

February 18, 1916

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Prof. L. D. Henderson,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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

Hon. Royal A. Gummison,
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 21, 1916.

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Mr. Frank R. Cook,
Deputy United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is informed by the Marshal's office that you are to take two insane patients to Portland on one of the first boats sailing south. Mr. W. W. Fife, who has been an inmate of the Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, for some months past, is in Juneau enroute to his home in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and we have arranged with the Marshal's office for him to go south on the same boat on which you go, so that he may be kept under your supervision while enroute to Seattle. He is not in very good health, his memory is faulty, and he does not see very well; hence needs some little looking after. We will wire to A. P. Chapman, Jr., General Agent Passenger Department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Seattle, advising him on what steamer Mr. Fife sails south, and asking him to arrange to have one of his representatives meet the boat and take charge of Mr. Fife, securing his ticket east and seeing that he gets on the train.

Funds for Mr. Fife's transportation have been provided by his brother, H. B. Fife, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. I am directed by the Governor to turn over to you herewith the sum of Eighty-seven Dollars (\$87.00) in cash, for use in paying for ticket, sleeper and meals, Seattle to Louisville, Ky. This amount you are requested to turn over to Mr. Chapman or his representative, upon arrival at Seattle, taking his receipt for the same. A letter is enclosed addressed to Mr. Chapman, for delivery by you to him or his representative, advising him as to the disposition of the \$87, requesting him to look after Mr. Fife, etc.

Your kindly assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

February 21, 1916.

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Mr. A. P. Chapman, Jr.,
General Agent, Passenger Department,
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway,
SEATTLE, WASH.

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Mr. Willis E. Newell, Agent of the Alaska S. S. Co. at Juneau, and your representative here, I am writing you with reference to Mr. W. W. Fife, who will be a passenger for Seattle on the S. S. "ALAMEDA", sailing from here tomorrow or next day. Mr. Fife has been an inmate of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, for some months past. His health is none too good, his eyesight is poor, and his memory is rather faulty. His brother, H. B. Fife, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, has forwarded funds to cover transportation expenses, etc., from Sitka to Kentucky, and Mr. Fife is now on his way to his brother's home. He desires to go East via your line, traveling in the tourist section. We have arranged for Deputy Marshal Frank R. Cook, who is going south on the same steamer, to look out for him on the boat and to see that he meets you or your representative on arrival at Seattle. We will wire you upon departure of the boat from here, requesting that you arrange to have someone meet the boat on arrival at Seattle, take charge of Mr. Fife, secure his ticket and arrange for berth, and turn over to him the balance of funds left after paying for ticket and sleep at the tourist rate from Seattle to LOUISVILLE, Kentucky. Also, will you please wire to H. B. Fife, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, advising him when his brother leaves Seattle, so that he may arrange to meet him at Louisville. The expense of this telegram to be paid from the funds which Deputy Marshal Cook will turn over to you or your representative. Mr. Cook will have \$87, which is being delivered to him by this office, to turn over to you or your representative, for the purpose of paying for ticket, berth, telegram, and for purchase of meals by Mr. Fife enroute. It is believed that the sum will be sufficient for these purposes, at your tourist rates.

There is enclosed a letter addressed to Transportation Companies, R. R. Conductors, and Others, by the Supt. of the Home at Sitka, requesting them to assist Mr. Fife. Kindly deliver this letter to Mr. Fife, with the one attached to it, before he takes the train at Seattle. It might also aid him if you would give him a note to your Conductors asking them to keep a kindly eye on him enroute east. He is very anxious to get to his brother, and will no doubt be all right if given a little attention.

Assuring you that your kindly offices in this matter will be greatly appreciated, I am

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 23, 1916

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Mr. A. P. Chapman, Jr.,
General Passenger Agent,
C., M. & St. P. Railway Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have made arrangements with Mr. Frank R. Cook, who will hand this letter to you, to secure transportation over your line for W. W. Fife to Elizabethtown, Ky. Mr. Fife is in a somewhat enfeebled condition, mentally and physically, and I have to request that you will issue instructions to your train crews to look after Fife to the end that no accident may befall him. I am advised that Fife is not insane, or anything like that, being merely in an infirm state of health, and I, therefore, do not anticipate that there will be any trouble with him whatsoever; but, as stated, he may need a little attention from time to time. I feel satisfied that this will be rendered by the various officials of your railroad system.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

JUNEAU, ALASKA, FEBRUARY 22, 1926. © B Govt. DM rate, PAID.

H. B. Vise,

Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Your brother examined by reputable physicians here today who says unsafe for him travel alone. Apparently suffering from incipient parvois, requiring constant attention. Can you have someone meet him Seattle and accompany him Kentucky? Will be looked after between here and Seattle. Steamer sails Wednesday or Thursday, arriving Seattle Saturday or Sunday. If you do not care assume responsibility he can be returned to Pioneer Home at Sitka.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

RECEIVED of J. F. A. Strong the sum of \$_____ in full of tolls on
foregoing message, Seattle, Wash., to Elizabethtown, Ky., receipt signed in
duplicate.

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

February 21, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 17, with reference to W. W. Fife. Fife arrived here on the Georgia last Saturday and is now at a local hotel, awaiting the arrival of a steamer for Seattle.

I telegraphed his brother at Elizabethtown, Ky., for an additional \$25, which was promptly forwarded. Fife seems to be in a bad way, however, and I today had him examined by Doctor Beirke and also Doctor Wilberforce, both of whom advise that he is not in a condition to travel alone. There is no question about his reaching Seattle from here, as I have made arrangements to put him in charge of a deputy marshal who is going to Seattle. I, therefore, telegraphed his brother at Elizabethtown, advising him of his brother's condition, and asking him if it would be possible for him to have someone meet him in Seattle. Both of the doctors who examined him here say that he is afflicted with paralysis, probably with a

a homicidal tendency. I also advised Fife's brother that, if someone could not meet him in Seattle, he would probably have to be returned to the Home at Sitka; and so the matter rests at this writing. I probably will not hear from his brother until sometime tomorrow. Doctor Bevis tells me that it is not likely that Fife will live a great length of time. I trust that his brother will have someone meet him at Seattle, and thereby relieve us of all responsibility at this end of the line.

Mr. Otteson, purser of the Georgia, turned over \$87 on account of W. W. Fife. The money now in hand will be turned over to Deputy Marshal Cook, to give to Fife, or someone for him, upon their arrival at Seattle, should Fife reach there.

Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the
Board of Trustees

February 21, 1916

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Mr. F. C. Bailey, Secretary,
Spokane Mining Men's Club,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, in which you advise me that I have been elected an honorary president of the Spokane Mining Men's Club. Permit me to thank you for the courtesy thus extended. I shall, at all times, be pleased to co-operate with the club in any way that it shall be possible for me to do so. I trust that, in the near future, I may have the pleasure of visiting your city.

Again thanking you for the honor done me, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1916

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Mr. Otto F. Bradley, Secretary,
Committee on Industrial Relations,
Southern Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 29th, with reference to raising additional national revenue should Congress establish a federal inheritance tax. Your several questions can be answered by the statement that Alaska has no inheritance tax law and, therefore, no such taxes have been collected in the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, transmitting applications for allowances, under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of Charles Nelson, of Liberty Creek; Thomas H. Dunkin of Nome, and Catherine Foley of Fairbanks.

In reply I have to advise you that I have not had time to consult Mr. Shattuck, the other member of the board, on this matter, but, as I agree with you that, if allowances be made, they should not take effect before April 1, there will be plenty of time to consider them, and they will be forwarded to you on the next Georgia. I also acknowledge the receipt of the applications of Miller E. Kerr of Nome, and Jennie A. Tiffany, also of Nome, as well as the application of D. W. Leach of Nome. These will be taken up when the other applications are considered.

With reference to the application of D. W. Leach, I

notice that he has two sons who are living in Kemo and who support their father. I am, therefore, of the opinion that Mr. Leach should not be granted an allowance. As I understand the act providing for allowances to aged pioneers, it is the intent of the law that only those persons who are wholly or partially dependent upon charity who are entitled to such allowance. In this case Leach has two sons, and, manifestly, it is their duty to support him. I do not believe it was the intent of the law to include persons who have relatives able and willing to support them, to become pensioners of the Territory.

I shall, therefore, take this matter under consideration until such time as I may be able to consult with Mr. Shattuck and also with Senator Aldrich of Kemo, who is familiar with Mr. Leach's financial circumstances, and the ability of his sons to support him.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman
of the Board

February 21, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, together with statement of disbursements by the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the year 1915. I think that the statement makes a very good showing, indeed, when one considers all the circumstances attendant upon the management of an institution of this kind. I shall hand a copy of the statement to Mr. Shattuck.

Enclosed herewith find a copy of the proposal for supplies for the Pioneers' Home, for which W. P. Mills Co. was the successful bidder.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman
of the Board

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February 23, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Reuntree, Secretary,
United States Good Roads Ass'n,
1021 Brown Marx Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 4, advising me that at the annual meeting of the United States Good Roads Association, held in your city on January 11, I was unanimously elected to honorary life membership in the organization. I wish to thank you, and through you the membership of the Association, for the honor thus done me. I have long been interested in the cause of good roads, and shall do everything within my power to promote legislation in behalf of good roads, and to the end that the nation may begin, without delay, the building of an adequate system of highways.

I hope that I shall be able to attend the next meeting of the association.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 23, 1916

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Mr. W. R. Crane, Dean,
The School of Mines,
The Pennsylvania State College,
State College, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 7, in which you advance the idea of the desirability of establishing schools for prospectors in practical mining in Alaska.

While believing with you that this would be an excellent means of promoting interest in prospecting and mining, I fear that, at the present time, it is not practicable, except perhaps, in some of the larger towns of the Territory. However, I express my willingness to do anything that it is possible for me to do to further this idea.

Thanking you for the interest shown, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Juneau, Feb. 23, 1916, O. B.

F. M. Brown, Judge,

Valdez, Alaska

Replying yours this date re Ernest Bryson, you are authorized send relief party and incur such expenditure as may be reasonably necessary, under provisions paragraph p, Chapter sixty-eight, Session Law of Alaska, nineteen fifteen, rendering bills in duplicate to this office, when voucher will be issued cover payment.

STRONG,

Governor

G. W. Fells

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.

February 23, 1916

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Mr. T. D. Williams,
Piedmont College,
Demorest, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9, I have to say that I am in favor of military training in the schools and colleges of the country. I am led to take this position for two reasons, but not for the purpose of inculcating, in the minds of the youth of the country, the military spirit. Military service should be based upon patriotism alone. However, military training in schools and colleges, in my mind, is a means toward fitting the youth of America for the battle of life. It teaches them order and system and manly bearing, increases their mentality and makes for their physical well-being; second, such training, if given along right lines, would be instrumental in creating the nucleus of a great army that could be speedily mobilized and given such additional training as might be needed for the defense of the common country, should such a crisis ever arise. I am not of those who fear that military training in colleges and schools would develop a militaristic spirit, as I have too much faith in the good common sense and patriotism of the

American people to fear such result.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 23, 1916

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Mr. Arthur H. Morris,
Aetna Explosives Co.,
8 Rector street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 7, in which you ask for the names of some concerns who are in need of men. I note, from the tenor of your letter, that you are a stenographer and that you are seeking a position of this kind. In reply I have to advise you that I knew of no vacancies for stenographers anywhere in Alaska. The supply, as a matter of fact, exceeds the demand. Alaska is a big country, sparsely settled, however, and presents opportunities to the right kind of young men. I would not, however, advise any man to come to Alaska without giving the matter the fullest consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 23, 1916

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Mrs. Mary A. C. Gibben,
Notary Public,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find an application for allow-
ance under Chapter 64, Session Law of Alaska, 1915, as per
request contained in your letter of February 18.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Enc.

February 28, 1916

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The Bureau of Municipal Research,
261 Broadway,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Reference is had to your inquiry of the third instant, addressed to the "State Fire Marshal, Juneau." in which you ask for a copy of the last annual report. You are advised that there is no state fire marshal or other similar officer in Alaska, and no reports of the kind to which you refer are published in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 23, 1916

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Mr. Ounder Tegeson,
R. I. Box 65,
East Grand Forks, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your card addressed to the "Board of Immigration, Sitka," has been forwarded to this office. In response to your request, there is enclosed herewith a circular of general information regarding the Territory of Alaska, which has just been issued by the Department of the Interior. A very good, though small, map of the Territory will be found between pages 32 and 33 of the circular.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 23, 1916

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Mr O. H. Christie,
807 South Broadway,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the "U. S. Department of Labor, Sitka," has been forwarded to this office, there being no such department in this Territory as the one to which your letter is addressed. Replying to your inquiry, beg to advise that this office does not know of a vacancy for bookkeepers and stenographers at the present time. It is believed that, in general, the demands in these lines are quite well met by the local supply in the various communities of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 23, 1916

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Mr. Arne Metsala,
241 Humboldt St.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your card, addressed to the "Information Bureau, Sitka," has been forwarded to this office. In response to your inquiry, you are advised that there are one or more painters located in practically every town in this Territory, and this office does not know of any demand for help in that line.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 24, 1916

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Hon. Fred H. Brown, Judge,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of February 23 re Ernest Bryson, who left Shushanna Junction January 26, headed for the Chitina River, in which you ask if the Territorial Government would pay the expenses of a relief party estimated at \$100. I replied to your telegram the same day it was received, which I now confirm, authorizing you to send a relief party in search of Bryson, and incur such expenditure as may be reasonably necessary, under the provisions of paragraph p, Chapter 68, Session Law of Alaska, 1915, rendering bills in duplicate to this office, when voucher will be issued to cover payment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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Mr. M. S. Lewis, Supt.,
Kennebick Public Schools,
Kennebick, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of February 11, I am forwarding to your address, a copy of a circular containing general information about Alaska, together with a copy of the last available report on agricultural experiment work in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Herman P. Thomas, 5317 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., asking for information concerning one Ellis Pennobaker, who took the civil service examination last May for a position in the Engineering Department of the Alaska Railway Commission. Pennobaker was supposed to have left Seattle for Seward in the early part of May last year, since which time nothing has been heard from him or concerning him. He is described as "a young man of probably 5 feet 11 inches, blonde, of good appearance."

I have to ask that you will kindly make such inquiries as may be possible to ascertain whether the man inquired for is now in Seward, or whether he has been at any time since May last.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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Mr. James Wardell,
Deputy U. S. Marshal,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Herman P. Thomas, 5317 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., asking for information concerning one Ellis Pennsbaker, who took the civil service examination last May for a position in the engineering department of the Alaska Railway Commission. Pennsbaker was supposed to have left Seattle for Seward in the early part of May last year, since which time nothing has been heard from him or concerning him. He is described as "a young man of probably 5 feet 11 inches, blonde, of good appearance."

I have to ask that you will kindly make such inquiries as may be possible to ascertain whether the man inquired for is now in Anchorage, or whether he has been at any time since May last.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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Mr. Herman P. Thomas,
5817 Pasadena Avenue,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 7, in which you make inquiries concerning Ellis Peanebaker, who is supposed to have left Seattle for Seward the first part of May last year, with a government party, but from whom you have heard nothing since.

In reply I have to advise you that I am causing inquiries to be instituted at Seward and Anchorage, Alaska, and, if any information is received concerning the missing man, you will be promptly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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Mr. Ivan Yagedich,
339 Phoenix Street,
McKees Rocks, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter.
I have read its contents, and have to advise you that this
is a matter in which I cannot possibly advise you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

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Rev. U. G. Murphy,
1104 James street,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, with reference to the case of Ito, a Jap now confined in the federal jail at Juneau under sentence of death. I have noted with you say with reference to the statements of one Fuchimi, who was sentenced to serve twenty years at McNeil's Island penitentiary, as an accomplice of Ito.

So far as Ito's case is concerned, I have to advise you that, upon the request of the Japanese Minister at Washington, a reprieve of sixty days has been granted Ito, so as to enable further inquiries to be made concerning the merits of his application for a commutation of the sentence. The reprieve will expire about April tenth next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

JUNEAU, FEBRUARY 24, 1916. O. B.

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A. P. Chapman, General Passenger Agent,
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.,
SEATTLE.

W. W. Fife left Juneau yesterday on steamer JEFFERSON enroute Kentucky via
your line from Seattle. Please arrange meet steamer on arrival Seattle
and see U. S. deputy marshal Frank R. Cook who is also on steamer and looking
after Fife. Cook has letters to you and money for Fife's transportation
East. Request you do everything you can to aid Fife in making trip safely.

J. F. A. STRONG, Governor.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

February 24, 1916

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Mr. Robert Smith,
Box 10,
MacAlpine, Raleigh Co.,
West Virginia

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 18, in which you ask for information as to work for experienced coal and rock miners. In reply I have to advise you that, as yet, there is no extensive coal mining being done in Alaska. There are, however, a number of quartz mines in active operation, to which you might apply for positions in your line of work.

The principal mining companies are:

Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell.
Alaska-Gastineau Mining Co., Juneau
Alaska-Juneau Mining Co., Juneau
Kennecott Mines Company, Kennecott
Ellamar Mining Company, Ellamar
Beaton Mining Company, Latowche

For further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular giving general information about the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 25, 1916

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Mr. John Shillinglast,
Public Service Commission,
Second District,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 13, in which you ask for information concerning opportunities for a young man in Alaska.

You can readily understand that this is a large question, as, in my experience, I have found that much depends upon the quality and timber of the young man himself. If a young man is honest, industrious and willing to do well whatever he finds to do, he can usually get along fairly well in any country. This is true of Alaska, but I wish to emphasize the fact that much depends upon the young man himself. Necessarily, when a man, young or old, goes into a new country, he must take his chances, and largely depend upon himself, if he desires to make good. I have never, at any time, advised anyone to come to Alaska for the purpose of seeking employment, or making it their permanent home. This is a matter that must be determined by the person himself. Conditions in a country such as this are entirely dissimilar from those of the stable and settled communities of the eastern states, and this fact must always be borne in mind.

There are opportunities, of course, in Alaska not presented elsewhere, but the opportunities must be sought out by oneself, for they seldom, in any country, come around knocking at one's door.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a circular containing general information concerning Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 25, 1916

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Mr. Craddock, *Guino*
Barnesville, Ga.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 29, in which you ask for certain information concerning the Aleutian Islands and the Aleut people. I note what you say with reference to the book on which you are working, and that it includes the people of the Aleutian Islands and those in the vicinity of Mount St. Elias.

In this respect, I wish to point out that the Aleut Indians of the Aleutian archipelago are quite a distinct type from the native people in the Mount St. Elias region, each of whom speak a separate and distinct language. The language of the natives of the Aleutian Islands is called "Aleut," after the name of the tribe; those in the Mount St. Elias region speak a language known as Thlinget, and neither can understand the language of the other. Personally, I know nothing of the Aleut language, and cannot advise you as to its nature or quality, the Aleutian Islands being some 1500 miles distant from Juneau.

The names of some of the smaller islands, beginning at the extreme west, are Atka, Adak, Sanich, Agattu, Kis-

ka (the latter being a United States naval reservation), Tanaga, Unalga, Kanaga, Adak, Atka, Vegeseev. The principal occupation of the natives of these islands is fishing, hunting and trapping. Their chief source of food, however, is the sea..

Laws are enforced in the Aleutian Islands in exactly the same way that they are enforced elsewhere in the United States. These islands are included in what is known as the Third Judicial Division, presided over by a federal judge. There are also a United States marshal, deputy marshals, and United States commissioners. United States commissioners and deputy marshals are located at Unalaska, Kodiak and Unga, in the Aleutian Island group.

The climate of the Aleutian Islands is mild, but the rainfall is usually heavy. Small fruits and vegetation grow in abundance. There are no forests, however, of any extent, the islands being, for the most part, destitute of trees, except a growth of willows along the watercourses.

I may add that the Mount St. Elias region is uninhabited, being far from the seacoast, where the only settlements are located, and very little is known concerning it.

The three largest cities of Alaska are Juneau, Fairbanks, and Nome. The population of Juneau is now about 5,000, while that of Fairbanks and Nome is about 3,000 each. Ketchikan,

in southeastern Alaska, has a population of about 1,800 or 2,000. The estimated white population of Alaska, at the present time, is 44,000, with about 30,000 natives and Creoles.

Labor conditions are quiet, there not having been any labor strikes for a number of years, of any consequence. The supply, for several years past, has been in excess of the demand.

Education is making fairly good progress. There are two classes of white schools—those in incorporated towns, and those outside of incorporated communities. In each case, the schools are supported from funds from license and occupation taxes, and paid into the United States Treasury for the credit of the Territory. The Territory has no difficulty in securing competent instructors for its schools. As a rule, most of the teachers employed in the public schools of Alaska come from Washington, Oregon and California.

The Protestant is the dominating religion, although most of the religious sects that were ever known are represented in the Territory.

The All-Alaska Review is the only magazine now published in the Territory. Its place of publication is Seward, Alaska. There are, however, daily or weekly newspapers in all the towns.

There is no railroad in the Aleutian archipelago.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith
a copy of the last annual report of the Governor, together
with a copy of a circular giving general information concern-
ing the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc

February 25, 1916

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Mr. H. D. Walbridge,
14 Wall street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Andrew Stevenson of Sagway,
there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy
of Governor Strong's report for the fiscal year ended June
30, 1915.

Enclosed with the report mentioned is a copy of a
circular of general information regarding Alaska, which has
just been issued by the Department of the Interior, which
may also be of some interest to you.

Respectfully

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 25, 1916

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Mr. Archibald E. Stevenson,
60 Broadway,
New York City

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Andrew Stevenson of Stagnay,
there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy
of Governor Strong's report for the fiscal year ended June
30, 1915.

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just been issued by the Department of the Interior, which
may also be of some interest to you.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 25, 1916

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Mr. E. S. Freeman,
120 Broadway,
New York City

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Andrew Stevenson of Sagway,
there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy
of Governor Strong's report for the fiscal year ended June
30, 1915.

Enclosed with the report mentioned is a copy of a
circular of general information regarding Alaska, which has
just been issued by the Department of the Interior, which
may also be of some interest to you.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 25, 1916

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Dr. Raphael Levy,
Chief Medical Examiner,
State Industrial Commission,
11 Madison Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the "Chief Medical Examiner, Workmen's Compensation Commission," has been delivered to this office, there being no such officer in this Territory as the one to whom your letter is addressed.

The last session of the Alaska Legislature, which convened in March 1915, passed a Workmen's Compensation act, which is now in force, but it makes no provision for a chief medical examiner, or other similar officer. A copy of the act in question is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 26, 1916

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The Librarian,

University of California Library,

Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you request a copy of the Governor's report to the Secretary of the Interior for 1914. I regret to advise you that our supply of copies of this report was exhausted some months ago, and it is, therefore, impossible to comply with your request. It is possible, however, that the office of the Secretary of the Interior may have a few copies of this report on hand, and a letter is being addressed to that office, requesting that a copy of the report be sent you, if one can be spared.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 25, 1916

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Sir:

The Librarian of the University of California, Berkeley, California, has made request upon this office for a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1914. Our supply of copies of this report was exhausted some months ago, and we are unable to comply with the request. I am directed by the Governor to request that a copy of the report in question be forwarded to the Librarian from the Department's supply, if it can be spared.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

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February 25, 1916

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Mr. James J. Collins,
31 South River street,
Troy, New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the tenth instant, you are advised that this office cannot undertake to secure employment for persons residing in the States. With regard to the labor market in general, in this Territory, it may be said that, for more than a year past, the local supply has been quite equal to the demand, with the exception of the work of constructing the government railroad in Alaska, for which quite a number of men were obtained from the States. This work will be carried on during the coming year under the Alaska Engineering Commission, whose headquarters are at Anchorage, Alaska, from which the road is being constructed to the interior.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 25, 1916

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Mr. H. B. Fife,

Elizabethtown, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find a confirmation copy of a telegram of the 21st instant addressed to you by the Governor, regarding your brother. As yet, no reply has been received to this message.

After further consultation with the physician referred to in the Governor's message, and, in view of the fact that no reply had been received, it was decided, on yesterday afternoon, to start your brother on his way, and he took passage on the steamer Jefferson for Seattle, being in charge of United States deputy marshal Frank R. Cook, who was a passenger on the same boat, being en route to Portland, Oregon, with two patients recently committed from Junction to the Horningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Cook is to look after your brother on the steamer, and see that he is turned over to the representatives of the C., M. & St. P. Railway at Seattle, who will be furnished with funds to pay for his transportation, meals and berth from Seattle to Louisville, the sum of \$87 having been turned over to Mr. Cook for this purpose. This office has requested Mr.

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A. P. Chapman, Jr., General Passenger Agent of the C., M. & St. P. Railway at Seattle, to meet the steamer Jefferson, and take charge of your brother, arrange for his transportation, and see that he is safely started on his trip East. He has also been requested to give necessary instructions to conductors and trainmen to see that he is properly looked after on the train.

I give you below a memorandum of the disposition of the funds sent by you for your brother's transportation expenses:

Amount remitted by you to Sitka.	\$100
Amount remitted by you to the Governor.	<u>25</u>
Total remitted	\$125

DISBURSEMENTS

Transportation, meals and berth, Sitka to Juncos on steamer Georgia.	10
Steamer fare Juncos to Seattle	11
Total disbursed	21

Balance turned over to deputy marshal Cook, to be delivered to A. P. Chapman at Seattle, \$87

It is believed that \$87 will be sufficient to cover a tourist ticket, berth and meals for your brother between Seattle and Louisville. The hotel expense of your brother, while in Juncos, will be paid from Territorial funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 25, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

Herewith find two carbon copies of a telegram of the 21st instant addressed to H. B. Fife, Elizabethtown, Ky., by the Governor. The tolls on this message, between Seattle and Elizabethtown, were \$1.50, which amount was advanced from the Governor's personal funds, as shown by the receipt form on the copies of the message. Please put through a voucher in favor of the Governor for reimbursement of this amount.

As yet, no reply has been received to the telegram mentioned. After further consultation with the physician referred to in the telegram, the Governor decided to start Fife on his way to Kentucky, and he took passage on the steamer Jefferson yesterday afternoon. He will be looked after on the boat by deputy marshal Cook of Skagway, who is going to Portland with a couple of insane patients from Juneau. We have arranged with Mr. Cook to turn Mr. Fife over to A. P. Chapman, General Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee &

St. Paul Railway at Seattle, delivering to him the balance
of \$87 left from funds forwarded by his brother to cover his
expense from Seattle to Louisville.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 25, 1916.

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to refer to Department letter of the 9th, and the Governor's reply thereto which is enclosed herewith, and to ask that only such Senate and House bills, reports, acts, etc., as relate to Alaska be forwarded to this office in future. Up to the present time, during this session of the Congress, we have been receiving 1 copy each of all acts, bills, reports, etc., regardless of whether they relate to this Territory or not. This office is particularly interested in all Alaska legislation, etc., but has no particular interest in the thousands of bills and reports introduced in Congress relating to matters outside the Territory, and the receipt of these bills and reports entails a great deal of work in sorting to select the Alaska ones; the others serving no purpose except to fill up space which is needed for other purposes. The documents thus far received during the present session have been receipted for to the Government Printing Office, on forms sent with them for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

February 25, 1916.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 9th instant (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), written in reply to office telegram of the 8th instant in which request was made for 5 copies each of Senate and House bills relating to Alaska, introduced at this session of Congress.

I note that the Department has arranged, effective with the date of the letter above mentioned, to have 5 copies of all bills relating to Alaska forwarded to this office, in lieu of the 1 copy which has heretofore been sent. It is also noted that the Department cannot make this arrangement retroactive, but will endeavor to secure 4 additional copies of such bills as have already been received, if advised which bills are desired.

A check of the first three issues of the Congressional Record Index, 64th Congress, December 6, 1915, to January 29, 1916, shows the following Senate and House bills, etc., relating to Alaska; 4 copies of each of which it is requested be secured and forwarded to this office if possible to do so:

SENATE BILLS, ETC.-- Bills, 41, 547, 896, 1064, 1730, 3776; S. Decs. 18 and 26.

HOUSE BILLS, ETC.-- Bills, 222, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 753, 4446, 6056, 6886, 6887, 8029, 9527, 9528, 9914, 10393; H. Decs. 424.

The Congressional Record Index for the period January 30 to February 9 (the date of the Department's letter) is not yet available for reference, but when received a list of the bills introduced during that period will be sent to the Department to the end that 4 additional copies of each of them may be forwarded to this office.

The assistance of the Department in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received by
me from Delegate Wickersham, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 25, 1916

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Messrs. Frederick & Nelson,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, together with a bill and voucher in connection with the purchase of filing cases from you. It is noted that the bill has been changed from \$47.50 to \$44.00, on account of a difference in the freight charges.

The items have been filled in on the voucher, which is transmitted herewith for signing by you. After the voucher has been signed, kindly return it to this office, and a check will be sent to you in payment.

I beg to advise that, with the filing cases above mentioned, there were received two additional No. 791 V. L. log bases. These are being held subject to your orders.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Jessau, February 25, 1916. O B Via MAIL FROM HUALTO.

Dorothy M. Serasi,

Iditarod.

Referring your application for notary commission it is necessary you execute oath office before commission issues. Execute same and deliver to deputy clerk district court Iditarod and have him wire from Hualto advising date oath executed and mailed and commission will then be issued.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

February 25, 1916

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Mr. Thomas V. Flores,
Pittsburg, Colorado

Dear Sir:

By reference from the office of the United States Commissioner at Juneau, I am in receipt of your letter of February 17, in which you ask if the saltery station in Ugak Bay, Kodiak Island, belongs to the federal government.

In reply I have to advise you that the federal government does not own the saltery, nor is it engaged directly in the fisheries of Alaska. The government maintains four salmon hatcheries in the Territory, however, for the propagation of these fish, one of which is located at Kasluk, on Kodiak Island, and another on Afognak Island.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 25, 1916

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Mr. A. A. Benton,
79 Wall street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Andrew Stevenson of Skagway,
there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy
of Governor Strong's report for the fiscal year ended June
30, 1915.

Enclosed with the report mentioned is a copy of a
circular of general information regarding Alaska, which has
just been issued by the Department of the Interior, which
may also be of some interest to you.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Fur Warden at Large,
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Walker:

Will you please forward to Crump & Co., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a copy of the regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals and such information as you may be able to give them with regard to the best places in Alaska for trapping and the licenses required for the buying and shipping of furs.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916

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Sir:

I beg to respectfully request a leave of absence from my official duties in Alaska, for a period of sixty days from March tenth next, or such previous or subsequent date as I may be able to make steamer connection at Juneau for Seattle. I have not left the Territory for a period of 14 months.

During my absence, if granted, I propose to visit Seattle and Portland, (where I shall inspect Horningside Sanitarium, in which the Alaska Indians are confined), San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. At the latter place I have been invited to attend the dedicatory exercises at the Panama-California International Exposition on March 18. If it is your opinion that I can be of service to the Department in matters appertaining to Alaska, I shall be pleased to go to Washington from San Diego. There are a number of legislative matters now pending in Congress which I believe should be enacted into law, as they are of vital interest to the Territory, and it is possible that I might be able to render some aid in this connection. In this, of course, I defer to your judgment.

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Should the leave requested be granted, I have to ask
that I be notified thereof by wire.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1916

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Mr. Roy E. Maddecks,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Maddecks:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11, together with your voucher for services rendered in connection with road building under the direction of the Territorial Road Commissioner in the Fourth Judicial Division.

In reply I have to advise that your voucher has been approved and forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer, who will transmit a warrant covering the same in the next mail.

I have learned that there has been considerable uncalled-for and absolutely ignorant criticism of this office because of the delay in paying the vouchers for road work under the Territorial act in your division. As a matter of fact, so far as this office was concerned, the vouchers would have been approved, notwithstanding the extremely careless manner in which they were made out. The Territorial Counsel, however, advised the Territorial Treasurer, who is under heavy bonds, as you will understand, not to pay the vouchers until they met, at least partially, with the requirements of the law. This finally, after a good deal of correspondence, I am ad-

vised, has been done, and the vouchers will now be approved, and warrants issued as soon as the vouchers reach here. Yours is the only one received in the last mail, I understand.

Nobody regrets more than myself the delay that has been thus caused. I may say for your information that the vouchers for road work in all the other judicial divisions have long since been paid, simply because they met the requirements of the law, and, with two or three exceptions, little delay was experienced. I knew that Mr. Ross is an honest and conscientious man in every way, but I judge from the manner in which he made out his vouchers, that he was inexperienced in that work. He should have consulted a good lawyer or a good accountant, and I am sure the cost of such consultation would have been allowed as a legitimate charge against the appropriation.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 26, 1916

11-1

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a notary bond of L. S. Wickersham of Gulkana, Alaska, together with a postal money order in the sum of \$10.50, to cover the legal fee for the commission, and the necessary internal revenue stamps which are required to be attached to the bond.

The date of the issuance of the commission has been filled in on the bond form as January 21, 1916. This is, of course, irregular, as the bond should bear the date of the actual issuance. Mr. Wickersham is being advised to this effect. Will you kindly have the commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course?

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 26, 1916

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Mr. L. S. Wickersham,
Gulkana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 21 last, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$10.50, to cover the legal fee for a notary commission, and the cost of revenue stamps required to be attached to the bond; also your letter of February 11, enclosing approved bond and oath of office.

Your commission will be issued today.

It is noted that the bond form has been filled out showing the date of issuance of the commission as January 21, 1916. This, however, is incorrect, since the commission cannot be dated back, but will bear the date of actual issuance; that is, February 26, 1916, and will be for a period of four years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916

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Mr. Leon C. Becker,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a petition for your appointment to the office of notary public, approved bond in the sum of \$1,000, oath of office, and exchange in the sum of \$10 payable to W. G. Smith. Before a commission can be issued to you, it will be necessary for you to forward revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents to be attached to the bond. In case you cannot obtain the revenue stamps in Seward, you should forward the sum of 50 cents to this office and stamps will be procured and attached to the bond.

Your remittance should have been in favor of the Governor, as Mr. W. G. Smith, who is the Territorial Treasurer, has nothing whatever to do with the issuance of notary public commissions or the collection of fees therefor, the Secretary of the Territory being the custodian of these funds. We will request Mr. Smith to endorse the draft to the Governor's order, so that it may be handled in the regular way.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of an application from Mr. Leon C. Becker of Seward, for appointment as notary public, accompanied by his bond bearing the approval of your office under date of the 15th instant, per Robert L. Weaver, deputy clerk. An examination of the bond shows that it lacks the required revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents, and we are writing Mr. Becker today, requesting that he forward the stamps or the money with which to obtain them.

In this connection, I beg to remind you that your attention has several times been called to the fact that every notary bond must have attached thereto revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents before it can be accepted by this office. It will be appreciated if you will kindly see that your several deputies understand this matter so as to avoid delays in the issuance of commissions, and inconvenience to the applicants therefor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916

11-1

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith application of Mr. Leon C. Becker of Seward, Alaska, for appointment as notary public, together with a petition signed by a number of residents of the town of Seward, approved bond, oath of office, and exchange in the sum of \$10 payable to W. G. Smith, which has been endorsed to the Governor's order, and, in turn, endorsed by him to your order. These papers are transmitted to you for safe keeping, pending the receipt from Mr. Becker of the necessary revenue stamps which are required to be attached to his bond.

Copy of office letter of this date to Mr. Becker is attached hereto for your information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Miss Dorothy M. Serasi,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The Secretary of the Territory has referred to this office your application for appointment as a notary public, which reached his office yesterday. An examination of the papers submitted with your application shows that you have failed to forward the oath of office, which is required under the law. It is impossible for this office to issue a commission to you until you have executed the regular oath of office.

There is enclosed herewith a confirmation copy of the telegram sent you by the Governor on yesterday relative to the execution of the oath of office, and suggesting that, on executing the same, you deliver it to the deputy clerk of the district court at Iditarod, having him wire this office, giving the date of the oath and the date on which it is mailed to this office. Upon receipt of such a telegram from the deputy, a commission will be issued to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Enc.

Juneau, February 28, 1916. O. B.

National Canned Salmon Day Committee,

SEATTLE, WASH.

Greatly regret I shall be unable attend banquet Arctic Club March tenth, as it will be impossible for me to leave Juneau at date that will enable me to be present. Fully appreciate the good work you are doing in making this great product known to the world.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 28, 1916. O. B. Govt. NIGHT PAID.

G. A. Davidson, President,

Panama-California International Exposition,

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Replying yours twenty-fifth will afford me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation to attend dedicatory exercises March eighteenth.

STROM, 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 28, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to the laundry contract entered into with
Mary Johnson of the Sitka Laundry, I am directed by the
Governor to ask you to kindly forward to this office a half
a dozen copies of the laundry's published price list for
use in checking the 20% discount allowance on articles not
specially enumerated in the contract.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 28, 1916

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Mr. R. Blix,

Copper Center, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have received your letter of February 12, and, in compliance with your request, I am forwarding to your address a copy of the report of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior, for the fiscal year 1915, which I hope you will receive in due course.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

February 28, 1916

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Prof. C. C. Geergesen,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I have your letter of February 19, together with
the application of Frank Montgomery, received by you from
United States Commissioner John J. Donovan of Steel Creek.
An allowance of \$12.50 to Montgomery is approved, as re-
commended in your letter, the allowance to begin on April
1.

The applications are being returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

Enc.

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February 28, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19, in which you advise me that you have issued certificate No. 54 to Morris Fitzgerald, dated February 19; and No. 55 to William Dobbins, bearing the same date, as provided by Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915

Your suggestion that the practice of issuing checks for fractional quarters be discontinued, except in cases where immediate help should be extended, is an excellent one and meets with my entire approval.

I also note your statement that, including certificate No. 55, the allowances from the appropriation for this purpose for the first year, amount to \$6,684.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

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February 29, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

Will you kindly forward to me, at your earliest convenience, the applications of Thomas Hill, Pete Brennan and Louis Johnston of Nome. I have just received a letter, through Senator Aldrich, from Representative Daly of Nome, complaining that Hill, Johnston and Brennan receive \$8 per month, while the others receive \$10 and \$12, and that they are as much in need of the larger amount as the others who now receive it.

Therefore, if you will kindly forward these applications to me, I will look into them, and see what may be done in the premises, as I do not recall any of the statements made in these applications.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

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February 29, 1916

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Mr. H. L. Bowman,
Sumner, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 16, with reference to your securing a government position in Alaska. You state that you understand there are a number of positions open. In reply I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies of any kind, so far as government, or other, positions for that matter, are concerned. I may add that government positions in Alaska usually are filled from actual residents of the Territory.

I notice that you have been engaged in a branch of school work, and I enclose herewith a copy of a school circular, for your further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 29, 1916

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Mr. James Wagener,
Box 63,
Ewing, Indiana

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 16, in which you ask if there is any government position open in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no vacant position that this office knows of at this time. For the most part, permanent positions in the government service are filled from actual residents of the Territory.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular giving general information concerning Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 29, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 24, together with a copy of the contract with the Sitka Laundry for six months from March 1, a copy of which has been filed with the Territorial Treasurer:

W. W. Fife left here on the steamer Jefferson. I placed him in charge of deputy marshal Frank Cook, of Skagway, who was taking two insane patients to Horningside Sanitarium, and had arranged with the agent of the Milwaukee road to meet him at the steamer and see that he got his ticket. This was done and today I received a telegram from the Seattle agent, stating that Fife had left Seattle on Saturday morning and had been placed in charge of a conductor. I, therefore, hope that he will reach his destination safely. I telegraphed his brother at Elizabethtown and asked him if he could not meet him himself or have somebody else meet his brother at Seattle but I received no reply. I take it that they are not at all anxious to greet W. W.

I note what you say about Reid and Dutton and the other inmates of the Home who, you say, are mentally off. It seems to me that they are better off where they are than they possibly could be were they committed to Morningside. However, it is my opinion that they should be retained in the Home only so long as they are not a menace to themselves or to the other inmates or attendants—that is to say, so long as they do not show any homicidal tendencies.

With reference to a new building for the Home, I have to say that, in my opinion, there will be no necessity for it this year. It is no use spending money simply because we have it, unless there be need of it, and, furthermore, the pension law seems to have been the means of keeping a good many men at home who otherwise might have sought admission to the Pioneers' Home. Again, I do not believe that it would be advisable to erect a new building until such time as the Territory has secured title to the ground. This will probably be done at this session of Congress. However, I am willing to look into the merits of the case; but, as I expect to leave for a visit to the States in a couple of weeks or so, I would prefer to defer the matter until my return, which will probably be about May first. I shall probably visit Washington during my absence, and will try to do anything that I can to further the passage of the bill granting the Territory the marine barracks and the land on which they are located.

The matter of vacations for Miss Delits and other employees will also be taken up on my return. I appreciate the good work that Miss Delits has done, but I am not satisfied that we would not be establishing a dangerous precedent were we to inaugurate a vacation system. However, as I said, I will take this up with you later.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

February 29, 1916

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Mr. Paul Lechevallier,
Public Messenger,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 20, with reference to the public messenger service in Cordova, in which you state that Victor Johnson, R. Beck and F. Sharkey were conducting a messenger business in Cordova without the formality of taking out a license. Upon receipt of your letter, I directed the Territorial Treasurer to furnish this office with a list of public messengers who had taken out licenses in your town, and I find that, on February 14, 1916, William Sharkey took out a license for conducting a messenger service there, the application being signed by said Sharkey for himself and firm. This being the case, this firm seems to be doing business legitimately, so far as complying with the Territorial license law is concerned. I may add that the Territorial Counsel, in an opinion given the Territorial Treasurer held that a public messenger license could be issued to a number of men, provided they were actual members of the firm carrying on such business.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 29, 1916

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Prof. C. C. Geergason,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I am returning herewith applications for allowance of Miller E. Kerr, Juney A. Tiffany, and D. W. Leach, certified to by United States Commissioner Frawley, of Nome.

I believe I wrote you respecting the case of Leach. The application shows that he has two sons with whom he lives, and I believe that, for the present, it would be better to hold up Leach's application for further consideration.

In the matter of Kerr, I have made what investigation I have been able to here in Juneau, and he probably is entitled to a pension. I, therefore, suggest that he be given \$8 per month.

With reference to Mrs. Tiffany, whom I know well and who is a deserving woman, I concur with you that she should receive an allowance of \$10 per month.

The applications are being returned to you herewith that they may be placed in your files.

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

Encs.

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March 1, 1916

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Mr. C. Ward Crampton, Chairman,
Committee on Military Education,
American Defense Society, Inc.,
303 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the seventh ultimo, in which you request certain information relative to military education in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that Alaska has no Territorial militia, and no military instruction is furnished in any of the schools of the Territory. None of the schools are required to provide physical training, although some of them give a little attention to this feature, but not from a military viewpoint. No education is given by Territorial public or private libraries, and no special attention is given to the display of books on military education.

For your information, I may say that, in the Governor's last annual report, a copy of which is being forwarded to you under separate cover, he recommended that Congress make provision for the organization of a Territorial militia, the

laws in force being inadequate for the purpose.

Your letter was not received by this office until February 23, the day after the date set for the national convention on military education.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Dr. H. C. DeVigne,
Secretary, Alaska Medical Board,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to request that you kindly furnish this office with a complete list of all physicians who have been licensed, either temporarily or permanently, to practice in this Territory under the act of 1913. It will be appreciated if, in giving this information, you will show the name, residence and the date of issuance of license to each practitioner.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Mr. W. D. Smith,
care Southern Railway Dept.,
Young Men's Christian Ass'n,
Spencer, N. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the fifth ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I take pleasure in forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of the 1915 annual report issued by this office. Enclosed with the report in question is a circular of general information regarding the Territory, which may also be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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The Clerk of the Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For the information of this office, it would be appreciated if you will kindly furnish the following data for the fiscal years 1914- and 1915:

1. Total amount of liquor license revenues collected in incorporated towns and covered into the treasuries of these towns.

2. Total amount of liquor license revenues collected outside of incorporated towns and covered into the United States Treasury for credit to the Alaska Fund.

I have also to request that, at the close of the fiscal year 1916, similar data be furnished for that year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1916

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The Clerk of the Court,

Nome, Alaska

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For the information of this office, it would be appreciated if you will kindly furnish the following data for the fiscal years 1914 and 1915:

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Fairbanks, Alaska.

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Juneau, Alaska.

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March 1, 1916

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Dr. John Wesley Hill,
General Sec'y, World Court League,
18 East 41st street,
New York City

My dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 16th instant, I have to say that the establishment of a world court for the judicial settlement of international disputes is timely. The European war has shown very clearly that, unless an international tribunal of this kind can be perfected and endorsed by all the nations of the world, there will be small hope that the time when "nations shall not lift itself up against nation," will ever be anything more than an altruistic dream. The people of the world need education along the lines of peace and good will toward each other, and a world court should be a means toward minimizing the causes of war and lessening its possibilities.

Wishing you every success in this great work in which you are engaged, I am,

Cordially yours,

Gouverneur

March 1, 1916

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National Canned Salmon Day Committee,
213 Transportation Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

To your kind invitation wired me on February 24, asking me to attend the Salmon Day banquet in Seattle, greatly to my regret, I was compelled to reply by wire that I would be unable to be present on that occasion, which is hereby confirmed.

I had expected to leave Juneau in time to be present and contribute what I could toward the success of the banquet, but I found that I should not be able to leave Juneau in time to reach Seattle on March tenth.

I appreciate fully the splendid work that is being done in order to make the canned salmon known throughout the world, and, as an Alaskan, I am especially interested in the product, because, as you know, it is Alaska's second principal resource, and yet, in my opinion, is capable of great expansion.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 1, 1916

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Mr. G. A. Davidson, President,
Panama-California International Exposition,
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram to you of February 28, as follows:

"Replying yours twenty-fifth, will afford me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation to attend dedicatory exercises March 18."

I have to say that it is my present hope that I shall be able to leave Juneau in time to reach San Diego. If, through failure to make the necessary steamship connection from Juneau to Seattle, I shall be unable to do so, I will advise you by wire.

Permit me to thank you for your invitation, and expressing the hope that the exercises on March 18 will be as successful as your exposition and fair city are beautiful, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 1, 1916

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Hon. R. F. Roth,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Roth:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 31. I am pleased to state that, at last, we have got Mr. Ross' vouchers in such shape that they can be paid. The long delay has been a source of much annoyance to me, as well as to Treasurer Smith and Counsel Cobb, but Mr. Ross had prepared them in such a careless manner that no auditor would have ever passed them, and, therefore, the Territorial Treasurer refused to pay them in the shape in which they were presented. For instance, two of the vouchers failed to state absolutely what they had been issued for, having been merely signed, without any explanation whatever; and, necessarily, they had to be returned. I received Mr. Maddock's voucher the other day and approved it, and his warrant is already on the way to him. The others have not been received from Mr. Ross, but probably will arrive in the next mail from Fairbanks.

Yes, I had noticed Mr. Gaustad's foolish and uncalled-for criticism; I noticed that he even charged that Colonel Richardson was instrumental in having the vouchers held up. I need

not say that no statement could be more accurate than that, for poor, old Colonel Richardson never mentioned Territorial road work in the fourth division, or anyone connected with it, directly or remotely, when he passed through Juneau last fall. The other statement made by Gaustad that the money was being held for the benefit of the banks in Juneau is equally as foolish and childish. Of course, Gaustad thought he was doing "peanut" politics. I understand that matter perfectly; for, as you know the Wickersham press has been antagonistic to me ever since I was appointed, for some reason or other, although I have tried to co-operate with Mr. Wickersham in all matters of moment to the Territory without injecting politics into them. But some of the "peanut" politicians can't get away from what they esteem to be politics, but which, on the other hand, is nothing more than obstruction, and a desire to knock and discredit everything that is attempted to be done in behalf of the Territory by Democratic officials. Of course, you understand this just as fully as I do. I am glad to say, however, that the great majority of the Democratic officials in Alaska are making good, and that the Administration knows this is the best endorsement.

Political matters in the first division are quiet, but probably will commence to warm up within the next few weeks, when the election of delegates to the Territorial Convention will be held. Of course, there is a clique here, of which I

have already written you, but which, in my opinion, will not be able to gather much strength. It is made up of a few who believe their commanding abilities were not adequately recognized, and others who have ambitions of their own which they would like to gratify even at other people's expense.

It is probably that I shall leave Juneau about March 15 for a trip to California and probably I may visit Washington while absent. If so, I shall carefully look after all matters pertaining to the interests of my official friends in Alaska in the National Capital.

I trust that your primary election will be harmonious and that a disposition will be evinced to give credit where credit is due, thus eliminating any personal differences or dislikes that it might otherwise be sought to make manifest. This is not a question of personality in my opinion, but we should stand together as Alaskans for the well-being and development of this great territory, and the Democratic administration has shown its interest in the Territory in a way that must be acknowledged even by its bitterest opponents; and Democratic officials, representing that administration, are trying, in every way possible, to carry out the wishes of the national administration.

Be kind enough to remember me to Mrs. Roth and the children, and with very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

March 1, 1916

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Mr. J. J. Walsh,
Grand Concourse & 164th st.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Walsh:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 11 and also your telegram of February 22, with reference to the postmastership at Home. I did not reply to your wire, as requested, for the reason that I expect to see you in New York within the next two or three weeks, when I shall take up this matter with you. This I cannot do at the present time. As there will be no vacancy, I understand, in the office until August next, there will be ample time to consider what is best to be done in the premises.

I trust that you are in good health, and with the expectation of seeing you in the immediate future, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

March 1, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Complaints have been received at this office to the effect that an unlicensed dentist is being employed in the office of Dr. E. H. Kaser, Juneau; that Dr. Kennedy, an unlicensed dentist, is practicing his profession at Ketchikan, and that Dr. McMillan, an unlicensed practitioner, is practicing at Petersburg.

You are, therefore, instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to determine whether these complaints are based upon merit.

I am transmitting a copy of this letter to Dr. Zuber, President of the Board, Ketchikan.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. Cecil H. Davis,
Markland, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 17th ultimo, I beg to advise that this office is not, at the present time, informed as to the wages paid enginemen on the various railroads operated in this Territory. It is suggested that you write V. I. Hahn, superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon railroad, Skagway, Alaska; Mr. Caleb Corser, superintendent of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad, Cordova, Alaska, and the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, which has charge of the construction of the government railroad now being built to the interior of the Territory, or to the superintendent of the Tanana Mines Railway, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. Daniel E. Burns,

Lehair, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask when you should address with reference to a position on the government railroad now being constructed in this Territory. This work is in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, whose headquarters are at Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. P. L. Thomas,
Thayer, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the work of construction of the government railroad, now being built in this Territory, is in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, to which letters of application should be addressed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Hurley,

Thayer, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the work of construction of the government railroad, now being built in this Territory, is in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, to which letters of application should be addressed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 2, 1916. O. B.

