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

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for your letter of
September 23rd, and copy of your school circular.

With reference to the child in whose
behalf I wrote you I may say that I am now causing
an investigation to be made, and if it is possible
to secure a release of the child by its parents
I will then take up the matter with you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. W. C. O'Donnell, Jr.,
31-33 East 27th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 21st, in which you state that you have in course of preparation an article dealing with the question of military instruction in the schools and colleges of our country; and asking for an expression of my opinion as to the advisability of such instruction.

In reply I have to advise you that I do not believe in military instruction in the schools and colleges of the United States. The only benefit that can be derived from such instruction, in my opinion, is purely from a physical point of view. I am unalterably opposed to the creation and fostering of the military sentiment in the schools of this country. Let the energies of the rising generation be devoted to the paths of peace, and therefore to progress.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 2, 1915.

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Mr. Egbert B. Crosswell,
The Thomas Bros. Aeroplane Co., Inc.,
Ithica, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to "The Adjutant General, Sitka, Alaska", has been forwarded to this office, there being no such officer in Alaska as the one addressed by you.

For your information I would say that Alaska has no military organization of any kind, the necessary legislation not having been enacted as yet.

The United States War Department maintains a number of small army posts in Alaska, among which are those at Haines, Valdez, St. Michael, Nome, and Tanana.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Goldstein's Emporium,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Charles E. Gordon, groceries to the value of not over TEN DOLLARS, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Present duplicate bill to this office, with this letter attached.

Yours truly,

Governor.

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Mr. George Spencer,
K a s a n, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th, with reference to the refusal alleged in your letter of the Chinese foreman at the Kasaan Cannery to pay you off in Alaska under a contract entered into by you with the Chinese foreman.

In reply I have to advise that this is a matter which is clearly without the jurisdiction of the Governor's office, and one which I believe may be very rightfully inquired into by the United States District attorney, who is now at Ketchikan.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 4, 1915.

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,

Fur Warden at Large,

Wrangell, A l a s k a.

My dear Mr. Walker:

Our supply of Department Circular #246, Third Edition, issued May 24th, 1915, containing regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska, has been exhausted.

If you can spare this office a few more copies of this circular it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Messrs. Steiner Bros. Fur Co.,
#120 First Street, North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 26th
ultimo, there is enclosed herewith copy of
Department of Commerce circular containing
regulations for the protection of fur-bearing
animals in Alaska.

Should you desire any further inform-
ation on the subject it is suggested that
you communicate with the Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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Mrs. Anna S. Walker,
75013 11th Avenue, N.E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 10th with reference to your application for a position as teacher in the Juneau public schools.

In reply I have to advise you that you may use my name as reference with the Superintendent of the Juneau Public Schools, or the Board of School Trustees for this city, and I shall be pleased to further your interests in anyway I possibly can.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you check No. 136 of this date in your favor for \$1.57, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Deposit of unexpended balance of appropriation for Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915, on closing of accounts."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to me.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, Special Disbursing
Agent.

Encl.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you check No. 455 of this date in your favor for \$1429.17, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Deposit of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1915, on closing of accounts for fiscal year."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to me.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and Special Dis-
bursing Agent.

Encl.

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Juneau, Alaska, October 5, 1915, O. B. Govt. DAY rate PAID.

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Elmer or Bob Enser,

Gross Plains, Texas.

Your brother Bill died here this morning. Wire disposition you wish made of body.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

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

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

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29th, with reference to the case of Frank Brawand, a twelve year old boy who gives evidences of delinquency, and in which you inquire what provision can be made for his care.

In reply I have to advise you that under Chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled: "An act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians in Alaska, and for other purposes", proceedings may be instituted before a United States commissioner, residing in the precinct, and who acts as ex officio judge of a juvenile court.

You are advised, therefore, to take this matter up with the United States commissioner of the Skagway precinct, who is doubtless informed as to the provisions of this act.

The Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division is composed of -

Honorable Robert W. Jennings, U.S. Judge
Honorable H. A. Bishop, U.S. Marshal, and
Mrs. John G. Hyatt

all of whom reside at Juneau, Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Sol Ripinsky,

H a i n e s, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a notarial bond and postal money order in the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) and making application for a renewal of your notary commission.

Before this matter can be acted upon it will be necessary for you to forward revenue stamps to the value of fifty cents (50¢) to be attached to the bond. This is required under act of Congress commonly known as "War Revenue Act".

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 5, 1915.

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Mr. William Thompson,
Uyak, via Kodiak,
A l a s k a.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which you state that you have gone to Uyak, and I trust that you will be successful in your beach mining adventure.

I may say that I still regret that you left the Alaska Pioneers' Home where I am sure you would have been much more comfortable than where you are now located.

The matter of a pension for you could not be taken up by me until the return of Mr. Georgeson, who has been absent in Seattle first and later at Kodiak for several weeks past. Mr. Georgeson arrived here Saturday last and your application was considered and an allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month will be made you to begin with October 1st, 1915. The first quarter's allowance will be forwarded to Mr. S. Irvine Stone, United States Commissioner for Kodiak precinct, unless you advise to the contrary.

Trusting that you are in good health, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29th, enclosing letter of Doctor James W. Johnston relative to the commitment of Levi Dobbins and Emil Schubeck, former inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home to Morningside Sanitarium.

I read both of your letters with much interest and have transmitted copies thereof to the Department of the Interior.

From the Department's correspondence with Dr. Coe and the latter's reply thereto I gather that the doctor is more concerned with the continuance of his contract than anything else, and it is probable that the action of the Territorial Legislature in criticizing the management of the institution of which he is president has peeved him very much. However, he can rage as much as he likes. I am quite well acquainted with the management of the institution and while possibly there may have been some unjust criticism in some respects, as I view it, the contract system of caring for the insane is absolutely vicious and should be abated. Alaska should have a hospital of its own for the care of its insane, and as long as I am Governor I shall work along this line to see if it cannot be secured.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable Philip S. Smith,

Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters of September 25th, with copies of Bulletins 622-E - Mining on Prince William Sound and the Gold and Copper Deposits of the Port Valdez District, Alaska, and 622-I, Iron-Ore Deposits near Nome and Placer Mining in Seward Peninsula, for which I thank you.

In response to your kind offer to furnish additional copies of these bulletins to such of my friends as I may name, I have to refer you to the list contained in my letter to you of date September 29th.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. W. B. Gilbert,

Official Publishing Company,

Hearst Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 16th, in which you state that you would like to have me prepare a complete and exhaustive article on Alaska embracing about 10,000 words for publication in a book which you propose publishing in the near future.

In reply I have to advise you that an answer to your communication was delayed in the hope that I might be able to comply with your wishes. The demands upon my time, however, have been so many that I find it impossible to meet your wishes in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. M. B. Rice,
Care S/S "Admiral Farragut",
Pacific Alaska Navigation Co.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th, in which you ask for certain information touching the Territory and its resources to be used in an illustrated booklet, which you are preparing, exploiting Alaska.

In reply to ~~your not altogether so recent request,~~ *the several requests contained therein* I have to advise you that the time at my disposal and the date upon which you say you would like to have this information, namely, October 8th, renders it impossible for me to furnish you with the data desired. Much of it would require special investigation. I may say, however, that a large proportion of what you say you need will be found in my forthcoming annual report, which will be published about the middle of December next. Should this be too late for your purposes, I would then make the following suggestions in the order in which you desire the information; otherwise I will mail you a copy of my report upon receipt of same by this office:

Mining: Address the U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C.

Agriculture & Grazing: Address the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., also Mr. C.C. George-son, Agricultural Experiment Work Station, Sitka, Alaska.

Fishing: Address the United States Bureau of Fisheries, L.C. Smith Building, ~~Washington, Washington.~~

Reindeer: Address Mr. W.L. Lopp, L.C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington.

~~Aquatic~~ ^{Aquatic} and land fur-bearing animals, address the

United States Bureau of Fisheries, L.C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington.

Mr.M.B.Rice - P.

Whaling: Address the United States Bureau of Fisheries, L.C.Smith Building, Seattle, Washington.

You will bear in mind that we have no Bureau of Statistics in Alaska, as is the case in many of the States, and such information as can be collated must be obtained through many different departments, bureaus and other sources.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. William Richard,
#224 E. 81st Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ~~inst~~ inst, in which you ask what the prospects would be in Alaska for a young man of 20?— Also, what is the average wage for laboring and other classes of work? Also, "would it pay a robust young fellow to come up there"?

In reply I have to advise that a robust young man of twenty, who possesses intelligence and a willingness to work, ought to get along most anywhere in the world, including Alaska. This office does not, however, advise people to come to Alaska unless they are of an adaptable kind capable of fitting into conditions as these may present themselves.

You will readily understand that a man's success in life depends largely upon his own efforts, and the West and Northwest would still be a waste and howling wilderness had not men ventured there unaided and alone.

Wages for common labor and in the mines are from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per day, and the usual charge for board and lodging being about \$1.00 per day. In the interior and northwestern Alaska the summer wage scale is about \$5.00 per day, in the mines, with board. Very little labor, however, is employed during the winter season.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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William F. Bernart, M.D.,
No. 29 East Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 25th, in which you inquire as to what place in Alaska would furnish a good opportunity for a competent physician, one capable of performing major surgery.

In reply I have to advise that this is a difficult question for a layman to answer. My personal observations lead me to believe that all of the towns of Alaska are well supplied with physicians and surgeons, many of whom are highly qualified men. It would, therefore, in my opinion, be most improper for me to suggest that you locate in any of the towns of Alaska as bitter disappointment might result to you.

The following are the principal towns of the Territory, with their approximate population:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Estimated Population.</u>
Ketchikan, Alaska -	2,000
Wrangell, " -	500
Petersburg, " -	300
Juneau, Douglas & Treadwell Alaska,	8,000 (These three towns are located on Gas- linea Channel about 3 miles apart).
Skagway, Alaska. -	900
Haines . " -	250
Sitka . " -	500
Cordova, " -	500
Valdez . " -	800

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Seward, Alaska,	-	1,000
Anchorage, "	-	1,000
Nome, "	-	2,000
Fairbanks, "	-	2,500
Tanana, "	-	300
Eagle, "	-	200
Ruby, "	-	300

Besides the foregoing there are a number of towns in the Territory with populations ranging from 50 to 200 each.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. E. B. Mount, D.V.M.,
Douglas, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 24th, in which you ask for information as to a location in this Territory for a veterinarian, and in which you state your qualifications.

In reply I have to advise you that I consider Alaska a rather limited field for the practice of your profession. As a matter of fact I do not believe there is a certified veterinarian throughout the Territory, but perhaps for that very reason Alaska might offer a profitable field. It would be a wide one at all events. As you will no doubt infer from the preceding statements, there is no office of Territorial or Assistant Territorial Veterinarian.

Juneau is the largest city of the Territory, the other cities being Ketchikan, Treadwell, Douglas, (these latter two being in close proximity to Juneau, the capital of Alaska) Skagway, Haines, Cordova, Valdez, Seward, Nome, Ruby, Fairbanks, Tanana, and Eagle.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Frank Kemzuro,
Arrowhead Hot Springs,
California.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 21st, in which you ask to be furnished full information as to land opportunities, climate, etc., in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that there is a considerable area of agricultural lands in this Territory, probably the best farming sections being located in the Cook Inlet country and in interior Alaska, notably the Tanana Valley. The homesteader may preempt 320 acres of land provided he has not already used his right elsewhere in the United States.

Alaska has a variety of climates; the climate of the Pacific Coast of Alaska being mild and equable usually, with heavy precipitation, which means that there is an abundance of rainfall in summer and heavy snows during the winter season.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a pamphlet containing general information concerning Alaska, together with a copy of the last annual report of the Government experimental agricultural stations in Alaska.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Governor.

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Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Y a k u t a t, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

It affords me much pleasure to advise you that I am today in receipt of a letter from Honorable Samuel J. Graham, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D.C., advising me that the United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division has been authorized to appoint a deputy United States marshal for your precinct.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Judge Graham's letter for your further information.

The action of the Department of Justice in this matter is a source of much gratification to me, as I know it is also to you and to all the good people of your community who are desirous of seeing the laws enforced and respected.

I shall do what I can to see that a capable and honest man is appointed to the position of deputy marshal at Yakutat.

I am also acknowledging herewith the receipt of your letter of September 28th. I note what you say with respect to conditions at Yakutat. I had received a communication from Mr. Ahnes, superintendent of the cannery at Yakutat, with respect to the situation at that place. The story that you related in your letter is strong corroborative proof of the need of a deputy marshal there.

With the appointment of a deputy marshal for Yakutat, as noted above, it will be absolutely necessary for a United States Commissioner to be appointed in order that the deputy marshal may have means at his command for the prosecution of the offenders against the laws.

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I am, therefore, rejoiced to know that you will accept this office and to save time I will recommend your appointment to Judge R. W. Jennings, as soon as he shall have returned from Ketchikan where he is now holding a session of court. I hope it will meet with your approval.

Thanking you for the interest you are taking in the welfare of your community, and assuring you of my support, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 6, 1915.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I am transmitting letter from Mr. J. R. O. Johnson, 242 Stewart Street, San Francisco, California, dated the 29th ultimo, requesting certificate of John H. Worden, of Wrangell, Alaska, as a notary public in 1912 and 1913. A postal money order for \$2 is enclosed, endorsed to your order, also ten cents in cash, advanced by this office, to cover necessary revenue stamp for certificate.

Will you kindly prepare a certificate and forward it to Mr. Johnson at the address given on his letter. I would suggest that the certificate cover the period from November 16, 1908, to this date, as Mr. Johnson seems to want both 1912 and 1913 covered. Mr. Worden held an appointment dated November 16, 1908, and was re-commissioned under date of November 8, 1912, the latter commission being still in force.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. H. A. Wise Wood,

Chairman, Conference Committee on
National Preparedness,

#10 Bridge Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 1st, together with copy of address which you were to have delivered at the recent conference of the Governors, at Boston, Mass.

In reply I have to say that I read your address with much interest, and I might add that it is an able presentation of the necessity that many people believe exists for an extensive system of national preparedness for war.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Joe Mitchell Chapple,
Care National Magazine,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Chapple:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17th with reference to the plan to provide a park on your beautiful Strandway in memory of Julia Ward Howe, the author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic; and asking permission to add my name to that of Governor Walsh as one of the honorary Vice Presidents of the Association.

In reply I beg to advise that it will give me much pleasure to act as an honorary vice president of the association. Furthermore I wish to commend the work that you are engaged in, expressing the hope that it will be a lasting monument to a brilliant and patriotic woman.

With assurances of my personal esteem,
I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Bob Ensor,
Crossplains, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to my telegram of October 5th, advising you of the death of your brother on that date, I have today received the following telegram from you:

"Bury brother there. Write circumstances advising what personal property and financial condition".

In response to your request I have to say that I am advised that your brother died penniless at St. Ann's Hospital, this city, to which place I caused him to be removed the previous evening. I understand that he had been in ill health for a considerable period, and sometime ago he underwent an operation from which it would seem he had never fully recovered; although as to the facts in this matter I am not fully informed. From a man named R.W. Holly, who knew your brother, and who had assisted him financially and in other ways at times I learned that your brother had a gold watch and chain, in pawn with James Russell of Juneau for \$60.00, the watch being valued at \$100.00; one ring worth about \$20.00, pawned to the same party; one rifle, value to me unknown, also pawned to James Russell. Your brother also had at a place called Willburus, Idaho, one trunk, one saddle, and a silver set of the approximate value of \$25.00.

Mr. Holly advises me that you can obtain more detailed information as to the latter articles by writing J.M. Irvine, Willburus, Idaho.

I am also advised that your brother was in debt at the time of his death to Mrs. F.M. Buckingham, for board and lodging to the amount of \$59.75.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. A. B. Callahan, Notary,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In examining the oaths of office and other papers filed with the Clerk of the Court at Juneau by the Eagle River School Board, certified copies of which papers have been received at this office, it appears that the oath of office of C.F. Cheek, Treasurer, was executed before you. It is noted, however, that you failed to designate your official character as notary public on the oath form, and that you did not show the date of expiration of your commission as required by Chapter 10 of the 1913 Session Laws of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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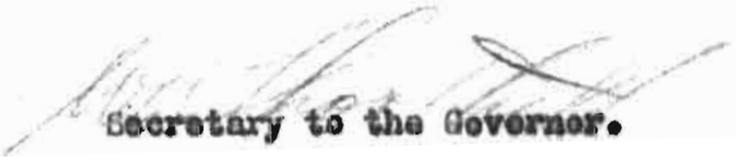
Juneau, October 7, 1915. O. B.

Governor George Black,
care White Pass Route,
SKAGWAY.

Mrs. Strong and myself expect you and Mrs. Black to be our guests in Juneau during your present visit to the outside, at such time as shall be most convenient to you. Assure you hearty welcome at Alaska's capital.

STRONG, Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

NOTE: OCTOBER 8, 1915.

Cable Office, Juneau, advises above message delivered to White Pass Route and forwarded by that Company without charge over its lines to White Horse, Y. T., where it was thought Governor Black had stopped. It was later learned that the Governor had not yet left Dawson, and the Cable Office asked instructions as to disposition of message. Governor Strong instructed that the message be "busted", and Cable Office was so advised.



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Mr. G. B. Erwin,
Secretary, Tanana Rifle Club,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, enclosing San Francisco exchange in the sum of 19 cents, payable to the Commanding Officer of the Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, to complete payment for two Springfield rifles ordered in August last for your club.

The draft is being forwarded to the Commanding Officer at Benicia, California, in letter of this date, and he has been requested to withhold shipment until further advised.

The Secretary of the National Rifle Association has also been addressed requesting that he forward to the Commanding Officer at Benicia a certificate showing that your club is eligible to purchase the stores in question. From the letter of the Commanding Officer, copy of which was sent you with office letter of September 28th, it would appear that such certificate is necessary with each purchase application.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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The Commanding Officer,
United States Arsenal,
Bethel, Alaska.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 26th last (400.8694-Ser.23-9) relative to the request of August 9th last for sale of ordnance and ordnance stores to the Tanana Rifle Club of Fairbanks, Alaska, I beg to transmit herewith San Francisco exchange payable to your order in the sum of 19 cents to complete payment for the stores in question.

In this connection I beg to say that the Secretary of the Tanana Rifle Club, in a letter dated 21st ultimo, requests that shipment of the stores be delayed until you are further advised, as owing to the lateness of the season it is now impossible to make shipment by water from Skagway to Fairbanks and to ship them over the trail would involve an expense of some \$25.00.

The Secretary of the Tanana Rifle Club states that he is unable to understand wherein his original remittance

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was short inasmuch as the same was made out from the prices shown in "Report of Rifle Shooting in the U.S." for the year 1914, sent him by the National Rifle Association.

Referring to paragraph 4 of your letter of above date I beg to advise that the National Rifle Association of America is being requested in a letter of this date to forward a certificate showing the eligibility of the Tanana Rifle Club to purchase the stores in question.

As noted above please withhold shipment of the stores until further advised.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Lieutenant Albert S. Jones,
General Secretary, National Rifle Association
of America,

Hibbs Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Under date August 9th, 1916, the Commanding Officer of the Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, was requested to sell to the Territory of Alaska for the Tanana Rifle Club of Fairbanks, Alaska, the following supplies under authority of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1905:

2 only U.S. Rifles, Caliber 30, model 1903, @ \$12.50	- \$25.00
2 front sight covers @ 2¢	.04
2 oiler and thong cases @ 12¢	.24
2 brushes and thongs @ 9¢	.18
2 gun slings, model of 1907, @ 88¢	1.76
2 rifles star gauged, @ 69¢	1.38
Packing box of 2 rifles	1.47
Draft enclosed to cover total of	\$30.07

A remittance, as indicated, of \$30.07 accompanied the request.

Under date of August 26th the Commanding Officer advised this office that an additional remittance of .19¢ was required to complete payment for the stores in question, and this amount is being forwarded to the Commanding Officer by a letter of this date.

It is requested that a certificate of eligibility be issued ~~Benicia and forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Benicia, Cal.~~ and forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Benicia, Cal. to cover order above referred to. Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 9, 1915.

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith application of Mr. H. J. ATWELL of Fairbanks, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public. The application is accompanied by approved bond in the required amount, oath of office, and postal money order in the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) which has been endorsed to you by the Governor.

The bond form has been filled out showing the appointment as of date November 15, 1915. It is assumed, therefore, that Mr. Atwell desires his commission to be issued on that date. It is requested that you have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature at the proper time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
J u n c o n, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith approved voucher No.14 of this date drawn on the Emergency Appropriation (Sub-division B, Chapter 68, 1915 Session Laws) for the sum of \$20.75 in favor of W.H.CHASE, Cordova, Alaska.

This voucher is in reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Dr.Chase in his capacity as official Health Commissioner for the Third Judicial Division of Alaska. A warrant in payment of the voucher should be mailed Doctor Chase at Cordova.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I transmit, by direction of the Governor, the application of Mr. Chas. B. Allen, of Eureka, Alaska, dated the 14th of September, for appointment as a notary public, together with N. Y. exchange in the sum of \$10 endorsed to your order by the Governor, to cover the legal fee for the commission.

You will note Mr. Allen states that he has forwarded his bond to the Clerk of the District Court, Fairbanks, for approval, with request that it be then transmitted to this office. As soon as the bond is received it will be forwarded to you. In the meantime, the papers above mentioned and transmitted for safe keeping in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 9, 1915.

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Mr. H. M. Qualfo, Superintendent,
The State Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's Message to the Second Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 9, 1915.

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Miss Lula Graves,
Government Teacher,
Eagle, Alaska.

Dear Miss Graves:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 25th with reference to conditions at the Indian village and at the school over which you so worthily preside.

Permit me to state, in the first place, that the reading of your letter gave me real pleasure. I appreciate very much the kind references to myself and the good effect that my visit last summer, short as it was, had upon the Indians of your community. I may say that I was very much pleased with your work, the general appearance of the village and the great interest taken in gardening as was evidenced by the amount of land under cultivation and the promise that they gave of an abundant crop. I am glad to know that this promise was fully realized and that the Indians have stored large supplies of vegetables of various kinds. This is practical work, and it serves to show that the Indians can accomplish material results under intelligent direction. Your patient, energetic example has, without doubt, been a wonderful stimulus to your people. I am particularly impressed with the fact, as you state, that with the exception of potatoes this is the first time the Indians have vegetables to put away for the winter. This is a real step forward.

I am also glad to know that my letter to Jim Juneby had the desired effect and that he has been of some assistance to you.

I note what you say with reference to the complaints of the Indians that the oil burning steamers on the Yukon River destroy the young fish and prevent the fish roe from hatching because of the oil spilled in the river by these steamers. I shall, therefore, take this matter up with the proper authorities to the end that they be not permitted to pollute the waters of the river with oil.

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I believe that the Indian village at Eagle is in every respect the orderly and law-abiding native village in the Yukon interior.

I regret that Mr. Myers is about to leave Eagle. I have heard his work as United States commissioner commended by many people, in fact all who know him have something to say in praise of him and his work. I trust that a competent man will succeed him. The trouble however with small communities is to get the right kind of a man to fill official positions of any kind. The paucity is such that the appointing power has frequently to make a virtue of necessity. I have not understood that Mr. Myers was to be removed to make room for a Democrat, but that he was leaving the Territory, and I agree with you that an efficient Republican is much better and more creditable to the administration than an inefficient Democrat and one who would be likely to give himself, the community, and everybody else trouble. I am not sufficiently well acquainted at Eagle to know who would be a capable man to fill this office in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

With reference to the school for Eagle there is only one way to secure it, and that would mean the disincorporation of the town. If this could be done then a school could be established there under the law providing for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated communities.

