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INT. DEPT. CHARGE: "Contingent Expenses, Territory
of Alaska, 1915."

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Juneau, November 2, 1914. O B OVT RATE.

Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Territory through October request payment 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.

W. H. Keith
Secretary to the Governor.

November 4, 1914.

D-Misc.

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

Sir:

For your information I enclose herewith copy of telegram of October 31, 1914, signed by Assistant Secretary De Sweeney, Department of the Interior, granting me a six weeks leave of absence from and including November fifth. This sent you for your information in connection with the request which will be made at the proper time for payment of my salary for the months of November and December.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

1 enclosure.

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**INT. DEPT. CHARGE "Contingent Expenses, Territory
of Alaska, 1915."**

Juneau, November 9, 1914. O B Govt. rate 1888.

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Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

**Referring letter September thirty relative repairs request be advised
if bids have been accepted. Contractors anxious to begin work.**

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.



To Hon. S. R. H. #

November 9, 1914.

To this message the following reply, dated October 21, was received:

"Department is giving attention to polar bear skins held Seattle, property Barrow natives.
(signed) Smith,
Fisheries Commissioner."

The Governor's recommendation that the polar bear skins in question be released was based upon the statement in Mr. Lopp's telegram that these skins were taken by the Point Barrow natives beyond the three-mile limit, and the affidavit of Captain Backlund seems to substantiate that statement. It was not quite clear to the Governor why the matter of the release of the polar bear skins should have been referred to him since he has no duties to perform and exercises no authority under the fur laws of this territory. As a matter of fact the only item in the affidavit above mentioned with which this office is particularly concerned is that of one thousand pounds of walrus ivory, walrus in Alaskan waters being under the protection of the Alaska game law with the enforcement of which the Governor is directly charged. A regulation of the Department of Agriculture issued July 1, 1912, and which expired on August 1, 1914, provided that:

"The season for killing walrus in Bering Strait and in Bering Sea north of the mouth of the Kupuk River shall be limited to the period from May 10 to July 1, both inclusive."

It appears from the affidavit of Captain Backlund that the walrus ivory in question was taken by natives in the Arctic Ocean between

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To Hon. E. H. E. #

November 9, 1914.

Bering Strait (Latitude 65°, 65°) and Point Barrow, (Latitude 72°).
The affidavit does not show at what time of the year the walrus were taken by the natives but in view of the statement in the affidavit that the walrus were killed outside of the three-mile limit this omission would appear to be immaterial since the provisions of the law could not be applied in a case where these animals are killed beyond the three-mile limit.

So far as this office is concerned, therefore, there seems to be no objection to the release of the furs and ivory in question.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor.

Enclose Affidavit

November 9, 1924.

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Honorable E. R. Newton,
Assistant Secretary, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo transmitting affidavit by one John Backlund, master of the American schooner "C. S. Helms," covering certain furs and walrus ivory which appear to have been taken in and around Alaska. You request to be informed by this office as to whether the furs and ivory should be released.

Returning the above mentioned affidavit herewith I beg to advise that under date of the 20th ultimo this office received the following telegram from Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, Seattle, Wash:

"Washington refuse release polar bear skins held here taken by Barrow natives beyond three mile limit pending your report. Pending sale make immediate action necessary."

Immediately upon receipt of the above telegram the Governor addressed the following message to the Secretary of Commerce at Washington:

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

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November 11, 1914.

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

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 31st ultimo (Chief Clerk James I. Parker), enclosing 25 copies of the Department's travel regulations promulgated September 30 and effective on and after November 1, 1914, the same superseding all previous regulations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**INT. DEPT. CHARGES "Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska, 1915."**

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Juneau, November 11, 1914. O B Govt. rate NIGHT from Seattle.

Supervising Architect,

Washington, D. C.

**Referring yours this date how about bid of Donnelly and Hendrickson for
plumbing and so forth necessary in connection with repairs?**

BERNARD, 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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November 14, 1914.

Chief Signal Officer,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This office has received, by reference from the Assistant Secretary of War, your communication of the 30th ultimo, with enclosures, addressed to the Secretary of War, on the subject of a charge of \$1.20 for cable tolls on message originating at Tacoma, Wash., and addressed to Governor Strong at Juneau, Alaska. Request is made that the Governor forward post office money order or New York exchange in settlement of the account.

With return of all papers I beg to suggest that this item is payable from the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", under the Department of the Interior, and that it can be handled in the same way as all other official messages are now being handled, that is, by adjustment at Washington through the Auditor for the State and Other Departments. If there is any reason, however, why this course cannot be followed in respect to the particular message in question, then I have to request that you will kindly cause the enclosed voucher blank to be executed by the proper officer and returned to this office with all papers relating to the item, and payment will be made by U. S. Treasury Department check

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Chief Signal Officer, p. 2

drawn by the Governor on the appropriation above named.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

November 17, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, from Mr. E. M. Sullivan, a resident of Alaska, who expresses a desire to obtain one hundred head, or more, of Elk from the Government herd in the Yellowstone National Park. I understand Mr. Sullivan has in mind a suitable location on the coast of Alaska for the location of these animals in the event he can obtain them, and I believe that it would be a good plan to encourage their introduction here if the laws and regulations will permit. Mr. Sullivan is one of the early pioneers of Alaska, thoroughly acquainted with every section of the Territory, and I have no doubt would carry out any agreement that might be entered into in this matter.

Should the Department desire to communicate directly with Mr. Sullivan, he should be addressed at Seattle, Wash., care of the Arctic Club, as he leaves Juneau in a few days for that place.

Respectfully yours,

1 Enclosure.

Acting Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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**INT. DEPT. CHARGE: "Contingent Expenses, Territory
of Alaska, 1915."**

Juneau, November 21, 1914. 9 B GOVT RATE, NIGHT.

Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

**Governor's annual report abstract appears in Seattle newspapers. Alaska
papers clamoring for same. This office has received no press copies nor
advice relative to release. May we release report here?**

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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November 23, 1914.

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

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher of Craig A LaFrance, signed this date, covering labor and material furnished by them in connection with their work under accepted proposal of October 28, 1914, for repairs to room in Mission Building, Juneau, Alaska, adjoining the offices of the Governor. The work was completed and accepted on the 21st instant.

It is requested that when a check is issued in settlement of the voucher, it be mailed to Mr. A. C. Craig, at No. 1400 North 40th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE ACTING GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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December 1, 1914.

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

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher of Dannelly & Hendrickson, of this city, signed this date, covering labor and material furnished by them in connection with their work under their proposal of September 23 last, accepted October 20, for repairs to room in the Mission Building, Juneau, Alaska, the said room adjoining the offices of the Governor.

Check in payment of the claim should be mailed to the firm mentioned, at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE ACTING GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

1 enclosure.

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December 16, 1914.

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Sirs:

The Government Exhibit Board of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, has requested the shipment of the following specimens belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, for the use of the Board in connection with the Alaska Exhibit at the Exposition. The Governor is the legal custodian of the property of the Library and Museum.

I have the honor to request that a permit be issued by the Department authorizing the shipment of the game specimens herein listed, for the purpose specified above, the same to be returned to Juneau, Alaska, by the Government Exhibit Board when they have served their purpose at the Exposition:

2	mounted	Moose heads,
2	"	Caribou heads
5	"	Mountain Sheep heads
1	"	Deer head

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor.

The Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

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December 16, 1914.

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Sir:

The Government Exhibit Board, Washington, D. C., has requested the Governor of Alaska, who is the official custodian of the property of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to have shipped to San Francisco, California, for use in connection with the Alaska Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, the following mounted specimens belonging to the Museum:

1 young Fur Seal

1 Weasel.

I have the honor, therefore, to request that a permit be issued by the Department authorizing the shipment of these two specimens for the purpose indicated, the same to be returned to the Museum at Juneau, Alaska, when they have served their purpose at the Exposition.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Goveas.

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

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December 16, 1914.

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

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter of the 8th instant (Assistant Secretary De Sweeney) with its enclosure, in respect to the matter of payment for official messages transmitted over the lines of the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System.

It is noted that the Comptroller of the Treasury, in an opinion rendered on the 3d instant, upon request of the Department, holds that the Department is not authorized to pay the War Department for official telegrams transmitted over the Washington-Alaska System, and quotes from a decision forwarded to the Attorney General on the 30th ultimo, in which it was held:

"that the various departments and establishments of the Government were not required under existing laws to pay tolls on official messages transmitted over the Washington-Alaska Military Cable & Telegraph System, and that the transfer from the appropriation of such departments and establishments to the general fund of the Treasury of any moneys to cover the amount of such tolls was not authorized."

From this it would appear that there is no authority of law for the payment of tolls on official messages sent over the System in question by any of the Government officials, and their authorized

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employees, in the Territory of Alaska. It would seem that all such messages are to be considered as on the same basis as those sent prior to July 1, 1914, that is, that they are to be certified as official business and sent without any charge.

In this connection I beg to advise that since July 1, 1914, all official messages sent by this office have been marked to indicate the appropriation supposed to be chargeable with the tolls on same, as, for instance, "Charge Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", or "Charge Protection of Game in Alaska, 1915", or "Charge Suppression Liquor Traffic, Alaska, 1915." In some instances, too, the tolls have been paid in cash at the sending office. Under the opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury, above referred to, it is evident that none of these messages should have been paid for or marked "Charge", but should have been sent as free "O. B." messages. If any of these messages have been charged to the appropriations named, it would seem proper that the appropriations should now be given credit for such charges. And where tolls have been paid in cash it would seem that a refund should be made.

In this connection I beg to advise that there has been received from the Auditor for the State and Other Departments a copy of his Certificate No. 9408, of December 8, 1914, in which it appears that on that date he settled an account between the United States and the War Department and found the sum of \$1.30 due the War Department, and directed that the amount be paid out of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915" and credited to the appropriation "Unexpended Receipts, U. S. Telegraph Lines."

Under the Comptroller's decision of November 30, 1914, and opinion of December 3, 1914, above alluded to, it would seem evident that the item of \$1.20 covered by the Auditor's certificate No. 9403, referred to, should not have been charged to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", or to any other appropriation, and that, therefore, the appropriation should be credited with the amount. The charge covered an official telegram addressed to the Governor by the writer while on leave of absence in the States.