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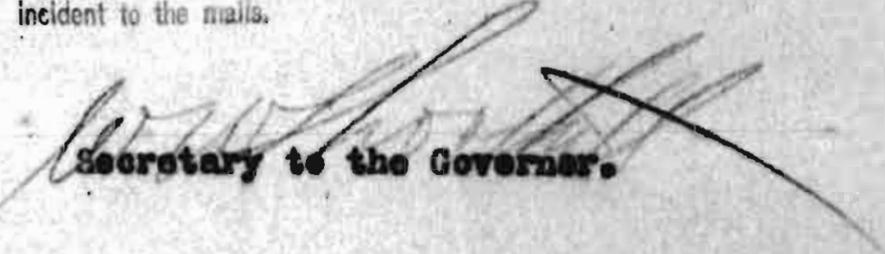
A. G. Sheup,

Sitka.

Interior Department advises that careful search U. S. Statutes and compiled laws Alaska does not reveal text of proclamation of President Harrison eighteen ninety, referred to in your letter January twenty as defining boundaries government lots Sitka. Can you advise as to where the proclamation may be found?

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

March 2, 1916

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Mr. William Baldwin,
537 Burke Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 29, in which you inquire as to whether it is necessary to secure a license for a trap in which to catch white whales, has been received at this office.

In reply I have to advise you that, while a Territorial law requires that traps for the taking of salmon must be licensed, no mention is made of traps for taking white whales or whales of any kind, for that matter. It will, therefore, be necessary for me to refer your letter to the Chief Counsel of the Territory, and, as that official is now absent in California on Territorial business, the matter cannot be placed before him until his return, which will probably be about March 15 next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. O. O. Wright,

Spencer, West. Va.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 18,
I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies in govern-
ment positions in Alaska at this time, nor do I know whether
there will be any in the immediate future. Moreover, govern-
ment positions in this Territory are usually filled by ap-
pointments from among actual residents.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. Ernest Smith,

Stafford Springs, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 19, in which you ask, among other things, if you can lease government lands for five years, or locate near Juneau, Fairbanks, or any large town. In reply I have to advise you that I assume it would be possible for you to locate land for yourself in the vicinity of either town.

There is always a market for fresh eggs in Juneau or Fairbanks, or any of the other towns of considerable size. The price for strictly fresh eggs, at the present time, is 50¢ a dozen. I cannot advise you as to the breed of fowls best adapted to the climate of Alaska, but assume that they are about the same as those in the United States.

I note you say that you want to settle where foxes and coyotes are plentiful. I cannot advise you as to coyotes, there being none of these in Alaska. Foxes are generally well distributed, but invariably disappear before the advance of civilization, and I assume that, if you want to trap foxes, you will have to go some distance from settled communities.

The price of lumber varies with the locality. Juneau seasoned, dressed lumber, 1 x 12, is quoted at \$45 per M, at the present time. Of course, rough lumber is considerably lower.

The Indians are respectable, as a rule, and are absolutely law-abiding. Many of them, however, have a thirst for whiskey found among similar peoples in the United States proper.

Grain of all kinds commands a good price in Alaska, the price differing in various localities, that of the interior being much higher than on the coast.

I cannot advise you as to what capital you would require in order to start in business; that is something you will have to decide for yourself.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular giving general information about Alaska, for your further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1916

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Mr. A. Sylvester Edmonds,
538 Central Y. M. C. A.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 19, in which you request certain information concerning this Territory.

In reply I have to say that I cannot advise you as to the most promising location for you, nor do I know of any opening that might suit you, not knowing what kind of an opening you are looking for. As you probably know, the principal industries in this Territory are mining and the fisheries. In the different towns are commercial businesses of many kinds, about the same as those conducted elsewhere in the United States. Juneau is the capital of the Territory and the largest town, with a population of about 6,000. The other towns in the Territory are Kotzebue, Unga, Petersburg, Douglas, near Juneau, Shagway, Cordova, Valdez, Seward, Hoon and Fairbanks. Manifestly, I cannot undertake to secure positions for anyone, nor can I advise people to visit Alaska with the idea of locating permanently therein. These investi-

gations should be either personal or made through some
trusted friend or acquaintance.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith
a copy of a circular giving general information concerning
the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

March 3, 1916

11-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, enclosing approved bond of Henry J. Eward, and a postal money order in the sum of \$10, payable to the Governor.

Enclosed herewith you will find a carbon copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Eward this date, returning his bond for completion, the surety thereon having failed to qualify. Mr. Eward executed the qualification form on the bond which should have been executed by his surety. The bond is being returned to Mr. Eward so that his surety may qualify and attach the qualification form to the bond, after which it is to be forwarded to you for your approval of the corrected bond.

In this connection, beg to call your attention to the fact that, although this bond was not executed in proper form, it was approved by you personally. Once again permit me to request that more careful examination be given notarial bonds which are presented to your office for approval, to

the end that inconvenience and delay may be minimised. I regret to say that there seems to be a tendency on the part of the several clerks of the courts to approve bonds as a matter of form, the result being that this office is frequently required to return them for correction, the correction, in some cases, involving the re-execution of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 3, 1916

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

My dear Professor Georgeson:

Enclosed herewith please find revised list of United States Commissioners in the Second Judicial Division. This list has just been received from the clerk of the court at Nome.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 3, 1916

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Miss Grace Griffin,
c/o Mrs. D. E. Murphy,
6206 53d street,
~~St. Louis, Mo.~~ *Portland, Ore*

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 28th last, addressed to the Governor, at Nome, Alaska, the letter having been forwarded from Nome to Juneau, which is the capital of the Territory.

In response to your request that this office assist you in your efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of your father, Mr. Harry Griffin, who has been missing since August, 1898, when he was in St. Louis, I beg to advise that, following the usual course in such matters, this office will ask the various newspapers to publish a request for information concerning your father. Should any response be forthcoming, you will be promptly advised.

There are no facilities in Juneau for reproducing photographs in the newspapers; hence the two photographs which accompanied your letter cannot be used in this way and are being returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 2, 1916

11-1

Mr. Henry J. Board,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt, from the clerk of the court at Valdez, of a notary bond executed by you and approved by the clerk of the court, together with a postal money order in the sum of \$10, payable to the Governor.

Upon examination of the bond, it is found that Mr. H. H. Lynch, surety thereon, has failed to qualify. It is, therefore, necessary to return to you the bond in order that Mr. Lynch's qualification may be executed and attached thereto. This qualification should be in the same form as the one on the face of the bond which has been executed by you.

When Mr. Lynch's qualification has been executed and attached to the bond, kindly forward it to the clerk of the court at Valdez for his approval of the bond in that form, instructing him to forward it to this office. A commission will then be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, March 3, 1916. O B Govt. NIGHT PAID. 56 = 61k

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Referring recent request for five copies each Alaska bills and reports this session Congress, request that only those bills and reports which relate to Alaska be sent. This office not specially interested in other legislation and no facilities for disposing of thousands of bills and reports which do not include Alaska.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 3, 1916

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Mr. James P. Collins,

Chena, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For your further information, with reference to alleged violations of the eight-hour law in the Fourth Judicial Division, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received at this office from Mr. Reed Heilig, Assistant United States Attorney at Fairbanks, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

March 3, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18, together with copies of the bill "granting abandoned public grounds at Sitka, Alaska, to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," for which I thank you. I have examined the bill and believe that it covers the ground fully. I sincerely trust that you will be successful in securing its passage. If I can render any assistance in any way, kindly advise me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 3, 1916

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Delegate from Alaska,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 8, directing my attention to the application for allowance, under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, made by Mr. James Howell, of Valdez. This office has not as yet received this application, but, upon its receipt, it will be given due consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1916

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Dr. W. G. Cassels,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16, with reference to Rev. Madara's letters forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce, with reference to the game laws of Alaska. I may say here that I received copies of these letters. .

I concur fully in what you say with reference to Mr. Madara's interest in the native people of the Territory. As for the bringing of violations of the game law to the notice of the Secretary of Commerce, I have no complaint to make, as it is only by making complaints (provided that the complaints are founded on fact), that we may hope for the enactment of a game law that will be suitable to the interest and requirements of the Territory. I have now been trying for three years to secure either a new game law or necessary amendments, but I found it slow and difficult work to convince either the Department at Washington or Congress of our needs in this and, I may add, many other respects. The appropriation for the administration of the game law is notoriously inadequate, and violations may be looked for until a thoroughly efficient system of patrol is maintained at all times.

I believe that Mr. Madara understands the natives, and that he has a thorough knowledge of conditions among them goes without saying, and it will, at all times, afford me much pleasure to strengthen his hands in every way that it is possible for me to do. I note also that you say Mr. Madara is in a position to get from mission records the most accurate statistics available regarding the Indians of the Tanana valley, which statistics may be of assistance in the prosecution of health work. I believe that it would be possible to allow Mr. Madara's assistance some modest compensation in furnishing such statistics should they be of sufficient importance to warrant such expenditure.

I fully agree with you that the Territorial law, exacting a fee of \$2 for the registration of marriage certificates cannot be enforced, nor should it be, in the case of Indian marriages. I do not believe, however, that the law contemplated including Indians within the operation of its provisions.

I have to thank you for your letter, and I wish to say that I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time, as it is the desire of this office to co-operate with the officials of the Territory in every way that has for its end the betterment of conditions throughout Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 18, with reference to the suggestion made by L. P. Fretzman, concerning the stocking of the Chena river with trout. I note carefully what you say, and in view of the fact that there are no funds at the disposal of the Territorial Treasurer for the purpose mentioned, I do not see that anything can be done in respect to stocking lakes or rivers with trout, much as I would like to see this done. I shall, however, take up the matter again with the Bureau of Fisheries and urge upon them the advisability of stocking that stream.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Mr. Ransom Frye,

Holden, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 17, in which you state your desire to secure work on the government railroad now being built in Alaska. Application for employment on the railroad should be addressed to the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Bureau of Mines Building, Washington, D. C.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1916

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Sir:

Under the authority given you to establish nautical schools of instruction and training for student flyers, I have the honor to recommend for appointment Mr. C. C. Tolman of Seward, Alaska.

Mr. Tolman is a young man of excellent character and fine physical equipment. He is a graduate of an Alaska high school and also a polytechnic institution of the States, and I believe that he would experience no difficulty in passing the physical or educational examination that may be required. He has also been interested in aviation for a number of years, and I believe he possesses those mental and physical qualifications so essential in the achievement of success in the science of aviation.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Navy,

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Tolman,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 2, in which you state your desire to secure an appointment as student flyer in the aeronautic school which the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to establish.

In reply I have to advise you that I have this day recommended your appointment to the Secretary of the Navy, as per your request. A copy of the letter to the Secretary is enclosed herewith.

Expressing the hope that your ambition may be gratified, and also my willingness to aid you in every way possible, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Mr. J. S. Swernstedt, Manager,
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.,
Southern Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your notice of January 1 that my yearly premium amounting to \$40 on bond No. 5214-15, for \$20,000, issued by your company in my behalf to the United States Government, as special disbursing agent, legislative expenses, Alaska, is due on March 3, I have to say that the sums under this appropriation have been all disbursed, and I am now awaiting final closing and acceptance by the Department, and, therefore, I believe it will not be necessary for me to secure a renewal of the bond.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Hon. James A. Smiser,
United States Attorney,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, for such action as you may deem proper to take, a copy of a petition received from certain residents of Chichagoff, Alaska, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Enc.

March 4, 1916

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Mr. Chas. P. Shoffner,
Liberty Bell Bird Club,
Washington Square Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 22, I have to advise you that it will afford me much pleasure to render such assistance as may be practicable to make April 14, 1916, the official Bird Day of Alaska. I may add that the question of bird conservation is one that should appeal to all our citizens.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Mrs. A. E. Green,
212 East Main street,
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter in which you ask for information concerning business opportunities in Juneau, or other Alaska towns.

This is a matter upon which I do not feel free to advise you, inasmuch as what I might consider a good opening might not meet with the approval of the person seeking such information. Generally speaking, I may say that all kinds of mercantile businesses are well represented in the different Alaskan towns and communities. In Juneau we have large dry goods and clothing stores, grocery, hardware, and two department stores, both of which carry large stocks. There are also ladies' and men's furnishings stores, boots and shoes, etc. It is quite possible that, in some of the growing towns of this Territory, opportunities of the kind that you inquire about may be found not only for business, but your husband, who you say is a first-class advertising man and understands the clothing business, might secure employment.

I am enclosing herewith, for your further information,
a copy of a circular containing general information regarding
the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

March 4, 1916

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Mr. Lacey Laxton,
Harlan, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 22, I have to advise you that application for employment on the government railroad should be addressed to the Alaska Engineering Commission, Bureau of Mines Building, Washington, D. C.

The government does not run a boat between Seattle and Juneau, but there are numerous steamers plying on the route between Seattle and Juneau and other ports on the Alaska coast at frequent intervals. These boats are owned by private corporations.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular containing general information about the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

March 4, 1916

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Mr. Samuel H. Sweet,
438 Toronto street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada

Dear Sir:

By reference from the United States Immigration office at Ketchikan, Alaska, I am in receipt of your letter of February 7, in which you ask for information concerning farming or ranching land along the Alaska coast for homesteaders.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe there is a considerable amount of land suitable for farming purposes at many points on the coast of Alaska, most of which, however, is still unsurveyed, and it is a matter of "first come, first served." I believe it would be possible to secure unappropriated land contiguous to Ketchikan, but of this I am not fully advised; I believe you would also be able to secure land on some of the islands or even on the mainland, not far from Juneau.

Circulars regarding the manner of obtaining title to public lands may be obtained from the Commissioner, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., to whom all correspondence

relating to public lands should be addressed. Publications on agricultural experiments and developments, 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.

For your further information, I am enclosing a copy of a circular containing general information about Alaska, and a copy of the last report available of the work of the government agricultural experiment stations in Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1916

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Mr. E. L. Sampson,
Post office box 1955
Beckley, West Va.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 22,
I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies in govern-
ment positions in Alaska at this time. Should you wish to
take the civil service examination for a position in the
government service, either in Alaska or elsewhere in the
United States, you should address the United States Civil
Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Such positions in the
Territory of Alaska as are not included in civil service are
usually made from actual residents of the Territory.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith
a copy of a pamphlet containing general information about
Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 4, 1916

Mr. John A. Stewart,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
The American Society,
2560 Woolworth Bldg.,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 21,
inviting me to become an honorary member of the American
Society, I have to advise you that it will afford me much
pleasure to be enrolled as a member. I may add that I am
in entire sympathy with the purposes of this organization.

Thanking you for the honor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1890.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office:

You are hereby notified that on the 21st instant the President, by executive order, declared certain reservations in the Territory of Alaska, as recommended by this Department in a letter dated the 19th instant.

Copies of said letter and executive order are herewith transmitted, with directions that you notify the local officers of the District of Alaska, and that proper notation be made on the records as far as practicable.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,

Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1890.

THE PRESIDENT:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the governor of Alaska, dated April 2, 1890, inclosing the several reports of commissioners appointed by him to examine and report as to what lands in and about Sitka, Juneau, Douglas Island, and Fort Wrangel should be permanently reserved by the Government for its uses for public buildings, barracks, parade grounds, parks, wharves, coaling stations, etc., and recommending that the reservations therein reported upon be made. These reports were made in accordance with the suggestion from this Department that it be ascertained what tracts are needed by the Government, and for what purposes, and that the Governor communicate his views to the head of the Department having control of the matters for which the proposed reservation is to be made, in view of the possibility that Congress may at the present session extend the public land laws over Alaska.

I approve of the recommendations of the Governor with three exceptions. He recommends that lots 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 in block 7, Juneau, and all of block "C" in said town, be set aside for garrison purposes; but it is stated by the commissioners that these tracts were declared by the district court for the District of Alaska, to have been reserved for garrison purposes by the Navy Department. If this be true it will not be necessary to declare a further reservation of these tracts. But it appears that there are certain settlers on these tracts, and the commissioners recommend that they be paid for their improvements placed thereon in good faith. In this connection I call attention to the "Act providing a civil government for Alaska," (25 Stats., 24) which provides in section eight that Indians or other persons in said Territory "shall not be disturbed in the possession of any lands actually in their use or occupation or now claimed by them, but the terms under which such persons may acquire title to such lands is reserved for future legislation by Congress."

This enactment would seem to debar the Executive from taking any action calculated to disturb any such settlers and, if the tracts had not been reserved for naval purposes, would furnish sufficient reason for disapproving this recommendation of the Governor.

The Governor recommends that lots 7 and 8, in block 9, as per plat of G. C. Hamus, Juneau, be reserved for court-house and jail purposes, and that a certain unnumbered block on the north side of Douglas City be reserved for like purposes. As it appears that these tracts are in the possession of settlers the recommendation is disapproved. He recommends that certain tracts in Sitka be reserved for a marine or military barracks, on condition that the United States shall erect certain buildings thereon. This reservation I suggest be made without condition. The reservation for a military cemetery, as recommended by the Governor, seems to be "claimed" for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. The nature of the claim is not stated. However, as Congress has provided in said act of May 17, 1884, supra, that land in the Territory occupied as a missionary station shall be continued in such occupancy, to the extent of 160 acres for each such station, until further action by Congress, I am of the opinion this reservation should be declared subject to the rights of said Board of Home Missions therein.

I therefore recommend that the following-described tracts of land be reserved from settlement and disposal and set apart for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

JUNEAU AND DOUGLAS CITY.

In the town of Juneau, all that tract or block numbered 23 as per plat of said town made by G. C. Hamus, except lots 5 and 6 for public school purposes; the island, called Juneau Island, situated in Gastineaux Channel opposite the town of Douglas City, as a coaling station and Government wharf; the unnumbered block on the north side of the town of Douglas City, upon which is situated the public school building for public school purposes.

FORT WRANGEL.

In the town of Fort Wrangel, a tract of land containing about 4 acres, upon which are the buildings now occupied by the civil government, and embraced in the following description: Beginning on the south side of Main street, at the northwest corner of the warehouse occupied by Sylvester & Reid; thence in a northwesterly direction by lands occupied by Rufus Sylvester, 210 feet to a post in picket fence; thence in a northeasterly direction along said picket fence, old stock block house and lands occupied by Rufus Sylvester, 214 feet to a post; thence in a northwesterly direction at a right angle with aforesaid line by lands of the United States, 240 feet to a post; thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel with the northwest wall of the old fort and 40 feet distant from said wall by lands of the United States, 580 feet to low tide-water mark; thence along low tide-water mark in a southeasterly direction by the sea, 450 feet, to the south side of Main street; thence along south side of Main street to place of beginning.

SITKA.

The following tracts in the town of Sitka, designated by numbers hereinafter referred to as they appear on the map of the settlement at New Archangel, Sitka, accompanying a letter from General Lovell H. Rousseau, Commissioner for the United States, and Alexis Postchoureff, Commissioner for Russia, published in House Executive Document No. 115, 40th Cong., 2d session, to wit:

The property designated as a "wharf," together with the warehouse marked No. 1, situated on the approach to said wharf, for the legitimate uses and purposes of the public.

Also that tract of land described as follows: Commencing at a point 30 feet from the northwest corner of building designated on map and inventories as No. 6, thence along Lincoln street to low water mark in the bay; thence following the shore line up low water mark in a southeasterly direction to a point outside of a rocky point running into the bay; thence in a northeasterly direction to a point at right angles from the place of beginning; thence in a northwesterly direction to the place of beginning on Lincoln street, meaning to include with other land all of these lots designated on the map by numbers 2, 3, and 5, and part of lot number 4, for a custom house, and other uses in the collection of customs.

Also the plot of ground marked No. 20 on the map, but more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northern corner of that plot of ground which we hereafter ask shall be reserved as a public common, and now known as the "parade ground," near the Presbyterian church, and running north 33° east 64.68 feet; thence west 35° north 59.73 feet, thence north 39° east 87.79 feet, to a road 26.40 feet wide, crossing this and continuing the line (north 39° east) 59.40 feet; thence east 39° south 104.28 feet; thence south 30° west 46.20 feet to a road 26.40 feet wide; thence on south side of said road east 20° south 86.46 feet; thence south 29° west 111.54 feet; thence west 4° north 150.40 feet to point of starting, for a marine or military barracks and garden.

Also all of that plot of ground bounded on the northwest side by Lincoln street from warehouse designated No. 1 on map and inventories and along Lincoln street and the shore line to the southern corner of the fence inclosing house designated No. 24 on the map and inventories; thence along the walk in a northwesterly direction fronting lot No. 20, and Government school No. 2, to the northwest corner of plot designated on map and inventories No. 18; thence in a southwesterly direction to water front, most of which is now known as the parade ground, for a public common.

Also that plot of ground designated on said map as No. 103, now occupied in part by Government school No. 1, and the plot of ground described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot designated on map and inventories as No. 18, in a northeast direction to the northwest corner of plot marked "I" on map and inventories; thence in a southeast direction to the southwest corner of said plot marked "I"; thence in a southwesterly direction to line of land herein to be reserved as a public common for school purposes.

Also the block house marked "C" on map and inventories for public services, including a space of ground 100 feet square surrounding the same.

Also the block house marked "D" on said map and inventories, including a space of land described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northwest corner of the street running east and west from the house now occupied by the Governor, and the road leading north from said street, to the Russian courtyard; thence north 50° west 660 feet, west 25° south 363 feet, south 50° east 660 feet, east 36° north 363 feet, for public buildings for the civil service.

Also the land upon which were situated the buildings designated on the map as Nos. 116, 117, and 118, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point 28 feet from the northwest corner of the main building, situated on American street, now occupied by Reuben Albertstone as a hotel, and running thence in a northerly direction 123 feet to the line of a street or road; thence along said street or road 224 feet in an easterly direction to certain fence posts; thence southeasterly 109 feet to the line of an old fence; thence in a westerly direction 197 feet, to the place of beginning, for a Governor's house, or such other occupancy as may be deemed best by the General Government.

Also ten acres of land, including that now designated on the plat of land as surveyed and claimed by Rev. Sheldon Jackson for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, as the same appears of record in the office of the Recorder, ex officio, for this district, and marked "Military Cemetery," and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at corner mark No. VIII on said plat, running northwesterly 660 feet; thence at right angles southwest-erly 660 feet, thence southeasterly 660 feet; thence northwesterly 660 feet, containing ten acres more or less, for a military and naval cemetery, subject to any rights which said Board of Home Missions may have.

Also 250 feet of land on each side of the stream of water running into Jamestown Bay on the south side thereof on Baranoff Island now used for watering purposes by the United States Navy and mercantile vessels, for a wharf and such other purposes as may be necessary for the uses of the United States Navy and mercantile marine; also all of that island situated directly opposite the town of Sitka known as Japonsky Island for naval and military purposes.

The tract of land bounded on the west by the line as established by the survey made for the Presbyterian Mission, and along the shore line of the bay at low tide to the mouth of Indian River, and across the mouth of said river and along its right bank for an average width of 500 feet, along said bank to the point known as Indian River Falls, and also on the left bank of said river from said falls an average width of 200 feet, from said falls to the eastern line or boundary as shown on the Mission plat, for a public park.

Herewith I inclose a copy of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General for this Department touching the legal points involved, which accords with my approval.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. HULL,

Secretary.

JUNE 21, 1890.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior the above-mentioned tracts of public land in the Territory of Alaska, are hereby reserved for the uses and purposes indicated by the Secretary until otherwise directed by Congress.

DEW. HARRISON,

March 4, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 17 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in which you ask to be supplied with a copy of the proclamation issued by President Harrison in 1890, defining the boundaries of government lots in Sitka. In compliance with your request, I am transmitting herewith copy of correspondence relative to certain reservations in the Territory of Alaska, together with a copy of the Executive Order of President Harrison of June 21, 1890.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1916

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Mr. H. B. Fife,
Deputy Sheriff,
Hardin County,
Elisabethtown, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 22, I assume that your brother, W. W. Fife, has already reached Elisabethtown, and I trust that his journey was completed in safety. I suppose that it will not be necessary now for me to enter at length upon a discussion of his case, as he will himself disclose it to you.

Your brother was admitted to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka last summer, upon his own application, it being found that he was not in a physical and probably mental condition in order to earn a living for himself. Therefore, at his own request, he was sent to the Pioneers' Home where he remained until a few days before leaving for Seattle en route to Elisabethtown. Mr. Shoup, the superintendent, had intended to send him to Seattle on the steamer Dispatch, but, in view of his alleged helplessness, the captain of that steamer refused to take him as a passenger. He was, therefore, sent to Juneau on a local boat plying between Sitka and Juneau, from where he took passage on the steamer Jefferson for Seattle. At Juneau he was placed in charge of deputy marshal

Frank R. Cook of Skagway, who kindly volunteered to look after him while on the steamer. By telegraph I had arranged with the agent of the Chicago & Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad to look after him and see that he was supplied with a ticket and the money that remained after paying for his transportation from Juneau to Seattle, and from Seattle to Elizabethtown. On the day of your brother's departure from Seattle I received a telegram from the railroad agent stating that your brother had been placed in charge of the conductor, and that he would be looked after throughout his journey. When you did not reply to my wire asking if it would be possible for you to meet him in Seattle, I concluded, after your brother had been examined by a doctor, that it would be safe to permit him to travel to your town. Hence this plan was adopted.

The fare from Juneau to Seattle is \$25.00, and the money you wired me was used to pay for such transportation. The balance of the \$100 that you had forwarded to Mr. Sheep was used for the transportation from Seattle to Elizabethtown, for sleeping accommodations and meals on the train. With reference to this, my secretary advises me that he has advised you of the disposition made of the money.

I know little of the affairs of your brother, except that, upon one occasion, he told me that he was married, and,

I believe, said that he had one daughter, but of this I am not quite positive. For a number of years he was in the interior of Alaska, and was located at Fairbanks, where, I believe, he served for a time as deputy United States marshal. He also served for a short time on the police force at Juneau.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 6, 1916

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Miss Anna E. Vanderbilt,
Chairman of Committee,
Chickageff, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by a number of the ladies of Chickageff, requesting that this office remove from your camp one Clyde Ayers, or parties who are erecting on government land a building which, you state, is to be used for purposes which will be a detriment to the morals of your community.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no authority to act in this matter. If, however, the building erected, or to be erected, is used for unlawful purposes, I believe action could be brought to declare it a public nuisance and thus abate it. However, I am referring your petition to the United States Attorney for such action as he may deem proper in the premises.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I have to thank you for your telegram of the second instant and the information contained therein, which enabled me to locate the correspondence of Secretary Noble with President Harrison, together with President Harrison's executive order reserving certain lands in the Territory of Alaska. A copy of this correspondence I have already forwarded to the Department.

Thanking you for your promptness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

March 6, 1916.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In further reference to Department letter of the 9th ultimo (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary) and my letter of the 25th ultimo in reply thereto, I have the honor to request that 5 copies of each of the following House bills be forwarded to this office:

H. R. 10757, 10758, 10759 and 10760, by Wickersham, introduced
February 3, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 6, 1916.

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Auditor for the Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th ultimo, advising settlement on that date by certificate No. 11,324, of my accounts under bond of June 18, 1915, for the period October 1 to December 31, 1915, showing debit difference of \$49.55, same covering amount of voucher No. 7, Alaska Electric Light and Power Co., for service for the September, 1915, quarter, I note explanation is desired of the suspended item, the meter readings not being shown on the voucher. I give you herewith the meter readings. In future the readings will appear on the vouchers as issued.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:

July	2366	previous	2368	K. W.	4	charged at minimum rate
August	2373	"	2346	" "	7	do
Sept.	2386	"	2373	" "	13	do

EXECUTIVE MANSION:

July	4797	previous	4775	K. W.	22	charged at minimum rate
August	4918	"	4797	" "	121	
Sept.	5097	"	4918	" "	179	

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

JUNEAU, MARCH 6, 1916. O B.

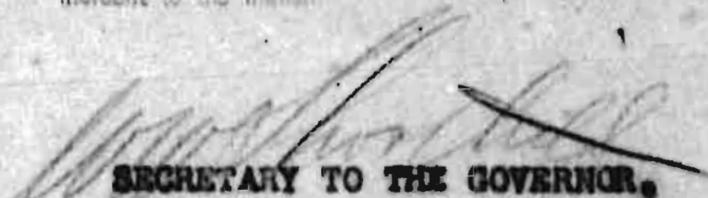
A. G. SHOUP,

S I T K A.

Department Interior requests plat showing relative location lands described in bill granting abandoned public buildings and grounds, Sitka, to Territory, with statement as to by whom said tracts are occupied present time. Can you have plat prepared and forward with other information next trip Georgia? Plat may be paid for from emergency appropriation.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 7, 1916

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Mr. G. G. Geraghty,
United States Commissioner,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Department of the Interior,
this office is in receipt of the following letter from
R. L. Calderwood, 131 Grand street, Fort Wayne, Indiana:

"I am seeking information in regards to an uncle
of mine whose name is Joe Henry. The last heard of
him he was in Seattle, Wash., on his way to Iditarod,
Alaska. Near there he owned a building in some small
town the Government rented for a post-office. The
last we heard from him was two years ago. Any informa-
tion regarding his whereabouts will be appreciated."

Will you cause such investigation to be made as to
the whereabouts of Mr. Henry as may be practicable, and,
at your convenience, advise this office as to the result
thereof in order that the information may be communicated
to the Department.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. Joseph Moore,
R. D. No. two,
Ventura, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, in which you ask for certain information with respect to the raising of food products in Alaska.

With reference to the raising of beef, as per your inquiry, I believe that beef cattle could be successfully and profitably raised in this Territory. The amount of wild game used for food in Alaska is a negligible quantity, except in the remote districts where no fresh beef can be obtained. I believe that vegetation is sufficiently luxuriant during the summer to feed cattle, as well as insure a supply of hay for the winter. Ordinarily cattle would need protection during the winter, although, I understand, in some sections, a hardy native breed, inured to the climate, rustles its living during the winter. I could not advise you as to the cattle, but I am of the opinion that it could be successfully raised in Alaska, either in the coast sections, or in the interior country.

You will understand that agriculture in Alaska is comparatively in its infancy. There are a number of good farms in the Tanana valley of the interior, and there is a good deal of agricultural activity at different points in the Cook Inlet country, but farming development, generally speaking, is of comparatively recent growth. Potatoes are raised in great abundance in the Tanana valley, the home market being supplied from the native product. This is also true of cabbage, turnips, beets, etc., while oats and barley usually mature, as does also wheat some seasons. Oat hay for forage is quite extensively raised in some sections. Generally speaking, I believe that Alaska soil needs fertilizing. In its uncultivated state, I am advised, it is inclined to be sour, and will not give the best yield until it has been thoroughly worked for two or three years.

There is an abundance of unoccupied lands in the Territory. The general status of the land laws are the same as in the United States, with the exception that a homesteader is permitted to take 320 acres instead of 160. Lands are homesteaded in much the same way as in the States. 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