The matter of the registration of births, marriages and deaths should be reported directly to the Honorable Charles E. Davidson, ex officio registrar of vital statistics.

I shall be pleased to hear from you any time with reference to the condition of the people among whom you labor, and if at any time I can be of assistance to you or them, please command me.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

October 9, 1915.

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Mr. J. B. Hirsowitz,
C/o Alliance Drug Store,
#88 Capitol Avenue,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 26th, in which you ask if there are any good openings for "a couple of young men" with a joint capital of \$10,000, who desire to embark in a general merchandise business; and also if there are many such lines now in existence.

In reply I have to advise you that nearly every line of mercantile business is represented in the various towns and villages of this Territory. New sections of the Territory are, however, being developed from time to time and new towns established, and it is quite possible that by personal investigation you might find a location that would be satisfactory even with a capital limited to \$10,000, which is not extensive in a country such as this where the cost of doing business is usually high. I would not advise you, however, to invest your money without first making a personal investigation. In this way you would acquire information and experience such as it is impossible for this office to furnish you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 9, 1915.

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Mr. H. E. Hoover, Jr.,
#1410 South 5th Street,
W a o o, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 26th, in which you request information concerning the mining, fur and general commercial conditions and activities of the Territory of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that quartz or lode mining is extensively prosecuted in southeastern Alaska and in central Alaska; lode mining includes both gold and copper. In the interior and in northwestern Alaska, or the Seward Peninsula, placer or alluvial mining is the principal industry.

Trapping for furs is followed in nearly every part of Alaska, the principal furs being the fox, marten, mink, lynx, muskrat, otter, ermine, etc. Fox farming is also carried on to some extent. The variety of foxes found in Alaska embrace the red, blue, white, cross and black.

The commercial activities of Alaska cover a wide range. All the different towns and villages are usually supplied with business houses of all kinds. The imports of all classes of merchandise from the United States and other countries to Alaska this year will probably reach the total of \$75,000,000, ~~where~~ figures also include the exports.

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a pamphlet containing general data concerning Alaska. This may be of service to you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 9, 1915.

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Mr. H. E. Eckenstein,
P.O.Box #186,
S k a g w a y, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By reference from Mr.E.I.Wade, of this office, I am in receipt of your letter of October 7th, in which you ask for some literature on Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that there is being transmitted herewith copy of pamphlet containing general information on Alaska, and a copy of the Alaska Game Law.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

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October 9, 1915.

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk of the District Court,
Fourth Judicial Division,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By reference from the office of the Secretary of Alaska, I am in receipt of your letter of September 21st, in which you ask for fifty (50) blank applications for pensions be forwarded to you.

In reply I have to advise that there is being transmitted to you under separate cover fifty of the blanks requested in your letter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 9, 1915.

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find the application of JOHN A. SLOANE for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

I may say that I am personally acquainted with Mr. Sloane, and his application should be allowed, the allowance being fixed at Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per month, as you will notice that he is 83 years old.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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October 11, 1915.

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4th, with enclosures, in reference to certain conditions in your precinct.

In reply I have to advise that as soon as the United States marshal returns to Juneau I shall take up some of the matters discussed with him in the hope that something may be done to remove the causes of complaint and dissatisfaction described in your letter.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 11, 1915.

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Mr. Carl L. Moeller,
#2188 7th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Department of the Interior I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to Honorable Murray Hulbert, H.C., in which you ask for certain information concerning the Latouche Copper Mine Co., Ltd., of Latouche Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that an examination of the records of corporations in the office of the Secretary of Alaska in this city shows that there is no corporation of the above name of record in that office.

With reference to your inquiry as to whether regular assessments have been paid by the president, James A. Murphy, I have to state that the Secretary of Alaska has caused a search to be made of the records of the corporations whose names begin with "Latouche", and found that there was a corporation by the name of LATOUCHE ISLAND COPPER MINING COMPANY, organized under the laws of the State of Washington. The name of James A. Murphy as president appears on the papers of this company. The Secretary of Alaska advises further that this company has never filed any annual statements since its original articles were filed, that it has not paid any license fees under Chapter 11 of the 1913 Session Laws, and that as no response has been received to notices mailed to its address it has been considered a defunct corporation. If it does not pay the delinquency before January 1, 1916, its name will be permanently stricken from the records of the Secretary's office.

Your letter to Mr. Hulbert is herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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October 11, 1915.

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Mrs. Ida C. Arnold,
#2305 Ninth Street,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dear Madam:

By reference from Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, I am in receipt of your undated letter in which you ask for information concerning a one-fifteenth (1/15) interest in the Fidalgo Mining Company, owned by your son, Edward T. Matthews, now deceased.

In reply I have to advise that an examination of the papers of the Fidalgo Mining Company, on file in the office of the Secretary of Alaska, does not reveal the name of your son as subscribing to any of the capital stock, nor does his name appear in any other manner.

The Fidalgo Mining Company filed its articles of incorporation on August 7, 1907, and has complied with the laws concerning the filings and payments of license fees. The agent of record is John Lyons at Valdez, Alaska. The corporation is incorporated under the laws of Washington, and its office in Seattle is given as #611 Colman Building. I would, therefore, suggest that you communicate directly with the company at the above address.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 11, 1915.

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Mr. L. V. Arnold,
Amsterdam, New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th, in which you ask for an estimate of the cost of temporary residence in mining camps along the Yukon River, for a period of from two to three months at each camp.

In reply I have to advise that this is rather a difficult question to answer inasmuch as it would largely depend upon your mode of living. As a general rule it may be said that the cost of living in interior Alaska, that is in the Yukon country, is 100 per cent higher than on the Pacific Coast. Were you to rent a house or a cabin, buy your own supplies, and do your own cooking the cost would be materially reduced. You would be able to do this as cabins can be rented in the various towns, and groceries, etc. may be purchased at the stores. The cost of transportation from White Horse down the Yukon depends upon what your ultimate point of destination may be. However, a ticket from White Horse to St. Michael, near the mouth of the Yukon River, then to Nome, and from Nome to Seattle would cost you approximately \$150.00.

For your further information on this point you are advised to address the White Pass & Yukon Route, 4612 2nd Ave., Seattle, Washington, which company may also be prepared to give you close estimates of the cost of living at the various towns.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 12, 1915.

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The Secretary of the
Committee on Appointments,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am returning to you herewith the reports which were forwarded to this office in July last in connection with the application of Mr. O. W. Baird of Nome, Alaska, for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for this Territory, a position provided for by an act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature.

For your information I may say that this act has been held invalid and, therefore, no appointment will be made.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I
am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 13, 1915.

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Mr. W. N. Dawson,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$8.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1915. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. Andrew Berg,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Matt Yuth,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1915. Kindly sign both copies of the vouchers and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. Jens Juliusen,
K e n a i, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles Marsh, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. John Johnson,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Alex. Demidoff,
K e n a i, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Cline Davis,
K e n a i, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Alexander R. Ryan,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$3.00, covering your services as a witness in the case of the United States v. Charles Marsh, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Alice H. Dolan,
K e n a i, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$3.00, covering your services as a witness in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the Commissioner's court at Kenai, October 4, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Willietta E. Kuppler,
K e n a i, A l a s k a.

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$3.00, covering your services as a witness in the case of United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Albert Thompson,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$3.00, covering your services as a witness in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 12, 1925.

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Mr. Al. Gregerson,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 23rd, 1925. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. E. Dwyer,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6th, 1913. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. John Mann,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. F. Lashbrooke,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. John H. Brownlow,
Sunrise, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith an order issued by you on October 3, 1913, in the case of the United States v. Charles March, a proceeding instituted under the health and quarantine law passed by the first session of the Alaska Legislature. This order is addressed to J.V. Gale, special deputy marshal, but your signature does not appear thereon. It is requested that you kindly sign the same and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed.

You will no doubt recall that your statements of costs for special deputies, jurors, and witnesses in the above case were referred to this office by Marshal Brenneman to whom they were transmitted by you, the Comptroller of the Treasury having held that the expenses were not properly payable from Federal court funds. Territorial funds were also lacking at the time but the 1915 session of the Legislature passed an appropriation act under which it is believed the expenses may be properly taken care of. It is for this reason that your signature is desired to the above mentioned order, so that the papers attached to the voucher which will be issued to Mr. Gale may be complete.

There is also enclosed herewith a list of the jurors and witnesses in the case above mentioned, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly note their present addresses if you are informed as to them and return the list to this office with the order above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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October 12, 1913.

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Mr. M. Hermanson,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Charles Lund,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate in your favor in the sum of \$4.00, covering your services as a juror in the case of the United States v. Charles March, in the commissioner's court at Kenai, October 6, 1913. Please sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with them.

Payment of this fee has been delayed owing to a lack of funds, but under the appropriation act passed by the last session of the Territorial Legislature it has been found possible to take care of the expense incurred in the above entitled case.

Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encs.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. J. V. Gale,

Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a voucher, in duplicate, in your favor for \$21.50, covering amounts due to you in connection with the case of the United States vs. Charles March, tried in the Commissioner's court at Kenai, Alaska, on October 6, 1913.

Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies this letter.

Payment of this account has been delayed on account of the fact that until the meeting of the second session of the Alaska Legislature there was no fund from which the expenses of the March case could properly be paid. An item in the appropriation bill passed by the 2nd session of the legislature, however, makes it possible to take care of the expense.

One of the papers attached to your accounts by former U. S. Commissioner Brownlow did not bear his signature, and it is being forwarded to him at Sunrise with a request that he sign it and return it. Upon receipt of this document from Mr. Brownlow, and of the voucher duly signed by you, a warrant in payment will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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October 12, 1915.

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Mr. Alexander Ryan,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find voucher in duplicate in your favor for \$4, covering your services as a special deputy marshal in the case of the United States vs. Charles March, which was tried in the U. S. Commissioner's Court at Kenai on October 6, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies this letter. Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed by you a warrant in payment will be mailed to you.

Under separate cover a voucher in favor of Alexander R. Ryan, Kenai, is being mailed, the same covering services as a witness in the above case. It is assumed that this voucher is for you, also. The letter which accompanies it explains regarding signature and mailing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Mr. Thomas Lloyd Jones,
Secretary Committee on Appointments,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In response to your card of the 27th
ultimo, I am directed by the Governor to trans-
mit herewith the reports concerning Mr. Oscar
W. Baird, which were forwarded to this office
with your letter of July 23, 1915.

Mr. Baird, as you know, was an applicant
for the position of Assistant Superintendent of
Public Instruction for Alaska, a position provid-
ed for by an act of the 1915 session of the Alaska
Legislature. This act, however, has been held
invalid and no appointment will be made.

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 the application of Mr. Sel. Ripinsky, of Haines, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, together with approved bond, oath of office, postal money order payable to the Clerk of the District Court and endorsed to your order, and 50 cents in cash to cover the necessary revenue stamp to be attached to the bond.

The bond has been filled in to show appointment as of date November 2, 1915, hence it is assumed Mr. Ripinsky wishes the commission issued on that date -- as a renewal of his present one. Will you kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature at the proper time.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Mabel Cooper,
Order Clerk, The Library Association,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 7th instant you are advised that the price of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska (1 Vol.) is Five Dollars (\$5.00).

These laws are sold by Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, Juneau, to whom orders should be sent, accompanied by remittance in the form of a postal money order.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. H. F. Denson,

Chatoa, Montana.

My dear Mr. Denson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the latest annual report.

The report for 1913 was mailed to the Secretary of the Interior about a month ago. The printed copies, however, will not be ready for distribution until late in December or early in January next. Your name has been placed upon the mailing list and a copy will be sent you in due course.

I trust you find your new field a congenial one and wish you success.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, October 13, 1915. O.B. Govt. DAY paid.

Honorable George Black,
Care White Pass & Yukon Route,
Skagway, Alaska.

