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Lumber World Review,

Transportation Bldg.,

608 South Dearborn St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 23rd ultimo requesting information on the subject of the economical construction of Siles has been referred to Professor C. C. Georgeason, Special Agent in charge of agricultural experiment stations, Sitka, Alaska, and you will no doubt hear from him in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. D. Hall,

Attorney-at-Law,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo making application for appointment as a notary public and accompanied by notarial bond and draft in the sum of \$10.00, payable to the order of the Governor. The bond was referred to the Clerk of the Court for his approval this date and all papers have been transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 1, 1918.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the application of D. Holl, attorney-at-law, Ketchikan, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, with approved notarial bond and draft in the sum of \$10.00, payable to the Governor, and endorsed by him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, NOVEMBER 1, 1913. O. B.

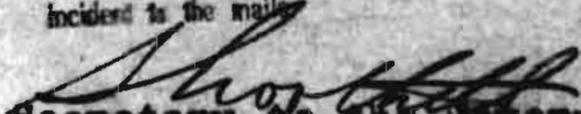
Lewman & Hanford,

Seattle, Wash.

With supplies ordered by letter October thirty send one Yawman and Erbe swinging office stand ~~mahogany~~ mahogany finish for attaching to left side of desk.

Shorthill, Secretary to Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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November 1, 1915.

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Dr. W. H. Chase,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Doctor:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 27th with reference to the quarantine at Kodiak et cetera. In reply I beg to express my appreciation of the measures that you have so promptly taken in order to control the epidemic.

Recently a complaint reached this office that the measles epidemic was still rife at Afognak and I immediately telegraphed United States Marshal Brummen to have the deputy marshal at Kodiak enforce the quarantine regulations at that place. This he assured me would be done. Your close attention to health conditions in your district is commendable.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. W. T. Lopp,

Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education,

569 Colman Building,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Lopp:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 27th asking if it is possible to get a picture of myself for each of your schools, and if so, where the same may be obtained. In reply I beg to state that I have no pictures on hand at this time or I would very gladly furnish you with a sufficient supply, if you think they would be either useful or ornamental in the school-houses. As soon as it is possible for me to get some taken, I shall be glad to supply you with as many as you desire.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Hon. Arthur G. Shoup,
Supt., Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 28th with reference to the Pioneers' Home and other matters connected therewith, for which I thank you. I notice the Home is filling up quite rapidly and I also learned recently that there are many more pioneers in the Fairbanks country who would like to obtain admittance.

In this connection I wish to say that the Fourth judicial division up to the present time has not contributed one dollar in poll taxes, nor are we able to get into communication with the commissioners in that district. While I was in Fairbanks last summer I took the matter of poll tax collections up with Commissioner Dillon, who promised to begin work of collecting at once. No report has been received from him although about a month ago I telegraphed him asking him what he had done in connection therewith. Up to the present time probably ninety per cent of the poll taxes paid have been confined to southeastern Alaska. Some have been received from the Third judicial division, but none whatsoever from the Second or Fourth. This is a condition, not a theory, so far as these poll taxes are concerned and a great inequality has been

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worked because of the absolute indifference or wilful neglect of the commissioners in the Second and Fourth divisions.

I am enclosing herewith a reference blank for the admission of John Harniska of Douglas to the Pioneers' Home. He will present his application in person.

I will be glad to hear from you at any time. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Mr. C. E. Dunnell,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Honorable George R. Walker, United States District Attorney for the Third Judicial Division of Alaska, of date October 25th, with reference to the estate of Louis Camisia, deceased, of which I am informed you are attorney for the administrator. Mr. Walker informs me that under an act of Congress it is made the duty of the United States attorney to institute proceedings on behalf of the United States for the purpose of escheat, and under an act of the Territorial Legislature passed at its recent session, it is also made the duty of the United States attorney to act in this capacity. Manifestly the interests of the federal government and the territorial government in this case conflict and Mr. Walker is, therefore, not in a position to represent both sides on this question. He is of the opinion that the question should be raised in such a manner as to determine whether the property should escheat to the United States or the Territory. In order that the question may be properly raised and the interests of the Territory protected, I would ask that you appear for the Territory and file a complaint in intervention and take such other steps as you may deem advisable in the premises to protect the Territory's interest.

At this time I do not know of any available funds for the payment of your services, but I assume that some way will be found to recompense you, if not immediately, then at some future time. I am making this statement so that there may be no misconception of the situation. If you will assume this duty, be good enough to wire me upon receipt of this letter of your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable George R. Walker,
United States Attorney,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 25th with reference to the estate of Louis Camisia, deceased, whose estate was subject to escheat to the Government of the United States. In reply I wish to state that acting upon your suggestion I shall instruct Mr. C. E. Dummell of Valdez to file a complaint in intervention so that the interests of the Territory may be adequately represented.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, November 4, 1913. O. N. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

Honorable Key Pittman,

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C.

Replying your telegram partial normal conditions resumed at Nome. Still good many destitute, so far as can be learned here, and additional help needed to tide them over winter now upon them. Government appropriation of twenty thousand dollars would ensure necessary relief for destitute until next spring when they will be able to help themselves. Private subscriptions about fifteen thousand been received.

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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November 4, 1913.

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Honorable F. M. Sarton,
United States District Attorney,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 24th with reference to the appointment of Mr. G. A. Adams of Council as assistant district attorney. When I wrote you I did not know that you had already selected your assistant, but I had promised Mr. Adams to do what I could to assist him in obtaining that position.

I sincerely trust that your stay in the Second judicial division may be pleasant and that your administration will be as successful as you could desire. Judge King, whom I appreciate highly, had spoken of you a number of times and I was not surprised when I heard of your appointment to the Second judicial division.

I shall be pleased to co-operate with you in any way in the discharge of your duties, if I can be of service to you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1913.

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Hon. Conrad Weeding,
c/o The Arctic Club,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Senator:

I am enclosing herewith a letter of recommendation for your appointment as postmaster at Home to the Postmaster General, per your request of October 20th. I trust that it will be of some service to you.

I do not know what consideration the postmastership may be given inasmuch as the present incumbent has served only about a year. When I filed your application last spring I received, as I told you, a formal reply stating that there was no vacancy but that your application would be filed and given due consideration at the proper time, et cetera, which is the formal way of disposing of such matters. As you will be in Washington I would suggest that you endeavor to have a personal interview with Postmaster General Burleson, as in this way I think you will be able to accomplish a great deal more than you could otherwise. If I can be of any further service to you, please advise me.

I have not seen Mr. Cheney but will do so at once and ask him

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to forward his endorsement of your candidacy to the Postmaster General.

With best wishes, I am,

sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Mr. George W. Wheeler,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 18th with reference to forwarding papers in connection with the Wagner and Smith case, which was tried before Judge Fuller, to the Attorney-General. In reply I wish to advise you that I have this day transmitted these papers as desired by you.

Trusting that suitable action may be taken in the matter.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1913.

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Mr. Miller Freeman,
Editor, Pacific Fisherman,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 27th suggesting that I address a personal letter to the publishers and writers, whose names you enclosed in your favor, extending an invitation to each to make a trip of inspection to Alaska so that they will see and understand conditions for themselves. I have to thank you for your suggestion as I believe it might be productive of much good for the Territory, and I shall act upon it in the immediate future.

Thanking you for the interest you are taking in the welfare of the Territory, and congratulating you upon the excellence of your publication -- Pacific Fisherman --, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1915.

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Mr. G. F. Vradenburg,

President, Educational Film Company,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 29th with reference to motion picture publicity for Alaska at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. In reply I beg to advise you that I am now in correspondence with the Government Exhibit Board, at Washington, D. C., with reference to the appropriation that will be set aside for the purpose of enabling Alaska to make exhibits at the San Francisco Fair, and I will be unable to furnish you with the information which you desire until such time as the allotment of funds is made, which I hope will be in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1913.

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Mr. George W. White, Jr.,

Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring further to the subject matter of your letter of a recent date, I have to say that blue foxes are raised on the Pribilof Islands under the direction of agents of the Treasury Department. I have no information at my command, however, which enables me to inform you whether or not fox farming is systematically cultivated there. If you will write to the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., you will no doubt be able to obtain the necessary information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1913.

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Mr. E. R. Jordan,
United States Marshal,
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Marshal:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 18th with reference to conditions obtaining at Nome after the recent disaster that overtook the town. The reports that have reached this office have been of the most conflicting kind and at times it seemed utterly impossible to arrive at anything like a definite conclusion as to conditions there prevalent. When I telegraphed you for an official statement I did so for the purpose of transmitting it to Secretary of the Interior Lane, who had asked for an exact statement of those conditions and I, therefore, immediately telegraphed you so as to lay the conditions before him as coming from an authoritative source. I am glad to find that the situation is much better than even I surmised, but I notice by the newspapers that I have recently received that there is still likely to be considerable destitution in the town and along the coast and probably some relief will be necessary for a number of people during the winter months. I hope, however, that this is not true. In any event I think I know the people well enough to believe that there will be no actual suffering. Conditions after a disaster such as visited Nome are

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ever likely to be exaggerated and even those on the ground some times think they are worse than they really are. Through my instrumentality in Juneau we raised upwards of \$1800 for the relief of the Home sufferers, and in all other ways I have done my best to assist in relieving the situation.

Thanking you for the information contained in your letter,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 4, 1915.

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Mr. P. R. Van Cuyper,
Manager, Beatson Copper Co.,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 21st with reference to chapter 42, Territorial session laws, 1913, being an act to provide for the registration and restriction of communicable diseases in the Territory, et cetera. In reply I beg to advise you that the Assistant Health Commissioner for the Third Judicial division is Dr. W. H. Chase, whose address is Cordova.

With regard to your request for blank forms of returns pursuant to section 5 of said act, I regret to say that none have yet been prepared for the reason that the Legislature failed to make any appropriation for the printing of the necessary blanks and for the enforcement of the provisions of the law. Under this disability, however, we are doing the best we can in the hope that some way will be found to obtain the necessary means to render the law completely effective in all parts of the Territory.

Thanking you for the interest shown, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 5, 1913.

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The First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Sirs:

Enclosed herewith I hand you the sum of \$5.50 in cash, which I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Repayment to appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1914 account overcharge on voucher #1 October 20, 1913". Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

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Juneau, November 6, 1913. O. B.

Tucker, Judge.

Nome.

Replying telegram yourself and Jordan yesterday payment of fifty per cent contract price construction detention hospital Nome is approved.

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, November 6, 1913. O. B.

Iditarod Pioneer,
Iditarod, via mail from Nulato. ✓

Nome Nugget, NOME, ✓
Industrial Worker, NOME, ✓

Record-Citizen, Ruby, via mail from Melosi, ✓

Fairbanks Times, Fairbanks, ✓
Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, ✓
News-Miner, Fairbanks, ✓

Tanana News, Tanana. ✓

Governor Strong ^{on yesterday} ~~has today~~ issued a proclamation designating
Thursday, November twenty-seven, nineteen thirteen, a day of
Thanksgiving, in accordance with the proclamation of the President
and the time-honored custom of our nation.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to 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 6, 1913.

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Mr. George H. Henry,

Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Henry:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 19th in which you ask me to use any influence I may have with Judge Fuller to persuade him to look on Mr. Dehn's mistake in connection with the contempt case, in which you were the defendant, in a reasonable manner. In reply I may say that it is a somewhat delicate matter to suggest to a United States Judge what course he should or should not pursue. I have no doubt, however, that Judge Fuller will take a lenient view of the mistake, which was no doubt wholly unintentional.

Hoping that the matter may be adjusted in a satisfactory manner, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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Mr. Phil Holland,

c/o Sheriff's Office,

Seattle, Washington.

My dear Phil:

In reply to your letter of recent date with reference to securing an appointment as deputy marshal in the Third judicial division under Marshal Bremman, I have to say that sometime ago I forwarded your name to Mr. Bremman for his consideration. As yet I have received no reply from him, but shall write him again.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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Mr. John D. De Fries,
804 Virginia Street,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. De Fries:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 31st with reference to the suspension of the annual assessment work on mining claims on Seward Peninsula owned by persons who suffered heavy losses in the recent destructive storm at Nome. In reply I wish to state that I am in full sympathy with the proposed object and shall be pleased to render what assistance I can in order to secure the desired result. I understand that Representative Johnson of Washington has now a bill in Congress having for its object the remission of the annual assessment work for the current year. I shall take up the matter with Congressman Johnson and give the bill my recommendation.

Today I received the following telegram from Senator Pittman:

"I introduced in Senate today bill relieving claim owners from assessment work for this year on Seward Peninsula. An satisfied bill will pass."

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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Mrs. G. A. Adams,
United States Commissioner,
Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo giving information with regard to one Charles Hammond in response to a newspaper inquiry published by this office relative to a man of that name. I wish to thank you for your prompt response and for the information which you have given. The same is being transmitted to the person who requested this office to assist in locating the man in question.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 6, 1915.

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The Trades Press Service,

50 Pine Street,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the 20th ultimo I beg to advise that there is no publication issued by this Territory giving details of charters granted to new corporations. All corporations organized or doing business in the Territory are required to file articles with the Secretary of the Territory at Juneau, and it is possible that the information which you desire could be obtained from time to time from that office. It is suggested that you communicate with Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Surveyor-General and ex officio Secretary of Alaska at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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The Commanding Officer,
Rock Island Arsenal,
Rock Island, Illinois.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is statement of ordnance stores purchased, dated July 28, 1913, and covering target spotters furnished upon requisition of this office for the Tanana Rifle Club, Fairbanks, Alaska. The statement has been signed by the Governor and is returned for your record.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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Mrs. Catherin O'Brien,
202 Clinton St.,
Napoleon, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your inquiry of August 12th last relative to the whereabouts of Mr. Charles Hammond, I beg to advise that this office is in receipt of information from the United States Commissioner at Council, Alaska, to the effect that a man named Charles Hammond died in Council in August, 1912. He was about 55 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 in height, and of Swedish or German birth. He had been around the town of Council since 1905, but nothing appears to be known of his previous life or places of residence. It is possible that the Charles Hammond referred to in the Commissioner's letter was the same man of whom you made inquiry.

The town of Council is a small settlement situated about 100 miles northeast of Nome in the Seward Peninsula, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 7, 1913. O. B.

W. J. Erskine,

Kodiak, via U.S. Wireless from Cordova.

Telegram received. Have taken up matter with Department Interior, by wire.

STRONG, Governor.

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, November 7, 1913. O. B.

Marshal Brenneman,

Valdez.

Telegram received and I have taken up matter with Department Interior by wire. Will advise you as to result.

BTRONO, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 8, 1913. O B

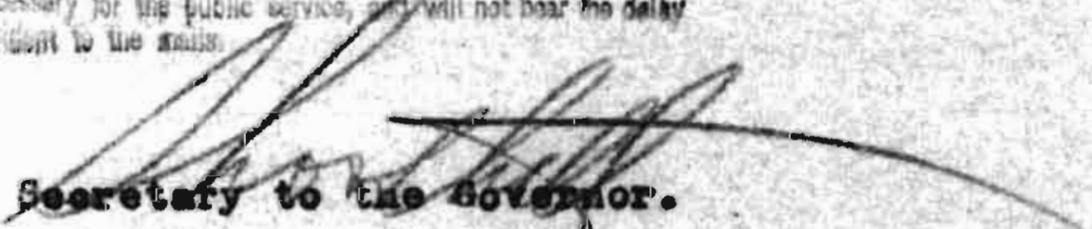
Brenneman, U. S. Marshal,

Valdez.

Secretary Interior wires this office today as follows, quote: Commissioner Education has ordered Dr. Krulish and two bureau education physicians to stricken district and co-operation revenue cutter service in suppressing epidemic has been requested.

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, November 8, 1913. O B

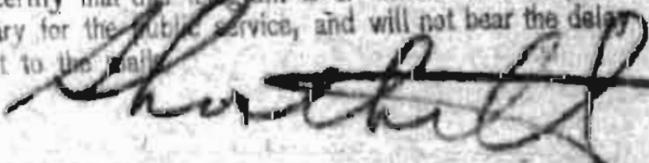
W. J. Erskine,

Kodiak, via U. S. Wireless from Cordova.

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revenue cutter service in suppressing epidemic has been requested.

STRONG, Governor.

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incident to the mail.


Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU NOVEMBER 8, 1913. O. B.

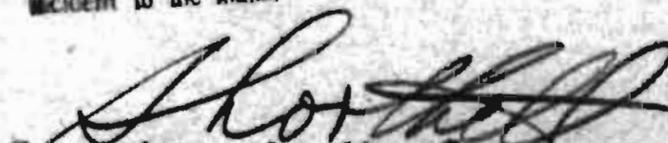
Asst. Health Commissioner Chase,

Cordova.

Secretary Interior wires this office today as follows, quote:
Commissioner Education has ordered Dr. Krulish and two bureau
education physicians to stricken district and co-operation
revenue cutter service in suppressing epidemic has been requested.
End quote.

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.


Secretary to the Governor.

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November 9, 1918.

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Mr. Arch'd H. Huston,

Secretary of Ohio Good Roads Federation,

515 Hartman Building,

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 29th
ultime with which you enclosed honorary membership card 4015 issued to
the Honorable John F. A. Strong, the present Governor, and honorary
membership card 4014 issued to myself. Permit me to thank you most
sincerely for the courtesy which you have extended to the Governor and *to*

me.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 8, 1918.

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Mrs. Inge Kivafy,

Director General, Anglo-American Exposition,

Woolworth Building,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of October in which you state that the Executive Committee at their meeting on the 7th of October fixed the 23rd day of October, 1914, as the special fête day in honor of the Territory of Alaska at the Anglo-American Exposition in London, 1914. In reply I have the honor to suggest that the day be changed from October 23rd to October 18th, the latter being the anniversary of the day that Alaska was purchased from Russia by the United States.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 8, 1913.

