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Messrs. George Barrie's Sons,  
#1313 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 24th, together with a copy of Professor Allen's volume on the causes of the war in Europe, for which please accept my thanks.

I have not yet had an opportunity to read this volume, but I am sure I shall enjoy it to the fullest extent.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

September 13, 1915.

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Mr. J. P. Anderson,  
Agent Alaska Experiment Stations,  
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I have your letter of September 2nd,  
together with papers on botanical subjects, which  
you so kindly forwarded to me.

I have to thank you for your thought-  
fulness, and I am sure I will have much pleasure  
in reading them.

With assurances of my personal esteem,  
I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Lieutenant Frederick Moore,  
Alaska Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

My dear Lieut. Moore:

I am writing this on behalf of MR. HENRY ALHEIDT,  
and old time Alaskan, whom I have known for a number of years.

I want to say in his behalf that he is faithful,  
honest and a man of the strictest integrity. He desires to  
secure employment of some kind with the Commission, and I feel  
free to say that he is worthy of trust and confidence and will  
discharge faithfully, and to the best of his ability, any duties  
which may be assigned him.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 13, 1915.

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Mr. Wade Blaker,  
Fox, A l a s k a.

Dear Mr. Blaker:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 23rd, transmitting the application of MICHAEL HEALY, of Fox, for an allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that this application will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska. As Professor Georgeson, a member of the Board, is now absent from the Territory, I cannot say when the Board will meet. The application will be acted on, however, in due course.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Nat Healy,

P e n a k o o, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in which you express the desire to receive an allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, having left the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, of which you were a former inmate.

In reply I have to advise that your application will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. When the Board will meet I do not know at this time, as Professor Georgeson, a member, is now absent. However, the matter will be taken up at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. J. H. Patton, Assistant Secretary,  
Farmers National Congress, U. S. A.,  
Belton, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30th, in which you request me to appoint delegates to the meeting of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Farmers' National Congress, U.S.A., to be held at Omaha in the week beginning September 28th, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that the limited time between this date and the time of the meeting of the Congress, coupled with the great distance, renders it inexpedient for me to comply with your request.

Expressing the hope that the meeting may be successful, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Captain William A. Glassford,  
Headquarters Western Department,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Captain Glassford:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 11th, together with a copy of your essay entitled "Voluntary Armies".

In reply I may say that I have read this essay with much interest, and believe it deals with the question not only in a scientific but practical way which if adopted would be of immense advantage to the youth of the country and to the nation at large.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,  
Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Honorable A. O. Shoup,

Superintendent Alaska Pioneers' Home,

S i t k a, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Referring to your recent request to have the Home placed on the mailing list for Government publications relating to Alaska, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received today from Assistant Secretary De Sweeney, from which you will note that the Home is in line to receive all Government publications concerning Alaska.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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Hon. W. G. Smith,  
Territorial Treasurer,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Smith:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith voucher No. 11 on the "Emergency Appropriation" in favor of J. H. Cobb, Legal Counsel, covering his office and incidental expenses for the month of August, 1915, amounting to \$53.70. The voucher has been signed and sworn to by Mr. Cobb, and approved by the Governor. When you have made a record of same will you kindly hand it to the Secretary of the Territory so that he may issue a warrant to cover.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Hon. W. G. Smith,  
Territorial Treasurer,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Smith:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the original of voucher No. 6 of this date issued against the Territorial Road appropriation in favor of Hugh O'Neill, Nome, Alaska, for \$100.00, and by him assigned to the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co. or order. The voucher is accompanied by sub-vouchers duly approved by the Road Commissioner for Division No. 2. Also, letter of the Manager of the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co., Nome, Alaska, dated the 20th ultimo, addressed to this office, is attached to the voucher. Kindly note the manner in which it is requested that payment be made of the amount due on the voucher.

When you have made a record of the voucher kindly transmit it to the Secretary's office so that a warrant may be issued to cover.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Frank Hopkins,  
Petersburg, Alaska.

My dear Frank:

I have your letter of September 13th, in which you say that you want to go to the Indian school at Chemawa, Oregon.

Perhaps if you cannot receive the education that you want at Petersburg this would be a good plan for you to follow, and I am sending you a form of application for enrollment in the Chemawa School. You should take this to Judge McWilliams or some other friend of intelligence and have him fill it out for you in the proper way, and when this is done it should be addressed to -

MR. H. E. WADSWORTH,  
SUPT. INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL,  
CHEMAWA, OREGON.

I trust that you are a good boy and if you go to this school that you will be a credit to the school and to your people in Alaska.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 15, 1913.

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Mrs. H. H. Bergmann,  
The Bergmann House,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

This letter will be your authority for furnishing room and meals to the bearer, Mr. H. J. Bourne, from lunch on September 15th to and including dinner on September 21st, at the maximum rate of \$2.00 per day. Bill for this service should be submitted to this office in duplicate, attaching thereto this letter.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. C. L. Johns, Superintendent,  
Sheldon - Jackson School,  
S i t k a, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise this office  
as to the terms of admission for a half-blood  
female child about 9 years of age, now a resident  
of Killisnoo, and whom I believe should be taken  
care of by placing in such an institution as your's,  
or one similar thereto.

An early reply to this letter  
will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. C. M. Sain,  
E l k o, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 4th, in which you express a wish to be put in touch with something up in Alaska.

In reply I may say that I know of nothing available for you at this time. However, there may be an opening of which I have no knowledge. In Juneau there are two daily papers, namely, "The Alaska Daily Empire" and "The Daily Alaska Dispatch". The "Douglas Island News", published at Douglas, Alaska, opposite Juneau, I understand is for sale, and it is possible you might be able to make a deal with its proprietor, Mr. C. A. Hoop. I understand that the paper can be purchased for \$3,000, and in my opinion it would be a good buy at that price as it is the only paper in a town of ~~20,000~~ (2,000) people.

I am also advised that the "Daily Alaskan" published at Skagway, Alaska, is for sale, and it is possible that a deal might be arranged with the proprietors (Messrs. Keller Bros.) of that publication.

I know of no openings at this time for book-keepers or typists.

Trusting that this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 15, 1915.

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Mrs. Mary A. C. Gibson,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 10th instant, in which you ask that correspondence from this office with Mr. Markham for an old age pension be addressed to your care at Ketchikan.

In reply I have to say that your request will be complied with and any correspondence emanating from this office will be so addressed.

For your information I may say that Prof. C.C. Georgeson, Sitka, Alaska, is Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and it is possible that he may have communicated directly with <sup>Mr. Markham</sup> ~~Mr. Markham~~ Professor Georgeson is now on a trip to Kodiak, and will probably not return until early in October.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 15, 1915.

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Honorable Wade Blaker,  
United States Commissioner,  
Fox, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, allowance has been made by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, to -

MICHAEL HARTY, Fox, Alaska,  
in the sum of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per month.

A certificate of allowance will be issued to him upon the return to Sitka of Professor J.C. George-son, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, who is now in Kodiak.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable George J. Love,  
United States Commissioner,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, allowance has been made by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, to -

William Henry Robinson - Valdez,  
in the sum of \$10.00 per month.

A Certificate of Allowance will be issued to him upon the return of Professor C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, who is now in Kodiak.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable James Frawley,  
United States Commissioner,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Law of Alaska, 1915, allowances have been made by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, as follows:

Cap King	.....	\$ 8.00	per mo.
Manel Batano	.....	10.00	do
John Kerr	.....	10.00	do

Certificates of Allowance will be issued to the above named on the return to Sitka of Professor G. C. George-son, Secretary of the Board, who is now in Kodiak.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable Arthur G. Shoup,  
Superintendent Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
S i t k a, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your information copy of a letter received this date from the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., which explains itself.

In further elucidation of the subject matter of the enclosure, I may say that Dr. Coe, President of the Sanitarium Company, in a letter to the Department, says: that neither Levi Dobbins, admitted to the Sanitarium January 23, 1915, nor Emil Schubeck, admitted December 2, 1914 to the Sanitarium, are insane. Both were former inmates of the Home.

Dr. Coe thinks Dobbins "is a man in advanced senile enfeeblement, and this includes also some mental enfeeblement." He adds that Dobbins is not likely to live a long time. Of Schubeck, Dr. Coe says: "He has ascending spinal cord disease involving both the anterior and posterior columns of the cord", but states that his (Schubeck's) mind is clear, although he has "melancholia" which Dr. Coe says is "due to the knowledge that his end is slowly coming, and to the pain through which he has passed, now happily largely abated". The Doctor further says that there is no prospect of his recovery, adding: "If Emil Schubeck shall reach a stage where he is again free from pain, and would then appear to have become a person likely to be a long time chronic charge of the government and ourselves, then we would think it no more than right, in conscience, that we should return him to the Old Settler's Home at Sitka, from whence he came".

Dr. Coe continues "I think however that the Pioneers' Home should be warned by the government in some way, to desist from the practice carried out in these cases. When a patient comes to us under order of a court and the verdict of a jury, and a certificate of an examining physician, we cannot be supposed to be competent to make snap-shot decision, that a case of general bodily decay is, or is not, senile dementia, or that a case of melancholy over serious bodily ailments may not mean mental disease, denominated as melancholia. And when once imposed upon us, there are moral obligations between members of the human race, which may, as in these

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cases, make us hesitate to turn back the unfortunates upon someone else in the far northland.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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The Alaska Grill,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Mr. F. W. Fife, meals to the value of Five Dollars. Render bill to this office in duplicate, attaching this letter to the same.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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September 16, 1915.