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In extending to you and Mrs. Black a cordial welcome to Alaska
I have to add that Mrs. Strong and myself shall expect you and
Mrs. Black to be our guests in Juneau at such time as will best
accord with your traveling plans and your convenience.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
therefore exempt from the ordinary rate, and will not bear the delay
charge.

J.F.A. STRONG,

Governor of Alaska.

Governor.

October 14, 1915.

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Messrs. Trefethen, Grinstead & Laube,
Attorneys at Law,
Colman Building, Seattle, Wash.

Continued:

Your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Secretary of Alaska, requesting a copy of the Governor's annual report, has been referred to this office.

In reply I beg to advise that the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, will not be ready for distribution until probably about January 1, 1916. The name of your firm will be placed on the mailing list and a copy will be sent you in due course.

The lists of foreign and domestic corporations which appear in the annual report were revised to September 1st, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 14, 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 application of Mr. W. M. Eddy, Nome, Alaska, for reappointment as a notary public, with approved bond, oath of office, and postal money order in the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee, which has been endorsed to you. Also enclose 50 cents in cash to cover cost of revenue stamp for bond.

The Governor requests that the renewal commission be issued this date so as to catch the mail on the S. S. Jefferson which sails south tonight, as there will then be a chance of the commission catching the last steamer sailing from Seattle to Nome on the 18th instant.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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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, oath of office, and postal money order for \$10, endorsed to you, which have been received from Mr. C. W. Thornton, Nome, Alaska, whose former commission as a notary public expired on or about August 2, 1915.

Will you kindly have the commission for Mr. Thornton prepared for signature today, so that it may catch the outgoing mail on the S. S. "Jefferson", which may reach Seattle in time for the last mail steamer sailing for Nome on the 18th instant.

There is also enclosed the sum of 50 cents in cash to cover the cost of the revenue stamp required on the bond.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, October 14, 1915. O. B.

Clerk of District Court,

NOME.

Notary bonds of Wm. H. Eddy and C. W. Thornton received today without necessary revenue stamps attached. Have them remit fifty cents each to cover cost of stamps. Commissions being issued this date in effort catch last mail from Seattle. You have heretofore been advised that fifty cent revenue stamp must be attached to each notary bond under federal act.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

October 14, 1913.

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Mr. G. A. Adams,
Clerk United States District Court,
N o m e, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith confirmation copy of telegram of this date addressed to you with respect to the notary bonds of W.L.EDDY and C.W.THORNTON of Nome, Alaska, which reached this office today unaccompanied by the necessary 50 cents revenue stamps. Some months ago this office advised you by telegraph that every notary bond must have attached thereto revenue stamps of the value of fifty cents (50¢) under the then recent act of Congress commonly known as the War Revenue Act.

In order to save time in the issuance of the Eddy and Thornton commissions the Governor has advanced from his personal funds the amount necessary to cover the revenue stamps required on each bond.

In future please see that every notarial bond is not only in proper form but has the necessary revenue stamps attached thereto before it is approved by you. This will save time and inconvenience for all concerned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear Mr. Smith:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith Territorial Road vouchers Nos. 8 and 9 of this date, Road District No. 2, with agreement and specifications attached thereto, also statement of completion and inspection of work, and assignment to the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Company.

It is understood that a copy of the letter of the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Company to this office transmitting the vouchers, etc., has been sent to you for your information and guidance in making payment of the vouchers.

When you have made due record of the vouchers will you kindly hand them to the Secretary of the Territory and advise him as to the form in which you wish the warrants issued.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to
acknowledge receipt of your quarterly report for the
period ended September 30, 1913, and beg to return here-
with the paid warrants which accompanied the report.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Mr. George L. Hammond,
Care Mr. B. O'Malley,
3007 Washington Street,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 4th, in which you ask for information concerning Alaska with a special relation to the opportunity of securing employment in a clerical or other position.

In reply I have to advise you that this office knows of no vacant positions of any kind at this time. As a rule it may be stated that the supply of labor, both skilled and unskilled, is generally fully up to the demand. I know of no way by which you could "ship to Alaska on employe's rights". I may add, however, that as you are young and physically strong, you ought to have little difficulty in finding employment of some kind in this Territory provided you have the necessary hustling abilities. As the winter season is now about here I would not advise you to come to Alaska before next spring.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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Mr. J. E. Sellers, C.E.,
Box #33, Point Loma,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 5th relative to the kelp beds along the Alaska coast, in which you ask for information in relation thereto.

In reply I have to advise you that nothing has been attempted in the way of utilizing the kelp forests of Alaska, which I am informed on reliable authority are very extensive. It would seem to me from the limited information at my command that these kelp forests offer a good field for an enterprise such as that with which you are concerned. I am advised that the Department of Commerce has lately issued a bulletin upon the kelp beds of the Pacific Coast, including Alaska. I have not received a copy of this bulletin, but have no doubt if you will address the Department at Washington a copy will be forwarded you. I am advised by one who has read this bulletin that it is very complete and contains a vast amount of information concerning these kelp forests.

Thanking you for the interest you express in the welfare of this Territory, and trusting that the information herein supplied may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 14, 1915.

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Mr. Antonio Polet,
President, Chamber of Commerce,
N o m e, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 22 in reference to the advisability of improving Snake River Harbor, together with a copy of the United States Custom House reports on trading and shipping through the port of Nome, and a copy of a list of wrecks which have occurred in the Nome roadstead during the past several years.

In reply I have to advise you that I wrote you a few days since expressing my willingness to do everything within my power to assist in securing an appropriation which will be necessary for the completion of the proposed harbor improvement. I realize very well the necessity that exists for it, not only from an industrial and economic standpoint but from a viewpoint of life saving as well.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 14, 1915.

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Honorable H. W. Jennings,
Judge United States District Court,
First Judicial Division,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am advised by the Department of Justice that the United States Marshal for the First Judicial Division has been authorized to appoint a deputy marshal at the town of Yakutat.

As you are aware there is now no United States commissioner stationed at that place, Mr. E. A. Rasmussen, the former commissioner, having left Yakutat some twelve months since.

This office has had some correspondence with Mr. E. M. Axelson, the native school teacher there, and under date September 28th he writes me that he would accept this appointment, provided he can get a good deputy marshal to cooperate with him. I have met Mr. Axelson a number of times and have found him to be an earnest and sincere young man who is thoroughly alive to the need that exists in Yakutat for the enforcement of law and order, and I therefore wish to take this opportunity of recommending him for appointment if such appointment shall accord with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 7th, together with a list of the names of the inmates of the Home at this time, for which I thank you.

A man named Horton will probably leave here for the Home on the next trip of the "Georgia". I know of no others just now but it is quite likely there will be not a few within the next couple of months who are seeking admission to the institution. I note that you have ordered additional beds, mattresses, etc. and it is quite possible they may be needed before spring.

Applications for allowance under the law passed by the last Legislature are not coming in very rapidly just now but I expect they will increase as the months go by.

I am glad to know that your nurse is of much assistance in the case of the sick men in the Home.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor,

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Mr. Daniel Webster,
N o l a n, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6th with reference to the little half breed girl of whom you wrote on May 12th last. I am indeed glad to know that the girl is being so comfortably cared for and that you succeeded in getting her placed in a school in Vancouver, Washington. As stated in my former letter your commissioner had undoubted authority under the Territorial law relating to dependent children to proceed in the case of the little girl and have her committed to the custody of some good school at the Territory's expense. There are two cases where this has been done in Alaska, the children having been sent to a school in Ohio. These children, too, were of mixed blood. I may say that it speaks well for the kindness and generosity of your people. It is but a typical act, however, of the openhandedness of the people of Alaska and especially of those of the interior country.

I note from time to time that your camp is prospering and that your population is increasing. I have been trying to assist the people of your section and in my annual report I have taken up the necessity which seems to exist for improved roads in the Koyukuk River country, and the establishment and maintenance of a wireless station by the Government. I sincerely trust that something will be accomplished along these lines. I hold it to be the bounden duty of the Government to assist, as far as possible, the pioneers of this country who are opening up new places and making them productive.

With very best wishes for the continued prosperity of your section, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 13, 1915.

Mr. J. H. Smith,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 3th, in which you request to be advised as to whether the Territorial Banking Board would permit the establishment of a bank at Anchorage with a capital of \$15,000.

Your letter was laid before the banking board today and Mr. Smith, the Secretary, was instructed to telegraph you to the effect that proof as to whether Anchorage contained more than 1,000 population must be furnished to the board before a permit to incorporate a bank with a capital of \$15,000 would be issued. This action was considered necessary in view of the fact that representations have been made to the board that Anchorage had a population of at least 2,000 persons; and if this is the case clearly your town comes within the \$25,000 bank capital class.

It is the desire of the board to facilitate the business of every banking community with which it has to deal but it is equally important that it carry out the expressed provisions of the law.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 15, 1915.

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Mr. Lars Gunderson,
Golovin, Alaska.

My dear Lars:

I have your letter of the 19th ultimo with reference to the discovery of gold on Dime Creek, a tributary of the Koyukuk River, and in which you state that the residents of the new camp are endeavoring to secure a postoffice and mail service.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall be pleased to render such assistance as I can in the matter of securing you a postoffice and a mail service, as requested in your letter. In your letter you say nothing of the number of people which such a postoffice would accommodate; I assume however that you have already advised the Department as to this and that the Department is in the possession of all necessary data in relation thereto, including the most direct route to the new camp and the frequency of the service which you desire, whether weekly or monthly. If I were acquainted with these details it would greatly facilitate my action in the matter. I shall, however, take it up with the Post Office Department at once.

I trust that the new camp will prove first class in every particular, and with very best wishes for your success, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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The Alaska Grill,

Tom Radonich, Proprietor,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish meals ^{to} the bearer, Del Bishop, to the value of not to exceed five dollars, rendering bill in duplicate to this office therefore, and attaching this letter to the bill.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

October 16, 1915.

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Professor C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
SITKA, ALASKA.

My dear Sir:

The Governor has instructed me to keep a record of pensions granted to pioneers under Chapter 64, 1915 session laws. I have started the record and entered up the detailed information shown on Certificates 1 to 29 inclusive. In order to keep this record up to date I would ask that you kindly advise, in future, when certificates are issued, giving the following data:

Name of pensioner, residence, No. of Certificate, date of Certificate, amount of monthly allowance, and date on which the allowance is to begin.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Professor C. C. Georgesen,

Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to advise you that the following Certificates of Allowance have this day been mailed from this office, in response to your recent request:

No. 22 to Martha Nelson, Fairbanks,
" 23 " Reuben E. G. Albertstone, Sitka,
" 24 " Frank V. Lamb, Nome,
" 25 " John Solen, Fairbanks,
" 26 " Fred Seger, Nome,
" 27 " Thomas Hill, Nome
" 28 " Joseph Hore, Nome,
" 29 " R. Mc. Becker, Skagway.

The Governor has signed all of the foregoing certificates, also a considerable number of those remaining in the certificate book, and the book is being returned to you in this mail.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, in which you state that the steam laundry has decided to go out of business, leaving you in a quandary as to what it is best to do with the laundry work of the Home. I note what you say with reference to putting in electrical washing and ironing machinery, or use steam machinery and put it on the heating plant.

In reply I have to say that this is a matter that can be better arranged by you and Messrs. Mills and Georgeson, the other members of the Board, as you are all on the ground and in a position to know what is best to be done in the premises.

By way of suggestion I might add that it might be possible to have this laundry work done in Juneau under contract, if it should be deemed inadvisable for the Home to put in its own laundry plant.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
S i t k a, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 9th, together with the book of certificates.

In reply I beg to advise that I have signed the certificates and stubs, and am returning same to your address under separate cover.

I note what you say with reference to your action and that of Mr. Mills in passing upon a number of applications for allowance, which meets with my approval.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 16, 1915.

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Mr. Miran Sevesly,
#751 Old South Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 1st in reference to the condition of the Armenian people throughout Turkey, and in which you ask me to do what I can in my sphere of influence to strengthen the hands of our illustrious President and the State Department to the end that some tangible results in the premises may be secured.

