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December 21, 1915.

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Mr. J. H. Smith,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant relative to your notary bond, and enclosing \$1 in currency to cover cost of revenue stamps for the bond (50 cents) and requesting that revenue stamps of small denomination be sent to you for the remaining 50 cents.

Your bond was received from the Clerk of the Court at Valdez on yesterday, the necessary revenue stamps were attached to it, and your commission was issued the same day.

Enclosed herewith please find ten 1-cent and eight 5-cent revenue stamps, as per your request.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

December 21, 1915.

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Mr. W. T. Burns,

Care of W. E. Ketchum, Esq.,

736 Thirty-fourth Avenue,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to claim of Mr. Burns for deficiency mileage and in payment of which a U. S. Treasury warrant was issued on May 21 last, which appears to have been lost, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter just received from the Interior Department, in which is quoted a letter to the Department from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, stating that steps will be taken to issue a duplicate warrant. The papers in connection with the issuance of the duplicate warrant were to be sent to you, and will probably have reached you by the time this letter arrives.

I trust that payment of the claim may now be arranged without undue delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

December 31, 1915

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Mr. Oliver N. Early,
Yakutat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December tenth, transmitting a letter from Mr. E. H. Axelson, United States commissioner at Yakutat, with respect to the holding of potlaches by the Indians of Yakutat.

In reply I have to advise you that I note carefully what you say in your letter with reference to the demoralizing effect of potlaches upon the natives. I also note your statement to the effect that the young men from upon these customs, but are forced by Indian custom to patronize them. Your statements, of course, are worthy of every consideration, but I regret to say that there is no law, either federal or territorial, prohibiting Indians from holding potlaches, and it will require special legislation to put them under the ban of the law. I may say, however, that, in my opinion, the United States deputy marshal would be justified in taking means to suppress them on the broad ground that a potlatch is a nuisance and contrary to public policy and the effective administration of the law. I am sure, were this officer to

exercise his best judgment, this pernicious practice could be effectually discouraged, and in such a manner as would not interfere with any public right of the natives. If this custom were conducted in such a manner as to create a public nuisance or disorderly conduct, clearly the officer of the law would be justified in taking such steps as would eliminate the cause.

I am satisfied that both the commissioner and the deputy marshal are anxious for the betterment of the natives, and that their co-operation may be depended upon to gradually, if not at once, place the ban upon the native peellatch.

I am glad to hear of the improvement which you say exists in your community since the appointment of a deputy marshal for your town.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 21, 1915

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Mr. H. A. Bishop,
United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from the sheriff of Yakima County, Washington, which is self-explanatory, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1915

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Mr. E. J. Sliter,

Chief of Police,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from the sheriff of Yakima County, Washington, which is self-explanatory, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1935

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Mr. L. F. Protsman,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the matter of stocking the experimental farm ponds at Fairbanks, Alaska, with trout, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1915

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, with reference to the applications for allowance of William Bonnard, of Killisnoe, and Monville E. Markham, of Ketchikan. It is my opinion that the sum of \$8 per month should be allowed Bonnard, and I concur with your recommendation that \$10 should be allowed Markham, inasmuch as it appears that he is ruptured and unable to work.

With reference to the application of Samuel Hill, of Seward, certified to by United States Commissioner H. J. Conroy, and also two citizens, I would suggest that, inasmuch as he seems to be unable to do any manual labor whatsoever, he be allowed \$10 per month. His application is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1915

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Mr. Charles E. Taylor,
Iditarod, Alaska

My dear Judge:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 18, with reference to the expiration of your commission as a notary public.

In reply I have to advise that your notarial bond, together with the required fee of \$10 have been received by the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, and your commission will be issued at the proper time.

With kindest personal regards, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 31, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 3 (Hon. De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), with reference to my approval, on August 27, of estimates for government in the Territory of Alaska, and particularly the estimate of \$2350 for

Incidental and contingent expenses in the office of the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, not to exceed \$1,800; rent, not to exceed \$400; lights, water, janitor service, and incidentals, not to exceed \$350; in all, \$2550, to be expended under the direction of the ex officio Secretary of Alaska,—

and also referring to my letter of August 31, 1915, transmitting letter from the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, explaining the necessity for the appropriation, and advising that this estimate was included with the Departmental estimates as forwarded, during October last, to the Secretary of the Treasury; and the Department's letter states that conditions surrounding the administration of the office of the Secretary of Alaska, as set out in Secretary Davidson's letter of August 12, are not entirely clear to the Department, especially with respect to the proposed expenditure of the

appropriation above requested, if made by Congress.

In reply I have to advise that, on receipt of the Department's letter, it was transmitted to the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, for his information, with the request that the explanations desired by the Department be made as early as possible and forwarded to this office for transmission to the Department. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith, for the Department's information, the letter received from the ex officio Secretary of Alaska.

Very respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

December 22, 1918

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Miss Ella Buck,
c/o Fred Harvey,
Gallup, N. M.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, with reference to the demand for working people in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the wages paid to women for domestic service range from \$30 to \$40 a month. Female cooks receive probably \$50 to \$75 a month, according to the section of Alaska in which they are employed. The wages paid in the interior of Alaska are considerably higher than in the coastal regions.

I am enclosing, for your further information, a pamphlet containing general information concerning Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 22, 1915

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Mr. F. R. Neff,

6809 Quinby Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8, in which you ask for information with respect to working and other conditions in Alaska.

It may be broadly stated that the supply of all kinds of labor in Alaska, skilled and unskilled, is in excess of the demand; but, of course, were a man on the ground when a vacancy occurred, he probably would secure employment. I would advise no one to come to Alaska, for the purpose of seeking employment unless he has sufficient funds to maintain himself while looking for a job or situation.

In reply to your request to be furnished with the names and addresses of some reliable firms, as well as railroads, I submit the following:

Copper River & Northwestern R. R. Co.
The Alaskan Engineering Commission
The Kennecott Mines Co.
Alaska-Sartorius Mining Co.
Alaska-Jensen Mining Co.
Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.
J. R. Hochman & Co.
B. H. Schramm & Co.

Cordova
Seward
Kennecott
Jensen
Jensen
Treadwell
Ketchikan
Jensen

S. Blum & Co.
Northern Commercial Co.
Charles Goldstein

Cordova
Fairbanks
Juneau

All these are reliable concerns.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 31, 1915

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Messrs. David Adler & Sons Clothing Co.,
Broadway & Buffalo Street,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find vouchers, in duplicate, for \$501, in payment for 48 suits of clothes sold to W. P. Mills Co., Inc., Sitka, Alaska, on account of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska. You will please sign the vouchers and forward them to Mr. W. S. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska, who, upon receipt thereof, will forward a warrant to your address.

These vouchers should show the regular 60-day discount of 5%.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 11th instant (Hon. Stephen T. Hather, Assistant to the Secretary), with respect to the settlement of the claim of W. T. Burns for deficiency mileage, in amount \$104.25, on account of attendance at the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

In accordance with the Department's request, Mrs. W. T. Burns has been advised that action will be taken to issue a duplicate warrant, it appearing that the original has been lost.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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December 21, 1915

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14, with vouchers in duplicate, in favor of David Adler & Sons Company, for 48 suits of clothes for the Pioneers' Home.

In reply I have to advise you that, inasmuch as Mr. Robert Scott is now absent from the Territory, and will not return until about January tenth next, it has been deemed advisable to forward the vouchers direct to the clothing company. This I have done, asking the usual 60-day discount of 5%. Whether it will be allowed is another matter.

I trust that things are moving smoothly at the Home, and that all is well with yourself and Mrs. Shoup.

With very best wishes to you both, and extending the compliments of the season, I am,

Cordially yours,

Enc.

Governor

December 31, 1915

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Mr. E. C. Austin,
Road Commissioner,
First District,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16, enclosing vouchers in favor of E. A. Heath and W. F. Stiven; also copy of bond, proposal, specifications of the roadway, and certificate from Mr. Stiven. The vouchers have been submitted to the Territorial Treasurer for his examination, before approval by this office, this being the course adopted before approval by me. I trust that they will be found satisfactory to the Treasurer, and, if so, warrants will be promptly issued. I may add that Mr. Stiven's voucher has already been approved. The bond is returned herewith, according to your request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

~~SECRET~~

December 21, 1915

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Mr. R. W. Beasley,
Yakutat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 15, in which you state that two Yakutat natives (Young George and Tom Martin) left Yakutat for Juneau and Sitka, on October 12 last, from which place they were going to bring a boat to Yakutat, and that they left Hoemah on October 29 for Yakutat, accompanied by Robert Fulton, a Sitka native. You also ask that the services of a revenue cutter be secured to search for the missing men.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no revenue cutters stationed in Alaskan waters during the winter season, although their services are needed. Further, in view of the long time that has elapsed since the disappearance of these men, and the information that I have succeeded in gathering, it will be impracticable to secure a revenue cutter to make a search.

Immediately upon the receipt of your letter, I telegraphed Mr. Arthur G. Shaw, at Sitka, for such information

as he might be able to gather at that place concerning the missing party. As a result, this morning I received the following reply:

"No one here has heard of George Martin, of the George Martin party since leaving Hoonah. They were reported to have obtained a supply of whiskey from Charley Moses, at Tenakee. They were boarded after leaving Tenakee, by Charley Smith. They had been on the rocks, and there were two holes in the boat. The keel was split, and three ribs were sprung. They had a good, new boat 25 by 9 feet, and a new 10-hp. Frisco Standard engine. They were poor engineers. The Indians here think they are lost."

In view of the above, I regret to state that these men were, no doubt, long since drowned, their boat having probably swamped.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 22, 1915

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith following vouchers covering work done in the Third Road District of the Territory:

1. Voucher No. 27, in favor of Gus F. Johnson, Chitina, \$300
2. Voucher No. 28, in favor of Andrew Nelson, Chitina, \$1380
3. Voucher No. 29, in favor of Pat Murphy, Chitina, \$1380.

The steamer Admiral Evans is due to sail for the Westward tomorrow, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly arrange to have warrants issued so that they may be forwarded on that steamer.

Faithfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1913

84

Hon. Charles E. Davidson,
Ex officio Registrar of Vital Statistics,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith a letter of the eighth instant, addressed to this office by Mrs. Mary Sumner Boyd, New York City, who desires information concerning the birth rate in Alaska for the period 1910-14.

Mrs. Boyd has been advised that her letter is being referred to you for such attention as you may deem proper.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

84

Mrs. Mary Sumner Boyd,
Head Data Department,
Nat'l American Woman Suffrage Ass'n,
505 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be supplied with information relative to the birth rate in Alaska for the period 1910 to 1914.

Your letter is being referred to Hon. Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, who is ex officio Registrar of Vital Statistics, and he will no doubt give you such information as may be available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I have your letter of the 15th relative to additional copies of the report of the Pioneers' Home. Our office supply is practically exhausted, but I have been able to obtain ten copies from Mr. Maltby, which seems to be about all that were left in the files of the legislators.

I am sending these to you under separate cover.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAU, DECEMBER 22, 1915. Night Letter, COLLECT.

Pat Murphy.

CHITINA.

Warrant in full payment contract goes forward in mail tomorrow.

STRONG.

December 22, 1915

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Mr. A. W. Harris,

Colby, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, requesting to be supplied with numerous reports relating to Alaska.

Under separate cover, there are being sent you copies of such of the back numbers of the annual reports of the Governors of Alaska as we have on hand. The report for 1915 is not yet ready for distribution. We are also sending you a copy of Circular No. 3, containing the full text of the Alaska Game Law, and all regulations now in force thereunder, together with a copy of the Governor's report on the Game Law for the fiscal year 1914. Reports for previous years are out of print. A general circular of information regarding the Territory, and a copy of Circular No. 290, issued by the General Land Office, containing suggestions to homesteaders, etc., are also being sent to you.

The Agent in charge of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station at Sitka, Alaska, is being requested to forward

to you copies of such of his annual reports as may now be available; also the Forest Supervisor, Ketchikan, Alaska, is being requested to forward to you a copy of the regulations of the Forestry Service, relative to homesteads, etc., in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. A. W. Harris, Colby, Washington, requesting to be supplied with a number of reports and documents relating to Alaska. Among other things he requests a copy of the regulations of the Forestry Service, with respect to homestead and pre-emption claims within the Forest Reserves. If these regulations are available for distribution, it will be appreciated if you will kindly forward a copy to Mr. Harris.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 23, 1915

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Prof. C. C. Georgeson,
Agronomist in Charge,
U. S. Agricultural Experiment Station,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. A. W. Harris, Colby, Washington, requesting to be supplied with certain reports and documents relating to Alaska. Among these he mentions the reports and bulletins of the Alaska agricultural experiment stations, expressing the desire to obtain a complete file of these, if available.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly have forwarded to Mr. Harris copies of such of your reports as may now be available.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

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The Honorable

The Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A series of mysterious disappearances of men, involving probably the crime of murder, has occurred in the First Judicial Division, Alaska, during the past three years—two of these disappearances within the past two months. A man suspected of being the cause is now serving a sentence of twelve months in the local federal jail on the charge of impersonating an officer of the law—the only charge upon which he could be convicted because of lack of evidence to hold him on a charge of murder.

The arrest of this man (Edward Krause), was brought about largely through the activities of a number of local fraternal societies, of which one of Krause's alleged victims was a member. The societies offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Krause, and have employed a detective to secure evidence connecting him with the disappearance and probable murder of William Christie, one of the missing men, and who, it is believed, Krause murdered, throwing his body

into Gastineau Channel, near the town of Juneau. The Channel is also being dragged for the purpose of finding Christie's body, if possible. Such is a brief statement of facts as they appear.

I have, therefore, to respectfully urge that this is a matter, the investigation of which properly belongs to the Federal Government, and that fraternal organizations should not be expected to assume the cost of securing evidence, etc. I am advised by the United States Attorney for the First Judicial Division, that he has taken this matter up with the Department, and I wish to endorse the request contained in his letter to you. The city of Juneau, as well as the adjoining towns of Douglas and Treadwell are greatly aroused over the seriousness of the charges against Krause, and it is the consensus of opinion that every means possible should be taken to investigate the charges against him, and secure his conviction if he be guilty. The circumstantial evidence is very strong, but, in order to secure his conviction, the corpus delicti must be proven, and this cannot be done unless a thorough investigation be made by the Government. This may involve a long search, and expert detective work to unswear, but I believe the importance of

this case is such as to warrant the expenditure of the
money necessary to make a full and complete investigation.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Governor

December 23, 1915

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Mr. Edward Polak, President,
Bronx Open Forum,
1806 Arthur Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, in which you advise me that January 2, 1916, has been reserved for me to address the Bronx Open Forum; other days named being January 16, 23, and 30; February 20 and 27, March 5 and 19, 1916.

In reply I have to advise you that it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation for the evening of January second. Later, however, it may be possible for me to do so; if it should, you will be advised in due course.

Thanking you for the invitation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 23, 1915

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Mr. Frank Kaeser,
301 South First Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, in which you ask for information as to conditions in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, inasmuch as you are a printer by trade, there are newspapers and printing offices in nearly all the towns of Alaska. As a rule, however, I may say that the demand for skilled labor in Alaska is usually supplied without any difficulty. It may be, however, that if you were to come to Alaska, you would have no difficulty in finding employment either in this, or some other, line with which you are familiar, as you say you have a knowledge of engineering and have worked as a red-man.

I have never advised anybody, however, to come to Alaska without first weighing the matter carefully. In any event, should one come, he should have means enough to maintain him for a time, at least, while looking for employment.

I am enclosing herewith a circular containing general information about Alaska, for your further information.

Yours very truly,

December 23, 1915

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Mr. Carter Waters,
Batavia, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 12, in which you ask about labor conditions in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, as a rule, the supply of labor is fully equal to the demand. While there is some work for lathers in Alaska, it is not extensive, and you could not rely upon getting steady work. I have made it a rule never to advise any one to come to Alaska, for the purpose of settling permanently unless he had made a personal investigation for himself. In any event, any man coming to the Territory, should have sufficient funds to maintain himself for a time, at least, while looking for employment.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet containing information about the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 22, 1913

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Mr. Anselmo Torres,
Lonja del Comercio Bldg.,
Havana, Cuba

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of December 4, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the report of the United States Geological Survey on the minerals of Alaska, and of the report of the agricultural experiment stations for the year 1914 (the latest available), and a pamphlet containing general information concerning the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

December 23, 1915

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The Bethany Home,
Glendale, Ohio.

Will you kindly advise, as early as possible, whether you are in a position to admit three children, a boy of three, a girl of 5, and a girl of 13 years, whose mother is destitute and unable properly to care for them, as well as being morally unfit to have the custody and rearing of them. It will be necessary to have them formally committed to some children's home, and yours has been recommended to this office. I may add that it may be possible to appropriate a small sum for the care of the children for a limited time, at least.

Appreciating the courtesy of a reply as speedily as possible, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 23, 1919

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Miss Ethel Simmons,
c/o Frederick & Nelson,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of December 16, in which you express a desire to secure a position as telephone operator.

In reply I have to advise you that I have today made inquiry at the Juneau telephone office, and find that, while there are no vacancies at this time, it is possible that there may be one in the immediate future. I would, therefore, suggest that you write to Mr. Edward Webster, of the Juneau Telephone Co., Juneau, stating your qualifications, etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 23, 1915

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Dr. Charles Daggett,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of December 9, with respect to alleged violations of the dental law, in this community and elsewhere, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from Dr. S. C. Mauls, Secretary of the Board of Dental Examiners, which is self-explanatory.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor

December 23, 1915.

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H. J. Raymond Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly furnish to the bearer, Mr. Charles E. Gordon, groceries, etc., to the value of Ten Dollars, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

December 21, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of a copy of your letter of December 21, addressed to Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Iditarod, Alaska, with reference to the issuance to him of a commission as notary public, I have the honor to submit the following citations from the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, with reference to the commissioning of notaries public in the Territory, their duties, etc.:

Section 330 provides, among other things, as follows:

"The Governor may appoint and commission one or more notaries public for the district, and appointments of notaries public heretofore made by him are hereby legalized, and all acts performed by them, by virtue of their notarial commissions, shall be, for all purposes, as valid as though the Governor had, at the time, full and complete legal authority to appoint and commission them."

Section 351 provides:

"Every person appointed as a notary public must, at the time of his appointment, be a resident of the District, and must continue to reside therein during his term of office. Removal from the District vacates his office, and is equivalent to his resignation. The term of office of a notary public shall be four years from and after the date of his commission, but he may be sooner removed by the Governor for misconduct in office."

Not mailed
1-4-16

Section 287 reads:

"Each notary public, upon approval of his official bond, as soon as he has taken his official oath, must transmit such bond and oath, signed by him with his own proper signature, to the office of the Secretary of the District, whereupon the Governor must issue a commission."

Section 288 reads:

"For the official misconduct or neglect of a notary public, he and sureties on his official bond are liable to the parties injured thereby for all damages sustained."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 23, 1915

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Mr. Frank H. Behrer,
Sherrill, Oneida County,
New York

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of October 28, I am enclosing herewith some signed post cards of a public building in Juneau, the capital of the Territory.

Trusting that these may be of some pleasure to you, and with best wishes of the holiday season, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor

Juneau, December 27, 1915. O. B.

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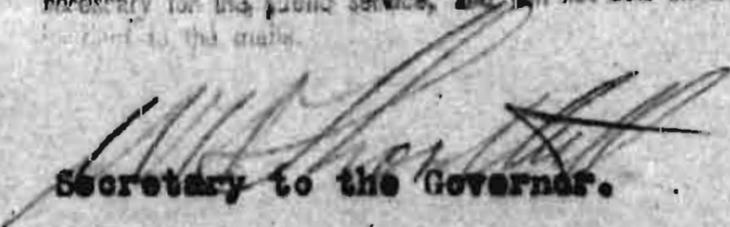
Shoup,

Sitka.

Proposals for supplies for Home received. One set calls for two hundred pounds potatoes, while other set calls for two thousand. Which is correct? Both sets call for one hundred fifty pounds table salt. Is this not an excessive quantity?

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.

December 27, 1915

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Mr. C. C. Georgesen,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Georgesen:

I write to thank you for your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a list of certificates issued to Alaska pioneers, beginning with No. 30 and ending with No. 43.

Referring to certificates 41, 42, and 43, issued on December 4, I note the date of "January 1, 1915," appears opposite each under the heading "Date begins," I take it this is an error, and that each of these certificates becomes effective on January 1, 1916, and not January 1, 1915.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 28, 1915

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Superintendent Radio Service,
U. S. Naval Radio Station,
Radio, Virginia

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant (No. 10869-41), enclosing an account covering charges due on account of the forwarding of a message of May 24, 1914, addressed to the Pacific American Fisheries Co., Excursion Inlet, by Davidson, Acting Governor, the amount of the charges being \$1.36.