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Mr. W. P. Mills,  
Treasurer, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Mills:

By direction of the Governor I am transmitting to you herewith the following applications for allowance under Chapter 64, 1915 session laws:

W. H. Robinson, Valdez  
Cap King, Nemo  
Manol Botana, Nemo  
John Kerr, Nemo  
Michael Harty, Fox City.

While Secretary Georgeson was in Juneau a couple of days ago these applications were passed upon by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, and the following allowances agreed upon: W. H. Robinson, \$10 per month; John Kerr, \$10 per month; Manol Botana, \$10 per month; Cap King, \$6 per month, Michael Harty, \$8 per month. The United States Commissioners at Valdez, Nemo, and Fox City have been notified of the action taken. The issuance of certificates will have to await the return of Secretary Georgeson from Kodiak.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Honorable C. K. Snow,  
R u b y, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Snow:

I enclose herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Anthony Snyder, who is supposed to be in Ruby or vicinity.

This letter was recently received at this office from Mrs. A. M. Snyder of #37 Welton Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, who states that Snyder was last heard from in 1913 when "he had a claim in Ruby, Alaska". The letter states that his mother and brother are nearly broken-hearted at not hearing from him, they having sent him several letters, all of which were returned unopened. It occurs to me that possibly from your acquaintance in the Ruby section you may be able to locate this man and get the enclosed letter to him. In case you do not happen to know of him, will you kindly have an item inserted in your paper asking for information concerning his whereabouts.

I was sorry to have missed you when you passed through Juneau recently, as I had hoped to have had a talk with you on matters of mutual interest.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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September 17, 1915.

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Mr. James Fish,  
Notary Public,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to him, and in response thereto am enclosing herewith notary bond blank for use when making application for reappointment. The bond must be approved by the Clerk of the District Court for your division, and must bear cancelled revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents. The fee of ten dollars for the commission should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Juneau, September 17, 1915. O. B.

Shoup,

Sitka.

Judge Dunnell wires asking if any account will be presented for maintenance inmates from fourth division for quarter ended June thirty. Account for September quarter has already been sent him.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 17, 1915.

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Mr. Leroy Tesier,  
Attorney at Law,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to him, making application for the renewal of your notary commission which expires on October 18, 1915. Your application is accompanied by postal money order in the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for the commission, and by oath of office and approved bond.

Notary commissions are not mailed out in advance of the issuance date, but you are advised that your commission will be renewed on October 18 next, so that there will be no lapse in your appointment, and the commission will then be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Copy to:  
The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau.

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September 17, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the application of Mr. Leroy Tesier, Fairbanks, Alaska, for reappointment as a notary public, his present commission expiring on the 15th of October next. Accompanying the application is oath of office and approved bond executed by Mr. Tesier, also the sum of ten dollars in cash, the proceeds of a postal money order payable to the Governor which was forwarded with the application and other papers.

There is also enclosed a copy of office letter of this date to Mr. Tesier, advising him that commissions are not issued in advance, but that the renewal commission will be issued on October 15 next, so that there will be no lapse in his appointment. Kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature on that date.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. E. F. Hurlbeaus,  
439 Main Street, - P.O.Box 227,  
Bradentown, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th ultimo regarding opportunities for watchmakers and jewelers in this Territory, beg to say that it is impossible for this office to advise you with regard to opportunities in particular localities. Alaska is a rapidly growing country and new people are coming here continually and obtaining a foothold, but it is not within the province of this office to advise anyone to come to the Territory. The various towns are fairly well supplied with watchmakers and jewelers as well as tradesmen in all other lines. The wages paid in Alaska are probably 100% higher than those paid in Florida but living expense are proportionately higher.

Enclosed herewith in a circular of general information concerning the Territory which may be of some use to you.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. James J. Fitzpatrick,  
C/o Buck & Fitzpatrick,  
Attorneys at Law, Richardson Block,  
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith copy of a circular containing general information concerning Alaska which may be of some interest to you.

With respect to the opportunities for young attorneys in this Territory I beg to advise that in general the legal fraternity is pretty well represented in practically all sections of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. John Nisbet,  
Attorney at Law,  
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of State, Sitka, Alaska, has been referred to this office for attention.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular containing general information concerning Alaska which may be of some interest to you. For information concerning the country tributary to the Government railroad, now in course of construction, it is suggested that you address the Alaska Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Fred J. Ott,  
#3418 So. Leavitt Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to how you may qualify to become a United States forest ranger.

Your letter has been referred to Mr. W.G. Weigle, Forest Supervisor, Ketchikan, Alaska, who will not doubt give you the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. W. G. Weigle,  
Forest Supervisor,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to transmit herewith letter of the 28th ultime from Mr. Fred J. Ott of Chicago, Illinois, who wishes to be informed as to how he may qualify to become a United States Forest Ranger.

The letter has been referred to you for such attention as you may deem proper.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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September 18, 1915.

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Mr. William J. Wilson,  
President, Empire Securities Co.,  
Empire Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo  
I regret to say that our supply of copies of the Gov-  
ernor's annual report for 1914 has been exhausted.  
The annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30,  
1915 is now in course of preparation, but will not be  
ready for distribution until sometime in January next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 18, 1915.

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Mrs. M. A. Stone,  
Shoresides, Alki Point,  
43206 Alki Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I have to advise that while there is some demand for domestic help in the larger towns of Alaska this demand is quite limited and this office can give no assurance that you would be able to obtain employment were you to come to Juneau or any other town of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Rev. James W. Kirk,  
Danville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago this office received a letter making inquiry with regard to the marriage of Homer N. Ford and Caroline Vegt, who were supposed to have been married at Eagle City, Alaska, some 16 years ago.

In response to an inquiry addressed by this office to the United States Commissioner at Eagle a letter has been received from that officer stating that he can find no record of the marriage of these parties, but that in his record of death certificates he finds the following:

"Doratha Marian Ford, aged six months,  
born August 4th, 1900; died February 15th,  
1901, buried February 16th, 1901.  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Ford.  
Rev. James W. Kirk officiating clergyman."

As it appears that you officiated at the funeral services of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Ford it occurs to me that possibly you might know something with regard to the marriage of these parties. If you have any such information it will be appreciated if you will kindly give this office the benefit of the same.

I enclose herewith a franked and addressed envelope for your use in replying to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Ray G. Foote,  
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that it is not necessary to obtain a permit for the shipment of live black bears from Alaska, nor is it necessary to obtain a permit for the shipment of black bear skins or the skins of other fur-bearing animals.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of Department of Commerce game circular #246, third edition, dated May 24, 1915, which contains the latest regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska. While these regulations make no specific reference to the shipment of live fur-bearing animals, the Collector of Customs at Juneau advises that such shipments are now being made without permits.

There is enclosed herewith blank form 2-b which is intended for use where the furs or pelts are shipped from the Territory. It will be noted that brown bear are included in the list on this blank, but the game law requires that shipping licenses must be obtained for all brown bear skins which are shipped from the Territory. These licenses are issued by the Governor's office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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September 18, 1915.

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Miss Margaret Keenan,  
S k a g w a y, Alaska.

My dear Miss Keenan:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that a copy of the most recent Territorial report be mailed to you.

I have to advise that the supply of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, has been exhausted. The annual report of the Governor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915 is just being completed, but will not be ready for distribution until sometime in January next. I shall be glad to place your name on the mailing list for a copy of this report.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

*W. H. L.*

September 10, 1915.

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Mr. E. B. Erickson,  
R.F.D. No. 2 - Box #70,  
~~Wasilla, Alaska.~~  
*Washougal, Wash*

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the 5th instant, I beg to advise that our supply of copies of the Governor's annual report for 1914 has been exhausted, and it is therefore impossible to furnish you with the report.

The annual report for the year 1915 will not be ready for distribution until after the 1st of January next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

*J.H. 2*

September 18, 1915.

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Mrs. A. M. Snyder,  
#37 Welton Street,  
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to locate Mr. Anthony Snyder, who was last heard from in 1914, at which time he was in or near Ruby, Alaska.

The letter addressed to Mr. Snyder, which was enclosed with your communication, is being sent to Mr. C. K. Snow of Ruby, Alaska, who is the editor of the "Record-Citizen" published at that place. Mr. Snow is well acquainted throughout the interior of Alaska and it occurs to me that he might possibly know of the whereabouts of Mr. Snyder. I have asked Mr. Snow, in case he does not personally know of Mr. Snyder's whereabouts, to have an item inserted in the Ruby paper asking for information concerning the missing man. The other newspapers in Alaska will also be requested to publish the same inquiry.

Should any information be received at this office concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Snyder, you will be promptly advised of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

*J. H. 3*

September 18, 1915.

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Mr. W. G. Weigle,  
Forest Supervisor,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to transmit herewith letter of the 28th ultimo from Mr. Fred J. Ott of Chicago, Illinois, who wishes to be informed as to how he may qualify to become a United States forest ranger.

The letter is referred to you for subh attention as you may deem proper.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

Just

September 18, 1915.

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Miss Ina S. Leibhardt,  
Notary Public,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Miss Leibhardt:

Referring to your informal application for renewal of your notary commission, you are advised that your bond and fee have this day been filed with the Secretary of Alaska, together with the sum of 50 cents to cover the cost of revenue stamps required to be attached to the bond.

As your present commission does not expire until October 1, 1915, the renewal will not be issued until that date, since it is not the practice of this office to issue commissions in advance of the date on which they become effective.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 10, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved notary bond executed by Miss Ina S. Leibhardt, of Juneau, Alaska, with enclosed check in the sum of \$10.50 to cover the fee for the commission and the necessary revenue stamps for the bond.

Will you kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

P. S. As Miss Leibhardt's present commission does not expire until October 1, 1915, the renewal commission should not be issued until that date. Miss Leibhardt is being advised as to this.

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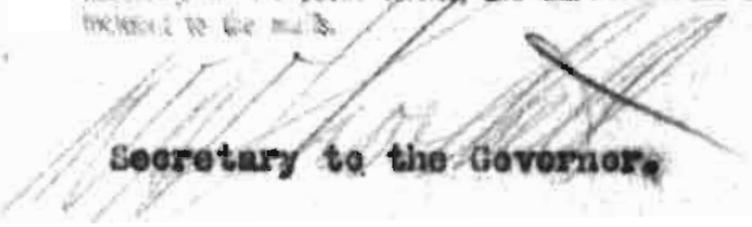
Alaska Society,

San Diego, Calif.

Replying yours seventeenth regret greatly that cannot be present Alaska Day  
celebration October eighteen owing to press of official business here.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Boyer care Govt. Exhibit Board,

Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, Calif.

Replying yours thirteenth regret greatly that I will be unable be present  
Alaska Day celebration October eighteen owing press official business here.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. S. P. Etheredge,  
Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, in which you express your desire to obtain employment of some kind in Alaska.

I regret to say that I know of no employment of any kind that would suit you in this Territory at this time. The supply of labor, skilled and unskilled, exceeds the demand, and for every position there is also a waiting list; and the same may be said of jobs where unskilled labor is required. The demand for labor of all kinds will probably improve with the coming year, and it may be that there will be openings of various kinds for competent men.

I note that you are a newspaper man, and it is possible that you may desire to engage in that business in Alaska. If such should be the case, I may say that the "Douglas Island News", a weekly newspaper, published at Douglas, Alaska, on the Gastineau Channel, opposite Juneau, is for sale, the price being \$3,000, so I am informed by its present proprietor, Mr. C. A. Hopp. Douglas is a town of approximately 2,000 people, and the Douglas Island News is the only paper published there. I understand that it pays well and that Mr. Hopp's reason for wishing to dispose of the property is that he wishes to retire from the business on account of impaired health. I may add that the daily papers published at Juneau circulate largely in the town of Douglas.

I am also advised that the Skagway Daily Alaskan, published at Skagway, Alaska, is for sale. This paper has the field entirely to itself, and the reason, so I am informed, for the proprietors wishing to sell is the necessity that exists with them of devoting their time exclusively to their large drug and curio business. You might write Messrs. Keller Bros, the publishers of the plant, if a proposition of that kind appeals to you.

I may say that I have made it a rule to advise no one

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to come to Alaska with a view to investing money or obtaining employment without first making a personal investigation of the country, then if they are disappointed they have no one to blame but themselves.

I may say, however, that Alaska is a promising country, its population is slowly increasing, and I believe that a wonderful future is in store for it.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of some service to you and assuring you that I shall be glad to furnish you any additional information that you may require, if I am in a position to do so, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

September 18, 1915.

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Mr. P. A. Knowlton,  
Care Alaska Engineering Commission,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 21st with reference to the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction for the Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that I am now awaiting an opinion from the Department of Justice touching the validity of the school legislation passed by the Territorial Legislature at its recent session, and I shall take no action with reference to the appointment of such assistant superintendent until this information has been received, and possibly not then.

I may say that the bitter factional fight that seems to have developed in Fairbanks between your supporters and those of Mr. Kerrer, who is also an applicant for the position, does not improve the chances of either being appointed. I may add that your credentials and recommendations are excellent, and this applies also to the credentials and recommendations received by this office in behalf of all the applicants for this position.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. H. D. Hall,  
Hope, Cook Inlet, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 16th with reference to the law passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature providing for an allowance for certain aged residents of Alaska and for other purposes.

In reply I am enclosing herewith a copy of the law for your information, as requested. You should apply to the United States Commissioner of your precinct for a blank application. It is my understanding that Hope, your place of residence, is in the Knik precinct, the United States Commissioner being Leopold David, whose address, I believe, at the present time is Anchorage, Alaska.

Trusting that this information will be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

Governor.

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Dr. H. J. McCallum,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 83, Territorial Laws of Alaska, 1913 session, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Board of Medical Examiners, effective this date, for the term of two years.

Enclosed you will find two copies of an oath of office form which should be executed by you. Mail one copy to this office and the other to Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Secretary of the Board, at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

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September 18, 1915.

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Mr. W. G. Weigle,  
Forest Supervisor,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to transmit herewith letter of the 28th ultimo from Mr. Fred J. Ott of Chicago, Illinois, who wishes to be informed as to how he may qualify to become a United States forest ranger.

The letter is referred to you for such attention as you may deem proper.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Honorable Charles E. Bunnell, Judge,  
United States District Court,  
Fourth Division,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Judge Bunnell:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 31st, together with voucher forms in triplicate as used in the Fourth Judicial Division, for the use of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, in connection with the maintenance of indigents from the Fourth Judicial Division, and in which you also ask to be advised whether it will be necessary to pay for the indigents at the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the ensuing year or will the appropriation made by the Territorial Legislature be sufficient.

In reply I have to advise that should the revenue law passed by the Territorial Legislature be productive of the revenue anticipated there will be ample funds in the Territorial treasury for the maintenance of the Home. It will probably be sometime after the beginning of the new year, however, before it is known what revenue may be expected as, I understand, the salmon canning companies whose output is taxed under the Territorial law propose to test the validity of the law in the courts. This will necessitate an appeal to the

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the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Permit me to suggest in this connection that you take care of such indigent cases in your Division as you may deem worthy of assistance, transmitting for the support of the indigent at the Pioneers' Home from your Division any surplus that may be available after caring for your local needs.

On September 14th this office received the following telegram:

"Received account Pioneers this Division for September quarter, but one for June quarter. Will any account be presented for June quarter?" -

On receipt of this telegram I wired Arthur G. Shoup, Superintendent, Pioneers' Home, as follows:

"Judge Bunnell wires asking if any account will be presented for maintenance inmates from Fourth Division for quarter ended June thirty. Account for September quarter has already been sent him."

To this telegraphic message Mr. Shoup replied as follows:

"Sending duplicate Bunnell account June quarter six hundred eighty six dollars."

On this date I telegraphed the following to your address:

"Replying your telegram few days ago Shoup is forwarding June account for six hundred and eighty-six dollars. Am writing reply your letter relative future maintenance home,

and each of the foregoing telegrams I now confirm.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

September 20, 1915.

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Mr. W. E. Bates,  
43201 Liberty Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

My dear Mr. Bates:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 9th, in which you ask as to the chances for a United States marshalship at this time, or in the near future, or a clerkship of a court or something along that line.

In reply I beg to advise that there are no vacancies whatsoever in any of the offices mentioned, or in any other so far as I am advised. The United States Marshal for this Judicial Division has been very ill and at one time it was expected that he might possibly die or perhaps resign the office. However his health has greatly improved lately and he has given no indication of resigning. You will readily understand that when there is a vacancy in any Government office in Alaska there is a dozen plus applicants right on the ground ready to seize it, and therefore the outsider unless he has particularly strong political backing stands little chance for appointment. Of course in your case you are ~~an old time Alaskan~~ <sup>an old time Alaskan</sup> and would not be strictly considered an "outsider", and I regret to state that I know of nothing that would be suitable for you at this time,

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Mr. W. E. Bates - - p.2.

I had expected to visit California next month, but I fear I shall be unable to do so.

I hope that you are continuing in your usual good health, and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

September 20, 1918.

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Mr. Geo. H. Canfield,  
Assistant Engineer, Geological Survey,  
care United States Forest Service,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Governor directs me to thank you for the paper furnished him by you on the subject of the investigation of water power in Southeastern Alaska, for use in connection with his annual report. The paper has been included in full in the report, being designated as "Appendix J", and the Department has been requested to have a cut made of the print which you kindly furnished with the article. The film which was enclosed with the print is returned to you herewith, as per your request. Your name will be placed on the mailing list of the annual report, which, however, will not be ready for distribution until early in January next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved bond and oath of office of Mr. C. Wesley Hawksworth, of Hydraburg, Alaska, issued in connection with his application for appointment as a notary public for Alaska. The fee remitted by Mr. Hawksworth was transmitted to you with office letter of July 29 last, pending receipt of the bond and oath office. The bond was originally received at this office on the 10th instant, but had to be returned for correction, one of the sureties having failed to sign the same. It is now in proper form.

Kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**URGENT**

**Juneau, Sept. 20, 1915. O. B.**

**Dunnell, Judge,**

**Fairbanks.**

Replying your telegram few days ago Shoup is forwarding  
June account for six hundred eighty-six dollars. Am writing reply your letter  
relative future maintenance items.

**STRONG, Governor.**

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, September 20, 1915. O. B.

Dunnell, Judge,

Fairbanks.

Referring Coraghty's telegram eighteenth Iditarod  
Martin Lewis will be admitted Pioneer's Home if free from contagious or  
infectious disease.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is of official business, and  
will not bear the delay  
account to the public.

*W. S. Hartill*  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. J. M. Wyckoff,  
Acting Forest Supervisor,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of September 17, together with a new map of the Chugach National Forest, which shows the boundaries as changed by the President's proclamation of August 2.

I have to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding this map to me.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 20, 1915.

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E. A. Stephens & Co.,

1525-27 Eighteenth Street,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant there is enclosed herewith copy of the latest regulations issued by the Department of Commerce for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska, from which you will be able to obtain all the information desired.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Willis E. Nowell,  
Agent Juneau Steamship Company,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Wayne W. Fife, first-class transportation, including meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, account pioneer enroute to Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Render bill in duplicate to this office, attaching this letter thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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September 21, 1915.

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Robert Martin & Son,  
Solicitors,  
41 Tay Street,  
Perth, Scotland.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of August 21 addressed to The Chief Commissioner of Mines, Alaska State, U. S. A., has been delivered to this office, there being no such officer in this Territory as the one to whom your letter was addressed.

In respect to the estate left by Mr. Robert Dow, who was accidentally burned to death at Paxsons (a roadhouse on the Valdez-Fairbanks trail) on April 24, 1914, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter received by this office on February 4, 1915, from A. J. Griffin, United States Commissioner (ex officio justice of the peace and coroner) at Richardson, Alaska, sent in response to inquiries from this office regarding the estate left by Mr. Dow.

A copy of Commissioner Griffin's letter was sent to the Honorable Thomas Erskine, British Consul, Portland, Oregon, on February 26 last, he having made inquiry of this office regarding the Dow estate.

The Mrs. R. A. Spruce referred to in Commissioner Griffin's letter as the daughter of Mr. Dow is referred to as his step daughter in a letter received from United States Commissioner C. Parker Smith, of Copper Center, Alaska, to whom this office addressed an inquiry on July 9, 1914, through the Clerk of the district court at Valdez. A copy of his letter is also enclosed herewith, for your further information.

Respectfully yours,

2 enclosures.

Governor.

*J. G. S.*

September 21, 1915.

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Mr. Alfred E. Maltby,  
Secretary, Alaska Senate,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Maltby:

Some time ago this office received a letter from the Interior Department, asking that an inventory, in duplicate, be furnished the Department "of all properties, furniture, or equipment of any sort or nature which has been purchased from federal appropriations heretofore made for Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, and now on hand." It was requested that the inventory "embody a notation of present condition of the articles included therein, the original cost thereof", etc.

In reply to an inquiry from this office as to just what items should be included in the inventory, the Department advised that the inventory "should contain a list of the furniture and equipment" on hand, also "a list of the different items of stationery on hand, with approximate estimates of quantities", etc.

As you are, I believe, the custodian of the legislative property now stored in one of the rooms of the Goldstein Block, it will be appreciated if you will kindly furnish a rough inventory of furniture, equipment, stationery, etc., now on hand, from which this office may prepare the information asked for by the Department. The cost of the various items can be ascertained by this office from vouchers issued in payment of bills rendered.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 21, 1915.

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Honorable J. N. Tanner,  
Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Senator Tanner:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 19th, with reference to the admission of Louis Herman Miller to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. I note by your letter that he came to Juneau in 1897 and thence to Skagway in 1898, and has resided at the latter place since that time; is 69 years of age, and is not now capable of taking care of himself.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Miller will be admitted to the Home, provided he is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

Expressing the hope that you are in your usual good health, and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 21, 1915.

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Mr. Oliver H. Early,  
Yakutat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant asking for a copy of the laws passed by the Alaska legislature.

In reply you are advised that the laws passed by the Legislature are contained in two volumes, one for the 1913 session and the other for the 1915 session. An act of the legislature provides that these volumes shall be sold to the public by the Secretary of the Territory. The price of each volume is five dollars. This office is not in a position to furnish these books free of charge. If, however, there is some particular law passed by the last session of the legislature which you wish to obtain, it will be forwarded to you if you will advise what it is. But few of the laws of the 1913 session are now available in the advance-sheet form.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 22, 1915.

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Mr. A. Polot,  
President, Nome Chamber of Commerce,  
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 21st instant as follows:

"Snake River harbor considered feasible.  
Please strongly recommend construction  
in your report."

In reply I have to advise you that it would have given me great pleasure to have recommended the construction of the harbor facilities at Nome in my annual report had your telegram been received in time for me to do so. My report was completed and mailed to Washington only two days ago, and it is a matter of regret to me that your telegram was not received at such a time as would have enabled me to have taken action in the matter through that medium. However, I shall recommend by letter to the Department as strongly as possible the need of harbor improvements at Nome. With the almost universal clamor extending from one end of the United States to the other for "war preparedness", which means a big increase in the United States Navy and perhaps in the Army, it is to be feared that the appropriations for river and harbor improvements will suffer severely at the hands of the next Congress. How-

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--Mr. A. Polet, President, Home Chamber of Commerce, 2--

ever, this will not deter me from doing everything that I can to assist the good people of Home in this matter. Having been a resident of that place for so long a time I am thoroughly familiar with the need of harbor betterments.

Expressing the hope that these efforts may be successful,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

September 22, 1915.

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Mr. Angus A. McAuley,

c/o P. A. Fee,

South Hollingsham, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant with reference to leasing an abandoned coal mine which was worked by the A. C. Company about twenty years ago. You state that you are desirous of leasing about ten acres of coal land.

In reply you are advised that you should write to the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., which will furnish you with the information that you desire.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. C. E. Ahnes,  
Yakutat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant with reference to conditions among the Indians at Yakutat, and the necessity existing for the appointment of a United States Commissioner and a deputy marshal at that place.

In reply I have to advise you that some weeks ago I again addressed a letter to the Department of Justice, urging the appointment of a deputy marshal at Yakutat. A year ago I also brought to the attention of the Department this necessity, but the Department at that time stated that a deputy could not be appointed for Yakutat because of lack of funds. However, as stated, I have renewed the request but as yet have received no reply thereto. I may say that I fully realize that the conditions existing at Yakutat are far from satisfactory, and I shall continue to urge upon the Department the appointment of a deputy marshal until the desired result is secured, if possible.

I am advised that there is no competent man residing in the town who is willing to accept the office of United States Commissioner. Can you recommend the name of some competent person for this place? If you can do so I will ask Judge Jennings

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--Mr. C. R. Ames, p. 2--

to make the appointment. It is my intention to have another investigation made of conditions existing at Yakutat within a short time, but I realize fully that no permanent good can be accomplished until a deputy marshal is stationed at that place.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

September 23, 1915.

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Mr. H. B. Selby,  
Prospector Publishing Company,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant endorsing Professor F. G. Davis of the Valdez high school for the position of assistant superintendent of public instruction.

In reply I have to advise you that when the time comes for making this appointment Mr. Davis' application will receive due consideration. I may say that I have met Mr. Davis and was very favorably impressed with him. His credentials are excellent in every respect, but this may also be said of those of the other applicants. I thank you for your letter, and I wish to assure you your recommendation will receive consideration.

The matter of making an appointment to the office mentioned is being held in abeyance pending the receipt of an opinion upon school legislation passed by the Alaska legislature from the Department of Justice. This opinion, I may say, is due to arrive at any time.

You will kindly consider this communication confidential except so far as Mr. Davis is concerned.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 22, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher, in duplicate, in favor of Mr. H. F. Morton, for the sum of \$150.00, for services in connection with re-indexing the 1913 session laws, etc., under the provisions of H. J. R. No. 13, session of 1915. It is proposed to pay this voucher from subdivision "4" of Chapter 68, S. L. 1915. As the work was done under your supervision, the Governor requests that the voucher be submitted to you for your certification before he approves it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 23, 1915.

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Dr. E. H. Davis,  
Assistant Commissioner of Health,  
Division No. 1,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of letter of this date addressed to Dr. W. G. Cassels, Assistant Commissioner of Health for the Fourth division, respecting the report cards which have been mailed to him.

If, in distributing these cards to the physicians in the First division, you have issued any instructions respecting their use, kindly furnish this office with a copy of such instructions, for filing.

Letters similar to the one to Dr. Cassels have been sent to Dr. W. D'Arcy Chase, Nome, and Dr. W. H. Chase, Cordova.

In line with the instructions given to the other Assistant Health Commissioners, you will be expected to make monthly returns to this office covering all cases reported to you by the physicians in the First division.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner of Health.

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Mr. W. C. Cassels,  
Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Division No. 4,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there have been mailed to you 500 report cards for use of physicians in your Division in reporting to you contagious and infectious diseases treated by them. It is expected that you will at once arrange for the distribution of these cards, giving them such instructions as you may deem necessary with regard thereto. If a letter is sent out by you to the physicians in your division, kindly send a copy of it to this office for filing.

You will be expected to make monthly returns to this office covering all cases reported to you on the cards above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Commis-  
sioner of Health.

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Dr. W. D'Arcy Chase,  
Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Division No. 2,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there have been mailed to you 250 report cards for use of physicians in your Division in reporting to you contagious and infectious diseases treated by them. It is expected that you will at once arrange for the distribution of these cards to all physicians in the Second division, with such directions as you may deem necessary regarding their use. Kindly send a copy of your letter of instructions to this office, if one is written, so that it may be placed on file.

It will be expected that you will make monthly returns to this office covering all cases reported to you on the cards in question.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health.

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September 23, 1918.

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Dr. W. H. Chase,  
Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Division No. 3,  
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there have been mailed to you 1,000 report cards for use of physicians in your Division in reporting to you contagious or infectious diseases treated by them. It is expected that you will at once arrange for the distribution of these cards to the physicians of the Third division, with suitable instructions as to their use. Kindly send this office a copy of the instructions which you issue. It will be expected, also, that you will make monthly reports to this office covering the cases which may be reported to you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Health  
Commissioner.

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Mr. Daniel A. Jones,  
Road Commissioner, District No. 2,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of yours of the 9th instant transmitting vouchers in favor of the Nome Publishing Company and the Nome Industrial Worker, for \$10 each, accompanied by affidavits of publication, copies of notice, and bills.

The voucher in favor of the Nome Industrial Worker has been approved for payment this date by the Governor, and a warrant will be issued in due course.

The voucher in favor of the Nome Publishing Company is returned herewith, and your attention is called to the fact that you have not signed the certificate at the bottom thereof. The affidavit, notice, and bill will be held in this office until the voucher has been returned.

In this connection you are advised that bills submitted with vouchers should not be receipted. You will note the certificate which the payee of a voucher is required to sign contains the statement "that no part of same has been paid"; hence the bill which accompanies a voucher should not be receipted.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 23, 1915.

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Honorable W. G. Smith,  
Territorial Treasurer,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Smith:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith  
Road voucher No. 7 of this date, in favor of the Home Industrial  
Worker, Nome, Alaska, covering bill for advertising in connection  
with road construction in Road District No. 2. The voucher has  
been approved by the Governor. When you have made a record of same  
will you kindly hand it to the Secretary for issuance of a warrant.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 23, 1915.

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Mr. A. H. Ziegler,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to your 'phone request of yesterday there is enclosed herewith a list of the United States court officials of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 24, 1915.

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Mr. Willis E. Nowell,  
Agent Juneau S. S. Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher No. 38 of this date in favor of the Juneau Steamship Company for the sum of \$13.00, covering transportation, meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, furnished to Allan Chisholm on the 15th instant, upon the written order of the Governor.

Kindly sign the voucher for your Company and present it at the office of the Secretary of the Territory for issuance of a warrant in payment, leaving all papers attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

C/O to:  
Treasurer of Territory.

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September 24, 1915.

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Mr. Willis E. Howell,  
Agent Alaska S. S. Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher No. 37 of this date in favor of your Company for \$25.00, covering transportation furnished to E. H. Wells, Juneau to Seattle, on the 4th instant, upon the verbal order of the Governor.

Kindly sign the voucher for your Company, and present it, with all papers attached, at the office of the Secretary of the Territory, for issuance of warrant in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

C/C to  
Treasurer of Territory.

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September 24, 1915.

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Mr. William Maloney,  
Territorial Mine Inspector,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Maloney:

The receipt is acknowledged of your expense account for August. The account has been checked up and the last item (\$5.00) has been suspended, by order of the Governor, for the reason that you failed to include sub-voucher No. 21 with the account. The account has been approved for \$227.00 and is being transmitted to the Secretary to-day for issuance of warrant.

You are authorized to include the above item of \$5.00 in a subsequent account, which should be accompanied by sub-voucher No. 21 above referred to.

With respect to your sub-vouchers your attention is called to the fact that your official title does not appear on any of them. Why not get some forms printed, with your name and title, thereon? The expense could properly be paid from your allowance.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear General:

This office occasionally receives requests for copies of the 1915 session laws from organizations or institutions in the State to whom it is advisable to extend the courtesy. For this purpose I have to ask that you kindly send me 10 copies of the 1915 session laws. If you will kindly telephone this office when the same are ready our messenger will call for them.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith voucher No. 45 of this date in favor of William Maloney, Territorial mine inspector, for the sum of \$227.00, covering his August, 1915, expense account. It will be noted that the last item of the account has been suspended, for the reason that the sub-voucher did not accompany the account. This item, amounting to \$5, will be taken up by the inspector in a later account, under authority of this office, as per notation on the face of the enclosed voucher.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Honorable E. B. Collins,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Fox, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Speaker:

In connection with the expenses of the second session of the Alaska legislature, the Department of the Interior has requested that the approval of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House be obtained to the voucher issued in payment of the April rent of the legislative halls and committee rooms. You will recall that the contract price with the Goldstein Improvement Company was \$2,000 for the 60-day session. Of this amount, the sum of \$1,033.33 was paid for the month of March, the voucher being approved by you and Senator Sutherland. In paying the April rent, however, the amount of which was \$966.67, Mr. Shorthill overlooked having the voucher approved by the presiding officers. Inasmuch as the contract was signed by the President and the Speaker, this oversight was not deemed material, but the Department has asked that the voucher be approved. It is deemed inexpedient to send the original voucher, owing to the possibility of loss in the mails, and I am therefore enclosing an approval form which I would ask that you kindly sign and mail to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. A similar form is being sent to Senator Sutherland. When both have been received at this office

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they will be attached to the voucher and forwarded to the Department at Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to request that you kindly furnish this office with a duplicate list of the names and addresses of all State libraries which have been supplied with copies of the 1918 session laws of Alaska. This information is desired for use in connection with requests which are received from time to time by this office for exchange of State and Territorial laws, reports, etc., between the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and the various State institutions of like character.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Honorable Dan A. Sutherland,  
President, Alaska Senate,  
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the expenses of the second session of the Alaska legislature, the Department of the Interior has requested that the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House be obtained to the voucher issued in payment of the April rent of the legislative halls and committee rooms. You will recall that the contract price with the Goldstein Improvement Company was \$2,000 for the 60-day session. Of this amount, \$1,033.33 was paid for the month of March, the voucher therefor having been approved by you and by Mr. Collins. The voucher issued for the April rent (29 days - \$966.67) was not approved by the presiding officers, owing to an oversight on the part of this office. Inasmuch as both officers had signed the contract, however, this was not deemed material. The Department has requested that the formal approval of both presiding officers be obtained to the voucher, however.

There is enclosed herewith a form of approval of the voucher and payment in question, which it is requested that you kindly sign and mail to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. A similar form is being sent to Speaker Col-

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lins. When both have been received at this office they will be attached to the voucher above referred to and sent to the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Alaska Telephone & Telegraph Co.,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check No. 440 of this date in your favor for \$3.60, covering your bill of September 19, 1914, for telephone tolls on message from this office to the clerk of the school board at Candle, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. H. F. Horton,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher in your favor for \$150, approved this date by the Governor, covering services in connection with the re-indexing of the 1913 session laws, etc. The voucher should be presented at the office of the Secretary of the Territory for issuance of a warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. S. V. Clonard,  
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 14th, in which you ask for information concerning Alaska, such as weather conditions, etc.

In reply I have to advise that Alaska has a variety of climates. The climate of the coastal regions is generally mild; the precipitation is usually heavy, - that is to say the rainfall is copious in summer and the snowfall in some sections is abundant in the winter season. The climate of the interior is dry and warm in the summer, and dry and cold in the winter. The precipitation is light. This will also apply to northwestern Alaska, or what is known as "Seward Peninsula".

Newspapers, daily and weekly, or both, are to be found in all the towns of Alaska. There are two daily newspapers at Juneau, one at Ketchikan, one at Skagway, one at Cordova, one at Valdez, two at Seward, one at Anchorage, two at Nome, and two at Fairbanks. All of these offices are equipped with linotype machines.

I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet which contains general information concerning this Territory, which may be of some service to you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. George O'Keefe,  
#426 W. 163rd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, in which you ask for information concerning this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that the "bricklaying" art insofar as Alaska is concerned is almost a lost one, concrete for building purposes alone being used with the exception of wood.

As for employment in other lines there is always a demand of course but the supply is in excess of the demand. I have made it an invariable rule to advise no one to come to Alaska, neither shall I discourage them. Men of good habits are not likely to go hungry in a country like Alaska but will however have to "hustle" for themselves. That is to say if they cannot find the kind of a job they want they will have to take such as they can find.

I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet containing general information concerning this Territory, which I trust you may find of service.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Colonel W. P. Richardson,  
Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Colonel Richardson:

Receipt of your letter of the 17th instant is acknowledged, and in reply I have to advise that I did not meet Captain Edgerton when he passed through Juneau as the steamer arrived here, as usual, in the middle of the night. I have to thank you for the data supplied for use in my annual report, in which it is incorporated almost verbatim, with due credit being given. The report was excellent and served my purposes admirably.

With reference to the silver medal which was awarded as a collaborator in connection with the Alaskan exhibits, I may say that I also received one for similar services, and I shall surely join you in exhibiting it on every proper occasion.

I shall be glad to see you when you come to Juneau, and with very best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Western Union Telegraph Company,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith voucher covering your July account against this office, amount 40 cents, covering message of July 31, 1915, from Fort, Assistant Treasurer, to Strong, Governor. Kindly sign the voucher and return it to this office for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Honorable Charles E. Dummell,  
United States District Judge,  
Division No. 4,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Purquant to my telegram of recent date I am enclosing herewith account, in duplicate, covering maintenance of pioneers from the Fourth judicial division who were cared for in the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1915, the total of the account being \$686.00.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Honorable A. G. Shoup,

Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

In response to your request in letter received today, there are being mailed to you, under separate cover, some voucher forms of the First and Third Judicial divisions, for use when making out the accounts for maintenance of inmates of the Home from the several divisions. The form for the First division (short form) can no doubt be used also for the Second and Fourth divisions. These are all to be made in duplicate. The form for the Third division is slightly different, and also it appears that Judge Brown requires the vouchers in triplicate.

The Governor is forwarding by first mail the June account for the Fourth division, which was received with your letter above mentioned.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Lieutenant Frederick Hears,  
Alaska Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, A l a s k a.

Dear Lieutenant Hears:

I am addressing you in behalf of Mr. A. F. Raynor, who is desirous of securing a place in the Commissary Department of the Alaska Engineering Commission at Anchorage. I can say for Mr. Raynor that he has had much experience in all branches connected with the operation of the commissary and mess-house. This experience has been acquired through practical connection with and operation of them. I am assured that he is a reliable man, and I feel safe in saying that he would discharge faithfully and economically any duties in this line with which he might be entrusted.

Personally I may say to you that I very much dislike giving letters to any person, and especially to you, as I fully understand and sympathize with you in the many handicaps that you must carry because of the peculiar conditions by which you are necessarily confronted. I may say, however, that in such letters as I have given I have endeavored to first satisfy myself that the recipients were both competent and deserving.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith notarial bond of Mr. Thomas Hunter, Circle, Alaska, duly approved by the Clerk of the District Court for the Fourth division, oath of office, endorsed draft in the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee, and letter from the Clerk of the Court transmitting the bond, etc., to this office. You will note Mr. Hunter desires his commission mailed direct to him at Circle, Alaska.