In reply I have to advise you that I have read with horror the acts of barbaric cruelty that have been perpetrated upon the Armenian people; and I wish to assure you that I shall do everything within my power to aid in bringing about an amelioration of these conditions which, according to authentic reports, threaten the extinction of your people.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Honorable William G. Thomas,
United States Commissioner,
Wrangell, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

I have to thank you for your letter of October 8th and the very complete statement which it contained as to the "vigilance committee which had been organized in Wrangell for the purpose of maintaining order and incidentally for the expulsion of a number of the Mexican population".

I may add that it would be better for some newspapers and many people if they did not know so much that was not true.

Again expressing my appreciation for your courtesy,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. J. Elmore Harley,
Box #138, Las Vegas,
N e v a d a.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7th in reference to the matter of your securing a position in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise that I know of no vacant positions of any kind at this time. As you state that you have experience in railroading work, however, I might suggest that you address the Alaska Engineering Commission, Seward, Alaska, which commission is in charge of the government railroad work in this Territory.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 16, 1915.

Mr. Ed Snyder,
Tenakee, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the petition of citizens of Tenakee for the appointment of a deputy United States marshal at that place, which I forwarded sometime ago to the Department of Justice, with a recommendation that such appointment be made, I have to advise you that I am today in receipt of a letter from the Attorney General which states:

"The matter has been taken up with Marshal Bishop and as soon as a full report is received from him in the premises, the matter will be given further consideration, and you will be advised with regard to the Department's decision".

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 16, 1915.

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Mr. Foster Neer,
4296 East Gay Street,
Columbus, O h i o.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7th, in which you ask for information regarding opportunities for engaging in stenographic work in Alaska.

In reply I would advise that the supply of stenographers is largely in excess of the demand at this time. Complying with your request I am enclosing herewith copy of pamphlet containing general information concerning Alaska, which I trust will be of some service to you.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

Governor.

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Mr. Fred S. Book,
Roxbury, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 6th, in which you ask where land and claims on the Chisna River would be recorded and where to get information concerning them.

In reply I have to advise that the Chisna River is located in the Third Judicial Division of Alaska, and for information concerning the recording of claims in that section you should address Mr. Arthur Lang, clerk of court, Third Judicial Division, Valdez, Alaska.

Honorable Charles E. Bunnell is judge of the United States District Court for the Fourth Judicial Division with headquarters at Fairbanks. Judge Edmond Smith was formerly a practicing attorney at Valdez. He is now a resident of Seattle, Washington.

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

Governor.

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October 16, 1915.

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Mr. Paul A. Koehler,
#210 7th Avenue,
Long Island City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, in which you ask for some information concerning Alaska and the opportunities here for a hardworking man to earn a living.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe a hardworking man, who is honest and of good habits should do well in this Territory. The success he meets with will of course, in a large measure, depend upon the man himself. The principal industries in Alaska are mining and fishing, but of course there are other occupations which afford employment. I have never advised anyone to come to Alaska with a view to settling permanently without first investigating conditions for themselves. However the pioneers of the western country had little if any information concerning it but went out into it to hew out homes for themselves, and most of them succeeded.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a pamphlet containing general information concerning the Territory which may be of some service to you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. William C. Mahoney,
#790 Ninth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6th, I have to advise you that wages in coastal Alaska are about as follows: Miners (underground) \$3.50 per day - surface men, \$3.00 per day; common labor \$2.50 to \$3.00; clerks in stores and offices \$100 to \$150 per month. In the interior of Alaska and in the northwestern section of the Territory wages are from 33-1/3 to 50% higher than quoted above. This is due to the increased cost of living in these sections.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a pamphlet containing information concerning Alaska, which I trust may be of some service to you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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W. G. Cassels, M.D.,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Doctor:

I have your letter of September 27th with reference to the office of assistant commissioner of public health for the Fourth Judicial Division, to which I had the honor of appointing you sometime ago.

Permit me to say in the first place that I was glad you accepted the office as I know you will render excellent service therein. Recently there was forwarded to you several entry cards for your use in collecting data concerning outbreaks of epidemical diseases, which no doubt have reached you ere this. Rules and regulations for the guidance of health commissioners and the general public are now in the press and will be ready for distribution within a short time. These will contain all necessary information for your guidance as well as for that of the general public.

Under separate cover I am forwarding to you a number of copies of the act relating to the public health, as per your request. These, together with the cards which have already been forwarded, will, I think, enable physicians in your district to report such cases of contagious diseases and other data which may come under their notice.

With very best wishes and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Thomas W. Hetchkiss,
52411 Grand Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of September 27th, which reached me this date, I beg to advise you as follows in reply to your several categorical inquiries respecting the operation of woman suffrage in Alaska:

There is no consensus of opinion in Alaska that women have neglected their homes in order to vote. As a matter of fact they probably give closer attention to their domestic life and its problems because of the responsibilities which they feel as voters. The influence of the women's votes in this Territory generally has been used for the betterment of existing conditions, the elimination of apparent evils, and in securing just and equal laws for all. In no sense has this influence been deleterious to the social fabric.

The women of Alaska take an intelligent interest in all matters of Government and their influence has a marked effect, especially upon attainment of social and economic justice. The influence of the so-called "undesirable women" is negligible quantity, but it is true that their votes cannot be expected to be used for the same purposes as those of the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the community, who are closely identified with its moral and material welfare. I know personally wives and mothers in Alaska whose political views do not agree with those of their husbands and sons, and who vote absolutely independent of any extraneous influences and as their consciences dictate. The votes of the "undesirable" form, I think, can always be counted on as a pawn of the wardheeler and the unscrupulous politicians of all political parties, but so far as Alaska is concerning this vote and its influence are simply negligible. The best women of Alaska take an active interest in public affairs and their influence and activities will increase with experience in these matters. Alaska women were enfranchised only two years ago, consequently they are somewhat new to the privilege conferred, but they are making steady progress in the right use of the voting power.

It is also true that not all of them make use of their right to vote but the number is steadily decreasing with an increasing understanding of public questions.

From the operation of woman suffrage in Alaska I have no hesitation in saying that instead of it being fatal to sound government in the over crowded cities of the East its operation there in time would elevate the position of the women voters by bringing home to them the duties and responsibilities which equal suffrage imposes. It has been my experience that women will exercise the full responsibilities of citizenship as soon as they have been given a chance to do so, and have an opportunity to inform themselves as to the duties which it imposes. Those who oppose equal suffrage, it seems to me, must be living in a past age unmindful of the fact that the world of efficiency and progress moves steadily forward.

Full citizenship may imply that women must serve on juries and be willing to perform military duties, but it seems to me that the injection of these matters into the controversy does not add material strength to the arguments of the opponents of equal suffrage. It is merely begging the question. There is no doubt in my mind but that an intelligent American woman has just as much right and is just as capable of performing jury duty as an American man, and I have also no doubt that if compelled to bear arms she will give a good account of herself. I think it may be said as a postulate that the American woman as a rule now assumes the full burden of equal responsibility in the support of the family and has ever since the beginning of this republic. Why then deny her a voice and vote in public affairs? In Alaska there has been no legislation which has taken from women any exemptions or privileges which they had before they obtained the right to vote. I may add that under the law the women of Alaska are not required to serve on juries, but I am confident that they would cheerfully assume this responsibility were it required.

May I express the hope that your campaign for the enfranchisement of the women of the Empire State will be crowned with success, but if you are defeated you need not be discouraged for the complete enfranchisement of woman in every State of the union cannot long be deferred.

I regret that I have not a photograph to forward to you but the time at my disposal will not permit of my securing one.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 19, 1915.

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Mr. A. E. Light,

Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Light:

Herewith find check No. 262 of this date in your favor for \$282.10, in settlement of your expense account for the month of September, 1915.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

Encl.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the governor I transmit herewith application of Hon. E. B. Collins, of Fox, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, accompanied by approved bond and postal money order in your favor for ten dollars to cover the legal fee for the commission.

Mr. Collins failed to execute the oath of office, form for which is on the back of the bond. A wire has this day been sent him asking him to forward an oath of office to file with the bond. As soon as the oath has been received it will be transmitted to you, when the commission can be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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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. 15, of this date, on the Emergency Appropriation, in favor of Paul Walkoff, Kodiak, Alaska, in the sum of ten dollars. It is suggested that the warrant and receipt be mailed to Walkoff in care of Dr. J. A. Silverman, at Kodiak, who will see to their delivery and the signing and mailing of the receipt.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Juneau, October 19, 1915. O. B.

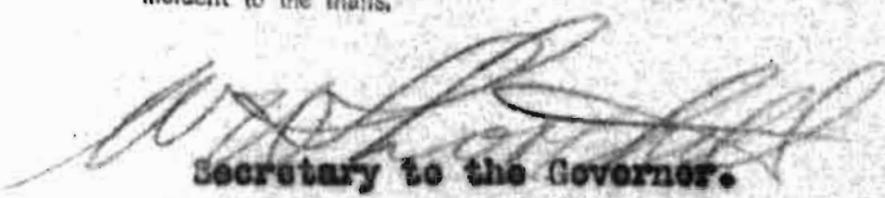
E. H. Collins,

Box, via mail from Fairbanks.

Forward each of office to file with notary bond.

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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, Alaska, October 20, 1918

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is today in receipt of an application dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 14th instant, from Mr. A. F. Hoffman of Chisana, Alaska, who desires to be appointed a notary public. The application is accompanied by \$10 in currency to cover the legal fee for the commission, and bond, duly approved by you on October 4, and the usual oath of office. It is noted, however, that the bond does not bear the necessary revenue stamp, and it is, therefore impossible, at this time, to issue the commission.

Mr. Hoffman does not give any Seattle address, but makes the request that his commission be mailed to him in care of the U. S. Marshal's office at Valdez, to which place he expects to return about November 1.

It will be appreciated if, on Mr. Hoffman's return to Valdez, you will kindly see him, and have him remit 30 cents to this office to cover the required revenue stamp, which will be attached to his bond and the commission will then be issued.

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Mr. Arthur L^{td}g

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In this connection, I desire to again urge the importance of seeing that notary bonds bear the necessary revenue stamp before they are approved by you. In so doing time will be saved for all concerned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 20, 1915.

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Mr. George W. Folta,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed to the position of stenographer and assistant secretary to the Governor, effective this date, at a compensation of \$1800 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$150 each. Kindly arrange to execute an oath of office in duplicate and file both copies in this office, before entering upon your duties.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

, Alaska, October 30, 1918

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

My dear sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith application of Mr. A. F. Hoffman of Chisana, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, accompanied by \$10 in currency to cover the legal fee, approved bond in the required amount, and oath of office.

Attached to the foregoing papers is a copy of a letter addressed this date to the Clerk of the Court at Valdez with respect to the failure of Mr. Hoffman to attach the necessary revenue stamp to his bond. As soon as the remittance has been received by this office to cover the cost of the stamp, it will be forwarded to you so that the commission may be prepared for the Governor's signature.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Margaret Trottnow,
161 East Fifty-eighth St. North,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

In further reference to the subject matter of your letter of July 12th last, addressed to the Governor, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter of the 20th ult. addressed to this office by Rev. James W. Kirk of Danville, Pa., with respect to the alleged marriage of Homer E. Ford and Caroline Vogt.

From this letter it appears that the parties in question entered into a contract marriage sometime in the year 1899 while on their way to interior Alaska. Whether or not this marriage was a legal one is a question which should be submitted to your attorney. It is, however, the belief of this office that contract marriages were never valid in Alaska, and it is certain that they have not been since June 6, 1900, the date of the passage, by Congress, of the Civil Code of Alaska.

At the request of this office the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the Fourth Judicial Division, addressed

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Mrs. Margaret Trotter

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a letter to the U. S. Commissioner at Eagle, Alaska, requesting to be advised as to whether or not his records contained information regarding the marriage of the parties above referred to. Under date of August 11th last the Commissioner replied, stating that he was unable to find any such record, but that, in his record of death certificates, he found the following entry:

"Doratha Marian Ford, aged six months, born August 4, 1900, died February 15, 1901; buried February 16, 1901.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Ford.
Rev. James W. Kirk officiating clergyman."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. John S. Heekey,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant in which you state that a man had just died in the Valdez hospital from injuries received in the Kllamar mine; and you also state that according to common reports the mine is in an unsafe condition.

I wish to thank you for your letter, and to advise that Territorial Mine Inspector Maloney is due to arrive here within a short time, and as soon as he reaches Juneau I shall take up this matter with him and cause a thorough inspection of the Kllamar mine to be made as soon as practicable. I shall also take up the matter with Mr. Smith, the Federal mine inspector, who returned to Juneau from the Matanuska country a few days ago.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

October 20, 1915.

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

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 16, with enclosures from Gunnison & Robertson, Attorneys, and C. L. Magill of Kenai, with reference to the appointment of Mr. Magill as a notary public. I note that Mr. Magill has executed a power of attorney to Gunnison & Robertson authorizing that firm to act for him in the procuring and signing of a bond, it being stated that there is no notary public or other officer within ninety miles of Kenai before whom Mr. Magill can execute his oath of office.

In reply to the question of Messrs. Gunnison & Robertson, if Mr. Magill can be appointed a notary public and permit him to take the oath of office when it is possible for him to appear before an officer, I have to advise you that it is the opinion of this office that such proceeding would be entirely irregular. Furthermore, the law governing the appointment of notaries public for Alaska requires, among other things, that the notary shall file a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, this bond to be approved by the clerk of the court of the judicial division in which the applicant resides. This being the case, clearly it would be impossible for the clerk of

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the court to approve a bond furnished in the manner suggested by Gunnison & Robertson.

While the conditions obtaining at Kenai are no doubt as represented, and while this office would feel in such case like overlooking mere technicalities, there seems to be no way to comply with the request of Mr. Magill, transmitted to your office through Messrs. Gunnison & Robertson. Were a commission to be issued to Mr. Magill in the manner suggested, if the legality of the appointment were ever to be questioned harm might result to innocent parties. It is, therefore, deemed inadvisable to issue such commission.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Mr. R. J. Shaw,
Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shaw:

I have your letter of October 16th recommending Mr. W. J. Broberg for appointment as stenographer and clerk in this office. In reply I have to advise you that the appointment had been made previous to the receipt of your letter, also your recommendation would have been given due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 21, 1918

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Board of Commissioners of State Institutions,
State of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of October 18th, I have to advise that the only board in Alaska, whose duties, in some respects, may be similar to yours, is the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, an institution supported and maintained by the Territory.

Complying with your request, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the last annual report of this board for your further information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

October 21, 1915

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Mr. Charles A. Fox,
U. S. Commissioner,
Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the application for allowance, of James C. Hurley, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that this application has been forwarded to Messrs. Hille and Georgeson, the other members of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, for such action as they may see fit to take in the premises, and of which you will be duly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I am enclosing herewith the application of James C. Hurley, of Craig, Alaska, for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. You will note that Mr. Hurley admits that he is making moderate use of liquors at the present time; and, if you and Mr. Mills believe that he is entitled to an allowance, it is my opinion that it should not exceed \$8 a month.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

October 21, 1915

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Mr. Henry E. Phillips,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Oct. 17, which has reference to a portion of land inherited from your relatives at Hin-da-stuckio, with which you say that Mr. Shepard is interfering, and is trying to force you to leave; and you ask what steps you should take in the premises.

In reply I have to advise you that, a year or so ago, the Surveyor-General of the Territory, Mr. Davidson, was instructed by the Department of the Interior, to make surveys of certain Indian lands for the purposes of allotment. I know that a number of surveys of this kind were made, but I do not know the location of the several surveys. I would, therefore, suggest that you write immediately to the Surveyor-General at Juneau for further information. If, in the meantime, I can be of any service to you, I shall be pleased to render it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1915

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Mr. Alan R. Hawley,
President, Aero Club of America,
297 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 11th, together with bulletin No. 46, containing a copy of a letter received from Secretary of War Garrison, in which it is stated that the War Department will undertake to pay the expenses of training officers of the militia in military aeronautics; and in which you ask if there are any officers of the Alaska militia who would be willing to take up aviation within six months.

In reply I have to advise you that Alaska has no organized militia, but, at the forthcoming session of Congress, an effort will be made to effect such organization.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1915

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Miss Mabel O'Malley,
Trudeau, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 14, in which you ask if there is a field for trained nurses in the large towns of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there is such a field, but it is somewhat limited. Trained nurses are employed in the hospitals maintained by the principal towns of the Territory. I know of no vacancies, however, at this time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1915.

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Western Union Telegraph Company,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find check No. 461 of this date in your favor for 40 cents, in settlement of voucher just received from you covering your bill of July 31, 1915 for telegraph tolls on message of same date from Fort, Assistant Treasurer, to J. F. A. Strong, Governor of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

October 21, 1915

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Hon. H. A. Bishop,
United States Marshal,
First Judicial Division,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At your convenience I would like to have you call
that I may discuss with you a matter relating to alleged
conditions existing at the town of Petersburg.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 22, 1915

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Mr. John Richards, Supt.,
Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co.,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Richards:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, with reference to Mr. Lorenze Baterio, who was brought to this office yesterday afternoon by Mr. Mueeth. As Mr. Mueeth has, no doubt, explained to you, the Governor had a talk with Baterio and endeavored to induce him to go to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, but he very vigorously declined to do so. The Governor was very much in favor of Baterio going to the Home, believing that, with the care which would be given him there, he would materially improve in health.

The Pension Act passed by the last session of the Legislature, provides that pensions may be granted to certain residents of the Territory, but the minimum age limit is 65, and, as Mr. Baterio is, according to his statement, only 59 years old, he is, of course, not eligible for a pension.

Mr. Baterio's physical condition has, no doubt, greatly weakened his mental faculties, and it is quite possible that a jury called to inquire into his sanity might, after listening to his rambling statements, find him to be insane. But he is so evidently harmless that it would be unfortunate to have to resort to such means in order to have him properly cared for. The Governor suggested to Mr. Mueeth that, possibly, if some of Mr. Baterio's own countrymen could have a talk with him regarding the Alaska Pioneers' Home, he might be persuaded to apply for admission. He cannot, of course, be compelled to go there against his own will.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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I further advised the committee that, under the appropriation for the maintenance of indigent persons, an allowance could be made from that fund for the support of Mrs. Faulk, but I advised them that I did not believe the amount would exceed \$12.50 a month---the maximum amount allowed under Chapter 64 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, to pensioners. It was claimed, on the part of the committee, that an amount of at least \$30 per month would be necessary for the proper maintenance of this aged woman.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

October 23, 1915

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My dear Arthur:

A committee of the Douglas Island Women's Club called at this office yesterday with reference to securing admission to the Home for a woman, Mrs. Faulk, of Douglas, about 58 years old, who is in indigent circumstances. This woman has lived a good many years in Alaska, but, as you will notice, on account of her age, she is not eligible for an allowance under Chapter 64 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915; and the committee urged that she be received at the Home in Sitka, if provision could be made for keeping her there.

I advised the committee that the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, under the law, was designed as a home for miners, prospectors, and pioneers who had spent their years in Alaska, and so on, and that it was my opinion that women could not be admitted therein. I also pointed out that necessarily old women and men, mixed up in the same institution, would, in my opinion, be productive of disorder, discontent and dissatisfaction on the part of the inmates. The committee further suggested that a room might be fitted up for Mrs. Faulk in any event, and that she would be practically segregated from the institution itself. Upon the committee's urgent solicitation therefor, I promised I would take the matter up with yourself and the other members of the Board for their decision, as I did not feel competent to pass upon it myself. If you will, therefore, consider this matter in connection with Messrs. Mills and Georgeson and advise me of your joint views in the matter, I shall communicate it to the Douglas Island Women's Club.

October 23, 1913

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Mr. Harry G. Hayes,
704 Yorkshire Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to our conversation during your recent visit to Juneau, as to the opportunities for the manufacture of lumber and by-products of lumber in southeastern Alaska, I have to advise you that I believe that the field is an excellent one, and that a large and lucrative business could be developed along the lines laid down by you during our talk. Your acquaintance with the timbered areas of Alaska has convinced you, I believe, that a sufficient supply of merchantable timber can be had at all times. The matter of securing a market for manufactured lumber and its by-products, of course, is something of which I cannot speak authoritatively. Nevertheless, I believe that, with the development of this section of Alaska and the steady increase in population, a comparatively large local market could be developed.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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October 23, 1915

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My dear Arthur:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 21, in which you state that a voucher for \$174.75, for 58½ days' work, painting and papering in the Pioneers' Home by A. H. Tinker, had been forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer.

I note what you say as to the practice of hiring inmates to do such work, and am in strict accord with your view that it is not advisable, by any means, to pay inmates for services rendered. However, inasmuch as Tinker is leaving the Home, the bill should probably be allowed. I believe, however, that hereafter it will be better to employ outsiders for such work, in or about the Home, as must necessarily be paid for by the Territory.

I also note what you say in reference to the laundry work, and, as stated in a former letter, this matter can be best adjusted by yourself and the other members of the Board at Sitka.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Wm. A. G. Sheup,
Supt. Alaska Pioneers' Home
Sitka, Alaska

October 23, 1915

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Mr. Isaac Evans,
U. S. Deputy Marshal,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from August Busch, 1815
T street, Lincoln, Nebraska, asking me to investigate the
fate of one Nicholas Orth, a relative, who, Mr. Busch says,
started on a trip to Siberia in August, 1914, from Seward,
Alaska, and since that time no word has been received from
him or his party.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to advise this of-
fice at your earliest convenience, as to whether you know
anything of the man inquired for, or anyone connected with
him in any way?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 23, 1915

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Mr. August Busch,
1215 T street,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 15, in which you ask this office to investigate the fate of Mr. Nicholas Orth, who started on a trip to Siberia in August, 1914, from Seward, Alaska, since which time you have received no word from him or his party.

In reply I have to advise you that I have caused inquiries to be made at Seward concerning Mr. Orth, and, as soon as I shall have received information, if any, you shall be promptly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 23, 1915

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Mr. James H. Floyd,
Box 949,
Boise, Idaho

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16, in which you ask for information concerning this territory, particularly with reference to the newspaper business.

The statement contained in Leslie's Weekly, to which you refer, to the effect that no young man should go to Alaska without a return ticket in his pocket, is substantially true, provided he has the price of a return ticket. However, I may say that, if the men and women who opened up the great West and Northwest to civilization had prepared themselves with return tickets, those great sections of this republic would have awaited development a much longer time. The same is true of Alaska, in some respects. Whether a man succeeds in any country largely depends upon himself. It is my opinion that a man equipped with good health, good habits, and some ability, coupled with a desire to use it, will generally succeed anywhere, and possibly under any conditions. I realize,

Mr. James H. Floyd,

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however, that a man with a family must proceed more cautiously than a young man without any family attachments or dependents. At this time, I know of no situations for newspaper reporters in Alaska, although there may be some of which I have no knowledge.

Following is a list of the daily publications in this territory:

The Progressive Miner, Ketchikan
The Daily Empire, and the Daily Dispatch, Juneau
The Daily Alaskan, Skagway
The Daily Times, Cordova
The Daily Prospector, Valdez
The Daily Gateway, and the Evening Post, Seward
The Daily Times, and the Daily News-Miner, Fairbanks
The Daily Nugget, Nome.

It is possible that, by writing to some of the above newspapers, you might secure employment.

In this connection, I may say that the Douglas Island News, a weekly published at Douglas, a town of some 2,000 people opposite Juneau, is for sale at a price of \$3,000. I believe, as a newspaper man who knows the field and its opportunities, that this would be a good investment. I understand that the terms are cash, however. The owner is Mr. Charles A. Hopp, whose address is Douglas, Alaska.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 23, 1915.

