursuant to instructions, having then an unexpended balance of \$75.38 on hand. Since no instructions had been given me by the Department as to the proper method of disposing of this balance, I assumed that it would be quite the correct procedure to carry it into my accounts under the new bond (of date December 1, 1911) as a balance on hand from my accounts under the old bond; and this entry was accordingly made in my books under date of December 1. Subsequently, your telegram of this date was received, which seemed to imply that it was expected that I had deposited this unexpended balance to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States. Construing your message in this way, and after conference with Governor Clark, I deposited the unexpended balance of \$75.38 to the credit of the U. S. Treasurer, with the First National Bank, Juneau, today. Upon inquiry at the post office I found that my accounts had not yet left the Juneau office, and I was therefore able to get them back for correction. I have therefore made a note of explanation on the Abstract of Disbursements and on the Account Current, briefly stating how I came to show a balance on hand November 30, and what disposition has since been made of it in pursuance of your telegram. I trust that this, with my fuller explanation herein, will be sufficient to set the matter straight with the Department. It did not seem to me that it could be expected that I should deposit the unexpended balance back to the credit of the U. S. Treasurer, simply because of an increase in my bond for the disbursement of the same identical fund in the same fiscal year; inasmuch as this would necessitate, at a later date, my making a requisition for the money to be again placed to my credit. However, I evidently did not view the matter in the light of Departmental regulations (since I have had no instructions on this particular point), and the matter was therefore handled in the manner which seemed to me quite proper.

If any further explanation, or correction of accounts, is required, I shall be pleased to furnish same upon being advised as to just what may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Clement S. Usher,
Chief Clerk, Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Secretary to the Governor, and
S. D. Agent.

December 8, 1911.

Sirs:

Enclosed I hand you check No. 80 for \$75.32, payable to yourselves, and will thank you to place this amount to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "unexpended balance at closing of accounts November 30, under old bond", sending the original certificate of deposit therefor to the Secretary of the Treasury and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
Special Disbursing Agent of the
appropriation: "For protection
of Game in Alaska".

First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska

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December 9, 1911.

Sir:

Referring to my accounts as disbursing agent of the appropriation for protection of game in Alaska, which were closed on November 30, 1911, under the date of April 11, 1911, and the deposit of the unexpended balance of \$75.32 on December 8, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, I beg to enclose herewith the receipt of the First National Bank, Juneau, covering this deposit. This receipt should have accompanied the accounts, it being my intention to attach it to the Account Current, but it was inadvertently overlooked. I would respectfully request that it be placed with the accounts, which go forward addressed to you in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
S. D. A.

(Enclosure)

Mr. Clement S. Usher,
Chief Clerk, Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

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December 13, 1911.

Sir:

Replying to the Bureau's letter of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor herewith to transmit one sample each of Hunting License, General Game Shipping License, and Special Moose-Shipping License, in use by this office.

Respectfully yours,

(Enclosures)

Secretary to the Governor,

Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey,

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

December 14, 1911.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check (or checks) as noted below, covering salary for November, 1911, and such other items as may be indicated below.

I regret that I have been delayed in the issuance of these checks until this date, but it has been necessary on account of the fact that my bond as disbursing agent has ^{recently} been increased, at my request, to \$4,000, so that I might carry a larger amount on hand in the bank at Juneau, in an effort to meet salaries and expense accounts in future as they fall due. Inasmuch as I am required to consider all outstanding checks as "cash on hand" when making requisition on the U. S. Treasury for funds, I am seriously handicapped in paying salaries and expense accounts promptly. In an effort to remedy this I have had my bond increased to \$4000, which will help some; but during the winter, when the mail service is slow, it will still be difficult to issue all checks promptly. Game Wardens can assist in this if they will always be prompt in placing their checks in way of payment, through banks or otherwise, so that they will reach the bank in Juneau without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. [Signature]
Special Disbursing Agent.

December 16, 1911.

My dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant in respect to the shipment of one Goat hide from Alaska. I enclose copy of a circular issued by this office giving information in regard to the requirements of the game law, and call your attention to the marked portion on page 2. You will note that the requisite fee must accompany the application for license, and that the destination and consignee of the shipment must be given, as also the port through which it will pass -- in your case, Seattle. You will readily understand that this office could not issue licenses in advance of receipt of the fee or in the absence of the necessary information required by the law. I shall be glad to issue the license upon receipt of the necessary information and of the fee, which you will note is five dollars.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. E. S. Swengel,

care Mr. T. T. Ford,

Pier 2, Seattle, Wash.

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Juneau, December 16, 1911. O. B.

Irons, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Confidential. Referring your letter nineteenth ultimo, desire you or Lloyd to bring before Commissioner first strong case of the same kind which you can establish and in event of same ruling as was made by Commissioner last January, appeal it to the district court.

CLARK, Governor.

Low Holtz
Secretary to the Governor.

Note: The foregoing message was not sent, Governor Clark deciding to wait.
Low Holtz
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December 18, 1911.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that an accountable warrant be issued by the Treasury Department, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), payable out of the appropriation "For protection of game in Alaska, 1912", and to be placed to my official credit with the First National Bank of Juneau, Alaska. My balance in the Bank this date is \$2750.28, which includes the warrant for \$1750 recently placed to my credit here. My bond is dated December 1, 1911, and is in the sum of \$4,000.00.

Respectfully yours,

Special Disbursing Agent

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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December 23, 1911.

SIR:

I have your letter of the 1st instant with expense account for November. I note that the date is not filled out in the jurat, immediately preceding the Notary's signature, and I am therefore obliged to return the original voucher to you with request that you will have Mr. Green fill in the date.

I do not like to delay payment of the account, but as the voucher would be returned to me by the Auditor if sent in in its present form, I am obliged to return it for completion.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

(Enclosure)

Mr. S. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

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December 27, 1911.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 13th instant I beg to advise you as follows:

By reference to the enclosed copies of the game law and regulations, and the circulars issued by this office in respect thereto, you will find, I think, very complete information in regard to the game seasons, etc., and cost of licenses. The hunting license, for which the fee is \$50, which all non-residents are required to obtain from this office, is described in the first paragraph of section 5 of the Law and Regulations, and is accompanied by shipping coupons for the various kinds of game included in the license. Of course all game must be killed during the open season, whether in Kenai Peninsula or elsewhere. Moose killed north of latitude 62 degrees may be shipped under the coupon attached to the hunting license; but moose killed south of 62 (which includes those killed in Kenai Peninsula) cannot be shipped until a special moose-shipping license (see second paragraph, section 5) has been obtained, the fee for which is \$150, and not more than two of these licenses can be issued to one person in one year. As a matter of accommodation to hunters this office during the past season permitted the killing of the animals prior to the procuring of the special moose shipping license, thus insuring the hunter his trophy before requiring payment of the fee. It is probable this may be done next season, also. Under this arrangement the hunter

--Mr. Chas. W. Butler, p. 2--

after procuring his animal or animals, deposited with the game warden at Seward, Alaska, the legal fee for the license or licenses, upon receipt of which the warden telegraphed this office requesting the issuance of the license or licenses and giving the required information and advising where to send the license. The hunter was required to bear the expense of telegraphing, since it was not a proper charge against the government, being purely a matter for the accommodation of hunters and not required by the law or regulations.

Section 2 of the law will answer your inquiries as to the game seasons, etc.

Licenses may be procured by hunters in advance of their visiting Alaska, or immediately preceding their trip, having them sent to such address as they may wish -- either their address in the states, or to the game warden at Seward or Kenai, or in care of the steamship company at Seattle, Wash., (specifying the particular company, of course), or, in case hunters travel on steamers which touch at Juneau enroute to the Kenai Peninsula country (Seward, Alaska), they may have them delivered at Juneau, either obtaining them while the steamer is in port, if during the daytime, or having them left with the steamship agent at Juneau for delivery on arrival of the steamer here. In every case the legal fee must accompany the application for the hunting license, and the applicant must give the necessary information as to residence, consignee and destination of shipments of trophies, and whether same will pass through the ports of Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oregon, or San Francisco, Cal. Nearly all shipments pass through Seattle, however, especially those from the coast region.

—Mr. Chas. D. Butler, p. 3—

Should you wish particular information as to guides, kinds of game most likely to be found in the vicinity of Kenai Peninsula, etc., I would suggest that you write to Mr. C. C. Shea, Game Warden, Seward, Alaska, who will be glad to write you fully; and he is thoroughly acquainted with that section of the country.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. Chas. D. Butler,

care Berkshire Lumber Company,

Pittsfield, Mass.

P. S. As to a guide for the Kusileff Lake region, I am not able to give particular information. Either Mr. Shea, at Seward, or Warden F. F. Vian, at Kenai, Alaska, can no doubt advise you definitely as to this.

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December 26, 1911.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department's letter dated the 14th instant (Assistant Secretary Thompson) transmitting a copy of a letter from Honorable Halvor Stearnson, House of Representatives, in relation to the stationing of a game warden on Kanasotti river and suggesting for consideration the name of Charles G. Huff for appointment as such game warden. It is not possible to make any additional appointments at present and there is no vacancy. I am explaining the matter fully to Mr. Stearnson in a letter of this date.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

December 25, 1911.

My dear Sir:

There has been forwarded to me by the Secretary of the Interior, a copy of your letter addressed to him under date of December 14, 1911, in reference to the stationing of a game warden on Egan-cott river at the mouth of Hecetby Creek, and recommending that Mr. Charles C. Wolff, of Valdez, Alaska, be appointed as such game warden.

I shall be glad to recall your recommendation, which I witness whenever a vacancy occurs in the game protection service, but we have no vacancies at present and our funds for this service are all appropriated for the current fiscal year. Our appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars may seem to be liberal for the purpose, but the fact is that it is necessary to pay game wardens much higher salaries in this Territory than elsewhere, and their traveling expenses are correspondingly high.

Respectfully yours,

GOVERNOR.

Honorable Halvor Stearnson,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

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December 28, 1911.

My dear Shea:

I received your letter of the 15th instant and am interested in the proposed changes in the game law which you sent. I have already made some comprehensive recommendations in my annual report on the game law. While I appreciate your enthusiasm and am aware of your good intentions, I think it would be better if you did not, while occupying the position of game warden, send letters to members of Congress on the subject of the game law unless these letters are solicited. I do not myself write to members of Congress on any subject unless they write to me first, it being deemed better propriety for me not to do so.

I do not feel much encouragement over the prospect of getting any remedial legislation on the subject of game protection this winter.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska

December 28, 1911

My dear Mr. Romig:

I have your recommendation of Mr. A. J. Harkins for appointment as game warden. We have no vacancy in the list of wardens at present, and no funds to pay the salary of an additional warden, but I shall bear your letter in mind.

Faithfully yours,

G. W. R. O. R.

Mr. J. H. Romig,

Howard, Alb. State

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Juneau, January 2, 1911. O. B.

Lloyd, Warden,

Fairbanks.

Yours date. Checks mailed December fourteen. Should reach you soon.

SHORTHILL.

in office of business, and
any mail not bear the delay

W. W. Shorthill
Secretary to Governor.

January 3, 1911.

Sirs:

Enclosed I send you post office money order for \$5.60, being balance due on account of premium on bond of December 1, 1911, for \$4,000.00, covering my disbursements as special disbursing agent of the fund for the protection of game in Alaska, as advised in your letter of November 29 last.

Respectfully yours,

Special Disbursing Agent.

American Surety Company of New York,

Southern Building,

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1918.

Sir:

In the absence of Governor Clark, who is now enroute to Washington, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo making application for appointment as a game warden to the westward of Seward.

The Governor received a letter from Dr. J. H. Romig of Seward, Alaska, recently, recommending you for appointment, and in reply thereto advised the Doctor that while he appreciated his recommendation it was impossible to make any appointment at this time, since there are no vacancies in the service and the funds available will not permit of the employment of additional wardens. Your letter, with the Doctor's, will be filed for future reference, should there be a vacancy or an opportunity to appoint additional wardens, and will then be given consideration with such others as may be on file.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. A. J. Hackmeier,

1309 Buena Vista Avenue,

Alameda, California.

January 10, 1912.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st of December, making application for appointment as game warden for the Nisina and adjacent districts.

The letter from Congressman Steenerson, to which you refer, was received by Governor Clark some days ago, through the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor was obliged to advise Congressman Steenerson that while he would be very glad to consider your application, it was impossible to make any appointments at this time, since there are no vacancies in the service and the funds available for the current fiscal year will not permit of further appointments, however desirable.

Your letter will be filed with that of Congressman Steenerson, for future reference should an opportunity arise for the appointment of a warden.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Mr. C. G. Wulff,

Valdez, Alaska

January 10, 1912.

Dear Mr. Larson:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your report for the month of November, which the Governor read with much interest. Unfortunately the Governor did not indicate his wishes as to your extending your trips to Eagle and other places on the Yukon and as far as Chistochena on the Copper river, and I am unable to advise as to this. For the present I do not think it would be well to try to cover quite so much territory. I will write to the Governor about this matter and let you know what he has to say about it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Mr. C. L. Larson, Warden,
Chickena, Alaska.

January 10, 1912.

Dear Governor:

In Game Warden Larson's report for November, which was received some days prior to your departure, he asked as to whether he should "extend my travels to Eagle, 70 Mile and Charley River on the Yukon, and on to Slate creek, Mentasta or even to Chestochina on the Copper river side. * * * A trip to Chestochina via Ketchikanstock, Mansfield, Tanana Crossing * * Slate creek and Mentasta would take 3 weeks for round trip, with dog team."

I today acknowledged receipt of his report, and in referring to his question advised him not to try to cover too much country until you had indicated your wishes in the matter. I told him I would call the matter to your attention in case you might wish to instruct him definitely as to what territory you thought best for him to cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Governor Walter B. Clark,

Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1912.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your report for the month of December, and referring in particular to that portion which relates to the arrangement made by you with Mr. J. O. Madding whereby you are to have the use of his dog-team, consisting of five dogs, harness and sled, for their care and food, I beg to advise that I believe this arrangement will be entirely satisfactory to the Governor. I had a long talk with him on this very subject -- transportation of game wardens by dog-team, horse, etc., -- just prior to his departure for Washington on the 4th instant, and he very fully outlined his wishes and the policy of the office in regard to the matter, particular with respect to wardens using their own dogs or horses and making a charge for such use. He agrees that in such cases the actual cost of the feed is to be allowed, but states that in his judgment it is improper for a warden to charge more than a mere nominal sum for horse or dog-team hire. The cost of the dog or horse feed must be evidenced in every case by receipted bills showing from whom purchased, when, where, in what quantities, kind of food and price per pound, etc. You suggest that the Madding dog-team can be kept for about \$1.00 per day. You cannot make a charge on this basis, under the Governor's instructions to me (as above outlined), but must submit the receipted bills showing just what food has been purchased and

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the other necessary information suggested above. Bills for this feed, when covered by your expense accounts in due form. No charge should be made, of course, under your arrangement with Mr. Madding, for the use of the team.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

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January 10, 1912.

My dear Mr. Tolman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your report for November, which has been read with much interest. Certainly you are not finding Sand Point a summer resort, but I hope that you and your son will have no mishaps or bad luck, and will return next summer none the worse for your experiences.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Mr. J. C. Tolman,

Game Warden,

Sand Point, Alaska

January 10, 1912.

My dear Mr. Tolman:

I write to thank you for your letter of the 30th of November in which you advise that you are sending a small sample of dried caribou meat to be divided between Governor Clark, Mr. Stowell and myself. Governor Clark left for Washington on the 4th instant, so I fear he will not get his share unless I find I can forward it to him. I will see that Mr. Stowell receives part of it, as you request.

Please accept my thanks for your kindness, and I am sure the Governor will also appreciate the courtesy. The package has not yet come to hand, but will no doubt show up soon.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. J. J. Tolman,
Game Warden,
Sand Point, Alaska.

Secretary.

January 10, 1918

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29 last, in reply to mine of October 30, in respect to the cost of horse and dog-team hire, etc.

I took this matter up with Governor Clark before his departure for Washington on the 4th instant, and the subject was very carefully gone into. The result was that the Governor is advised as that for the present, at least, he was averse to allowing game wardens compensation for the use of their own horses or dogs on the same basis as would be paid if the animals were hired from those who make that a business. It is not improper for a warden to use his own horses or dogs, but the governor doubts the propriety of the warden being given any considerable compensation therefor. This for the reason that such compensation would be in the nature of additional pay to the warden, which would be in violation of law. Where wardens furnish their own horses or dogs, it is entirely proper that the actual cost of feed for the animals when actually in service on official trips of the wardens should be paid for. In such case the warden must submit with his monthly expense account a receipted bill showing the kind and amount of feed purchased, the cost per pound (or other unit of cost), from whom purchased, when, where, etc., the same as he would do if buying feed for himself on an official trip. This matter was brought up in the discussion of the general subject of expenses, by the fact that your letter of November 29 shows that in your voucher covering horse hire you were charging for the use of your own horses.

While the Governor did not say that no compensation whatever could be allowed for the use of the warden's own horses or dog-team, in addition to the actual cost of the feed used on official trips, I think it would be well not to include in your vouchers, for the present, any charge other than that for feed, if you use your own dog team. While the Governor is in Washington it is possible that he may find time to go into this matter and make a definite ruling as to "hire", as distinguished from cost of feed, where wardens use their own animals on official trips.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Mr. William Lloyd,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

January 10, 1912.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant to Governor Clark, in acknowledgment of his letter to you under date of December 1st, in regard to the opinion given by Assistant District Attorney Green to U. S. Marshal Sullivan on the forfeiture clause of the game laws and in which you advise that a sale of the birds found in the possession of one Luther and seized by you was to be made by the Marshal's office on January 8th -- copy of the notice accompanying your letter.

If Luther was convicted upon trial, the sale of the birds was no doubt a proper procedure; but if he was acquitted, it would seem, under the ruling of the Governor in his letter to you of the 1st of December, that such sale was at least not in conformity to that ruling, whatever may be your opinion of the legal status of the matter. Unless Luther were convicted it seems that the birds were his, under the law or at least that it is deemed advisable in such cases that the game be not held but returned to the hunter -- in conformity with the Governor's letter above mentioned. Without referring to your report on the Luther case I do not recall whether he was convicted upon trial or not.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. G. C. Shea, Game Warden,

Sitka, Alaska,

Secretary to the Governor.

January 10, 1912.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 23 with
expense account, also letter of Nov. 25 in reference to each of
office, sales of liquor to Indians, and suggestions as to en-
forcement of law for protection of fur-bearing animals.

I am sending you herewith a ribbon for your machine, which
I hope will work all right.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. J. G. Tolman,

Game Warden,

Sand Point, Alaska.

January 10, 1912.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30 giving a report of your work for the month of November.

In reference to your former letter in regard to the ruling of Commissioner Dillon, Governor Clark dictated a telegraphic reply to same some time ago, but decided to hold it up for a time. He left for Washington on the 4th instant, and the matter is still held in abeyance. I am today writing him, calling his attention to the matter, and asking him to advise me whether he wishes any action taken during his absence, and if so, to either advise you direct or else write me so that I may wire you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. P. O. Irons,

Game Warden,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

January 11, 1912.

Dear Governor:

You will recall that shortly prior to your departure you dictated a telegram to Game Warden Irons asking that he or Lloyd present the first good case of a similar nature to that on which Commissioner Dillon ruled last year, before the same Commissioner, with a view of taking an appeal in case it were decided in the same way, and obtaining a ruling of the district court on the questions. After the message was written you asked me to hold it up until you had a talk with Rustgard or Polson, and no more was said about it. In Irons's report for November he refers to the matter again, and asks that, if possible, you advise him soon as to your wishes. I have written him that you have gone to Washington, and that I am writing to you about the matter, thinking you might find time to advise what you wish done in the matter, since he seems to think the matter is important in connection with the efforts of himself and Lloyd to enforce the game law. I enclose the opinion as it appeared in the Fairbanks Weekly Times of January 13, 1911.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Governor Walter E. Clark,

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1913.

Dear Governor:

In a letter from Game Warden Tolman, of date November 25 last, he makes the following reference to the enforcement of the law for the protection of fur-bearing animals:

"There is one thing that I intended to report, and I will include it in this. If the Department of Commerce and Labor would send a man to Uyak Bay, and also to Chignik and Hock bay during the first part of next year, who is able to tell a poisoned skin when they see one, I don't think there is any doubt but he would be sure to pick up several men, all circumstances point plainly that poison is used at all three places.

"There is also poison being used on this peninsula and I will endeavor to get a line on some of them this winter and report same to the Commissioner at Unga."

I give you this information, thinking you might deem it advisable to communicate it to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Governor Walter E. Clark,

Washington, D. C.

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January 11, 1912.

Sir:

In a recent conversation with Governor Clark in regard to expense accounts of game wardens, the subject of charges made by wardens for use of their own horses or dog-teams was gone into quite thoroughly, and the Governor stated that he regarded it as of doubtful propriety to allow wardens to put in bills for the hire of their own animals at the same rates as would be paid to those who make a business of hiring out horses and dogs. Where wardens use their own animals it will be entirely proper for them to render charges covering the actual cost of food purchased for their animals while they are being used on official trips. In such cases the wardens should send with their expense accounts properly receipted bills showing the kind, quantity, etc., of food purchased, the price per pound or other unit of value, from whom purchased, when, where, and the voucher should show that this food was for the feeding of the animals while being used on an official trip. Feed for animals when at home or elsewhere, when not actually being used in service on an official trip, cannot be included in the wardens accounts -- for the obvious reason that if the man were not a warden he would still have to provide feed for his animals.

The question of compensation in the form of "hire of animals" was not definitely decided by the Governor, but he

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stated that he doubted the propriety of allowing such compensation, at least on the basis of the ordinary charges made by those who make a business of keeping horses or dogs for hire; and he was inclined to think that even a nominal charge might be questioned by the Auditors at Washington.

This is quite different from the instructions given you some time ago in a letter written by me in regard to your expense accounts, and I am therefore advising you quite fully so that you may know what the Governor has said on the subject. It will be all right for you to continue to render ^{charges} bills for dog-feed in your expense accounts, providing they cover only the feed used on official trips, and are accompanied by properly receipted bills giving the information outlined above. But for the present, at least, I would suggest that you do not include in your vouchers any charge for "hire" of your dogs. This for the reason that in the present state of things the entire voucher might be held up by the Auditor simply on account of one item of "hire" which might be included in it. I am today writing to the Governor, who is on his way to Washington, asking him to make a final ruling as to "hire" of horses or dogs when owned by the wardens, and upon receipt of a reply I will notify all the wardens.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. C. L. Larson,
Game Warden,
Chicken, Alaska.

Secretary to the Governor.

January 11, 1912.

Dear Governor:

Referring to our conversation on the subject of expense accounts of game wardens, and particularly as to the proper charges to be made by them where they use their own horses or dogs on official trips. I have written Lloyd and Larson, advising them in substance as to your ruling in the matter of feed for horses or dogs when being used on official trips, and also have told them that you are of the opinion that it is improper for them to make a charge for "hire" of animals owned by them, on the basis of charges made by those who are in the business. I have advised them to not include in their expense accounts any charges for the "hire" of animals for the present, but to await further instructions. Shea advises that he has arranged with a man from Iditarod to take care of his 5-dog team for the winter and that he can use the team on his official trip without any other cost than their feed, which he estimates at \$1.00 per day. I have advised him that he can only submit charges for feed actually used when on official trips, and that these must be accompanied by properly receipted bills.

As the question of the proper amount to be allowed to the wardens as "hire" for their animals was not decided in our talk on the general subject, it occurs to me that you might be disposed to make a definite ruling for the guidance

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of the wardens and myself, while you are in Washington -- and that possibly you might think it advisable to take the matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture or with the Auditors, and fix some definite sum as a proper amount to be allowed as horse hire or dog-team hire (say so much per dog per day) for such time as the wardens may use their animals on official trips.

In talking with Deputy Marshal Schobel of Wrangell, a few days ago, in regard to the auditing of accounts, he made a remark to the effect that while he was a deputy at Fairbanks the Department allowed them to use their own animals and to charge for them at, I think, the usual rates charged by livery men. At the time it did not occur to me to inquire particularly into the subject, and since then he has returned to Wrangell. However, it certainly seems to me that the wardens are entitled to some compensation for their animals in the form of "hire", and if so, it would be well if they as well as myself knew just what it should be. Take Folman, for instance. He is at Sand Point, a God-forsaken place forty miles from nowhere. I do not know whether he has any dogs of his own with him or not, but think he has. It is doubtful if he could hire any other dogs in that part of the country even if he wanted to. Is he to use his own dogs and get nothing for it, or leave them at home and go on snow shoes, or if that is not feasible, sit down in his cabin and do nothing? It seems

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to me that the hard-and-fast rules of auditing as applied to the man in the States who can find means of transportation at his elbow in a multitude of forms, should not be applied to a new country like Alaska, where the means are for the most part primitive and very limited at that. Some sort of a "special dispensation" or something of that kind, ought to be "promulgated" to meet the actual conditions as they exist here, and not try to make the conditions meet the red tape dispensed by auditors who probably never were as far west as the Rocky mountains and could not "beat Alaska" to save their lives.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Governor Walter E. Clark,

Washington, D. C.

January 12, 1912.

Dear Governor:

I send herewith my accounts and vouchers for December, in connection with disbursements of the game fund. These cover only the disbursements made under my new bond of December 1, 1911; the accounts to November 30 having been closed on that date and forwarded with vouchers to the Auditor, in accordance with the Department's instructions.

The papers requiring your signature are:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Voucher No. 16.

I enclose, also, a supplemental account current to cover the balance of \$75.32 which was on hand when my accounts were closed on November 30, and which was not redeposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. until December 8, through a misunderstanding on my part as to the course to be pursued. The bank's receipt for the deposit was sent to the Auditor with my accounts for November 30, 1911. I do not know that this supplemental statement is necessary, but send it for what it may be worth. It should be approved by you and accompany the other papers when they go to the Auditor.

Faithfully yours,

Governor Walter E. Clark,

Secretary.

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1912.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd of December to Governor Clark, returning the draft of November 13 last (No. 45359) for \$150, to cover the legal fee for a special moose shipping license.

Governor Clark sailed for Seattle, enroute to Washington, D. C., on the 4th instant, and your letter was not received until the 8th. The draft is made out to "Walter E. Clarke", and is, so far as the draft itself discloses, a personal one. I therefore doubt the propriety of the Acting Governor endorsing it -- in fact he would decline to do so if it were presented to him. I am therefore obliged to return the draft to you and to request that you will have a new one -- or post-office money orders, which are a preferable form of remittance -- made payable to "Governor of Alaska". This can then be endorsed by the Governor or the Acting Governor, as the case may be.

In connection with the shipment of the trophy you are advised that it is necessary to have the affidavit of the party who killed the moose -- Mr. F. C. Hubbell, I believe, of your city -- in form to comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, marked copy of which is enclosed. This should be sent to this office with the fee for the license, and upon issuance of the license it will

--Mr. R. R. Harlan, Curator, p. 2--

be presented to the custom house and a manifest obtained, and then forwarded with the shipment.

The trophies have been taken care of by the wharfinger here, and as the weather is now cold I think they will not suffer any damage from further delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Mr. R. R. Harlan,

Curator, Historical Dept. of Iowa,

Des Moines, Iowa.

P. S. It occurs to me that probably Mr. Hubbell will not wish to make affidavit that he "is the owner of the trophy" which is to be shipped, since it is for the Historical Department of Iowa. I suggest that he make affidavit in substance that he killed the moose in question on or about a certain date, in Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, under authority of a duly issued hunting license, and that he was at the time the duly authorized representative of the Historical Department, engaged in making a scientific collection for that institution, under (as I believe was the fact, was it not?) authority of a permit issued by the Department of Agriculture (giving the date and number of the permit, if available). That he did not violate any of the provisions of the Alaska game law in procuring said moose specimen, that it was not bought and has not been sold, and is not being shipped for sale. Also that the moose was killed south of latitude 52 degrees.

I think this will be ample to meet the requirements of the law, and I shall be glad to give my personal attention to the clearing and forwarding of the shipment. I assume that there will be no difficulty in regard to payment of freight charges from Juneau to Des Moines. The agent of the Alaska Coast S. S. Co. and Pacific Coast S. S. Co. have advised that the shipment will be forwarded to Seattle without prepayment. Whether the railway company via which shipment goes forward from Seattle to Des Moines will take the shipment in the same way, I cannot say, of course.

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Juneau, January 13, 1911. O.S.

M.T. Broyhill,

Donnelly, Alaska.

Grizzly considered protected by game law. Hide may be shipped if bear killed in season.

License fee five dollars. Mailing copy law and regulations.

Order paid by check or cash, and will not bear the delay.

Governor's Secretary.

Howarth
Secretary to Governor.

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January 13, 1912.

Dear Governor:

This morning I received a telegram from a Mr. Broghill of Donnelly, Alaska. (a Signal Corps man, I believe) asking whether grizzly bears are protected and whether their hides may be shipped out if protected, and the fees. Not being a naturalist, bear hunter nor "nature fakir", I was somewhat disposed to side-step; but since the man asked a direct question I concluded to give him an equally direct answer. I therefore wired him that grizzly bears are considered as protected by the game law, and advised him as to the amount of the fee, also saying that hides may be shipped if the animals have been killed in season. I am also sending him a copy of the game law.

This raises again the oft-heard question: What is a brown bear? It would be a relief to a goodly number of persons, including myself, if somebody back there at the seat of government and official information would "dispense" a little dope on brown bears. Perhaps Dr. Wiley can do it: he deals in dopes.

Faithfully yours,

Governor Walter E. Clark,

Secretary.

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, January 15, 1911. G. B.

Shea, Warden.

Seward.

Reference your letter first, please ~~write~~ actual number squirrels and each kind birds killed in game hunt Seward residents.

SHORTHILL.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Wm. Shorthill
Secretary to the Board

General Manager
H. T. Brophy
Portland
Grand Central
License for
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Secretary to
Board

January 15, 1912.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st in reply to the Governor's letter of December 6th regarding a letter received by this office from Dr. Wm. T. Hornaday, in respect to a "side-hunt" held at Seward the latter part of October. I wish to thank you for the very full and complete report which you have given. I am forwarding a copy of it to Dr. Hornaday, with a few comments, and believe that he will see that the hunt was not really as bad as he feared, and that your conduct was entirely proper in the premises. I am today wiring you for information as to the exact number of birds and squirrels killed, so that I may be able to advise Dr. Hornaday and let him judge for himself whether the hunt was a "slaughter" of game or not.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. C. C. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

January 15, 1912.

Sir:

Referring to the Governor's recent letter to you in reply to yours submitting certain proposed amendments to the game laws, I beg to herewith enclose copy of a letter just received from the Department bearing on the same subject for your information and future guidance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. C. J. Shea,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska.

January 15, 1912.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of November 29 last, in reference to the new bond in my behalf as Special Disbursing Agent of the "game fund", I note that in remitting to you on the 3rd instant for the balance due on the premium, I neglected to send the bond application blank which accompanied your letter. I therefore enclose it herewith. I have signed it, but have not dated it, being uncertain as to what the proper date would be.

You will note that I have signed my name "William W. Shorthill", but my official signature will be "W. W. Shorthill", this form having been authorized by the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and Special Disbursing Agent.

Mr. George M. Bettis, Manager,

American Surety Company,

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1912.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 21st to Governor Clark in reference to reports of a game hunt by the citizens of Seward, Alaska, in which Game Warden Shea was said to be referee. As advised in the Governor's letter of December 6th, the matter was referred to Game Warden Shea, with a request that he report fully as to it, and particular as to his connection with the hunt. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Warden in which he makes a very complete report of the matter, and shows that he had no connection with the hunt as referee or otherwise. The newspaper account referred to in your letter was evidently in error in stating that the Warden was to be the referee. You will note (from copy of his letter herewith enclosed) that he was asked to act as referee but declined, at the same time warning the proposed hunters that he would act as referee "before the U. S. Commissioner" if any of them violated the game law. It seems that Warden Shea was not only not "lamentably lacking in a sense of the eternal fitness of things" but that he had a very good conception of the eternal fitness of things in refusing to act as referee, in warning the hunters, and in keeping a check on their killings. From the Warden's report it would appear that there was no slaughter of game on the hunt in question. I would remind you, also, that October in the coast region of Alaska is not winter, by any means, and at that time of the year neither birds or other wild creatures are "struggling"

Dr. W. T. Hornaday, de New

for an existence. My observation of these "side hunts" in Alaska has been that they are engaged in more for the pleasure of the outing and tramping through the woods and in the hills than for the small amount of game which is usually the reward of such efforts.

I think, however, that your interest in the matter is to be commended, and wish to thank you for having called the matter to the attention of this office. I believe you will conclude, from reading Mr. Shea's letter, that he is (as this office has always found him) a most conscientious officer, actually and actively interested in the enforcement of the law and in the proper protection and preservation of game.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Dr. W. T. Hornaday,

2969 Decatur Avenue, Bedford Park,

New York City, N. Y.