

issued by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the agricultural experiment stations in Alaska for the year 1914, the latest available.

If this office can be of any further service to you in this matter, kindly advise.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

March 7, 1916

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Royal Consul of Italy,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28, together with an extract from the Green Book, comprising the principal diplomatic documents relating to the rupture of the relations between the kingdom of Italy and the Austrian empire.

Permit me to thank you for your courtesy, and I beg to assure you that I shall examine the documents with much interest.

With assurances of my consideration for you and your country, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Chapman:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 28,
with reference to the trip of Mr. W. W. Fife over your route,
I have to thank you for your painstaking care in this case.
I have not yet heard from Mr. Fife as to whether he had
reached his home, but I have no doubt that, under the kind
care which I am sure he received, while traveling on your
line, he was able to reach his home in safety.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, transmitting application and approved bond of Mr. Lee C. Gault of Skagway, who desires to be appointed notary public. The matter of the fee required in connection with the appointment is being taken up with Mr. Gault in a letter of this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Lee C. Gault,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt, from the clerk of the district court at Juneau, your letter of the first instant addressed to him, making application for appointment as notary public, together with the bond executed by you, which the clerk has approved.

Before a commission can be issued you, it will be necessary for you to remit the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for such commission; the remittance should be in the form of a postal money order payable to the "Governor of Alaska."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. Ed. Johnson,
Homer (via Saldovia),
Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to be appointed notary public.

Enclosed herewith you will find a notary bond blank, which should be executed by you with one or more sureties. The surety or sureties should sign the qualification form on the face of the bond and swear to the same before a notary public, and you should execute the oath of office which is found upon the back of the bond, swearing to the same, this also being done before a notary public. The bond should then be forwarded to Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk of the District Court for the Third Judicial Division at Valdez for his approval, with the request that, upon approving the bond, he forward it to this office.

At the same time that you mail your bond to the clerk of the court at Valdez, you should remit to this office the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for the commission, and 50¢

to cover the cost of revenue stamps, which are required to be attached to the bond. This remittance should, if possible, be made in the form of a post-office money order, payable to the "Governor of Alaska." When sending your bond to the clerk of the court at Valdez, you should advise him that you are forwarding to this office a remittance to cover the fee for the commission and the cost of the revenue stamps to be attached to the bond. Upon receipt of the approved bond, and the remittance, a commission will be issued to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. Jack Campbell,

City

Dear Sir:

Some time ago this office received a letter from Camille B. Germain, Leclair, Province of Quebec, Canada, making inquiry with regard to the supposed drowning of his brother Wm. B. Germain, who was supposed to have met his death in the wreck of the launch Union while en route from Lituya Bay to Juneau late in December, 1913. Upon receipt of the inquiry from Mr. Germain, this office asked the newspapers to publish a request for information concerning Wm. B. Germain, and in response thereto Capt. George H. Whitney, of Juneau, advised that he understood some wreckage, supposed to have been from the launch Union, had been found in the vicinity of Lituya Bay, and that you could probably give more definite information with regard to the same. It will be appreciated if you will kindly write or call at the Governor's office, at your convenience, and advise whether or not there is any truth in this rumor, and give us the benefit of any other information which you may have on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. C. A. Seifert,
Morningside Sanitarium,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 29, bearing the postmark of Portland, Oregon, March 1. In reply I have to say that I am glad that you found conditions at the Sanitarium so satisfactory. I trust that your health is improving and that, in a short time, your many friends will have the pleasure of again meeting you.

I shall remember you to Judge Gunnison and Mr. Robertson as well as Mr. Casey just as soon as I see them. I shall also endeavor to get a copy of the Dispatch of February 10, as requested by you, and forward it to your address.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. E. H. Anderson,
New York Public Library,
476 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, beg to advise that there is being sent you, under a separate cover, a copy of the Governor's message to the second session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, which convened in March, 1915. I regret to advise that our supply of copies of the message of the Governor to the first session of the Legislature has been exhausted. Your name will be placed on the mailing list for future messages.

I note your letter is addressed to the Governor at Sitka. Permit me to advise that the capital was removed from Sitka to Juneau in 1906.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. Frank B. Thompson,
Irvine, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a position in connection with the construction of the Government railroad now being built in this Territory. The work of constructing the Government railroad is in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, whose headquarters are at Anchorage, Alaska, and to whom all applications should be addressed, this office having nothing whatever to do with the work.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1916

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Mr. Camille B. Germain,
Leclair, Province of Quebec,
Canada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to the estate of your brother, Wm. B. Germain, who was drowned in the vicinity of Lituya Bay, Alaska, in December, 1913.

Subsequent to writing you under date of August 26 last, this office was advised by Mr. Ike Sewerby of Juneau that he was in correspondence with a number of persons who claimed to be relatives of your brother, and your name was given him with the understanding that he would write you, as he was more or less familiar with your brother's affairs. Possibly he overlooked doing so.

In this connection, I may say that, in response to the notice published in the Alaska newspapers, a Mr. Wm. Layton called at this office and stated that he had been a partner of your brother and held a power of attorney to look after his property at Juneau. He stated that your brother left Juneau three days before Christmas in 1913 for

Lituya Bay, with some prospectors, on the gas launch Union. The launch arrived at Lituya Bay and landed the prospectors and started back to Juneau, intending to stop at some point about 18 or 20 miles from Lituya Bay to pick up two men and bring them to Juneau. According to Mr. Layton's statement, the launch never reached the place where these two men were and was never seen again. It is understood that a man by the name of Stratton was on the launch with your brother at the time, and neither of them have ever been seen since leaving Lituya Bay, and their friends are of the opinion that the launch capsized in rough weather and the two men were drowned.

This office was also informed, at about the same time, by another party in Juneau, that it had been reported that one Jack Campbell, who was working a mining claim at Lituya Bay had found some wreckage supposed to be from the launch Union. Mr. Campbell returned to Juneau a few days ago, and this office will endeavor to communicate with him and ascertain whether or not there is any truth in this rumor, and will advise you in regard thereto.

Since our letter of August 26 last was written you, Mr. H. L. Faulkner, an attorney of Juneau, has been appointed administrator of your brother's estate. It is suggested that you communicate with him at once with regard to any interest which you may claim in the estate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I have your letter of March 3, with reference to the request of Mr. Angus McDonald that he be given permission to make a trip to Juneau and, after completing it, to return to the Home.

I am of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to allow inmates of the Home to leave it temporarily. The precedent thus established would eventually, if not from the very beginning, be inimical not only to their own welfare, but that of the institution of which they are members. Mr. McDonald, I understand, is 83 years old, and I am certainly of the opinion that he would be much more comfortable in the Home at Sitka than he would be at Juneau. I am also of the opinion that any business he has in Juneau may be very well transacted by letter, and does not necessitate a personal visit. If Mr. McDonald were given this permission, in all likelihood it would be followed by a similar stream from other inmates of the Home, who necessarily would feel that, if permission were given one inmate to leave the Home, they should also have such right. As Mr. Shattuck, the other member of the Board is now

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absent from the Territory, I cannot take this matter up with him, and I am merely expressing my personal views. I believe, however, that they are sound, and, unless it can be clearly shown that Mr. McDonald's proposed visit to Juneau is a matter of necessity, permission should be refused. Of course, Mr. McDonald will understand that he has full permission to leave the Home at any time, there being nothing compulsory in the law governing the admission or stay of pioneers in the Sitka Home, but they should not be permitted to use the Home as a convenience, leaving it when they feel like it and returning to it at their pleasure.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the
Board

March 7, 1916

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The Surgeon-General,
United States Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that Dr. A. L. Derbyshire, formerly of
Nome, Alaska, but now of San Diego, California, desires an
appointment in the Health Service at Nome for the summer
season. In behalf of Dr. Derbyshire, permit me to say that
I have knew him well and favorably for many years. He was
formerly employed as physician at Nome by the United States
Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, where he gave
most excellent satisfaction in every way. He is thoroughly
acquainted with conditions at that port and in that section
of Alaska, and I take pleasure in commending him as a skill-
ful physician, and a man of the strictest probity and integrity.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 7, 1916

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Dr. A. L. Derbyshire,
734 Twenty-first street,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Doctor:

I have your letter of February 20, with enclosure. In reply I have to advise you that it gives me pleasure to recommend you to the tender mercies of Dr. Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service, and to this end I have this day written him, recommending you for appointment for the position at Nemo, a copy of which letter I enclose herewith. I trust that you will be successful in landing it.

I probably will see you in San Diego shortly, as it is my intention to leave here within a week or ten days for a visit to the land where the sun shines almost all the time.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Gouverneur

Enc.

March 7, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's letter of February 24 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), enclosing a copy of a letter from the Chief of Staff, Western Department of the United States Army, and a copy of General Orders No. 2, together with the request that this office forward General Bell, Commander of the Western Department, San Francisco, Cal., such of the material requested that is available for distribution by this office.

In response thereto I have to advise you that this matter will be attended to, and the information requested by General Bell forwarded to him as soon as it can be prepared.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1916

Sir:

At the request of Mr. Henry Moses, of Jamaica, I have the honor to advise you that Mr. Moses believes that he has perfected certain plans by which the naval defence of the United States can be greatly improved and accelerated in case of war with a foreign country, at small cost to the Government. Mr. Moses claims that, through the operation of his plan, it will be possible to expeditiously destroy any fleet which might invade this country. He adds that he asks no money, that he has no patents which he wishes exploited, his sole idea being based on improvements in the military and naval equipments already in existence.

I wish to say that I know absolutely nothing of Mr. Moses' invention in any way whatsoever. I have known Mr. Moses for a number of years. He is not a crank, nor does he cherish delusions so far as I am aware; is intelligent and patriotic, and I believe is actuated solely in this matter, by a desire to render some assistance to his adopted country, of which he is a loyal citizen.

I am, therefore, making this statement to you for what it is worth, and for such action as you may see fit to take.

Respectfully,

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

Governor

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March 8, 1916

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Mr. H. Friedenthal,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the license paid by your wife, about October 1 last, to conduct a bakery at Skagway, I have to advise you that I have discussed this matter with the Territorial Treasurer, and he advises this office that no deviation can be made from the law, although the license was issued for only a portion of the year. The treasurer advises me that Mrs. Friedenthal was advised as to this, and, after due consideration by her, the license was issued for the balance of the year 1915. 5

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 8, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

I am returning herewith applications for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, of Katherine Faley, of Fairbanks; Thomas H. Dunkin, of Nome; and Charles Nelson of Liberty Creek.

In the case of Mrs. Faley, I recommend that she be allowed an allowance of \$12.50 per month, that Charles Nelson be allowed \$12.50 per month, and that Thomas Dunkin be allowed \$10 per month, all these allowances to begin from April first proximo. In explanation of the case of Dunkin, I have to say that I have looked into Dunkin's application and his residence, and find that he may be fairly considered a resident of the Territory. In the matter of Nelson, I may say that I have known Commissioner Denevan for many years, and, as he certifies that Nelson's is a worthy case, I am of the opinion that he should be allowed the maximum allowance under the act.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 8, 1916

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Mr. Maurice B. Leehy,
1102 Alaska Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Leehy:

I have your letter of March 1, with reference to the affairs of the American Bank at Fairbanks. In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Hurley, of that bank, met with the Banking Board yesterday, when a full and frank discussion of the affairs of the bank was had. Your letter to the banking board was also read and discussed, and I may say that the Board is under obligations to you for the frank manner in which you discussed the affairs of Mr. Hurley's bank. The Banking Board has certain duties to perform and these it is trying to do to the best of its ability; its members possess a fairly good idea of general banking and other conditions in Alaska, and this knowledge is brought to bear on its deliberations from time to time. The affairs of the American Bank of Alaska have not been in a good condition for some time, as you know, and the efforts of the Banking Board to have these conditions improved met with no responsive action from Mr. Hurley or any of the directors of the bank.

However, our conference with Mr. Hurley yesterday was mutually satisfactory, and I believe that, if Mr. Hurley will apply himself diligently to straightening out the affairs of his bank, he can greatly improve its condition, and, I believe, eventually pull it out in good shape. The Banking Board is disposed to allow him all possible latitude in his endeavors to place the bank in a strong financial position. On the other hand, the Board feels that it must enforce the banking laws with diligence, having in mind, at all times, the conditions obtaining in the various parts of the Territory where banks are located.

Thanking you for your letter, and the interest you have taken in this matter, and with assurances of my personal esteem,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 9, 1916

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Mr. Fred S. Williams,
92½ First street,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the second instant, there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for 1915, together with a circular of general information regarding Alaska, recently issued by the Department of the Interior.

We have had a very severe winter, but spring is rapidly approaching, and we will soon have forgotten the discomforts of the winter season.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with very best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 9, 1916

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Messrs. Frederick & Nelson,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 505 of this date issued to you in the sum of \$44.80, to cover your bill of the tenth ultimo for filing cases, etc.

Referring to your letter of the second instant, relative to the two No. 791 leg bases which were sent with the cases above referred to, I beg to advise that it is not likely that we can find a sale for these bases. However, they will be retained here, and, should we be able to sell them, will do so and remit to you.

It is possible that, at some time in the future, we may need more filing cases and, if so, these bases could then be used and be paid for at that time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 10, 1916

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Mr. W. W. Shortkill,
Secretary to the Governor,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

During my coming absence from Juneau you are hereby authorized to endorse all postal money orders, checks, drafts, etc., received at the Governor's office for fees in connection with game licenses, guide licenses, notary public commissions, etc., whether the same be made payable to me personally, as Governor of Alaska, or to "Governor of Alaska." Your endorsements will be made in the following manner: First, the name of the payee; second, your name, followed by your title, "Secretary to the Governor."

The postmaster at Juneau, and the First National Bank, Juneau, will be advised of this authority and requested to honor all such endorsements.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

March 10, 1916

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith signed carbon copy of a letter of this date addressed by me to my Secretary, authorizing him to endorse such post-office money orders, drafts, checks, etc., as may be received at the Governor's office, during my coming absence from Juneau, and which are intended for the payment of fees in connection with game licenses, guide licenses, notary public commissions, etc.

This will be your authority for honoring such endorsements, such authority terminating upon my return to Juneau.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

March 10, 1916

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Mr. Earl Hunter,
Postmaster,
City

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith signed carbon copy of a letter of this date addressed by me to my Secretary, authorizing him to endorse such post-office money orders, drafts, checks, etc., as may be received at the Governor's office, during my coming absence from Juneau, and which are intended for the payment of fees in connection with game licenses, guide licenses, notary public commissions, etc.

This will be your authority for honoring such endorsements, the authority terminating upon my return to Juneau.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

Juneau, March 11, 1916. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid.

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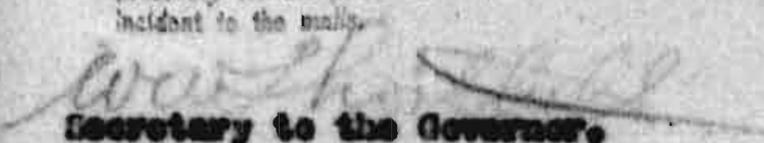
SECRETARY INTERIOR LANE,

WASHINGTON.

Your telegram arrived too late to enable me make steamer connections from
Juneau so as to reach San Diego eighteenth, to my great regret. Cannot
get steamer from here before fifteenth.

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 11, 1916

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Hon. J. M. Tenner,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing notary bond and check in the sum of \$10, and requesting the issuance of a commission, same to be dated March 11.

The bond is being sent to the Clerk's office for his approval, and will then be sent to Secretary Davidson's office, so that a commission may be prepared for the Governor's signature. The commission will be dated today.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the federal "war revenue" act, passed a couple of years ago, requires that there be placed upon each notary bond revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents. The stamps have been placed upon your bond in this office, and you are requested to remit the sum of 50 cents to cover the same.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 11, 1916

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the application of J. M. Tanner, of Skagway, for appointment as notary public, together with his approved bond, oath of office and check in the sum of \$10, which has been endorsed to your order.

Kindly have the commission prepared so that it may be signed today, in accordance with Senator Tanner's request.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Juneau, March 11, 1916. O. B.

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J. M. Turner,

Skagway.

Your notary commission issued today.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

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 Governor.

March 11, 1916

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Mr. W. B. Kirk,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your resignation as a member of the Alaska Pharmacy Board for the Second Judicial Division of Alaska, your resignation having been rendered necessary on account of your removal from the Second Judicial Division. I take this opportunity to thank you for the services you have rendered the Board, and which are not only appreciated by me, but fully recognized by your colleagues.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 11, 1916

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Mr. Edward Antrim,
Marshal and Law Librarian,
Law Library of the Supreme Court,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 24,
I have to advise you that the Territory of Alaska will be
pleased to exchange such reports as may be issued by it
from time to time, for similar reports issued by the State
of Ohio, and I shall be pleased to hear from you further on
this matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Custodian Alaska
Historical Library and Museum

March 11, 1916

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Mr. H. J. Musser,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 29, with reference to the procedure that you should follow in applying for a wholesale liquor license at Knik, Alaska, I have to advise you that you should address your inquiry to Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk of the Court, Valdez, Alaska, who will furnish you with the information you seek.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 11, 1916

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Mr. Albert E. Rosenberg,
6014 Linwood Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, in which you ask to be advised as to the number of automobiles in use in Alaska; also if there is room for an accessory department in any of the large mercantile or hardware firms in the principal cities.

In reply I have to advise you that there are approximately 175 automobiles of different makes in use in this Territory. Of this number some sixty odd are found in Juneau, and about the same number in Fairbanks in the interior of Alaska. In Juneau there are two garages which carry automobile accessories, and I assume that there are one or more similar establishments in Fairbanks, but of this I am not advised.

The following are hardware firms in Juneau with whom you might communicate as to the carrying of automobile accessories: G. W. Young Co., Juneau Hardware Co., Alaska Supply Co., Gustinson Hardware Co.; and in Fairbanks, the Simpson Hardware Co., and the Northern Commercial Co.

Yours very truly,

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March 11, 1916

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Dr. W. H. Chase,
Asst. Health Commissioner,
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March second. I am glad to note that health conditions in the Third Division are fairly good. I also note what you say with reference to the pollution of water at Nihiluc, and shall govern myself accordingly.

I rejoice with you over the prosperity of your town and district, and believe that such prosperity is permanent, and that we may look for big developments in the near future, in the Copper River region.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 11, 1916

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Hon. F. M. Brown, Judge,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of March 6, with reference to the relief party authorized on February 23 to search for one Ernest Bryson, supposed to have been lost in the Copper River region, and am glad to note that the relief party was not necessary, inasmuch as Mr. Bryson had returned to Shushanna Junction.

It is gratifying to know that the Territory has funds now that may be used for such purpose as the above, and the miners and prospectors may be assured that it will be used for their benefit in case of necessity.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 13, 1916

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Mr. Burt M. McDonnell,
318 West 57th street,
New York City

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

I have your letter of February 26, in which you state that you are considering seriously the organization of an aere transportation company to bid on contracts for carrying mail by aeroplanes throughout Alaska; and you ask for information concerning the interior and southwestern Alaska.

I am somewhat at a loss to know just what kind of information you desire. However, in the first place, southwestern coast is wooded for the most part; the climate may be classed as temperate with heavy precipitation throughout the year—snow in winter and rain in summer; much more so, in fact, than in the Home country with which you are familiar. On the Alaska coast, during the winter, there are frequently heavy winds, but these are less frequent during the summer. The snowfall of the interior, as well as the rainfall, is much lighter than on the coast. Heavy winds are less prevalent, and there are seldom any that amount to the violence of a hurricane. I may also add that the temperature of the interior is much lower during the winter than on the coast, the

mercury, at times, falling to sixty below zero, but the extreme cold is never prolonged.

While I know little about aeroplanes and the air conditions under which they can be successfully operated, I believe that they can be operated with success in Alaska, and, therefore, I am inclined to look with favor upon the plan of the Post Office Department to establish aerial mail routes in the Territory.

If there is any other information that I can furnish you, I shall be glad to do so, if you will state specifically the kind you want.

I trust that you are in good health, and with best wishes for your success in every way, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1916

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My dear Dr. Davis:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your resignation as Assistant Commissioner of Health for the First Judicial Division, such resignation being necessitated by your contemplated removal from Alaska.

In reply I have to state that your resignation is accepted with regret; in view of the fact that you are leaving the Territory, I could do nothing but accept it. Permit me to say that, in the discharge of the duties of Assistant Health Commissioner you have displayed knowledge as well as good judgment, while your official and personal relations with this office have been gratifying, indeed. I trust that, in your new home, you will meet with the same success that you have achieved in the practice of your profession during your brief residence in this city.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

March 13, 1916

Rev. Guy Madara,

Chena, Alaska

My dear Mr. Madara:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10, with reference to the taking of beavers by the Indians for their own use, together with enclosures relating to this and cognate matters.

In reply I have to advise you that I have read your letter and the enclosures, which you so kindly forwarded to me, with much interest. I think I am able to get your point of view in the matter of the killing of beaver by Indians, and I am clearly of the opinion that the regulations of the Department of Commerce should be so changed as to permit the natives of Alaska to kill beavers when actually in need of the same for food or for clothing purposes. Of course, in my opinion, they should not be permitted to sell the pelts, inasmuch as, were this permission given, it would inevitably lead to the extinction of the animal, and the encouragement of law breaking by white trappers and hunters. I think that I am in a position to know, in part at least, the disabili-

ties and handicaps under which the natives of Alaska suffer, particularly those of the interior, so far as securing abundant sustenance is concerned. I am somewhat familiar with the inroads that are being made on the fur-bearing animals of the interior by unprincipled white men who use poison for the taking of such animals. I am quite willing to do everything within my power to ameliorate the conditions of the Indians in Alaska, and shall be pleased to cooperate with you in every way possible, as I am convinced of your extensive knowledge of the conditions existing among these people, and of your intense solicitude for their welfare, morally and physically.

I expect to leave for southern California within a few days, and, during my absence, I shall probably visit Washington, where I shall take up the matter complained of in your letter, with the Department of Commerce, in an endeavor to see if something cannot be done toward the modification of the regulation quoted above.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1916

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Mr. Wm. Aitchison, President,
Washington Machinery & Supply Co.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 4, with enclosures relative to the estate of the late James Aitchison, of Kaltag, Alaska. I have read your letter and enclosures with care, and I am of the opinion that the best course of procedure for you to follow would be to suggest to Mr. Wolf, administrator of your brother's estate, that he employ counsel, as I believe that it will be absolutely necessary to do this in order to protect the estate for the benefit of the heirs.

It would seem to me that Mr. Coffey's account is not straight, and that the matter of the mining interests which your brother had with Coffey should be investigated. This can only be done by some person on the ground. I notice that Commissioner DeVane, of Walatof, who probably has jurisdiction in this case, recommends Mr. E. Cobhill as counsel. I may say that I have known Mr. Cobhill for some sixteen years, and I believe him to be a thoroughly reliable and up-

right man, and that he would be faithful to his trust I do not doubt. Mr. Wolf, the administrator, whom I know by reputation, is also said to be a man of the strictest integrity, but manifestly, he needs legal advice in order to conserve to the fullest the estate left by your brother.

I can only refer to this matter briefly at this time, as I am leaving today for the south, and shall be absent about sixty days. In the meantime, as stated above, I suggest that you take up the matter of the appointment of a legal counsel with Mr. Wolf, as it seems to me to be vitally necessary, if the fullest returns should be had from the estate and the heirs protected in their rights.

I shall be pleased if you will communicate with me further on this matter, if I can be of service to you and the heirs, about May 1 next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

Just a few lines to advise you that I am leaving tonight on a sixty days' leave of absence received from the Department, during which time I shall visit southern California and Arizona, for the benefit of my health. During my absence I shall probably visit Washington. I have written Mr. Sheep in regard to certain matters in connection with the Home, and advised him to consult with you and Mr. Shattuck (the other member of the Board), during my absence, on such matters as may arise in the interim.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

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Mr. A. G. Sheup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sheup:

In recent correspondence with you I neglected to take up the matter of furnishing spectacles for the use of the inmates of the Home, with particular reference to those furnished by Doctor Simpson of Juneau, some of which, you say, do not give satisfaction to the wearers. It is possible that Dr. Simpson may be able to supply others in place of those which have not been found to be satisfactory. The probability is, however, that it is a case of trying to make the blind see, and, so far as I know, there has been only one man on this earth who claimed to do this, and that was nearly two thousand years ago. However, you can use your judgment as to this and have the spectacles replaced, if you think it can be done.

I am leaving tonight on a sixty days' leave of absence, most of which will be spent in southern California, and Arizona, but I shall probably visit Washington before returning to Juneau. During my absence you can confer with Mr. Allen

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Shattuck, the new member of the Board, on any matters of importance. Of course, you have Professor Gorgeon at Sitka with whom you can consult at all times. Mr. Shattuck is now absent from Juneau, but I understand that he will return about April 1.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board

It is not at all likely that either the buildings or the grounds will ever be needed by the federal government. Sitka is but a small and unimportant place now; its glory departed with the Russians and, since that time, it has steadily declined in importance as new towns elsewhere in the Territory came into being, thus displacing Sitka's one-time prominence as a trading center for the natives. Sitka has little or no strategic importance, from a military or naval point of view, nor will it ever have, in my opinion, and, therefore, no interest of the United States would suffer were these buildings and grounds transferred permanently to the Territory. I may also add that it is my opinion this could be put to no worthier purpose than that for which they are now occupied. The buildings which had greatly deteriorated by reason of not having been occupied for a considerable time have been repaired and placed in good condition by the Territorial government, whose intention it is, should this bill be passed, to erect new buildings from time to time as may be necessary to accommodate the increase in the number of inmates cared for at the Home.

A plat, showing the relative location of the lands described in the bill, together with the buildings on the several tracts specified and by whom occupied, is now being prepared at Sitka, and will be transmitted to the Department in due course.

Yours very truly,

March 13, 1916

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Dr. Henry Waldo Gee,
516 Sealing Building,
Portland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 4, with enclosure from Mr. D. E. Stubbs, of Aniak, with reference to proper commitment blanks, including the medical certificate, to be used in the commitment of insane persons in Alaska to Morningside Sanitarium, I have to advise you that this matter will be taken up with the proper authorities to the end that the commitment papers meet the necessary requirements.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of February 24 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), together with a copy of H. R. 11637, granting abandoned public buildings and grounds at Sitka, Alaska, to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes; and I am asked for an expression of my views as to the necessity for, as well as the advisability of, the enactment of the legislation contemplated in this bill.

In reply I beg to advise that, in my opinion, this bill should be passed by Congress. The buildings and grounds referred to in the bill were transferred, but not permanently, by the federal government to the Territory in 1913, to be used as a home for the aged pioneers of Alaska. These buildings were formerly used as a barracks for United States marines stationed at Sitka, but had been abandoned for a number of years prior to 1913, when permission was given to the Territorial government to use them for the purpose above mentioned.

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Yours very truly,

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 22, in which you state that the Curtiss Aeroplane Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., has offered to train an officer of the militia of each of the States, and transmit, through me as commander-in-chief, an offer to train an officer of the militia of Alaska in the art of flying; you add that this course in training is worth \$400, and that, through the generosity of Mr. Emerson McMillan of New York, it is possible for the Aero Club of America to add 10% to this \$400, and that a check will be sent to the Adjutant General of Alaska, upon receipt of advice that the officer is ready to report at one of the Curtiss schools for his training.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no organized militia in the Territory of Alaska, and, therefore, it is without official personnel of any kind. I may add that I am endeavoring to have Congress enact the necessary legislation to permit the organization of a militia, but whether my efforts will be fruitful of results, I cannot say at this time.

Yours very truly,

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Hon. Fred M. Brown,
United States District Judge,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing duplicate vouchers of P. T. Padden of Billingham, Alaska, for \$76, covering services as a guard in enforcing a quarantine of a case of small-pox in the house of Louis Hansen at Billingham, in February and March, 1915.

The voucher was approved by the Governor and forwarded to Secretary Davidson on the ninth instant for the issuance of a warrant in settlement of this claim. Mr. Padden will, no doubt, receive a warrant in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Alexander R. Ryan,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to the amounts due you for services in connection with the quarantine of the Charles Marsh house at Kenai in October and November, 1913.

It was not until the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature that a fund was provided from which the expenses of the quarantine in question could be paid, and, as you are aware, this office has, for some months, been endeavoring to secure signatures to the vouchers so that payments could be made to the various persons whose claims had been presented to this office. Some of these persons we are, as yet, unable to locate; others we have received signed vouchers from, and these have been approved for payment. The delay in connection with payment to you has been occasioned by the fact that it took us some time to locate Mrs. Kuppler and Miss Dolan, who established the quarantine at Kenai, and whose statement was deemed necessary as a basis for the payment of the amounts claimed by yourself and Mr. Thompson for services rendered as guards.

On the ninth instant vouchers were forwarded from this office to the office of the Secretary of the Territory for issuance of warrants to you covering your services as witness, \$3; special deputy, \$4; and guard, \$124, in the Marsh case. The item of \$124 was added to the voucher which had already been signed by you covering your service as a special deputy, so as to avoid the delay which would otherwise be occasioned by forwarding a separate voucher to you to cover the \$124. You will, no doubt, receive Territorial warrants in the near future, in settlement of these amounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

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Mr. Wm. H. C. Waddleton,
Box 168,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant, requesting that copies of the Governor's report for 1915 be mailed to several persons mentioned therein. I regret to say that our supply of this report is so nearly exhausted that it is impossible to send copies to all the persons mentioned in your letter. However, we are sending each of them a copy of the Interior Department's circular of general information which is just off the press. This circular contains an abstract of the Governor's report, as well as a great deal of other valuable information regarding Alaska.

I am sending a copy of this circular to you under separate cover, together with a copy of the Governor's report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

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Mr. Joseph H. Bowling,
6041 Heveler street,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to business and other opportunities in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that, in general it might be said, the various lines of business which are required to meet the demands of the various communities in this Territory, are quite well represented at this time. At Juneau, which is the largest town in the Territory, having a population of some 4,000 the following are among the leading mercantile establishments:

Goldstein's Emporium—a department store	
B. H. Behrends Co.	do
H. J. Raymond Co.	do
C. W. Young Co., hardware, machinery and building supplies	
Alaska Supply Co.,	do
Sanitary Grocery Co.	
Juneau Furniture Co.	

Each of the following named companies employ several hundred men in their quartz mining operations in the immediate vicinity of Juneau:

Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,	Treadwell
Alaska-Saginaw Mining Co.,	Thane
Alaska-Juneau Mining Co.,	Juneau

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Mr. W. O. George,
Reemsore, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that it is impossible for this office to undertake to find employment for you. The Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, has charge of the construction of the Government railroad which is to extend from Seward to Fairbanks, and it is possible that you might be able to obtain employment on that work.

In the immediate vicinity of Juneau, the following named companies which are engaged in quartz mining, employ several hundred men each:

Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,	Treadwell
Alaska-Gastineau Mining Co.,	Thane
Alaska-Juneau Mining Co.,	Juneau

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

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Mr. W. Albert Thompson,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher form, in duplicate, covering the sum of \$124 due to you on account of services rendered as guard in connection with the Charles Marsh case at Kenai, from October 6 to November 5, 1913. Kindly sign both copies of the voucher and return them to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies them. Upon receipt of the voucher properly signed, a warrant will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 14, 1916

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Miss Nellie Gregory,
Box 211,
Medical Lake, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the "Superintendent of Insane Asylum," at Juneau. In reply you are advised that there is no insane asylum at Juneau and, in fact, no such institution in this Territory, the insane of Alaska being cared for at the Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon. Insane detention hospitals are located at Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska, but, owing to lack of funds, only the one at Fairbanks is in use. These institutions are intended simply to provide temporary care for persons who have been committed to the sanitarium at Portland, pending arrangements for their transportation to that place. The detention hospital at Fairbanks has but one attendant, who is a resident of that place.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

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Miss Lillian V. Bennett,
1736 Wall street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to the qualifications necessary for a nurse wishing to secure employment in the Territorial hospitals of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that there are no hospitals maintained by the Territory. The United States Bureau of Education furnishes medical relief to the natives, and, in connection with this work, employs a number of nurses. For information regarding opportunities in this line of work, you should address Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

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Mr. J. S. Sverstedt, Manager,
U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.,
Southern Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your notice of January 1,
that my yearly premium amounting to \$40, on bond No. 2314-15,
for \$20,000, issued by your company in my behalf, to the
United States Government, as special disbursing agent of
legislative expenses, Alaska, was due, to which I replied
on March 4, stating that the same under this appropriation
had been all disbursed, I have now further to advise you that
I am today in receipt of a letter from the Auditor for the
Interior Department, advising me that my account as special
disbursing agent for the period ended September 30, 1915,
under bond dated March 5, 1915, has been settled and balanced
by certificate No. 11343 of February 28, 1916.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1918

Mrs. A. Edman,
571 Tenth street,
San Pedro, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Edman:

I have your letter of March 5, with reference to Ben Olson, and the amount which you state that he owes you.

In reply I have to advise you that I do not know the whereabouts of Olson, and, if I did, there is no employment that I could give him whatsoever. It seems to me, from what you say concerning his character, that he is a man not worthy of employment, inasmuch as any man who would beat a poor widow out of \$50 is a disgrace to mankind. I am sorry that I am unable to assist you in this matter.

I trust that your health is good, and wish best wishes,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1916

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Hon. D. E. Stubbs,
United States Commissioner,
Aniak, Alaska

My dear Judge:

By reference from Doctor Henry Waldo Coo, President of the Sanitarium Company, Portland, Oregon, I am in receipt of your letter of January 6, in which you refer to the case of Moss Kanah, committed by your court to Morningside. You state that your office is not supplied with physician's certificates to be attached to the commitments of insane persons.

In reply I have to advise you that you should apply to the Clerk of the Court for the Fourth Judicial Division at Fairbanks for a supply of such medical certificates. These certificates are furnished free of charge by the Clerks of the Courts of the different judicial divisions, to the commissioners, who should always keep a supply on hand.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1916

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Mr. Donald Sinclair,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Dr. H. C. DeVighe of Juneau, who recently visited Wrangell, called at this office today and explained that Mr. Finlayson, who is at present receiving a pension from the Territory, wishes to enter the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. At the request of Dr. DeVighe, I am enclosing herewith a form of application for admission to the Alaska Pioneers' Home. This should be filled out by Mr. Finlayson and signed by him. When this has been done, the application should be mailed to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka. It will not be necessary for Mr. Finlayson to wait for a response to his application from the Board, but he may proceed to Sitka at any time after the application has been mailed.

In addition to his transportation to Juneau, he should, if possible, be provided with funds sufficient to pay his expenses while in Juneau, awaiting the sailing of the steamer for Sitka, and also funds to cover his transportation, meals

and berth from Junction to Sitka. The steamer is schedule to sail at midnight on Tuesday of each week. The fare is \$10 and the berth and meal charge is \$3.50. Should Mr. Finlayson have to wait over in Junction, his expenses would be approximately \$2 per day.

If you will advise this office in advance of Mr. Finlayson's departure from Wrangell, we shall be pleased to do what we can to see that he is made comfortable while waiting for the sailing of the steamer to Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Sir:

Referring to the Governor's letter of the 14th
ultimo, relative to Thomas H. Dunkin's application for
a pension, I beg to advise you that Mr. Dunkin's address
is 1150 Eighteenth street, San Diego, California.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. S. A. Bellevs,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the eighth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a pension under the Territorial act providing for allowances to certain aged residents of Alaska. Enclosed herewith you will find an application form which you are requested to fill out and have properly signed and certified, after which it should be forwarded to Mr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 15, 1916

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Capt. Thomas M. Ward, Asst. Engineer,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the organization of a Territorial militia, and tendering your services in connection therewith.

Governor Strong left Juneau last evening for a two months' visit in the States, and may include Washington, D. C., in his itinerary. I am forwarding your letter to him so that he may have it at hand in the event that he has an opportunity to discuss the question of a Territorial militia while at the National Capital.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 15, 1916

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Mr. G. Benj. Peindexter,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the organization of a Territorial militia for Alaska.

Governor Strong left Juneau yesterday, expecting to be gone some two months, and may possibly visit Washington, D. C., before returning to Juneau. I shall, therefore, forward your letter to him for such use as he may be able to make of it, should he go to Washington and have an opportunity to take up the militia question with the Departments there.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 15, 1916

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Dr. Charles Daggett,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the tenth instant was received, which arrived on the steamer Alaska. The Governor took passage on the steamer Alaska for Seattle and California, and will be absent some two months. Upon his return your letter will be brought to his attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 15, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 26th ultimo, transmitting the application of Mr. Leon C. Becker, of Seward, for appointment as a notary public, together with a petition, approved bond, oath of office and endorsed exchange in the sum of \$10, I now beg to transmit herewith the sum of 50¢, in cash, just received from Mr. Becker to cover the cost of revenue stamps which are required to be attached to the bond.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, March 16, 1916. O. B.

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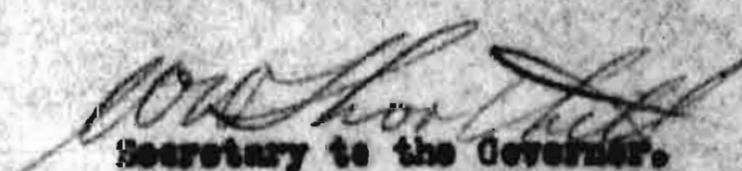
Hotel Barker,

SEATTLE.

Governor Strong enroute Seattle steamer Alaska, arriving there about
eighteenth. Will be at Hotel Frye for few days. Suggest you confer with
him relative admission Kido to Pioneer Home Sitka.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

I certify that this telegram is an 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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Jensen, March 14, 1916. O. B.

Georgeson,

SITKA.

By direction Governor am writing you today giving present
post office address of Thomas H. Dushin.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

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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Dr. L. S. Rowe, President,
American Academy of
Political and Social Sciences,
West Philadelphia Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, with respect to the appointment of delegates to represent Alaska at the forthcoming annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. In reply to your inquiry, I beg to advise that all the delegates named in the Governor's letter of the 18th ultimo reside in Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 16, 1916

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Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Governor:

I enclose herewith a letter just received from Delegate Wickersham, in reply to your letter of February 16, with regard to H. R. 4648, introduced by him, to amend the Nelson school law. You will note that the Delegate discovered the error in this bill and, two days later, introduced H. R. 6056 in its stead. The concluding sentence of the Delegate's letter expresses the hope that you will permit your approval of H. R. 4648 to stand for H. R. 6056, so that prompt action may be had on the bill, and I am forwarding his letter to you thinking you may wish to write or telegraph your approval of the corrected bill in order to expedite the consideration of it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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Miss Julia D. Cline
214 West Granite street,
Butte, Montana

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information with regard to opportunities for teachers and nurses in Alaska.

In reply you are advised that, as a rule, the various school boards of the Territory have little difficulty in obtaining teachers, since many more applications are received than can be accepted. As to the opportunities for nurses, I may say that these are rather limited, as there are but few hospitals in the Territory. The Sisters of St. Ann maintain public hospitals in Juneau and Douglas, and public hospitals are also located in the towns of Fairbanks, Valdez and Seward.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 16, 1916

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The Imperial Russian Consul-General,

Seattle, Washington

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, with respect to the estate of one John Barkka, who met his death in a snow-slide at Copper Mountain, Alaska, on the eighth of December, 1912, while in the employ of the Great Northern Development Co. You also inquire whether or not, under the laws of Alaska, any pension is due the relatives of the deceased.

This office is addressing a letter to the United States Commissioner at Chitina, requesting him to advise as to any estate or personal effects which may have been left by the deceased. Upon receipt of his reply, the information which it contains will be transmitted to you.

At the time that Barkka met his death, the laws of Alaska made no provision for compensation to relatives of persons killed while employed in connection with the mining industry in this Territory. The 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature passed a workman's compensation act which covers cases of this kind, but this law would, of course, not apply in this instance.

Respectfully yours,

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March 16, 1916

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United States Commissioner,

Chitina, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter just received from the Imperial Russian Consul-General, Seattle, Wash., with respect to the estate of one John Barkka, who met his death in a snowslide at Copper Mountain, Alaska, on the eighth of December, 1912, while in the employ of the Great Northern Development Co.

Will you please see what the records of your office show as to any estate or personal effects left by the deceased?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 16, 1916

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Miss Ruth Remondne,
The Rainier-Grand Hotel,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with the necessary blanks and information to enable you to obtain a notary public commission for Anchorage, Alaska.

In reply you are advised the laws of Alaska require that persons appointed as notaries shall be bona fide residents of the Territory. Applicants for appointment are required to file a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with one or more sureties, which bond must be approved by the Clerk of the United States District Court of the judicial division in which the applicant resides. It is also necessary to execute an oath of office and remit the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for a commission. The notarial bond must have attached to it revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents.

It would scarcely be possible for you to arrange for a commission while your steamer is in port at Juneau, since you would probably not be able to obtain sureties here. In

any event, the bond would have to be approved by the Clerk of the Court at Valdez.

There is enclosed herewith a notary bond blank, on the back of which will be found an oath of office form.

There is no reason why you could not arrange for your seal before leaving Seattle. The firm of Lowman & Hanford is, I believe, familiar with the usual form of notary seal used in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 17, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of February 26 (Stephen T. Hather, Assistant to the Secretary), and to the Governor's letter of the 13th instant in reply thereto, and to advise that there is being forwarded to the Department, in this mail, under separate cover, a plat showing the relative location of the lands described in H. R. 11627, which plat was requested in the Department's letter of the above date. There is also enclosed a copy of a letter of the tenth instant, addressed to this office by Hon. A. G. Sheup, superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, which may contain some information that will be of assistance to the Department in this matter.

Respectfully,

Inc.

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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The President,
The Panama-California International Exposition,
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of the invitation addressed to him by yourself and the directors of the Panama-California International Exposition, to be present on the occasion of the 1916 dedication ceremonies to be held tomorrow.

Governor Strong left here on the evening of the 14th instant, en route to Seattle and California. He should reach Seattle tonight or tomorrow. The Governor endeavored to arrange his departure from Junction so as to be able to reach San Diego in time for the dedication ceremonies, but his steamer was considerably delayed, and he will, therefore, be compelled to forgo the pleasure of being present on that occasion. He will, however, visit the exposition during his stay in California.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

March 17, 1916

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Mr. Charles E. Naghel, Secretary,
Board of Local Examiners,
U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Naghel:

I beg to refer to you herewith an inquiry from Mr.
D. R. Clark, of Hinsley, West Virginia, concerning govern-
ment positions in this Territory. It will be appreciated
if you will kindly give him the benefit of such information
as you may have available.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. C. H. Parsons, Secretary,
The Federation of State Societies,
California Savings Bank,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to Governor Strong, in care of the Alaska Club, Seattle, and which was forwarded to Juneau, where it was received today.

Governor Strong left Juneau on the 14th instant, en route to Seattle and California. He will probably visit your city before returning home. I am sure that the Governor would have been pleased to be present on both of the occasions mentioned in your kind invitation, had it been possible for him to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 17, 1916

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Mr. F. G. A. Meron,
1866 East Tenth street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that he send you an autographed photograph to add to your collection.

Governor Strong is at present absent from Jamaica and will not return until the early part of May. Upon his return, I shall be pleased to place your letter before him for such action as he may wish to take.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 18, 1916

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

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, enclosing the applications of Paul Andrew Smith, of Ketchikan, and Thomas H. Devine, of Crescent Harbor, Unga Island, for pensions under Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws.

I have carefully examined these applications, and am returning them to you herewith. I would recommend that an allowance of \$13.50 per month be granted Paul Andrew Smith, of Ketchikan, and an allowance of \$10 per month to Thomas H. Devine of Crescent Harbor, both beginning April 1, 1916.

Treasurer Shattuck has been absent from the city for some three weeks, and will not return until after the first of April.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Governor

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

My dear Professor:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing application of Elias Rankin of Sitka, for an allowance under Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws. I note what you say with regard to his condition and circumstances, and that you suggest he be allowed \$8 per month, beginning April 1, 1916. With return of the application herewith, I beg to say that I concur in your suggestion that Mr. Rankin be allowed \$8 per month from April 1, 1916.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Governor

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Hon. O. P. Gaustad,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Governor prior to his departure for the States, I am sending you herewith 25 copies of the report of the Territorial Mine Inspector for the year 1915, which has just been received from the press. Should you wish additional copies of this report, kindly advise this office and they will be sent to you.

The Governor wishes me to express to you his appreciation of your concurrence in his suggestion that this report be printed at once, and I believe you will find that the contents of the report fully justify such concurrence.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Hon. O. F. Hubbard,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Governor prior to his departure for the States, I am sending you herewith 25 copies of the report of the Territorial Mine Inspector for the year 1915, which has just been received from the press. Should you wish additional copies of this report, kindly advise this office and they will be sent to you.

The Governor wishes me to express to you his appreciation of your concurrence in his suggestion that this report be printed at once, and I believe you will find that the contents of the report fully justify such concurrence.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

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Hon. Charles A. Sulzer,
Sulzer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Governor prior to his departure for the States, I am sending you herewith 25 copies of the report of the Territorial Mine Inspector for the year 1915, which has just been received from the press. Should you wish additional copies of this report, kindly advise this office and they will be sent to you.

The Governor wishes me to express to you his appreciation of your concurrence in his suggestion that this report be printed at once, and I believe that you will find the contents of the report fully justify such concurrence.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Hon. Frank A. Aldrich,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Senator:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Governor prior to his departure for the States, I am sending you herewith 25 copies of the report of the Territorial Mine Inspector for the year 1915, which has just been received from the press.

The Governor wishes me to express to you his appreciation of your concurrence in his suggestion that this report be printed at once, and I believe that you will find the contents of the report fully justify such concurrence.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, March 18, 1916. O. B.

**Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Frye, SEATTLE.**

**Sending few copies mine inspectors report in tomorrow's mail to you at above
address.**

SHORTHILL, Secretary.

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

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

March 20, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit for attention of your office
approved bond, oath of office and fee of Leo C. Gault, of Skagway, Alaska,
who desires to be appointed a notary public.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

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Mr. H. E. Fewkes,
Yerkville, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the construction of the Government railroad now being built in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that this work is in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission which maintains headquarters at Anchorage, Alaska. By addressing a letter to the Commission at that place you will, no doubt, obtain the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

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Mr. Chester L. Smith,
314 Lincoln Avenue,
Salon, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to his opinion as preparedness.

The Governor is absent from the Territory at this time, and I am unable to refer your letter to him, but I may say that, while he is opposed to militarism, he has expressed himself as in favor of the President's plans for preparedness.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Andrew J. Hennessy,
460 Fortieth street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire with regard to the opportunities for an expert stenographer in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that the opportunities in this line of work are, of course, somewhat limited, and this office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies either in the Government service or with private concerns. The average salary paid to stenographers in the employ of the Government in Alaska is \$150 a month. Salaries paid by private concerns range from \$100 to \$150 per month. Living expenses are, of course, somewhat higher than in New York.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of May 10, (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), enclosing Treasury Department circulars issued to disbursing officers, which have been forwarded for the information and guidance of the Governor and myself in connection with our respective duties as special disbursing agents.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

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Mrs. Wm. C. Neff,
222 Orchard street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, asking for information regarding your husband who, you say, is employed by the Department of the Interior, Anchorage, Alaska. From what you say, I assume that your husband is in the employ of the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Anchorage, which has charge of the construction of the Government railroad, which is being built from that point to the interior of the Territory. Accordingly, your letter is being forwarded to the Commission, which will, no doubt, advise you with regard to your husband in due course, if he is in the employ of the Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

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The Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I beg to transmit herewith a letter of the first instant, addressed to this office by Mrs. Wm. C. Neff, 222 Orchard St., Cincinnati, Ohio, who makes inquiry with regard to her husband, Wm. C. Neff, who is supposed to be employed at Anchorage. Her letter is forwarded to you for such attention as you may deem appropriated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 20, 1916

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Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Governor:

I enclose herewith a telegram received from the New York American this date, together with a copy of a letter of acknowledgment which I have written. I trust that my letter properly expresses your attitude with respect to this matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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The Editor,
The New York American,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of even date, addressed to the Governor, reading as follows:

"Now that the United States troops have entered Mexico, should we not remain and clean up whole situation as we did in Cuba and Philippines? In your opinion, what would be moral effect should the U. S. cease its efforts to capture Villa. Please wire our expense."

Governor Strong is now in the States, and it is ^{promptly} impossible to communicate the contents of your message to him. I may say, however, that I am of the opinion, since the Governor is an appointee of the President (whose policies with regard to the Mexican situation are at present being carried out in the movement to capture Villa and his forces), that he would not care to express an opinion for publication except by request of the President himself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose letter of the fourth instant from the Clerk of the Court At Fairbanks, transmitting copy of final report of the Grand Jury for the general February, 1916, term held at Fairbanks. The report touches upon certain matters which, it occurs to me, you may wish to take up while in Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose an official letter and a personal note from Representative Snow, with respect to certain matters connected with the "dry" campaign in this Territory. It would certainly be most unfortunate if the "wets" should take the action which he suggests is a possibility. However, I dare say it would only tend to hasten the end, since they would not only block the vote on the prohibition referendum, but would, at the same time, kill the secret ballot law which is of vital interest to every true Alaskan, and the killing of that law would, no doubt, meet with widespread resentment.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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Hon. C. K. Snow,
Fourth of July Creek,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, together with a personal note accompanying it, and I am forwarding them to the Governor, who is now in Seattle, en route to California. He will not return to Juneau until about May 1.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1916

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Prof. F. G. Davis,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to him, inquiring with respect to the position of assistant superintendent of public instruction.

An opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior some time ago, at the request of this office, holds that the Alaska Legislature exceeded its authority in passing the act providing for the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction. This being the case, no action will be taken by the Governor until such time as proper legal authority may exist for the appointment of the officer in question.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1916

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Mr. George A. Diamond,
Mayor of Nome,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the allowances made to residents of Nome under Chapter 64, 1915 Session Laws, commonly referred to as the "Alaska Pension Act."

Governor Strong is now in the States and will not return to Juneau until about May 1. I am forwarding your letter to him, and he will, no doubt, write you with regard to the matters referred to in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1916

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Mr. Henry Cockerille, D. D. S.
Secretary, Alaska Dental Ass'n.
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, with regard to the enforcement of the Alaska dental law and other matters connected with the practice of dentistry in the Territory.

Governor Strong is now in the States and will not return to Juneau until about May 1. Upon his return, your letter will be placed before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit the application of E. J. Warner of Anchorage, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, together with approved bond, oath of office and check in the sum of \$10.50 to cover the legal fee for the commission, and the cost of revenue stamps which are required to be attached to the bond. The check has been endorsed to your order.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 21, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a letter from Geo. A. Diamond, mayor of Nemo, in which he complains of what appears to him to be a discrimination against Nemo in the matter of granting pensions to pioneers of that place.

Up to March 18, 1916, a total of 15 allowances have been made to residents of Nemo. These appear on the records as follows:

Peter Bremen,	certificate No. 11,	9-23-15,	\$10	
P. P. Lokker	"	13,	9-23-15,	10
Louis Johnson	"	14,	9-23-15,	10
Cap. King	"	17,	10-1-15,	10
Manuel Betana	"	18,	10-1-15,	10
John Kerr	"	19,	10-1-15,	10
Frank V. Lamb	"	24,	10-1-15,	10
Fred Seger	"	26,	10-1-15,	10
Thomas Hill	"	27,	10-1-15,	10
Joseph Norn	"	28,	10-1-15,	10
J. A. Ross	"	35,	11-20-15,	12.50
Esray Canada	"	48,	1- 9-16,	10
Jenny A. Tiffany	"	56,	3- 4-16,	10
Milber E. Kerr	"	58,	3- 4-16,	10
Thomas H. Dunkin	"	60,	3-18-16,	10

You will remember that, some time ago, Senator Aldrich referred to you a letter from representative Daly, written at the request of Pete Bremen, in which Daly referred to a number of Nemo pensioners, and stated that everyone of them should receive the full amount allowed under the law. You

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wrote Professor Georgesen, asking him to forward the applications of Thomas Hill, Pete Brennan and Louis Johnson, of Nome, (three of the persons referred to in Daly's letter) The applications were received from Sitka this morning.

From the above list you will note that only one resident of Nome has received the maximum allowance, none of the others receiving more than \$10 per month, and several receiving only \$8.

In this connection, I give you herewith a list of the maximum allowances up to March 18, 1916:

James Horton	Rampart	Cert. #10,	8-16-15
Mrs. Martha Nelson	Fairbanks	"	22, 10-1-15
B. W. McQuade	Eagle	"	32, 10-23-15
J. A. Ross	Nome	"	35, 11-19-15
Fred J. Fenney		"	36, 11-26-15
Mrs. M. Faulk	Douglas	"	37, 11-26-15
Isaac Hubley	Unga	"	38, 11-26-15
Thomas Kernan	Fairbanks	"	52, 2-5-16
Gideon Montcalm	Fairbanks	"	53, 2-5-16
Maurice Fitzgerald	Fairbanks	"	54, 2-19-16
Frank Montcalm	Jaskwade	"	57, 2-4-16
Catherine Foley	Fairbanks	"	59, 2-18-16
Charles Nelson	Liberty Creek	"	61, 2-18-16

Four other pensioners have been allowed \$12 per month; the allowances of the others range from \$8 to \$10. According to a letter of the 18th instant, just received from Professor Georgesen, the last certificate issued is No. 61 to Charles Nelson, above shown.

In this connection, I beg to say that on yesterday General Davidson passed upon three applications which had been referred to this office by Professor Georgesen, and, in today's mail,

mail, five more applications have been forwarded to this office by the Professor for the consideration of yourself and Mr. Shattuck. The applicants are James Howell of Valdez; John C. Prebst, Anchorage; Max Sulega, Fairbanks; Daniel Whipple, Ketchikan; Fred West, Nome. The Professor states that he is acquainted with only one of these applicants---

James Howell of Valdez. With respect to him he says:

"I knew him while he was here in Sitka, and, of all the worthless, drunken saloon loafers I have ever known, he was one of the worst. I shall cast my vote against granting him any allowance at all, at this time at least. If these five applications are allowed, they will make a total of 69 pensioners. I mention these recent applications simply to show that the pension list is rapidly growing.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to

March 21, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit the application of Dorothy M. Soraci of Iditarod, for appointment as notary public, together with approved bond. The papers as originally forwarded to your office, did not contain the required oath of office, and a telegram was sent to the applicant under date of the 25th ultimo, a copy of which telegram is attached hereto. Your Mr. Lindsay advises that the oath of office has been received, and the matter is, therefore, now in proper form for the issuance of a commission.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Judge E. S. Stackpole,
United States Commissioner,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Judge:

There has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, the application of Daniel Whipple of Ketchikan, for a pension under the provisions of Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws. Neither of the persons who certify to the facts stated in the application are known to the members of the Board, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly give the Board the benefit of such information as you may have regarding the worthiness of the applicant. I note in the application that Whipple states that, in the past, he has been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, but that he is not using any at the present time. Can you say if this is correct, and if Whipple is now leading a sober life and likely to continue so? Such information as you may give will be regarded as confidential, and for the information of the Board only.

I enclose a franked and addressed envelope for your use when replying.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. John Lyons, Esq.,
Attorney-at-law,
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Judge:

There has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, the application of James Howall of Valdez, for a pension allowance under Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws. It appears that this man formerly lived in Sitka, and Professor Georgeson, Secretary of the Board, advises that, while he was in Sitka, he was a common saloon loafer. I note in Howall's application he states that he has never been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, and is not using them at the present time. It will be appreciated if you will give the Board the benefit of such information as you may have regarding this applicant, and particularly with regard to his use of intoxicating liquors. This information will be regarded as confidential.

I enclose a franked and addressed envelope for your use when replying to this inquiry.

Faithfully yours,

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Acting Governor

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

My dear Professor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing the applications of James Howell of Valdez, John C. Probst of Anchorage, Max Sulega of Fairbanks, Daniel Whipple of Ketchikan, and Fred West of Nome, for allowances under Chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws.

I am returning herewith the applications of Max Sulega of Fairbanks, John C. Probst of Anchorage, and Fred West of Nome, and would recommend that the following amounts be allowed them: \$12.50, \$10 and \$12.50 per month, respectively, these allowances to become effective April 1, 1916.

I am holding the applications of Howell and Whipple pending inquiries which I am making with regard to the worthiness of these applicants. I note what you say with regard to James Howell of Valdez, and it is particularly interesting, in view of the fact that, in his application, Howell answers no, in response to the question as to his having been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, and also gives the same answer in

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response to the question as to his use of intoxicating li-
quors at the present time. I am writing John Lyons, Esq.,
Valdez, requesting him to give the board the benefit of his
knowledge of this applicant.

With respect to the application of Daniel Whipple, I
am writing United States Commissioner Stackpole at Ketchikan,
asking him to give the board the benefit of such information
as he may have regarding the applicant.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Governor

Enc.

Juneau, March 21, 1916. O. B.

Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Frye, SEATTLE, WASH.

Have mail to forward you. To what points shall I send during next ten days?
Weather mild, everything going well. Cobb returned yesterday, hopeful of
winning all cases argued before Circuit Court.

SHORTHILL.

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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MEMO

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith undated communication received on yesterday from Mr. H. B. Windle, an inmate of the Morning-side Sanitarium. This communication, like a number of others which have been received from time to time, complains of the treatment accorded the inmates of the Sanitarium. One feels inclined to wonder if the inmates are all insane on this particular point.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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Mr. Thomas H. Dunkin,
1150 Eighteenth st.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith certificate of allowance No. 60, dated the 18th instant, issued to you by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska, under the authority of Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, providing for allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska. You will note by the certificate that you have been granted an allowance of \$10 per month, beginning April 1, 1916.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the importance of keeping the Board advised as to your address, so that checks issued to cover the quarterly payments may reach you without undue delay.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Professor :

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to certain pension allowances, and with which you transmit certificate No. 89 issued to Thomas H. Dunkin, of Nome, who is at the present time in California. The certificate is being mailed to Mr. Dunkin at the following address, to which all checks in payment of his allowance should be sent until the Board is advised by him of a different post-office address: 1150 Eighteenth street, San Diego, Cal.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a letter just received from the Delegate from Alaska, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to him by the War Department, with respect to proposed legislation for the organization of a National Guard in Alaska. You will note that the Chief, Division of Militia Affairs, does not appear to favor the organization of a militia, but suggests what he calls a "local force of rangers or constabulary, similar to the Northwest Mounted Police."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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March 22, 1916

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Mr. L. L. James,
545 Powell street,
care The Family Club,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 14th instant, requesting two copies of his last annual report. The copies are being sent to you in this mail, under separate cover. Governor Strong is now in Seattle, en route to California. He will probably be in San Francisco before this letter reaches you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith the application of Mr. R. R. Hubbard, of Douglas, for renewal of his notary commission which expired on the 21st instant, together with approved bond, oath of office, and check in the sum of \$10 to cover the legal fee for the commission, which has been endorsed to your order.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 22, 1916

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

My dear Sir :

I beg to transmit herewith the application of B. F. McClure of Tanana, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, together with the sum of \$10 in cash, which has been remitted by Mr. McClure to cover the legal fee for the commission. I understand Mr. McClure's approved bond and oath of office are on file in your office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. R. R. Hubbard,
Douglas, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hubbard:

Papers in connection with your reappointment as notary public go to the Secretary's office today, and your commission will be issued this afternoon, so that there will be no lapse between the old and new appointments.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the federal "War Revenue" act passed some two years ago requires that each notary bond shall have affixed thereto revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents. Your bond did not have these stamps attached when forwarded to this office, but I have obtained stamps from the Secretary's office, paying for them out of my own funds and have attached them to the bond so that it may be approved and the commission issued today. At your convenience, you may remit to me the sum of 50 cents to cover the cost of the stamps.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

Division of Education, U. S. Smith Building, Seattle

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Respectfully yours,

Miss Belle Nottingham,

4221 Ninth Ave., N. E.,

Secretary to the Governor

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to what steps should be taken to secure a position in Alaska either as a hospital nurse or as a school nurse. Applications for positions in the public hospitals should be addressed to those institutions. The Sisters of St. Ann maintain hospitals in Juneau and Douglas, and public hospitals are also maintained in the towns of Fairbanks, Valdez and Seward. It is noted that you have written the Sister Superior in charge of the hospital at Juneau.

With reference to a position as school nurse, you are advised that no nurses are employed in connection with the white schools of this Territory, but the United States Bureau of Education, which has charge of the native schools of the Territory, employs a number of trained nurses. This Bureau is about to open a hospital in Juneau. Application for a position as nurse should be made to W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska

Division, Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The purpose of this letter and any others which you

may have to be concerned in these violations. **March 23, 1916**

that "whenever possible is done out in the open," **22** "such

a thing as killing and sale of alcohol, that is a daily

Mr. A. P. McWilliams,

of the Alaska Game and Fish Commission is "the king of

Petersburg, Alaska

the number of violations in Petersburg probably." If you have

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, who is now in the States,

I wrote to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th

instant, with respect to the deputy marshalship at Peters-

burg. In reply I beg to say that, while I have no doubt that

the Governor would be glad to do you a favor, he has made it

a rule not to interfere in the matter of appointments by the

marshals and other federal officials, believing that each of

them should be left free to make his own selections, since he

must be responsible therefor. For this reason I feel safe

in saying that, were the Governor here, he would feel obliged

to leave the matter of the deputy marshalship at Petersburg

entirely in the hands of marshal Bishop.

The charges of violations of the game laws and of the

law prohibiting the furnishing of liquor to Indians which

you make in your letter are so direct and unreserved that

it seems to me you cannot do less than give this office all

the information which you have with regard to these matters

so that, if possible, prosecutions may be instituted against

the persons named in your letter and any others whom you may know to be involved in these violations. You state that "whiskey peddling is done out in the open," and "such a thing as killing game out of season, that is a daily occurrence." You also say that John Gauffin is "the king of the whiskey peddlers in Petersburg precinct." If you have personal knowledge which warrants you in making these statements (and I take it you have or you would not make them), I am sure that the Governor would be more than pleased to have you place the facts in the possession of this office with a view to having a thorough investigation made and causing the arrest of such persons as have been violating the law with such seeming wantonness. This office will send an officer to Petersburg to confer with you in regard to this, if you will indicate your willingness to give him the benefit of all the information which is in your possession.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Dr. E. M. Bevis,
The Dalles, Oregon

My dear Doctor Bevis:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. B. Fife of Elizabethtown, Ky., with regard to his brother W. W. Fife who was recently sent from here to Kentucky, and whom you examined while he was in Junction, at the request of this office. Mr. Fife states that he has placed his brother in a sanitarium for treatment and is desirous of securing information which may assist in the treatment. I believe you told me that you had treated Fife for a time while he was residing in Junction, and it occurs to me that possibly you may be willing to give his brother the benefit of your knowledge of the man's ailment. Should you care to do this, it will be appreciated if you will kindly write Mr. H. B. Fife at Elizabethtown, Ky.

He also is anxious to know if W. W. Fife has any property here and as to any family which he may have. This office does not know of any property, but understands that

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W. W. Fife had a wife and child, but where they are at
the present time, we do not know.

Wishing you much success in your new field of work, and
with best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Henry O. Severance,
Librarian, General Library,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Sir:

In response to your card of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that there are being sent to you, under separate cover, copies of the Governor's reports for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1902 and 1912.

These are the only reports which we are able to furnish of those mentioned in your request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. J. W. Forder,
C/o Kaskokwin Commercial Co., Inc.,
616 Kehl Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a notary commission for Alaska.

In reply you are advised that applicants for appointment must be residents of Alaska and are required to file a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the clerk of the court in the division in which the applicants reside; they must also execute an oath of office, and pay a fee of \$10 for the commission, and the bond is required to have attached to it revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents.

There is enclosed herewith a bond blank which may be used by you and which, when the same has been executed, should be forwarded to the clerk of the court at Nome, Bethel being in the Second Judicial Division. It is possible that the clerk at Valdez would approve your bond and, if so, this would probably save you considerable time in obtaining your commission. The approval of the bond by him would be entirely satisfactory

to this office. The law requires that the clerk of the court shall pass upon the efficiency of the sureties on notary bonds, and, unless the clerk of the court at Valdez were acquainted with the person or persons appearing as sureties on your bond, he probably would not approve the same. You will note an oath of office form is provided on the back of the bond blank.

Whether you send the bond to the clerk of the court at Nome or the clerk at Valdez, it is suggested that you request the clerk to forward it direct to this office for approval instead of sending it to you, as this will save considerable time. In the meantime, you can forward your letter of application and remittance of \$10 to this office, and, when the approved bond has been received, a commission can be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Hugh Judson Eldridge,
Buckhannon, West Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire as to the opportunities for an instructor in music in this city.

In reply I beg to advise that the Juncoan public schools do not, at the present time, employ a musical instructor. There is a number of teachers of instrumental music in Juncoan, and one teacher of voice culture, as well as a teacher of the violin. It is somewhat doubtful whether it would be profitable for another instructor to enter the field, although this office is scarcely in a position to pass upon this question.

Juncoan is a city of between four and five thousand people, and there are probably an additional 3,000 resident within a radius of 3 miles.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. E. C. Austin,
Road Commissioner,
Division No. 1,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing vouchers of the Standard Oil Company, J. R. Heckman & Co., and Ethel H. Rudge, covering supplies for use in connection with road construction in the vicinity of Ketchikan. The two first mentioned vouchers have been approved this date for payment, and warrants will be forwarded to the payees in due course.

At the suggestion of Territorial Treasurer Smith, I am returning herewith the vouchers signed by Ethel H. Rudge, with the request that the voucher be redrawn and the first item therein be more definitely designated. It is assumed that the item covers the typewriting of proposals or bids on road construction work, but, as it appears in the voucher herewith returned, it would indicate that it covered advertising charges by a newspaper.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Agnes M. Broughton,
Lemoore, California

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain employment in this Territory, preferably in a library, recording or business office.

In reply I beg to advise you that, at the present time, this office does not know of any position which would meet your requirements. It is possible that you might obtain a position with the United States Bureau of Education, which has charge of the native schools in the Territory. These schools, as you may know, are in charge of Mr. W. T. Lopp, whose office is in the L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. The Bureau has recently had constructed, in Juneau, a hospital for natives, and, it is understood, it will be opened about April 15. This office is not informed as to what arrangements have been made for nurses, but this information could no doubt be obtained by addressing Mr. Lopp.

The clippings which accompanied your letter are returned herewith, as you may wish to use them elsewhere.

Your ambition to have your son grow up and receive his education in the land which gave him birth is certainly a most worthy one, and I trust that it may be realized.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter containing information with regard to the white schools of Alaska, which contains also a complete list of them. As stated in the circular, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards. This office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. P. A. Karnell,
General Delivery,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

In response to the request contained in your card of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy of his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, and a copy of a circular of general information regarding Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, March 25, 1916. O. B. Via mail from Nome.

Campbell, U. S. Commissioner,

Castle.

Opinion of solicitor for Department Interior holds Territorial school act void and Governor's office is not recognizing any districts attempted to be organized thereunder.

SNORTHILL, Secretary to 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 mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

March 25, 1916

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Mrs. Emma C. LeFevre,
Stagway, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a clipping regarding the recent fire in the heating plant of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, and in which letter you make certain suggestions regarding the safeguarding of the lives of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Permit me to thank you for your interest in this matter, and to say that steps are being taken to provide additional means of exit from the building so that there may be no danger of loss of life in case of fire at any time in the future.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from a resident of Skagway, enclosing a newspaper clipping containing an account of the recent fire in the heating plant of the Pioneers' Home, and in which you are quoted as recommending the immediate construction of fire escapes or steps leading down to the outside of the buildings. Will you please advise if anything has been done toward the installation of escapes or the construction of outside stairways so as to properly safeguard the lives of the inmates of the Home? Please forward a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing the means of exit, by fire escape or otherwise, and indicating thereon any suggestions which you have to offer with regard to additional means of escape in case of fire.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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Mr. A. S. Lee,

Katamska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask for information with respect to the law granting allowances to certain aged residents of the Territory.

The act in question is chapter 64 of the 1915 Session Laws. This act provides that any pioneer of Alaska who has attained an age of 65 years, and who shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or more since the year 1905, and who is entitled to the benefits of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, etc., may, in lieu of being cared for at that Home, receive the benefit of the allowance specified in the act.

Admissions to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka are based upon physical disability or other cause which renders the applicant incapable of self-support.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of Chapter 64, together with an application blank, which, if filled out by you, should be forwarded to this office.

Respectfully yours,

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Acting Governor

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Mr. Camille B. Germain,
Leclaire, Province of Quebec,
Canada

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your inquiry, regarding the drowning of your brother Wm. B. Germain, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter of the 24th instant received from Mr. Jack Campbell, who recently returned from Lituya Bay. The only information that is at all conclusive in respect to the loss of the launch Union is that regarding the oil drum which has been found, the number on which corresponds to the drum taken from the Shattuck Oil Dock at Juneau by the launch Union. Some other articles have been found, but apparently nothing especially identifies them with this particular launch.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. George D. Campbell,
United States Commissioner,
Candle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d of January last, addressed to the Governor, referring, among other things, to the act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature, authorizing United States commissioners to create school districts in the Territory. You ask whether the commissioners have jurisdiction under this act.

Some months ago a copy of the act in question was forwarded by the Governor to the Secretary of the Interior, with the request that an opinion thereon be obtained from the Solicitor for the Interior Department. In due course, an opinion was received in which the Solicitor stated that the act was void, inasmuch as it attempted to amend the act of Congress approved January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and trails and the maintenance of schools--the legislature being inhibited by the provisions of section 3 of the act creating a legislative assembly, from altering, amending, modifying or repealing the road and school law.

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In view of the opinion of the Solicitor for the Interior Department, the Governor has taken the position that he cannot properly recognize a school district which is attempted to be created under the Territorial act, and has so notified various persons who have made inquiry regarding the matter. If the people of Beering have a sufficient number of white children of school age (6 to 18 years), to authorize the establishment of a school district, they should present their petition to the clerk of the United States District court at Nome, asking that the district be established under the provisions of the act of Congress approved January 27, 1905. A copy of the act is enclosed herewith.

There is enclosed herewith a confirmation copy of the telegram sent you this date on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Alyce Anderson,
Wainichie, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th of February last, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that you have been informed, by a passer-by, that Father Shudora, the Russian priest at Kenai, has been asked by the Governor to recommend someone who speaks Russian, for appointment in connection with the taking of a census on the liquor license question. You urge the appointment of Mr. Simon Kvannickoff, in the event such appointment is to be made.

In reply I beg to say that I think you must have been misinformed as to the Governor's requesting a recommendation from Father Shudora since there is no correspondence in this office to show that such request had been made. The Governor is now in the States, and I am unable to refer your letter to him, but I may state that your informant was himself misinformed. More than likely, if Father Shudora received a request of the kind referred to, it came from Judge Brown of Valdez, as I believe that the Judge has now adopted the

system of appointing census takers in each community where saloons are located, or from which saloon applications are received, to take a census of the population and obtain an expression of their wishes regarding the licensing of saloons. As you probably know, the granting of saloon licenses rests entirely in the discretion of the United States district judges, and the Governor has nothing whatever to do with the matter, fortunately.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

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Goldstein's Emporium,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 24th instant, stating that, during the month ending February 15 last, you caused the Juneau Dairy to leave milk at the apartment in the Casey Flats used by a family named Evons who had a sick child. You say that Mr. Goldstein, before his departure for the East, stated that he had been verbally authorized to furnish goods to this family, pending receipt of proper requisition from this office, and request that the requisition be furnished so that you may make up your bill.

On February tenth last the Governor sent you a voucher in the sum of \$15.20, covering your bill of January 29th for provisions furnished to the Evans family on verbal authority of the Governor. The matter referred to in your letter of above date is one of which I have no personal knowledge, and, as the Governor is now absent from the Territory, I am unable to refer it to him. However, I am writing him by today's mail and am referring your letter to him with the request that he advise me in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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My dear Governor Strong:

I have a letter from Goldstein's Emperium stating that, during the month ending February 15th, they caused the Juneau dairy to leave milk at the apartment, in the Casey Flats, used by a family named Evans, who had a sick child. They further say that Mr. Goldstein, before leaving Juneau for the east, recently, stated that he had been verbally authorized by you to furnish goods to this family. Their bill for milk is \$4.35

In this connection I beg to say that, on February 10 last, you signed a voucher in favor of Goldstein's Emperium, covering provisions furnished the Evans family upon your verbal authority. Aside from this, I know nothing regarding any arrangements made for the relief of the Evans family, and am advising Goldstein's Emperium that I can do nothing in the matter until I hear from you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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