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Mrs. Jack McLean,
Treasurer, Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

On August 7 last this office addressed a letter to the Clerk of your school district, requesting that you be asked to forward your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer", blanks for which were sent with that letter. To date, however, the report has not come to hand. There are enclosed two more blanks, and if the report has not already been mailed by you, it is requested that upon receipt of this letter you at once fill out the report, mail one copy to this office, and file the other with the school records.

The making of a requisition for funds for your school for 1915-16 awaits the receipt of the report above referred to, hence it is important that it be forwarded without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Walter Vyeek,

Chief, Mansfield Indians,

Mansfield (via Chicken), Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the letter of yourself and other Indians of your section, with reference to the general conditions of your people in that section of Alaska.

In the first place, I wish to say that the Indians and other native peoples of Alaska, have always been self-supporting, and that they have received but very little material aid from the Government of the United States. It is true that they have been provided with schools in many places, and our government has exercised some supervision over them. I do not believe, however, that any people should be permitted to become dependent upon the government for support. Certainly the laws applying to the administration of Indian affairs in Alaska, do not permit the Indians to become dependent. Instead, they must earn their own living. It is my opinion, however, that they should be aided at all times in case of necessity, but the difficulty is as to when the necessity becomes urgent. Last year it was reported to this office that the Ketchikan Indians were threatened with starvation, but, on investigation,

the report was not verified.

You must understand that the goods and chattels of the United States Government, coats, army tents, and other supplies, must be disposed of according to law, and, therefore, cannot be distributed as gifts among the Indians.

I have directed that an investigation be made of the game conditions in your section, and also of the conditions obtaining among the Indians. This report will probably reach me within the course of a few weeks. Judging by reports received very recently, the price of furs promises to be much better this coming year than during the past year, and, if this be so, your trappers will be assured of better prices for their catch.

I also have to advise you that it is the intention of the Government to erect hospitals for the care and treatment of natives afflicted with diseases, just as rapidly as possible. A beginning has been made this year, and the hospital service will be extended as rapidly as the funds at the disposal of the Bureau of Education will permit.

No one regrets more than I do that the Indian people are so frequently the victims of the dishonesty and trickery of unscrupulous white men, and this office stands ready at all times to afford them such aid, encouragement and protection as may be within its limitations. One trouble with the Indians

of Alaska is that too many of them spend money for whiskey rather than for food and clothing. It is my understanding that your people are largely exempt from this great curse, for it is a curse that is, in a measure, responsible for the bondage, poverty and disease of the native people in many localities.

I note your statement that white men are gathering young silver and cross foxes, marten, lynx, and other fur-bearing animals for fox-farming purposes, or sending them outside, or selling them in Dawson and Fairbanks, and other places. There is, however, no law by which white men can be prevented from taking fur-bearing animals, or shipping them outside, provided they are supplied with permits from the Department of Commerce. The destroying of the dens of fur-bearing animals, however, is prohibited by law, and, if this is being done, the violators of the law may be prosecuted. I realize also that it is difficult to secure the full enforcement of law in remote localities, and in this way the Government is always handicapped.

As for the taking of caribou for purposes of domestication, I do not believe that the Indians have cause for fear, as in any event, the number so taken would have no appreciable effect upon the herds of that animal, which, I understand, abounds in your section.

There is nothing in the law to prevent Indians from establishing ranches for the breeding of fur-bearing animals, the same as white men. Further, you could organize an co-operative company for this purpose. I am glad that Mr. Bouville is interesting himself in your welfare, and that he is willing to undertake the financing of such a company. He will have to consult some legal authority in the preparation of his articles of incorporation. The cost I do not believe would be very great. After the company is incorporated it must pay an annual tax of \$15 into the Territorial Treasury for the privilege of doing business in Alaska.

In conclusion, I may say that I was glad to receive your letter, and I wish to state that, if I can further your interests in any way, I shall be pleased to do so. I want you and your people to understand that the United States Government is friendly to you, that it has your interests at heart, but, in order to do anything for you in the way of assistance, it must be done in a regular and methodical way. You are asked to write me at any time, touching conditions among your people or in your section of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

October 23, 1915.

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Mr. George A. Learn,

Treasurer Longwood School District,

Wood Island, Kodiak P. O., Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find same copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the amount asked for being \$2682.15. This includes the sum of \$63.59 to cover the deficit in the accounts for 1914-15, the item being covered in the estimate for "Repairs, \$138.59", which covers this deficit item and the Board's estimate of \$75 for repairs to the school building. Your accounts for 1915-16 should be made up accordingly.

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

Formal notice of approval of your 1914-15 accounts is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Nicolai Ducheronkin,
Treasurer Ouzinkie School District,
C/O Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office has not yet received your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer", which is required by the regulations issued by this office. Blanks for this report are enclosed, and it is requested that you immediately fill out the same, sending one to this office and filing the other with the records of the school district. As the requisition for funds for your school cannot be made by this office until the report has been received, it is important that it be forwarded without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

October 23, 1915

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Mrs. Laura L. Schwartz,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22, in which you apply for the position of matron of the native hospital, now under construction at Juneau, or any other position which this office may have in the future.

In reply I have to advise you that this office exercises no jurisdiction over the native hospital, and that your application should be addressed to Mr. W. S. Beattie, Superintendent of Native Schools for southeastern Alaska. Should a position arise in which this office could make use of your services, you will be duly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 23, 1918

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Mr. Wm. Bennett,
Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 15, in which you make application for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1918.

In reply I have to advise that I am enclosing herewith an application form which must be filled out in the proper manner, and subscribed and sworn to before a United States Commissioner or a notary public. If you are not well acquainted with the notary public or United States Commissioner who will execute the affidavit, you must procure an affidavit of two reputable citizens, residents of the precinct in which you reside. When this is done, the application should be returned to this office for further action.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Res.

Governor

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October 23, 1918

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Mr. F. H. Timperlake,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October second, addressed to the "Alaskan Commission, c/o Governor Strong, Sitka, Alaska," in which you ask for information concerning the printing industry in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there are printing plants in all the larger towns of this Territory, all of them being equipped with Mergenthaler type-setting machines.

I do not believe that you could make any arrangements with any of the boards of trades of the different towns of Alaska along the lines suggested in your letter. Commercial clubs, or chambers of commerce may be found in the following towns: Ketchikan, Juneau, Douglas, Skagway, Cordova, Valdez, Nome, and Fairbanks.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 25, 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 voucher No. 13 of this date drawn on the Territorial Road Fund, Road District No. 2, in favor of Geo. T. Cahill, Nome, Alaska, for \$648.00, accompanied by agreement and specifications, certificate of completion of work, and assignment of amount due to G. P. Coggin, who in letter transmitting the papers to this office requests that the warrant be made payable to him and forwarded to his Seattle office, 612 Western Avenue. The voucher has been approved by the Governor.

Will you kindly arrange for issuance of the warrant in accordance with Mr. Coggin's request.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Juneau, October 25, 1915. O. B.

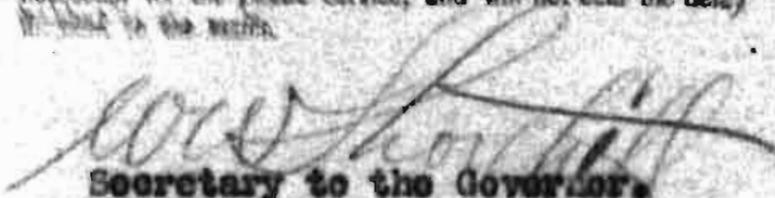
Dan'l A. Jones, Road Commissioner,

HOME.

Voucher favor Home Publishing Company was returned to you September twenty-third last with letter. Has voucher been received by you and certificate signed?

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.

October 25, 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 following vouchers of this date drawn on the Territorial Road Fund, Road District No. 2, which have been approved for payment by the Governor:

- No. 10 - Charles M. Wolfe, None, \$725.01, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.
- No. 11 - Eugene Richards, None, \$1910.00, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.
- No. 12 - L. Fensyer, None, \$549.00, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.
- No. 14 - John Irvin, None, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co. ^{B/Bolt. 75}
- No. 15 - Julius Jensen and Frank Updyke, None, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co. ^{\$849.51}
- No. 16 - Albert Lacey and Emil Hagberg, None, assigned to Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co. ^{\$846.50}
- No. 17 - J. W. Winters, None, \$959.80, assigned to the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.
- No. 18 - Dan'l A. Jones, covering commission due him of \$540.94, as Road Commissioner, assigned to the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co. All of the expenditures listed in the sheet attached to this voucher have now been covered by vouchers and approved for payment except the item of \$10 due the None Publishing Company, which voucher was returned to the Road Commissioner on the 23d ultimo for his signature.

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Each of the foregoing vouchers is accompanied by agreement and specifications, certificate of completion of work, and assignment to the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.

--Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Sec'y, p. 2--

The foregoing vouchers were forwarded to this office by Mr. F. H. Thatcher, Manager of the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co., Nome, Alaska, who in his several letters of transmittal says:

"We request that the warrants in payment of above accounts be made payable to the order of the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Company, and that said warrants be promptly forwarded to the Union Savings & Trust Company, Seattle, Washington, for endorsement and credit to our account in the regular order and course of business."

When the warrants are issued to cover the vouchers herewith transmitted, will you kindly have them made payable to the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company, and forward them to the Union Savings & Trust Company, Seattle, Wash., as requested by Mr. Thatcher.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

3 enclosures.

October 25, 1915

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to this office by Mr. W. H. Black of Council, Alaska, making application for appointment as a notary public. It is understood that the approved bond, oath of office, and fee have been received by you.

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

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. A. R. May,
Allegan, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October ninth, in which you ask for information concerning Mr. Melvin Dempsey, who was drowned in the Gulkana River recently.

In reply I have to advise you that the only information that I have regarding Mr. Dempsey's death was contained in Alaska newspapers. I gathered therefrom that his body had not been recovered. I will cause further inquiries to be made, however, at once, of which you will be duly advised.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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October 25, 1915

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Mr. George Robblee,
605 Lowman Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Robblee:

The receipt is acknowledged of your cablegram of Oct. twentieth, in which you made application for an official vacancy in connection with this office. The vacancy had been filled upon receipt of your wire, by the appointment of Mr. Folta, whom you may remember as being employed in the Steamboat-Inspection Service in Juneau. I will say that I might have been able to place you had I known your address, but I have not heard from you since you left Juneau, and did not know where you had cast your lot.

I may say that I shall bear you in mind, and, if I hear of an opening, either in connection with the government in Juneau, or in some other capacity, it will afford me much pleasure to notify you of the vacancy and recommend you as well. I am certain that, had you been here last spring, you could have gotten quite a desirable appointment. I need not say that I am satisfied that you would give excellent service in every respect, and I shall be pleased to recommend you to anyone who may need your services, and shall certainly bear

you in mind myself.

I was not surprised that you had received letters from one Wade, who, unfortunately, was wished on this office by Senator Tanner of Skagway and Judge Wynn of Juneau. Of course, I do not blame them for the part they took in recommending Wade, except that I relied upon them knowing something about the fellow. He showed, while he was here, however, that he was mentally unbalanced, and was a drinking man besides, and that served to upset his mental equilibrium. He certainly acted like a raving maniac while here; he was the most disloyal degenerate of a man that ever occupied a position of confidence. That is a strong statement to make, but it is susceptible of proof. He showed that he was entirely unworthy of confidence, and that he was a consistent and congenital liar, and, in order to promote his opportunities for lying, he professed to be filled with religious fervor. I cannot now recall one truthful statement that he ever made. He was a natural-born intermeddler, and there was nothing too small for him to meddle with. He was a flood of words at all times and under all circumstances, and simply talked himself out of the office and out of Juneau in sixty days. Even one or two disgruntled democrats who, I have reason to believe gave ear to some of his prattle, seemed to have been thoroughly ashamed of it as soon as they had found what they had

caught---a lunatic at large.

I want to say to you that I never discussed you, or anyone else, with Mr. Wade; in fact, your name was never mentioned at any time, there being no reason for it, and whatever Wade says in this respect is another of his downright, wilful and malicious perversions. I cannot emphasize this statement too strongly. During your connection with this office, there was no friction of moment, whatsoever, so far as I am advised. The business of the office was conducted satisfactorily, and with no bickerings or under-currents. I do not recall that there was any difficulty between you and Mr. Shorthill other than what might be expected to arise over some minor details in any office.

I may say that I have to thank you for the sentiments expressed in your letter. Loyalty is a virtue; and a square deal between man and man is a thing that is not fully appreciated. I have been an employer of men for many years, and at no time, have I ever treated anyone in my employ with other than the utmost courtesy and consideration. This statement cannot be gainsaid with truth. I attempted to accord to Wade the same consideration that I have always accorded to others, but his conduct was so atrocious that I had to withdraw from him any little respect that I might first have entertained for him. Of course, I saw that the man was mentally deficient, but I did not realize that it verged on

insanity. I have since.

I notice that you say that Wade wrote you " * * how they charge that you were inefficient, etc." Let me repeat once more that your name or your services were never discussed at any time before me, and, I believe, Mr. Shorthill will testify to the same. Therefore, his animadversions are just as unfounded and uncalled for as his other devious statements.

Let me assure you that, if I can, at any time, be of any service to you, please command me; and, as stated above, if I can succeed in securing a place for you here or elsewhere in Alaska that will be worth while, I shall immediately notify you.

With assurances of my consideration and esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1918

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Mr. Joseph M. McDougall,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October twelfth, with reference to your appointment as a member of the Alaska Pharmacy Board, to succeed Mr. W. B. Kirk, a member from the Second Judicial Division.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Kirk's resignation has not yet been received, and, therefore, no appointment can be made until it is forthcoming. As soon as I shall have received it, I know of no reason why you should not be appointed to the board for the Second Judicial Division. I may say that you are the only applicant for this position.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1915

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Hon. C. Parker Smith,
U. S. Commissioner,
Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. A. R. May, of Allegan, Michigan, asking for information concerning the drowning of Melvin Dempsey, the Cherokee Indian who is supposed to have met death in the Culkana River recently.

Will you be kind enough to advise this office of any facts that you may know of in connection with the death of Mr. Dempsey for transmission to Mrs. May, who desires that his body be taken to Allegan, Michigan for reinterment, provided it was recovered. I would also thank you for any information you may have as to any property that might have been left by the deceased.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 23, 1915

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Hon. George Black,
c/o Rogers, Black & McAlpine,
537 Pender street, west,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October sixth, in which you request that three copies of the Workmen's Compensation Act for Alaska, be sent to George H. Williams, Esq., Administrator of Yukon Territory, Dawson, and that one copy be sent to yourself at the above address.

In reply I have to advise you that your request has been complied with, three copies having been mailed this day to Mr. Williams at Dawson, and one to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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Hon. George H. Williams,
Administrator of Yukon Territory,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

Upon the request of Hon. George Black, Commissioner
of Yukon Territory, I am transmitting herewith three copies
of the Workmen's Compensation Act, passed by the Alaska
Legislature, session of 1915, which I hope may be of some
service to you,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Governor

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Mrs. Henrietta C. Hoid,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22d, in which you tender your resignation as a member of Board of Children's Guardians, to which you were appointed on June 21, 1913.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation has been accepted and filed. Permit me to thank you for the services you rendered while a member of the Board.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 25, 1919

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Mr. H. S. Wallace,
U. S. Deputy Marshal,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to request that you will cause an investigation to be made as to the whereabouts of one Fred Hildebrand, of this city, who may be somewhere in your precinct. I am advised by his wife that Mr. Hildebrand left Juneau about Sept. first for Petersburg, with the intention of locating farm land somewhere in that section.

On September fifth Hildebrand wrote his wife from Petersburg that he would be home in about one week. On September seventh he told John Gauffin, in Petersburg, that he was going to Wrangell, and might stop at Ketchikan. Since that time, however, Mrs. Hildebrand has had no word concerning him, although she has written letters to Wrangell and Ketchikan. She thinks that, possibly, her husband may have gone to Farquhar Bay, or some other point in his search for land, and that he may have been stormbound in the meantime.

The missing man is 64 years old, five foot seven or eight inches in height, smooth shaven, complexion dark, hair

stroaked with gray, eyes blue or gray, weight 175 pounds. When he left Juneau he wore a dark brown suit of clothes, a white shirt and collar, with a black tie, and a stiff hat. He also had a black broadcloth overcoat. He wore a small diamond ring on one of his fingers, and carried a gold watch. He also took with him a suitcase containing some clothing, a small tent, blankets, and a pair of rubber boots.

Would you kindly have a search made of the hotels to see if a man by that name had registered, and endeavor, if you can, to find some trace of him should he have been in Wrangell, and communicate your results to this office either by telegram or letter, as soon as possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 26, 1918

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Hon. Leopold David,
U. S. Commissioner,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of October 18th, with reference to the reported organization of a vigilance committee at Matanuska City. I have to thank you for your prompt reply.

It is regrettable that the press of Alaska is so prone to exaggeration, in many instances, and does not take the trouble to verify its news. Statements to the effect that it has become necessary to organize vigilance committees in some of the towns of Alaska is a direct reflection upon the law-abiding citizenship of the Territory, and also upon those charged with the administration of the laws. A similar case was reported, not long ago, at Wrangell, and, upon investigation, it was found to be unfounded; but, in the meantime, the report had been sent broadcast, the same as in the alleged occurrence at Matanuska City.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time as to conditions obtaining in your precinct.

Again thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Mr. J. W. Pritchett,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October sixteenth, endorsing Miss Margaret Keenan for appointment to the position of assistant superintendent of public instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that an opinion rendered this office by the Department of Justice holds that the law creating the office of the assistant superintendent of public instruction for Alaska is invalid. Consequently, no appointment to that position will be made.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, October 26, 1915. O. B.

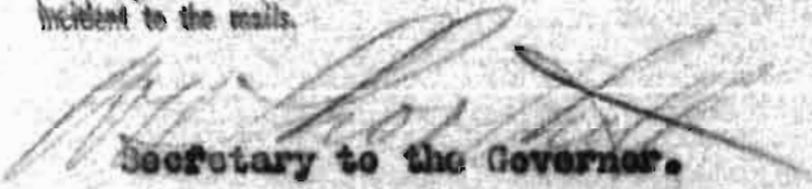
BUNNELL, Judge,

FAIRBANKS.

Replying yours yesterday Norberg will be admitted to Home.

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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DISPATCH : : EMPIRE.

OCTOBER 26, 1915.

Territorial Mine Inspector Maloney, who has been visiting the San Francisco Exposition for the past month, will sail for Juneau on the "Admiral Evans" next Thursday.

Mr. T. H. Deal, of Fairbanks, has applied to the Governor's office for a shipping license for one caribou head which he is sending to Senator Lee S. Overman at Washington, D. C.

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[Handwritten signature]

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Mr. Eugene D. Lichtenberg,
120 Lyndhurst Street,
Syracuse, New York

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October fifth, in which you ask for some information relative to the opportunities Alaska would offer to a man entering upon his legal career.

In reply I have to advise you that much will depend upon the character and ability of the man himself. I may say, generally speaking, that the legal profession is well represented in all the towns of Alaska, and, necessarily, any person entering upon a professional career of any kind would be compelled to depend upon his own resources, and make his own way through force of ability and strict attention to business. I cannot, therefore, advise anyone to come to Alaska without careful personal investigation.

I believe that graduates of recognized law schools in the United States are admitted to practice in the various courts of Alaska, upon presentation of their credentials to a court in open session, and upon the motion of some member

Mr. E. D. Lichtenberg

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of the bar. Where the applicant for admission to the bar is not a graduate of a law school, he must undergo an examination by a committee of lawyers appointed by the court. The standard required, I take it, is about the same as that of the various states, although I am not informed as to this.

Juneau, the capital of Alaska, is the largest city of the Territory; it is well supplied with lawyers. The other principal towns are Ketchikan, Wrangell, Fairbanks, Nome, Valdez, Cordova, Skagway, and Douglas. Lawyers are found in all of these towns except, I believe, in the town of Douglas, opposite Juneau, which I understand has no resident attorneys, its proximity to Juneau operating against it as a field for the legal profession.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 26, 1915

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Mr. W. B. Sharpe,
U. S. Deputy Marshal,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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streaked with gray, eyes blue or gray; weight 178 pounds. When he left Juneau he wore a dark brown suit of clothes, a white shirt and collar, with a black tie; and a stiff hat. He also had a black broadcloth overcoat. He wore a small diamond ring on one of his fingers, and carried a gold watch. He also took with him a suitcase containing some clothing; a small tent, blankets, and a pair of rubber boots.

Would you kindly have a search made of the hotels to see if a man by that name had registered, and endeavor, if you can, to find some trace of him should he have been in Ketchikan, and communicate your results to this office either by telegram or letter, as soon as possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 28, 1915

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Mr. F. M. Farrell,
No. 10 Morstacher Bldg.,
Marshall, Texas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October eighth, with enclosures, letters of recommendation as to experience and character from prominent citizens of your town.

In reply I have to advise you that, when I wired you, there was a vacancy about to arise in this office, which I deemed that you might fill satisfactorily. However, in the meantime an appointment has been made and the vacancy therefore has ceased to exist.

I have read your letters of recommendation with much interest, and I must say that they are of the best. I shall bear you in mind, and, if a position worth while should come to my knowledge, I shall take pleasure in notifying you promptly to that effect. I have no doubt that a young man of your character and ability untirately would do well in Alaska, as it is a promising and growing country. You would find conditions, however, much different in Alaska from those of

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Texas---conditions, however, to which a man of intelligence can easily adapt himself. Alaska is a law-abiding country, generally speaking, and its citizenship is of a high class.

Your letter will be filed for future reference should I be unable to make use of your services or find a place for you that would be acceptable. Your letters of recommendation are returned herewith.

Thanking you for your prompt reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Governor

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Military Editor,
The Globe,
Globe Square,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have read many discussions of the unpreparedness of the United States, in case of war, and have noted the many plans put forth to remedy the situation. I have also read your editorial, "Time For a Real National Guard," and I believe it points a way to secure the establishment of a trained national guard, if the money can be supplied.

The Constitution of the United States says that a well regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state. Now, as a matter of fact, few of the states have a well regulated militia, and it has been found difficult to induce state legislatures to make adequate appropriations for the maintenance of an efficient militia. The remedy, it seems to me, lies with the states themselves, and not with Congress. If state legislatures will make the necessary appropriations, in proportion to population and wealth, a real national guard can be built up, and a patriotic

rivalry for defense speedily developed. For defense every
state in the Union should take pride in maintaining its own
army.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 27, 1913

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Mr. H. W. Soderling, Secretary,
The Wenatchee Commercial Club,
Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21st, in which you ask my opinion as to the desirability and practicability of a united effort being made by the commercial bodies of the entire western tier of states, in behalf of Alaska, and the development of its many resources.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe such a campaign, if properly conducted, would result in great benefit to Alaska. What Alaska needs is the right kind of publicity, and the hearty co-operation of the Northwestern states through their congressional delegations in making the needs of Alaska known, and in endeavoring to secure such constructive legislation as will result in the material prosperity and upbuilding of the Territory.

With full appreciation of the interest which is being taken in this Territory by the Wenatchee Commercial Club, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 27, 1915

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Hon. George Otis Smith, Director,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have to thank you for a copy of the annual report of the Survey, "Mineral Resources of Alaska, 1914," which has just come to hand. It is needless to say that I shall read it with interest. In appreciation of your kindness, I shall request you to forward me 25 additional copies for distribution from this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor