

August 28, 1916

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Col. W. P. Richardson, Chairman,  
Alaska Road Commission,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On this date I wired you as follows, which wire is here-  
by confirmed:

"Road appropriation account moneys received from  
forest reserve fund fiscal year 1916, is \$2,816.87  
for each judicial division. This amount is now  
available, and Commissioner each division has been  
advised by wire today."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I wish to advise you that the hats for the inmates of the Pioneers' Home, enumerated in your list of the clothing, etc., required for the use of the Home was not filled, inasmuch as Mr. Scott, could not give me the prices, nor did I have the sizes wanted. Mr. Scott has written the Danbury Hat Company, of Danbury, Connecticut, for samples, which should arrive shortly. I have, therefore, to request that you will advise me as to the sizes of the hats needed.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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

Dear Sir:

On this date I wired you as follows, which wire is here-  
by confirmed:

"Road appropriation account moneys received from  
forest reserve fund fiscal year 1916, in \$2,816.87  
for each division. This amount is now available."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 28, 1916

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Mr. Ed Weed, Road Commissioner,

Third Road District,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On this date I wired you as follows, which was is here-  
by confirmed:

"Road appropriation account moneys received from  
forest reserve fund, fiscal year 1916, is \$3,816.87  
for each division. This amount is now available."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 28, 1916

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Mr. H. H. Ross,  
Road Commissioner,  
Fourth Road District,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On this date I wired you as follows, which wire is here-  
by confirmed:

"Road appropriation account moneys received from  
forest reserve fund, fiscal year 1916, is \$2,816.87  
for each division. This amount is now available."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Dan Jones,  
Road Commissioner,  
Second Road District,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On this date I wired you as follows, which wire is here-  
by confirmed:

"Road appropriation account moneys received from  
forest reserve fund, fiscal year 1916, is \$2,816.87  
for each division. This amount is now available."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 28, 1916

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Mrs. F. M. Hunt,  
Albany Hotel,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of August 19, in which you ask to be advised as to openings for graduate nurses in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that, so far as this office is informed, there is little demand for such nurses in this Territory, as the supply is fully equal to the demand. There are a number of hospitals maintained throughout the Territory, the principal ones being under the management of the Sisters of the Roman Catholic church. There are also a few hospitals maintained by the government for the treatment of natives, one of which is located at Juneau.

The following is a list of some of the hospitals in this Territory to which you might write:

St. Ann's Hospital	Juneau
do	Douglas
Juneau Native Hospital	Juneau
Juneau General Hospital	Juneau
St. Matthew's Hospital	Fairbanks (Episcopal)
St. Joseph's Hospital	Fairbanks
Holy Cross Hospital	Nome

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 28, 1916

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H. J. Raymond Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I have to advise you that your bid of \$6 per dozen for 5 dozen Dreadnaught shirts, as per sample submitted to this office, for the use of the inmates of the Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, is hereby accepted, and you are authorized to ship the aforesaid 5 dozen shirts to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska. I have to request that you will cause the shipment to be made as promptly as possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

August 23, 1916

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Mr. Guy B. Erwin,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 11, with voucher No. 56, in favor of William Seyfer, for \$1,845, together with the original contract for work on roads under the supervision of H. H. Ross, Road Commissioner, Fourth Road District.

In reply I beg to advise you that this voucher has been approved and passed for payment to the Territorial Treasurer, and the warrant in payment will be transmitted in due course.

In regard to voucher No. 52, in favor of Charles Williams, for \$50, returned to Road Commissioner Ross for the reason that no written contract was sent in with it, I have to advise you that your suggestion that Mr. Ross enter into a contract with Williams in writing, with reference to the timber, will be accepted. The contract should be duly executed and returned to this office..

Mr. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, is now absent on official business, but will return about September 10.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 26, 1916

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Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith an order signed by Mrs. Theo. V. Conner, and am returning herewith to you portions of unused railroad tickets issued by your road and purchased by Mrs. Conner on May 7, acting as secretary of the Board of Children's Guardians for the Territory of Alaska, said money having been furnished by the Governor of Alaska for that purpose.

Will you, therefore, kindly remit to me the sum due, as noted above?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 28, 1916

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Mr. J. M. Tanner,  
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of August 22, enclosing the application of David N. Hukill, for admission to the Pioneers' Home. I note that Mr. Hukill lives with his family at Skagway, and that he has six children, three sons and three daughters, but all of them, I take it, are under age and, therefore, unable to contribute much to their father's support, the ages of two of them, however, only being given. Am I to understand that the family is unable to support their father?

Kindly advise me as to this at your earliest convenience that the application may be acted upon promptly.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

August 28, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a draft issued by the First National Bank of Pueblo, Colorado, to the Bank of California, N. A., San Francisco, in favor of Mrs. Thomas V. Connor, said draft being a refund on account of the money issued to Mrs. Connor, acting as Secretary for the Board of Children's Guardians, first judicial division of Alaska, for the transportation of herself and husband, together with three children committed by the juvenile court for the first judicial division to the Sacred Heart Orphanage, Pueblo, Colorado, the amount of said draft not having been used by Mrs. Connor.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Alexander Adkins,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Adkins:

I have your letter of recent date, with reference to the sale of Mr. Dobbins' boat, and I note you say that the boat is in bad shape, but that you will try and do the best you can in the premises. I requested you to sell the boat on behalf of Mr. Dobbins, inasmuch as he is desirous of going to his sister in Kansas, and if you can do so, it will be a help to the decrepit, old man

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. C. Allen,  
United States Commissioner,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 15, in which you state that Mr. Everett Wilcox, a resident of Petersburg, is desirous of being admitted to the Pioneers' Home. I note you state that he is totally disabled for work and destitute of means.

In reply I have to advise you that I am enclosing herewith an application for admission to the Pioneers' Home. Will you kindly have this filled out and give it to Mr. Wilcox. In view of the statements contained in your letter as to Mr. Wilcox being destitute of all means, transportation will be provided him from the Territorial indigent fund.

Advise this office as to the cost of transportation, and provision will be made for covering it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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August 28, 1916

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

Dear Mr. Sheup:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received  
from Mr. Alexander Adkins, of Ketchikan, which is self-  
explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, August 29, 1916. O. B.

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Dr. J. A. Sutherland, Health Officer,

Fairbanks.

Replying your telegram this date permission given to raise quarantines Riggs  
here upon your representation that it is entirely safe to do so.

STRONG, Governor, ex officio  
Commissioner Health.



Secretary to the Governor.

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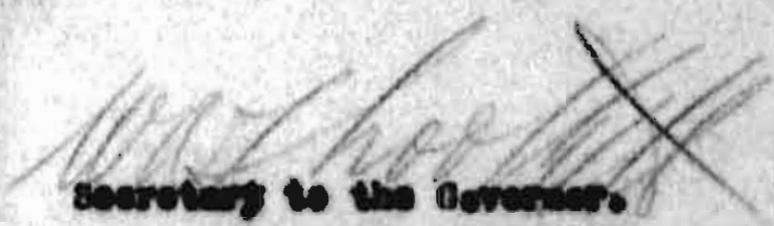
Juneau, August 29, 1916. O. B.

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Dr. W. G. Casselle, Assistant Commissioner Health,  
FAIRBANKS.

Replying your telegram this date permission given to raise quarantine riggs  
here upon your representation that it is entirely safe to do so.

STRONG, Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
Health.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 29, 1916. O. B.

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Adams, Clerk District Court,

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For information this office will you please advise what steps being taken by you to provide official ballot November election as specified by chapter twenty-five session laws nineteen fifteen, and to submit to electors the question of a general eight hour day as provided by chapter fifty eight, and prohibition referendum provided by chapter seven, session laws nineteen fifteen.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Jensen, August 29, 1916. O. B.

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Clerk of District Court,

FAIRBANKS.

For information this office please advise what steps being taken by you to provide official ballot for November election as specified by chapter twenty-five, session laws nineteen fifteen, and to submit to electors the question of a general eight hour day as provided by chapter fifty-eight, and prohibition referendum provided by chapter seven, session laws nineteen fifteen.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

August 29, 1916

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Alaska Meat Company,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I have to advise you that your bid for furnishing meats for the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, will be accepted under the following conditions: It was found that the bid of the Frye-Brahn Co. was practically identical with that of your company, and at a meeting of the Board of Trustees yesterday, it was decided that, if it were agreeable to the bidders, both bids would be accepted, each bidder to furnish the meats alternately for the use of the Home, for a period of six months, unless the contract is sooner canceled either by your action or that of the Board.

If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, you will be notified as to the meats that you will be expected to supply the Home, as per your bid. Kindly advise this office of your acceptance or rejection of said arrangement.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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August 29, 1916

Hon. James B. Metcalfe,  
Pacific Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

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My dear General:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter that I recently received from Secretary McAdoo, with reference to your application for appointment on the Shipping Board, which is self-explanatory.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

August 29, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

Bids from the Alaska Meat Company and the Frye-Bruhn Co., of Juneau, were received and acted upon by the Board of Trustees of the Pioneers' Home yesterday, Mr. Shattuck being present. It was found that the bids were about equal, and it was decided to accept both bids, each concern to supply the meats, etc., used by the Home for one month alternately, for a period of, say, six months, unless the contract is sooner ended, either by action of the Board or by the contractors.

Advise me by telegram when you will need your first shipment of meat.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of bids submitted by Mary Johnson, proprietor of the Sitka Steam Laundry, covering laundry work for the Alaska Pioneers' Home, for a period of six months from September 1, 1916, including calling for laundry and returning same. I have also received bids for the same work from the Alaska Steam Laundry, and, at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held yesterday in this office, the bids were compared, and it was found that the bids were about the same in many articles, except in the case of flat pieces, including towels, sheets, pillow-slips, etc. It was noted that the Sitka Steam Laundry's bid was 50¢ per dozen for flat work of all kinds, while that of the Alaska Steam Laundry was 25¢ per dozen. The Board therefore, being generous that this laundry work should be done in Sitka, decided to refer this matter to you, and suggests a reduction of the bid on flat work.

Kindly take this up with the proprietor of the Alaska Steam Laundry, and see if a substantial reduction cannot be arranged on such work, thus reducing it to somewhere near

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the bid submitted by the Alaska Steam Laundry. In the mean-  
time, the bid of the Alaska Steam Laundry will be kept open  
for acceptance, if necessary.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

August 29, 1916

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Frye-Brahn Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I have to advise you that your bid for furnishing meats for the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, will be accepted under the following conditions: It was found that the bid of the Alaska Meat Co. was practically identical with that of your company, and, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees yesterday, it was decided that, if it were agreeable to the bidders, both bids would be accepted, each bidder to furnish the meats alternately for the use of the Home, for a period of six months, unless the contract is sooner canceled either by your action or that of the Board.

If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, you will be notified as to the meats that you will be expected to supply the Home, as per your bid. Kindly advise this office of your acceptance or rejection of said arrangement.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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The Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, held a special meeting at the office of the Governor on August 28, the members present being the Governor, as ex officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Shattuck.

Allowances under Chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, were made as follows: To Charles Fournier, of Fairbanks, \$10 per month; Wm. O'Brien, of Bluff, \$12.50 per month; Peter Beudreau, of Anchorage, \$10 per month. Action upon the application of Joseph Irving, of Ketchikan, for an allowance, was postponed until more information could be received concerning the merits of such application, as was also the application of Frank Nash, of Nome.

Bids for furnishing meats for the use of the Alaska Pioneers' Home were received from the Alaska Meat Company, and the Frye-Braun Co., of Juneau. The bids being practically the same in all cases, it was decided to accept both, each concern to furnish meats specified alternate months, for a period of six months.

It was ordered that bids for certain supplies for the Home be received at the office of the Governor as ex officio Chairman of the Board, up to September 11, at 10 o'clock, and the following firms were invited to tender bids: Goldstein's Emporium, H. J. Raymond Co., B. H. Behrens Co., of Juneau; and W. P. Mills Co. and G. H. McCreath, of Sitka.

Thereupon the Board adjourned, subject to call.

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Juneau, August 30, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Have shortages on Goldstein supply contract been delivered  
so that voucher may be made to cover entire contract?

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 30, 1916. O. B.

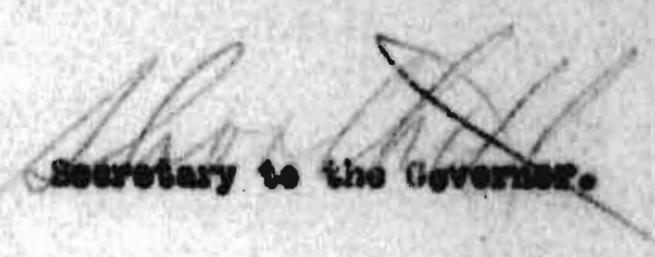
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Sheep,

Sitka.

Has man named Callahan from Ruby arrived at the house?

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 30, 1916. O. B.

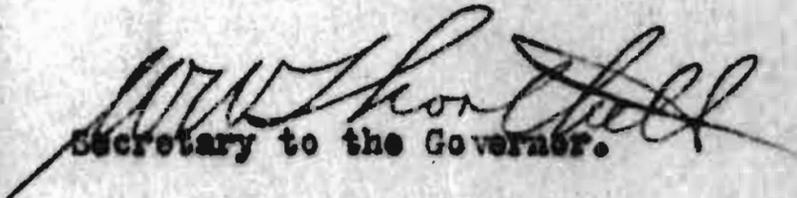
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ADAMS, CLERK DISTRICT COURT,

NOME.

Replying yours yesterday cannot printing ballots be paid from federal fund, the same as expenses for other election forms and stationery, as heretofore.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

August 29, 1916

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Mr. Wm. J. Marshall,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have learned with pleasure that the colored residents of Juneau have in contemplation the organization of a club, whose objects will be the promotion of social intercourse, the cultivation of friendship among its members, good citizenship, and such other means as will tend to the improvement of your race along intellectual and material lines. Such objects are, indeed, praiseworthy and I trust that the efforts of your people in the promotion of all that tends to improvement, and good citizenship will be abundantly successful. The colored people of the United States have made wonderful progress in the past fifty years, and their mutual efforts to help and to improve themselves so as to be better fitted for their work in life are highly commendable.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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Juneau, August 31, 1916. O. B.

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Sheep.

Sitka.

Goldstein advises five cases tomatoes one case peas on Pacific Coast dock here which apparently were left behind when other supplies went forward. Your wire yesterday said short one case tomatoes five cases peas. Shall we have the six cases now here forwarded next boat and close matter up?

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 1, 1918. O. B. AHS.

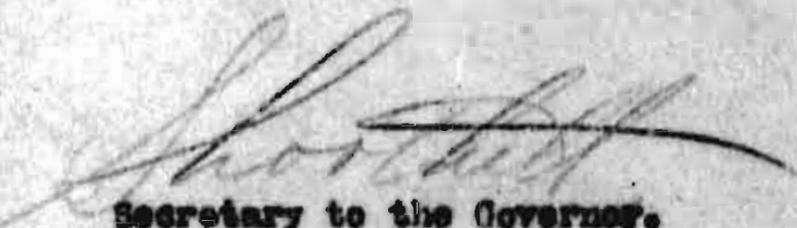
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Bunnell, Judge,

EAGLE.

Replying yours yesterday John Thompson will be admitted Pioneers Home if has  
no contagious or infectious disease.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

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September 1, 1916.

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Pacific Coast Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska,

Dear Sirs:

This letter will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Oscar Lee, second-class transportation, Juneau to Seattle, on your steamer "City of Seattle", sailing south about the 4th instant.

Charge the above transportation to the Territory of Alaska, rendering your bill, in duplicate, to this office with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, September 2, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA,

D. N. Hukill of Skagway will arrive Sitka on City Seattle for admission to home. Application in this office will be forwarded by mail.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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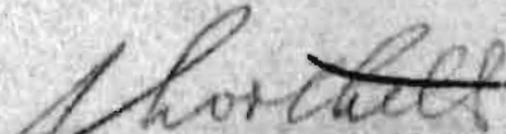
Juneau, September 2, 1916. O. B.

Colonel Richardson,

Valdez.

All copies of road commission reports in this office were forwarded your office Valdez after fire last year, at your request.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, September 2, 1916. O. B.

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Senator Tanner,

Skagway.

Hubill will be admitted Pioneers Home and you may send  
him on Seattle.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, September 5, 1916. O. B.

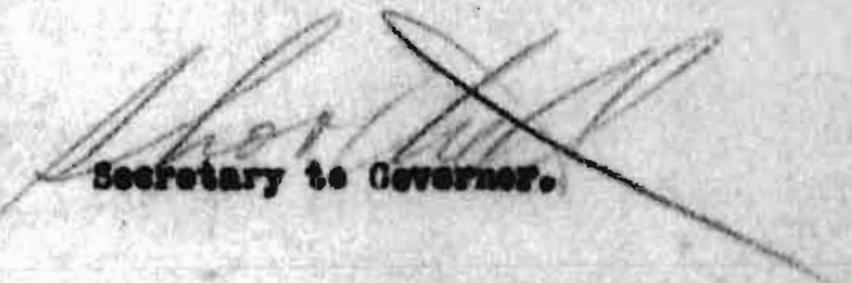
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SHOUP,

SITKA,

Replying yours date wrote you twenty-ninth ultimo stating that Sitka laundry bid all flat work fifty cents dozen, local laundry bid twenty-five cents. Other items about equal. Suggested if bid on flat work reduced materially Board Trustees would prefer work done in Sitka.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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September 5, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith U. S. Treasury warrant No. 2486, dated the 24th ultimo, in the sum of \$15,023.30, covering 25% of Forestry receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, due to the Territory of Alaska under the Act of Congress approved May 23, 1908 (35 Stat., 280), from National Forests in the Territory as follows:

CHUDACH . . . . .	\$ 1,148.40
TONGASS . . . . .	13,874.91

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

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NOTE: Warrant payable to "Territory of Alaska", and endorsed to order of Treasurer by the Governor.

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Juneau, Sept. 5, 1918. O. B.