The accounts of the Governor, as Special Disbursing Agent of the federal appropriation to which this item was properly chargeable, were closed more than a year ago. It may be possible, however, to pay the item from an emergency appropriation provided by the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature. To this end, there is enclosed herewith Territorial voucher form, in duplicate, both copies of which you will please sign and return to this office. The certificate on your bill of the third instant, covering the above item, includes the following statement: "This

bill includes only the amounts charged to the Naval Radio Service by commercial lines." When returning the voucher herewith transmitted, kindly advise the name of the company operating the commercial line which assisted in the handling of the message in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 29, 1915

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Mr. Newton Courter,

Latourell Falls, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, there are being send to you, under separate cover, documents containing the land, mineral, fish and game laws of Alaska, together with a circular of general information relating to the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Jameau, December 29, 1915. O. B.

SHOUP,

Sitka.

Judge Brown has provided for payment maintenance inmates Home from third division December quarter and requests duplicate vouchers receipted be forwarded first mail. Suggest you forward vouchers for all four divisions on this Georgia if possible.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

December 29, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of August 28 last, returning vouchers 107 and 108, issued in connection with my accounts for the final quarter of the fiscal year 1915, covering disbursements of the federal appropriation for legislative expenses of the Territory of Alaska, for attention as set forth therein.

Voucher No. 108 was returned to the Department with office letter of September 25, 1915. Voucher No. 107 is returned herewith. Approval certificates, signed by the President of the Alaska Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, are attached to the voucher, in lieu of their approval signatures on the face of the voucher itself. The voucher is also accompanied by a statement signed by Senator Aldrich and Representatives Smith and Field, members of the second session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, setting forth, in detail, the preliminary arrangements made by them, acting as an informal committee, on behalf of the Legislature, in securing legislative halls and committee rooms

for the second session; also certified extracts from the House and Senate journals, showing the title and history of House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which authorized the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to execute a lease with the Goldstein Improvement Company; and copy of the lease in question which has been approved by me, as requested in the Department's letter of above date.

A copy of the lease, accompanied by the statement of Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Reid, and certificate of the title and history of House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 is this day being forwarded to The Returns Office for purposes of record.

As set forth in the statement signed by Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Reid, the office rooms in the Goldstein Building, at Juneau, afforded the only available quarters for legislative halls and committee rooms for the use of the second session of the Alaska Legislature. Although there are a number of public halls in Juneau, none of them could be obtained on any conditions—the owners absolutely refusing to consider the matter irrespective of the question of rent. Accordingly, when the Legislature convened, Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Reid made an informal report of their investigations to the other members,

and House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was duly passed to cover the arrangement made by the informal committee with the Goldstein Improvement Company. Under the circumstances, no bids were called for since such action would have been unavailing.

At this late date, it is practically impossible technically to comply with all of the requirements with respect to the execution and certification of contracts, but it is believed that the form in which the lease in question is now submitted, presents a substantial compliance therewith.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1915

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit copy of a lease entered into, on March 15, 1915, between the Goldstein Improvement Company, Inc., and the President of the Alaska Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, covering legislative halls and committee rooms furnished for the use of the second session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, which convened on March 1, 1915.

Attached to the copy of the lease is a certificate of the title and history of House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, authorizing the execution of the lease in question, and a statement of Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Hoid, setting forth, in detail, the arrangements made by them as an informal committee, on behalf of the Legislature, for legislative halls and committee rooms for the 1915 session.

As set forth in the statement signed by Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Hoid, the office rooms in the

Goldstein Building, at Juneau, afforded the only available quarters for legislative halls and committee rooms for the use of the second session of the Alaska Legislature. Although there are a number of public halls in Juneau, none of them could be obtained on any conditions—the owners absolutely refusing to consider the matter irrespective of the question of rent. Accordingly, when the Legislature convened, Senator Aldrich and Representatives Britt and Hoid made an informal report of their investigations to the other members, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was duly passed to cover the arrangement made by the informal committee with the Goldstein Improvement Company. Under the circumstances, no bids were called for since such action would have been unavailing.

At this late date, it is practically impossible technically to comply with all of the requirements with respect to the execution and certification of contracts, but it is believed that the form in which the lease in question is now submitted, presents a substantial compliance therewith.

Governor

Encs.

December 29, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of the eighth ultimo (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), returning my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the federal appropriation for legislative expenses, Alaska, 1915, for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1915, for correction in accordance with departmental regulations relating to the execution of contracts, etc.

With return of the accounts to the Department herewith, I beg to advise that the contracts covered by vouchers 2 and 3, have been rewritten on departmental form No. 1-009h, and other necessary documents required in connection therewith have been furnished, and it is believed that the accounts are now in proper form for administrative action by the Department.

Copies of these contracts and documents are being forwarded to the Returns Office for record, in accordance with the Department's instructions. The Department's inquiries

relative to the contract entered into with the Goldstein Improvement Company, for lease of legislative halls and committee rooms, for the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature, have been the subject of a separate letter of this date.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc

The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.

December 29, 1915

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Acting upon instructions received from the Secretary
of the Interior, I am enclosing herewith the following docu-
ments covering contract for the indexing of the 1915 Session
Laws of Alaska:

1. Contract, dated May 6, 1915, between the United States of America, per Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, and Harry F. Merton; and
2. Certificate in re non-advertisement.

Governor

Encs.

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December 29, 1915

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The Returns Office,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Herewith I beg to transmit, in accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of the Interior, the following documents in connection with the contract for printing and binding the laws passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature:

1. Contract, dated May 5, 1915, between the United States of America, per Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, and the Empire Printing Company;
2. Copy of advertisement for proposals;
3. Copy of accepted proposal of the Empire Printing Company;
4. Copy of the Dispatch Publishing Company's refusal to bid; and
5. Certificate of authority to execute contract.

Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 30, 1915

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**ALASKA DAILY EMPIRE
and
DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH**

**The New Year's Reception at the Governor's House
will be omitted, owing to the fact that both the Governor
and Mrs. Strong are suffering from an attack of grippe.**

January 3, 1916

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Mrs. G. A. Fleck,
Director, School Board,
Chitkatof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 26, in which you state that, in compliance with the request of Doctor Bevis, Assistant Health Commissioner of the First Judicial Division, you have appointed Doctor Moore and Mr. Charles Macomber as a health board for your district.

In reply I have to advise that your action in making these appointments is hereby approved.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner of Health.

January 3, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Georgeson,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 18, together with the application of Albert Hughes, of Fairbanks, for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that I concur in your action in allowing Hughes a pension of \$12 per month, based upon his physical disability, which is due to old age, bronchitis, and rupture.

This application should have been forwarded to you by the last Georgia, but I have been somewhat ill of late, due to an attack of gripe.

I also acknowledge receipt of your other letter of the same date, with enclosure addressed to A. P. McWilliams, U. S. Commissioner at Petersburg, Alaska, and his reply thereto. I may say that I also received a similar protest from McWilliams. He does not seem to understand the situation nor the law, but seemingly insists in believing that he was ignored in the matter of the Johnson application. Of course, this is not true, and, if he would read the law, he would find that

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these applications for allowance may be certified by
either a United States Commissioner or a notary public.
In my opinion, therefore, no further attention should be
paid to his protests. I suggest that, in the future, it
might be well to mail Johnson's check to Mr. T. S. Else-
mere, the notary public before whom the acknowledgement
was taken, for transmission to Johnson. This is a mere
suggestion, however, and may be taken for what it is worth.

With best wishes for the New Year to yourself and
family, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor

January 3, 1915

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Mr. C. C. Georgesen,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I am in receipt of an affidavit made by Alexander Long, an applicant for allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information.

While appreciating the attitude of yourself and Mr. Mills toward the applicant, may I not suggest that it may be well if this man Long were given an allowance, say, of \$8 per month. Of course, I do not wish to assume an attitude contrary to that of yourself and Mr. Mills, which I know is based upon your best judgment. There seems, however, to be a feeling in some quarters, that Long is being discriminated against, and it is pointed out that he is over 70 years of age, and has lived in Alaska for over 40 years. I might add that, should Long be given a pension, the money, of course, should be paid to him through the United States Commissioner, and, if it were found that he was spending it unwisely, the allowance could be canceled, as provided by the terms of Chapter 64.

I am merely suggesting this to you and Mr. Mills and would be glad to have you consider it in that light, if no other. I am not unmindful of the fact that you are thoroughly acquainted with Long's condition, and, of course, if you should be still of the opinion that he is not entitled to any consideration, I shall defer to your judgment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 3, 1916

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Mr. Clyde H. Brecks,
1505 Walker Avenue,
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 17, in which you ask for some detailed information concerning Alaska, your purpose in seeking such information being predicated upon an intention to locate in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that Alaska is a very extensive country, being something like 591,000 square miles in area. The coastal climate is rather equable, there being no extremes of heat or cold, although the precipitation is heavy. The interior climate, on the other hand, is dry and warm in summer and dry and cold in winter, and the snow fall is usually light.

Young men of technical training in civil engineering and construction of railroads, etc., possibly could obtain employment. However, much depends upon the man themselves. As you probably know, the United States Government has begun the construction of a railroad from Seward and Anchorage on the coast, to the Interior, work having been begun last summer. This is the only railroad work now

under way in the Territory. Should you desire to obtain employment in connection with this work, you should address the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., for further information.

Generally speaking, conditions in Alaska differ materially from those of the more stable communities of the United States. This is a new country, its chief resources being mining and fishing. It has some of the best known gold lode mines of the United States; its production of placer gold is the largest in the Union; it is now producing large quantities of copper every year, the total value of its metal productions for the year 1915 being about \$32,000,000. In addition to this, salmon fisheries are worth about \$20,000,000 annually.

As I have stated, whether a young man, in good health and of good habits, would succeed in Alaska would depend largely upon himself. If he be active, energetic and not afraid to put his hand to anything that he shall find to do, provided that it be honorable, he is likely to succeed. The great western country of the United States was peopled by men who went out into it without knowing what they might encounter; that is to say, they took their chances, and that they largely succeeded is shown by the development and the progress which the West has enjoyed and which it still commands. Personally, I have no doubt that Alaska is entering

upon an era of marvelous development; that it has vast
natural resources I know, and that these will be developed
in the coming years, I believe.

I shall be pleased to forward you a copy of the annual
report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1915, as
soon as I shall have received a supply.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 9, 1916

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22 (Hon. De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), with enclosures, relative to one Louis Larsen, who is stated to have died in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that I have this day addressed a letter to the United States Commissioner at Nankook, asking for such information as he may be able to obtain concerning the man inquired for. Upon the receipt of his reply, it will be duly forwarded to the Department for transmission to Hon. Thomas F. Kenop.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1916

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Mr. J. R. O. Johnson,
The General Post Office,
London, England

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to the subject matter of your letter of September 29 last, in which you requested a certificate of the official character of John E. Worden of Wrangell, Alaska, as a notary public in 1912-1913.

Your letter of September 29 was referred to the Secretary of Alaska on October 6, together with your postal money order for \$2 which accompanied it, and he was requested to prepare and forward to you the certificate asked for. The certificate was duly issued and mailed to you at your San Francisco address—242 Stewart street. I trust that the certificate will have arrived before this letter reaches you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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Mr. J. J. Cavana,
U. S. Commissioner,
Naknek, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Department of the Interior, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from George Larsen, of Ephraim, Wisconsin, to Hon. T. F. Kenop, member of Congress from Wisconsin, which is self-explanatory.

Will you, at your earliest convenience, advise this office as to what you know concerning the subject-matter of Mr. Larsen's letter, together with such other information as you may be able to secure concerning the man inquired for, that it may be transmitted to Mr. Kenop.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 3, 1915.

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Mr. William Britt, President,
Alaska Pharmacy Board,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Will you please forward to Doctor B. F. Finn,
974 South Pearl street, Denver, Colorado, a copy of the
law and regulations governing registration and the prac-
tice of pharmacy in Alaska.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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Dr. H. C. DeVighe, Secretary,

Alaska Medical Board,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Kindly forward to Dr. B. F. Finn, 974 South Pearl street, Denver Colorado, information with respect to the registration of physicians in this Territory, together with any printed matter which you may have for distribution in connection with the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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Dr. B. F. Flinn,
974 South Pearl street,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 23d ultimo, you are advised that the Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners, and the Secretary of the Board of Pharmacy have been requested to furnish you the desired information with respect to the laws and regulations covering the practice of medicine and pharmacy in Alaska, and registration under these laws.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with 750 copies of purchase voucher, form No. 1-015a.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1916

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Dr. R. J. Carey, Medical Director,
Mountain View Sanatorium,
Lake View, Washington

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23th ultimo, you
are advised that Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Juneau, is the
Secretary-Treasurer of the Alaska Board of Medical
Examiners, and Dr. B. L. Myers, of Ketchikan, is the
acting President.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, January 4, 1916. O. B.

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J. E. Clark, Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Forwarding first mail voucher for maintenance inmates Pioneers Home, Sitka, \$225 from fourth division, December quarter, amount one thousand fifty one dollars and so advising Judge Bunnell by wire to Valdez.

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.

Juneau, January 4, 1916. O. D.

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Judge Brown,

VALDEZ.

Forwarding first mail voucher for maintenance inmates Pioneers Home, Sitka,
from third division, December quarter, amount six hundred ninety five dollars,
for your consideration.

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.

Juneau, January 4, 1916. O. B.

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Judge Tucker,

NOME.

Forwarding first mail voucher covering maintenance inmates
Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from second division, December quarter, amount nine hundred
ninety five dollars for your consideration.

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

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

January 4, 1915

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Mr. J. E. Clark,
Clerk of the U. S. District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith voucher in triplicate, covering maintenance of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from the Fourth Judicial Division, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1914, the amount being \$1051. There is also enclosed confirmation copy of a telegram sent you this date, advising of the forwarding of the voucher, and giving the amount thereof.

Judge Bunnell is now en route from Juneau to Valdez, and a telegram is being sent to him, advising him of the forwarding of this voucher to you.

The full amount of the voucher appears in the receipt form thereon, but you are, of course, at liberty to change this to such amount as it may be found possible to allow for the quarter in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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January 4, 1916

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Hon. Fred M. Brown,
U. S. District Judge,
Valdez, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith voucher in triplicate, covering maintenance of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from the Third Judicial Division, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1915, the amount being \$695. There is also enclosed confirmation copy of a telegram sent you this date, advising of the forwarding of the voucher.

The full amount appears in the receipt form on the voucher, but you are, of course, at liberty to change this to such amount as you may find it possible to allow for the quarter in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 4, 1916

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Hon. John R. Tucker,
U. S. District Judge,
Nome, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith voucher in duplicate, covering maintenance of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from the Second Judicial Division, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1915, the amount being \$995. A telegram has been sent you this date advising of the forwarding of this voucher and giving the amount thereof.

The full amount of the voucher has been filled in in the receipt form on the voucher, but you are, of course, at liberty to change this to such amount as you may find it possible to allow for the quarter in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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Hon. Robert W. Jennings,
United States District Judge,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith voucher in duplicate, covering the maintenance of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, from the First Judicial Division, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1915, for your consideration.

The full amount of the voucher has been filled in on the receipt form, but you are, of course, at liberty to change this to such amount as you may see your way clear to allow for the quarter in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 4, 1916.

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Hon. A. G. Shoup,
Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Yours of recent date enclosing vouchers for maintenance of inmates of the Home from the four divisions for the December quarter was duly received, and the vouchers have been mailed to the judges. We have telegraphed the judges of the 2d, 3d, and 4th divisions, also, advising them of the forwarding of the vouchers and giving them the amounts thereof, so that they may be in position to cover them, in part at least.

The Governor suggests that in making out these vouchers in future, the receipt form be left blank in so far as the amount is concerned, since in some cases the judges do not cover the full amount of the vouchers. The amount should appear, of course, in the body of the voucher.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

January 4, 1916

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Hon. A. C. Shoup, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of December 29, together with vouchers against the federal indigent fund for subsistence during the quarter ended December 31, 1915, for inmates from the respective judicial divisions.

In reply I have to advise you that these vouchers have been transmitted to the judges for their action.

I note that the mortality list at the Home has been heavy during the past month. However, this is to be expected, and it, no doubt, will continue to be heavy. I agree with you that it is depressing indeed, but it must be borne as philosophically as possible.

So far as I am advised, there are no prospective inmates for the Home at this time, although a number is likely to turn up any day. I was somewhat surprised upon hearing of the death of H. J. Douglas. He was a somewhat robust looking man, but heart disease, it seems, gets a good many people nowadays.

I trust that you had a pleasant Christmas and New
Year season, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 4, 1918

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Mr. C. C. Georgesen, Secretary,
Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, in which you state that you have issued certificate No. 44 to William Bennard of Killisnoo, carrying \$8 per month; and to Manville E. Markham, certificate No. 45, with an allowance of \$10 per month; also to Samuel Hill of Seward, certificate No. 46, with an allowance of \$10 per month, -- all allowances to begin January 1, 1918. You also state that certificates have been issued, in favor of these beneficiaries, for the amount due each for the first quarter, and that you have sent checks to the respective United States commissioners for transmission to the beneficiaries.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, January 3, 1916. O. B.

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Judge Russell,

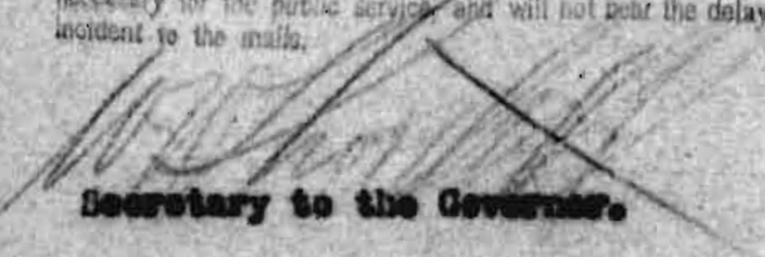
care of U. S. Marshal's office,

VALDEZ.

Have forwarded to Clerk Court Fairbanks voucher for maintenance inmates Pioneer Home Sitka December quarter, amount one thousand fifty-one dollars. Will appreciate such allowance as you may be able to make toward same. Have wired the Clerk advising him of mailing of voucher and that am also wiring you.

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.

January 5, 1916

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Hon. Charles E. Bunnell,
United States District Judge,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to enclose a confirmation copy of a telegram of this date sent to you at Valdez, advising the forwarding, to the Clerk of the Court at Fairbanks, of a voucher for maintenance of inmates of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, from the Fourth Judicial Division, for the quarter ended December 31, 1915. A telegram was sent to you, thinking you might wish to communicate with the Clerk regarding the matter while at Valdez.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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JUHEAU, JANUARY 5, 1916. O. D.

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Dr. Nathan G. Hall,

ST. MICHAEL.

Referring your application certificate to practice you are advised matter satisfactorily adjusted and certificate be issued forthwith.

STROUD, 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.

January 6, 1916

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Mr. Alex. F. Gillissen,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 12, which reached this office on January 3, having been, for some reason or other, a long time on the way.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no money at the disposal of this office for the purchase of the pictures which you mention as having painted. I may say that these scenes of Alaska would be well worth having, but, as stated, as there are no funds that can be used for this purpose, they cannot be purchased. It may be possible that the Legislature, at its next session, will make an appropriation that can be used for the purchase of works of this character, to be placed in the Capitol Building when it shall have been built.

Expressing my regret that the Territory cannot avail itself of this opportunity to secure some of these pictures, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Hon. Dan Driscoll,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Driscoll:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, in which you state that you have forwarded applications for pensions for Tom Keenan and another old man, now residents of Fairbanks. In reply I have to advise you that the applications have not been received, as yet, but upon their receipt, they will be given due consideration by myself and the other members of the Board.

With best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Driscoll, and extending you the hope that the new year may bring much happiness and prosperity, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. Eugene F. Becket,
1815 Sixth Avenue, W.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, in which you ask for a list of the small islands in Alaska that can be leased from the Government. In reply I have to advise you that you should address your inquiry to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. Arthur L. Powell,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 28, addressed to the "Alaska Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Juneau, Alaska," has been received at this office.

In reply to your several inquiries, I have to advise you that, for such special information as you require, you should write to Mr. C. C. Georgeson, in charge of the agricultural experiment work in Alaska, whose address is Sitka, Alaska. I am sure that Mr. Georgeson will gladly furnish you any information that he may have in his possession. In the meantime, I am forwarding to your address a copy of the latest report on the work of the agricultural experiment stations in Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

~~George~~

January 6, 1916

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Hon. John F. Shafroth,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The receipt is acknowledged of your favor of December 23, recommending Mrs. George Lacy, of Valdez, for the position of assistant superintendent of schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that the law creating the office of assistant superintendent of schools has been declared invalid, and, therefore, no appointment will be made to that position.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Dr. Nathan Greene Hall,
St. Michael, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November ninth, with reference to your obtaining a certificate of registration from the Alaska Dental Board.

In reply I have to advise you that, upon the receipt of your letter, I took the matter up with Dr. G. C. Maule, Secretary of the Board, with the result that the Board will issue you a certificate upon the showing made, overlooking the fact that you were somewhat careless in your observance of the requirements of the dental law. Yesterday I telegraphed you to this effect, and enclose herewith a confirmation copy of my telegram.

Your diplomas, which were duly received, will be returned to you at once.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. Del Bishop,
Occidental Hotel,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the fifth instant, in which you state that you would like to go to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

In reply I have to advise you that, if you are unable to make a living for yourself, through sickness or disability, it will probably be possible to admit you to that institution. If, therefore, you will call at the Governor's office, steps will be taken to secure your admittance to the Home.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

Mr. Phil H. Grub,

Waterman, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 25, in which you apply for positions "in the new Government insane hospital that is nearing completion," for yourself and Mrs. Grub, you both being experienced hospital people.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no Government hospital in Alaska either building or now projected. I assume that you have been misled by the fact that a hospital for the care of the Indians of this section of Alaska is now nearing completion in this city. This is not a hospital for the insane, however.. There are insane detention hospitals at Fairbanks and Nome, but neither employ trained nurses at this time, no funds having been appropriated by Congress for that purpose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. John B. Hebbard,
Deputy Commissioner,
Board of Parole for the
State Prison and Massachusetts Reformatory,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, in which you ask for a sample of the blank which is used by those who wish to petition for pardon in Alaska, together with any other blank forms or pamphlets which may be used in connection with petitions for pardons.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no board of pardons for the Territory of Alaska, the prisons being under the direct control of the federal government. No prisons or reformatories, except jails, are maintained in Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. George Kepperdahl,
502 Gerard street,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 27, in which you ask for a copy of a bulletin dealing with agricultural lands in Alaska, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that circulars regarding the matter of obtaining title to public lands may be obtained from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C., to whom all correspondence relating to public lands should be addressed. I may add that a homestead of 320 acres can be located in Alaska, provided the entryman has not hitherto exhausted his right elsewhere in the United States.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith copy of the last annual report of the Government agricultural experiment stations in Alaska,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. Ira D. Orten,
1102-5 Alaska Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Orten:

I have your letter of December 23, in which you ask whether any commissioners such as are mentioned in section 1432, Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1913, have been appointed in the cities of San Francisco and Seattle.

In reply I have to advise you that no such commissioners have been appointed, but such appointments will be made if applications of the proper parties are presented. I would be glad to receive recommendations from you respecting these appointments.

With assurance of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. J. E. Clark, Register,
United States Land Office,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 3, with reference to the homestead entry, embracing lots 2 and 3, of section 1, township 1 south, range 2 west, Fairbanks Meridian, made by Hiram Chadwick, and with reference to which you state that the Commissioner of the General Land Office holds that it is not considered that Chadwick ought to be allowed to make entry for the land in section 1 until the Territorial authorities shall first be given opportunity to dispute his claim, and make such defense as they might desire of the right of the Territory to secure the land in question.

In reply I have to advise you that this matter has been referred to Territorial Counsel John H. Cobb, who has made it the subject of a letter to you dated December 23, 1915, a copy of which is on file in this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Miss Anne Birney,
858 Fox street,
New York City

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 15, in which you state your intention to leave New York for Knik Anchorage early next spring, and ask to be advised as to whether it is advisable for you to carry money with you, and other kindred matters.

In reply I have to advise you that it would be just as safe for you to carry money with you in Alaska, as it is in the City of New York, and probably more so, as a matter of fact. I may add that it is never advisable to carry large sums anywhere. There are safe and substantial banks in all of the principal towns of Alaska where money may be deposited and checked against as occasion may require. There is now no bank at Anchorage, but, in all probability, one will be established early next spring. Of course, in traveling through Alaska, if one issues a check, they would have to be identified before being paid by the bank on which drawn.

It would be advisable for you to bring your trunks even if you propose to go into the interior country. Of course, if you went into the Interior by road or trail, your trunks would have to be left behind at the ocean terminus. However, if you travel to the Interior by way of the Yukon River and tributaries, your trunk could be taken with you.

I note, from your letter, that you have no particular objective point in Alaska where you propose to locate, and I may suggest that it will be well for you to have some definite place in view, after which you could readily determine what amount of baggage it would be necessary for you to take with you. However, if you locate in any of the coast cities, you can carry baggage to the amount of 150 pounds free of charge.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 6, 1916

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Mr. James Fish, Secretary,
Valdez Commercial Association,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Valdez Commercial Association on December 6, with respect to an appropriation, by the Congress, of \$410,000 for the improvement of the Valdez-Fairbanks road, during the current year.

In reply I have to advise you that it will afford me much pleasure to render such aid as I can toward securing this appropriation, which I believe to be most necessary for the further improvement of the Valdez-Fairbanks road, and the development of the territory through which it passes.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor

January 7, 1916

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Dr. G. C. Maule,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Alaska Board of Dental Examiners,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to your telephone request, I am enclosing herewith application and affidavit, in duplicate, which accompanied Dr. Nathan G. Hall's recent letter to the Governor, relative to his status with the Board of Dental Examiners. You will note that, while the application has been signed by Doctor Hall, he did not sign the affidavit.

Faithfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

January 8, 1916.

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Frederick A. Nelson, Inc.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Please quote us your best price, f. o. b. Juneau (including
Juneau wharfage) on the following:

8 only, No. 791 V. L. Storage Cases,
2 " " " " " Leg Bases for same,
8 " " " " " Steel Followers,
4 only, No. 792 V. C. Storage Cases,
1 " " " " " Leg Base for same,
4 " " " " " Steel Followers.

Please advise, also, whether shipment can be made immediately
upon receipt of order.

Kindly send us your latest catalogue of filing and transfer
cases, and catalogue of book cases, storage cases, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

January 8, 1916

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Dr. Charles Daggett,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Doctor Daggett:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, enclosing a copy of a letter from you to Dr. E. C. Mule, of Douglas, Alaska, Secretary of the Alaska Dental Board, which I have read with interest.

With reference to your question whether "it is now up to the individual dentist, or other citizen to make complaint to the Board, of the name of any illegal practitioner, and that the members of the Board are in no way obligated to attend to these matters without such private complaint," I have to advise you that, in the opinion of this office, it is the duty of any individual dentist, or other citizen who has reason to believe that the dental law is being violated, to so advise the member of the dental board residing in the judicial division in which it is claimed the dental law is being violated. That being done, unquestionably it would be the duty of the member of the dental board to cause such action to be taken as might be necessary in the premises. Manifestly, the members of the dental board cannot person-

ally investigate all alleged cases of practice by illegal or unauthorized dental practitioners; and possibly the only way in which they can receive such information is through other practicing dentists of the Territory, or through private individuals. In other words, co-operation not only between the practicing dentists of the Territory, and the dental board, but individuals as well is necessary for the elimination of illegal dental practitioners if such there be, and the protection of the public as well.

Your attention is directed to section 12 of Chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the Territory of Alaska, etc.," which reads as follows:

"Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or shall knowingly or falsely claim to have or hold a certificate of registration, license, diploma, or degree granted by any society, or board of dental examiners, or shall falsely, and with intent to deceive the public, claim or pretend to be the graduate of any incorporated, reputable dental college, or shall have registered under one name and practiced dentistry under another name, with intent to deceive the public, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, may be fined \$100, and not less than \$50, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, and not more than 60 days, or may be punished by both such fine and imprisonment. All fines thus received shall be paid into the Territorial treasury."

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 8, 1916

Mr. W. D. Ross,

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 17, in which you ask what recognition the Department of Public Instruction of Alaska will give to holders of Kansas certificates in Alaska, provided that similar certificates issued by this Department are accepted by yours.