Kindly have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

c/c to:  
Mr. Thomas Hunter,  
Circle, A.

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Mrs. Habel Wilson Spier,  
Holcomb, Mississippi.  
R.F.D. No. 3.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 9th ultimo, addressed to the Chief Game Warden, Juneau, Alaska, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply you are advised that we have no information concerning the whereabouts of your father, but following the usual custom in such matters we have requested the various newspapers in Alaska to publish an inquiry for information concerning him, and should any response be received thereto you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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The Alaska Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, making an inquiry regarding the death of one Charles A. Peirce, who is supposed to have been drowned at Eagle River while working on a cargo scow for the Government.

Upon referring to the records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Juneau, I find returns of the death of one Al Pierce who was a barge tender for the Alaska Engineering Commission at Anchorage, Cook Inlet, Alaska, and who met his death by accidental drowning on June 11, 1915, at a point near Eagle River some five miles northeast of Anchorage. The report gives the following description of the deceased: Height, 5 feet, 11 inches; weight, 190 pounds; hair, light; complexion, light; been in Alaska 8 years; wife, Mrs. Al Pierce, living at Pacific City (near Seattle), Washington; has one stepdaughter, Maude, who is married. The report further states that the deceased was commonly known among his friends as "Slivers". The age of the deceased is not disclosed by the report.

It will be appreciated if you will give this office the benefit of any information which you may have concerning Al ("Slivers") Pierce named in the report above referred to, and particularly with reference to his name as the same appears on your records. It will also be appreciated if you will kindly advise where the remains were buried and the name of the undertaker or other person in charge.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Miss E. H. Reid,  
No. 1 Enterprise,  
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Madam:

There has been referred to this office for attention your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to Mr. Thane, of Juneau, making inquiry concerning mining properties which your brother, EDWARD JAMES REID, who lost his life in the wreck of the S/S "State of California", may have been interested in.

This office has no information on the subject, but has requested the various newspapers of Alaska to publish an inquiry, and should any response be received thereto you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Wallace Gilpatrick, Supt.,  
The Chrystie Street House,  
75-77 Horatio Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, making inquiry concerning one MARTIN CUMMINGS, who was reported to have been lost in the ice <sup>in Alaska</sup> sometime during the present year.

In reply you are respectfully advise that this office has no information concerning this case, nor is there any information in the records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Juneau.

The newspapers of Alaska have been requested to publish an inquiry for information concerning the whereabouts of this man, and should any response be received thereto you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. L. T. Palmer, Manager,  
The Middletown Realty Company,  
Middletown, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 13th instant, I take pleasure in sending you herewith a circular of general information concerning the Territory of Alaska, which may be of some interest to you.

I also enclose a copy of a booklet recently issued by the Commercial Club of Juneau, which gives a very fair statement of the conditions in the Juneau district.

For your information I would add that Juneau has been the capital of Alaska for some nine years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Edith Hunt,  
C o s a d, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you make inquiry concerning the whereabouts of your husband, JOHN T. HUNT, who left some six months ago taking with him your fourteen months old girl.

This office has no information concerning Mr. Hunt. Following the usual custom, however, in such matters the various newspapers in Alaska will be asked to publish a request for information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Hunt. Should any response be received thereto you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. C. S. Culver,  
#125 Pasadena Avenue,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant with reference to your efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of your brother, KENNETH McLEOD, whom you think may be in Alaska.

On September 11th, 1913, this office caused an inquiry to be published in all the Alaska papers asking for information concerning one Kenneth H. McLeod, who had been last heard from in 1907, while at Fairbanks, Alaska. This inquiry was published at the instance of Mrs. Annie McLeod, Rivlet, Inverness County, Nova Scotia, Canada, who stated that Kenneth H. McLeod was her son and that he had come to Alaska about seven years previously. At that time he was about 30 years of age.

I do not know, of course, whether the Kenneth H. McLeod, above referred to, is the Kenneth McLeod to whom you refer in your letter. In any event, however, this office will request the newspapers of Alaska to publish an inquiry for your information concerning the whereabouts of your brother, and should any response be received thereto you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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S/D

Mr. Julius Alliet,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I received a communication from the Department of States Washington, D.C. in reply to a letter addressed by this office to the Department on the 2nd instant relative to your desire to have your wife and children, now in Brussels, Belgium, join you in Alaska.

Kindly call at this office at your convenience and I will further discuss the matter with you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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The Librarian of Congress,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to office letter of May 15 last, and to transmit herewith copy of the Report of the Territorial Secretary and Registrar of Vital Statistics, 1915, therein referred to.

I am informed that the Secretary of the Territory recently forwarded to you copies of the 1915 Session Laws and Senate and House Journals, and it is therefore assumed that it is not necessary for this office to forward copies of the laws and journals.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Anne G. Cross,  
Library of the Department of Commerce,  
Commerce Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Referring again to your letter of June 3, 1915, requesting to be supplied with copies of the Alaska Session Laws, and to be placed on the mailing list for future copies, and also for the Governor's annual report, I beg to advise that under separate cover there go forward to you in this mail one copy each of the 1913 and 1915 Session Laws.

Your Library will be placed on the mailing list for future copies of the laws, and also for copies of the annual reports. The 1915 annual report will not be ready for distribution until January next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. W. G. Thomas,  
United States Commissioner,  
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of advice from the Sanitarium Company of Portland, Oregon, stating that Sam May, who was committed to that institution from Wrangell in July last, died on the morning of the 23rd instant of chronic valvular heart disease. Interment took place in the Multnomah Cemetery at Portland. The Sanitarium Company say that they have no record of any relatives or friends of the deceased.

If you know of any relatives or friends of the deceased it will be appreciated if you will kindly advise them in accordance with the foregoing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Dr. G. C. Mauls,  
Secretary, Board of Dental Examiners,  
D o u g l a s, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. O. J. Keating of Hol-  
lister, California, there is enclosed herewith  
a letter addressed to you by him which was receiv-  
ed at this office today.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. O. J. Keating,  
Hollister, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Dental Commissioners for Alaska, and requesting that this office forward the same to that officer.

In accordance with your request your letter has this day been transmitted to Dr. G. C. Manle, Secretary of the Board of Dental Commissioners for Alaska, whose address is Douglas, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 28, 1915.

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Mr. J. L. McPherson,  
Secretary Alaska Bureau,  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I regret to say that our supply of copies of the Governor's report for 1914 was exhausted sometime ago and it is, therefore, impossible to comply with your request.

The report for 1915 was recently forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior and it will be ready for distribution sometime in January next. Your Bureau is on our regular mailing list and copies of the report will be mailed you at that time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. L. H. French,  
United States Commissioner,  
Bristol Bay Precinct,  
Dillingham, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from The Sanitarium Company, Portland, Oregon, advising that on the 20th instant Alexis Ankan, an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium, died of pulmonary tuberculosis. Interment took place in the Multnomah Cemetery, Portland.

The deceased was committed to the Sanitarium from the Bristol Bay precinct, on January 17, 1912, by order of F. W. Schultz, then United States Commissioner for that precinct. It is suggested that if you know of any relatives or friends of the deceased you advise them of the foregoing facts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith letter of the 15th instant from Mr. Curtis R. Norford, Seward, Alaska, making application for appointment as a notary public. Mr. Norford's application is accompanied by approved bond, oath of office, petition, and the sum of ten dollars to cover the legal fee for the commission.

Kindly have commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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C/C to:

Mr. Curtis R. Norford,  
Seward, Alaska.

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September 29, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith letter of the 24th instant from Mr. James Fish, Valdez, Alaska, making application for reappointment as a notary public, his former commission having expired on the 18th instant. Mr. Fish's application is accompanied by approved bond, oath of office, and the sum of ten dollars to cover the legal fee for the commission.

Will you kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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C/C to:

Mr. James Fish,  
Valdez, Alaska.

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Mr. Matthew F. Collins,  
St. Michael, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 23rd, in which you take issue with a statement contained in my letter to the Secretary of the Interior with reference to certain charges that you and others had made against Frank Waskey, to the effect that I believed him to be strictly honest.

In reply I have to say that I made this statement as a matter of belief, and I have to repeat it. Up to the time that I knew Frank Waskey intimately I never heard him charged with dishonesty and being a grafter, which you say that he is, and that you can prove it. Permit me to suggest that if your allegations be true you should have no difficulty in accomplishing his removal as United States commissioner and recorder for the Wade Hampton Precinct, by making your charges directly to the Honorable John Randolph Tucker, United States Judge for the Second Judicial Division.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. H. C. Phillips,  
C/o Lake Mohonk Conference,  
Mohonk Lake, New York.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 15th, in which you say it would be a source of considerable gratification to Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, whose invitation I received sometime ago, if I could attend the meeting of the Conference.

I have to thank you for your kind expressions, and also Mr. and Mrs. Smiley for their invitation, receipt of which has already been acknowledged. It would indeed give me great pleasure were I able to leave Alaska at this time for the purpose of visiting Mohonk Lake during the time of the Conference. I am deeply interested in all matters discussed by the Conference at its annual meetings with relation to the Indians and other dependent peoples. I am also deeply interested in the welfare of the Indians of Alaska, and am doing everything in my power that may be of benefit for these people and for the amelioration of conditions by which they are surrounded.

Permit me to thank you for your letter, and through you I desire to present my compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, expressing the hope that the Conference will be as successful as its most ardent friends could desire.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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Mr. James T. Gammon,  
#1014 Elysian Street,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 10th, in which you inquire as to the prospects of your getting a situation in Alaska as a teacher or janitor, and stating your qualifications therefor.

In reply I have to advise that I know of no opening of this kind in the Territory at this time. Situations of any kind are not plentiful at any kind in Alaska, and when a vacancy arises there are usually many applicants.

I am enclosing herewith a school circular for your information; also a circular containing general information concerning the Territory.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable C. K. Snow,  
R u b y, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2nd with reference to the selection of a site for the prospectors' Home to be established in interior Alaska, according to the provisions of Chapter 78, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners to provide for a home for aged prospectors in interior Alaska".

I note what you say as to the inaccessibility of such a place as Chena Hot Springs, and you express the belief that it would be a most grievous mistake were such a selection made, as it would place a handicap on the institution that no local conditions could overcome. Your observations are based on a statement made in a Fairbanks newspaper to the effect that Delegate Wickersham had made a trip to Big Chena Hot Springs with a view to recommending that place as a site for the prospectors' home.

In reply I have to advise you that when in Fairbanks Delegate Wickersham and Mr. Driscoll brought the matter to my attention and it was decided that Mr. Wickersham should visit the Springs for the purpose of making a report to the Commissioners of the Home as to their availability for possible designation in the law. Judge Wickersham has not yet reported but no doubt will do so in due course. I may state that I noticed through the medium of a Fairbanks paper that Mr. Wickersham is quoted as saying that the availability of the Springs depended wholly upon transportation facilities.

It is my personal opinion that these hot springs are too remote from other sections of the Territory to make them available. I am therefore interested in what you say concerning other springs of the Fourth Judicial Division, some of which I know something about. I may also say that in my opinion it would be most inadvisable at the present time to erect another

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home for aged prospectors and others in the Territory, on the broad ground that it is not needed at this time, nor will it be until the Territory has a greater population. With the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, together with the pension law passed at the last session of the Legislature, I believe the situation has been met for the present. You may be assured, however, that the merits of the different hot springs of the interior will receive due attention by me, as a member of the commission, before any selection is made.

Just a word to acknowledge receipt of your personal letter received the same date as your official communication. I note that you enjoyed your vacation thoroughly and I am satisfied it has done you much good, as you make no reference whatsoever to your health. It is, therefore, to be assumed that you have quite recovered.

I also note what you say about the Morningside Sanitarium. I believe myself the Sanitarium has received criticism which it did not deserve. My opposition to the Sanitarium is chiefly based on my opposition to the contract system of caring for insane persons. That is to say, every State or Territory should own and control its own hospital or hospitals for the care of the insane. It is quite possible that the insane of Alaska are cared for at the Morningside Sanitarium in as capable and perhaps as humane a manner as they would be at any similar institution.

I shall be glad to hear from you at anytime, and, with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable Arthur G. Shoup,  
Superintendent Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
S i t k a, Alaska.

Dear Arthur:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to the employment of the trained nurse for the Pioneers' Home, her employment to begin October 1st.

I note what you say with respect to her competency, and trust that she will prove entirely satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Honorable Arthur G. Shoup,  
Superintendent Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
S i t k a, Alaska.

My dear Arthur:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant; also vouchers for subsistence of inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home from the Fourth Division for the quarter ended June 20, 1915. These vouchers have been forwarded to Judge Bunnell at Fairbanks. I will endeavor to procure for you a sufficient number of these forms to use in rendering these accounts for the present quarter.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to the number of inmates now in the Home, and how many more you can care for. I note that of late there has been a considerable influx from various quarters of the Territory en route to the Home at Sitka.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

Mr. R. Beggs,  
Eagle, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Beggs:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 18th, in which you state that there is to be a change in the office of weather observer at Eagle and you would like to succeed Mr. Myers, the present incumbent.

In reply I have to advise you that this matter is entirely new to me, as I do not know who makes the appointment. If you will advise me I will endeavor to comply with your request, and at least make a recommendation that you be appointed.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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Messieur M. Marillier,  
Le Chef des Etudes Financieres,  
Crédit Lyonnais,  
P a r i s, France.

Messieur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 28th in which you request that the report of the Governor of the Territory of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior, 1914, be forwarded to your address.

In reply I regret to advise you that no copies of this report remain in this office for distribution. You are advised to address the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., which may be able to comply with your request.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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Mr. H. M. Hillis,  
#6128 Pilgrim Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, requesting data as to the locating of homesteads in Alaska the coming year, in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska.

For information concerning lands open to homesteading in the Fairbanks district, I beg to refer you to Mr. J. E. Clark, Receiver of the United States Land Office, Fairbanks, Alaska, who no doubt will be able to furnish you with the data you request.

With reference to your inquiry as to whether the Government will be doing road work, land clearing, etc. that would enable men to make a part of their expenses ~~during~~ the time they are bringing their property under cultivation, I have to say that the Alaska Road Commission does more or less road work during the open season, and it is possible that some work might be secured in this way.

The Government makes no provision for supplying free seed, such as is done in parts of Canada. Reindeer are not given to homesteaders, but only to natives of Alaska on complying with certain conditions. I believe that a limited number of sheep, cattle and hogs may be purchased from the Government agricultural experiment stations in Alaska. For information with reference to this, however, you are advised to address Mr. C. C. Georgeson, care Agricultural Experiment Station, Sitka, Alaska.

Trusting that this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. A. F. Wildt,  
#3718 N. 30th Street,  
Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mr. Wildt:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, with reference to the desire of your daughter, who was brought up in Alaska, to secure a position as stenographer in this city or some other town of the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that it certainly would give me pleasure if I could be of any service in the way desired. However, I know of no openings for anyone at this time, but shall keep your daughter in mind should I know or hear of a vacant position requiring the services of a stenographer or typewriter. In this connection I might suggest that you have your daughter write the Remington Typewriter Company and the L.C. Smith Typewriter Company, of Juneau, who are frequently requisitioned for capable stenographers, and whose facilities for placing such clerical help are more extensive than my own.

I may say that I remember you very well, and am glad to hear from you.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Dan Driscoll,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 10th, with reference to the case of Mrs. A. R. Simpson, an aged resident of your city.

As you state that Mrs. Simpson, who is 65 years old, is unable to support herself, in accordance with your request I will cause an allowance to be made for her relief from the appropriation made by the Legislature of 1916 for such purpose. A warrant for the sum of \$50.00 will be forwarded to Mrs. Simpson, in your care, in the course of a few days.

With assurances of my personal esteem,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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Honorable P. P. Claxton,  
Commissioner, Bureau of Education,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Claxton:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 17th. in which you state that the Alaska Pioneers' Home will be placed on the mailing list of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education, and that it will receive future publications regarding Alaska, as issued.

Permit me to thank you for your kindly courtesy on behalf of the management and the inmates of the Home.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

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Captain L. L. Bales,  
Box 94 - Model Postoffice,  
~~Panama~~ Panama International Exposition,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Captain Bales:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of the 22nd.

It is needless to say that I am pleased to  
hear from you and am glad indeed to know that you are  
getting along so nicely. I may say that your apprecia-  
tion of Mr. Boykin is thoroughly deserved as he is a  
splendid gentleman in every way. I do not believe at  
this time that I will visit San Francisco during the  
course of the Exposition. I would like for several  
reasons to be present on October 18th, but I hardly think  
it will be best to do so. I know that you and the  
other Alaskans will creditably represent this Territory  
on that day.

I note with pleasure your comments upon the  
operation of the Alaska Game Law and your suggestions  
for amendments thereto. These will be given due  
prominence in my forthcoming report to the Department  
of Agriculture.

With best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins,  
I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

*H. V.*

September 29, 1915.

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Doctor E. Lester Jones,  
Superintendent U.S. Coast &  
Geodetic Survey,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Jones:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17th, together with copy of your new Wire-Drag publication for the Atlantic Coast, for which I thank you.

It affords me pleasure to know that you like your new position and I am satisfied that you will fill it with credit to yourself and satisfaction to the Department.

It is perhaps needless for me to say that I am in thorough accord with your plan for a permanent suboffice of the Bureau to be located in Juneau. I shall endeavor to second your able efforts in every way possible in order that this may be brought about.

Accept assurances of my personal esteem, in which Mrs. Strong joins.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

Mr. Phillip F. Smith,  
Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Receipt is acknowledged of your several letters of September 16th and September 20th, together with copies of bulletins 622B - 622C - 622A and 622G, for which I thank you.

Replying to your kind offer to furnish additional copies to any friends I might designate, I gladly submit the following list of names to whom you will please send a copy of each of the different bulletins as enumerated:

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Arthur G. Shoup

Mr. Phillip F. Smith ---- No. 3.

I thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

September 30, 1915.

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Mr. Phil Abrahams,

Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Abrahams:

Your letter of the 19th was duly received, and I referred it to the Governor, who advises me that he knew Mr. Nealey in Katalia in 1908 and met him again last November in San Diego, California. Further than this, however, the Governor can give no information concerning Mr. Nealey. Possibly he has gone to Anchorage.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(Encl.)

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September 20, 1915.

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Miss Anne Birnly,  
#858 Fox Street,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of September 5th, in which you ask as to the means of making a livelihood in Alaska.

In reply I would advise that the usual means of making a livelihood are followed in Alaska. There are women stenographers, typewriters, bookkeepers, clerks in stores, housemaids, kitchen maids, etc. The supply for the former, or clerical class, of labor generally exceeds the demand, while with the latter it is distinctly opposite, it appearing that the average young woman of the present day has a distaste for house-work, or shall I say "domestic science". For this class of labor I believe there is a steady demand.

As for a "dash of life", you will probably find it here just as you do in New York, but certainly not on such a stupendous scale nor in such variety.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 30, 1915.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find check No. 444 of this date in your favor for \$3.10, covering your bill of August 21 last for supplies furnished to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 30, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith a voucher of this date in favor of Mrs. A. R. Simpson, of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the sum of \$50, drawn on the appropriation for "Relief of destitution."

Application was made through Hon. Dan Driscoll, of Fairbanks, and it is requested that the warrant be mailed to Mrs. Simpson in care of Mr. Driscoll, who will see to its delivery and the signing of such receipt as you may require.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

C/C to:  
Treasurer of Alaska.

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Honorable A. P. McWilliams,  
United States Commissioner,  
Petersburg, A l a s k a.

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of September 27th, with reference to Frank Hopkins, a young Indian of Petersburg, to whom I addressed a letter sometime since.

I have to thank you for your letter and the information it contains concerning this young Indians. From your statements I am of the opinion that he would be unfit for the Chemawa School, and probably if his record was known he would not be admitted. Of course the school would require references and I instructed him in my letter to secure endorsements from residents of Petersburg, including yourself, as I had nothing to judge the young Indian by except the statements contained in his letter to me.

I regret to hear of the demoralized condition of the natives in Petersburg. Your deputy marshal is certainly very negligent in the performance of his duty. May I ask if any representations have been made to the United States marshal as to the general inefficiency of his deputy at Petersburg? If not, it seems that this should be done and the present incumbent removed and someone appointed in his place who would do his best to enforce the laws. An energetic man could do this, I am sure, with the assistance that you would be certain to give him.

If I can be of any service to you in this or any other way in the enforcement of the law or the advancement of the welfare of the native people, command me.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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October 1, 1915.

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Honorable Leopold David,  
United States Commissioner,  
Anchorage, A l a s k a.

My dear Judge:

Some of the Alaska newspapers have carried an item to the effect that a vigilance committee had been formed at a place called "Matameka City", and that the miners had run out an evil character who had been infesting the town.

I would thank you if you would, at your convenience, advise me as to the truth or untruth of the published statement referred to; also as to the general conditions insofar as peace and the preservation of law and order are concerned in your precinct outside of Anchorage, as I assume that Anchorage is a perfectly law-abiding community.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Raymond S. Brown - - - p.2.

The only taxed real estate is found in the incorporated towns of the Territory, the lands outside the incorporated towns being untaxed.

Trusting that the foregoing information will be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 1, 1915.

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Mr. Raymond C. Brown,  
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,  
H o n o l u l u, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15th, in which you request that your Chamber be furnished with a detailed unmounted map of Alaska, and also any publication which is available giving statistics relating to taxable property, population, list of Governors with their names, etc.etc.

In reply I have to advise you that, under separate cover, I am today transmitting to your address a map of this Territory, which I believe will answer your purpose. I am also enclosing a list of the Governors of Alaska, together with their names and periods of service; also copies of a pamphlet containing general information concerning the Territory.

I shall from time to time forward to you additional pamphlets as they may be printed.

For information as to the population you are advised to consult the report of the United States Census of 1910, which will give you all the available information. I may add that the white population of Alaska at this time is estimated at approximately 44,000.

It is impossible for this office to furnish you statistics relating to taxable property, none being available at this time.

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Raymond S. Brown - - - p.2.

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Very truly yours,

Governor.

September 30, 1915.

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Mr. J. M. Wyckoff,  
Acting Forest Supervisor,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the information furnished concerning the Tongass and Chugach National Forests for publication in my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

The information forwarded was most acceptable, and I have to thank you for your compliance with my request, the data being received in ample time.

I was also much pleased to receive the article by Mr. Canfield on the work now being conducted to determine water power values in southeastern Alaska, which has been incorporated in my report, due credit being given.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Honorable W. G. Thomas,  
United States Commissioner,  
W r a n g e l l, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

I noticed yesterday in a <sup>Journal</sup> ~~Wrangell~~ newspaper that a vigilance committee had been organized in Wrangell for the purpose of maintaining order and incidentally for the expulsion of a number of your Mexican population, one of whom, I understand, stabbed one of your citizens recently.

Of course newspaper reports are, I regret to say, generally exaggerated, but I would thank you to inform me at your convenience as to the exact truth of these published statements.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 1, 1915.

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Henry Waldo Coe, M. D.,  
President & Treasurer, The Sanitarium Co.,  
P o r t l a n d, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 23rd with reference to certain alleged unjust criticisms as to the management of the Morningside Sanitarium and wherein, you state, the Governor's office is given credit for the same.

In reply I have to advise you that such criticism as I have made of the Morningside Sanitarium is contained in my reports to the Secretary of the Interior, and I have never given out for publication anything concerning the management of your institution. If I have been so quoted it has been without my knowledge or authority. The letter of Mr. Hale, addressed to this office, was transmitted to the Department of the Interior without comment on my part, but for the information of the Department.

I may say that when I visited the Sanitarium in November last I was not pleased with the condition in which I found it, having arrived there early in the morning. A copy of my report has, no doubt, been forwarded to you by the Secretary of the Interior and it is therefore needless to refer to it further here.

I am now and always have been and always shall be so long as I live opposed to the contract system of caring for the insane. My efforts have been directed, and shall continue to be directed to the end that an institution for the care of the insane of Alaska be erected within the Territory. The contract system of caring for the insane is, in my opinion, inherently bad, and this statement is made without any desire to criticize the management of your institution or any other similar institution maintained for that purpose. It is quite possible that the inmates are given as good care as can be expected under such a system.

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I may also say that I have noted in your correspondence with the Department of the Interior that you have animadverted upon the climatic conditions of Alaska. In this I believe you were wrong as your information as to climatic and other conditions in Alaska, I take it, was obtained through other sources, you yourself never having visited the Territory. In my opinion, and I express it frankly, the insane of Alaska can be just as comfortably cared for in Alaska as they can outside the Territory, and I am free to say better. The climate of Alaska is much misrepresented and misunderstood by people who know nothing about it. Let me be not misunderstood: I am opposed to the contract system of caring for the insane in Alaska or outside of it. What I am striving for is the erection of an institution by the Government for that purpose, and of course in Alaska.

This office is almost constantly in receipt of communications from insane patients or their friends concerning their treatment, one of the most recent having come from Samuel Bonfield, who you know well. In this connection, do you recall a man by the name of CANUTE HESTNESS, of Petersburg, Alaska, whom I found at Morningside in September 1913 at my first visit, who apparently was committed to your institution when suffering from a touch of blood poisoning caused by cutting his finger on a rusty hoop? If you will refresh your memory you will recall that I told you I did not believe the man was insane, and asked you to watch him closely for a week or so and then discharge him, as I was confident you would find that he was not demented. He informs me that he was discharged but not before he was compelled to institute habeas corpus proceedings for his release at a cost of \$700.00, but before the case came to trial he was released. Does he tell the truth?

I have to say that I am striving to do my duty in every way, and I feel that the proper care of the insane of Alaska is one of the most sacred duties to which the Government of the United States is committed, insofar as Alaska is concerned.

In conclusion I wish to repeat: If there have been any false and defamatory statements against Morningside published, as emanating from this office, they have been without my knowledge and certainly without my consent.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 2, 1915.

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Miss Annie Davidson,  
Box #522, Monroe, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you make application for a position as "nurse attendant" in the Alaska hospital for the insane.

In reply I have to advise you that the insane of Alaska are cared for at Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon. A trained woman nurse is also employed at the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, and for further information in reference thereto you are advised to address Mr. Arthur G. Sheup, Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. T. M. Harrell,  
Marshall, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 22nd, in which you state that you desire to secure a position as court reporter, secretary, stenographer, etc. in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies of these kinds in the Territory at the present time. However, I may suggest that you write Honorable Robert W. Jennings, Judge of the District Court, First Judicial Division, Juneau, Alaska, with whom the appointment of court reporter for his division is vested.

In this connection, I may say that I am advised that the law governing the employment of court reporters in King County, within which Seattle is located, provides that no official reporter shall be designated to take the proceedings of trial or other courts, but the selection is referred to the attorney or attorneys who may submit the cases of clients to the adjudication of such courts. In other words, the field for employment in the courts is open to all. I am advised that Mr. Lee Johnston, who has offices in the L.C. Smith building, Seattle, Washington, employs a corps of competent court reporters, and by addressing him he may be able to give you first hand information as to the opportunities for obtaining remunerative employment in the line indicated.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. James R. Little,  
#2241 46th Avenue, S.W.,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 27th with reference to your securing a position guard in the United States Jail at Juneau, Alaska, and in which you state that you had written to the United States Marshal, Mr. Bishop, but had received no reply to your letter.

I have to advise you that I have made it a strict rule not to interfere directly or remotely with appointments belonging to other United States officials in Alaska. I have enough to do to look after my own, and have, therefore, never presumed to advise another Federal official who he should or should not appoint.

I may say, however, that it seems to me that you could hardly expect an appointment in Alaska for the good and sufficient reason that you have not been a resident of the Territory for many years, and there is always to be found more than enough deserving Democrats to fill all offices. It is a matter of extreme regret that there is not enough offices to go round, but such is unfortunately the condition, and as a consequence some of those seeking employment must inevitably be disappointed, and there are many disappointed ones, I am sorry to say, in Alaska as well as elsewhere.

I have no doubt that you would make a valuable addition to Mr. Bishop's force, as you pointed out, nor have I any doubt as to your devotion to the principles of Democracy and your loyalty to the party, but, as I stated, in my opinion I cannot see how you can consistently lay claim to an appointment in Alaska.

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However, I may say that if at any time I should know of a place where your services would be available it will give me much pleasure to advise you to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Governor.