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Hon. Arthur G. Shoup,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Shoup:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a decision rendered by the Comptroller of the Treasury relative to the enforcement of the laws passed by the Alaska Legislature for your information. You will notice that the Comptroller holds that the Territory in enforcing any of the laws of the Legislature is on the same footing as a private individual or corporation who brings any action in the federal courts, and that the fees and expenses must first be collected from the Territory before any services are performed. This decision, which I believe to be eminently unfair and unsound, places the Territory in a most equivocal position, as under it United States marshals or other federal officers will make no move in the enforcement of the Territorial laws unless fees are guaranteed.

There have been three or four prosecutions under the Territorial laws by federal officers and I assume that when these settlements are scrutinized by the Auditor of State and Other Departments that they will be disallowed. It will then be in order to appeal from the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which probably will be two or three months. Until this is done it seems to me that we are effectually

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stopped from going ahead and making further attempts to collect taxes
under the laws.

As soon as you have read the decision kindly give me the
benefit of your opinion thereon.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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November 8, 1913.

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Mr. Rexford Pearce,

Box 473,

Newport, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Immigration office at Ketchikan, Alaska, having reference to the agricultural possibilities of Alaska, has been referred to this office for reply. Under separate enclosure I am forwarding you two pamphlets which you may find of some service to you in furnishing you the desired information.

Speaking generally nearly every kind of vegetable grows well in Alaska and such grains as rye and oats are raised in the interior country. There is very little cleared land in Alaska and I am not familiar with prices asked, but it may be stated that they are reasonable. The opportunities for getting good homesteads are excellent, but the land is mostly covered with a heavy growth of timber, however. Should you desire further information as to what agricultural lands may be available for entry, you should write to the Surveyor-General at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 6, 1913.

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Dr. G. C. Knute,
Secretary, Board of Dental Examiners,
Douglas, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I understand that you are about to leave the Territory for a period of several months and in this connection I wish to inquire what steps have you taken, if any, to see that the work of the board is not impeded or delayed during your absence?

I have not received any official information as to what the Board of Dental Examiners had accomplished in the way of carrying out the provisions of the act of the Territorial Legislature creating said board. Section 11 of that act provides, among other things, that the board shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the Governor of the Territory for the year ending December 31, said report to be filed with the Governor on or before the third day of January of each year.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 19, 1915.

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Mr. W. F. Wakeman,

Treasurer and General Secretary.

The American Protective Tariff League,

339 Broadway.

New York City.

Dear Sir:

As per the request contained in your letter of the 29th
ultimo I enclose herewith copy of the 1915 Thanksgiving Proclamation
of the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 10, 1915.

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J. Lindley Green, Esq.,
Attorney-at-law,
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the Governor, making application for appointment as a notary public and enclosing a draft in the sum of \$10.00 payable to the Governor and approved notarial bond. The bond is herewith returned for the reason that the surety failed to sign the oath form thereon. This will necessitate the execution of a new bond and will probably result in some delay in the issuance of your commission, as the bond will have to be approved by the clerk of the court and returned to this office before the commission can be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 10, 1913.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith the application of Lee Van Slyke of Susitna, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, together with post office money order in the sum of \$10.00 and approved bond.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

encls.

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November 10, 1915.

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Mr. John Thomson,

Department of Public Documents,

Free Library of Philadelphia,

17th and Spring Garden Streets,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 25th ultimo there is being sent to you under separate cover a copy of the message of the Governor of Alaska to the first Legislative Assembly of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 10, 1913.

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Mr. C. T. Avey,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your letter of November 4th transmitting information relative to the whereabouts of one James Scofield, inquiries for whom have been made by this office. I shall communicate the information thus furnished to Mr. Scofield's relatives.

Again thanking you for your favor, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. V. J. Dwyer,

Strelas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 1st I am transmitting under separate cover a copy of the law relating to banking passed by the Alaska Legislature at its recent session. Bound copies of all the act passed by the Legislature may be procured from the Secretary of the Territory on payment of \$5.00 per copy.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 10, 1913.

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Hon. Arthur C. Shoup,

Supt., Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Shoup:

I am enclosing herewith the application of Joshua Tiffany Brereton, of Valdez, for admission to the Pioneers' Home. Mr. Brereton is suffering from a dislocated shoulder and will need some medical attention. I do not know what arrangements you have made for medical attention for the inmates of the home, but presume that something has been done to insure them such medical attention as they may require.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 10, 1913.

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Honorable L. T. Erwin,
United States Marshal,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 21st with reference to the bills of R. T. Englebrecht, Times Publishing Co., and the News-Miner, amounting to \$297.25, expenses incurred under Marshal Love in connection with the detention hospital at Fairbanks. In reply I have to state that the explanation seems to be entirely satisfactory and the amount has been certified for payment to the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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U. S. SIGNAL CORPS.

TELEGRAM.

JUNEAU NOVEMBER 11, 1913. O. B.

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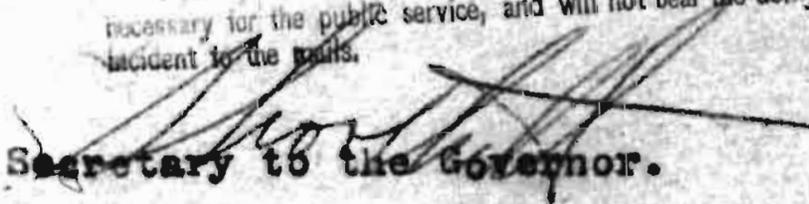
J. Lindley Green,

Seward.

Notarial bond being returned on Mariposa account affidavit of surety not signed by him. New bond will be required, and commission will issue soon as approved bond received.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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November 12, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Please quote us your prices on your #3640, #1 Manila catalog envelopes, 40 lb. stock, size #2, dimensions 6½ x 10, as follows:

- 1st. Price for 1,000 envelopes plain.
- 2nd. Price for 1,000 envelopes with printing thereon as shown on sample herewith enclosed.

Our purpose in obtaining these prices separately is to determine whether it is cheaper to have the envelopes printed in Juneau or in Seattle. Our order will be for 1,000 envelopes in either case.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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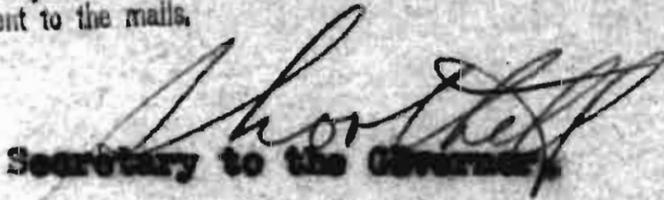
Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 12, 1913, O. B. Gov't Night Rate Paid.

O. L. Dickson, 1016 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.

**Believe Fairbanks should not be closed as a part of entry. Interior
country needs more transportation facilities and competition arising
therefrom.**

J. P. A. 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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November 12, 1915.

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Dr. Henry Waldo Coe,
516 Selling Building,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Doctor:

I have to thank you for your letter of November 1st with reference to the cases of Kente Hestness and Dr. Chambers. I am not surprised to learn that the latter is rapidly falling. When I saw him in Rome I concluded that he was in a bad way and probably would not live very long.

I note what you say with regard to the visit of United States Marshal Erwin, of Fairbanks, ^{and} I have no doubt that he was pleased with the conduct of your institution. I also note that the number of patients is increasing quite rapidly.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 22, 1913.

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F. W. Temple, D. D. S.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 8th addressed to Dr. George C. Haulte, Secretary, Board of Dental Examiners for Alaska, has been referred to this office. For your enlightenment I have to advise you that the Board of Dental Examiners for Alaska was appointed under the provisions of an act of the Territorial Legislature, being "An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the Territory of Alaska, and to provide for the examination, regulation, licensing and registration of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry and for the punishment of offenders against this act". This law went into effect on July 29th of the present year.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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November 12, 1913.

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Hon. F. R. Bronson,
United States Marshal,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing accounts to this office from United States Commissioner John H. Brownlee, of Nunami, in the case of the Territory of Alaska versus Charles Marsh for violation of the health laws, which you state under a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury dated October 4, 1913, you are prohibited from paying. I have a copy of this decision and of course I fully understand that you are estopped by it from paying the costs alleged to have been incurred. In reply, however, I have to state that the Territory is without funds for the payment of such costs, the Legislature having made no provision therefor and unless the Comptroller's decision be reversed, these costs cannot be liquidated unless by special act of the Legislature when it shall again meet.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 12, 1918.

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Honorable L. T. Erwin,
United States Marshal,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

With reference to the paragraph in your letter of October 21st in which you state that you are not quite clear as to just what steps should be taken in regard to buying the furniture for the detention hospital when the time comes, as no two firms in Fairbanks carry the same class of furniture, thus making it ^{almost} impossible to call for bids, your proposed plan to purchase the desired furniture from the different firms without competitive bids after securing their ^{very} best prices therefor seems to me to be the only way to meet the situation. Of course, you are aware that the total appropriation of \$12,500 for construction and equipment of the hospital must not be exceeded.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 12, 1913.

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Mr. Alex. Friedolin,

Clerk of the School Board, Afognak School District,

Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 14th with reference to laws enacted by the Alaska Legislature, particularly with reference to those pertaining to education, school districts, duties of school boards, et cetera. In reply I have to state that I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the acts relating to compulsory education and the registration and restriction of communicable diseases in the Territory, which I hope may be of some service to you. Bound copies containing all the laws passed by the Legislature may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Territory, Juneau, and upon payment of \$5.00.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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November 12, 1918.

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Dr. W. H. Chase,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6th with reference to the case of Jim Grey, whom you say is in destitute circumstances and who would be a worthy applicant for admission to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka. I am enclosing blank application for his admission to said home, as from your statements I judge that he is entirely eligible. There is no fund available from the Territory for the cost of transportation of Mr. Grey from Cordova to Sitka, but this matter might be taken up with Honorable Fred N. Brown, Judge of the District Court at Valdez, who might make the necessary appropriation from the Alaska Indigent Fund, provided it is not exhausted.

The home is rapidly filling up and judging by the present rate of increase its capacity will soon be taxed to the limit. If Mr. Grey should decide to enter the home upon his departure write me enclosing his application for admission and I will attend further to the matter.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

encl.

Governor.

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November 15, 1913.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska.

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith letter of October 23rd from J. Lindley Green, Esquire, of Seward, Alaska, making application for reappointment as a notary public, together with draft in the sum of \$10.00 to cover the legal fee for the commission. The notarial bond which accompanied the application has been returned to Mr. Green for the reason that the surety on the bond failed to sign the affidavit form thereon. Mr. Green has been advised that it will be necessary to execute a new bond and that his commission will be issued as soon as the approved bond has been received.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 13, 1918.

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Dr. W. M. Chase,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6th with reference to the measles epidemic at Kodiak and Afognak, and enclosing a letter received by you from Dr. Silverman of the former place. On the 8th instant I wired you as follows:

"Secretary Interior wires this office today as follows, quote: Commissioner Education has ordered Dr. Krulish and two bureau education physicians to stricken district and co-operation revenue cutter service in suppressing epidemic has been requested. End quote."

I am now informed that the revenue cutter Tahama has already left for Kodiak and Afognak taking with it the necessary supplies for the relief of the situation. I presume also that physicians are on board the revenue cutter.

I desire at this time to call your attention to the fact that while the Territorial Legislature passed an act with relation to the prevention of communicable diseases, quarantine, et cetera, and establishing a health commission, no appropriation was made for the enforcement of the act. As you will readily understand this renders it practically inoperative in many cases, that is to say, where moral suasion cannot be used in enforcing quarantine, without funds we are

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unable to give full effect to the law. In this respect you will please govern yourself accordingly. For the same reason this office has been unable to formulate printed rules and regulations in connection with the act, nor has it been able to furnish any official stationery, this being the reason you have not received any heretofore. I am endeavoring, however, to devise some means by which at least stationery supplies can be furnished the different assistant health commissioners.

Thanking you for your activity and the interest you manifest,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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November 13, 1913.

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Captain W. A. Gonnell,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

My dear Captain:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 29th with reference to your candidacy for the position of Collector of Customs for Alaska. In reply I wish to advise you that officially I have declined to endorse any of the numerous candidates for that position, unless requested to do so by the Treasury Department. Sometime ago, however, before I had heard of any other candidates for this position I gave Mr. W. W. Casey, of Juneau, a personal letter and this is the only action I have taken in this matter.

If the Treasury Department should refer the matter of your candidacy to me, I will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 13, 1913.

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Mr. S. A. Thompson,

Secretary, National Rivers and Harbors Congress,

824 Colorado Building,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 30th, together with a copy of the proceedings of the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, for which I thank you. With reference to your suggestion that I appoint delegates to the Tenth Annual Convention, which is to be held in your city on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December, I have to say that the distance is so great between Alaska and the National Capital and the time is so limited that it will not be practicable for me to appoint delegates at this time.

With best wishes for a successful convention, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 15, 1918.

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Mr. H. C. Horn,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Horn:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 15th with reference to your obtaining a position as watchman, janitor, fireman or attendant at the detention hospital for the insane at Fairbanks. In reply I have to advise you that that hospital is under the sole direction of the United States Marshal for the Fourth Judicial division and you should file your application with him. As United States Marshal Erwin is now in the States I will take up the matter with him should I be able to see him on his way to Fairbanks.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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on their cars awaiting for the Territory to make the next move. In the meantime we are considering what can be done but the outlook is not at all hopeful at the present time.

I believe that the relief granted by the Territory to Mrs. Erussard will be supplemented by an appropriation from Judge Brown of the District Court.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 13, 1913.

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Hon. Robt. D. Gray.

Katalla, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Under the act for the relief of destitution in Alaska, passed by the Territorial Legislature at its recent session, I have appropriated the sum of \$100.00 for the relief of Mrs. F. J. Erussard of your town, the need of such relief having been duly certified by yourself, G. C. Britton and Julius Thompson, together with an affidavit from Mrs. Erussard. I would have been pleased to have made this allowance larger but the state of the Territorial exchequer will not permit it. In fact taxes are coming in very very slowly and the outlook for further collections is not particularly bright at this time.

An advance opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury, a copy of which I am forwarding you herewith, estops the Territory from bringing suit for the collection of taxes or other purposes unless the costs are guaranteed by the Territory. The Territory has no funds for this purpose, no appropriation whatsoever having been made by the Legislature. While I believe that the decision of the Comptroller is bad, that is the condition which confronts us. As soon as some items of cost have been disallowed by the Auditor of State and Other Departments, an appeal will be made from the decision of the Comptroller, but with what result cannot be predicted. Those who should pay taxes are therefore resting

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on their case awaiting for the Territory to make the next move. In the meantime we are considering what can be done but the outlook is not at all hopeful at the present time.

I believe that the relief granted by the Territory to Mrs. Erussard will be supplemented by an appropriation from Judge Brown of the District Court.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 13, 1913.

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Dr. R. B. Myers,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On the 3rd of June last you were appointed a member of the Board of Dental Examiners for the Fourth judicial division, Alaska, under an act passed at the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature. This office has not yet received your formal acceptance of the office, nor has your oath of office been filed as required under the act. Kindly notify this office of your acceptance or declination of this appointment. Should you accept forward your oath of office that it may be placed on file.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 13, 1915.

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Mrs. P. J. Erussard,
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am transmitting herewith a warrant on the Territorial Treasury for \$100.00, which has been granted for your relief in compliance with your affidavit of October 25th and that of Robert D. Gray, G. C. Britton and Julius Thompson of Katalla, Alaska. I regret that the amount is not larger but the state of the Territorial Treasury will not permit a larger appropriation at this time.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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P. S. Please sign and return to this office the receipt form which accompanies the warrant.

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November 14, 1915.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known the bearer, Mr. E. J. Hickey, for the past 15 years, during all of which time I have found him to be a man of integrity. He is active and industrious, and I believe would faithfully discharge all duties that he might undertake, or which might be imposed in him. For many years Mr. Hickey was engaged in mining and prospecting in the Seward Peninsula country, where he enjoyed the respect of all those who knew him.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 14, 1913. O. B.

Dr. Chase, Ass't Health Commissioner, Cordova.

Telegram received. Territory has no funds to enforce quarantine and
expense cannot be authorized. Federal government should assume liability.
Am writing you fully.

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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November 14, 1913.

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Mr. Charles E. Davidson,

Territorial Registrar of Vital Statistics,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I send you herewith a report of deaths attended by the Valdez Undertaking Company during the period from February 22, 1911, to September 26, 1913, inclusive. This report was sent to this office sometime ago by Mr. William H. Caswell of Valdez, who is a member of the company in question, and a copy of his letter of transmittal is attached to the report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Union Envelope Co.

Richmond, Virginia.

Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 182 of this date
payment to your order in the sum of \$1.10 covering your bill of September 17
last for 975 envelopes, printed, furnished to this office upon order of
the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. Signed voucher for
this amount was recently received from you through the Interior Department.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 14, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher covering the items of stationery furnished to this office as per your bill of the 4th instant. Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company and return the same to this office, whereupon a check in payment of the account will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 15, 1913.

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Hon. Arthur G. Sheep,

Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Sheep:

I have your letter of November 13th and have carefully noted its contents. The situation with regard to the enforcement of the Territorial laws so that revenue may be raised to meet current expenses is indeed an unusual one -- a situation which probably never confronted any other territory in the history of this republic. I believe that the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, a copy of which I forwarded to you, is absolutely bad and I do not believe that it will stand the test of an appeal provided a proper presentation of the case be made. How best to do this is a matter that must be worked out. I agree with you that as to the intent of Congress when it passed the organic act creating the Territory of Alaska, but the interpretations given to that act by men who are neither familiar with the operation of Territorial laws, and I think I may say many others extra territorial, have practically put us out of business so far as the enforcement of the collection of taxes is concerned. This is a condition and not a theory by which we are confronted. While not disheartened, I am completely disgusted. In the meantime I am waiting for a promised

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opinion on the laws from the Attorney General of the United States. Perhaps he will take a more liberal view of the situation, but of this I am not at all sure.

With reference to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, I do not wonder that you do not like the job of being superintendent, but for heaven's sake stay with it and give your valuable assistance in pulling it through the crisis which is confronting us. I fully appreciate the fact that your services have been invaluable and I am frank to say that the success thus far achieved is largely attributable to you. You suggest that we had better shut down on admitting any more patients and it seems to me that this will be a vital necessity unless we can see the road clear for the securing of more money for the maintenance of the Home. There are now three men in town from Nome waiting transportation to Sitka, and there is probably another one at Cordova who will be an applicant for admission. These are all that I know of at the present time. These men have arrived with their applications for admission duly signed, so far as I know, and there was nothing to do but send them along. Will you be kind enough to inform me at your earliest convenience the number of inmates now in the Home. As I stated in a previous letter I do not believe that it was the intent of the Territorial Legislature to provide a hospital for the incapacitated pioneers, I mean those who were unable to help themselves; it is in no sense a hospital and should not be used as such. But what are we to do? In admitting inmates unable to take care of themselves the expenses of the Home are largely increased and will continue to increase if the halt, the lame and the blind continue to be admitted without question. But again I ask what are we to do? Can we

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afford to refuse such men admittance? If you will write me suggesting that no more be admitted, I will act upon your suggestion, and in this connection, of course, it will be necessary to consult the other members of the board and get their views upon the advisability of adopting such a course.

With reference to the use of the appropriation for destitute persons for the support of the Home, it seems to me that we might use a substantial portion of it for that purpose, but even that fund will depend upon the success that we have in collecting taxes. The cost of maintaining such a semblance of Territorial government as we have must first be made and the residue then might be available for the other purposes mentioned. Up to the present time only \$100 has been paid out of the Indigent Fund for the relief of destitution, that amount having been appropriated for a destitute widow and seven children at Kotalla, and probably about \$25 for another destitute family here in Juneau. While one can never tell what demands may be made upon this fund somehow I do not believe they will be very extensive, but of that I may be entirely mistaken. It appears to me that there are more destitute persons in Alaska than I, or perhaps you, ever anticipated.

I also find that there is a tendency on the part of some to look upon the Home as a good place to spend a vacation. Not long since a man from the interior visited this office and stated that while he had money he believed that as he was a pioneer of the country he would like to spend a few months over at the Home and save his own pocket, or words to that effect. I questioned him about his health and he admitted that

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it was very good, but you can believe that I did not encourage him to become a pensionary upon the Territory.

I wish that you could come over some time, if it would not inconvenience you too much, so that we could talk over this whole situation. I am doing the best I can to meet all questions as they arise, but like yourself I sometimes feel very much discouraged and this job of being Governor under the circumstances holds out very few allurments to me.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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November 17, 1913.

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Mrs. Bernard E. Handlon,
756 East 40th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to your letters of August 20th and 26th last advising that you are in a position to give information in reference to Katherine Doyle. I enclose herewith copy of a letter received by this office on the 11th instant from the United States Attorney at Fairbanks, Alaska, which is in response to a letter addressed to him on this subject. Perhaps it might be well for you to communicate with Julius L. Baldwin, Attorney-at-law, Seattle, Washington; Commissioner George W. Albrecht, Iditarod, Alaska; or with Attorney A. E. Kalby, of Iditarod, who was appointed administrator of the estate of John Coyle, deceased.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 18, 1913.

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The Portland Academy,

Portland, Oregon.

Sirs:

There have recently been committed to the care of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First judicial division of Alaska (S. E. Alaska) by the juvenile court, two girls, one 12 and the other 14 years of age. The Board desires to send the girls away to school and is making inquiry to that end. The girls, whose mother died nine years ago, have until two weeks ago been cared for by an aged grandmother, with whom they and their father lived. The grandmother died last week, and as the father is an habitual drunkard and not fit to have the care and custody of the children, they were committed to the care of the Board above mentioned, which consists of the Judge of the U. S. District court for this division, the U. S. Marshal, and one woman member who is a resident of Juneau. A deputy marshal, who is enroute to Portland with an insane patient for the Morningside asylum, has instructions to inquire as to schools in Portland and Seattle. Independently of the Board's inquiries I write, at the suggestion of friends who have told me of your school, to inquire as to requirements for admission, cost of room, board, tuition and all other expenses incident to attendance upon the Academy, also as to the advantages of-

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ferred in an educational, moral and religious way. The girls in question are regular attendants of the Presbyterian church of Juneau. They prefer going to a Portland school if it can be arranged, since they have an uncle living there.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly reply to this letter by return mail, as otherwise the information desired may not arrive in time to be of service when the Board is considering the various schools which it has investigated or heard from. I shall be pleased to communicate the contents of your letter to the Board immediately upon receipt thereof. My excuse for writing is that I have had something to do with the case as a friend of the girls, and I am interested in seeing them placed in a good school and one which will offer something more than merely educational advantages.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. The younger girl is in the 7th grade and the elder one is in the first year of high school, both attending the Juneau public schools.

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November 18, 1913.

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Hill & Wettrick,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant in reference to an unpaid bill of your firm in the sum of \$50.00 which has been undisposed of since December, 1911, the same covering services in connection with condemnation proceedings, which were instituted some three years ago to secure a site for the Executive Mansion at Juneau.

Under date of March 22 last at the instance of your Mr. Hill, Governor Clark addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., requesting information as to the disposition of this bill. Under date of April 3rd following the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury replied stating that the voucher for the \$50.00 in question "was referred to the Department of Justice under date of December 29, 1911, for payment from an appropriation under the control of that Department". This office was unofficially advised at the time Governor Clark wrote to the Treasury Department in March last that the Department of Justice had communicated with the United States District Attorney at Juneau with reference to your bill. It is suggested that you take the matter up with the District Attorney and if he is unable to give you definite or satisfactory information with reference to the present status of the claim, the

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Governor will then be pleased to communicate with the Department of Justice in reference to it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 19, 1918.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith an unsigned letter from Senator Henry Roden written on behalf of Mr. H. Donnelley of Iditarod, Alaska, who desires to be appointed a notary public, the letter being accompanied by \$10.00 in currency to cover the legal fee for the commission and an approved notarial bond. Should you deem it advisable to advise Mr. Donnelley by telegraph of the issuance of his commission, the telegram should, I believe, be sent to Nulato and via mail from there.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

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Juneau, November 19, 1913, O. B.

Gen. F. Warren, Special Agent, U. S. Marshal's Office, Seattle.

Papers in Kodoff extradition case just received do not indicate state in which he has taken refuge. Upon what Governor should request be made?

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



November 19, 1913.

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Mr. Harry Van Praag,
1805 Kenway Parkway,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Honorable Walter E. Clark (who retired from the office of Governor on May 30 last), and in response thereto it is suggested that you communicate with the following concerns in southeastern Alaska:

Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell, Alaska.

Alaska Junco Gold Mining Co., Junco, Alaska.

Alaska Gastineau Mining Co. " "

White Pass & Yukon Route, Seward, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

November 19, 1913.

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Mr. Charles W. Thornton,
Secretary, Igloo No. 1, Pioneers of Alaska,
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 31st enclosing copy of resolutions adopted by Igloo No. 1 in regard to an "ice-breaking revenue cutter". In reply I have to state that I shall be pleased to further the project in every legitimate way.

Kindly convey my regards to all the members of your Igloo and with best wishes for your and its continued success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Governor.

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November 19, 1913.

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Mr. Charles J. Heene,

656 Ashbury Street,

San Francisco, California.

My dear Charlie:

Your letter of November 10th is at hand and contents noted. I have received a number of letters from Home, all to the effect that the old town got a pretty good washing down, but I understand that it is in fair shape once more and I sincerely trust that it will be a long time before the people shall have another such experience.

With regard to the postmastership at Saint Michael, it will afford me much pleasure to recommend you for appointment. I suppose, however, you do not wish the appointment until the opening of navigation next spring. Let me hear from you as upon this point, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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November 19, 1913.

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Mr. E. C. Austin,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 12th with reference to the building of a road or approach to the town of Ketchikan on the westward adjoining the townsite of said town, which you state is known as Charcoal Precinct and in which there reside at least 150 people. In reply I have to advise you that there are at present in the hands of the Territorial Treasurer certain monies received from the Forest Service to be used for the purpose of constructing roads and trails within the National Forest Reservations and for the support of schools. If you will forward me a petition signed by the residents of Charcoal Precinct and others setting forth the need of such road, together with an estimate of its cost, I shall be pleased to consider the application. I presume that the work could not be done during the winter season. Of this, however, I am not sure but shall await your further communication upon the matter.

I am sorry I did not have the privilege of meeting you while in Ketchikan recently. I may say that many years ago I met your uncle, then Congressman Amos J. Cummings, and whom I esteem very highly indeed.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 20, 1913.

Hon. Charles E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:

Referring to the application of J. Lindley Green, Esq., of Seward, Alaska, for reappointment as a notary public, which was forwarded to you on the 13th instant with draft for fee, I now enclose the bond, which has been duly signed by the surety and is in proper form. When the bond was returned to Mr. Green he was requested to have a new one executed, but as that would have resulted in considerable more delay, he had the surety (who had already actually taken the oath) sign the oath form on the bond and has returned it with the request that it be accepted and the commission issued. Since the law has been substantially complied with it is believed that the commission may now issue.

Will you kindly advise Mr. Green by wire as soon as the commission has been issued?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 20, 1913.

Mr. J. Lindley Green,
Attorney at Law,
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant with returned bond, which has been signed by the surety. It is not desired to enter into a discussion of the legal phases of the question as to the signing of an affidavit form. Suffice it to say that this office does not deem it advisable to encourage carelessness in such matters, and as a general rule it would be insisted that a new bond be executed; but since it is evident that considerable delay would have been occasioned in your case beyond what has already resulted from the return of the bond to you and its remailing to this office, it has been decided to waive the objections and permit the bond to stand. The Secretary of the Territory, to whom the bond has been this day transmitted, has been requested to wire you as soon as the commission has been issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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U. S. SIGNAL CORPS.

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JUNEAU NOVEMBER 20, 1913. O. B.

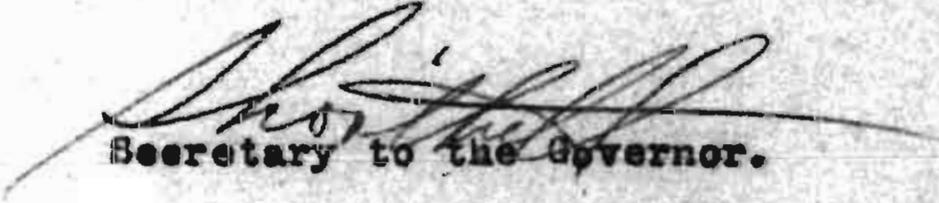
Tucker, Judge,

NOME.

You and Marshal Jordan are hereby authorized to make final settlement with contractor for construction Nome detention hospital for insane as per your joint telegram of yesterday.

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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TELEGRAM.

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Wassa, Nov. 20, 1913. O. B.

Thomas Gaffney, Home.

Your letters received. Did you not get my letter of October fifteenth?

Strong, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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November 20, 1913.

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The United States Attorney,

Nome, Alaska.

Sir:

On the 19th instant this office received your office letter of October 31st, with the three sets of papers therein mentioned in connection with the extradition of George Kodoff. As the letter did not advise upon whom the request for extradition should be made by this office, a telegram was sent to Special Agent Joseph F. Warren, at Seattle, asking if he could advise upon this point. His reply, received today, states that the requisition should be made upon the Governor of California, and I am therefore addressing the request to the Governor of that State, and am appointing Mr. Warren as special agent in the case. The papers go to Mr. Warren at Seattle in the first mail.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 20, 1913.

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Mr. Joseph P. Warren,
Special Agent,
Care U. S. Marshal's Office,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the United States Attorney for the Second judicial division I send you herewith extradition papers in duplicate, duly certified, with requisition upon the Governor of the State of California, and commission appointing you as special agent in the case, in connection with the indictment and extradition of George Kodoff.

As the United States Attorney's letter did not advise upon whom the request for extradition should be made, I wired you on yesterday asking for information on that point, and upon receipt of your reply have addressed the requisition to the Governor of the State of California as you suggest.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the papers.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 21, 1913.

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Underwood Typewriter Co.,
616 Third Ave.,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly forward to this office as soon as possible the rod on which the shift-lock is put. This is for a No. 5 machine and if your Mr. Halvey is still in Seattle he will tell you just exactly what is desired.

Herewith is inclosed a blank voucher which please have signed by some authorized officer of your company and returned in the enclosed franked envelope.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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U. S. SIGNAL CORPS.

TELEGRAM.

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Juneau, November 22, 1913. O. B.

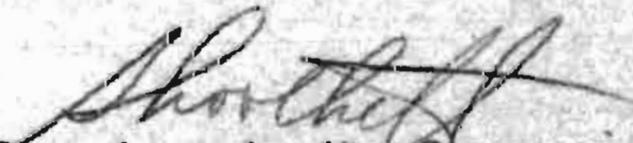
A. G. Shoup, Supt. Pioneers' Home,

BITKA.

Think it advisable if Loud is insane to have him committed to
Morningside.

STRONG, Governor.

This telegram is on official business, and
may be for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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November 22, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:

Please send this office the following supplies, which have been selected from your 1911 catalog:

- Pg. 67 - 1 only Eureka Tariff File, size of sheet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12
- "191 - 2 only #6 Twine Holders, Japanned finish, diam. 4 in.
- " " - 1 ball of white twine, Cotton, 12 ply.
- " " - 1 ball of flax twine, 8 ea., No. 120.
- " 216 - 1 Gem calendar pad, without frame, for year 1914.
- " 19 - 2 only No. T-10 legal blank cases, complete.

Ship by freight, and mark and charge to Governor's Office, Juneau, Alaska. Enclosed is a blank voucher which you may use in lieu of a bill, having same signed by an officer of your company. If any of the above items are not in stock, please place on back order and ship balance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

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Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 22, 1913, O. B. via mail from Nulato.

Ira F. Wood, Iditarod, Alaska.

Have endorsed no one for postmaster Iditarod. Shall not interfere. Address
direct postmaster general.

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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November 22, 1913.

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Dr. H. F. Hall,
Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo with enclosed copies of telegrams with reference to health matters in your division. Permit me to commend you for the work that you have done, all of which I fully appreciate.

With regard to your request for blank forms, etc., I have to state for your information that while the Territorial Legislature passed a very good health and quarantine law a serious mistake was made of not providing any funds for its administration. I have, therefore, been unable to have either the necessary forms printed or the regulations formulated, as required by the law. You will see the position in which I am placed and the position in which every Assistant Health Commissioner of the Territory is also placed. While the law contemplates that the costs of prosecution entailed in the enforcement of the law shall be paid by the Federal Government a recent decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury directs the United States Marshals and others not to begin any proceedings under the law unless the costs shall be guaranteed by the Territory. The Territorial Legislature made no provision for such

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guarantee or such payments of costs, nor is there any money available for that purpose, and unless we can secure a reversal of the opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which is doubtful, this and other laws will be practically inoperative until the Legislature shall again meet and make the necessary appropriations for the enforcement of their acts. The situation is an extremely annoying one, but it is a condition and not a theory by which we are confronted.

It may be possible that later on I can devise some means by which sufficient funds can be obtained for the printing of blank forms and regulations in connection with the health and sanitation law and if this can be done, I shall promptly transmit to you the necessary forms.

I note that you say that recently there were two cases of measles and one of typhoid fever in Fairbanks, which were not reported. Has not Fairbanks a board of health or a city health physician? It seems to me that common prudence would suggest the reporting of such communicable diseases that the health of the community might be duly safeguarded.

I trust that you may be able to continue in your good work so far as it may be possible for you to do so without incurring any expense yourself. The forms that you forwarded me are excellent and should I be able to procure the necessary money for the printing of forms, etc., I will make use of those that you have forwarded. Under separate copy I am transmitting to your address a bound copy of the session laws of 1913.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

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November 22, 1915.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear General:

I have requests from state universities and others for copies of the journals of the Senate and House of the last session of the Legislature of the Territory and as I understand that you have some copies still remaining in your office, will you be kind enough to forward me four copies each of the House and Senate journals.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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November 22, 1913.

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Mr. P. L. Winiser,

Librarian, University of Illinois,

Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo requesting copies of the House and Senate Journals of the first session of the Alaska Legislature, which convened in this city on March 3rd, last. In reply I have to say that I have much pleasure in forwarding the books requested under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 22, 1913.

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Mr. W. E. Henry,

Librarian, University of Washington,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 12th requesting copies of the journals of the House and Senate and the session laws, as issued by the Territorial Legislature. In reply I beg to state that I have much pleasure in transmitting to you under separate cover copies of the journals and session laws as requested.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 22, 1915.

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Mr. A. F. Wildt,

3718 North 80th Street,

Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Mr. Wildt:

I have your letter of November 10th asking for information relative to the law governing the location of hydro-electric power sites and railway right-of-way in Alaska. With reference to the hydro-electric power sites, I believe that if you will write to Mr. W. G. Weigle of the Forestry Bureau, Ketchikan, Alaska, he may be able to give you the desired information.

As to the matter of obtaining railroad rights-of-way the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., should be able to promptly supply you with the information that you need. If I can be of any further service to you on this or any other matter, please command me.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 22, 1913.

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Hon. Arthur G. Sheup,
Supt., Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Sheup:

In reply to your telegram of November 18th with reference to Harry Leud and the advisability of having him committed to the insane asylum, I replied today that you should have him committed if he were insane and you deemed it advisable. I take it from your letter also received today that he is undoubtedly insane and the Morningside Sanitarium would be a better place for him than the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

I note what you say with regard to Harniska and if he becomes too obstreperous there is only one thing for you to do and that is for you to discharge him from the Home. In fact, that statement will apply to any of the inmates who do not conduct themselves according to established rules. If they cannot do this the Home is no place for them. I have had no recent applications for admission but they may come in at any time. I wrote you a few days ago asking for the number in the Home. Will you kindly forward this information at your earliest convenience.

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I hope that you may be able to come over to Juneau as there are many things that I would like to discuss with you with reference to the Territorial situation. ^{far} So as the matter of obtaining revenue is concerned it does not look very good to me and you are the only member of the Legislature who seems to take any interest whatsoever in the present situation. I share your skepticism with regard to what the senatorial delegation will accomplish in Washington. However, I hope that I am mistaken. There is much that they might do, if they go about it in the right way.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, November 25, 1913. O. B.

Dr. J. M. Sloan,

Nome.

Section three of medical practice act requires each member of board to execute oath office. Kindly forward copy of your oath to this office for filing.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 25, 1913. O. B.

Ralph T. Kubon,

Fairbanks.

Section seven of pharmacy act requires each member of board to execute oath office. Kindly forward copy your oath this office for filing.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 25, 1913.

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Mr. Wm. B. Kirk,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to call your attention to Sec. 7 of the pharmacy act, which provides that each member of the Pharmacy Board shall execute an oath of office. It is presumed that you, as a member of that Board, have complied with this provision of the law, and I have to request that you will kindly forward a copy of your oath to this office for filing with our records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 25, 1913.

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Mr. Wm. Ramsey,

Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to call your attention to Sec. 7 of the pharmacy act, which provides that each member of the Pharmacy Board shall execute an oath of office. It is presumed that you, as a member of that Board, have complied with this provision of the law, and I have to request that you will kindly forward a copy of your oath of office to the Governor for filing with our records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 25, 1913.

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Dr. I. H. Moore,
Care of Arctic Club,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:

In accordance with the Governor's direction I write to inquire whether it is your intention to return to the Fourth judicial division of Alaska, from which you were appointed a member of the Alaska Board of Medical Examiners. In the event you do not expect to return to that division in the near future the Governor will be obliged to appoint a successor from that division.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 26, 1913.

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Mr. H. Brauer,

Bureau of Municipal and Legislative Research,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 5th requesting copies of the Journals of the House and Senate of the first Legislative Assembly, January, March 8, 1913. In reply I have to advise you that I am today sending to Mr. W. E. Henry, Librarian of your University, at his request, one copy each of the Senate and House Journals, which you will no doubt have access to.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 26, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant quoting a price of \$3.00 per thousand for the envelopes and \$2.50 per thousand for printing, and in accordance therewith you are requested to furnish this office with:

1,000 envelopes, printed as per copy sent with our letter of November 12th, same being #1 catalog envelopes, 40-lb. stock, size #2, 6½ x 10.

Enclosed is blank voucher to be used when billing us, which kindly have signed by your cashier.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 24, 1915.

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Mr. G. W. Patterson,

Seabe-Woolley, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 19th with reference to securing a position as cook in a detention hospital for the insane in this Territory. In reply I have to advise you that insane detention hospitals are located at Fairbanks and Nome. These institutions are under the control of the United States Marshals at these places and you should direct your inquiry to them.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 26, 1918.

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Dr. H. C. De Vignas,
Secretary, Board of Medical Examiners,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I am enclosing herewith letter received by this office
this morning from Dr. R. A. Walker of St. Louis, Mo., dated the 17th
instant, which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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November 26, 1918.

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Mr. J. J. McGrath,
c/o Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mac:

I have your letter of November 19th in which you say a few kind words for Mr. F. A. Buckley, who has applied to Marshal Brennan for a place as deputy marshal in the Third Judicial division. In reply I beg to say that I will be pleased to do what I can to aid Mr. Buckley in securing a position although I do not know that I shall be able to do much, as I believe the United States Marshals should be given a free hand in the selection of their deputies, they being immediately responsible to the Marshals and not to another. I will recommend Mr. Buckley to Mr. Brennan, however, for his consideration should he have a vacancy.

I note that you are about to embark in the publishing business in Seattle and it is needless for me to say that you have my very best wishes for your abundant success. I believe if anyone can make a publication devoted to Alaska and published in Seattle stick, it is yourself. Your well-known ability and your complete knowledge of Alaska conditions should serve you in the valuable stead. If I can be of any service to you in this or any other way, kindly command me.

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With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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November 26, 1918.

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Mr. Albert J. Wallace,
Mineral Point, Wis..

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 17th requesting information about Alaska and the Chisana gold fields, and in reply to your several queries I beg to advise that there are three routes leading into that district, namely, by way of Cordova, Fairbanks or White Horse, Yukon Territory. All the routes are hard to travel. The shortest, however, is undoubtedly by way of Cordova where a train is taken for McCarthy, from which point overland to the diggings the distance is about 90 miles.

Probably the best time to get in to that section would be in February or March, or possible as late as the beginning of April. You will need good warm woolsen clothes with overalls, canvas coats, etc. You can buy all the supplies that you may need in Seattle, or if you go into the country by way of Cordova, you can purchase them at the latter place at a slight advance over Seattle prices. The trail from McCarthy on the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad is in part over glaciers and I understand that it is a hard trail to travel. Nevertheless, many people have negotiated it during the past several months. You can go over it on foot, but in order to pack your supplies you should have pack

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horses or during the winter season dog teams. As for the amount of money you need I cannot advise you, but I would suggest that you take in enough to enable you to get out of the country, should it be necessary for you to do so. Your working tools can be bought either in Seattle or at Cordova or possibly you might be able to buy them in the gold fields.

Up to the present time very little is known about the future of the Chisana country. It is in a highly mineralized country and that is about as much as can be said of it at this time. Probably about \$60,000 of placer gold was mined during the past season. Should you decide to go into that region you had better make up your mind to accommodate yourself to conditions as they arise as you probably will find them different from any that you have ever experienced in your life-time.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 26, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

We have recently inaugurated in this office a substitute for tissue copies of our letters and in connection therewith we desire to obtain some extension indexes similar to those used in letter copying books. Will you please advise if you can supply these extension indexes and at what price per dozen. Also kindly advise if they can be furnished for use in the front of the book or file as well as in the back. Ordinarily, of course, the extension indexes are fastened to the inside of the back cover of the letter book, but for the use to which we intend to put them, it would be more convenient if they could be fastened on the inside of the front cover or our reference file.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 23, 1913.

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H. J. Davison & Co.,

Leonard & Lafayette Sts.,

New York.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise whether or not you can furnish this office with extension indexes the same as are used in your "Imperial Fibre" copy books. We desire these indexes for use in connection with our filing system. If you can furnish the indexes kindly quote your price per dozen and advise whether you have them for use in the front of the book as well as in the back of the book.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 28, 1913.

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Mr. Martin J. Wicks,

616 American Trust Bldg.,

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant making inquiries about one Fred Blase, who left Cleveland about 25 years ago and who had served in the U. S. Army. In reply to your communication I have to advise you that the information you desire concerning any locations of mining claims that may have been made by said Blase may be obtained by addressing the United States Commissioners at the following places in Alaska:

Juneau,
Ketchikan
Cordova
Valdez
Nome
Fairbanks
Sitka
Wrangell
Haines

Petersburg
Seward
Eagle
Tanana
Chena
Iditarod
Ruby
Sagway

It is also possible that you might obtain some information concerning Mr. Blase by writing to the United States Marshals at Juneau, Valdez, Nome and Fairbanks.

Hoping that this information may be of some service to you,

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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JUNEAU, November 29, 1913. O B Ans. Govt. rate NIGHT, PAID.

Honorable Champ Clark,

Washington, D. C.

Check not choice of democrats generally speaking, but personally
nothing to say for or against candidacy.

J. F. A. 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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November 29, 1913.

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Mr. Charles J. Gruver,
211 Quality Road,
Dupont, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 15th making inquiries as to the opportunities for labor in Alaska. Alaska is essentially a mining country and in this section there are a number of large mines employing a great many men and I have little doubt you would have any difficulty in securing employment. If you will write to Mr. L. J. Reedy, Labor Agent of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska, stating your qualifications or special line of work, you may be able to secure a position such as you desire.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 29, 1913.

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Hon. Charles E. Bunnell,

Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bunnell:

I have your letter of November 22nd in which you state that you have asked Mr. Thomas R. Shepard of Valdez to appear with you in the matter of the estate of Louis Camieia, deceased, Mr. Shepard having been connected with you as attorney for James Fish, Administrator. In reply I wish to advise you that the retention of Judge Shepard in the case meets with my approval.

I wrote you that there were no funds available at this time to compensate you for your services, but I have no doubt that some provision will be made by which you and Judge Shepard will be able to receive compensation.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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December 1, 1915.

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Honorable Charles M. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith the application of Mr. Wm. H. Whittlesey of Seward, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public for the Territory. The application is accompanied by an approved bond in the required amount and draft in the sum of \$10.00 payable to the order of the Governor and which he has endorsed in due form.

Kindly note Mr. Whittlesey's request that his name in the commission be written the same as his signature to the application.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 1, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 188 of this date issued to you in the sum of \$10.25 in payment of your bill of November 4, 1913. Voucher for this amount was recently signed by you and forwarded to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 1, 1913.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith receipt No. 82 signed by Mrs. P. J. Erussard of Katalla, Alaska, the same covering warrant No. 82 of November 14, 1913, in the sum of \$100.00, which was issued to Mrs. Erussard upon the Governor's requisition.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 10, 1913.

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Mrs. Chas. Newbill,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am enclosing herewith letter and postoffice money order for \$5.00 transmitted by you to Mr. Peter Steinmetz then an inmate of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. These enclosures have been forwarded to me by Mr. Arthur G. Shoup, Superintendent of the Home. As you are probably aware Mr. Steinmetz died a short time since and his relatives are now, I understand, being communicated with by the Superintendent, Mr. Shoup.

The postoffice money order is returned to you in the belief that you are now its rightful owner. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 10, 1913.

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Mr. R. W. J. Reed,
Deputy Collector of Customs,
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Reed:

I have to thank you for the statement of commercial business at Nome during the season of 1913, which was full of interest. I hope that Nome has recovered partially, at least, from the disaster that visited the old town early in October.

As you are no doubt aware we have a new collector of the port here, Mr. Pugh. Mr. Willis is still absent, but is expected home within a few days. I understand that he will enter the banking business in Juneau.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Reed are in the enjoyment of good health, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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December 10, 1913.

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Mr. Preston M. Conner,

5427 De Lancey St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 28th requesting to be advised as to the procedure necessary to secure appointment as resident commissioner of deeds for the Territory of Alaska.

In reply I wish to refer you to Sections 1557 and 1558 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska which, briefly, provide that a commissioner appointed under the last section shall, before he can exercise the powers therein conferred, provide himself with a seal of office and take and subscribe an oath before some judicial officer in the place where he resides faithfully to perform the duties of the office of a commissioner, to take affidavits, depositions and the proof and acknowledgment of deeds out of the Territory according to the laws thereof, and file such oath and the impression of such seal in the office of the Secretary of the Territory. It is also provided that the Secretary of the Territory shall collect \$5.00 for each certificate of appointment made. Should you desire such appointment it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with references as to your character, ability, etc., inasmuch as

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you are. I take it, a stranger to Alaska.

Trusting that this information will be of some service to you.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor. _____

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December 10, 1913.

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Mr. Felix Brown,

611 Third Ave.,

Seattle, Washington.

My dear Felix:

I have your letter of December 4th and it is needless for me to say that I was pleased to hear from you and I hope that you and your good wife are in your usual good health.

I note what you say with reference to Arthur Jett and in relation to his candidacy for the office of outside marshal. I am not in a position now at this time to make any promises concerning this position for a number of reasons, but I may say that I know Mr. Jett very well and have no doubt that he would be a capable man for the place. Your letter will be filed with Mr. Jett's application for future reference.

I trust that business is good with you and that Seattle is generally prosperous. With kind remembrances to Mrs. Brown and with best wishes for you both, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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December 10, 1915.

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Mr. Charles J. Keen,

636 Ashbury St.,

San Francisco, California.

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of November 29th and have noted its contents. In reply I beg to say that your recommendation for the appointment of postmaster at Saint Michael will be made so as to take effect about June 1st. At this time I do not know when Mr. Zipf's term as postmaster ends. I wish you would see him and let me know as in all probability no change will be made until the expiration of his term of office. I take it that his term will end some time next spring. However, write me concerning it and then I shall see that you are properly certified to the Postmaster General for appointment to the position.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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December 11, 1918.

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Honorable F. E. Fuller,
United States District Judge,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith vouchers showing expenditures made by me at the request of United States Marshal Erwin of the Fourth Judicial division for the care and transportation of Messrs. Hughes and Barker, who were sent from the Fourth division to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. Marshal Erwin placed in my hands the sum of \$95.00 and the unexpended balance, amounting to \$52.35 less 20 cents, cost of postoffice money order, is herewith returned to you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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December 13, 1913.

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Pioneer Bindery and Printing Co.,

Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send us one of your latest catalogues of
stationery and office supplies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 13, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith I send you check No. 192 of this date in the sum of \$21.00, payable to your order, to cover your bill of the 5th instant for office supplies furnished this office. Signed voucher for this amount was recently received from you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 9, 1913.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your verbal inquiry relative to a schedule of fees for notaries public in Alaska, I send you herewith, by direction of the Governor, a memorandum from Department of Justice book of instructions issued by the Attorney General in 1910 to U. S. Judges, Marshals, Attorneys, Clerks, and Commissioners for Alaska, pp. 269-270, which provides a schedule of fees which shall be allowed to notaries public.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(Encl.)

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December 9, 1913.

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Mr. Charles G. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the custom heretofore in vogue of sending to this office a specimen of the signature and an impression of the official seal of each notary public, the Governor directs me to say that, since this practice does not seem to be contemplated by law, and serves no useful purpose in this office, it may well be discontinued without detriment to the service.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 11, 1913.

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Underwood Typewriter Company,
816 Third Avenue,
Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 191 of this date in your favor for 75 cents, covering your invoice No. 4353 of November 29, 1913, for 1 carriage shift back rod ordered by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 5, 1913.

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Mr. John Massey,

c/o Royal Bank of Canada,

2 Princess St.,

London, England.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo asking certain information as to the best time for reaching Point Barrow, Alaska, from the western ports of the United States. In reply I beg to advise you that Point Barrow can be reached from any of those ports during the period from June to September 1st. You can take a steamer at either San Francisco or Seattle and reach Nome in about ten days, from which place you would be able to charter a small steamer for Point Barrow; or, you might make arrangements to visit Point Barrow on a United States revenue cutter which visits that section once or twice during the summer season from Nome. If you should decide to travel on a United States revenue cutter, you would have to secure permission to do so from the United States Treasury Department, Washington.

De C.

Trusting that this information will be of some service to you.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, December 11, 1913. O. P.

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Proprietor of Shaw House,

Fairbanks.

Did you receive my letter of October twenty-nine and have you mailed the bill asked for therein? Important have it at early date.

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

SHORTHILL,
Secretary to Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. P. L. Windsor,

Librarian, University of Illinois,

Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover I am forwarding to your address a copy of the session laws of Alaska, first legislature, 1913, as per your request of November 26.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 5, 1913.

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Mr. Steve Ragan,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant concerning the case of old Schwatka, the native whom you say is indigent and has been for more than two years. You ask that some provision be made for his relief. In reply I wish to advise you that I shall take this matter up at the earliest possible moment with Judge R. W. Jennings, and see if we cannot have a small appropriation made from the Federal indigent fund to meet the case of this old native.

The funds in the Territorial Treasury are exceedingly limited, but if I cannot get Judge Jennings to make an appropriation for Schwatka's relief, I shall endeavor to have a small appropriation made from the funds of the Territory.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 5, 1913.

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Mr. Anton Koslowski,

Richardson, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 4th, written in Juneau, and in reply I wish to advise you that I will be pleased if you will write me concerning conditions as you actually found them at Horningside Sanitarium. Should you comply with this request, kindly be specific in all the statements that you make concerning this institution as I have a deep interest in the welfare of the patients therein confined.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 6, 1913.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:

Will you kindly furnish us with the following
"Y and E" catalogs for reference purposes:

No. 516 - "Vertical Filing Down-to-Date".

" 310 - Booklet re "Y and E" Copier.

" 1152 - Supply catalog.

" 1468 - "Where's That Catalog?"

"2162 - "Are you the Buyer?"

" 2223 - "Right Ways to Transfer"

" 2163 - "YawmanotK"- envelopes, etc.

" 2243 - Direct Name System.

"2259 - Efficiency Desk.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, December 6, 1913. O. B.

Emil Hurje, Sourdough Club,

University of Washington,

Seattle, Wash.

Congratulations upon organization Sourdough Club by Alaska students of University who are upholding cause of Alaska in a manner befitting their name and antecedents. The people of Alaska view with pride the loyalty of its sons and daughters, who knowing the country and its conditions may do much toward advancing its progress educationally and materially.

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 matter.


Secretary to the Governor.

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