In reply I have to advise you that the Department of Public Instruction for Alaska recognizes certificates issued by any reputable university, college or normal school in any of the States. In fact, it is now made a condition precedent that teachers employed in the schools of Alaska, except in what may be termed emergency cases, shall have had either collegiate or normal school training prior to their employment in the schools of Alaska. This has been made necessary by reason of the fact that Alaska has neither a university, a college or a normal school, and teachers trained elsewhere are, therefore, largely employed in the public schools of this Territory.

Very truly yours,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 8, 1916

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Mr. Z. R. Cheney,
Democratic National Committeeman,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Cheney:

I am enclosing herewith the endorsement promised you a few days ago, of Mr. Bradford, for the position of postmaster at Juneau. I have made this brief and as much to the point as possible, acting on your suggestion.

I may add that I trust that you will be able to receive the endorsements of Mr. Manning and Mr. Turner in Mr. Bradford's behalf.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

January 8, 1916

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Sir:

I desire to endorse, for appointment as postmaster at Junco, Mr. E. M. Bradford, a resident of this city for the past eight years. I believe that Mr. Bradford, if appointed, would render faithful and efficient service, and that such appointment would be satisfactory to the majority of the people of Junco.

Very respectfully,

~~Governer~~

To the President,

The White House,

Washington, D. C.

January 8, 1916

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Mr. H. H. Rase,
Road Commissioner,
Fourth Judicial District,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 7, together with vouchers covering expenditures made in connection with road work under the act of the Territorial Legislature. These were promptly submitted to the Territorial Treasurer who advises me that, after consultation with the Territorial Council, he is again returning them to you with explicit instructions as to the manner in which they should be corrected so as to warrant payment.

It is a matter of regret that greater care was not taken by you in the preparation of these vouchers, as it would have expedited their payment, and, therefore, cause less hardship to those to whom payment is due on account of services rendered or supplies furnished in connection with your work in the Fourth Division. I trust that, when the vouchers are returned, you will be enabled to put them in such shape as will render payment possible immediately on their return to this office. Manifestly, you will understand that I cannot approve vouchers where the Treasurer

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refuses to pay them. He is under heavy bond, and must protect himself. As I advised you, when your first vouchers were received and the Treasurer declined to pay them upon the showing made, the matter was submitted to the Territorial Counsel for an opinion, and that opinion was forwarded to you. I find that I was in error when I stated that you had advanced money in payment for road work in your district. I had seen this statement made in the Fairbanks newspapers, and during my visit to Fairbanks, I had also received similar information. This appears to have been wrong, and I am glad that you did not advance any of your own money. This explanation has been made to the Territorial Counsel.

I may say that the only districts in which we have not had a good deal of trouble over the manner in which vouchers have been made out, is the Second Judicial Division, where, because of the previous experience of the road supervisor, Mr. Jones, the vouchers and all papers relating to the performance of road work and road contracts in that division, were in perfect shape, thus making it possible for immediate payment of the vouchers submitted. Mr. Jones also secured the services of an attorney at an expense of \$100, and it is to be regretted that you did not take a similar course, and either employ a competent attorney or a competent accountant to aid you in the preparation of your vouchers, in compliance

with the law, as far as possible. However, this not having been done, it is to be hoped that you will be able to put your vouchers in such shape upon their return to you as will enable them to be paid without any further delay.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

FORM 124.

RECEIVER'S No.

TIME FILED

CHECK

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:—

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 10, 1916, O. B.

Mr. Roy Maddocks.

Fairbanks, Alaska

Your voucher defective. Is being returned to Road Com-
missioner with instructions how to cure defects.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary to the Governor

January 10, 1916

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The Thomas Bros. Aeroplane Co., Inc.,

Ithaca, New York

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, in which you say that the National Guard of this Territory will, in a short time, be preparing an aviation corps.

In reply I have to advise you that Alaska has not even an organized National Guard, and before it can prepare an aviation corps, the Guard itself must be organized. The organization of a National Guard of Alaska rests with the Congress of the United States, and an effort will be made, at this session of the Congress, to have such organization completed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 10, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Hawley:

I have your letter of December 21, advising me that the Tenth Annual Banquet of the Aero Club of America will be held on Wednesday evening, January 12, at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, and extending me an invitation to be present.

In reply I regret to advise you that it will be impossible for me to leave Alaska in time to be present at the banquet.

Expressing the hope that the banquet may be a success, and commending the work of your club, I am,

Yours very truly,

January 10, 1916

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Mr. Paul Lewis,

719 Pennsylvania Ave., N.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 23, in which you ask for information concerning the Government railroad, now under construction in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that, for such information as you require, you should address the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., this commission being in charge of the work of construction.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 11, 1916.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly forward to this office by parcel post the following supplies, addressed to the Governor of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska:

50 only Vertical Guides ("Y & E"), letter size, Pressboard,
20 point stock, RMD with metal label holder, flat No. 2,
1/3-cut or 1/5-cut -- 1/3-cut preferred.

Enclosed is voucher blank, on which kindly make out your bill, having same signed by an authorized officer of your Company, mailing same to this office with advice of shipment.

Please send us a copy of your latest catalogue of miscellaneous office supplies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

January 10, 1916.

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The American Card Index Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Please forward to this office by parcel post or express, the following supplies: (Marking: GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, JUNEAU, ALASKA.)

200 No. 12 Hub-0 Security Folders, Bellets, half rights and half lefts,

300 No. 12 Hub-0 Security Folders, Regular, half rights and half lefts,

Enclosed is a voucher blank, on which kindly make out your bill, having same signed by an authorized officer of your Company, mailing it to this office with letter advising shipment of supplies.

If you have a catalog later than your "D", kindly send copy of same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

Encl.

Juneau, January 11, 1916. O. B.

Georgeson, Secretary,

Sitka.

Statements made here to effect Mills bid irregular in two items, potatoes and soap. If this be true bid should be rejected and contract awarded to next lowest bidder. Please mail bids this office.

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.

January 11, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Georgesen,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith revised list of United States Commissioners for the Third Division, corrected to January 7, 1916. This list is based upon information just received from the Clerk of the Court at Valdez.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS
in the
THIRD DIVISION

Precinct	Name	Headquarters
1. Aleutian Island	Belshamin, N. E.	Unalaska
2. Bristol Bay	French, L. H.	Dillingham
3. Chitina	O'Conner, Wm.	Chitina
4. Copper Center	Smith, C. Parker	Copper Center
5. Cordova	Medley, Edward F.	Cordova
6. Cook Inlet	Van Slyke, Lee	Susitna
7. Iliamna	Phillips, Fred	Iliamna
8. Kayak	Gray, Robert D.	Katalla
9. Knik	David, Leopold	Anchorage
10. Kodiak	Stone, S. Irvine	Kodiak
11. Kenai	Genrey, M. J.	Seward
12. Kvichak	Cavana, J. J.	Naknek
13. Unga	Driffield, F. C.	Unga
14. Valdes	Love, Geo. J.	Valdes
15. White River	McGettigan, Anthony	Chisana

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19. Valdes	Estey, Ward	Ellamar
20. Kenai	Magill, C. L.	Kenai

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Mr. J. J. Hill,

Shushanna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting a copy of his annual report.

In reply you are advised that the 1915 report will be ready for distribution in the very near future, and your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy thereof.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor