

I have to add further that, should you think that a plat of the grounds and buildings in question is necessary, I will try to secure one and forward it to you; or, if photographs should be required, I will also endeavor to procure them.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 4, 1916

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Mother Eva Mary,  
Community of the Transfiguration,  
Bethany Home,  
Glendale, Ohio

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 3, with reference to the admission of three Alaska children to your institution. I also note what you say with reference to their age, color, antecedents, etc., and replying categorically thereto, I have to advise:

1. There are three children in question, two girls and one boy. The girls are aged 8 and 13, respectively, while the boy is 4 years old. They are of white parentage.
2. I believe that the children are normal in every way, and are of usual size for children of the ages mentioned.
3. If committed to your care, I believe these children would remain in your Home until they were of age, or fitted to go out into the world and earn their own living.
4. If received at your Home, the expense of transportation would be provided in Alaska.
5. As noted above, the boy is but 4 years old, but I note you say that you fear you can take no more boys under any circumstances.
6. I believe that these girls have not had the best of home training, their mother being somewhat irresponsible in her habits of life, though not notoriously so, so far as I am advised. I

believe that the girls, under proper care, would grow up into respectable and useful women. The mother is a native of Finland and the father, I believe, was born in America.

In the event that you should accept these children as inmates of your Home, they would be legally committed to your care by order of the Alaska court.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 3, 1916

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Mr. T. L. Thurston,  
Lock Box 500,  
Steilacoom, Wash.

Dear Mr. Thurston:

I have your letter of January 19, which reached me while I was confined to the house through illness. I note your statement that you are applying to the parole board for a parole, inasmuch as you have served the time necessary to secure that relief. You also ask that I wire Washington, recommending such parole, following it up by a letter to the Department.

In reply I have to advise you that it is impossible for me to comply with your request, unless your application for parole shall have been first recommended by the Judge and the United States Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Division, where your trial took place. This is a rule that must be invariably followed, as I have had reason to ascertain by previous requests made for parole and pardon by federal prisoners from Alaska. Manifestly, if the Judge and the United States Attorney are in opposition, any argument from the Governor would wait upon the action of the aforesaid officials. If you,

therefore, will secure such recommendation from the Judge  
and the United States Attorney, I shall be more than glad to  
add my recommendation thereto.

Trusting that your health is good, and with best wishes,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

February 5, 1916

Mr. Henry Green, President,  
Affiliated South & Central American Publishers' Ass'n,  
25 Broad street, New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 7, in which you state that the publishers and editors of newspapers of Latin America, who are members of your association, have suggested that the most effective means of conveying the message of the deep feeling of friendship which the people of the United States have for the masses of our sister republics in America, is for a committee of representative citizens of the United States to tender a banquet, in honor of the ambassadors and ministers of the Latin-American republics accredited to this country; and in which you invite me to co-operate in this project by serving on a committee of citizens now being organized for the arrangement of this banquet.

In reply I have to advise you that it will afford me much pleasure to act in that capacity, and to render such assistance as I may be able.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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My dear Mr. Edes:

I have your letter of January 12, and in reply permit me to say that I was glad to hear from you. I note, by press reports, that the emergency appropriation of \$2,000,000 has been granted by Congress. Knowing how interested you were in this matter, permit me to tender my congratulations. I have heard nothing from Anchorage of importance for some time past, except that a number of Italians were about to clean out Hunter's alleged newspaper, and he seems to have taken backwater, so to speak; at least, I should judge so by the meager reference that I saw concerning it in a Seward paper. The best way to treat such people is to ignore them completely, as they can do little or no harm, and certainly none among people whose friendship and support are worth while.

I noted by the press that you had been somewhat ill, but trust that you have completely recovered. Will you be kind enough to present my compliments to Mrs. Edes? With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mr. W. C. Edes,  
Alaska Engineering Commission  
Bureau of Mines Building  
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1916

Mr. Albert Lucas, Executive Secretary,  
Central Committee for the Relief of the  
Jews Suffering through the War,  
63 Park Row, New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of January 21, in which it was stated that President Wilson had proclaimed Thursday, January 27, as Jewish Relief Day, in aid of 9,000,000 Jewish war sufferers, and in which you ask that a similar proclamation be issued in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, when your telegram was received, I was confined to my home by severe illness, and unable to take any action as suggested. Furthermore, I have to advise you that, as Alaska is such a tremendously large country, the time given would not have permitted me to make the necessary proclamation, had it been possible for me to do so.

Permit me to extend my best wishes for success in the work in which you are engaged.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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Mr. L. F. Pretzman,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several letters with reference to the stocking of certain lakes with trout, in which you suggest that the matter be taken up with game wardens McDonald and Heey.

In reply I have to advise you that this has already been done, and, upon receipt of replies from them, I shall advise you more fully in the premises.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1916

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Mr. C. L. Conover,  
211 N Ave., east,  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 15, in which you ask to be furnished the assessed valuation of all property and resources in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that there is no general land tax levied in the Territory of Alaska, except in ten of the fifteen incorporated towns of the Territory. The assessed valuation of lands within these incorporated towns totals \$12,546,494; five of the towns made no assessed valuation during the last fiscal year.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal year 1915, which may be of some service to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 5, 1916

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Dr. R. J. Betkin,  
Fuller Building,  
1 Montgomery street,  
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 24, in which you ask what the requirements necessary to open and operate a medical college in Alaska, are, also colleges of dentistry and pharmacy.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no specific laws of the Territory governing such institutions. I assume that it would be necessary for you to incorporate your colleges under the laws of the Territory of Alaska, or of some state, paying the necessary fees to the Territory, the latter being \$25 for filing articles of incorporation, and an annual tax of \$15.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the act of the Legislature creating a medical board for the Territory, as well as dental and pharmacy boards.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1916

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Miss M. Eustace Pearson,  
The Pouch Mansion,  
345 Clinton Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, addressed to Cordova, Alaska. It occurs to me that the fact that you apparently believe that Cordova is the capital of Alaska, and that just now it is "rather cut off," indicates that your knowledge of Alaska is extremely limited, indeed. Juneau is the capital of Alaska, and has been for the past nine years, and, prior to that time, Sitka was the capital.

Now, with reference to the subject-matter of your letter, that is, your desire to secure a bonus of, say, \$50 a month from the towns of Alaska to aid you in promoting tourist travel to this Territory, I have to advise you that this is a matter with which I can possibly have nothing to do. There is no fund in the Territorial treasury that may be used for a purpose of this kind. You might, however, take up the matter with the different towns of Alaska, with the idea of interesting them in your proposal. The towns which would be visited during an itinerary of Alaska, are: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau, Douglas, Skagway, Fairbanks,

Nome, Seward, Wides and Cordeva, in Alaska; and White  
Horse and Dawson in Yukon Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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Mr. W. P. Colwell, Secretary,  
American Medical Association,  
535 North Dearborn street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 24, in which you ask that I appoint someone, preferably a member of our state medical licensing board, to act as delegate at the meeting of the Congress on Medical Education, Public Health and Medical Licensure, to be held in Chicago February 7 and 8.

In reply I have to advise you that the late receipt of your letter prevents me from complying with your request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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Mr. S. B. Kaufman, Supt.,  
The Jewish Federation of Indianapolis,  
17 West Morris street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Replying specifically to the questions propounded in  
your letter of January 15, I have to advise you as follows:

1. Justice of the Peace courts still exist in Alaska. There are also probate courts, United States Commissioners' courts, and federal courts.
2. The office of the Justice of the Peace is appointive, the Justice of the Peace also acting as United States commissioner, judge of the probate court, and coroner.
3. The law does not require the justice of the Peace to be a lawyer, but such are appointed whenever available. Many of them, by occupation, are miners, merchants, etc.
4. These officials are paid by the fee system. Deputy marshals, who are also ex officio constables, receive salaries.
5. So far as this office is advised the attitude of the average Justice of the Peace court of Alaska toward a foreigner is exactly the same as that toward a native-born American. I have never heard of any discrimination having been made against a man because of the place of his birth.
6. So far as Alaska is concerned, I do not believe that the Justice of the Peace court is an evil, or that it should be abolished.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1916.

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Mr. B. W. Baxter,  
Honeywell Heating Specialty Co.,  
Wabash, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 8.  
I have to advise that, at this time, I am not interested  
in your Honeywell Temperature Regulator, which is, no  
doubt, an excellent invention. There are no funds at the  
command of this office, however, for the installation of  
such a device.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 8, 1916

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Mr. Erick Carlson,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, in which you protest against the alleged injustice done you by the United States Marshal's office at Juneau, in that it has refused to pay you your claim for the reward of \$500 offered, as I understand it, for the arrest of one Edward Krause.

In reply I have to advise you that I have read your letter carefully, and, while you seem to have made out a strong case for yourself, provided your statements can be supported by the facts, I regret that it is impossible for this office to render you any assistance in the matter, that being entirely out of its jurisdiction. You will necessarily understand that, in a matter of this kind, the Governor's office necessarily cannot instruct the United States Marshal as to his duty. Inasmuch as the reward was offered through his office, he is solely responsible for the disposition that he may decide to make of it.

I might suggest—and it is purely a suggestion—that you consult the Assistant United States Attorney in your town as to your rights in this matter. I am satisfied that, if you have an equity in this reward, it should be paid you; but, as I have stated, whether that equity exists or not, I am unable to determine, not being wholly familiar with the facts in the case, my information being largely confined to what is contained in your letter, and what I have read through the public press.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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Mr. O. E. Tackett, Secretary,  
Igleo No. 5, Pioneers of Alaska,  
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your circular of December 20, addressed to myself, as Governor of Alaska; Hon. James Wickersham, as Delegate from Alaska; and Hon. C. E. Davidson, as Surveyor-General of Alaska, constituting the board of aged prospectors' home commission, as authorized by Chapter 73, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, for the selection of a permanent site for the soldiers and prospectors' home, in interior Alaska, in which you protest against the selection of a site at Chona Hot Springs.

In reply I have to advise you that I have read your statement carefully, and, so far as I am individually concerned, the matter of the selection of a site for the proposed home, will be carefully investigated before a final choice is made. In the meantime, your letter will be filed for future reference.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1916

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Mr. Geo. F. Forrest,  
Juneau Iron Works,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a shipping receipt for one safety valve belonging to the heating plant of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, which you will kindly have removed from the freight warehouse of the Juneau Steamship Company to your plant, and make the necessary repairs, reshipping it to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka.

You will render your bill to this office upon the completion of the repairs.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 5, 1916

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C. W. Young Co.,  
Alaska Supply Co.,  
Juneau Hardware Co.

Dear Sirs:

Bids will be received at the office of the Governor of Alaska, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, up to ten o'clock Tuesday morning, February 8, 1916, for the delivery, f. o. b. Sitka, of six first-class fire extinguishers. Please state the time that delivery of said fire extinguishers can be made.

The Board of Trustees does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any, bid.

Yours very truly,

By  
Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home

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UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS

FORM 124

RECEIVER'S No.

TIME FILED

CHECK

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:—

NIGHT LETTER

Juneau, February 5, 1916, O. B., Govt. Night Rate PAID

Smith, Commissioner Fisheries,

Washington

Replying your telegram fourth. Information as to shipment  
unprime furs by mail from Nulato and Koyukok Station reached  
this office February two, by letter from Ruby dated December  
twenty-eight. Skins said to be of October catch, and mailed  
largely to West Coast Grocery Company, Tacoma, Washington.  
This is all information in possession this office. Furs have  
probably reached destination.

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.

January 31, 1916

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Mr. J. Bloom,

222 East 35th street,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to the climatic conditions in the vicinity of Juneau, and as to the opportunities for business in various lines in this section of Alaska.

The climate of southeastern Alaska is comparatively mild, the temperature ranging from a few degrees below zero in the winter time to 60 and 85 during the summer season. Under separate cover, there is being mailed to you a copy of the last report on the agricultural experiment stations in Alaska, in which you will find tables showing the temperature, rainfall, etc., of the various sections of the Territory, including Juneau. This will give you a very fair idea of the climatic conditions.

It is impossible for this office to undertake to advise with regard to business ventures in this Territory. In general, the usual lines of business are quite well represented in all parts of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1916

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Mr. Christian L. Larsen,

Chicken, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the fifth ultimo, requesting information with regard to the Territorial bounty on wolves. I am sending you herewith five copies of the act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature, which provides for a bounty of \$10 on each wild wolf pelt. The bounty is paid through the office of the Territorial Treasurer at Juneau, to whom the pelts should be shipped, accompanied by an affidavit in the form specified in the act.

I very much fear that the two native boys who shipped the wolf skins to "Uncle Sam, Outside," are doomed to disappointment, as it is altogether probable that the skins have ere this been appropriated by someone. You do not state, in your letter, the manner in which the shipment was made, so that it is, of course, impossible to even hazard a guess as to where the shipment may have gone or to whom it may have been delivered, if to anyone.

Thanking you for your expression of good wishes to the Governor and myself, which I assure you are heartily reciprocated, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

February 8, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith approved bond and oath of office of John J. Hilliard, of Eagle, Alaska, together with Cashier's Check No. 280 on the B. M. Behrends Bank for \$10, payable to the Governor and by him endorsed to your order, to cover the legal fee for the commission.

It will be noted that the name of John R. Willis has been substituted for that of John B. Powers, the latter having failed to qualify on the bond, and Mr. Willis being acceptable to the Governor, as per his endorsement on back of bond. To save time it was arranged to have the bond approved by the Clerk of the Court at Juneau.

Kindly have commission prepared for the Governor's signature, in due course, mailing the same to Mr. Hilliard at Eagle, Alaska.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

It affords me pleasure to recommend Miss Elizabeth Boyle, of Douglas, Alaska, as a painstaking, conscientious and efficient teacher.

Miss Boyle has been employed in the Douglas school during the past three years, and has rendered complete satisfaction in her work. She is an enthusiastic worker, an excellent disciplinarian, and possesses rare skill in imparting instruction to her pupils. She is also popular with her pupils and fellow-teachers, is a young lady of very pleasing personality and, I am satisfied, would be a desirable acquisition to the teaching staff of any school in the Territory.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

at Duluth, Minn., for its action. Nothing has been heard at the office of the Secretary of Alaska since that time.

I have further to advise that the matter of this company's noncompliance with the law requiring the registration, in the Secretary of Alaska's office, of companies doing business in the Territory, has been referred to the chief counsel for the Territory, and he has been instructed to take the steps necessary to compel the company to qualify under the law, and to make the necessary investigation, if possible, as to the financial standing of the company. As soon as the result of the Chief Counsel's investigation has been received by this office, the Department will be further advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

February 8, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of January 18 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), enclosing a letter from Miss Laura E. Campbell of 3330 Ferrysville Road, Bellevue, Pa., inquiring as to the status and operation of the Alaska Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company (formerly the Alaska Copper Co.), with headquarters in Duluth, Minnesota, which, it appears, has obtained certain mining rights on Prince of Wales Island, southeastern Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, from the information I have been able to gather, it appears that this company has never qualified to do business in Alaska. On Oct. 13, 1915, the Secretary of Alaska addressed a letter to Mr. R. L. Kilpatrick, Copper Mount, Alaska, advising him that the aforesaid company had never qualified to do business in this Territory, and advising him also of the requirements of the law applicable thereto. Subsequently, on October 23, 1915, Kilpatrick wrote the Secretary's office, stating that the matter had been forwarded to the head office of the company

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at Duluth, Minn., for its action. Nothing has been heard at the office of the Secretary of Alaska since that time.

I have further to advise that the matter of this company's noncompliance with the law requiring the registration, in the Secretary of Alaska's office, of companies doing business in the Territory, has been referred to the chief counsel for the Territory, and he has been instructed to take the steps necessary to compel the company to qualify under the law, and to make the necessary investigation, if possible, as to the financial standing of the company. As soon as the result of the Chief Counsel's investigation has been received by this office, the Department will be further advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

February 5, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter, notifying me that a valve, belonging to the heating plant of the Home, had arrived on the Georgia, I instructed the Juneau Iron Works to get it from the deck and have it repaired. I have just called up Mr. Forrest, and he assured me that the valve would go forward on the Georgia tomorrow evening.

I have read your letter, dealing with the fire which destroyed the house in which the heating plant was located. I have to congratulate you that no greater damage was done. You must have had a real panicky time with so many old and infirm men. I trust you will find that the plant has not been seriously damaged and that you will soon have it again in working order. As suggested by you, I shall notify the Navy Department as to the burning of the heating plant, and what is being done to replace it.

I have called for bids from the different local hardware stores, for furnishing six fire extinguishers for the use of the Home. The bids will be opened tomorrow morning

at ten o'clock, and, if possible, I will have the extinguishers shipped on the Georgia sailing that evening.

I note what you say with reference to Reid who arrived at the House from McCarthy recently. Of course, if he is found to be mentally unsound, it will be necessary to have him committed to Morningside Sanitarium. I also note what you say with reference to Dan Hire, and he probably will not last long. I trust that you get through the cold snap as well as could be expected, under the circumstances.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 8, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I have to advise you that the bid of W. P. Mills Co., for furnishing certain supplies for the use of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, as per proposals submitted on January 18, has been accepted as the lowest and best, the amount of said bid being \$812.33. There were two other bidders, namely, Goldstein's Emporium and H. J. Raymond Co., the bid of the former being \$842.39, and of the latter \$920.33.

Objection was made by the other bidders to the item, in the bid submitted by W. P. Mills Co., reading, "10# Herlick's malted milk, 1 hospital size," on the ground that the hospital size is not ten pounds. W. P. Mills Co.'s bid was \$3.50, and that of the others \$9 each. It is assumed that the above company will furnish 10 pounds of Herlick's malted milk, as called for in the proposal submitted. W. P. Mills Co.'s bid on fresh eggs at \$10.50 per case, was also questioned, the other bidders claiming that fresh ranch eggs now cost about \$12 a case in Seattle. It is assumed, however, that W. P. Mills Co. will furnish strictly fresh ranch eggs for the use of the Home.

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I also acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference to the burning of the heating plant of the Home. I trust that, by this time, you have the plant again in working order. I have been somewhat concerned over the cold weather, and have wondered how the Home was during the cold spell. It may be, however, that you did not have as cold weather as we have been having here in Juneau. I trust that the work done on the new house for the plant will be satisfactory, and that it will be done at a reasonable figure.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the bid of W. P. Mills Co., Inc., for furnishing the Alaska Pioneers' Home with certain supplies, has been accepted as the lowest and best. You are also advised that, in the bid of the above company, the item "10 pounds of Herliak's malted milk, 1 hospital size" occurs. It has been alleged by the other bidders that the hospital size does not contain ten pounds. It is, therefore, assumed that the bid of W. P. Mills Co. calls for ten pounds, notwithstanding that its bid was \$8.50, whereas the others bid at \$9 each. The other bidders also questioned the bid of \$10.80 on fresh eggs, claiming that fresh ranch eggs now cost about \$12 a case in Seattle. However, it is also assumed that strictly fresh ranch eggs will be delivered by W. P. Mills Co., Inc., for the use of the Home, as specified in the call for bids.

W. P. Mills Co. has been instructed to deliver the goods, as per schedule, to the Home, said supplies to be checked in

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by yourself, or someone acting for you, and duly certified  
to this office, with the accompanying voucher to cover.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 8, 1916

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W. P. Mills Co., Inc.,

Sitka, Alaska

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the advertisement of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, of January 18, calling for bids for certain supplies to be furnished the Home, I beg to advise that your bid of \$812.33 has been accepted by the Board. The bids were opened at this office, at 10 o'clock in the morning of February 7, there being representatives of the other bidders present, namely, Goldstein's Emporium and H. J. Raymond Co.

For your information I have further to advise you that the proposal submitted called for ten pounds of Herlick's malted milk. In the schedule submitted by you, the item reads 10 pounds Herlick's malted milk, 1 hospital size. Objection was made on the part of the other bidders that "1 hospital size" is not ten pounds, your bid being \$3.50, while the bids of the others for ten pounds of Herlick's malted milk, were \$9 each. It is assumed that you will furnish ten pounds, as per the proposal submitted by you. Your bid on fresh eggs at \$10.80 a case, was also questioned, it being claimed that fresh ranch eggs now cost about \$12 a case in Seattle. How-

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ever, it is also assumed that the eggs will be of the grade called for in the proposal submitted.

You are instructed, therefore, to deliver the goods as per schedule submitted by you, to the Pioneers' Home, where they will be received and checked by the Superintendent. As soon as this is done, forward voucher, duly made out, to this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 8, 1916

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D. W. Young Company,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

By direction of the Governor, I write to advise you that the contract for furnishing six first-class fire extinguishers to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, has this day been awarded to the Alaska Supply Company.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 8, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 3, with further reference to the laundry work of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, I have to advise that I have examined carefully the figures submitted by the Sitka laundry, as shown in your letter, and I believe it would be advisable to enter into a six months' contract for laundering for the Home. The figures submitted, probably, are equal to those submitted by the Juneau laundries, when the cost of freight and handling the laundry to and from Juneau, is taken into consideration. You are, therefore, hereby authorized to enter into a contract for a period of six months, at the prices given in the schedule submitted by you. I believe it would be advisable to insert a clause to the effect that the contract may be terminated by either party thereto, upon giving thirty days' notice.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

February 8, 1916

Dr. E. Lester Jones, Supt.,  
Coast and Geodetic Survey,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Jones:

The receipt is acknowledged of a copy of your annual report for the year 1915. I have read it with interest, particularly those parts of it devoted to Alaska, and I wish to commend you for the manner in which you have treated the various subjects, and the excellent recommendations that you have made. I trust that these recommendations will be given vitality through the necessary action by Congress. I am particularly impressed with the importance of securing new vessels for the Alaska service. These are absolutely essential, if the work is to be done at all effectively. Another vital need is launches for wire-drag work. The importance of this work cannot be overestimated, and it is of the utmost importance that the navigable waters of Alaska be made as safe as possible through wire-drag surveys. I am also particularly impressed with your recommendation on page 25, with reference to the need of a sub-office in Alaska, and I agree with you that Juneau would be the most suitable place for its location.

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The establishment of such an office here would be of incalculable benefit to the people of Alaska, inasmuch as one of your inspectors would be located here during the entire year.

It is possible that I shall visit Washington in the immediate future, and it will afford me much pleasure to again meet you and discuss the various needs of Alaska which come immediately under your jurisdiction.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 9, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I have to advise you that, on February 3, Mr. Allen Shattuck of Juneau was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, to succeed Mr. W. P. Mills, resigned. Mr. Shattuck has also been designated Treasurer of the Board.

I trust that the business of the Board will be conducted with the same degree of harmony and efficiency that has hitherto prevailed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

February 9, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that, on February 2, Mr. Allen Shattuck of Juneau was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, to succeed Mr. W. P. Mille, resigned. Mr. Shattuck has also been designated Treasurer of the Board.

I trust that the business of the Board will be conducted with the same degree of harmony and efficiency that has hitherto prevailed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

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February 9, 1956

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find original shipping receipt issued by the Juneau Steamship Company, for one box, pop-valve, which goes forward on the steamer Georgia this morning.

Mr. Ferrest, who made the repairs on the pop-valve, requests me to advise you that you must set the valve to the pressure you expect to carry, and the valve should be adjusted in place; otherwise it is in good order. Mr. Ferrest advises that, not knowing the pressure that it was expected to carry, he could not so adjust it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

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February 9, 1916

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Mrs. Willietta E. Kappeler,

Port Angeles, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, with respect to matters pertaining to the quarantine established at Kona in 1913. Permit me to thank you for the very full and clear statement of facts relating to the quarantine. We have quite a file of correspondence on this subject, but your letter has given us much additional and valuable information which is greatly appreciated. The work of yourself and Miss Dolan was certainly carried on under circumstances which were most unfavorable, and you are to be commended upon the results obtained.

Again thanking you for the courtesy of your reply, I

am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 9, 1916

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Professor Milner Roberts,  
College of Mines,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the second instant, we are this day mailing to Mr. Ole J. Olsen, in care of the whaling station, Akutan, Alaska, copies of the United States mining laws, together with copies of certain acts passed by the Alaska Territorial Legislature, relating to mining.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

February 9, 1916

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Mr. Ole J. Olsen,  
Akutan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Milner Roberts, of the University of Washington, there are being sent to you, under separate cover, copies of several acts passed by the Alaska Territorial Legislature, relating to the location of mining claims and other matters pertaining to mining in the Territory. There are also enclosed, with the acts mentioned, two General Land Office circulars on the United States mining laws and regulations, also a copy of Land Office circular containing suggestions to homesteaders, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 8, 1916

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Alaska Supply Company,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that your bid for furnishing six fire extinguishers, for the use of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, has been accepted. The price named in your bid is \$42, f. o. b. Sitka. You are, therefore, instructed to forward said fire extinguishers, known as "Pyrene," on the steamer Georgia, sailing for Sitka this evening, together with one gallon of liquid to be used in recharging the fire extinguishers, the price of which is \$4 per gallon, f. o. b. Sitka.

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home

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Juneau, February 8, 1916. O B Govt. NIGHT PASS.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

relating to Alaska

Respectfully request five copies each senate and house bill introduced this session Congress be mailed this office, including those already introduced, and reports of committees covering same.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor.

January 12, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of this date, stating that your family has arrived in Juneau, and that you intend to rent a house and live at home during the time your family is here with you, and inquiring as to what, if any, allowance can be made to you for subsistence under these circumstances, you being absent from your official headquarters (Nome), I have to advise you that you are authorized to include, in your monthly expense account voucher, a charge of \$7.50 per day for meals and room rent during the time that your family remains with you in Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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February 10, 1916

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Thane Steam Laundry,

Thane, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the bid recently submitted by you in connection with laundry work for the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, I am directed by the Governor, who is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home, to advise you that the contract for the ensuing six months has been let to the Sitka Laundry.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 10, 1916 -

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Northern Laundry & Supply Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the bid recently submitted by you in connection with laundry work for the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, I am directed by the Governor, who is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home, to advise you that the contract for the ensuing six months has been let to the Sitka Laundry.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 10, 1916

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The Alaska Steam Laundry,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the bid recently submitted by you in connection with laundry work for the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, I am directed by the Governor, who is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home, to advise you that the contract for the ensuing six months has been let to the Sitka Laundry.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 11, 1916

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Mrs. Mary A. Zimmerman,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in respect to the expenses of the Fairbanks schools for the year 1914-15, as shown in the Governor's report for 1915. The report shows a total expense of \$15,040, and you say that you think a typographical error must have been made in copying the figures in this office, since it is your impression that you reported the total expense as \$14,040. Upon referring to the annual report of the Fairbanks school board for the school year 1914-15, I find the following figures thereon:

Item No. 11, total amount paid the teachers during the year.....\$11,275  
Item No. 12, cost of maintenance during the year, original figure apparently \$14,000, which is crossed out and \$14,725 written opposite the same.  
Item No. 13, cost of improvements and repairs, \$315.

We were somewhat in doubt as to just what the correct total should be, but took the sum of items 12 and 13 as the correct total of the expense for the year, this being \$15,040. When

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the blank form for the annual reports of the school boards was prepared, item No. 12 was intended to cover all expenses of the schools except those of teachers' salaries, and the cost of improvements and repairs to the school buildings. A number of the clerks, however, yourself included, apparently misunderstood this and showed, as the cost of maintenance, all expenses except those of improvements and repairs. We were, therefore, obliged to revise the reports in order to arrive at the correct totals.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 11, 1916

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Mr. George Stevens,

Chichagoff, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the seventh instant, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Chapter 71 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, known as the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

You also request forms for filling out, stating that one of your hands was recently injured. The act, as you will note, does not provide any particular form of notice which an injured employee shall give his employer in making claim for compensation. No doubt, a simple written statement, giving the date of the injury, the extent of the same, and such other facts as may be deemed proper, together with a statement of the amount of compensation claimed, would be sufficient.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 11, 1916

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Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's report for the fiscal year 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 12, 1916

12

Mr. Louis B. West,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 19, in which you ask whether there are any openings in the Territorial government for a young lawyer or court reporter.

In reply I have to advise you that, so far as the town of Juneau is concerned, there seems to be a plenty of lawyers, both young and old, at the present time. You remember the old saying, however, that "there is always room at the top." Whether this is true or not, I can scarcely say, so far as the lawyers are concerned. One court reporter is employed in the district court at Juneau, and one in each of the other three judicial divisions, but I am not advised as to whether there are any vacancies. I may suggest that you write Hon. R. W. Jennings, Judge of the United States Court, Juneau, Alaska, with reference to a position as court reporter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 12, 1916

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Mr. E. L. Powers, Secretary,  
American Road Builders' Ass'n,  
150 Nassau street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 29, stating that the Sixth American Good Roads Congress will be held in Pittsburg, Pa., February 28 to March 3, inclusive, and extending me a personal invitation to be present and participate in the deliberations of the congress; also inviting me to appoint a number of delegates attend the congress.

In reply I wish to thank you for your cordial invitation, but regret that I shall be unable to be present, much as I would like to do so, as my official duties will not permit me to leave Alaska at that time. The great distance between Alaska and Pittsburg, and the short time that will elapse before the convention will prevent me from appointing delegates, as requested in your letter.

Expressing the hope that the meeting may be a success in every way, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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February 12, 1916

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Miss Anna S. Quigley,

Blum Berg, N. J.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 26, with reference to your securing an appointment as attendant in the local hospital. In reply I have to advise you that the government hospital, to which you refer, is for the treatment of natives only, and I understand that the appointment of nurses has already been made.

For further information, you might address Mr. W. G. Beattie, Superintendent of Native Schools, Juneau, Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 12, 1916

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Lieut. F. Hears,

Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Lieut. Hears:

I wish to say that I have known Mr. Charles C. Suter for the past sixteen years. He is a first-class machinist, and an experienced railroad man, having been a locomotive engineer for twenty years. He is energetic, absolutely reliable and thoroughly trustworthy in every way. I, therefore, have no hesitation in recommending him for a position of the kind which he seeks.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

February 13, 1916

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Mr. Charles G. Suter,  
107 Pike street,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of February 7, with reference to your securing a place with the Alaskan Engineering Commission in railroad work.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me much pleasure to do anything that I can for you in this respect. I believe that, if you would address a letter to Lieut. F. Hears, Anchorage, Alaska, you would at least ascertain whether it would be possible for you to secure employment or not. The other members of the Commission are W. C. Edee and Thomas Riggs, Jr. Both of the latter are now in Washington, but will probably be in Seattle within the next month or so. It might be well for you to see either or both of them when they arrive in Seattle. You can find out when they are there through the newspapers, without doubt.

I am enclosing herewith a letter to Lieut. Hears that you may use in any way that you see fit.

Trusting that you will be successful, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

February 12, 1916

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Mrs. Ida Cogswell,  
4333 North Tripp Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 3, in which you ask for some information concerning Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there may be openings for sales ladies in the stores of some of the towns of Alaska, but this office cannot advise you as to the certainty of securing such employment. The same is true of contractors and builders. Salaries received by saleswomen in Alaska probably average about \$75 per month; carpenters receive about \$6 per day when employed, but employment seldom is continuous; commercial men usually receive a small salary and commissions on the goods sold. There are many of these in Alaska representing wholesale houses in different parts of the States. I cannot advise you as to a boarding house or a millinery store. There are a number of such stores in the different towns, but whether an additional store would succeed, I cannot say, as much would probably depend upon the quality of the boarding house or the store.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

February 13, 1916

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Mr. Arthur H. Miller,

Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter received this day from Governor Lister of Washington, with reference to your application for the appointment of State Forester and Fire Warden of Washington.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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February 12, 1916

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Mrs. Fred Hildebrand,  
Main street,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter  
received this day from the Border Line Transportation, of  
Seattle, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 12, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to return herewith bill for stenographic services which accompanied your letter of the second instant. This bill does not show any period of service, nor the rate of compensation. Please note, on both copies of the bill, the number of hours the stenographer was employed, and the rate of compensation per hour. When this has been done, the bill will be in proper form for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. J. H. Cobb,  
Territorial Legal Counsel,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose voucher in your favor for \$250, to cover an advance of cash on account of expenses incident to your forthcoming trip to San Francisco on official business. Kindly sign the voucher and present it to Secretary Davidson for issuance of warrant.

In this connection the Governor asks me to call attention to the fact that it will be necessary for you to submit, upon your return, duplicate itemized sub-vouchers showing the disbursement of the amount of the voucher above mentioned.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

February 14, 1916.

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McMillan Brothers,

Grocers,

Juneau.

Dear Sirs:

This letter will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Arvid Franzen, groceries and provisions not exceeding the value of TEN DOLLARS, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska, and submitting bill, in duplicate, to this office, with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

February 14, 1910

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Mr. A. B. Gilbert,  
Circulation Department,  
Engineering Record,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the first instant, addressed to the  
"State Engineer, Juneau," has been delivered this office,  
there being no such officer in the Territory as the one  
to whom your letter is addressed.

For the reason that there is no state engineer in  
Alaska, it is impossible to furnish you the information  
which you request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 14, 1918

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The Clerk of the Court,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with disbursements from the federal indigent fund made by Judge Bunnell, the Governor requests me to advise you that it is unnecessary to send, to this office, copies of the vouchers issued in payment of allowances made by the Judge; a typewriter statement of disbursements is all that need be furnished this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 15, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, with reference to the laundry work for the Pioneers' Home. In reply I have to advise you that I had already instructed Mr. Shoup to enter into a six-month contract with the Sitka Steam Laundry, at the prices submitted to this office. A comparison of the prices convinces me that, with the reductions made by the Sitka Laundry, it would be better to have the work done in your town.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

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February 15, 1916

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Mr. C. H. McGrath,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. McGrath:

Your bid, dated February 3, for supplies to be furnished the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, as per proposal from this office dated January 19, 1916, was received today. I notice that it is postmarked February 5, but evidently missed the last boat from Sitka.

You have been already advised that the bid of W. P. Mills Co. for these supplies, has been accepted, the amount being \$812.33.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

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February 15, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith orders for allowances, under  
Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, as follows:

Gideon Montcalm.....	\$25.00
Thomas Kernan.....	25.00
H. M. Delane.....	20.00

these having been forwarded to this office by C. C. George-  
son, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers'  
Home, Sitka, and also certified to by A. Shattuck, recently  
appointed treasurer of the Board of Trustees, to succeed W.  
P. Mills.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

Encs.

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February 15, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 5, with duly certified applications for allowances made by Maurice Fitzgerald, of Fairbanks, and William Dobbins, of Ketchikan. I note you recommend that Fitzgerald be allowed \$12.50 per month, and that Dobbins be allowed \$10 per month, and these allowances are accordingly approved by me. The applications are being returned herewith that they may be filed in your office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

Encs.

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February 15, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 5, with check No. 105, in favor of H. M. Delano, Valdez, together with a letter addressed to George J. Love, United States Commissioner, Valdez; also check No. 106, in favor of Thomas Kernan for \$25; and check No. 107, in favor of Gideon Montcalm, of Fairbanks, with a letter to J. K. Brown, United States Commissioner at Fairbanks. These checks have been duly forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer for the issuance of warrants. The letters to Messrs. Love and Brown are returned herewith.

I am also returning check book No. 2. You will notice that Mr. Shattuck, the new treasurer, has signed these checks in place of Mr. Mills.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees

Encs.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, FEBRUARY 15, 1916. O B Govt. NIGHT LETTER, PAID.

H. B. FIVE,

ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY.

Five your brother Richa to Louisville estimated one hundred ten dollars. Will need twenty-five dollars additional to that already sent him to enable him travel comfortably. This may be wired undersigned who will deliver to your brother.

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.

J. F. A. STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

RECEIVED of J. F. A. Strong the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, in full payment of tolls on foregoing message between Seattle, Wash., and destination, at night-letter rate to government.

OPERATOR IN CHARGE, U. S. Signal Corps, JUNEAU, ALASKA.

February 15, 1916

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Dr. W. G. Cassells,  
Asst. Health Commissioner,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, together with your report for the quarter ended December 31, 1915, for which I thank you.

I note that you have been doing good work, notwithstanding the difficulties and handicaps which confront you. These will be removed in due course, it is to be hoped, and you can only do the best you can until such time as the system of health inspection for the entire Territory is perfected, and in a position to be completely enforced. The letters sent to the presidents of school boards, and to the mayors of the various towns are excellent and timely.

I have to advise you that your statement of expenses incurred in sending out letters and circulars, which you advise you have forwarded under separate cover, has not yet arrived. I presume that it will reach me in an early mail, and it will be given prompt attention.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

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February 15, 1916

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Mr. A. C. Parker, Secretary,  
The Society of American Indians,  
Education Building,  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, with reference to the observance of the second Saturday in the month of May of each year as "American Indian Day," and other cognate matters.

In reply I have to advise you that I heartily endorse the work of your society, and believe that it would be very well worth while for the people of this country to suitably observe a day in commemoration of the earliest inhabitants of this continent. I shall, therefore, cheerfully do anything within my power to advance this cause.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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Miss Alva Peterson,  
2318 Ridge Avenue,  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 27,  
I have to advise you that I know of no demand for trained  
nurses in any of the hospitals of Alaska, at the present  
time. There are a number of hospitals in the various towns  
of Alaska to which you might apply for a position for your-  
self and sister. These hospitals are as follows:

St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau  
St. Ann's Hospital, Douglas  
Juneau General Hospital, Juneau  
St. Matthews Hospital, Fairbanks  
St. Joseph's Hospital, Fairbanks  
Holy Cross Hospital, Nome

St. Ann's hospital at Juneau, St. Ann's Hospital at Douglas,  
St. Joseph's hospital at Fairbanks, and Holy Cross Hospital at  
Nome are conducted by Sisters of the Roman Catholic church.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

**Juneau, February 15, 1916. O. B.**

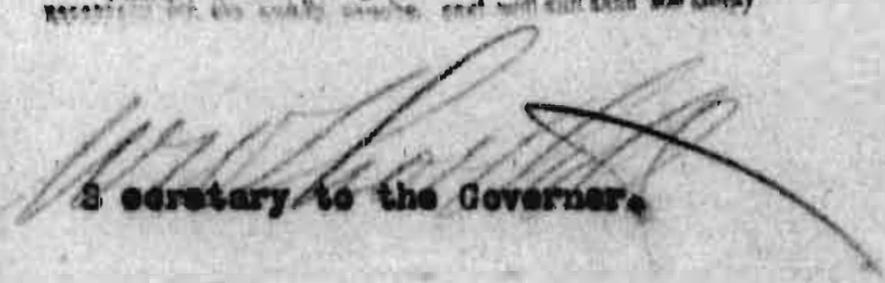
**Chamber Commerce,**

**NOME,**

**Bill to deprive Territory of powers to tax Alaska  
fisheries will meet determined opposition. Do not believe will pass, though  
no stone should be left unturned by Alaska people to defeat it. Your Chamber  
and citizens can aid by wiring and writing members of Congress with whom may  
be acquainted.**

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**

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

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

Circulars regarding the manner 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. Publications on agricultural experiments and development, and on stock raising are issued by the Department of Agriculture, and information concerning the same may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the annual report of the Governor of Alaska, for the fiscal year 1915.

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Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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Mr. James Calliher,  
Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, in which you ask for information concerning farming and stock raising in Alaska, and as to what parts of the country are best adapted to that purpose, also concerning the government railroad being built in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that farming is carried on in a limited way in nearly every section of Alaska, the best known farming regions, however, being in the Cook Inlet Country, in the Matanuska and Susitna valleys and in the Tanana valley in interior Alaska. Stock raising has not been followed to any considerable extent, as yet, but, in my opinion, the country, especially the coastal sections, presents excellent opportunities for the prosecution of this industry.

The United States Government is engaged, at the present time, in constructing a railroad from Seward on the coast, to Fairbanks in the Tanana valley. The chief point of operations, at this time, is at Anchorage on Knik Arm of Cook Inlet. It was begun last year, and I believe that the work will be vigorously prosecuted this coming summer.

Circulars regarding the manner 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. Publications on agricultural experiments and development, and on stock raising are issued by the Department of Agriculture, and information concerning the same may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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

My dear Doctor Coo:

I have your letter of January 27, written at Washington. Permit me to say that I was pleased to hear from you, and trust that your visit in the East was pleasant and satisfactory. I do not know, just at this time, when I shall visit Portland, but probably within the next month or two. My health has not been good for the past several weeks, but I am now recovering rapidly. I may add that it will afford me much pleasure, when in Portland, to call on you.

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

Yours very truly,

February 15, 1916

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Mr. Henry C. Allison,

Unionville, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28, with reference to securing government agricultural lands in Alaska for homesteading purposes, the rate of wages, transportation rates, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe very good agricultural land may be obtained in southeastern and southern Alaska; that is, on the Pacific coast of Alaska. Land is available for homesteading in the Matanuska, Susitna and other valleys in the Cisek Inlet country, some of these lands being contiguous to the government railroad now being built from Seward and Anchorage to the Tanana valley in the Interior. The rate of wages paid in Alaska varies considerably, according to locality, the average on the coast of Alaska being about \$3 a day for common labor. The rate paid mechanics is considerably higher.

The only way that you can reach Alaska is by taking a steamer either at San Francisco or Seattle. I am not advised as to whether the railroad companies make rates to

Pacific Coast cities, but I believe they do not. You can ascertain this, however, by applying at your nearest railroad office.

Circulars regarding the manner 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. Publications on agricultural experiments, development work and stock raising are issued by the Department of Agriculture, and information concerning the same may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Under separate cover there has been sent you a copy of my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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Mr. H. Friedenthal,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 10, with reference to a bakery license issued to your wife. I note what you say in reference to payment having been made on or about the first of October, when Mrs. Friedenthal received a license expiring December 31, 1915. While I believe this is in accordance with the revenue law the Territory passed last year, I shall refer your letter to the Territorial Treasurer, and shall further advise you as to the result.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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Nene Chamber of Commerce,

Nene, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of February 14, with reference to a bill introduced in Congress to deprive the Territory of the power to add additional tax to the fisheries of Alaska, and protesting against such attempt, as well as against the exploitation of Alaskan resources with peon labor.

On this date I acknowledged the receipt of your telegram by wire, in which I stated that steps had already been taken to prevent the passage of the bill referred to, and also expressed the opinion that the bill would fail of passage. However, I advised that your chamber wire Washington, and write the members of Congress with which your members might be individually acquainted, protesting against the passage of the bill. A number of different people in the First division have written members of Congress, and members of the Administration, including the Hon. W. C. Houston, Chairman of the House Committee on Territories, urging that the bill be not passed, inasmuch as it would deprive the Territory of the chief source of its revenue.

As you no doubt are aware, Delegate Wickersham has introduced a bill in Congress whose purpose is the extension of a full form of Territorial government to the Territory, also a bill to vest the control of the fisheries of Alaska, in the Territorial Legislature. I hope, with reasonable prospect, that these bills will pass at the present session of Congress. Of course, if they should, the other bill, to which you refer in your telegram, inhibiting the Territorial Legislature from taxing salmon fisheries, will be killed automatically.

I appreciate fully that this is a matter of vital importance to the Territory, and I assure you that I shall use every means within my power to have vested in the Territorial Legislature all the powers that it may rightfully claim, and among these is indubitably the right to levy taxes upon the fisheries of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 15, 1916

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Mr. Tom F. Burke,  
Rooseland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 7, with reference to conditions alleged to exist at Morningside Sanitarium, where the Alaska insane are confined.

In reply I have to advise you that I have read your letter carefully, and will make use of its contents, if possible in such a way as may lead to an amelioration of the conditions of which you complain. I have, for the past three years, been endeavoring to have the insane of Alaska kept in the Territory, and to that end I have advocated, and shall continue to advocate, the erection of suitable buildings for their maintenance in Alaska. I am satisfied that, so long as the contract system of caring for the insane is tolerated, adequate treatment cannot be obtained. The contract system forbids it, as, in my opinion, it is absolutely unworkable.

Thanking you for your letter, and pledging myself to do everything within my power to alleviate the conditions such as you allege exist at Morningside, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Governor

February 15, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of February 12, with reference to the case of W. W. Fife, an inmate of the Home, who you say is desirous of returning to his former home in Kentucky, a brother having forwarded a draft for \$100 to cover his traveling expenses.

I believe that it would be advisable to send Fife to his home. Following your suggestion I have this day wired H. B. Fife at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to telegraph me \$25 additional for the use of his brother. If this be done I shall hand it to Fife on his arrival here, as, under the circumstances, it will be necessary for him to take a Seattle boat at Juneau. I believe that it may be possible to place him in charge of someone leaving here on the same boat that he will take. It is likely that a couple of people will be sent out to Horningside from Juneau on some boat sailing early next week, and Fife may be consigned to their care.

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Through an investigation made today, I find that the following expenses will be necessary:

Steamer, Juneau to Seattle, first-class.....	\$ 25.00
Tourist ticket, Seattle to Louisville, Ky....	22.60
Sleeper charges, approximately.....	8.00
Meals on train, approximately.....	15.00
Fare, Sitka to Juneau.....	10.00
or a total of.....	\$110.60

Sleeper and meal expenses between Seattle and Louisville may be more than these estimates, and Five should have at least \$125 to be on the safe side.

Should his brother in Elizabethtown reply to my wire, I shall advise you to that effect prior to the sailing of the Georgia from Sitka.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman  
of the Board

February 15, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt of your letter of February 12 is acknowledged with reference to the bid of W. P. Mills Company incorporated, for furnishing the Alaska Pioneers' Home with certain supplies, wherein it is noted that W. P. Mills Company will furnish ten pounds of malted milk, as per their bid, and as pointed out in my recent letter to you, advising you of the acceptance of this bid.

As to the butter and eggs, I believe it would be better, perhaps, for the Home to receive these supplies as they are needed, inasmuch as the butter and eggs will be fresher and in better condition, if delivered to the Home by W. P. Mills Company as needed. The above company being a responsible concern, the amount of these items may be included in the first voucher, as I know that they will be delivered by W. P. Mills Company from time to time as they are needed.

With reference to furnishing other supplies for the Home, not included in the contract entered into with W. P.

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Mills Company, I believe it would be advisable for you to get bids from time to time from your local houses. In this way the different stores will have a chance to bid for furnishing such articles as may be necessary. If this plan is found not to be practicable, I would suggest that the trade be divided as equitably as possible between W. P. Mills Co. and C. M. McGrath, provided the prices, in all cases, are equal. In this way, I believe we will avoid the criticism that has been made heretofore.

I am glad to know that Reid and Hire are better. I note what you say about your nurse, and I am much pleased to learn that she is rendering such efficient service.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees.

February 18, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that the building in which was housed the heating plant of the buildings at Sitka, Alaska, formerly used as a United States barracks, was totally destroyed by fire on the evening of February 1, the boiler and other accessories to the heating plant being comparatively uninjured. I also have to advise you that these buildings are now used as a home for aged pioneers of Alaska, they having been turned over by the federal government for this use in 1913. The building destroyed by fire has been replaced by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, without cost to the government of the United States.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Navy,

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1914

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

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that, in accordance with provisions of section 4, Chapter 77, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, Hon. Walstein G. Smith, Treasurer of the Territory, has submitted a supplementary bond in the amount of \$50,000, also required by the provisions of said Chapter 77. This bond, having been approved by me, as required by law, is enclosed herewith that it may be filed in accordance with the above-cited provisions.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, submitting bond of the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company, of Nome, to secure a deposit of territorial funds in the amount of \$10,000.

In reply I have to advise you that I have carefully examined the bond submitted, and it is hereby approved, and you may forthwith transfer the above amount to said Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company.

Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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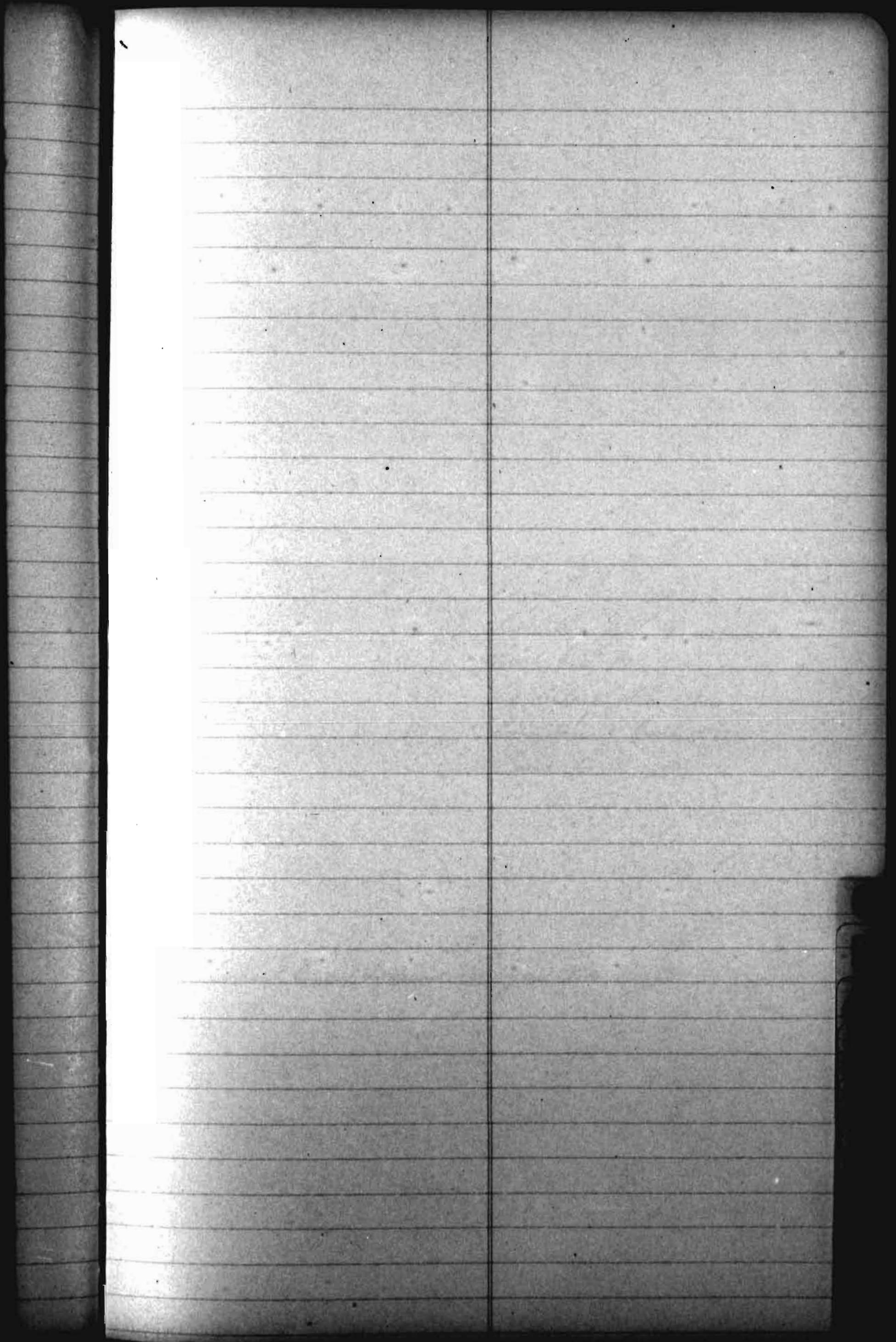
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Juneau, February 16, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

Sitka.

Fife's brother has remitted additional twenty five dollars which I now hold. Can probably arrange have Fife looked after between here and Seattle and put aboard train there. If you think advisable he go Kentucky send him Juneau this trip Georgia, advising me by wire.

STROMO, 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.

February 16, 1916

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The Collector of Customs,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, with reference to the loss of the gas boat Swan, together with the owners, three natives of Yakutat, in which you request that the game wardens in this judicial division be advised of the circumstance, and, as far as practicable, that they make search and inquiry for the missing men.

In reply I have to advise you that, some time since, this office made such investigation as was possible, and, from information received, the conclusion was reached that the boat foundered, and that the crew were drowned late in October, 1915. However, the game wardens and special employees for the suppression of the liquor traffic, under the direction of this office, will be notified to make such search and inquiry for the missing party as is possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1916

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Mr. John H. Cobb, Editor,  
The Pacific Fisherman,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have read with interest the article in the Pacific Fisherman for January, entitled, "A Close Season for Halibut." The reasons advanced therein for a close season for this fish bear evidence of having been carefully weighed, and are entitled to consideration. The growth of the halibut fishing industry, in the past few years, has been large, and, because of the extensive fishing, there is, no doubt, danger of exhaustion, and a close season of, say, three months, or from December 15 to March 15, or even April 1, would probably be a means toward conserving the supply; and, as pointed out in your article, such close season should occur during a period when halibut fishing can only be carried on with great difficulty and danger because of winds and storms.

In advocating a close season for halibut, and, indeed, any other fishery that may be in danger of depletion from excessive fishing on this coast, we have the advantage of the experience of the Atlantic Coast, where once important

fisheries have practically become exhausted. Besides excessive catching of halibut in the waters of the Pacific coast, there has been, and is, a waste of this valuable food fish; and any plan for its conservation should include means to prevent unnecessary waste, as far as possible.

The fisheries of Alaska are second only in importance to its mining industry, and I am in favor of any rational means that will make their conservation sure and certain without imposing too many handicaps upon those who make fishing their occupation. Fishermen should be vitally interested in the conservation of all fisheries, as by rational conservation their occupation will be made permanent, and the people of the United States will continue to be furnished with an important article of food at prices within their reach.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1916

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Mr. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I have forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, in which is recommended the passage of your House Bill H. 4648, to amend an act of Congress entitled, "An Act to create a legislative assembly in Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912.

In this connection, I wish to ask if the proviso at the end of section 1 of your bill, is not superfluous. Is that proviso not covered by section 7 of the act entitled "An Act relating to affairs in the Territory," approved February 8, 1909?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

In my annual report for the fiscal year 1915, pp. 47 and 48, I recommended that such legislation be enacted by Congress as would make it possible to organize and maintain a militia in Alaska. Since that report was written, I have received numerous inquiries from various parts of the Territory, concerning the organization of a National Guard for Alaska. I find that there seems to be a consensus of opinion, especially among the young men of the Territory who are not members of labor unions, that the organization of an Alaska militia should be perfected. Of course, I am not unmindful of the fact that labor unions are in opposition to the organization of a National Guard. However, in the campaign now being made for national preparedness, I believe that Alaska should have a part, and steps should be taken to effect such organization.

This matter is submitted to you for your consideration and for such action as you may deem fit to take in the premises. If I can be of any service in this or any other respect, please command me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 30 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), together with a copy of House Bill 4648, 64th Congress, first session, introduced by Delegate Wickham:

"To amend an act of Congress entitled 'An Act to create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes'; approved August 24, 1912."

I am asked to give this measure careful consideration and advise the Department whether, in my judgment, it should be enacted into law, with as full a statement of reasons for or against enactment as possible.

In reply, let me preface what I shall have to say by stating that I have had some opportunities of observing the work of the school law under which the schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained in Alaska, (Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913), and I have found the school system, which is the result of this law, inadequate and unsatisfactory, so far as the education of the children attending these schools is concerned. Of course, I refer particular-

ly to the schools outside of incorporated towns and not to those maintained in incorporated communities, all of which latter schools are graded and the school curriculums more satisfactory. The schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska are the genuine rural or country schools, typical of those of half a century ago, with, except in the more populous communities, none of the advantages of the graded schools of the towns. The school houses are generally mere makeshifts because the amount allowed, under the law, for their construction and equipment (\$1,000), is so meager as to permit only the construction of the cheapest kind of school structures; and this fact renders the equipment much less comprehensive than it should be. The school grounds, as a rule, are not attractive, nor have they the necessary playgrounds and other features which make them of interest to the pupils.

Under our present system, too, it has been found impossible to introduce a uniform course of study in these schools, inasmuch as there is no inspection, nor can there be while the direction of these schools is under the control of the Governor as an officio superintendent of public instruction. In order to introduce a uniform school system in the Territory, inspection is indispensable, and to make for efficiency and the proper education of the children in all the white schools.

a uniform course of study should be provided, thus eliminating the present system which, at best, is but a haphazard affair. In other words, the children of Alaska, under this system, are not receiving the educational advantages which should be provided, in view of the total amount of money expended annually for their education.

Alaska needs a new and comprehensive school law, whether it be enacted by Congress, or the control of the schools be vested in the Alaska legislature. The schools are increasing in number with the increase in population, consequent upon the settlement and development of the Territory; and the demand for better and more efficient schools is urgent.

Under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1913, 25 per cent. of the moneys received from occupation, trade and other licenses in Alaska, is paid into the Alaska Fund, to be used for school purposes, outside of incorporated towns. With the increase of schools which is promised the present year, this percentage will prove inadequate, and it must be increased if the schools now established, and those which will be established during the current year, are to be maintained under the present system. In my annual report for the fiscal year 1918, I recommended that the percentage of the Alaska Fund, set aside for the maintenance of schools in Alaska, be increased to 50%.

Now, is it advisable that House Bill No. 4648 be enacted into law? I believe that it is advisable. I am a believer in the fullest form of autonomy that it is possible for the Territory to secure; and it seems to me, therefore, that the duty of educating the children of the Territory should be delegated to the people of the Territory, who certainly are more vitally interested in the welfare of their children than Congress can possibly be. The money by which Alaska's schools are supported comes from the people of Alaska; no appropriations, for this purpose, are made by Congress. Then, why not place the control of these schools in the hands of the people of Alaska? If this were done, a school law exactly suited to the needs and requirements of the Territory could be enacted by the Legislature, providing for a uniform course of study, adequate inspection and supervision—something that it cannot have under the law now in operation. As a matter of fact, if the control of the schools were vested in the Territorial Legislature, I believe they would be more economically conducted than at the present time, and certainly a more effective system for the education of the children of Alaska could be perfected. Nowhere in the world are children more appreciated than in this Territory, and the people, through their Legislature, may be

depended upon to, I believe, look carefully after their interests to the end that the best educational advantages available may be provided for them.

I have, therefore, to earnestly recommend the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

Governor

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

JUNEAU, FEBRUARY 17, 1916. O. B.

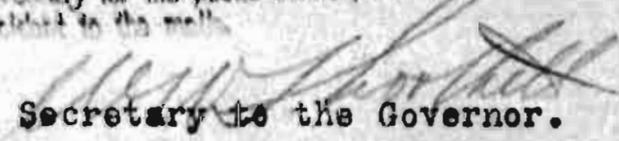
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Valdez.

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STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

JUNEAU, FEBRUARY 17, 1916. O. B.

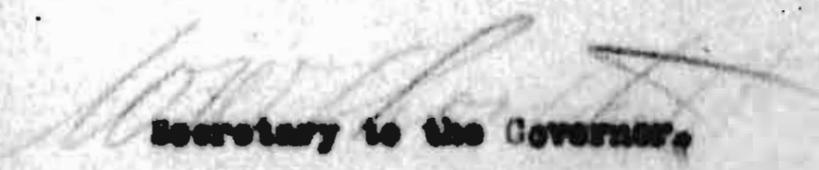
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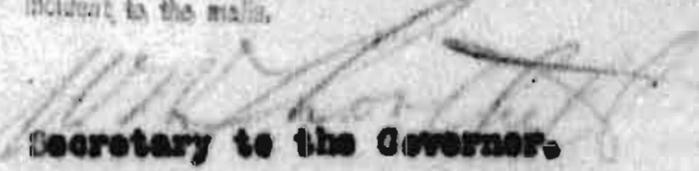
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SULZER, Alaska.

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STONES, GOVERNOR.

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Secretary to the Governor.

February 17, 1916

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Hon. Frank A. Aldrich,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Senator:

The report of Territorial Mining Inspector William Maloney, for the calendar year 1915, was filed in this office a few days ago. The report is replete with valuable information regarding the mining industry, and contains much of detail with respect to the mining operations throughout the Territory. To be of any value in a public way, however, the report should be printed for distribution. The last session of the Territorial Legislature authorized the printing of the report for the calendar year 1914, but made no direct provision for the printing of the 1915 report. It is my opinion, however, that the expense of printing 1,000 to 1,500 copies of this report in pamphlet form, could properly be paid from paragraph (p), Chapter 68 of the 1915 Session Law, which paragraph contains what is commonly known as the "emergency" appropriation, the same being intended to cover "incidental expenses in the Territory of Alaska for purposes not otherwise especially provided for." To wait until the next session of the Legislature for direct authority to publish this report would mean that the report would be practically valueless to the public.

Will you please advise if you concur in the opinion that the report should be printed at as early a date as possible, and the expense paid from the appropriation above mentioned?

I am communicating, by telegraph, with Senators Sulzer, Hubbard and Gaustad substantially as above, and am requesting their views.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

February 17, 1916

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Mr. H. B. Fife,

Elisabethtown, Ky.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a confirmation copy of a telegram of the 15th instant, sent you by the Governor. In response thereto the Governor on yesterday received, through the local office of the United States Signal Corps, a draft for \$25. This draft has been cashed and the amount will be turned over to your brother, who is expected to arrive in Juneau on Saturday next. Mr. Shoup, superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, advised this office, a few days ago, of your wish to have your brother go to you, and explained that you had remitted \$100 to cover the expenses of the trip. As explained in the Governor's telegram, the amount was considered inadequate. From information obtained from local transportation people, it is believed that approximately \$125 will be required for transportation, meals, etc., between Sitka, Alaska and Louisville, Ky.

Arrangements will be made by this office to have someone look after your brother on the steamer between Juneau and

Seattle, and to see that he gets his railway transportation  
from there to Louisville, and is put on the train at Seattle.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise this  
office in writing as to the arrival of your brother, so that  
we may know that he reached his destination in safety.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 17, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I enclose herewith two carbon copies of a telegram of the 15th instant, addressed by the Governor to H. B. Fife, Elizabethtown, Ky., regarding additional funds needed in connection with the trip of his brother from the Home at Sitka to Louisville, Ky. The expense of this telegram was 33 cents, which amount was advanced by the Governor from personal funds. Payment of the toll is shown by the receipt signed by the operator in charge of the local cable office. Will you kindly arrange to have a voucher issued in favor of the Governor, in refund of the amount of these tolls?

On yesterday the Governor wired you that additional funds had been received from Mr. Fife's brother, and that arrangements would be made to have the man looked after between here and Seattle, and to see that he secured his transportation from there east, etc. Within the next week, there will probably be one or two patients sent to the Morningside

sanitarium, Portland, and we will arrange to have the deputy  
marshal in charge of these patients, look after Mr. Fife  
between here and Seattle, and attend to his transportation  
from there east, or turn him over to someone else who will  
do so.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 18, 1916

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Sir:

In my annual report for the fiscal year 1915, on page 47, I discussed briefly the advisability of organizing a force of militia in Alaska. It was pointed out that, in 1903, the War Department decided that no useful organization of the militia in Alaska could be perfected under the existing law, which was regarded as obsolete, and it was, therefore, recommended that no organization of a militia be attempted in advance of appropriate legislation by Congress. At the same time the War Department was of the opinion that it was both practicable and desirable to maintain a force of militia in Alaska, particularly in the vicinity of Juneau. However, no action has ever been taken by Congress, and I recommended that such legislation be enacted by Congress as will make it possible to organize and maintain a force of militia in Alaska.

In directing your attention to this matter, I wish to add that I believe, in view of the Administration's attitude upon national preparedness, that the time is opportune for

for the organization of a militia force in this Territory,  
and I have to respectfully suggest that you will take such  
steps as may be, in your judgment, necessary to give effect  
to this idea. I have also directed the attention of the  
Delegate from Alaska to this matter.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1916

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Dr. L. S. Rowe, President,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Rowe:

I have your letter of January 26, in which you state that the American Academy of Political and Social Science will hold its twentieth annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 1916; and in which you extend to me the invitation of the Academy to appoint five delegates to the forthcoming annual meeting.

In reply I beg to advise you that it gives me great pleasure to comply with your request, and I have, this day, named the following delegates: Hon. J. B. Marshall, Hon. Royal A. Garrison, Prof. L. D. Henderson, Rev. J. B. Stevens, and Mrs. Lena Marrow Lewis.

Expressing the wish that the twentieth annual meeting of the Academy may be abundantly successful, I am,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Gouverneur

February 18, 1916

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Hon. J. B. Marshall,  
United States Commissioner,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request of Dr. L. S. Rowe, President of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, I have the honor to appoint you as a delegate to attend the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which will be held in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 1916.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 18, 1916

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Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request of Dr. L. S. Howe, President of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, I have the honor to appoint you as a delegate to attend the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which will be held in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 1916.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 18, 1916

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Rev. J. B. Stevens,  
Juneau, Alaska

Reverend Sir:

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