It will be appreciated if the Department will advise this office in the premises, and indicate what steps may properly be taken to secure a refund of such amounts as have been advanced in payment of tolls on official messages sent by this office or its authorized employees, as well as any tolls paid on official "collect" messages received in reply to telegrams sent by this office or its employees.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Nov. 25, 1914.

The Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to endorse for appointment as Judge of the Fourth Judicial Division, Alaska, Mr. Charles E. Bunnell, of Valdez, to succeed Hon. Frederick E. Fuller, resigned.

In endorsing Mr. Bunnell for the position, I am actuated by the desire to see a resident of Alaska appointed to the position, and the fact that I am satisfied that Mr. Bunnell possesses the legal training, ability and experience, to enable him to discharge the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the appointing power. Mr. Bunnell was the Democratic candidate for delegate to Congress from Alaska in the late campaign, in which he showed ability of a high order. He is a man of learning and high ideals, of unimpeachable integrity, and his appointment, I am convinced, would be received with satisfaction by the great majority of the people of Alaska, irrespective of party.

I am, sir,

Respectfully,

Governor.

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Juneau, January 12, 1914. O B Govt. NIGHT rate.

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Assistant Attorney General Graham,

Washington, D. C.

Reagan asserts positively has always been Democrat. Was appointed assistant District Attorney second division by District Attorney Hoyt nineteen five; alleges told Hoyt when appointment was offered that he was a Democrat. I knew Reagan in Nome but did not know his politics. Has been identified with Democratic party Juneau and believe he tells truth about former affiliations with that party.

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, January 13, 1914. O. B. Govt. RATE rate.

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Secretary Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Justice your plea for adequate appropriations for aids navigation Alaska waters and wire drag surveys should impress itself upon Congress. Many lives have been lost and much property destroyed in past twenty years by reason of lack safeguards to navigation. Alaska's commerce will increase largely in coming years and sufficient appropriations for the preservation of life and shipping matter of great economic and human importance.

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.

[Handwritten Signature]
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Jessau, December 31, 1914. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate.

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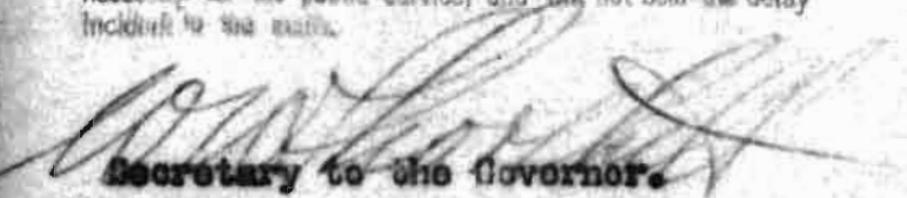
Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

I certify that I have not been absent from Territory or duties of office except telegram of
upon authority Assistant Secretary Sweeney dated October thirty-first, and request
payment salary for December.

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 same.


Secretary to the Governor.

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January 8, 1915.

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Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in Department letter of November 25, 1914 (Assistant Secretary De Sweeney), I am transmitting herewith the report of Mr. A. G. Sheep, Custodian of the so-called "Governor's House" at Sitka, Alaska, which was recently turned over to the Interior Department for temporary use as an addition to the Home for old and indigent prospectors of Alaska, and officially known as the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

1 enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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January 13, 1914.

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The Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Would you kindly oblige this office by furnishing the dates upon which the terms of the present Register and Receiver of the Juneau Land Office will expire? Also, will you kindly advise whether these positions are under civil service.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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January 12, 1915.

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

Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1914. The accounts include the following papers:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 24 inclusive.
4. Abstract of fees collected under Alaska game law.
5. Cancelled check No. 233.

Respectfully yours,

Govdman.

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January 16, 1915.

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

Sirs

The act making appropriation for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, approved March 4, 1913, made provision for the expenses of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature and contained, among other items, one covering mileage of members, the amount appropriated for this purpose being \$6,500. The first session of the legislature convened at Juneau on March 3, 1913, and my predecessor, as special disbursing agent of the legislative appropriation, established two mileage tables, under instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, based on the usage of the Department of Justice in settling mileage accounts of court witnesses in Alaska -- the first table giving mileage actually travelled by members of the legislature in coming to Juneau during the winter season, and the other table giving mileage travelled by members in returning to their homes after the close of the session. Both tables showed the "shortest usually travelled routes" according to the season of the year in which the travel was performed.

The first session of the legislature was attended by 23 of the 24 members, one member resigning on account of illness. The total mileage allowed to the 23 members in attendance was 21,463 miles, amounting

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to \$8,767.20. With a full attendance of 24 members the mileage would have been approximately \$1,158 miles, amounting to \$9,178.20.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there was a deficiency of \$2,267.20 in mileage of the members in attendance at the first session of the legislature. No deficiency occurred in the cases of two of the 23 members, for the reason that since one of them resided in Juneau and the other only three miles distant from the capital, the return mileage of one and three miles respectively was paid in full. The mileage deficiency of the other 21 members was distributed as follows:

J. C. Kennedy	1478 miles	\$221.88
Daniel Driscoll	680 "	102.00
E. B. Collins	680 "	102.00
Henry Roden	964 "	144.60
Chas. E. Ingersoll	282 "	42.30
R. D. Gray	192 "	28.80
Wilo Kelly	493 "	73.95
W. T. Burns	896 "	134.40
Elwood Bruner	1518 "	227.70
Conrad Freedling	1518 "	227.70
Thos. Coffey	1518 "	227.70
Chas. D. Jones	1518 "	227.70
Frank A. Aldrich	1518 "	227.70
Dan A. Sutherland	638 "	95.70
L. V. Ray	380 "	57.00
A. G. Group	92 "	13.80
J. H. Turner	44 "	6.60
B. F. Willard	208 "	31.20
H. B. Ingram	208 "	31.20
F. H. Doyle	208 "	31.20
H. J. Swinboth	220 "	33.00
TOTALS	18114-2/3 "	2267.20

The accompanying table shows in detail the mileage of the members and the amount due each, the amounts paid and the deficiency in the mileage of each member.

I have the honor, therefore, to recommend that this matter be

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presented to the Congress for the purpose of obtaining a deficiency appropriation to cover the mileage still due to the 21 members of the legislature named above.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

1 Enclosure.

January 16, 1913.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, provision was made for the expenses of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, the first session of which convened in Juneau on March 3, 1913. The act in question was approved March 4, 1913, and in connection with the Alaska legislative expenses contained the items:

For Stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, etc.,
\$3,500."

Various expenses incurred by the first session of the legislature under this heading were paid by my predecessor as special disbursing agent of the appropriation in question, these aggregating \$2,002.92, leaving a balance available for payment of printing and binding of the Senate and House journals of \$1,497.08.

The contracts made with local printing houses for the printing and binding of the Senate and House journals were in substance as follows:

Contract with the Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau, for furnishing stock and printing 150 copies of the Senate journal, 412 pages each, at \$3.25 per page, \$1,330.00; binding of same at 60 cents each, \$90.00; a total of \$1420.00.

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Contract with Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, for furnishing stock and printing 200 copies of the House Journal, 440 pages each, at \$3.25 per page, \$1430.00; binding of same, at 60 cents each, \$120.00; a total of \$1550.00.

As special disbursing agent of the appropriation in question I applied the unexpended balance of \$1,407.03 in part payment of the two contracts above mentioned, as follows:

Voucher No. 2, August 8, 1913, to Daily Alaska Dispatch, amount due as per contract, for printing and binding of the Senate Journal, \$1430.00
Pro rata of appropriation available to apply, and amount payable per this voucher 710.92
Leaving a deficit of 719.87

Voucher No. 3, August 8, 1913, to Alaska Daily Empire, amount due as per contract, for printing and binding of the House Journal, \$1550.00
Pro rata of appropriation available to apply, and amount payable per this voucher 771.03
Leaving a deficit of 771.03

In connection with the work of printing and binding the Senate and House journals there was, therefore, a total deficiency of the sum of \$1,481.92.

I have the honor, therefore, to recommend that this matter be presented to Congress for the purpose of obtaining a deficiency appro-

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provision to cover the amounts due the Daily Alaska Dispatch and the
Alaska Daily Empire, as above set forth.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

January 16, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant (Assistant Secretary Eo Sweeney), transmitting copy of my annual report for 1914 and requesting that I sign the same on page 48 and return it to the Department. I return the copy herewith, duly signed as requested.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. William Duncan, of
Netsilikahla, Alaska, who desires to confer with you on matters per-
taining to the Netsilikahla community.

The work done by Mr. Duncan among the Netsilikahla Indians
has been such as to give him international fame. You are familiar
with it, in part, at least, and I may be permitted to express the
hope that Mr. Duncan's conference with you will result in still
further benefitting these people.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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January 19, 1915.

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The Commissioner of the General Land Office,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the event of a townsite being established at Ship Creek, on Cook Inlet, Alaska, where a reservation for townsite purposes was made during the past year, I desire to recommend the appointment of Mr. L. F. Shaw, of Seward, Alaska, for that position. I have known Mr. Shaw for many years, and it gives me pleasure to state that he is honest, upright, a man of ability, and one who would faithfully and competently discharge any duty with which he might be entrusted.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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January 27, 1915.

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

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your notice of settlement dated December 4, 1914, advising settlement of my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1914, by Certificate No. 6649, in connection with disbursements of appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", and accompanied by statement of differences showing a net difference of \$12.84 in favor of the United States, I beg to say:

1. The item of 19 cents, excess payment on telegram charged under date of April 29, is conceded.

2. The item of \$1.50 which has been suspended as an apparent duplication of a charge of the same amount and date in the first part of the voucher, is also conceded, the item having been inadvertently entered a second time.

3. In accordance with the above I am today depositing with the First National Bank, Juneau, the sum of \$1.69 to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for credit to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914", and enclose herewith duplicate certificate of deposit therefor.

other

4. With respect to the suspended items covering charges for laundry, aggregating \$11.33, for which itemization is asked, I have to say that it is impossible at this time to furnish the items which go to make up these several charges. Furthermore, an examination of the accounts of my predecessor, covering a period of three and a half years, as well as a like examination of my own accounts from May 31, 1913, to March 31, 1914, fails to disclose that laundry items have ever been furnished in connection with accounts submitted under the appropriation named above; and nothing on file in this office shows that such items were ever asked for by the Auditor. All of the laundry charges in the accounts of my predecessor, as well as those in my own accounts up to March 31, 1914, were passed without question, although submitted in the same manner as those appearing in my accounts for the June, 1914, quarter. For this reason, as well as for the further reason that no notice was given this office prior to the receipt of your letter and statement of December 4, 1914, which

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reached here on December 14, 1914, I respectfully submit that the laundry items or charges in my June accounts, aggregating the sum of \$11.25 as above stated, should be passed in their present form.

Since it is now known that itemization of laundry charges is desired, all future accounts containing such charges will be accompanied by the itemized bills.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

Governor, and S. D. A.

January 27, 1915.

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Mr. James I. Parker,

Chief Clerk, Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This office does not appear to have received a copy of the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior for the fiscal year 1914, although I assume it has been off the press for some weeks. I may be in error as to this, however. In any event may I ask that two or three copies of the report be mailed to the Governor?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, January 28, 1913. O. R. Govt. NIGHT rate. 89 = 94

THE PRESIDENT,

Washington, D. C.

In the name of the people of Alaska I extend to you a cordial invitation to visit this Territory on the occasion of your proposed visit to the Pacific Coast in March next. No President of the United States has ever seen Alaska, and the great interest you have manifested in its development and welfare makes it peculiarly fitting that you should be the first President to honor the Territory with a visit, if your itinerary can be so arranged.

J. N. A. HODGKIN, 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 mail.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

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January 29, 1913.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith submit a brief report upon conditions at Morningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, where the Alaska insane are confined under contract entered into by you with The Sanitarium Company.

This Sanitarium was inspected by me in November last, and while I found certain improvements had been made, as recommended in a report to you of date October 22, 1912, such as the enlargement of the kitchen and diningroom, I found the bathing facilities for patients entirely inadequate, in my opinion. For the purpose of having a basis for comparison of the methods of treating and caring for insane persons, I visited the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane, at Steilacoom. I found a most excellently conducted institution in every way, with every facility at hand for the treatment of patients, including the most modern methods. Among these is ^{the} hydrotherapy treatment, which I find is now generally followed in nearly all hospitals for the insane. In this important particular Morningside Sanitarium is completely lacking. As a matter of fact, the bathing facilities generally are entirely

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inadequate. The bath and toilet rooms are not sanitary, in fact they are dirty, unkept, and not properly looked after; and there is urgent demand for greater care and cleanliness. This criticism of a lack of cleanliness may be applied generally to the whole institution, except the women's department and the tubercular cottage, both of which I found clean and neat in all respects. The men's dormitories are not as clean as they should be, and in my opinion they are too crowded for the welfare of the patients. I found patients lying on the bare floors in various places, and a general air of neglect was apparent. My visit was made quite early in the morning, and was unexpected, and there had been no opportunity to prepare for the inspection.

I am strongly of the opinion that the insane of Alaska should be provided with all the modern facilities and methods for the treatment of insane patients that are found elsewhere. The different state institutions with which I am familiar are so provided, and there seems to be no legitimate reason why the insane of Alaska should be permitted to be treated by less modern methods and cared for in an institution that is modern in scarcely any respect.

A comparison of the costs of maintenance of patients at the three institutions maintained by the State of Washington, with that of the Horningside Sanitarium shows that the costs per patient per day at the Western Washington Hospital for the insane, at Bellingham, according to a statement made to me by Dr. Koller, the Superintendent, is 40 cents; at the Northern Hospital for the insane, at Sedro-Woolley, it is 50 cents; and at the Eastern Washington Hos-

pital, at Medical Lake, it is about 70 cents; while the Sanitarium Company receives, I understand, about \$1.25 per patient per day. Of course in each of the Washington state hospitals a much larger number of patients is found, but it is respectfully submitted that the price paid the Sanitarium Company for the maintenance of the Alaska insane is amply sufficient to afford them as good care and treatment as is given the patients of state owned and maintained insane hospitals. Of course it will be readily apprehended that the contract system of caring for insane persons never can be entirely satisfactory, but it is only just and right that these unfortunate people, confined in a contract hospital, should receive approximately, at least, the care and treatment and attention accorded others of their class in institutions maintained by the various States.

I therefore respectfully recommend that the Sanitarium Company provide more and better bathing facilities for the Alaska insane patients under its control; that better sanitary conditions be maintained and strict cleanliness, not only of patients but of each room and ward be enforced, including the toilets, or water-closets; that the patients personally be kept in a cleanly condition at all times, and that a full investigation be made as to the over-crowding of patients in the dormitories and other rooms.

In conclusion I may say that I found the food furnished the patients to be fairly good, but carelessness in its preparation was noticeable and the kitchen was found to be untidy if not unclean.

Respectfully yours,

February 1, 1915.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be placed to my official credit as special disbursing agent, the sum of \$2,000 from the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", under bond of June 2, 1913, for \$5,500.

The balance subject to check as shown by my books this date is \$358.57.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, February 1, 1918. O B Govt. NIGHT rate.

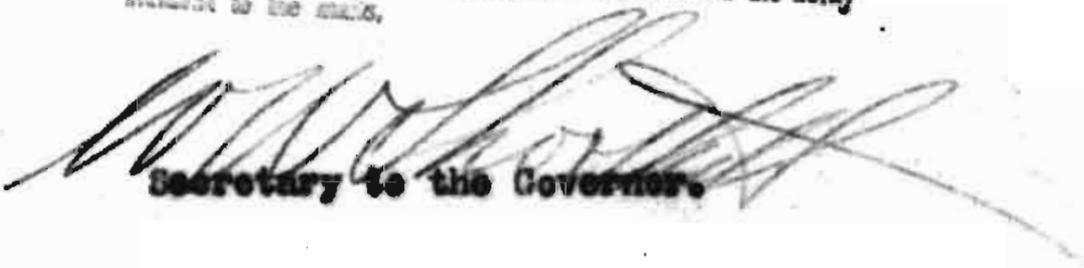
Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Territory through January request payment salary
that month.

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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February 3, 1915.

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

Sir:

The second session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature will convene in Juneau on March 1st, and in this connection I have the honor to request that arrangements be made for the giving of a bond by me as special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", the amount of the bond to be \$20,000.00. My bond for the disbursement of certain expenses in connection with the first session of the legislature was made with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Baltimore, Md. (Washington office: Suite 327, Southern Building, 15th and H Streets), and if agreeable to the Department I should like the bond for the disbursement of the 1915 appropriation written by the same company.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 3, 1915.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to advise that I am forwarding to the Department, under separate cover, check book containing unused checks Nos. 27 to 300, inclusive, which was issued to my predecessor, Hon. Walter H. Clark, as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1913-14", and turned over to me by him and used by me in completing the disbursement of the appropriation named.

I am arranging a bond in connection with the proposed disbursement of the 1915 legislative appropriation, and as soon as the same has been completed I shall have the honor to make a requisition for a check book bearing my own symbol number. The checks returned as above stated bear the symbol number of my predecessor.

Respectfully yours,

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February 3, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be forwarded to this office, for use in connection with the disbursement of the several appropriations under the supervision of the Governor, the following voucher forms:

150 Vouchers for personal services, Form 1-015 c.
200 " " traveling expenses, " 1-323
50 " " purchases, and services other than personal, Form 1-015 c.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 10, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the matter of surveys of the Alaska coal fields necessary to their opening to development, I have the honor to advise you that you might obtain valuable data from Mr. George Watkin Evans, of Seattle. I have further to suggest that it is my belief that no better equipped man than Mr. Evans can be obtained for the work that will be entailed in the surveying and classification of the coal lands of Alaska. He is one of the leading coal mining engineers of the Pacific Coast, and he has a practical knowledge of coal mining obtained by actual experience, and is, besides, a geologist of repute. He is well acquainted with Alaska's coal fields, having made examinations of them a number of times. He was employed by the Government Expedition in taking out coal from Matanuska for testing purposes by the Navy. The success achieved was due largely to Mr. Evans' ability, skill, and knowledge of the country.

I understand that Mr. Evans has received strong endorsement from Director Holmes of the Bureau of Mines.

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Secretary of the Interior, p.

What I have stated herein as to Mr. Evans' ability,
and so forth, is for your personal information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

February 11, 1915.

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

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith proof sheet of the Statesman's Year Book, and would respectfully request that the figures for 1914 under the various headings shown be furnished and the proof sheet then mailed to:

Macmillan and Co., Ltd.,
J. C. Keltie, Editor,
St. Martin's Street,
London, W. C., England.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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February 15, 1915.

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Bureau of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Clerk of the United States District Court at Juneau advises that he has repeatedly requested local representatives of the Bureau of Fisheries to have his name placed upon the mailing list for the annual report issued by the Bureau on the fisheries and fur industry of Alaska, but that thus far he has not received any of the reports. May I ask that you will kindly place upon your mailing list the name of Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk of the District Court, Juneau, Alaska. If it is possible, will you also kindly have a copy of the last report of the Bureau sent to Mr. Bell.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 24, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant (Assistant Secretary Wm. P. Malburn) advising that I have been designated a special disbursing agent for the Treasury Department, without additional compensation, for the disbursement of funds from the appropriation: "Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", and instructing me to execute a bond in the penal sum of \$20,000, blank for which accompanied your letter, as also signature cards, circular of instructions, etc.

I have this day executed the bond in question and am forwarding it to the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., requesting its immediate execution by that Company and filing in your office.

I have the honor to request to be advised of the approval of the bond, and that upon its approval there be placed to my official credit with the Treasurer of the United States for disbursement from the appropriation named, the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

I transmit herewith the three signature cards which accompanied the Department's letter of the above date, duly filled out by me as directed.

I have also to request that I be furnished with a check book

containing 400 checks, 5 checks to the page, in the usual form provided for disbursing agents. As the members of the second session of the Territorial legislature have already arrived in Juneau to attend the session which convenes on March first, I have the honor to request that as much dispatch as possible be given to the forwarding of the check book, so that I may be able to pay the increasing mileage of the members and such other expenses as may become payable during the month of March.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

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Juneau, March 1, 1915. O. B. Govt NIGHT rate. *25*

Auditor State and Other,

Washington, D. C.

Certify presence in Territory throughout month February and request payment salary.

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.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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March 19, 1915.

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Sir:

The Act of Congress approved March 4, 1913, (H. R. 21546: Public - No. 296 - 63rd Congress) "Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred fifteen and for prior years, and for other purposes," includes among other things the following items for the Territory of Alaska:

For mileage of members of the legislature incurred in attendance upon the first legislative assembly convened March third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, \$2,267.20

To pay the Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau, Alaska, for printing and binding of the senate journal of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, \$710.87.

To pay the Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, Alaska, for printing and binding of the house journal of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, \$771.05.

These three items cover deficiencies occurring in connection with the expenses of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature which convened in Juneau on March 3, 1913.

I have the honor to request to be advised as to the disbursement of the foregoing amounts and as to whether

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the same may be paid under the bond recently executed by me in connection with disbursement of the appropriation "Legislative expenses Territory of Alaska 1915," which bond was approved on the 5th instant and is in the sum of \$20,000.

In this connection I have to advise that Honorable Elwood Bruner, a senator from the Second Judicial Division of Alaska, died in the State of California on January 15, 1915. There was due to Senator Bruner at the time of his death the sum of \$227.90 as deficiency mileage in connection with his attendance at the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, and this amount is included in the item of \$2,267.20 as quoted above from the Act of March 4, 1915. I would ask to be particularly instructed as to making payment of this amount to the administrator or other legal representative of the estate of the late Senator Bruner.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

JUNEAU, MARCH 20, 1915. C. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Respectfully request be advised when U. S. Attorney General may be expected
reach Juneau.

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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SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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JUNEAU, MARCH 22, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. *112 = 127*

Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Territorial legislature in session here in serious difficulties over expenditure of monies received from Federal Treasury, and derived from National forests in Alaska under provisions act of Congress approved May twenty-third, nineteen eight, thirty-fifth statute, two sixty. Certain members of legislature claim these monies should be expended for purposes designated in act only in the judicial divisions in which these forests are situated, namely, the first and third divisions. Members from second and fourth judicial divisions, which have no national forest reserves, claim monies should be applied to Territory at large, irrespective of judicial divisions from whence derived. If consistent with Department's policy I desire that you wire information and guidance in this matter.

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.

W. W. Shortt
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, March 24, 1915. O. B. Govt. RM rate PAID.

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Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Referring my letter February twenty-four request be advised if credit twenty thousand dollars has been placed my credit from appropriation legislative expenses Territory Alaska nineteen fifteen, as asked for in letter referred to.

STICKS, 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 same.

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SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Juneau, March 23, 1915. O B Govt. NIGHT rate PAID. 47-52⁷³

Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Will it meet approval of Department Justice if Alaska legislature makes fee for recording affidavits of annual assessment work on mining claims same in amount as other recording fees? This inquiry made at request of Legislature and for my own guidance.

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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Juneau, March 28, 1918. O. B. Govt. MINE date PAID.

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Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Replying yours yesterday where affidavit of assessment work covers group of contiguous claims, charge is made by recorders of one dollar and fifty cents for each claim included in said affidavit. Legislature deems this charge excessive, amounting in some cases to as much as forty dollars for recording an affidavit containing six hundred words. Will an act providing that such affidavits shall be charged for as in case of other recording, as provided by subdivision one of section seventeen hundred and six, Instructions to United States Commissioners meet approval of Department?

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 its transmission.

W. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor.

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March 29, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of October 26, 1914, (S.A. - G., Juneau, Alaska, Executive Messian) authorizing the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$50. for the purpose of supplying furniture needed for the said's room in the Executive Messian at Juneau.

I enclose herewith voucher signed by the G. V. Young Company, of Juneau, in the net amount of \$25., and voucher of the Juneau Furniture Company in amount \$15., covering furniture purchased under authority of the Department's letter of the above date, these vouchers aggregating the sum of \$50. and being payable from the appropriation "Executive Messian, Juneau, Alaska."

In accordance with memoranda attached to each voucher, it is respectfully requested that the checks in payment thereof be transmitted to this office for delivery to the payees.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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March 20, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of October 26, 1914, (S.A. - G., Juneau, Alaska, Executive Mansion) authorizing the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$50. for the purpose of supplying furniture needed for the said's room in the Executive Mansion at Juneau.

I enclose herewith voucher signed by the C. F. Young Company, of Juneau, in the net amount of \$35., and voucher of the Juneau Furniture Company in amount \$15., covering furniture purchased under authority of the Department's letter of the above date, these vouchers aggregating the sum of \$50. and being payable from the appropriation "Executive Mansion, Juneau, Alaska."

In accordance with memorandum attached to each voucher, it is respectfully requested that the checks in payment thereof be transmitted to this office for delivery to the payee.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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JURIAU, MARCH 21, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Washington, D. C.

Certifying presence in Territory throughout month March request payment salary.

STINGS, 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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Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, April 1, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

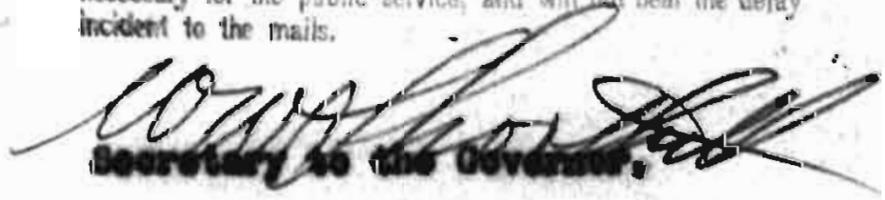
Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Request that sum of ten thousand dollars be placed my official credit with
Treasurer United States from appropriation for Legislative expenses, Ter-
ritory Alaska, nineteen fifteen. My balance subject to check this date is
two thousand eighteen dollars forty two cents.

STRONG, GOVERNOR and S. D. A.

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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Juneau, March 21, 1915. C. B. Govt. ~~REPLY~~ ~~DATE~~ ~~PAGE~~. 467

Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Is it intention of Department begin construction federal building Juneau this spring? Respectfully request this office be furnished with such information as may be available in connection with proposed building, if compatible with Department policy.

SENECA, 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 8, 1915.

B/tr.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith communication addressed to George U. Young, Special Disbursing Agent, (Symbol Number 69012) who is designated on the envelope as Secretary to Governor of Alaska. The address is evidently erroneous as the undersigned is Secretary to the Governor of Alaska, and my symbol number as Special Disbursing Agent is 68004.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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April 6, 1915.

D/Int.

H. B. Le Fevre Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5 in which you request the assistance of this office in further negotiations between yourself and the United States Bureau of Mines in behalf of certain launches damaged by the steamship "General Hubbard" in 1913.

As you will recall, at your request I, in connection with Mr. Sumner S. Smith, U. S. Inspector of Mines, in Alaska, reported the occurrence referred to in your letter to the United States Bureau of Mines, and at the request of the Director, Dr. Holmes, investigated the damages and reported the findings. In this I acted along the line of my official function and the facts that were within my immediate reach. Matters of fact relative to the navigation of the steamship "General Hubbard" and legal questions arising in your correspondence with the Bureau of Mines and the owners of the General Hubbard, are in no way concern this office, nor am I able to assist either your clients or the United States government in arriving at a conclusion, so I must, therefore, respectfully decline your request to act further in this matter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 7, 1918.

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Auditor for State & Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915", for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1918. The documents included are as follows:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current, with cancelled check No. 254 attached.
3. Statement of fees collected under Alaska game law, with duplicate certificates of deposit attached.
4. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 26 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

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April 5, 1915.

Sir:

I transmit herewith my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Legislative Expenses Territory of Alaska, 1915," for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1915.

The accounts as submitted include the following documents:

1. Abstract of disbursements,
2. Account current,
3. Vouchers numbers 1 to 24 inclusive, covering incoming mileage of members in attendance at the Second Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature which convened in Juneau on March first,
4. Certified copy of the first day's proceedings of the Alaska Senate,
5. Certified copy of the second day's proceedings of the Alaska Senate,
6. Certified copy of the fourth day's proceedings of the Alaska Senate,
7. Certified extract copy of the twenty-seventh day's proceedings of the Senate,
8. Certified copy of extracts from the House Journal of March first and second.

The oaths of office of the duly elected members of the Senate, the members of the House of Representatives, and the employes of both branches of the Legislature, will be forwarded with my accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1915, no salary payments having been made in the month of March.

Respectfully yours,

Governor. 

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

April 8, 1915.

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Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo addressed to the Governor, transmitting the claim of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company for tolls on a message sent by the Governor to you under date of November 2, 1914.

You suggest that to prevent delay in payment to the company which results from the practice of sending telegrams "collect" in connection with the Governor's salary payments, means be taken to arrange for the billing of charges at the point of transmittal. The telegram referred to (as well as numerous others sent by this office between July 1 and December 31, 1914) was sent "collect" for the reason that, as you are no doubt aware, the Secretary of War early in 1914 issued an order to the effect that it would be necessary on and after July 1, 1914, to pay one-half the regular commercial rate on official messages sent over the Washington-Alaska Military Telegraph and Cable System. In response to an inquiry from this office with respect to the payment of tolls on official messages of this office under the order referred to, the Secretary of the Interior advised that it would no doubt be in order to transmit the messages "collect" indicating in each instance the appropriation chargeable with the expense, and that an adjustment of the charges could then be made by the Auditing Department at Washington. Accordingly practically all of the messages sent by this office between July 1 and December 31, 1914, were transmitted "collect" and marked as suggested in the Secretary's letter. In November, 1914, however, it developed upon reference of the matter to the Comptroller of the Treasury, that the Secretary of War had no legal authority for the issuance of the order requiring payment of tolls upon official messages sent over the Washington-Alaska Military Telegraph and Cable System. You will therefore understand that this office was not at fault in the matter. Since January 1, 1915, we have prepaid the charges on all official messages.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

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Juneau, April 9, 1915. U. S. Govt. MESSAGE rate PAID. 219-344

Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Respectfully request be advised by wire when credit asked for in my message of first has been given in connection legislative expenses Alaska.

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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to you at this time with that end in view.

In explanation of the matter I may say that the object of the contract is to avoid a deficiency in connection with the expenses of the second session of the Alaska Legislature for stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, etc., such as occurred in connection with the first (1913) session of the Legislature - this deficiency amounting to approximately \$1,500. The contract under discussion is intended to cover the particular reports, rules, bills, and journals therein referred to, as well as all stationery and supplies, and the rental of typewriters, etc; in other words, it is intended to cover all the incidental expenses of the Legislature not properly chargeable to some other sub-heading of the appropriation. The contract is undoubtedly in the interests of economy and the only question in my mind in respect to it is as to whether or not its form will meet with your approval.

My I request that you will advise this office by telegraph at the earliest possible date whether or not the contract is satisfactory in its present form, and if you have any suggestions to make with reference to the form of the contract, will you kindly specify them in the telegram. It is important that I be advised by telegraph since the Legislature will adjourn on April 29 and if any further action should be necessary with respect to the form of the contract it will of

April 20, 1915.

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Sir:

In connection with the disbursement of the appropriation "Legislative Expenses Territory of Alaska 1915," of which I am the Special Disbursing Agent, I beg to submit herewith for your consideration an extract copy of the journal of the proceedings of the Senate for March 20, 1915, in respect to the contract with the Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc., of Juneau, Alaska, for the printing of bills, reports, etc., the printing and binding of the House and Senate journals and the furnishing of incidental supplies. The purpose of this contract is to provide the Legislature with all such printing, binding, supplies, etc., as may be properly chargeable to the item "stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, etc.," for which the appropriation above named includes the sum of \$3,500.

It will be noted that this is in a sense a "lump sum" contract. It occurs to me that it may be well to obtain your opinion with regard to the contract before making any payments thereunder, and the enclosed copy is submitted

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to you at this time with that end in view.

In explanation of the matter I may say that the object of the contract is to avoid a deficiency in connection with the expenses of the second session of the Alaska Legislature for stationery, supplies, printing of bills, reports, etc., such as occurred in connection with the first (1913) session of the Legislature - this deficiency amounting to approximately \$1,500. The contract under discussion is intended to cover the particular reports, rules, bills, and journals therein referred to, as well as all stationery and supplies, and the rental of typewriters, etc; in other words, it is intended to cover all the incidental expenses of the Legislature not properly chargeable to some other sub-heading of the appropriation. The contract is undoubtedly in the interests of economy and the only question in my mind in respect to it is as to whether or not its form will meet with your approval.

May I request that you will advise this office by telegraph at the earliest possible date whether or not the contract is satisfactory in its present form, and if you have any suggestions to make with reference to the form of the contract, will you kindly specify them in the telegram. It is important that I be advised by telegraph since the Legislature will adjourn on April 29 and if any further action should be necessary with respect to the form of the contract it will of

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course have to be taken before that date.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Auditor for State and Other Departments,

Washington, D. C.

April 13, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 29th ultimo (Re Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) transmitting a copy of the act making appropriations for Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the fiscal year 1916, in which letter attention is called to the paragraph in the act which provides that accounts and vouchers shall hereafter be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for administrative examination and be by him passed to the Auditor for the Interior Department for settlement. The course stated in the appropriation bill will be followed in the future by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 13, 1915.

D/Hicc.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 3rd instant (De Sweeney, Secretary) enclosing supply of departmental vouchers for personal services and requesting that future claims for my salary as Governor of Alaska be stated thereon, and that such vouchers be filed with the Department, in duplicate, the same to be referred to the Auditor of the Interior Department for settlement. I shall be pleased to comply with the Department's instructions in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, April 13, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Secretary Treasury.

Washington, D. C.

Request credit nine thousand dollars from appropriation Legislative Expenses,
Territory Alaska, nineteen fifteen, and telegraphic advice when same is given.
Balance this day subject to check six thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars.

STRONG, GOVERNOR and S. D. A.

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.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

[Handwritten initials]

April 17, 1915.

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Sir:

The Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915, (Public No. 296, page 12) under the head "Territory of Alaska" contains the following items of deficiency appropriations:

"For mileage of members of the legislature incurred in attendance upon the first legislative assembly convened March third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, \$2,267.20.

"To pay the Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau, Alaska, for printing and binding the Senate Journal of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, \$710.87.

"To pay the Alaskan Daily Empire, Juneau, Alaska, for printing and binding of the House Journal of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, \$771.05."

On the 19th ultimo this office addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting to be advised as to the disbursement of the foregoing items and as to the payment to the Estate of the late Senator Elwood Bruner, who was a member of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature and who died in the State of California, January 15, 1915. There was due to Senator Bruner at the time of his death the sum of \$227.70 as deficiency mileage and this amount is included in the first item above quoted.

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Under date of April 7, 1915, the Comptroller of the Treasury, to whom was referred the letter from this office dated March 19, replied advising that the deficiency appropriations mentioned should not be disbursed by me, but "should, after approval by you and administrative examination by the Secretary of the Interior, be paid by direct settlement by the Auditor for the Interior Department."

As to the payment of the deficiency mileage due to Senator Bruner at the time of his death, the Comptroller says:

"The claim for the amount due the late Senator Bruner for mileage should be made by the administrator or executor of his estate and be accompanied by the letters of administration or letters testamentary issued to said administrator or executor, or a duly certified copy thereof."

In anticipation of the receipt of instructions authorizing this office to arrange settlement of the deficiencies in question, this office has prepared vouchers covering the deficiency mileage and has obtained the signatures of a number of the claimants thereto. Considerable time will be required to obtain signed vouchers from certain of the claimants who reside in the Second and Third Judicial Divisions at points very remote from Juneau. Signed vouchers covering the amounts due the following claimants are herewith transmitted:

<u>Name of Claimant.</u>	<u>Present Address</u>	<u>Amount of Claim.</u>
Frank A. Aldrich,	Juneau, Alaska	\$237 70
F. H. Boyle,	Valdez, Alaska	43 75
W. T. Burns,	Little Elderado, Alaska	104 25
E. B. Collins,	Fox, Alaska,	103 50
Dan Driscoll,	Fairbanks, Alaska	102 00
Conrad Freeding,	Hotel Barker, Seattle, Wash.	237 70
H. B. Ingram	Valdez, Alaska	42 75
B. F. Hillard,	Valdez, Alaska	42 75
A. G. Shoup,	Sitka, Alaska	13 80
Dan A. Sutherland,	Ruby, Alaska,	95 25
H. J. Svindsoth,	Wrangell, Alaska	8 25
J. H. Tanner,	Shagway, Alaska	6 50

These vouchers have been certified to by me and I trust they will be found in proper form for settlement by the Auditor. The title of the appropriation has not been filled in since this office is uncertain as to the particular wording which the Department or the Auditor might require.

With respect to the claim of Conrad Freeding whose present address is given as Seattle, Washington, I would say that Mr. Freeding was a member of the Legislature from the Second Judicial Division, his residence at the time being at Home. Since that time, however, he has removed to Seattle.

Vouchers covering the claims of the Daily Alaska Dispatch and the Alaska Daily Empire will be forwarded in a few days, and the vouchers of other claimants for deficiency mileage will be forwarded as soon as they are received from the claimants by

this office.

The representatives of the estate of the late Senator Bruner will be advised as to the course to be pursued in connection with the claim for deficiency mileage due to Senator Bruner at the time of his death, and when the claim has been presented to this office in proper form it will be duly certified and transmitted to the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

(Copy)

JUNEAU WATER COMPANY

Juneau, Alaska,

April 14, 1915.

Hon. John F. A. Strong,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the rate of two dollars per month for water furnished your office is the customary charge we make for this service.

A charge of four dollars for water furnished the Governor's House is special rate fixed, and is based on the number of taps in the house.

We make no written contracts in connection with water furnished.

We trust that this letter will serve your purpose.

Yours very truly,

((Signed) T. F. KENNEDY,

Agent.

(Copy)

ALASKA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Operating at Juneau and Douglas City, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, April 12, 1915.

Mr. W. W. Shorthill,
Secretary-Governor,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request beg to advise that our present lighting rate is 10¢ per K. W. hour for the first hundred used during the month, all over 100 is charged at 7½¢ per K. W. hour.

The minimum monthly charge is figured on the basis of \$1.00 for each five lights, not using over 3/10 K. W. per hour.

On this basis the minimum for Governor residence is \$10.00 per month and the Gov. office \$4.00 per month.

Yours very truly,

ALASKA ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER CO.

By (Signed) E. J. MARGRIE,

(Copy)

Juneau, Alaska,

April 16, 1913.

Honorable J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your verbal request for an explanation as to the telephone rates for your office, I beg to advise that our regular office phone rate is \$3.50 per month. We do not enter into any written contracts, our rates being uniform. The regular charge for the four phones used in your offices would be \$14 per month, but when the rate was fixed it was made \$13.50 per month for the four, a reduction of 50 cents per month. This makes the amount per fiscal quarter \$40.50, which has been paid since April 1, 1913, the date the rate became effective.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDW. WEBSTER

Manager Juneau & Douglas Telephone
Company.

April 17, 1915.

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Sir:

In connection with the disbursement of deficiency appropriations contained in the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915, (Public No. 296, page 12) under the head of "Territory of Alaska", I beg to transmit herewith voucher covering the claim of Henry Roden for deficiency mileage due in connection with his attendance at the first session of the Alaska Legislative Assembly. Senator Roden was a resident of Iditarod, Alaska, at the time of his election as a member of the first legislative assembly, and attended from that place. At the present time the Senator is in Juneau and he has asked that the check in settlement of his claim be mailed to him at Fairbanks, Alaska, as he is now en route to that point.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 17, 1918.

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Sir:

In connection with the disbursement of deficiency appropriations contained in the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1918, (Public No. 296, page 12) under the head of "Territory of Alaska", I beg to transmit herewith vouchers covering the claims of the Daily Alaska Dispatch and the Alaskan Daily Empire, both of Juneau, Alaska, covering deficiencies arising in connection with the printing of the senate and house journals of the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature. These vouchers have been duly signed by authorized officers of the two concerns named and have been certified by me. I trust they will be found in proper form for settlement by the Auditor.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 20, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 99th ultimo (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) returning my accounts as Disbursing Agent of the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Territory of Alaska for the second quarter of the fiscal year 1915. With respect to the statement of differences which accompanied the Department's letter I beg to advise as follows:

Vouchers Nos. 1, 12 and 15: These vouchers cover the cost of hauling ashes from the Governor's offices and the Executive Mansion, for the months of September, October and November, 1914. The rate charged is \$2 per month for the Governor's offices, and \$6 per month for the Executive Mansion. As to the measure of service I would advise that as a rule, one barrel of ashes is hauled from the Governor's offices each week, while from three to six barrels are hauled from the Executive Mansion each week. No formal contract has been entered into for this service but this can no doubt be arranged if the Department so desires. I may add that the service at present costs \$2 per month less than was paid to the Alaska Transfer Company which formerly did this work.

Voucher No. 2: This voucher covers telephone service for the fiscal quarter referred to, and a copy of the contract or agreement is requested. In this connection I enclose herewith a letter, dated the 16th instant, addressed to this office by the manager of the Juneau & Douglas Telephone Company, which explains the informal contract for this service. There is but one telephone company operating in this vicinity, its prices are uniform, and no written contracts are entered into by the company with any of its subscribers. However, it is probable that the manager of the company would be willing to sign a formal contract to cover the services in question should the Department so desire.

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Voucher No. 3: This voucher covers water service for the Governor's offices and the Executive Mansion for the fiscal quarter referred to. A copy of the contract or agreement with the water company is requested and also a statement of the measure of service. In this connection I enclose herewith a letter, dated the 14th instant, addressed to this office by the local agent of the Juneau Water Company, which explains the arrangement made for water service for the Governor's offices and the Executive Mansion. The rate of \$2 per month for the Governor's offices is the regular office rate charged by both water companies operating in Juneau, their rates being uniform and no competition whatever existing. Neither of these companies enters into written contracts for water service. The rate of \$4 per month for the Executive Mansion is a special rate fixed by the Juneau Water Company and based upon the number of taps in the house. In this connection I may say that water is supplied to the steam heating plant which furnishes heat for the entire three floors of the building; the laundry room contains stationary tubs and lavatory; the kitchen is supplied with lavatory and hot and cold water taps; and there are three completely equipped bath rooms on the second floor and one on the third floor. Should the Department deem it absolutely necessary it is probable that a written contract can be secured from the Juneau Water Company although you will note in the agent's letter he states that "we make no written contracts in connection with water furnished."

Voucher No. 4: The item of baggage in this voucher is questioned as being in excess of the amount allowed under the Departmental regulations in force at the time. In this connection I beg to say that there were two pieces of baggage belonging to the Governor who had just returned from a visit to Sitka, Alaska. As the Departmental regulations then in force authorized an expenditure of 50¢ to cover the transfer of each piece of baggage, the charge of 75¢ for the two pieces would appear to be in order and it is respectfully submitted that it should be passed.

Voucher No. 6: This voucher covers electric light service and supplies for the fiscal quarter in question, both at the Governor's offices and at the Executive Mansion. A copy of the contract or agreement with the light company is requested. In this connection I beg to advise that there is but one electric light and supply company doing business in this section of Alaska. This company does not as a rule enter into written contracts, its rates and prices being uniform, and since no other company

is operating here it is impossible to obtain competitive bids. I enclose herewith a letter from the manager of the Alaska Electric Light & Power Company, dated the 12th instant, addressed to my Secretary, which explains the basis of charge for the electric light service at the Governor's offices and at the Executive Mansion. The minimum rate of \$4 per month for electric light service at the Governor's offices has been in effect since the present offices were occupied in November, 1911. The rate for service at the Executive Mansion has been in effect since January 1, 1913, the date on which the building was occupied by the Governor. Should the Department deem a written contract absolutely necessary in this connection, I shall be pleased to endeavor to secure the same from the company.

Vouchers Nos. 7, 8 and 9: Voucher No. 7 covers services of the caretaker of the Executive Mansion for the period September 14 to 30 inclusive; voucher No. 8 covers services of the Secretary to the Governor for the month of October, while Voucher No. 9 covers the services of the janitor for the Governor's offices for the month of October. Copies of the appointments of these persons are requested. I beg to enclose the same herewith.

Voucher No. 11: This voucher covers laundry work for the Governor's offices for the fiscal quarter in question. Request is made that the nature of the arrangement with the payee be shown on appropriate blanks on the voucher, and this has accordingly been done. The arrangement is verbal only. While there are several laundries operating in Juneau, their prices are uniform for this class of work and it is not customary to enter into formal contracts. However, if the Department desires a written contract in this connection an effort will be made to procure same.

Voucher No. 14: This voucher covers the purchase of coal and wood for the Executive Mansion and the Governor's offices. A contract of agreement is asked for. In this connection I beg to say that this office has repeatedly shown on vouchers covering purchases of coal, and has explained in letters written to the Auditor or to the Department, that it is impossible to obtain competitive bids for the coal required by the Governor's offices and the Executive Mansion. Within the last year this office sent out letters to some nine concerns in Juneau which make a business of handling coal, requesting them to submit bids for furnishing coal to the Governor's offices and the Executive

Mansion for a period of one year. Not a single bid was received. The managers of several of the concerns were interviewed personally with regard to the matter and in each instance they stated that they would not submit a bid, nor consider performing the service at a lower price than was then and has since remained in effect. Coal is furnished to the various transfer companies by the coal companies at a fixed price per ton on the dock. The transfer companies sack the coal and make delivery at their own expense. They are also required to pay for the coal at the time they receive it from the companies and they in turn bill their customers for the price of the coal plus the sacking and delivery charge. The price of coal on the dock ranges from \$8 to \$9 per ton according to kind and quality; the sacking and delivery charge in all cases is \$2 per ton.

As for the three cords of wood covered by the voucher in question, I may say that there is practically no demand for wood in Juneau and no concern makes a business of dealing in it. There is therefore no opportunity for securing competitive bids, and the price paid for the wood in question was considered reasonable.

Voucher No. 121 This voucher covers the purchase of five galvanized ash cans for the Governor's office and Executive Mansion, one being for the office and four for use at the Executive Mansion. These were secured under competitive bids, the contract being awarded to Marshall & Newman, as shown by the original bid attached to the voucher. Exception is taken to the payment for the four cans required for the Executive Mansion for the reason that the purchase "does not appear warranted by the language of the appropriation act." In this connection I beg to say that it will no doubt be conceded that some method must be used in disposing of the ashes which accumulate from the furnace used to heat the Executive Mansion. Since this furnace and the building in which it is situated belongs to the United States government, which also pays for the fuel used in the furnace, and from which the ashes accumulate, it is not quite clear to this office why the purchase of cans in which to place these ashes may not properly be charged to the same appropriation which pays for the coal burned in the furnace. Furthermore, the city council of Juneau some time ago passed an ordinance requiring that metal ash barrels be substituted for the various other methods used - mostly wooden barrels - and fixing a penalty for failure to comply with the ordinance. It was with a view to complying with this ordinance as well as to provide against the risk of fire, both at the office and the Executive Mansion, that the ash cans in question were obtained. Prior to the purchase of these cans the ashes had been

placed in wooden barrels and since the ashes almost invariably contain a considerable quantity of live coals it will readily be seen that the placing of them in anything but a metal receptacle greatly endangers the safety of the Executive Mansion. Had these barrels not been procured the Governor, as occupant of the Executive Mansion, would have been liable to arrest and fine for violating the city ordinance. It would certainly be most unjust to require the occupant of the building to pay for these ash cans especially since the fuel from which the ashes come is purchased by the government. Further, were the occupant of the building to purchase them, he would of course have a right to remove them upon the completion of his term of office as Governor, and his successor would then be obliged to purchase a new supply which he in turn would take with him upon the expiration of his term, and so on, ad infinitum. The mere suggestion of this conditions of affairs makes the matter seem so absurd as not to be worthy of serious consideration, and it is respectfully submitted that the voucher in question should be passed as it stands.

The accounts for the quarter in question are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Juneau, April 20, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Secretary Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Senator McGann elected February twenty-seventh last in second judicial division Alaska to fill vacancy caused by death of Senator Bruner. McGann left Nome for Juneau immediately after election arriving here and being sworn in on March twenty-seventh. His colleagues wish salary paid him from March first, the date on which legislature convened, and I recommend same if legal. Respectfully request be advised by telegraph. Legislature adjourns on twenty-ninth.

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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April 21, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be forwarded for the use of this office 300 sheets of proposal form 1-111, the same as sample enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 24, 1915.

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Sir:

With further reference to the payment of deficiency mileage due to members of the first Legislative Assembly of Alaska, I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher covering the deficiency due to Honorable Robert B. Gray, Representative, which has been signed by him and certified by me. This voucher is transmitted for administrative action of the Department and payment by the Auditor.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 24, 1915.

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Sir:

In further reference to the payment of deficiency mileage due to the members of the first Legislative Assembly of Alaska, I beg to transmit herewith for administrative action of the Department and settlement by the Auditor for the Interior Department, the voucher covering the deficiency mileage due to Senator L. V. Ray, of Seward, Alaska, which has been signed by him and certified by me.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 27, 1915.

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Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 3 (Stephen F. Hather, Assistant to the Secretary) enclosing a copy of a letter from the Counselor for the Department of State, together with a copy of a note from the Turkish Charge d'Affaires, requesting to be advised whether David Selin (David Elean), deceased, had complied with all the laws of the United States relative to acquiring citizenship, and of the nationality of Mrs. Elean prior to her marriage, I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. George J. Love, United States Commissioner at Valdez, Alaska, with reference to the subject matter of your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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fund for the quarter beginning October 1, 1914 and ending December 31, 1914.* The duplicate copy of the voucher is being this day forwarded to Judge Tucker together with a copy of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith original voucher No. 20 issued by Honorable J. R. Tucker, Judge of the District Court for the Second Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska upon the indigent fund disbursed by him. This voucher has been issued as a partial payment of subsistence of indigent residents of Division No. 2, Territory of Alaska, in the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, during the quarter ending December 31, 1914, the amount of the payment being \$202.01. At the request of Judge Tucker this office has attached to the voucher a statement showing the names of the inmates of the Home from the Second Division for the quarter mentioned, together with the number of days each was in the Home during said quarter, the rate per day and the total amount due.

Judge Tucker asks that this original voucher be forwarded to you with the request that it be attached to my report of receipts and disbursements under the Alaska

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April 28, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 16th instant (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary) in which it is requested that the Department be supplied with three kinds of game licenses (including stubs or coupons) issued in this office, accounting for receipts from which was made for the quarter ended December 31, in connection with my accounts as disbursing agent of the contingent appropriation for the Governor's office.

The three kinds of licenses covered by the accounts referred to were:

- (a) General game shipping licenses,
- (b) Special moose shipping licenses,
- (c) Guide licenses.

Regular printed forms are used for the first two, while the guide licenses are issued in letter form. A sample copy of each is enclosed herewith.

There is also enclosed a sample copy of hunting license (with shipping coupons attached) form which is used when issuing hunting licenses to non-residents of the Territory. The abstract of game fees collected which accompanied the accounts above referred to did not include any hunting licenses as none were issued during the quarter mentioned, but the sample form is enclosed with these asked for, for the further information of the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Sails.

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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April 30, 1915.

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Sir:

In accordance with Departmental instructions,
I have the honor to present herewith voucher covering
my salary as Governor of the Territory of Alaska for
the month of April, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R .

Enclosure.

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

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May 1, 1915.

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Sir:

In connection with the payment of deficiency mileage due to members of the First Session of the Alaska Legislative Assembly, I beg to transmit herewith voucher covering the amount of deficiency mileage due to Honorable Nile Kelly, of Knik, Alaska, who was a member of the House of Representatives and in attendance at the First Session, the amount of the voucher being \$73.95.

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R.

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

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May 7, 1915.

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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 \$5,541.45 from the appropriation "Legislative Expenses Territory of Alaska 1915."

My books show a balance subject to check this date, of \$1,458.58 and the amount herein requisitioned for is required to complete the payment of the expenses of the Second Legislative Assembly of Alaska, which adjourned on the 29th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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May 11, 1915.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 20th ultimo (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) with respect to my accounts under the appropriation for legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska.

I transmit herewith duplicate copies of the mileage tables established in connection with the payment of mileage to members of the First and Second Sessions of the Alaska Territorial Legislature. These tables show the general routes of travel to and from Juneau; the mileage to Juneau being via the shortest usually traveled winter trail route, and the mileage from Juneau via the shortest usually traveled summer water and rail routes.

My predecessor in establishing the mileage tables for the first (1913) session of the Legislature used as a basis therefor the distances adopted by the United States marshals in the several divisions of the

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Territory in connection with the payment of mileage to witnesses in attendance on the terms of the United States District courts. The Department of Justice mileage distances were used by my predecessor as a basis for the payment of the legislative mileage upon instructions given him by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in establishing the mileage tables for the second session of the Legislature I followed the same course.

With respect to the Department's inability to verify the following mileage claims:

Sulzer to Juneau, via Ketchikan.
Council to Juneau, via Seattle-Nome route.
Shungnak to Juneau, via Nome-Fairbanks-Cordova route.
Chitina to Juneau, via Cordova.
Kennecott to Juneau, via Cordova.

I beg to say that the distances between the points mentioned above, and Juneau, are shown in the mileage tables for the second session of the Legislature and these distances were based upon information received by telegraph or letter from the United States Marshals at Juneau, Nome and Valdez, and they are the distances adopted by the Department of Justice as a basis for the payment of mileage to court witnesses.

In one case only (that of the return mileage paid to Representative H. F. Moran, of Shungnak) was it necessary to deviate from the Department of Justice basis of mileage. In response to a telegram from this office

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the United States marshal for the Second Judicial Division gave approximate distances only between Nome and Shungnak, for the reason, presumably, that a case has never arisen in the Second Division where it has been necessary to pay witness mileage fees via the summer route between Nome and Shungnak. In order, therefore, to have a definite basis on which to pay the return mileage to this member, reference was had to the United States Post Route map of the Territory of Alaska, in operation on the first day of September, 1913, and to the book issued by the Post Office Department in connection with the letting of mail contracts in Alaska. The summer route of travel between Nome and Shungnak follows in a general way the coast line from Nome to Kotzebue and thence up the Kobuk River. Post Route 78100 is the most direct steamer mail route between Nome and Kotzebue, going via Teller, Tin City, Deering and Kowalik, the distance being shown on the map referred to as 466 miles. The distance between Kotzebue and Shungnak has never been officially determined by survey or otherwise. The best information obtainable by this office was that the distance is approximately 234 miles, and this distance was accepted and adopted in determining the amount of mileage due to Representative Moran

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in returning from Juneau to Shungash via the shortest usually traveled summer route.

In response to the Department's request, there is transmitted herewith another set of certified copies of proceedings of the Alaska Senate and extracts of the House Journal, which were enumerated in my letter of April 5.

As requested by the Department, I will in future include with my accounts of disbursements under the appropriation for legislative expenses ^{a statement} showing the portions thereof chargeable to the various sub-headings of the appropriations.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures.

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1915.

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 26 with reference to the purpose of the Department to hold a conference between the executive officers of the Department and representatives of States and municipalities engaged in efforts to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners of the United States and to improve their working conditions, in San Francisco, August 2.

In reply I beg to assure you that it will give me much pleasure to cooperate with the Department in every way possible, and in this connection I shall appoint four delegates from Alaska to represent the Territory at the conference.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Honorable W. B. Wilson,
Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Replying telegram twelfth name Territorial Treasurer is Walstein G. Smith.

Term expires first day January nineteen nineteen.

STROESS, 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.

W. S. Shortall
Secretary to the Governor.

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May 13, 1915.

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Dear Sir:

I have this day executed the blank bond enclosed with your letter of May first, said bond being furnished by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, who have been instructed to file the bond at the earliest possible moment.

I am also enclosing herewith three signature cards duly signed as per your instructions of May first.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Department of State,

Washington, D. C.

Albert A. Nadeau, citizen of United States, resident of Juneau, Alaska, died in Brussels, Belgium, April twentieth ultimo. His widow wishes body forwarded to Juneau from Brussels. Can State Department do anything to facilitate shipment of body to New York. Jean Vanophem, of Brussels, citizen Belgium willing bring body to New York if permission can be secured from German authorities for him to leave Brussels.

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.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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May 15, 1916.

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Sir:

With further reference to the Department's telegram of May 12 (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) in terms as follows:

"Wire full name of Territorial Treasurer and date of expiration of his term of office, and thereafter send certified copy of his appointment."

I am enclosing herewith certified copy of the appointment of Mr. Walstein O. Smith as Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska, together with other correspondence in connection therewith.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

G A V E R N O R.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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May 14, 1915.

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Sir:

In further reference to the payment of deficiency mileage to members of the First Legislative Assembly of Alaska, I have the honor to transmit herewith voucher covering the amount of deficiency mileage due to Honorable Charles E. Ingersoll, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who was a member of the House of Representatives of the First Session. The voucher has been signed by Mr. Ingersoll and certified by me.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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May 15, 1915.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of May 6 (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary) in which after quoting a paragraph under the head of "Territorial Legislature" in the report of this office as to the condition of affairs in Alaska for 1914, and in which reference is made in this paragraph to the fact that certain revenue laws passed by the Legislature were rendered nugatory by decisions of the courts; and in which you request to be advised as to the particular decisions to which reference is made in the Governor's report, the dates of same, and if possible, that the Department be furnished with a copy of such court decisions.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is not in possession of the decisions referred to. The case was sent up on appeal from the District Court of the First Judicial Division of Alaska to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, sitting at San Francisco. The Territorial Legislature, First Session, 1913, passed a revenue

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law in which certain duties were imposed upon certain Federal officials in connection with the collection of taxes, these officials being the United States Marshals and Deputy Marshals, United States Commissioners and Clerks of the Court, etc. The point raised was that the Territorial Legislature exceeded its powers when it imposed additional duties upon these officials, and the higher court sustained the point at issue.

After the Circuit Court of Appeals had decided against the validity of the Territorial revenue act, Congress was asked to amend Section 11 of the Alaska Organic Act, which was done, the amendment being approved August 20, 1914.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R .

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Secretary Interior

Washington, D. C.

**Referring departments letter April twenty-eighth to Auditor Interior
Department transmitting deficiency mileage vouchers numbers Alaska
Legislature request be advised disposition check for Frank A. Aldrich
Juneau Alaska which has not yet reached him.**

STROBE, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 20, 1915.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 1st instant (Assistant Secretary E. Sweeney) with respect to my accounts for the second and third quarters of the current fiscal year, and returning for certain explanations the accounts for the third quarter.

Replying to the Department's letter, I make the following explanations with respect to the several vouchers and items in question:

VOUCHER NO. 5.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by an original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering the services in question, for the year ending June 30, 1915.

VOUCHER NO. 8.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by an original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering coal furnished as shown on the face of the voucher.

VOUCHER NO. 17.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by an original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering the coal furnished as shown on the face of the voucher.

VOUCHER NO. 24.-- Reference notation has been made on the face of this voucher, to the proposal and acceptance attached to Voucher No. 5.

VOUCHER NO. 26.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by an original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering the coal furnished as shown on the face of the voucher.

VOUCHERS NOS. 28 and 29.-- These vouchers, which are returned herewith, are accompanied by copies of messages referred to on the faces of the vouchers and in the bills attached thereto.

VOUCHER NO. 30.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by shipping memorandum which shows the weight of the shipment as 24 pounds, and the address and destination as "Territory of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska," and the prepaid charges as \$3.56. There also accompanies the voucher a statement dated the 15th instant, signed by the Juneau agent of the Wells Fargo & Company Express, certifying that the

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package in question, which was received at Juneau on March 13, 1915, covered by W/B #21 dated March 10, originated at Cleveland, Ohio. The agent's statement is based upon the records of the Juneau office of the Wells Fargo & Company Express. It is impossible to secure a copy of the original way-bill issued to cover this shipment at Cleveland, Ohio, since this way-bill was taken up by the Seattle agent of the Wells Fargo & Company Express and that Company's way-bill No. 21 of March 10, issued to cover the shipment from Seattle to Juneau. Nor is it possible to obtain here a copy of the W. F. & Co. Express W/B #21 of March 10, as that billing has been returned by the Juneau agent to the Auditor of the Company. However, I have addressed a letter to the American Card Index Company, Cleveland, Ohio, asking that it obtain from the Cleveland agent of the American Express Company a certified copy of the original way-bill issued by him for the shipment, and that this certified copy be forwarded direct to the Department with a copy of my letter to the Card Index Company for purposes of identification. I trust this will meet the Department's requirements.

VOUCHER NO. 31.-- This voucher, which is returned herewith, is accompanied by original and duplicate proposal and acceptance for the coal furnished as shown on the face of the voucher.

In compliance with the Department's request this office has obtained from the local telephone, electric light, and water companies proposals covering services for the period between July 1, 1914, and June 30, 1915, on Form 1-111, which proposals have been accepted by me. Attached to Voucher No. 1 will be found the proposal and acceptance (original and duplicate) covering water service. Attached to Voucher No. 2 will be found the original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering telephone service. Attached to Voucher No. 3 will be found the original and duplicate proposal and acceptance covering the electric light service. The latter proposal and acceptance does not cover electrical supplies and labor, since these are secured from time to time as needed and paid for at the prices which prevail at the particular time of purchase; and there is but one company in Juneau from which these can be had, hence there is no competition. Furthermore, the Company will not make a contract to furnish supplies and labor at a fixed price or rate, but merely at the price and rate prevailing at the time the supplies are obtained or the service rendered.

New contracts covering electric light, telephone, and water service, and the hauling of ashes, will be entered into covering the year beginning July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1916, and the originals and duplicates of these (which will be on proposal and acceptance Form 1-111), will be forwarded to the Department in due course.

I have completed the certifications in Vouchers, Form 1-015a, in the enclosed accounts, by filling in the blanks both on the face and on the reverse of each voucher, with appropriate notations; I have affixed my approval signature to these vouchers, and the account current

--The Secretary of the Interior, p. 3--

has been re-stated on Form L-323a, as requested by the Department.

VOUCHERS 11 and 12.-- These vouchers are returned herewith, with the following explanations:

The amounts of sub-vouchers 6 (\$24.00) and 8 (55 cents) in connection with Voucher No. 11, and of sub-voucher 2 (\$1.95) in connection with Voucher No. 12, a total of \$26.50, will be deposited by me to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for repayment to the appropriation, and duplicate certificate of deposit covering the refund will be enclosed with this letter. With respect to the sub-voucher 6, Voucher No. 11, I wish to say that I take it I would be entitled to include in my accounts a charge covering for a single room for myself; but since the sub-voucher covers charges for rooms for both Mrs. Strong and myself, I concede the justice of the Department's objection to the item.

With the exception of the items covered by the above-mentioned refunds, I respectfully submit that the accounts as presented should be allowed, inasmuch as this office had not been supplied with a copy of the Department's travel expense regulations effective November 1, 1914, or if so, I had not familiarized myself with the contents thereof. Specifically I have to state that there is nothing of record in this office which shows that the traveling expenses of the Governor of Alaska have been questioned after due certification, and that the Department's regulation limiting the expenses of the Governor for subsistence when travelling on official business, to five dollars per day, is arbitrary; and I challenge the right of the Department to place the Governor of Alaska, when travelling on official business of the Territory, in the same category as a constable, a game warden, or other minor officer. To do so is, in my opinion, an insult to an honorable office and to the people of a great Territory. I further beg to say that the Governor of Alaska is an executive officer; that his traveling expenses are included in a direct appropriation by Congress, of which he is the disbursing officer. If it be the intention to limit the Governor's subsistence accounts to five dollars per day, I wish to point out that that official cannot travel unless he be willing to live, while absent on official duties, at a cheap lodging house and take his meals in an equally cheap restaurant. It will be apparent to most persons that the per diem rate in a good hotel, such as I believe the Governor of Alaska should patronize, in view of the fact that he is called upon to meet many people on official business, is not less than four dollars per day, leaving the bountiful sum of one dollar per day for meals. Necessarily, in order to subsist, he must leave a good hotel and seek out an exceedingly cheap and no doubt frequently dirty and unsanitary restaurant. Frankly speaking, I do not propose to do this so long as I fill the office of Governor of Alaska.

I am democratic in my habits, but my devotion to democracy, pure and undefiled, does not, at my time of life and in my circumstances, demand that I patronize a lunch counter or sleep in a cheap hotel or lodging house.

Travel in Alaska is very expensive, but so is travel anywhere else of which I have any knowledge, if one is to travel in moderate comfort.

Auto and taxi fees. These fees were paid by me in the course of my official duties, and not for pleasure; and I submit they are fairly entitled to be allowed. I did not take a sub-voucher for the special service, "Taxi, Portland to sanitarium and return", for the reason that I did not know it was required, and for the further reason that I believe I should not be expected to be compelled to write a taxicab receipt in the street while the chauffeur and curious people look on. The taxi in question was engaged on the street, and I was driven to the Sanitarium, which I wished to reach in the early morning. The distance, I believe, from Portland is some four miles, and there is no street car connection, I understand, nearer than a mile distant from the institution. Furthermore, I did not feel like walking, inasmuch as there was a downpour of rain at the time.

Steamship tickets. The steamship fare, first class, between Juneau and Seattle, is \$25, meals and berth included. Second-class tickets, with meals and bunk, cost \$16.

Laundry. The laundry charges, above referred to, and which have been refunded, were included because it has been the practice of this office to include such items. I am of the opinion, however, that every official of the government, no matter what his rank may be, should pay for his own washing.

Tips and fees. The objection to these items is answered by the fact that in bestowing tips I but followed custom, giving amounts, as a matter of fact, lesser than those given by the average traveller; and this is the first time in the history of this office, so far as I am aware, that tips have been called in question. I may say that the giving of tips is a most pernicious, un-American, and degrading custom, but those who have travelled, say, on a steamer or a Pullman sleeper or diner, know what you will get in the way of service if you do not do your share to pay the salaries of the porters or other minions of the Pullman company.

Pullman charges. I have always tried to secure an upper berth when travelling on train, and items in the vouchers in question which cover pullman charges are for upper berths.

Telephone charges. These were local and not long-distance, on

business connected with my office, and not personal in any way.

Copy of authority to travel. I am transmitting herewith copy of my letter of October 22, 1914, asking for leave of absence for six weeks, and copy of the Department's telegram of November 1 (October 31), 1914, authorizing such absence. In further elucidation of my visit to Portland and San Francisco, also San Diego and Los Angeles, I may say that my health had not been good and I wished to visit Southern California, and also, while in San Diego I desired to look into the Panama-California Exposition with a view, if possible, of having an exhibit of Alaska's resources installed therein. My visit to Los Angeles enroute was in response to an invitation by the Alaska Club of that city to visit it and make an address on Alaska, which I did, and it is submitted that I am fairly entitled to be allowed the expenses of such trip, as my visit there surely may be entitled to be considered official.

Absence from Territory longer than authorized. On my return to San Francisco from Los Angeles and San Diego, I was confined by illness to my hotel for five days. My purpose in visiting San Francisco was to look into the matter of the Alaska exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at that place, and which was given such attention as my limited time would permit. Also, after reaching Seattle, I was obliged to wait for five days in order to get a steamer sailing for Alaska. The winter sailings to Alaska are not as frequent as during the summer season, and it not infrequently happens that the steamers are "bunched together", and the intending passenger finds all steamers either in port or in Alaska. In this instance they were all out of the port of Seattle, hence the wait of five days for transportation to Alaska. I left Juneau on November 6th, and was again in Alaska on December 26th, reaching Juneau on the 27th. It must be remembered that the southern boundary line of Alaska is 24 hours distant by ordinary steamer travel from Juneau. My leave of absence from for six weeks from and including November 5th. The period from and including November fifth to and including December 26, is 52 days. If, however, Sundays are not counted in the leave of absence -- as I understand is the case -- the period would include but 44 days, thus making my actual absence exceed the authority by 2 days. If the unavoidable delays on account of sickness in San Francisco and waiting for steamer at Seattle be taken into account, it will be noted that I was within the limit of the authority granted.

In view of the foregoing, therefore, I respectfully submit my accounts for the Department's approval.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

May 21, 1915.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the 11th instant (Be Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), in which the request is made that the Department be advised as to the number of game licenses in each case (General game, Special moose, and hunting licenses) which this office has in stock and as to where same were procured, and from what moneys the expense of printing was defrayed. You also request to be advised whether it would not be practicable, beginning with July 1, 1915, to arrange for the serial numbering of each variety of license prior to issuance; and, finally, you state that it is the desire of the Department to arrange for the printing of future editions of licenses at the Government printing office, in Washington.

In reply I have to refer you to the "Alaska game law" (25 Stat. L., 102; Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, Secs. 330-337) in which you will find that the Department of Agriculture and the Governor of Alaska, and not the Department of the Interior, have control of all matters appertaining to the administration of the Alaska game law.

For your information, however, I beg to advise that this office has in stock at this time a sufficient number of printed game licenses of the several kinds in use, to last for two years; that these licenses were printed in Juneau in 1911, at a total cost of \$22.50; that section 3 of the Alaska game law provides, among other things:

"All proceeds from licenses, except one dollar from each fee, which shall be retained by the clerk issuing the license to cover the cost of printing and issue, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts; the amount necessary for the enforcement of this act shall be estimated for annually by the Agricultural Department and appropriated for including the employment and salaries to be paid to game wardens herein authorized. And the governor shall annually make a detailed and itemized report to the Secretary of Agriculture, in which he shall state the number and kind of licenses issued, the money received, which report shall also include a full statement of all trophies exported and all animals and birds exported for any purpose."

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The volume of printing as may be gathered from the above statement, as to the cost and supply still on hand, is small, and such printing as is needed can readily be obtained in Juneau.

For your further information I have to state that the Governor of Alaska is not the special disbursing agent of the game law appropriation, this function being discharged by W. W. Shorthill, secretary to the Governor, who is under bond to the United States in the sum of \$3,000, which includes, also, the disbursement of the appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Juneau, May 21, 1915. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid.
Secretary Interior,

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Washington, D. C.

Referring Department telegram twentieth mileage claims Aldrich and
Frosting beg advise distance Juneau to Nome via Seattle is not only
shortest usually travelled route but the only route at time of year
travel to be made and same was allowed by my predecessor under
authority Treasury Department and same has been used in payment
return mileage second session recently closed. See my letter May
eleventh transmitting complete mileage tables both sessions Legisla-
ture. Auditor accepted without question accounts my predecessor
in which same route and mileage used.

BERNARD, 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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