

March 10, 1914.

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Dear Mr. Miller:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 31st with reference to Alaska's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Since its receipt I have been endeavoring to interest the commercial clubs and other public organizations and bodies of the Territory in the Alaska exhibit and have enlisted the cooperation of a number of them. I have also taken up with the Delegate in Congress from Alaska the matter of securing a direct appropriation from Congress for Alaska exhibit purposes, but without hope of much success. I fully appreciate the position in which your Board is placed because of the insufficiency of the appropriation which undoubtedly makes it impossible to represent Alaska on a scale commensurate with the Seattle exhibit in 1909, for which \$100,000 was appropriated. This is to be greatly regretted inasmuch as Alaska, and its development, are now commanding more attention from the people of the United States than ever before in its history; the passage of the railroad bill and the enactment of other legislation, having for its object the opening to development of Alaska's great natural resources, have focused attention upon the hitherto neglected Territory, and, therefore, it seems to me the opportunity which the San Francisco exposition will present for making Alaska's real wealth more fully known should be taken

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advantage of to as great an extent as is possible; and the only way that I can see toward the attainment of this most desirable object will be in making Alaska's exhibit comprehensive and typical of the Territory and its resources. This cannot be done with the means at the disposal of the Board.

If, however, additional aid cannot be had from Congress, the plan outlined in your communication seems to be the only one available and to this may be added such other exhibits as it may be possible to secure through the aid and cooperation of the various Alaska commercial and other organizations. I shall be pleased to cooperate with you to the end that the completest exhibits may be obtained with the means and agencies at the Board's disposal. Will you keep me fully advised as to the progress being made?

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Honorable Adolph C. Miller,

Chairman, Government Exhibit Board,

Washington, D. C.

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March 10, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo (G. S. Hamlin, Acting Secretary) in which it is stated that the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service has under consideration a plan for the prevention of the introduction of rabies into the Territory of Alaska, and asking for an expression of opinion from me as to the desirability of a regulation forbidding the entry of dogs into Alaska until they shall have undergone a quarantine of six months.

In reply I have to advise you that, in my opinion, such a regulation is unnecessary at this time. In the first place, the number of dogs entering Alaska is limited at any time of year and the few brought to the Territory are either imported for breeding purposes, or are being returned by their owners who may have taken them to the States for the winter season with the intention of returning them in the spring. So far as this office is advised rabies is unknown in Alaska and although cases of alleged rabies have been reported in the interior sections and on Seward Peninsula, none have ever been authenticated. Climatic and other conditions in Alaska are such as are not conducive to the engendering of rabies.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Governor. *76*

March 12, 1914.

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Sir:

As one who has a somewhat intimate knowledge of the different judicial divisions of Alaska, acquired at first hand, and for the same reason having a fairly accurate idea of conditions obtaining therein, I have the honor to advise you that it is my opinion that in the Third judicial division an additional assistant United States attorney is needed, to be stationed at Cordova. My reasons for making this recommendation may be summed up as follows:

With the signing of the Alaska railroad bill and the enactment of other legislation now pending in Congress and having for its object the opening to development of the hitherto locked-up resources of the Territory, there is already beginning to be a large influx of people to Alaska, probably 75 per cent of whom are going into the Third judicial division and interior Alaska. Cordova as the entrepot of the great Copper River valley and one of the routes to the interior is receiving and will continue to receive a considerable proportion of these people even though no immigration from the States to Alaska is warranted at this time, due to the fact that railroad work and kindred enterprises are not expected to be under way until next year. This fact, however, will not deter many people from coming to the Territory inasmuch as they reason that they will be on the ground and ready to take

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advantage of developments as they occur. This immigration inevitably will mean an increase of offenses against the law. The appointment of an assistant district attorney, therefore, at Cordova would result not only in the better observance of the law and prosecution of offenders, but it would effect a saving of money, inasmuch as the various United States commissioners located at Cordova, Katalla, McCarthy, Chitina and possibly at other places in the Copper River valley would have the benefit of official legal advice, and evidence would be sifted before prosecution and better results would be obtained. As an economic proposition alone, it is worthy of consideration.

Many representations of the need of an assistant district attorney at Cordova have been received at this office and after a careful consideration of the facts, I have deemed it my duty to advise you as above.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Attorney General.

Washington, D. C.

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March 14, 1914.

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Sir:

A decision of the Auditor of State and Other Departments, rendered recently, disallows certain expenditures made by the Governor of Alaska, as Special Disbursing Agent, from the "Contingent Fund" for expenses incurred in the maintenance of the executive residence at Juneau.

For your information I desire to state that the Governor's residence was completed in 1912 and was first occupied by my predecessor on January 1, 1913, and the matter of its maintenance, repair and preservation was taken up by him with the Secretary of the Treasury on December 6, 1912, and on December 16, 1912, the Comptroller decided that "the executive mansion was not a structure within the category of appropriations under the control of the Treasury Department for care and maintenance"; and it was suggested that the matter be taken up with the Department of the Interior. This was done and on December 21, 1912, an estimate of the total amount required to provide for "heating, lighting and maintenance and janitor service in connection with the building" was forwarded to the Interior Department for transmission to the Treasury Department. The cost of purchasing water, lights and fuel for the residence of the Governor had been defrayed from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska" prior to the construction and occupancy of the executive mansion by Governor Clark and this procedure was continued

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so far as the above items are concerned. No provision, however, has been made for janitor service or for maintenance, repair or preservation of the building. Due to the fact that the appropriation for the construction and furnishing of the executive mansion was exhausted, its furnishing was scanty in important particulars such as bedding, etc., there being an altogether insufficient supply of essential furnishings and equipment in the whole house; and the servants' rooms were wholly unfurnished. An item of \$18.50 for the purchase of one dresser and one iron bedstead for servant's room in the house has been disallowed by the Auditor on the ground "that the use of the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, for the purchase of furniture and carpets for rooms in the government building, occupied by the Governor as a residence, is not authorized." This furniture is not personal in any sense inasmuch as it is a part and parcel of the permanent furnishings of the house just as much as that of the parlor, library or other room.

There is sufficient money available in the "Contingent Fund" for the maintenance and preservation of the executive mansion for the balance of the fiscal year, if it could be put to such use. Failing this, however, an appropriation should be made exclusively for the repair, maintenance and preservation of the executive residence. In the estimates of appropriations, 1915, under the head of "Civil Establishment -- Government in the Territories" is the following:

"Note. -- The work of the governor's office has more than doubled in the last four years, and is steadily increasing. Although Alaska is the largest of the outlying possessions, the expenses of the chief administrative office have heretofore been relatively and absolutely very small. The increase of \$2,000 is

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to cover increased needs of the office for stationery, printing, and filing cases, travel expenses of the secretary or stenographer, one of whom should accompany the governor on his official trips in the Territory as well as when called to the States. It also covers the painting of the executive mansion, estimated at \$700, this building having been given but one coat of paint at the time of its construction, and the services of a caretaker to act as janitor, fireman, gardener, etc., it being very necessary to secure a man for this work, and a suitable person not being obtainable at less than \$1,500 per annum. The entire amount of the increase is urgently needed."

I beg to respectfully ask that in addition to the above the sum of \$500 be included for the "repair, preservation and maintenance of the executive residence", this amount being urgently needed to maintain the building and grounds in a state of decent repair for the fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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March 17, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. Elwood Bruner, Territorial Senator, Second Division, Alaska, now in Washington, in which he urges strongly that I should visit Washington in the interest of pending and proposed legislation for Alaska. He also advises me that he has taken up with you the advisability of such visit and that you request to be informed of the reasons why it is best and proper that I should be ordered to Washington.

Frankly speaking, I do not know whether by visiting Washington I will be able to accomplish anything of value to Alaska. There are a number of matters, however, which would seem to require my personal attention, among them being a bill introduced by Delegate Wickersham validating the Territorial revenue laws. I am advised by Mr. Bruner that the Delegate refuses to call the bill out of committee; if this bill is not passed, together with certain other much needed amendments to the Organic Act, a special session of the Territorial Legislature must be called, and this I want to avoid if possible, because of the expense that would be entailed; the difficulty that would be experienced in securing a quorum, because of the magnificent distances that must be traversed by a number of the members in order to reach the capital; and the limited time fixed for a special session.

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The matter of a public building for Juneau is pressing and should be given consideration; and also the fact that Congress should make a special appropriation for a comprehensive exhibit of our resources for the Panama-Pacific International exposition in view of the fact that Alaska's era of arrested development seems to be about over, thanks to the progressive policies that a democratic administration has adopted and from which great results may be confidently expected.

A bill lately introduced by Delegate Wickersham amending the land laws of the United States so far as they are applicable to Alaska is meeting with disapproval here, and I am of the opinion that it should be amended in important particulars before it is passed.

Another matter that I would like to discuss with you is that of the Kotlikanthe Indians, a most vexatious problem and one which calls for careful consideration.

If you should deem it advisable that I should visit Washington on my way there I should like to attend the conference of Western Governors, which I am advised will be held in Denver, April 7 and 8.

Further, I have to respectfully request that upon receipt of this letter you advise me by wire of your determination in this matter that I may govern myself accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Governor.

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March 20, 1914.

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your notice of settlement, dated February 7, 1914, advising settlement on that date of my account for disbursements and collections from July 1, 1913, to September 30, 1913, in connection with the appropriation "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1913-14" by certificate No. 5029, showing an aggregate balance due the United States of the sum of \$4,494.66. Copy of certificate and statement of differences accompanied your letter. In response to your request I make the following explanations and submit correspondence, etc., in reference to the items suspended by you, as follows:

ITEM NO. 1. Voucher No. 1, J. F. A. Strong, \$1018.70, June 1. Furnishing stock and printing two hundred copies of advance sheets of session laws, etc. Amount suspended for the original contract.

The contract covering this work is contained in the correspondence herewith submitted in connection with suspended item No. 5 -- voucher No. 6, J. F. A. Strong, \$1491.08. By reference to this correspondence it will be noted that the call for bids included figures on both the advance sheets of the laws and the complete laws in form for binding.

ITEM NO. 2. Voucher No. 2, Daily Alaska Dispatch, \$718.15, August 5. Furnishing stock and printing 150 copies of Alaska Senate Journal, etc.

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and binding of same at 60 cents per volume. Suspended for the original contract.

By reference to the voucher it will be observed that a notation was made on the face thereof as follows:

"Competitive bids not obtainable as the two printing houses in Juneau declined to submit bids on account of the press of other work and it was arranged that the Daily Alaska Dispatch should have the printing and binding of the Senate Journal, and the Alaska Daily Empire the House Journal at \$3.25 per page for stock and printing and 60 cents per copy for binding."

In support of the statement that competitive bids were not obtainable on this work there is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated February 22, 1915, addressed jointly by the publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire and the publisher of the Daily Alaska Dispatch to the Printing Committee of the Legislative Council. It will be observed that these two printing houses, which were the only printing houses in Juneau at the time and for several months thereafter, not only did not submit competitive bids but actually agreed upon prices to be charged for Legislative printing. It is impossible at this time to obtain the original of this letter, even though the same should be in existence, since the papers and files of the Legislature were boxed up and placed under lock and key in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, who receipted to the clerks of the respective Houses therefor. The figures stated in the letter, however, form the basis of the charges made by the two printing houses for work of a general character done by them for the Legislature. The printing and binding of the Journals was probably not in contemplation at the time the joint letter was written, since no specific mention is made therein as to the prices for that particular work. The letter is submitted in this connection merely to show that



there was no competition between the two printing houses for any of the legislative work. This statement is further substantiated by letter of April 21, 1915, from Ed. G. Russell, Publisher of the Daily Alaska Dispatch, to the Honorable William L. Distin, then Secretary of the Territory, in which the following statement appears: " \* \* \* it will be impossible for this office to bid on publishing the session laws or the preliminary printing in connection with that appropriation". As a matter of fact, therefore, there was no formal contract in writing with either of the printing houses for the printing and binding of the journals.

Both establishments have comparatively small plants and had at the time the Legislature was in session and throughout the period in which the legislative printing was done all the ordinary job work which they could conveniently handle. It was only by reason of the fact that each establishment put on a night force for several weeks that it was possible to do the legislative printing at all. In view of these conditions and for the reasons that competitive bids could not be had the Printing Committee of the Legislature did not deem it necessary to enter into formal contracts for the printing of the journals. The prices for stock, printing and binding were furnished verbally to the Committee by the respective managers of the printing establishments who had, as above stated, agreed on prices. The price charged for stock and printing was based upon the current rates of the two printing houses for work of a similar character. The price for binding the journals was verbally quoted to the printing houses by George H. Simpkins, the only person in Juneau or in this vicinity who knew how to do such work. In view of the foregoing statements of facts it is respectfully submitted

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that the voucher be passed in its present form.

ITEM NO. 3. Voucher No. 3, Alaska Daily Empire, \$778.95, August 5. Furnishing stock and printing 500 copies of Alaska House Journal, etc., and binding of same. Suspended for the original contract.

The explanations in respect to this item are identical with those submitted in respect to Item No. 2 above. In view of the same it is respectfully submitted that the voucher should be passed in its present form.

ITEM NO. 4. Voucher 5, George H. Simpkins, September 24. Furnishing all the binding material and binding of 500 copies of the 1913 session laws, etc., \$500.00. Suspended for the original contract.

As stated above in connection with Item No. 3, George H. Simpkins, the person named in this voucher, was the only person in Juneau who knew how to do this work. It was, therefore, impossible to obtain competitive bids. The Secretary of the Territory, however, addressed a letter to Mr. Simpkins under date of May 14, 1913, in which the style of binding and the number of copies to be bound were duly specified. On the same date Mr. Simpkins replied to that letter and submitted a bid of \$1.00 per volume. On the same date upon receipt of Mr. Simpkins' bid the Secretary of the Territory addressed a letter to him quoting the substance of the bid and advising acceptance thereof. The originals of these three letters, which constitute the contract, are enclosed herewith.

ITEM NO. 5. Voucher No. 6, J. F. A. Strong, \$1481.08, September 30. Printing 750 copies of the 1913 session laws, etc. Suspended for the original contract.

There are enclosed herewith the following letters constituting the

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contract for the work covered by this voucher, or having reference thereto:

1. Letter dated ~~Aug.~~ 14, 1913, signed by William L. Distin, Secretary of Alaska, and addressed jointly to the publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire and the publisher of the Alaska Daily Dispatch, at Juneau, requesting bids for the printing of not less than 200 copies of the advance sheets of the session laws, and for the printing of 750 and of 1000 copies of the complete laws and in form for binding.

2. Letter of April 19, 1913 (1913), signed by Jno. W. Troy (then manager and in charge of the Alaska Daily Empire plant) for J. F. A. Strong (then owner) and addressed to the Surveyor General and ex-officio Secretary of the Territory submitting prices on advance sheets and complete copies of the session laws, in accordance with the Secretary's request.

3. Letter of April 21, 1913, signed by William L. Distin, Secretary of Alaska, and addressed to the publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire acknowledging the receipt of the bid above referred to and accepting the same for the printing of 200 copies of the advance sheets, and 750 copies in unbound book form of the 1913 session laws.

4. Letter dated April 21, 1913, signed by Ed. C. Russell, Publisher of the Daily Alaska Dispatch, and addressed to the Secretary of the Territory and referring to a conversation had on the previous day and advising " \* \* \* it will be impossible for this office to bid on publishing session laws or the preliminary printing in connection with that appropriation".

5. Letter dated September 30, 1913, signed by the Secretary to the Governor and addressed to the Honorable William L. Distin, Secretary of

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Alaska, advising him as to the amount available from the appropriation for "printing of laws" in connection with the expenses of the 1913 session of the Legislature for printing of complete laws in form for binding.

6. Letter dated September 30, 1913, signed by the Secretary of Alaska and addressed to the Publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire advising that the funds available for the printing of the complete laws in form for binding were insufficient to cover the full amount of the contract price, and suggesting that in rendering the bill under the contract for the printing of these laws the rate per page be reduced to \$3.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

7. Bill of September 30, 1913, submitted by the proprietor of the Alaska Daily Empire covering the printing of 750 copies of the session laws at the rate per page suggested in the letter last above mentioned.

The first three letters above referred to constitute the contract for the printing covered by voucher No. 6, and it is respectfully submitted that the voucher should now be passed.

As further evidence of the fact that competitive bids could not be had for the legislative printing, it may be stated that although the Alaska Daily Empire had the contract for the printing of the complete laws in form for binding the manager of this establishment found it necessary to enlist the assistance of the Daily Alaska Dispatch plant in order to complete this work, and about 50 per cent of the work was actually done in the Daily Alaska Dispatch plant.

Respectfully yours,

The Auditor for the State and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

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Governor.

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March 25, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter received by this office from Hon. Conrad Freeding, a Territorial Senator from the Second Division of Alaska, together with copy of letter and statement of Frank Lagerquist, a former inmate of the Horningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, where the Alaska inmates are confined under contract between the Department of the Interior and the Sanitarium Company, for such action as may be deemed proper in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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March 30, 1914.

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Mr. James I. Parker,  
Chief Clerk, Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Governor Strong leaves tomorrow for Washington, in compliance with the Secretary's telegram of the 27th. He should reach Washington about the 11th or 12th of April. While there he will stop at The Raleigh.

In wiring the Auditor for the State and Other Departments for his March salary, the Governor will ask that it be sent to you to be held pending his arrival in Washington. I trust this will meet with your approval.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, March 31, 1914. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate paid.

Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Alaska throughout month request payment salary for March and that warrant be delivered Chief Clerk Interior Department to hold for my arrival Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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April 5, 1914.

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The Auditor for the State and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, who is now enroute to Washington, D. C., I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting that a copy of the session laws of Alaska, 1913, be furnished your office for official use. In response to your request I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover the 1913 session laws in bound form.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 27, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that the entire balance of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", which is, I believe, the sum of \$1688.80, be placed to my official credit as disbursing agent. My balance subject to check this date, according to my books, is the sum of \$1412.69. Of this amount, \$39.16 is on hand at Juneau "To pay in cash", and the remainder is to my credit with the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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April 4, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with 100 blanks of form 1-015a, voucher for purchases and services other than personal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Chief Clerk,

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 11, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that, if consistent with regulations, a copy of the latest edition of the Congressional Directory be mailed to Honorable Royal A. Gunnison, President of the Alaska Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation, at Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. James I. Parker,

Chief Clerk, Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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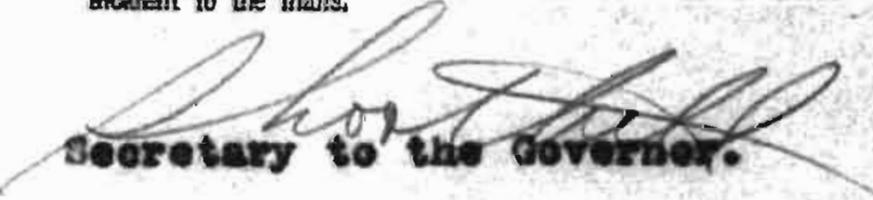
Juneau, April 4, 1914. O. B. Govt. NITE rate PAID.  
Secretary Treasury.

Washington, D. C.

Steamer Alki arriving March thirty-first landed sick steerage passenger whose case is diagnosed as smallpox and he is now in pest house by order of city authorities. Precautions being taken to prevent spread locally. Alki sailed south on first with passengers for Seattle and other points. Local agent has been advised to wire captain fumigate ship. Am advising Collector Customs at Seattle. Respectfully suggest additional precautions at Seattle to prevent introduction contagious or infectious diseases in Alaska.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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April 22, 1914.

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Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo (Adolph C. Miller, Assistant to the Secretary), addressed to the Governor, in respect to the insane detention hospitals at Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska.

During the summer of 1913 sites were obtained for both of these hospitals and construction work began almost immediately. The building at Nome was completed and accepted by the Board of Construction on November 19, 1913, while the building at Fairbanks was completed and accepted on or about March 2, 1914. I do not find from the files of this office that the Board of Construction ever formally advised the Department of the completion and acceptance by the Board of the hospital building at Nome. Formal notice of the completion and acceptance by the Board of the building at Fairbanks was contained in the Board's telegram of March 8 last to you.

This office is today telegraphing to Judge Fuller, at Fairbanks, requesting him to arrange to send direct to you a photograph and copy of the plans of the detention hospital at that place, together with a statement as to the number of rooms therein, and a brief description of the equipment. A similar telegram is being sent to Judge Tucker, at Nome, with respect to the detention hospital at that place.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, April 16, 1914.

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MEMO:

My dear Governor:

This morning's mail contained your salary warrant for the month of March, which I send herewith.

When the telegram requesting payment of your salary for March was sent to the Auditor for the State and Other Departments on March 31, it was requested that the warrant be sent to the Chief Clerk of the Interior Department, to be held pending your arrival in Washington and the Chief Clerk was so advised. Evidently the Auditor failed to notify the Treasury Department of this request.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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April 20, 1914.

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Honorable Charles B. Davidson,

Surveyor-General and ex officio Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear General:

This office recently addressed an inquiry to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the use of the franking privilege in replying to inquiries from persons residing in England, Germany, France and other foreign countries. In response to that inquiry a letter has today been received from the Department advising that " \* \* \* the penalty envelopes may be used in communications to the insular possessions of the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Canada. On communications to other countries postage must be prepaid. \* \* \*"

For your further information and in response to your verbal request I enclose herewith a copy of the Department's letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1914.

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Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith a letter from Mr. W. A. Cartwright, of  
Valley, Washington, addressed to the Department of Commerce, Juneau, and  
which has been delivered to this office. As Mr. Cartwright's inquiries  
relate to the fishing industry, it is believed that they should be replied  
to through your Department rather than by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

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May 8, 1914.

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Mr. M. O. Chance,

Chief Clerk, Postoffice Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, with its enclosures, in respect to the Flag Day exercises at the Postoffice Department, June 14 next, and suggesting the contribution of an Alaska flag for this and future occasions. In reply I beg to advise that the Territory of Alaska has not yet adopted a flag, the National Emblem being the only one in use in this Territory. For this reason it will be impossible to carry out your suggestion.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 18, 1914.

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Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. James Fredrickson of St. Michael, Alaska, has advised this office of his intention to start a fox farm on the Yukon River somewhere between the Russian Mission and Ruby, and has made inquiry in regard to a permit to capture foxes for this purpose.

Mr. Fredrickson is being advised in a letter of this date that this is a matter which should be taken up with the Department of Commerce, but to save time I respectfully request that you kindly advise him as to what steps are necessary in order to obtain a permit, and that he be supplied with whatever blanks are required to be used in making his application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

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May 23, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith an unopened communication addressed from your office to George U. Young, S. D. A., 69012, "Secy. to Gov. of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska". Since the undersigned is Secretary to the Governor of Alaska, it is evident that a mistake was made in the title and address of Disbursing Officer Young and I, therefore, return the communication to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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May 23, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith Department circular and enclosure of May 8, addressed to Walter R. Clark, Governor, requesting specimens of his signature as disbursing officer. Governor Clark retired from office on May 20, 1913, being succeeded by the Honorable John F. A. Strong. Governor Clark's accounts were closed on the date he retired from office and final settlement of the same was made by the Auditor sometime ago. I assume, therefore, that you will not require his signature, but if you should desire the same, he may be communicated with by addressing him at Charleston, West Virginia, in care of the Charleston Hall.

A similar request has been received addressed to Governor Strong, and specimens of his signature will be forwarded immediately upon his return to Jansen about June 1st.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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May 22, 1914.

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant (Lewis C. Laylin, Assistant Secretary), with enclosures, in respect to the estate of Dr. David Selin bin Nassan Selin, an Ottoman subject who died in October, 1913, in Valdez, Alaska.

This office is today addressing a letter to the United States Commissioner and ex-officio Probate Judge, at Valdez, with a view to obtaining the desired information, and the same will be transmitted to the Department as soon as it has been received from the Commissioner.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

FORM 124.

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
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**SEND** THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

Juneau, Alaska, May 22, 1914.

O. B. GOVERNMENT NIGHT RATE PAID.

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 Secretary of Interior,  
 Washington, D.C.

Epidemic smallpox among cannery employees at Hoonah. Five cases now in quarantine, numerous other persons probably exposed. Have appealed to Surgeon General Blue, Public Health Service, to appoint local physician to take charge and maintain quarantine. In meantime am endeavoring enforce quarantine under territorial law, but owing to lack of funds and machinery cannot make same effective. At request of this office United States Marshal has wired Attorney General for authority appoint furnish deputies to assist in handling situation pending action of Public Health Service. Hoonah Indian Village population five hundred, only two miles from cannery and great danger disease spreading among natives, fifty of whom have been employed at cannery. It is very important that Public Health Service take immediate charge of situation to prevent general epidemic among natives and whites throughout Southeastern Alaska.

DAVIDSON,

Acting Governor.

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

Charles E. Davidson  
 Acting Governor.

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May 26, 1914.

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Sir:

In the absence of Governor Strong, who is now in Seattle enroute home, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant requesting the Governor to submit to the Department, as soon as practicable and not later than September 15, 1914, a report of affairs in and of the progress and development of the Territory of Alaska during the year ending June 30, 1914. Your letter will be placed before the Governor upon his return to Juneau.

In this connection I venture to add that the experience of this office has demonstrated that it is practically impossible for the Governor to submit his annual report as early as September 15th. This for the reason that much of the data has to be obtained from officials throughout the Territory, as well as from some of the Departments at Washington, and in past years it has been found impossible to gather all of this data in time to prepare the report for submission earlier than October 1st or later. The 1913 report was not mailed until October 15th although every possible effort was made to complete it before that date.

Respectfully yours,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 28, 1914.

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I have the honor to advise that this office is in receipt of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 20th instant, transmitting copy of a dispatch from the United States Consul at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, in regard to the illegal exportation of foxes from Alaska in violation of law. The letter and enclosure are transmitted herewith, copies being retained for the information and files of this office.

It appears from a perusal of the papers referred to that the Department of Commerce and not this office has jurisdiction in the matter, since the acts reported by the United States Consul constitute violations of the law for the protection of fur-bearing animals and not of the game law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C., April 18, 1914.

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Auditor of the State and other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith my accounts as Disbursing Agent of the Appropriation: "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", for the fiscal quarter ended March 31st, 1914. These consist of the following papers;

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Abstract of fees collected under game law, with duplicate certificates of deposit attached.
4. V<sup>o</sup>uchers 1 to 45 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Washington, May 6, 1914.

D/Misc.

Auditor <sup>a</sup>State and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I certify that I have not been absent from the Territory of Alaska or the duties of the office of Governor during the month of April, except upon authority granted in message of the Secretary of the Interior dated March 27, as follows:

"In view of your letter of March seventeenth I deem it advisable for you to come to Washington. Authority granted to attend irrigation conference en route."

I, therefore, request that salary warrant for the month of April be mailed to me at the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Washington, D. C.,

May 16, 1914.

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The Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am informed that the War Department has decided to abandon Fort Davis, Alaska, and that orders to that effect have been transmitted to the officer commanding at that place. I also understand that Fort. St. Michael is to be continued in its present status. If this be the case I desire to respectfully urge that if it has been deemed necessary to abandon one of these forts, that St. Michael be selected for abandonment instead of Fort Davis for the following reasons:

The retention of the garrison at Fort Davis will afford protection, should it be needed, to at least 95 per cent more people than at Fort St. Michael; the center of population of Seward Peninsula is at Nome, three miles from Fort Davis, while during the winter season at St. Michael there is but a handful of people; the Summer population at the latter place is probably two hundred, while in the vicinity of Fort Davis there are several thousand inhabitants during the entire year.

I submit that in my opinion there is much more need of garrison at Fort Davis than at St. Michael, and if it be the desire of the War Department (and it undoubtedly is) to furnish protection for the greater number of people then Fort Davis is the logical

point from which to furnish such protection.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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**Juneau, Alaska, June 6, 1914. O. B. Govt. night rate PAID.**

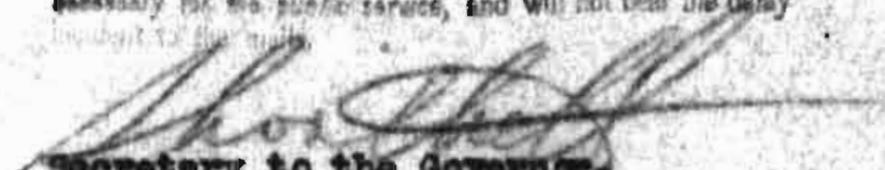
**Commissioner General Land Office,**

**Washington, D. C.**

**Respectfully urge speedy appointment H. J. Sviniseth trustee Wrangell  
townsite.**

**STRONG, Governor.**

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.

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

-D/MISG.

Juneau, June 6, 1914. O. B. Govt. night rate PAID.

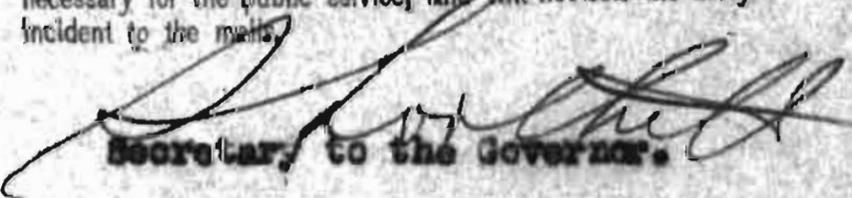
Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying that I have not been absent from Territory or duties of office except under authority Secretary Interior in telegram March twenty-seven last, I request payment salary for month of May and that check be sent me at Juneau.

SIRONG, Governor.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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June 10, 1914.

--D/Miscle

Honorable John A. McIlhenny,

President, United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27, 1914 (File A) with reference to the application of Mr. Geo. W. Evans, of Seattle, Washington, for examination for the position of mining engineer in the Bureau of Mines, and asking for reliable information in regard to the qualifications of the applicant.

In reply I have to advise you that I have known Mr. Evans well and favorably for a period of seven years. He is a man of excellent character, and of high standing in his profession. He began work as a boy in the coal mines of the State of Washington; afterwards educating himself for the profession of mining engineer, which he has since followed, and I believe him to be one of the best coal mining engineers in the West. His personality is pleasing; his habits are above reproach, and in my opinion his general fitness for the position which he desires cannot be questioned. He neither drinks, chews, smokes or swears, and yet he is not a "molly coddle"; he is a man

of affairs, of keen intelligence, upright in every way, and  
is worthy of any confidence that may be reposed in him. I  
make this statement unqualifiedly, because of my somewhat  
close acquaintance with Mr. Evans for a period of seven  
years, and a knowledge of him for many years prior thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

June 18, 1914.

D-Tr.

Honorable W. G. HADCOCK,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

An old friend of mine, and a staunch Democrat, Mr. Will H. Merritt of Seattle, is a candidate for Collector of Customs for the Puget Sound collection district, and I would like, with your permission, to say a word in his behalf, at the same time disclaiming any intention of making recommendations for office outside of my own Territory.

I have known Mr. Merritt so well and am so firmly convinced that he possesses all those requisites necessary to meet the demands that the office of Collector would impose upon him, with credit to himself and the administration, that it is a real pleasure to thus record my opinion of him as a man, a citizen, and a faithful democrat.

Very respectfully,

Governor

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June 16, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. C. B. White, of Fair, Alaska, in which he complains that his rights as a homesteader are being encroached upon by local people, for such action as you may deem proper in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 16, 1914. C. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Secretary Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Contingent expense account Surveyor General's office reported same as last year. Office obliged to move new quarters because increase of business and additional sum six hundred dollars absolutely needed that purpose.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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June 17, 1914.

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The Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith "Specimen signature" sheet duly signed by him, for use in connection with checks drawn by the Governor as Disbursing Agent. This is response to your request of May 8 last. Absence from Juneau for over two months has prevented an earlier attention to this matter by the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encle

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June 18, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to Department letter of March 28 last (Adolph G. Miller, Assistant to the Secretary) addressed to the Governor, in which, among other things, it was requested that photographs, copies of plans, and statements as to number of rooms and brief descriptions of the insane detention hospitals at Fairbanks and Nome be furnished the Department.

As advised in letter from this office under date of April 11th it was arranged to have the desired data furnished from Nome as to the hospital at that place, and from Fairbanks as to the one there, with the exception of copies of the plans, which have been prepared at Juneau from a set on file in this office. The blue-prints of these plans go forward in this mail under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 20, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of May 14th last (Lewis O. Laylin, Assistant Secretary) transmitting copy of letter from the Counselor for the State Department and memorandum from the Imperial Ottoman Embassy at Washington, in relation to Dr. Davoud Selim bin Hassan Selim, and to transmit herewith a letter from Geo. J. Love, United States Commissioner at Valdes, Alaska, together with certified copy of the will of the late David H. Sleson, of Valdes, and an abstract of the Appraisers' report on the estate of the deceased.

It will be noted that Commissioner Love states that he is of the opinion that David H. Sleson was a citizen of the United States at the time of his death and had renounced his allegiance to the Ottoman Empire.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 20, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that I am in receipt of a telegram from Chas. A. Trueger, United States Commissioner at St. Michael, Alaska, asking if I can secure authority from the Secretary of War to send one Olsen, an indigent person now in the Army hospital at St. Michael, to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, on the Army transport which is expected to sail from St. Michael about July 9th for Valdez and Ft. William H. Seward.

The Alaska Pioneers' Home is maintained by the Territory, but no appropriation has been made by the legislature for the transportation of applicants for admission to the Home from other points in Alaska. If it is possible for you to authorize the transfer of said Olsen from St. Michael to Fairbanks, Alaska, on the Army transport, provision could be made for his transportation from that point to Sitka.

I would respectfully request that you inform this office of your decision in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of War,

Washington, D. C.

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June 24, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, by reference from the Department (Lewis D. Laylin, Assistant Secretary) under date of the 12th instant, copy of letter of the Secretary of Commerce addressed to you under date of the 11th instant, in respect to additional aids to navigation in Alaskan waters, etc. In response to the Department's request I have to offer the following suggestions:

A number of the inlets, channels, sounds and fiords should be resurveyed in order to meet the increasing demands of commerce; those needing particular attention are undoubtedly known to the Lighthouse Service and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. Specifically I would suggest that an additional number of buoys be placed in Wrangell Narrows, and that beacons or land-marks be erected at different points on the routes usually followed by steamships navigating the "inland passage" to Alaska. Masters of these vessels should be consulted as to the points in Wrangell Narrows where additional buoys are needed; also as to the locations for the placing of beacons or land-marks. The latter can be constructed and placed at small cost, and I am assured by master mariners in these waters that these would be of great assistance

in navigating vessels safely. Among the master mariners thoroughly familiar with the "inside passage" of Alaska is Captain Harry Cann, of the steamship "Spokane", who, I am sure, would gladly place the information at his command at the disposal of the Department of Commerce. He may be addressed in care of the Pacific Coast S. S. Company, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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June 24, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultime with reference to the seeding of the grounds of the executive mansion at Junesau, and in which you instructed me to obtain competitive proposals for the re-seeding of these grounds within the amount of the appropriation available, to-wit, \$75.05, and to accept the lowest bid received.

In reply I have to advise you that competitive proposals were called for and two were received, the lowest being \$137.50, the highest \$650. They were, therefore, rejected.

For your further information I have to advise you that in my opinion it will be useless to seed these grounds until a fence of some kind is erected to protect them. The grounds are surrounded by streets on all four sides, and it is impossible to keep children and even men and women, to say nothing of stray animals that may be loose upon the public streets, off the premises. A concrete wall should enclose the grounds, because it would be lasting and would be cheaper in the long run than any other kind of fence. Approximately such wall would cost \$1,000. I presume that an appropriation from Congress would be required for this work.

I would respectfully ask that the amount of \$75.05, which amount, I understand, is an unexpended balance of the original

appropriation for building and furnishing the executive mansion at Juneau, be used to reimburse me for personal funds which I have been obliged to use in connection with the purchase of certain furniture and furnishings for the executive mansion, in order to provide a sufficient complement for its proper use. The items and amounts are as follows:

June 11, 1913.	1 iron bed (servant's room)	\$ 5.00
Sept. 12, "	1 table linen	3.55
	12 90x108 sheets H.S.	11.50 18.00
	12 50x38 cases H.S.	.35 4.20
	6 hand towels	.75 ea. 4.50
	1 damask cloth	6.85
	1 serving table	4.00
	1 tea wagon	22.50
15 "	1 doz. 3. towels	5.50 2.75
22 "	Drayage on boxes of linen	1.50
24 "	Marine insurance on shipment of linen, etc.,	.50
	Total	73.35

When the executive mansion was completed and turned over to the Governor it was inadequately furnished in some respects. The servant's quarters was without furniture of any kind, and the supply of linen, etc., was entirely inadequate. The items above enumerated were purchased, together with other items aggregating \$13.50. Payment was originally made from the contingent expense fund of this office, but the Auditor has held that the appropriation is not available for such purposes and I have been obliged to repay to the appropriation the amounts above mentioned. It is manifestly unjust that the Governor should be compelled to use his personal funds for furniture and furnishings for the executive mansion, and I would

--Honorable B. R. Newton, Assistant Secretary, p. 8--

therefore respectfully ask that the balance of the appropriation mentioned in your letter of the above date be used to reimburse me in the sum of \$73.35 on account of the purchase of the items enumerated above. I shall be glad to submit vouchers, etc., in such form as may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Honorable B. R. Newton,

Assistant Secretary, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

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June 26, 1914.

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The Auditor for the State  
and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your Notice of Settlement of accounts, dated February 9, 1914, advising settlement by Certificate No. 6058 of that date of my accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1913, under the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914," showing a total suspension of \$60.50 for that quarter, with suspension of \$1.97 carried forward from the previous quarter. In reference thereto I have to advise as follows:

Explanation of the item of \$1.97 suspended in the June 30, 1913, accounts, was made by me in a letter dated February 14, 1914.

I concede the item of \$5 for moving piano, etc., which appeared in Voucher 1, referred to, since upon inquiry I find that the piano was only rented and not the property of the government. I concede, also, the item of \$18.50, Voucher No. 5, covering a dresser and bed purchased for the servant's quarters in the executive mansion at Juneau, although it seems manifestly unjust that I should be compelled to pay for these items from personal funds, due to the fact that the executive mansion was not properly furnished by the government, there being absolutely no furniture provided by the government for the quarters of the servant.

Referring to the item of \$4 for 2 loads of household goods hauled from old residence to Governor's house, Voucher #1, referred to above, I have to advise that the household goods in question were and are the property of the government, having been purchased during the term of former Governor Wilford B. Hoggatt. These consisted of several carpets, sideboard, china closet, etc., some of which are now in use in the executive mansion at Juneau and the remainder in storage. The charge is, therefore, a proper one, and should be passed.

Referring to the item of \$33, covering 3 tons of coal, Voucher #6, I have to advise that there was no contract for this coal, nor has this office ever entered into a formal contract for coal, it being found impracticable to obtain such. The coal supply at Juneau is handled chiefly by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the City of Juneau, each of which charges a fixed price per ton in the bunkers at the wharf -- usually \$8 per ton, but for nearly a year past the City of Juneau has charged \$9 per ton -- and the sacking, drayage and delivery of the coal is done by the several transfer companies and individual draymen in the town, all of whom charge the uniform price of \$2 per ton for this service. An effort was made some months ago by this office to contract for some 80 tons of coal and although notices were sent to some eight or nine transfer companies and draymen, not one responded thereto, and it is impossible to obtain a contract for coal even at the full price per ton, as the companies and individuals engaged in the drayage business are all so busy they will not enter into a binding contract which might interfere with other and more lucrative work. It is respectfully sub-

mitted, therefore, that the item of \$83 should be passed.

I beg to refer, also, to your Notice of Settlement of May 4, 1914, advising settlement by Certificate No. 6209 of that date of my accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1913, and showing total suspensions for that period of \$66.85, covering various items of supplies for the executive mansion, Juneau, purchased to supplement the inadequate equipment of the mansion by the government. Although these purchases were made in good faith and in the belief that the appropriation to which they were charged should properly bear the expense, there seems nothing to do but to concede the amount, although, as above stated, it is manifestly unjust that the Governor should be compelled to pay for such items from personal funds in order to properly furnish and equip the executive mansion.

I have also to refer to your Notice of Settlement of May 27, 1914, advising settlement by Certificate No. 6270 of that date of my accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1914, and showing a total suspension for that period of \$31.50. The item of \$1.50 is conceded in accordance with the foregoing. The item of \$30 is conceded in view of the limitations placed upon the construction of the appropriation bill by your department.

In accordance, therefore, with the foregoing, I have this day deposited with the First National Bank, Juneau, Alaska, for credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., the following

amounts, for repayment to the appropriations named:

The sum of \$25.50 for repayment to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, District of Alaska, 1913" as per Settlement No. 6032, February 9, 1914;

The sum of \$66.85 for repayment to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914," as per Settlement No. 6209, May 4, 1914; and

The sum of \$31.50 for repayment to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914," as per Settlement No. 6270, May 27, 1914.

Duplicate certificates of deposit covering the above repayments are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

Encls.

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Juneau, June 30, 1914. O. B. Govt. HIGH rate PAID.

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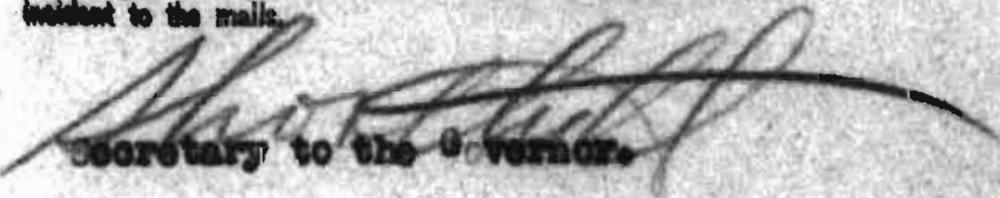
Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying have not been absent from Territory or duties office except  
under authority Secretary Interior telegram March twenty-seven last,  
request payment June salary.

STRONG, Governor.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 9, 1914.

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Auditor for the State and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1914. The enclosures are as follows:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Statement of fees collected for licenses issued under Alaska Game Law, with duplicate certificates of deposit attached.
4. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 32 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 9, 1914.

D/INT.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 25th last (Levis G. Laylin, Assistant Secretary), together with enclosures from the Department of State and the Royal Embassy of Italy relative to certain complaints made by His Excellency the Ambassador of Italy as to the situation in which Italian immigrant laborers in Alaska are alleged to be placed by the absence of any law in case of accidents in this Territory.

In reply I have the honor to advise you that the matters of complaint seem to be fully covered by Chapter 45 of the laws enacted by the 1913 session of the Territorial Legislature of Alaska, the full text of which chapter is as follows:

"CHAPTER 45.

(E. S. NO. 22.)

"AN ACT to fix the liability of employers for personal injuries sustained by their employees.

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

"Section 1. That every person, association, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, mining, constructing, building, or other business or occupation carried on by means of machinery or mechanical appliances shall be liable to any of its employees, or, in the event of his death, to his personal representative for the benefit of his widow and children, if any, if none, then for his parents, if none, then for his next of kin dependent upon him, for all damages which may result from the negligence of any of its or his or their officers, agents, or employees, or by reason of any defect or insufficiency due to its or their negligence in the machinery, appliances, and works.

"Sec. 2. That in all actions hereafter brought against a master or employer such as is mentioned in the first section hereof, to recover damages for personal injuries to an employee, or where such injuries have resulted in his death, the fact that the employee may have been guilty of contributory negligence shall not bar a recovery where his contributory negligence was slight and that of the employer was gross in comparison, but the damages shall be diminished by the jury in proportion to the amount of negligence attributable to such employee. All questions of negligence and contributory negligence shall be for the jury.

"Sec. 3. That no contract of employment, insurance, relief benefit, or indemnity for injury or death entered into by or on behalf of any employee, nor the acceptance of any such insurance, relief benefit, or indemnity by the person entitled thereto, shall constitute any bar or defense to any action brought to recover damages for personal injuries to or death of any employee; Provided, however, that upon the trial of such action the defendant may set off therein any sum contributed by such employer toward any such insurance, relief benefit, or indemnity that may have been paid to such employee, or in case of his death to his personal representative.

"And Provided further, That any insurance, relief benefit, or indemnity furnished by the master and paid for by contributions exacted from, or paid by his employee shall not be allowed as set off.

"Sec. 4. That no action shall be maintained under this act unless it be shown that there exist beneficiaries as provided in section 1 hereof; nor unless such action be brought within two years from the time the cause of action accrued.

"APPROVED, April 30, 1918."

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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July 9, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Juneau, Alaska, together with a plat showing the proposed course of a roadway across a portion of the tide flats adjoining Auk Indian village within the incorporated limits of the City of Juneau, and over which tide flats the City of Juneau desires to build a roadway on piling in order to relieve traffic congestion. The resolution sets forth the urgent need that exists for the construction of the proposed roadway, and after careful investigation of the statements contained therein I respectfully recommend that permission be given the City of Juneau to construct such thoroughfare, with the clear understanding that due and ample provision be made and maintained for the ingress and egress of fishing boats and canoes owned by the Indians when tide conditions permit. I am satisfied that by the granting of permission to build this roadway no rights of the Indians will be interfered with; they will have the same privileges that they now enjoy, and besides an additional means of communication between the Indian village and the City of Juneau and other places will be provided.

The growth of Juneau in the past two years has been

such that outlying sections contiguous to the City are being built up and the present communication with these places is confined to a narrow street or road not at all capable of carrying the daily traffic. This narrow road, also, is the sole means of communication with a number of farms, mines, etc., on Gastineau Channel, and the proposed roadway will serve to eliminate much of the traffic congestion now existing.

The immediate construction of this roadway is of such importance to Juneau and contiguous territory that an early decision in the matter by the Department is respectfully urged.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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July 10, 1914.

D/State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 5th ultimo, in further reference to the provisions of Article XVI of the Consular Convention of May 8, 1878, between the United States and Italy, and requesting that the provisions of the article be brought to the attention of the competent local authorities of this Territory.

In reply I have the honor to advise that a communication has this day been addressed to the Judges of the United States District Court for Alaska, calling their attention to the provisions of the article in question, and asking that they in turn bring the matter to the attention of the United States Commissioners (who are also ex officio probate judges) within their respective judicial divisions, to the end that the stipulations of the article may be complied with in future.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. CHARGE: "CONTINGENT  
EXPENSES, TERRITORY ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, July 13, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

Secretary Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Referring telegram sixth assistant secretary Sweeney relative liquor  
traffic appropriation respectfully request be advised what action  
taken reference game appropriation and contingent expenses this  
office, also request advice further action after July fifteen relative  
these three appropriations.

STRONG, Governor.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 16, 1914.

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The Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to the desecration of certain Indian graves on a tract of land contiguous to the town of Juneau, I am informed that all of the bodies have been disinterred and removed to the city cemetery. I am enclosing herewith copy of an opinion of Honorable John Rustgard, United States Attorney for the first judicial division with reference thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 16, 1914.

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The Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a petition from a number of residents of Nome, Alaska, asking for executive clemency for one James Eckdahl, now serving a sentence of five years at McNeil's Island penitentiary, having been convicted on October 12, 1912, at Nome, in the 2d judicial division, of the crime of forgery. With the petition are enclosed letters from George B. Grigaby, formerly United States Attorney for the 2d division, and Hugh O'Neill, attorney for Eckdahl at the time of his trial. These papers are transmitted for such action as you may deem advisable in the premises.

I have the honor to advise you that I have conducted an investigation as to the merits of the statements made in behalf of the prisoner, and I have reached the conclusion that a pardon should issue, inasmuch as the sentence seems to have been excessive and there were extenuating circumstances. It is also reported to me that the prisoner is in poor health and continued confinement is likely to impair it irretrievably. Eckdahl has now served nearly two years of his sentence, and therefore I respectfully urge the exercise of executive clemency in his behalf.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures.

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, July 16, 1914.

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Honorable E. J. Graham,  
Assistant Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Several years ago Joseph F. Warren, of Nome, Alaska, who had been a deputy United States marshal at that place, was appointed by my predecessor as agent in an extradition case, for the return from the state of Washington of a fugitive from Alaska. After he had effected the extradition in question he was continued in the service, with headquarters in Seattle, and he is still so employed, under the designation "Special Agent for the Second Judicial Division of Alaska." He is paid for his services through the office of the United States Marshal for the 2d judicial division at Nome.

I am desirous of replacing Warren by the appointment of Mr. Thomas Gaffney, a member of the first Territorial legislature and now a resident of Nome, but it is not clear to me how this may be effected. Will you kindly advise me in the premises. Specifically I respectfully ask to be advised as follows: Can a successor to Warren be appointed without actually designating his successor to act as extradition agent for the Territory in a specific case?

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, July 30, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

When funds available request two thousand dollars be placed my credit  
from appropriation contingent expenses Territory Alaska nineteen fifteen  
with Treasurer United States.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 21, 1914.

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Secretary of Commerce,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing herewith letter from Mr. H. P. Shular, of Homer, Alaska, who desires to take not more than six pairs of live foxes on Kenai Peninsula for breeding purposes. As I understand Mr. Shular to be a reliable man in every way, I recommend that the permit be issued as requested.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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July 28, 1914.

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Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am inclosing herewith for your information a letter received by Mr. Andrew Hovy, Game Warden, Fairbanks, Alaska, from Mr. Guy H. Madera, relative to the poisoning of fur-bearing animals in the Fourth Judicial Division, Alaska.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

1 Inclosure.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, CHARGE: "CONTINGENT  
EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

Juneau, August 3, 1914. O.B. Govt. rate.

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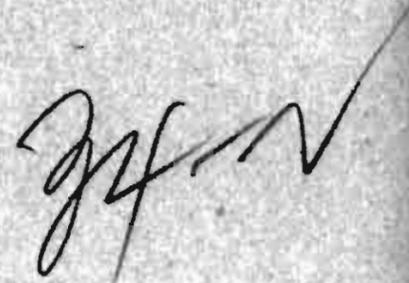
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Certifying presence in Territory throughout month request payment  
salary for July.

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August 11, 1914.



The Second Assistant Postmaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am advised that the contract for the carrying of mail between Chitina and Chisana, Alaska, will terminate on August 31st, instant. This office is in receipt of a number of letters with reference thereto. These letters urge that the contract be continued for at least another four months or until the close of the present calendar year. It is stated that there are at the present time about three hundred persons in the Chisana region to be supplied with mail, but that the number will probably decrease to one hundred and fifty during the winter, or one-half.

I have therefore to recommend for your consideration the advisability of continuing the mail service to that section until the end of December, next.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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EXPENSES TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915".

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 12, 1914. O.B.Govt. Rate.

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Assistant Attorney General Graham,

Washington, D.C.

Replying your telegram eleventh understand Warren is working on Alaska  
murder case and it would be inadvisable terminate his services for a  
time at least; otherwise, am of opinion might be dispensed with.

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Governor.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. CHARGE: "CONTINGENT  
EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915"

Juneau, Alaska, August 6, 1914. O.B. Govt. Rate.

The President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.



The people of Alaska join with me in extending to you and yours their  
deepest sympathy in the great sorrow that has visited you by the death  
of Mrs. Wilson.

STRONG,  
Governor.

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August 13, 1914.

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Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The necessity for the opening of Alaska coal lands for commercial purposes is emphasized by the war conditions now existing in Europe, and the further fact that the people of Alaska are nearly wholly dependent upon British Columbia for their coal supply. The various commercial bodies of this Territory, and the people generally, are a unit in urging upon the Congress the speedy enactment of such legislation as will have for its object the opening of the Alaska coal fields to development on a commercial basis. No specific bill now before the Congress is urged, it being the chief desire of the people of this Territory to secure such legislation as will permit them to obtain coal, at least for domestic purposes, at home, where a great abundance of it could be mined.

The conditions now being developed because of the war in Europe, and those other conditions which will indubitably arise during the progress of the conflict, after its close, together with the readjustment of international affairs and conditions, that is bound to follow, all point to the urgent necessity of securing legislation that will permit the development of our coal resources

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for domestic and industrial purposes, as well as for the use of the Government of the United States. Should the present war be of long continuance it is not unlikely that the coal supply which we now receive from British Columbia might be cut off and a condition would inevitably be created that would be well nigh calamitous.

Respectfully,

Governor.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, CHARGE: "CONTINGENT  
EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

Juneau, August 14, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate NIGHT.

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Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Replying your telegram thirteenth earnestly urge appointment John J. Reagan  
of Juneau for assistant district attorney Ketchikan. Reagan entirely  
competent. Had four years experience as assistant in second judicial  
division and thoroughly acquainted with all Alaska conditions.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, August 14, 1914 O. B. Govt. Rate. NIGHT

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Important that action be taken in matter street across  
tidelands in front Indian village Juneau now being  
constructed by city if rights of Indians are to be  
properly safeguarded. See my letter July ninth.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

W. W. Shorthill,  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Hon. William C. Redfield,  
Secretary of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I understand that the application of Mr. L. F. Protsman of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the position of Fur Warden for the Fourth Judicial Division of Alaska, is on file in your office. I therefore wish to endorse Mr. Protsman's application if his appointment would be consistent with the policy of your department and in the public interest. I believe Mr. Protsman, if appointed, would render faithful and efficient service.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 18, 1914.

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Sir:

By reference from the Interior Department I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter (E. P. Sweet, Acting Secretary) of May 14, received on July 21, in which you express your desire to obtain transcripts of all births and deaths that occur in any territory under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department, beginning January 1, 1914.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is unable to furnish you complete transcripts inasmuch as although a vital statistics law has been effective by act of the territorial legislature since 1913, the law is largely inoperative because of a lack of means to compel its enforcement. However, I have instructed the Territorial Registrar of Vital Statistics to prepare as complete a transcript as is possible under the circumstances, and this will be transmitted to you in due course.

Our territorial vital statistics include only those appertaining to the white population and therefore do not comprise births and deaths among the Indians. I beg to suggest, however, that it may be possible to obtain this information from the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Secretary of Commerce,

Governor.

Washington, D. C.

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Juncon, August 21, 1914, O. B. Govt. rate NIGHT.

By Sweeney, Assistant Secretary,

Department Interior, Washington, D. C.

Replying your telegram twentieth reference building road across tide flats  
Juncon in front native village have to advise that road has been completed  
regardless of fact that tide lands are held in trust by federal government.  
This office had already notified municipal authorities that permission to  
construct road should first be obtained from federal government. Recommend  
that W. C. Dentie, superintendent native schools Juncon be designated  
look after rights natives this matter.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3 together with a copy of communication from the State Department dated July 30, and also a copy of a dispatch addressed to that Department by the Consul-General at Vancouver, B. C. reporting that the American schooner "Ruby" had been chartered by the Hudson's Bay Company to make a trip to Herschel Island, and that there is reason to believe that the vessel will bring back a considerable number of furs which will come from American territory.

In reply I have to advise you that it will be a difficult matter for this office to keep track of the voyage and fur-buying operations of the schooner because of the remoteness of the region where these operations will be carried on, and the indefinite length of the schooner's stay in these waters. I have therefore the honor to suggest that the Commanders of the various United States Revenue Cutters cruising in Behring Sea and Arctic waters be advised to keep a strict watch for the schooner "Ruby" should she enter American waters and endeavor to trade for furs with natives or others. The Deputy Collector of Customs at Nome, Alaska, should also

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be advised to this effect.

Respectfully,

Governor.

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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STATEMENT submitted by the Governor of Alaska in connection with the annual estimates for the fiscal year 1916, under SUBBRY CIVIL expenses, item of "Traffic in intoxicating liquors, Alaska."

Expenditures for fiscal year 1914.

3 special employees (white) at \$2100. per annum each . . . . .		\$ 4200.00
1 " employee " " " " " (June 9-30 only) . . . . .		128.33
1 " " " " \$1600. " " (11 1/2 mo.) . . . . .		1537.78
1 " " (native) 600. " " (1 mo. 4 da.) . . . . .		106.67
1 native police officer at 240. " " (11 mo.) . . . . .		220.00
Expenses of special employees . . . . .		4904.86
Other expenses . . . . .		<u>1130.64</u>
		\$11130.64

ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1916.

3 special employees (white) at \$2100. per annum each . . . . .		\$ 6300.00
1 " employee " " \$1600. " " . . . . .		1600.00
1 native police officer at \$240. per annum . . . . .		240.00
Expenses of special employees . . . . .		\$780.00
Other expenses . . . . .		<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1916 . . . . .		\$15000.00

NOTE: The foregoing itemization of the 1916 estimates is not to be regarded as final or exact, either as to the number of employees or rates of compensation, nor, indeed, as to expenses, since circumstances may arise at any time necessitating an entire readjustment of salaries and expenses to permit of the employment of additional officers; and, furthermore, it is impossible to formulate any definite financial plan for work to be performed two years hence. The items are, therefore, approximate only, and subject to change or readjustment at any time, within the limits of the appropriation, as local conditions may require.

STATEMENT submitted by the Governor of Alaska in connection with annual estimates for the fiscal year 1916, under SUMMARY CIVIL expenses, item of "Protection of Game in Alaska."

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Expenditures for fiscal year 1914.

3 game wardens, at \$1800. per annum each, (period of service of two was less than full year)	\$5085.00
2 game wardens at \$1800. (increased to \$1620 for part of year) each (period of service less than full year)	\$166.65
1 game warden at \$900. per annum	900.00
1 game warden 6 1/2 mo. at \$1800. per annum	975.00
Expense accounts of game wardens . . . . .	\$132.35
Other expenses . . . . .	<u>152.33</u>
	\$13411.54

Estimates for fiscal year 1916.

4 wardens at \$1800. per annum each . . . . .	\$7200.00
2 " " 1620. " " " . . . . .	3420.00
1 " " 1500. " " " . . . . .	1500.00
1 " " 900. " " " . . . . .	900.00
Expense accounts of game wardens . . . . .	7000.00
Other expenses (or for expense accounts of wardens if needed) . . . . .	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL OF ESTIMATES . . . . .	\$20000.00

NOTE: The items under the estimates for 1916 must be regarded as approximate only, since it is impossible to definitely plan the work two years in advance. Circumstances may arise which will require an entire readjustment of salaries and expenses to permit of the employment of additional wardens; hence the Governor's office does not wish to be understood as now outlining a definite plan of work and as specifying just what employees will be used in the work during the fiscal year 1916. An entire readjustment, within the limits of the appropriation, may be necessary at any time.

The appropriation for the fiscal year 1915 is \$20,000., and a like amount should be provided for the fiscal year 1916 as estimated.

STATEMENT accompanying annual estimates for fiscal year 1916, submitted by the Governor of Alaska, covering the item: "Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska."

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Item.	Expenditures under 1913-14 appropriation.	Estimates submitted for 1916-17 appropriation.
Salaries of members	\$20,700.00	\$21,600.00
Mileage of members	6,500.00	9,178.20
Salaries of employees	5,135.00	5,160.00
Printing of laws	3,499.78	5,000.00
Rent of legislative halls and committee rooms . . . . .	1,947.00	2,000.00
Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, etc. . . . .	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$41,281.78	\$47,938.20

NOTES:

Appropriation for 1913-14 was \$42,260.00. Only 23 of the 24 members attended the 1913 session, one resigning on account of ill health.

The estimates for printing of laws \$5,000., and "Stationery, supplies, \* \* \* etc., \$5,000." for 1916-17 should be allowed. Like amounts were asked for in the 1913-14 estimates, but were reduced in the appropriation to \$3,500.00 each which will undoubtedly prove entirely inadequate, as were the amounts allowed in the 1913-14 appropriation for these two objects, the legislature being very seriously hampered by reason of this lack of funds.

The mileage allowance for 1913-14 proved entirely inadequate; in fact the estimate of \$9,178.20 for 1916-17, which is the full amount which can be had under the law, is entirely insufficient to cover the actual expenses of members in coming to and returning from the legislative session.

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STATEMENT submitted by the Governor of Alaska, to accompany annual estimates for 1916, under LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL, item "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska."

Item.	1914 Expenditures.	1915 Estimates.
Clerk hire . . . . .	\$3,150.00	\$3,250.00
Janitor, Governor's offices . . . . .	900.00	900.00
Janitor, executive mansion . . . . .	no appropriation	1,200.00
Repairs and preservation executive mansion, stationery, lights, water, fuel, and incidentals, . . . . .	\$3,615.21	4,000.00
Fencing grounds (130 x 300 ft.) around executive mansion, concrete wall, . . . . .	no appropriation	1,000.00
Improvement of grounds, executive mansion, sodding, platting, seeding, etc. . . . .	no appropriation	250.00
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	\$6,665.21	\$9,600.00

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\* Approximate only; bills not all in at time of making up this statement.

NOTES:

Estimates and appropriations (including fiscal year 1915) have included \$2250.00 for clerk hire, \$2150.00 of which has been expended for salary of the secretary to the governor, the remaining \$100.00 being used for temporary clerical help when needed. The estimate for 1916 should be allowed.

The appropriation for 1915 provides but \$300. for janitor service at the executive mansion. No provision has been made in previous years. The amount asked for for 1916 should be allowed, since it is urgently needed to permit of the employment of a man to act as janitor, caretaker, gardener, fireman, etc., it being entirely impracticable to employ one person to act as janitor at the governor's offices and also to do all the necessary work at the executive mansion.

No provision has yet been made for fencing or improving the grounds around the executive mansion. These grounds are 130 x 300 feet. A fence is highly necessary to protect them from horses and dogs which run at large, as well as from teams which are frequently driven over the grounds despite all efforts to prevent it. Owing to a lack of funds it has been impossible to arrange for sodding, platting and seeding the grounds, and they are at present in a most unsightly condition. The items submitted for fencing and improvement of the grounds are based upon close figures furnished by local contractors.

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Sir:

Referring to the Department's letter of the 18th ultimo (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), I have the honor herewith to transmit annual estimates for the fiscal year 1915, covering legislative, executive, judicial, and sundry civil expenses in the Territory of Alaska -- the estimates being submitted in duplicate, as directed. Accompanying the estimates are four statements showing expenditures made during the fiscal year 1914 and itemization of estimates for the fiscal year 1915, as follows:

1. Statement in connection with "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska."
2. Statement in connection with "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska."
3. Statement in connection with "Protection of Game in Alaska."
4. Statement in connection with "Traffic in intoxicating liquor, Alaska."

Explanatory notes appear on the respective statements, to which attention is respectfully directed.

On the "SUNDRY CIVIL" estimate blank have been shown, as heretofore, items covering "Incidental expenses, Territory of Alaska," (furniture, fuel, books, etc.,) for the offices of the marshals and attorneys, and "Traveling expenses, Territory of Alaska," for actual and necessary travel expenses of the judges and clerks in the Territory. The amounts

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estimated for are the same as those appearing in previous estimates submitted by this office. In this connection I beg to add that it is not quite clear to me why these items should be included in the estimates submitted by this office, since this office has no information as to the requirements of the service in the particular matters included in the items mentioned, nor does the sundry civil appropriation bill for 1915 (or previous years) show these items as separate from other amounts provided for the Department of Justice in Alaska and this office has no means of determining whether its estimates in previous years have been covered in whole or in part in the appropriation bills as regards these two items.

Under Sundry Civil expenses has been included, also, an item of \$2000 for protection and preservation of the Sitka National Monument, located adjacent to the town of Sitka. Previous estimates submitted by this office have included similar items, but as yet no appropriation has been made for the purpose indicated. The Sitka National Monument was created by Executive order in the year 1910, but thus far no provision has been made for the protection and preservation of a large number of ancient totem poles and other historical relics situated therein. Many of these totems and relics are in need of repairs or other attention to insure their proper preservation. The amount asked for is very moderate, and is urgently needed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

August 25, 1914.

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Sir:

With further reference to your request for a transcript of certain vital statistics of this Territory, I am transmitting herewith a record of vital statistics for the four judicial divisions of Alaska from January 1 to August 1, 1914. The record is by no means complete for the reason that many of the commissioners of vital statistics have neglected to forward reports to the registrar of vital statistics as required under the provisions of Chapter 35, 1913 Session Laws of Alaska, and the Territorial legislature made no provision for the enforcement of said law.

Respectfully yours,

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Governor.

Secretary of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

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August 26, 1914.

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Dear Sir:

I understand that you are considering the appointment of J. H. Cobb as United States Attorney at Juncos and in that event I wish to say that Mr. Cobb, in my opinion, is able, active and competent.

In this connection I do not wish to be placed in the light of making an endorsement for this position as under the administration of your predecessor, the Honorable J. C. McFeynolds, I had endorsed the application of Mr. Dewart L. Barton of Juncos for the position, and while recognizing the ability of Mr. Cobb as a lawyer it would be an act of stultification on my part to endorse some one else for the position. Furthermore, I have no desire at this time to interfere in any way in the matter of political appointments coming through the Department of Justice. I trust that you will understand my position.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Honorable T. V. Gregory,

Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

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August 26, 1944.

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Sir:

I have the honor to endorse the request of H. A. Bishop, United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division, for authority to appoint deputy marshals at Yakutat and Tenakee. In my opinion, and I am entirely familiar with the conditions at both places, such appointments are urgent if law and order are to be maintained. In his letter to you, with which this is enclosed, Mr. Bishop has accurately described conditions, etc., obtaining in the towns of Yakutat and Tenakee. The population of both is increasing; at Yakutat salmon fisheries are important during the summer season; the recent discovery of halibut fishing banks in proximity to the town makes it a port of call for fishing vessels during the winter season, and this office is in receipt of many complaints alleging repeated and flagrant violations of law. These complaints come from reputable men both white and native.

The situation at Tenakee is equally bad; this place has a considerable floating population as well as a permanent one; there is a hot spring located in the town and people of various classes make their homes in the town, especially during the

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winter season; there is much illicit selling of liquor at all times and the absence of law and order is a menace to the well-being of the community in which there are a considerable number of reputable, law-abiding citizens from whom this office has received many protests because of existing conditions.

I therefore respectfully urge that a deputy marshal be stationed at each of the places named above as recommended by the United States Marshal.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

August 26, 1914.

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Sir:

I beg to refer to my letter of the 28th instant transmitting annual estimates for the fiscal year 1915, and to call your attention to a correction which should be made in Statement No. 3 relating to "Protection of Game in Alaska" which accompanied the estimates. Under the head of expenditures for fiscal year 1914 the total of the second item should be \$3166.66 instead of \$3165.66. I respectfully request that you have the necessary correction made on both copies of the statement referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the need of additional room in connection with the Governor's Offices at Juneau, which are located in what is commonly known as the "Mission Building" on the site purchased by the government for the proposed federal post-office and custom house building. In the latter part of 1911 a portion of the first floor of this building was fitted up for use as offices for the Governor and a steam heating plant was installed. The expense was authorized by the Treasury Department and was paid from the appropriations "Repairs and Preservation of Public Buildings," and "Mechanical Equipment for Public Buildings." At that time five rooms were fitted up for office use but they have now become inadequate owing to the constant increase in the business of the Governor's office and the almost daily receipt of large numbers of government and state reports and other documents for the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum of which the Governor is the official custodian. There is an immediate and pressing need for additional shelf and

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file room, both for the Governor's Office proper and for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. There is a large room on the first floor of the building above referred to and connected with the rooms now used as offices for the Governor, which, at a moderate outlay, can be made suitable for use as a library and filing room, thus relieving the present congested condition of the Governor's offices.

This room is eighteen by twenty-five feet with a nine foot ceiling. To put it in proper condition for use the following repairs, alterations and improvements would be required:

1. Repair foundation pillars under room to insure proper support of floor.
2. Make slight repairs to floor, wainscot and other interior woodwork.
3. Paint all interior woodwork to correspond with that in present offices of the Governor.
4. Cloth and paper walls and ceiling to match present offices.
5. Put in new window glass and install new locks on windows where necessary.
6. Put in new door between this room and adjoining office room; also install new outside door at end of room.
7. Remove present window in wash-room and board up the opening.
8. Remove old leather door and board up the opening.
9. Install two or more radiators at suitable places in room to furnish ample heat from steam heating plant now in building, making connections as may be necessary. Radiators to be gilded to match those in present offices and to be of the same kind and style.

10. Put in an iron pipe ventilator of sufficient size from wash-room to attic or through roof as may be required.
11. Install necessary conduits and wiring for providing two electric chandeliers to be placed in room.

Informal estimates obtained from local contractors indicate that the cost of the work and materials called for in Items 1 to 8 inclusive will not exceed \$150.00, and that the cost of work and materials called for in Items 9 to 11 inclusive will not exceed \$125.00.

I would respectfully request that I be authorized to call for bids for the work above specified and to let contracts to the lowest bidders for the work and materials designated, the cost of same in no case to exceed the respective amounts named above. It is my understanding that Items 1 to 8 inclusive would be chargeable to the Treasury Department's appropriation "Repairs and preservation of public buildings," while the work and materials called for in Items 9 to 11 inclusive would be payable from the Department's appropriation "Mechanical equipment for public buildings." The cost of electric chandeliers and fittings would, as I understand it, be chargeable to the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska."

Additional office room is the more urgently needed for the reason that there seems no immediate prospect of construction work beginning on the proposed federal customs house and post office

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building at Junco in which it is supposed that provision  
will be made for the Governor's Office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

Juneau, August 29, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

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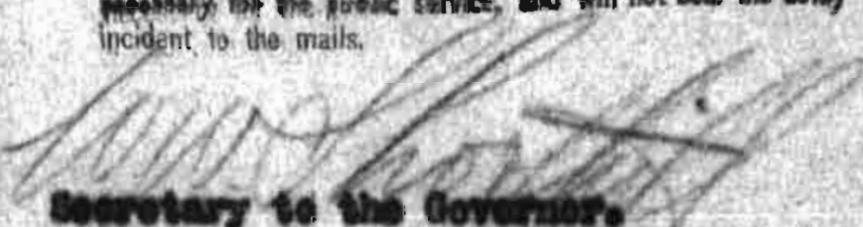
Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Gaffney appointed to another position. Recommend Warren be continued  
for present.

STRONG, Governor.

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.

  
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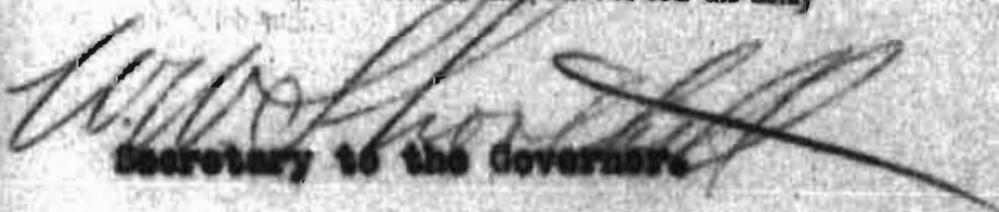
Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Territory throughout month request payment salary  
for August.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

  
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My dear Judge:

This will serve to introduce Mr. J. F. Pugh,  
Collector of Customs for Alaska, who is in Washington on  
official business.

Mr. Pugh has resided on the Pacific Coast all his  
life and this is his first visit to the states and otherwise  
decendant East. I want him to meet you and get acquainted  
with another Western product who is making good in the national  
capital. Mr. Pugh is a Democrat, having been appointed to  
his present position early this year, and he is discharging  
his duties in a satisfactory manner in every way.

With best wishes for yourself and family, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

Honorable Will R. King,

Chief Counsel, U. S. Reclamation Service,

Washington, D. C.

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September 3, 1914.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will serve to introduce Mr. John F. Pugh, Collector of Customs for Alaska, who is in Washington on official business, and who desires to pay his respects to you.

I desire to add that Mr. Pugh is an appointee of yours and is discharging his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

With assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Honorable William C. McAdoo,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

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September 3, 1904.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will serve to introduce Mr. John  
F. Pugh, Collector of Customs for Alaska, who is in Washington  
on official business, and who desires to pay his respects to  
you.

Mr. Pugh is a product of the great West and this is  
his first visit to the East. He is an efficient official  
and is discharging his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

With assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Honorable Franklin K. Lane,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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September 3, 1914.

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Government Exhibit Board,  
Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise this office at your earliest convenience as to what address Alaska exhibits to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition should bear, and to whom they should be consigned either at Seattle or San Francisco.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 8, 1914.

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Sir:

Sometime ago I took up with your predecessor, Honorable James C. McReynolds, the necessity that I deemed to exist for the appointment of an Assistant United States Attorney at Ketchikan. At that time I recommended the appointment of John J. Reagan, of Juneau. Since that time, however, Mr. Reagan has been given a temporary appointment as United States Attorney for this, the First Judicial Division. It is important, in my opinion, that an Assistant United States Attorney be stationed at Ketchikan where terms of court are held at stated intervals. I therefore wish to recommend the appointment of Mr. D. Holl, of Ketchikan, to that position as I understand that he has been recommended for appointment by Acting Attorney Reagan.

I have a personal acquaintance with Mr. Holl and believe him to be in every way qualified. He has been a resident of Ketchikan for some eighteen months, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Law Department, and has been in active practice of the law for about four years. I also understand that Mr. Holl's application for

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appointment is now on file in your office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Attorney-General,

Washington, D. C.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, 8 Oct. 8, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

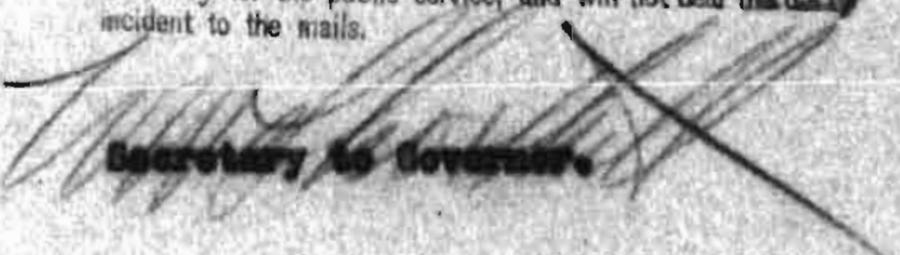
Second Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Discontinuance post office Chisana and mail service from McCarthy works  
great hardship on people. At least two hundred miners that section  
will be deprived all mail facilities. Strongly urge service be continued.

STRONG, Governor.

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.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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September 12, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of August 8, 1914 (initialed SA-C), relative to my request, in letter of June 24, 1914, to be reimbursed for certain expenditures made for furniture for use in the Executive Mansion, Juneau, and in which the Department authorized me to prepare a voucher covering expenditures aggregating \$31.50, and directed that the receipted bills covering that amount be attached to the voucher.

Acting in accordance with the Department letter referred to, I have prepared and enclose herewith voucher for \$31.50, covering certain of the items of furniture for the Executive Mansion which I have paid for from personal funds -- these items, with others, having originally been charged to the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska", but disallowed by the Auditor on the ground that they were not proper charges against that appropriation. The total amount disallowed being \$86.85, of which \$31.50 was authorized to be covered in voucher, as above stated.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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TERRITORY ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, September 15, 1914. C. B. Govt. rate.

First Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Urgo continuance post office at Sunrise. Important mining developments  
under way will increase population who should not be deprived of mail  
facilities.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU, SEPTEMBER 15, 1914. O. B. GOVT. RATE,

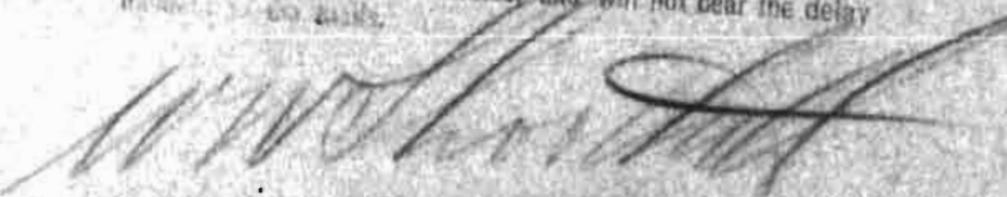
Tullman, Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

No general sentiment among mine owners and workers Alaska for abatement  
assessment work. Barely movement non-resident owners to save expenses.  
European war has not created abnormal conditions except to increase  
supply labor rather than diminish it. Bill should not pass.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
penalty of 10-00-2000.



Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1913."

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Juneau, September 18, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

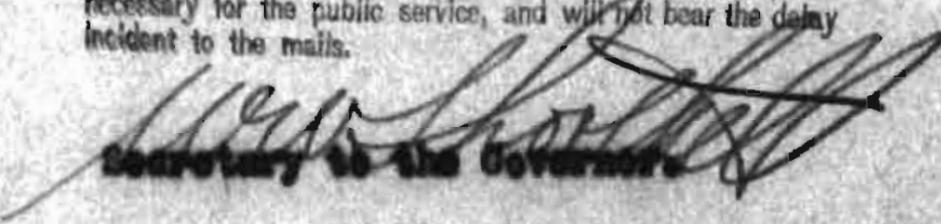
Chief Clerk Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Annual report and abstract be mailed tomorrow. Same report first of week. <sup>next</sup>

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor

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September 19, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letters of May 16, June 6, and July 9, 1914, also to telegram from Chief Clerk Parker, dated the 19th instant, relative to the annual report of the Governor of Alaska, and to advise that the report, together with the usual abstract for use in connection with your annual report, goes forward under separate cover in this mail; both the report and abstract having been completed today.

As advised in my telegram of the 19th to the Chief Clerk, my annual report on the game law will be mailed the first of the coming week.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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September 23, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 19 with reference to report submitted by this office from Mr. Arthur G. Shoup in regard to the abandoned buildings of the Marine Barracks at Sitka, Alaska, which were turned over to the Department of the Interior for use as a home for indigent prospectors and aged men who have spent their years in Alaska, and have met with misfortune; you also request that the Department be supplied with a plat showing the locations of the various buildings described in Mr. Shoup's letter. In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting to you under separate cover a plat showing the locations of the different buildings, including the "Old Governor's House," to which specific reference is made in your letter. For your further information I desire to say with reference to the condition of this structure, that it is a log building, erected by the Russian government some seventy-five years ago, and subsequently weatherboarded with rustic lumber. The logs of the foundation are practically all gone from one end of the building and it has no supports under one corner and unless some repairs are speedily made the building will collapse. The expenditure which repairs

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necessary to preserve the building would entail would probably reach \$300 or \$400. The building is now in the custody of the Surgeon General of the Navy, and is occupied by one George Gee, a Chinese, who was formerly employed as a cook in the Naval Hospital at Sitka. He is using it as a bakery and restaurant.

In reply to your inquiry as to whether this office is aware of any good reasons why this building should not be turned over to the Department of Agriculture for the use of the Forest Service, I desire to respectfully recommend that inasmuch as the abandoned buildings of the Marine Barracks have been turned over to the Territory of Alaska for the uses above referred to, that the building in question should be devoted to like use. The buildings now in use as a Home for aged Alaska pioneers is overcrowded and more room is necessary, and I know of no better use to which the "Old Governor's House" could be put than as a shelter for the old and physically incapacitated trail-blazers of Alaska. The Home now contains some forty of these men, which number crowds the buildings now occupied, and the Territory is facing the necessity of providing more room for their accommodation. Unless this property is obtained it is difficult to say where the Territory will be able to secure additional ground for the enlargement of this institution. The ground on which the "Old Governor's House" stands is particularly desirable as an annex to the Home because of its close proximity and for the further reason that it contains a garden plot which could be used to the great benefit of the inmates.

Further, as a reason why the building should not be turned over to the Department of Agriculture for use of the Forest Service, I desire to state that in the first place, as I understand the situation, the only use the Forest Service could have for the building would be as a residence for the Forest Ranger who is stationed at Sitka, and I am advised that he is already very comfortably quartered in the apartments formerly occupied by the Collector of Customs for the Alaska Collections District, in the Customs House building. I have, therefore, to respectfully recommend that the building known as the "Old Governor's House" be turned over by your Department to the Territory of Alaska for use in connection with the Alaska Pioneer's Home, now located in the Marine Barracks buildings.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

September 23, 1914.

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Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have known Dr. J. C. De Vigne, of  
Juneau, Alaska, as a practicing physician and surgeon for a number  
of years. He is a citizen of the United States, of excellent  
character and habits, and is highly respected in his profession  
and as a citizen.

Respectfully,

Governor.

The Adjutant General,  
United States Army,  
Washington, D. C.

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September 28, 1914.

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My dear General Reper:

I am transmitting herewith a petition from the patrons of the postoffice at Sunrise, Alaska, as justification for my request for the continuance of the postoffice at Sunrise and the mail service thereto, which was so courteously granted by your office.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor.

Honorable Daniel C. Reper,

First Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

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September 29, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letters of May 22 and August 8, 1914 (Assistant Secretary B. R. Newton - initialed "SA-C") relative to an available balance of \$75.05 in the appropriation "Executive Mansion, Juneau, Alaska", and against which voucher for \$31.50 was submitted with my letter of the 12th instant, in accordance with authority contained in the Department's letter of August 8, referred to. Upon payment of the voucher submitted, there will remain a balance of \$43.55 in the appropriation named, and I have the honor to ask if this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may now be used in the purchase of needed furniture for one of the servants' rooms in the executive mansion which it now becomes necessary to use, and which was left entirely unfurnished upon completion of the executive mansion.

Two rooms for servants were provided in the mansion, under the revised plans of the Supervising Architect's office. Upon completion of the building the funds in the appropriation were supposed to have been exhausted before provision could be made for furnishing these two rooms, and as a consequence no furniture of any kind was purchased for them. One of these rooms has been furnished for use of the cook, the furnishings (except the iron bed, the cost of which, \$5.00, is included in the voucher above mentioned) being paid for from my personal funds. With the employment of a maid it now becomes necessary to use the other

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room, which, as above stated, is entirely unfurnished. It will require a bed, complete, a dresser, a chair or two; and I have the honor to ask if these may be purchased in the local market at the lowest obtainable figure, and a voucher be submitted to the Department for payment from the balance of \$43.55 in the appropriation "Executive Mansion, Juneau, Alaska". Unless this can be done there will be no alternative but to pay for the furnishings from my personal funds -- an alternative which, I respectfully submit, is most inequitable.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

  
September 29, 1914.

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Sir:

The Act of July 15, 1914, making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, includes the following item for the Territory of Alaska:

"For incidental and contingent expenses, clerk hire, not to exceed \$2,250; janitor service for the executive mansion and office building, not to exceed \$1,200; traveling expenses of the governor while absent from Juneau on official business; repair and preservation of executive mansion, including \$700 for painting; stationery, lights, water, and fuel, to be expended under the direction of the governor, \$8,150."

I have the honor to request that the Comptroller of the Treasury be asked for an opinion upon the question as to whether "repair and preservation of executive mansion" in the item quoted above may be regarded as covering repairs to or renewals of dishes, kitchen utensils and equipment, furniture, etc., originally purchased from the appropriation "Executive Mansion, Juneau, Alaska" when the mansion was completed and furnished. It is to be expected, of course, that with the passing of time certain of these articles will be damaged or broken, requiring repairs or renewals, and the question arises as to what appropriation should be charged with such repairs or renewals, since it is obvious that the Governor should not be compelled to make such expenditures from personal funds.

I shall be glad to have the Comptroller's opinion for my informa-

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tion and guidance.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

INT. DEPT. CHARGE: "CONTINGENT EXPENSES, TERRITORY  
OF ALASKA, 1915."

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 30, 1914. O.R. Govt. rate.

--D/HIS.--

Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Territory throughout month request payment September  
salary.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 30, 1914.

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Honorable Clay Tallman,  
Commissioner, General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 4 in which you state that you are forwarding a copy of the General Land Office wall map of the United States, Edition 1914, for which I thank you. I regret to state, however, that the map has not yet arrived. However, it will probably show up in an early mail. I am certain that the map will be most useful in the transaction of official business and particularly such as may concern public land matters.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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From the Custodian,  
United States

Juneau, Alaska, September 30, 1914.

The Supervising Architect,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with instructions contained in your letter dated September 11, 1914, (SA-M) authorizing me to obtain proposals for repairs to room in N. W. corner of "Mission Building", Juneau, Alaska, to serve as additional office room for the Governor of Alaska,

there are inclosed herewith ( 9 ) proposals of the above work.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSALS.

Date of advertisement. Sept. 21st.....Date of opening bids... Sept. 29th, 1914

	Amount.	Time.	Check.
1. Creag & LaFrance (Carpenter work only)	\$118.00		
2. Donnelly & Hendrickson (Heating, etc., only)	110.00		
3. L. P. Skeeg & Son (All work called for)	263.45		
4. Bush-Seles Co. (All work called for)	252.80		
5. Juneau Construction Co. (Carpenter work only)	205.00		
6. Clarence L. Durgan (Carpenter work only)	200.00		
7. Marshall & Newman (Heating, etc., only)	117.00		
8. G. K. Gilbert (heating, etc., only)	114.00		
9. C. W. Young Co. (heating, etc., only)	118.75		

RECOMMENDATION AND REMARKS.

(Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Recommend acceptance of bids of Creag & LaFrance for Carpenter work, etc., and Donnelly & Hendrickson for Heating, etc.

Respectfully,

COPY OF CALL FOR BIDS AND OF SPECIFICATIONS ENCLOSED.

Governor of Alaska.

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September 30, 1914.

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Sirs:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of the 11th instant (initialed SA-H), authorizing me to prepare specifications and issue a call for bids for the work mentioned in my letter of the 26th ultimo.

Acting upon the authority of your letter of the above date, I prepared specifications briefly setting forth the work required, and issued a call for bids on the same. Copies of the call and specifications were posted in the corridor of the Governor's offices, and in the local post office building, and copies were mailed to fourteen of the leading contractors in Juneau.

Nine bids were received; two for all the work called for in the specifications, three for the carpenter work, painting, papering, etc., only, and four for the heating, wiring and ventilation work only. The bids were opened on the 29th instant in accordance with instructions. It was found that the firm of Creag & LaFrance submitted the lowest bid on the carpenter work, painting, papering, etc., and the firm of Donnelly & Hendrickson submitted the lowest bid on the heating, wiring and ventilation work. I enclose herewith all bids in duplicate, with the return forms which were received with your letter of the 11th instant. You will note I have recommended the acceptance of the bids of Creag & LaFrance and Donnelly & Hendrickson, both being reliable firms of contractors in Juneau.

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Two copies of the call and specifications are also enclosed,  
awaiting your further instructions, I am

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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The Supervising Architect,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

October 2, 1914.

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Auditor for State and Other Departments,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", for the quarter ended September 30, 1914, the same being my closing accounts for the fiscal year. The documents transmitted are:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers 1 to 16 inclusive.
4. Statement of fees collected and deposited to credit of Treasurer of United States, under Alaska game law.
5. Certificate of Deposit No. 636, Sept. 30, 1914, covering repayment of unexpended balance to my credit in the appropriation named.
6. Certificate No. 637, September 30, 1914, covering repayment of unexpended balance of "To Pay in Cash" funds standing to my personal credit.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. As

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**TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
BUREAU.**

**ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED** for licenses issued under the Alaska Game Law, for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1914, inclusive.

To whom issued,	Number and character of license.	Fee collected.	Deposited to Cr. of Treas. of U. S. per Certificate of Deposit No.
Baron Baerensprung	109 - Hunting	\$ 99	571 -- 7-13-14
C. O. Iselin, Jr.	110 - "	49	580 -- 7-23-14
Dr. Cornelius Oakley	111 - "	49	593 -- 8-11-14
Dr. D. M. Marvin	112 - "	49	
John D. Theoss	113 - "	49	591 -- 8-10-14
Chas. S. King	114 - "	49	
Fayette Dodge Paul	115 - "	49	587 -- 8-7-14
Ruth Ann Sullivan	116 - "	49	
Henry S. Paul, Jr.	117 - "	49	593 -- 8-11-14
Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Jr.	118 - "	49	
Dr. W. W. Babcock	119 - "	49	603 -- 8-31-14
Mason Phelps	120 - "	49	
Louise DeKoven Phelps	121 - "	49	613 -- 9-14-14
John C. Augsburg	122 - "	49	
A. Meinsner	63 - Shipping	9	561 -- 7-1-14
CANCELLED	64 - "	-	
A. H. Bradford	65 - "	4	588 -- 8-8-14
F. E. Youngs	66 - "	4	611 -- 9-14-14
C. E. Vetsaw	67 - "	4	
D. Wheeler	68 - "	4	612 -- 9-14-14
C. I. Strathcona	GUIDE, Kenai Penin.	25	565 -- 7-9-14
Andrew Berg	" " "	25	590 -- 8-10-14

**TOTAL FEES COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED . . . . . \$11**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct statement of the fees received and deposited by this office for the issuance of licenses under the Alaska game law during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1914.

Governor of Alaska.

September 30, 1914.

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October 7, 1914.

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Sir:

Herewith I submit my reports for the quarter ended September 30, 1914, covering disbursements from the appropriation: Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915." The accounts include the following papers:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Vouchers 1 to 19 inclusive.

In this connection I beg to advise that through an oversight the statement covering game fees collected during the quarter was transmitted on the 2nd instant with my accounts for the closing quarter of the fiscal year 1914. They should be filed with the accounts herewith transmitted.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. A.

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Auditor for State and Other Departments,  
Washington, D. C.

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Territory of Alaska, 1915."

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Juneau, October 15, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate, NIO<sup>H</sup>T rate from Seattle,

Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Replying yours fourteenth Meyer Smith, J. E. Clark, chief deputy marshal,  
R. R. Douss, secretary Democratic Club, Fairbanks, wire this office that  
Roth resided there eight years, high moral character, attorney best standing,  
never engaged saloon business, strict temperance man, always enemy vice and  
crime, and any statement to contrary wilfully false. Only petition circulated  
Fairbanks was for retention Groszley and Roth's name not mentioned. If petition  
arrives Washington otherwise heading been changed. Groszley and Dodge con-  
ducting fight against Roth. People Fairbanks anxious Roth's immediate con-  
firmation. Personally have known Roth number years and never heard any-  
thing derogatory his character or ability. Believe opposition comes from  
political enemies, and appointment should be confirmed.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor

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October 15, 1914.

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Miss Julia C. Lathrop,  
Chief, Children's Bureau,  
U. S. Department of Labor,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting information on the subject of prenatal care in this Territory, and in reply have to advise that thus far no records or statistics have been kept by any organization in the Territory, nor do the laws of the Territory provide therefor. It is impossible, therefore, to furnish the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health.

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October 16, 1914.

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Mr. J. C. Deykin,

Assistant to the Chairman,

Government Exhibit Board,  
Panama-Pacific International Exposition,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to shipments of exhibits from Alaska to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California, I have to request that a number of Government bills of lading for heavy shipments be supplied this office; I also request to be advised if the Government Exhibit Board will pay the cost of packing for shipment such exhibits as oil paintings of Alaska scenes and scenery, of which a considerable number are available in Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS OF ALASKA SUBMITTED  
BY THE REVEREND WALTER H. SCHMIDT, COLUMBIA, S. C., THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR.

Questions answered by the Governor of Alaska.

Q. No. 1. Does your state require that ministers secure a license before they may solemnize marriages?

A. No. 1. No; such license is not required by the laws of Alaska. Sec. 434 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, reads as follows:

"Marriages may be solemnized by any minister or priest of any church or congregation in the district (Territory) anywhere within the district (Territory), and by any judicial officer of the district (Territory) anywhere within his jurisdiction, and commissioners or ex officio justices of the peace are to be deemed judicial officers of the district (Territory) within the meaning of this section."

Q. No. 2. Must a minister be actually in charge of a local congregation or church in order to procure said license?

A. No. 2. No; and as stated in Answer No. 1, no license is required.

Q. No. 3. Is his license void when he retires from such charge, say on account of old age, accepting a professorship, editorship, or other general office?

A. No. 3. No license required, as above stated.

Q. No. 4. Is his license to perform marriages in your state void if he removes to another state, but continues in the active ministry?

A. No. 4. No license required. Would be subject to laws of other state.

Q. No. 5. Can a minister, licensed to perform marriages in another state and also in your state, perform marriages in your state for parties who have secured license to marry in said other state?

A. No. 5. If authorized to perform marriages in Alaska under the pro-

visions of the section quoted in connection with Answer No. 2, above, he could perform such marriage if the parties thereto were of legal age (i.e., the man 21 years of age or over, the woman 18 years of age or over), and otherwise capable of entering into the marriage contract. The license obtained by the parties in another state would be entirely immaterial.

Q. No. 6. Does your state require that ministers after officiating at a marriage make a return report of same to the state?

A. No. 6. Yes. Sec. 7 of Chapter 26, Territorial Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides as follows:

"That it shall be the duty of every person authorized to perform marriages within the Territory of Alaska, to make out a marriage certificate in triplicate upon blanks which shall be furnished him by the Territorial registrar of vital statistics upon application therefor. The said certificate shall conform to the present requirements of the law of the Territory of Alaska as to what a marriage certificate shall contain, except that in addition to the present requirements of a marriage certificate, said certificate shall state in what commissioner's precinct the marriage was performed and that said certificate will be filed for record and recorded in said precinct within thirty days after said marriage is performed, and the person performing such marriage shall deliver one copy of said marriage certificate to the husband, one copy to the wife, and within thirty days from the date of the marriage shall file the third copy with the United States commissioner of the precinct in which the marriage was performed."

Failure to make such return is declared to be a misdemeanor.

Q. No. 7. What officials in the counties of your state issue licenses to couples wishing to marry?

A. No. 7. The laws of Alaska do not require the issuance of licenses to persons entering into the marriage contract. The Territory is not divided into counties, but into judicial divisions, of which there are four.

Q. No. 8. What official in the counties of your state issues licenses to ministers, authorizing them to perform marriages?

A. No. 8. As stated in Answer No. 1, the laws of Alaska do not require ministers to obtain licenses authorizing them to perform marriages.

Q. No. 9. Are divorces granted in your state?

A. No. 9. Yes, upon suit being brought therefor in the United States district court.

Q. No. 10. What courts in your state hear divorce pleadings and render judgment in cases?

A. No. 10. The United States district courts, of which there are four -- one in each judicial division. All hearings must be in open court; and no divorce shall be granted unless the applicant therefor shall have resided in the Territory for two years next preceding the application.

Q. No. 11. What grounds for divorce are recognized by your courts?

A. No. 11. The following are the grounds specified by Sec. 1200, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913:

First, Impotency existing at the time of the marriage and continuing to the commencement of the action;

Second, Adultery;

Third, Conviction of felony;

Fourth, Willful desertion for the period of two years;

Fifth, Cruel and inhuman treatment calculated to impair health or endanger life;

Sixth, Habitual gross drunkenness contracted since marriage and continuing for one year prior to the commencement of the action.

October 20, 1914.

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The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by this office of the Department's memo of the 26th ultimo (Assistant Secretary Dr. Dooney) containing copy of letter addressed to the Department by the Reverend Walter E. Schutte, Columbia, S. C., under date of the 23d ultimo, submitting a list of questions with respect to the marriage and divorce laws of Alaska.

Answers to the several questions have been prepared, and for convenience the questions and answers have been tabulated, two copies of which tabulation I have the honor to enclose herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 22, 1914.

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The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that I be given leave of absence from Alaska for a period of six weeks from November 3 next, this request being made for the following reasons:

1. My health is not good, and I am desirous of spending a few weeks in Southern California in the hopes of receiving some benefit from the change of climate.

2. While absent from the Territory I would like to visit the Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, where the Alaska insane are cared for.

3. I desire to visit San Francisco and look into exposition matters so far as Alaska exhibits for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition are concerned, and render whatsoever aid I can to the Exposition management and the Government Exhibit Board in the installation of the Alaska exhibits and such other matters as may be of benefit or assistance in the premises. As the Territorial legislature will meet in biennial session on March 3 next, I will be unable to visit San Francisco for this purpose early in the coming year.

I have therefore to respectfully request that if such leave

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The Secretary of the Interior, D. C.

be granted, that I be advised by telegraph so that my plans may be arranged to permit my leaving the Territory as soon after November 5 as may be practicable.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

October 23, 1914.

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The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that seventy beaver skins have been seized by the deputy collector of customs at Nome, Alaska, where they are held pending some disposition being made of them. These skins were in possession of the Selawik Indians of Northwest Alaska, who, I am informed, acquired them in the course of trade from Koyukuk natives, and therefore the Selawiks were in the position of innocent purchasers. The latter, too, no doubt were in ignorance of the regulation of the Department which prohibits the taking of beaver.

The Superintendent of native schools for Northwest Alaska recommends that the seventy skins be sold for the benefit of the Selawik Indians, and the Collector of Customs at Juneau concurs in this view.

I have therefore to respectfully recommend, in view of the circumstances enumerated, that this course be followed, and that these skins, which are valued at \$700, be sold and the proceeds distributed among the Selawik Indians under the direction

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of the Superintendent of native schools for Northwest Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

October 29, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be placed to my official credit with the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., the sum of \$2,500 from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", under bond of June 2, 1913, for \$5,500. My balance subject to check this date is \$895.17.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and U. S. A.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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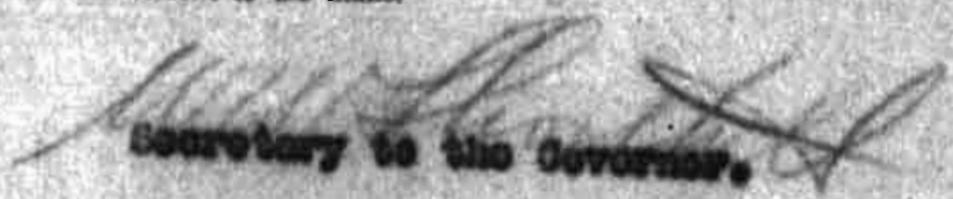
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Juneau, October 30, 1914. O B Govt. File.  
Secretary Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

Polar bear skins held Seattle property Barrow natives and taken outside  
three mile limit and should be released.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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