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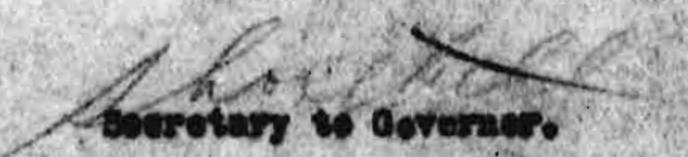
Colonel W. P. Richardson,

Alaska Road Commission,

VALDEZ.

No copies reports for nineteen thirteen and fourteen available, but forwarding two copies nineteen fifteenth report.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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September 5, 1916.

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Mr. Francis Hetch, Jr.,  
Nenana, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hetch:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo in which you state that you are desirous of organizing a battery of field artillery at Nenana in accordance with the bill recently passed by Congress creating a National Guard in Alaska. You also state that you have taken this matter up with Mr. Thomas Riggs, Jr., member of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, who is heartily in accord with the movement and will lend his able support to further its interests. I also notice that you say you have had 12 years experience in the regular establishment and the National Guard of the State of Washington.

In reply I have to advise you that the regulations for the organization of the National Guard of Alaska, as provided by law, and which are to be prepared by the Secretary of War, by direction of the President, have not as yet been received at this office. As soon as they shall have arrived and I am advised as to the method of procedure to be followed, I will advise you promptly, either by letter or by wire.

--Mr. Francis Retch, Jr., p. 2--

I am glad to note your interest in this matter, and I shall be pleased to co-operate with you in every way possible. I am

Very truly yours,

Governer.

September 5, 1916. 7

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Mr. A. C. Shoup,  
Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo giving a list of sizes of hats needed for the inmates of the Home.

As soon as Mr. Scott receives his samples I shall order the hats as per your letter, and will also order a few extra in case they may be needed by newcomers.

Yours truly,

Governor.

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September 5, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, together with letter to the Frank S. Betts Company, Hammond, Indiana, in duplicate, covering list of articles needed by the Home in connection with the sick ward. I note what you say with reference to the need of these articles, and also that you believe the prices noted are better than those that you can get from any firm on the Pacific Coast. I shall take this matter up with Mr. Shackel this afternoon, and if it meets with his approval the order for the goods will go forward, together with the voucher blanks attached to it.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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September 5, 1916.

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Mr. J. C. Allen,  
United States Commissioner,  
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the application of Everett Wilcox, of Petersburg, for admission to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. I note you say that the fare from Petersburg to Juneau is \$8, and I am enclosing herewith a Territorial warrant for that amount, endorsed to your order, and have to request that you will kindly procure a ticket for Mr. Wilcox and turn it over to him. Upon his arrival here this office will arrange for his transportation to Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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September 5, 1916.

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John D. Marshall, Esq.,  
United States Commissioner,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. C. C. Georgesen, secretary of the board of trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, enclosing certificate of allowance No. 53, issued on June 7th to John T. Stephens, of Juneau. This certificate was mailed to Stephens by Dr. Georgesen, but was returned to him as "unclaimed". Dr. Georgesen advises me that a check for \$30 in favor of Stephens was mailed to you to cover his allowance for the quarter beginning July 1, 1916. Will you kindly advise as to whether Stephens has received his check, in the absence of a regularly issued certificate.

Yours truly,

Governor.

JUNEAU, SEPTEMBER 9, 1916. O. B.

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Shoup,  
Sitka.

Laundry contract will be awarded Sitka laundry, but right will be reserved to cancel on giving thirty days notice if work and cost not satisfactory.

STRONG, CHAIRMAN BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES.

~~Shoup~~  
Secretary to Governor.

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The Franciscan Sisters, p. 2--

will be issued in payment and mailed to you. These warrants are payable at par by the Territory, and there are ample funds on hand at all times to cover them, so that you should have no difficulty in negotiating them.

I am also sending you a supply of voucher forms, and would ask that in making out future quarterly bills you use these forms, making the accounts up each quarter in similar form to the voucher enclosed herewith for the first quarter, and attaching duplicate receipted bills for any expenses incurred outside of your institution. These vouchers should be signed before mailing them to this office. If submitted in this way they will be ready for approval upon receipt here, and considerable time will be saved to you in receiving the warrants from the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

September 6, 1916.

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The Franciscan Sisters,  
Sacred Heart Orphanage,  
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sisters:

By direction of the Governor I am transmitting herewith a voucher in duplicate covering your bill of July 12 last for care of the three Pelton children for the period from May 10 to August 10, 1916, amount \$128.00. With the voucher I am returning your bill, with the bills of Drs. Steddard and Heller, and Dr. Watkins (3 bills) for surgical and dental work. Since you have made your bill out to cover the bills of the doctors and the dentist, it is requested that you secure their receipts on their bills, showing payment received from you. The matter will then be in proper form for full payment of your bill to be made by the Territory of Alaska. In this connection I have to ask that you will furnish a duplicate copy of your bill, also secure duplicate receipted copies of the bills of the doctors and the dentist, so that a complete set of all bills may be attached to each copy of the voucher. Also, will you please secure from the dealer of whom the 2 pairs of shoes were purchased, a duplicate receipted bill covering them. We are required to be very particular about receipted bills, etc., in disbursing the public funds of the Territory, hence the foregoing requests. Kindly sign the voucher (both copies) and mail it to this office with all bills in duplicate and receipted, and upon their reaching this office the voucher will be approved and a warrant

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The Franciscan Sisters, p. 2--

will be issued in payment and mailed to you. These warrants are payable at par by the Territory, and there are ample funds on hand at all times to cover them, so that you should have no difficulty in negotiating them.

I am also sending you a supply of voucher forms, and would ask that in making out future quarterly bills you use these forms, making the accounts up each quarter in similar form to the voucher enclosed herewith for the first quarter, and attaching duplicate receipted bills for any expenses incurred outside of your institution. These vouchers should be signed before mailing them to this office. If submitted in this way they will be ready for approval upon receipt here, and considerable time will be saved to you in receiving the warrants from the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclo.

Jumoni, Sept. 6, 1916. O. B.

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Bunnell,

Judge,

TANANIA.

Nortimer and Finlayson will be admitted Pioneers Home upon your recommendation.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 9, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit for appropriate attention of your office, the letter of Mr. John H. Warden, of Wrangell, Alaska, dated the 6th instant, addressed to me, with which was enclosed a postal money order in the sum of \$2.50 and a form of "Waiver of Service of Citation", both of which are sent you with this letter. Mr. Warden desires a certificate attached to the document above referred to, showing the date of his appointment as a Notary Public for Alaska, and the \$2.50 money order is to cover the fee for same. I have endorsed the order to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclo.

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Auditor for Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, advising settlement on that date, by certificate No. 11901, of my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1916, the same showing a debit difference of \$33.00. The difference of \$32, referred to in your letter, is due to a typographical error in voucher No. 4, April, 1916, wherein payment was made to the Juneau Transfer for 2 tons of coal delivered to the governor's offices and 5 tons to the executive mansion, the amount of the voucher being \$77.00. In writing the item covering coal for the executive mansion the number of tons was shown as 2 instead of 5. I enclose herewith bill covering the two items of coal in question, with certificate of W. W. Casey, proprietor of the Juneau Transfer Company, showing that the second item on the voucher should have been for 5 tons instead of 2 tons, the 5 tons having been delivered at the executive mansion on March 10th, and payment for same having been made by the voucher above referred to.

It is respectfully submitted that the voucher should stand for the total of \$77.00 as shown, in view of the explanation here given.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Governor, and S. D. A.

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Juneau, September 8, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Please forward soon as possible complete list present inmates of  
Henn, showing from which divisions received.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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September 8, 1916

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Mr. Edward Griset,  
Bettles Bay,  
Port Wells,  
Granite Mine P. O., Alaska

My dear Mr. Griset:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a check in the sum of \$10, payable to his order and requesting the renewal of your notarial commission, which expires on the 11th instant.

Before your commission can be renewed, it will be necessary for you to file a new bond in the sum of \$1,000, which bond must be approved by the clerk of the court at Valdez. I enclose a bond blank herewith. On the bond blank will be found an oath of office form which should also be executed by you. The bond should have attached to it revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents. If you are unable to obtain the revenue stamps at Bettles Bay, I would suggest that you remit 50 cents and the stamps can be purchased here and placed upon the bond before it is filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.

In forwarding your bond to the clerk of the court at Valdez for his approval, I would suggest that you ask him to send it direct to this office after approving it. This

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will save considerable time for you. If you remit to cover the cost of revenue stamps, you might attach the check or money order to the bond and let it accompany the same; or if you send the remittance direct to this office, it would be well to notify the clerk that you have done so, otherwise he might hold the bond up until he could communicate with you regarding the revenue stamps.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

September 8, 1916.

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J. D. Blanton, Esquire, LL. B.,  
President Ward-Belmont School,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Miss Georgia M. Care, of this city, is desirous of entering your justly famed school, and it is a sincere pleasure for me to testify to Miss Care's worth and excellence. She has grown up in this community, her parents having been pioneers of this country, therefore it is but natural that our people should take a kindly interest in one to whom Alaska is really her native land.

I believe that you will find in Miss Care an exceedingly intelligent and industrious young lady, and one who will be a credit to herself and to the institution over which you preside.

I am

Yours very truly,

Governor.

September 8, 1916

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Lieut. Frederick Mears,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Lieutenant Mears:

I am returning herewith, as per request contained in your letter of August 2, copies of your monthly reports to Mr. Edes, together with maps. I have to thank you for your courtesy and to say that the matter furnished me was of considerable use to me in the preparation of my annual report, in which I have tried to do justice to the Commission and the work that you are accomplishing.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Enc.

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September 9, 1916.

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Borderline Transportation Company,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This letter will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Mr. D. N. Hukill, first-class transportation, Juneau to Sitka, on the S. S. "ALKI", sailing tonight or tomorrow.

Kindly charge the above to the Territory of Alaska, rendering bill to this office in duplicate and attaching thereto this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

(A/C indigent pioneer enroute from Skagway to Pioners' Home, Sitka.)

September 11, 1916.

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The Agent of the "Prince of Wales",

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority for furnishing to the bearer, Mr. Everett Wilson, transportation, Juneau to Sitka, on the "Prince of Wales", sailing tomorrow night, the transportation to include meals and berth.

Charge to the Territory of Alaska, rendering your bill in duplicate to this office, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

September 11, 1916.

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Alaska Meat Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly arrange to ship to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, via the "Prince of Wales" tomorrow night, the following meats:

12 lbs. liver sausage  
1/2 Hutton  
25 lbs. Beef boil  
25 " Beef roast

The meats should be of best quality and in first-class condition.

Enclosed you will find a voucher form in duplicate, made out, in part, to cover the above order. Kindly fill in the blanks, show prices per pound and total amounts, and have it signed by your cashier or other proper representative. Mail the bill to A. G. Shoup, Supt. Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, who will approve the same upon receipt of the meats and forward it to Juneau for payment.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 12, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

By direction of the Governor I am returning herewith the August voucher of W. P. Mills Co., Inc., and beg to call attention to the following items, which appear to be erroneously shown:

Aug. 11, 12 Cartridge Fuses 2.00, extended as 1.00

15, 3 @ Lye @ 10, extended as 30

It would appear that as to the first item, either the rate or the amount is in error, while as to the second, either the quantity or the amount is wrongly shown -- or, possibly, the unit price should have been shown as 15 cents instead of 10.

Will you kindly take the matter up with the W. P. Mills Company, and have necessary corrections made on the voucher -- also see that they are made on your duplicate copy -- and mail it back for approval and payment.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. May K. Brewer,

P. O. Box 744,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I enclose a voucher in your favor for \$20, covering the care of the infant child of Nick Hasechevich for the month ending today. I find that Mrs. Hamilton was paid to and including August 11th, hence have had to make your voucher date from August 12th.

Kindly sign the voucher on the line indicated by the words "Sign Here", and present it at the office of Mr. Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, 5th floor of the Goldstein Building, and a warrant will be issued to you for the amount.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Juneau, September 18, 1916. O. E. Govt. DAY PAID.

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Friend Lindsay,

TACOMA, WASH.

Cabinet safe not yet received. Can you advise when we may expect it?

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 13, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Bids for supplies for the Alaska Pioneers' Home were invited on August 29, as per list forwarded by you to this office, the following being asked to submit bids: Goldstein's Emperium, B. M. Behrends Co., Inc., H. J. Raymond Co., of Juneau, and W. P. Mills Co. and C. M. McGrath, of Sitka.

The bids were to be opened on September 11, under the call. On that date only one bid was received, namely, that of Goldstein's Emperium, their bid being \$270.35. This bid was accepted, and the goods will be shipped, I understand, direct from Seattle to Sitka. They should be in Sitka on or about September 15, or as soon as steamer connection can be made with that place.

D. W. Hukill, of Skagway, and Evert Wilson, of Petersburg, will have reached the Home prior to the receipt of this letter. I am advised by Judge Bunnell that a man by the name of Johnson is now en route from Tanana to the Home and will probably arrive here within a few days. I trust

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that the additions to the Home are about completed. I have no doubt that you have had considerable difficulty not only in the matter of lumber but other matters. However, I hope that everything has been as satisfactory as could be expected.

By the way, when are you going to Seattle and by what route?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

September 13, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I have your letter of September 7, with reference to the death of William C. Bowen on the fourth instant. I note that you direct my attention to Chapter 49, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, with reference to the disposition of moneys in the possession of inmates at the home at the time of their death. It seems that the sum of \$30.90 was left by Bowen after the costs of his burial were defrayed, and I believe that, under the law, this should revert to the Territory for the purposes of the Home. It is true that the amount is small and that Bowen's relatives may be needy, but, nevertheless, he was a charge upon the Territory for some time, and it seems to me that the money should, as stated, be covered into the Territorial treasury for the maintenance of the Home. I am also led to take this view because of the fact that Bowen seems to have left a number of relatives (one in Seattle and others in Nebraska), and if this small sum were paid to any one of the relatives, there would very likely be contention among

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the others, who even might claim that it should be paid to  
them and not to some other relative.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

September 13, 1916

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Dr. Henry Waldo Coe,  
516 Salling Building,  
Portland, Oregon

My dear Doctor Coe:

This will serve to introduce Captain Ed Thornton, for many years a resident of this city where he is both well and favorably known. Captain Thornton for many years has been engaged in the transportation business, and is now visiting Portland on a matter in which he may need identification. I, therefore, commend him to your good graces, and anything that you may be able to do for him will be appreciated by me. I need not say that Captain Thornton will make no representations that he is unable to fulfill.

With best wishes, I am,

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Sincerely yours.

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Hon. Carlos Castro Ruiz,  
Consul-General of Chile, in the United States,  
149 Broadway,  
New York City

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, in which you request information regarding Mr. Humberto Machotti Cuevas, last heard from in a letter written at Juneau under date of January 8, 1916.

Following the usual course in such matters, this office is asking the various newspapers of Alaska to publish a request for information regarding the young man in question. Should any information be forthcoming, it will be promptly communicated to you.

With assurances of my consideration, I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Sept. 13, 1916

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Mrs. Mary Desmond,  
53 18th Street, North,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the postmaster at Juneau, has been referred to this office. In response to your appeal, I beg to advise that this office is requesting the various newspapers of Alaska to publish an inquiry for information regarding your son James Desmond. Should any response be received, the information contained therein will be promptly forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 13, 1916

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Mrs. Bernardo,  
748 Bergen Street,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

This office has received from the Washington representative of the Alaska Engineering Commission, a copy of your letter of August 16 last, addressed to the United States Government, in which you inquire if a man by the name of Peter Benaido or Peter Bernardo is in the employ of the government railroad, or employed in any other government position in Alaska.

The Alaskan Engineering Commission has no doubt advised you as to whether the man inquired about is employed in connection with the government railroad now under construction in this Territory. So far as the Governor's office is concerned, I may say that we do not have any man in the government service in this Territory under either of the names mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Jamez, September 14, 1916. O. B.

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Dressman,

U. S. Marshal,

Valdes.

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Replying yours date you are authorized bury body of John Reynolds, indigent, found dead on trail near Tishell, at cost not to exceed fifty dollars, charging expense to Territory and forwarding vouchers in duplicate to this office.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

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Sept. 15, 1916

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Mr. Bernard Mendes,  
271 Broadway,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 15, in which you ask for certain information concerning the packers of herring and salmon at Port Walter, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, a few days ago, I gave the address of your firm to Captain A. W. Thomas, the superintendent of the Port Walter Company, and you have no doubt received a communication from him ere this.

I have to advise you that this concern is a reliable one in every way, and I believe they are putting up an excellent product, one, in fact, that will compare more than favorably with that of any European country.

If I can be of any further service to you along this or any other line, command me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 15, 1916

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Mr. Angus Eronson,  
Leck Box 500,  
Stellacoom, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 3. I trust that you are getting along nicely and that soon you will receive your permit from the place where you now are. Mrs. Petersen certainly has been faithful in her work in behalf of yourself and Gaumont, for which she deserves your sincerest thanks. I believe that you will soon be able to leave McNeill's, and I trust that your course in life hereafter will be one that will be a credit to yourself and those who have believed in you through all your difficulties and misfortunes.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Sept. 15, 1916

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Dr. W. E. Zaber, President,  
Board of Dental Examiners,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of September 5, in which you state that you and Doctor Kaser have consulted the United States Attorney at Ketchikan, and that he advised you to bring the Kennedy case before the District Court, which convenes at Ketchikan in November. This probably is the better way under the circumstances.

I also note that you have decided to hold examinations in January and July, as outlined in our talk while you were in Juneau. I believe that this will work to the advantage of the board and to the profession as well.

Now, with reference to your reappointment, this matter had not been called to my attention until I received your letter, and I find by reference to the files of this office that you were appointed on July 29, 1913, for a term of three years, your term having expired on July 29 last. I am glad you brought this to my attention, and, with your permission,

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I shall give you a reappointment for the full term. I may say that your service on the board has been fully appreciated, and I trust that you will see your way clear to accept another appointment.

Will you kindly convey my compliments to Mrs. Zuber, and with best wishes for yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 15, 1916

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Hon. Thomas R. Lyons,  
918-21 Alaska Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Judge Lyons:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 29, enclosing the application of Mr. R. M. Jones for appointment as commissioner to take depositions for the Territory of Alaska in Seattle.

In reply I have to advise you that Chapter 73, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, section 1558, provides:

"A commissioner appointed under the last section, (section 1557), shall, before he can exercise the powers therein conferred, provide himself with a seal of office, and take and subscribe an oath before a judicial officer in the county, city, or town where he resides, faithfully to perform the duties of the office of commissioner, to take affidavits, depositions and the public acknowledgment of deeds out of the district, according to the laws thereof, and file such oath and an impression of such seal in the office of the Secretary of the district. The secretary of the district shall collect \$5 for each certificate of appointment made under this chapter and disburse the same as provided, etc."

As soon, therefore, as Mr. Jones has complied with the above provisions, I shall issue a commission to him for the term of four years. Your endorsement of Mr. Jones is simply

sufficient, and I may add that I have no one else in mind for  
a position of this kind, and I believe that Mr. Jones, if ap-  
pointed to this position, will be of service to litigants in  
Alaska.

I am,

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Cordially yours,

Governor

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Sept. 15, 1916

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The Franciscan Sisters,  
Sacred Heart Orphanage,  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Sisters:

I have your letter of August 28, together with a corrected "Agreement to Care for Minor Children," entered into by the Sacred Heart Orphanage of Pueblo, Colorado, with the Board of Children's Guardians of the First judicial division, Juneau, Alaska, which has been found satisfactory and is hereby accepted.

Vouchers for payment of maintenance and other bills incurred in the care of these children have already been forwarded to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 15, 1916

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

My dear Doctor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by me from John B. Marshall, United States commissioner at Juneau, with reference to a check for \$30, forwarded by you to John T. Stephens, in care of the commissioner. I may add that I have been unable to locate Stephens and still have his certificate.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

Enc.

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Sept. 15, 1915

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Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,  
Recording Secretary, W. C. T. U.,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Zimmerman.

I have your letter of August 25, in which you state that you had not received the report of the Governor of Alaska for the year 1915. I find, by reference to my files, that a copy of this report was mailed to you on February 25 last. I am, however, forwarding another copy herewith.

In reply to your request for data as to the number of gallons of whiskey and alcoholic beverages brought into Alaska and into the fourth judicial division in 1915, I have to say that the latter figures are not available. The total importation for the Territory during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, was valued at \$689,210, as compared with \$585,144 the previous year, an increase of \$104,066. I believe the increase is largely due to the increased activity on the Alaska coast and not in the interior country.

I trust that you are making good progress in your work. For my own part, I do not know that Alaska will vote dry this

fall. As a matter of fact, I am inclined to be a little  
skeptical, but I hope for the best.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Sept. 15, 1916

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Hon. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Shoup:

I find that I did not reply to your letter of September 7, with reference to the bill of the W. R. Mills Co., and other matters. Their bill was returned for certain corrections of the additions in at least two places. I wish you would suggest to the W. R. Mills Co. that they verify their figures very closely, as if, upon examination here, they are found faulty, it necessitates the return of the bill to Sitka, thus delaying the payment of the account.

I note what you say with reference to the purchase of tools, which I assume is all right, if you can make use of them and save money thereby.

The goods ordered through Mr. Scott should arrive presently, but I have not been advised as yet as to their receipt.

I note what you say with reference to the purchasing of butter, eggs, smoked and salt meats from the Cadsky Packing Company, and believe this will be the better plan.

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I advised you yesterday that the bid for groceries, etc., had been awarded to Goldstein's Emporium, theirs being the only bid. I also hope that you may be able to make arrangements with commission houses to supply the Home with perishable vegetables, as needed.

With reference to the increased charge of the water company, I suppose, of course, that we will have pay their rate, which probably is equitable.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

Sept. 15, 1916

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Dr. R. C. Mathis Secretary,  
Alaska Dental Association,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11, enclosing a list of licensed members of the dental profession in Alaska for my reference hereafter in the filling of vacancies on the Board of Dental Examiners, for which I thank you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 15, 1916

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Mr. J. J. Donovan,  
United States Commissioner,  
Franklin, Alaska

My dear Captain Donovan:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 25, in reply to my letter of July 28, requesting information concerning certain alleged abuses of Chapter 64, ~~Section~~ Laws of Alaska, as reported to this office by Mr. Cole in a letter to Doctor Georgeson, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home.

In reply permit me to state that I at no time entertained the thought that you were a party to any abuse of this kind, or any other kind, for that matter; but you will readily understand that, when these complaints reach the office, we must take some cognizance of them. I judged from the tone of Mr. Cole's letter that he had some concealed motive or some "axe to grind." In other words, the personal equation showed up quite plainly.

I am satisfied that some of the United States commissioners, and especially notaries public, do not exercise the care which they should in endorsing applications for allowances from the Territory. In this matter, the board, unless they knew the

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applicant, must take the sworn statements as they appear in the application upon which to base their action and determine the amount that should be allowed monthly. I am satisfied that abuses have crept in, abuses over which the board can exercise no control inasmuch as they, in many cases, neither know the United States commissioner nor the applicant. The law is manifestly weak in many respects, and it is to be hoped that the weak spots will be eradicated and that it will be made more workable and the opportunities for fraud eliminated as far as possible. I may say frankly that I am not an admirer of the pension system, and I am of the opinion that it was conceived rather for political purposes than for a real desire to benefit those who might be in need.

I have to thank you for your letter, and with best wishes, in which I am joined by Mrs. Strong, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 13, 1916

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Capt. A. D. Williams,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, with reference to the matter of your buying reindeer from natives, which you discussed with me while in Juneau a short time since. You will notice that Mr. Lepp says that the deer cannot be sold to white men by natives, but that they may be purchased from Laplanders.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter received from C. F. Marvin, Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, with reference to a permit for the shipment of a mounted moose owned by you to the Loyal Order of Moose, Mooseheart, Indiana, which you will remember I told you I would take up with the Department. You will notice that the Department finds that it is not practicable to issue you a permit for the shipment of the trophy for the purposes stated.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Res.,

Governor

Sept. 15, 1916

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Mr. Ernest P. Walker,  
Inspector of Fisheries,  
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Walker:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received recently from the Commissioner of Fisheries, which is self-explanatory.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Dr. H. P. Adams, Physician.

United States Bureau of Fisheries,

St. George Island, Pribilof Islands, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo, and beg to advise that it is today being referred to Dr. H. C. DeVigiano, of Juneau, who is the secretary of the Alaska Medical Board, and he will advise you as to the requirements for obtaining a license to practice in the Territory. At the present time this office does not know of any community which could be regarded as a good location for a physician; so far as this office is concerned, practically all of the communities of any size are fairly well taken care of in a medical way.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 18, 1916

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Dr. H. G. DeVigano, Secretary,

Alaska Medical Board,

City

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter from Dr. H. P. Adams, physician for the United States Bureau of Fisheries, who is located on St. George Island, of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska. It will be appreciated if you will kindly give Dr. Adams the information which he desires.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 18, 1916

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Mr. Wm. C. Woodward, Health Officer,  
Health Department, D. C.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor as an officio commissioner of health, requesting to be supplied with two copies of laws regulating the admission of dead human bodies to this Territory, shipped from other jurisdictions.

Under separate cover there are being sent you two copies each of chapters 44 and 47 of the 1915 session laws of Alaska, two copies of the rules and regulations relating to the practice of embalming and the registration of vital statistics, and two copies of the rules and regulations of the commissioner of health of the Territory of Alaska. Regulation 8, page 7, of the rules and regulations relating to the practice of embalming, etc., covers the shipment into the Territory of bodies from other jurisdictions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 18, 1916

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Mr. Fred H. Phillips, Jr.,  
Sec'y, National Rifle Association,  
1100 Woodworth Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of a copy of your letter of the sixth instant to Mr. O. A. Kenyon, secretary of the Anchorage Rifle Club, Anchorage, Alaska, with which was enclosed the application of the Anchorage Rifle Club for the Governor's approval.

The Governor's approval of the application has been endorsed thereon and the application is herewith returned to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 18, 1916

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The Director,  
Bureau of Biological Survey,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that you will kindly have forwarded to Mr. F. D. MacKenzie, post office box 1055, Juneau, Alaska, such literature as may be available on the subject of fox raising.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 18, 1916

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The Commissioner,  
Bureau of Fisheries,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to request that you will kindly have forwarded to Mr. F. D. MacKenzie, post office box 1055, Juneau, Alaska, such literature as may be available on the subject of fox raising.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

September 10, 1916.

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Mr. Willie E. Nowell,

Agent Alaska S. S. Co.,

CITY.

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority to furnish to the bearer,  
Mrs. James Smith, first-class transportation, Juneau to Skagway, on the  
S. S. "JEFFERSON", sailing from Juneau on the 19th instants.

Charge to the Territory of Alaska, rendering bill in duplicate  
with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

September 18, 1916.

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White Pass & Yukon Route,

Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This letter will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Mrs. James Smith, transportation, Skagway to Atlin, B. C., charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Blank voucher (in duplicate) is hereto attached, to cover the above transportation. Kindly fill in the amount, have the voucher signed, and mail it to this office with this letter attached. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a warrant will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

W.M.L.

September 28, 1916.

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Mr. S. G. Holt, Treasurer,  
Thano School District,  
Thano, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Holt:

This office is in receipt of certified copies of the election returns covering your election as Treasurer, vice Mr. C. C. Hayward, resigned.

Under date of the 11th instant Mr. Hayward advised this office that he had received U. S. Treasury warrant No. 1955, for \$1,770.00, to cover the expenses of the district for the current school year. It is not known whether any expenditures were made by Mr. Hayward; if not, and the full amount of the warrant was transferred to you by him, no report is required from him. If any expenditures were made by him, he should make out a report, on the form enclosed, filing one with the school records and forwarding the other to this office.

There is also enclosed herewith a form for you to use in reporting to this office; one copy to be filed with the school records, and the other to be sent here. Kindly give this your early attention.

For your information there is enclosed a copy of the printed regulations issued by this office for the information and guidance of school officers, also copy of the supplementary regulations relative to the "school month", legal holidays, etc.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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JUNEAU, SEPTEMBER 19, 1916. C B Govt. NIGHT RATE, PAID. 20-257

Secretary Interior,  
WASHINGTON.

Request be advised by wire amount available in school section of Alaska fund  
September twenty.

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.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor



Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. W. G. Smith,  
Territorial Treasurer,  
City

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith enclosed vouchers from the Alaska Steamship Company, account freight charges on a shipment from Nome, Alaska to anchorage of ship at Deering, and for lighterage from anchorage to shore at the same port, amounting to \$58.41, the voucher having been approved by Daniel A. Jones, road commissioner for the second judicial division, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

I have not approved the vouchers for payment, subject to your decision in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Sept. 18, 1916

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Mr. George Phelps,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Phelps:

I have your letter of September 12, with reference to a rumor that Charles T. Daggett, a dentist of your city, is seeking appointment on the Alaska Dental Board.

In reply I beg to advise you that Mr. Daggett has not asked for such appointment either directly or indirectly. Furthermore, there is no vacancy in the Board, nor will there be in the third judicial division until next July. The member of the board for the third judicial division is Dr. C. L. Hale, of Cordova, who is giving splendid satisfaction. Dr. O. J. Keating, of Seward, has also been recommended for appointment if a vacancy should occur. Should a vacancy occur during the term of my office, Dr. Keating will be given every consideration.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 19, 1916

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Miss Mary Louise Bihler,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 8, with reference to the case of Harold Anderson, a deaf and dumb pupil in your school, whom you spoke to me about when in Juneau some time ago.

In reply I have to advise you that I have taken up the matter of placing deaf and dumb children of Alaska in some institution in the States, and I am advised that Alaska pupils will be taken at the Washington State School for the Deaf and Dumb at Vancouver. The expense entailed is considerable—about \$430 per year per pupil.

Will you kindly advise me whether the mother of this boy will permit him to be sent to the Vancouver school without committing him there legally? In a talk I had with Mr. Clark, the superintendent of that school, who was here during the summer, he advised me not to have the boy committed under the Alaska delinquent children law, but, if it was necessary to have him committed, to proceed under the law providing for the compulsory attendance of children at school. I am in-

clined to think that the latter procedure would be better,  
and if this course is adopted, it will be necessary to bring  
proceedings under the compulsory school attendance act, or  
the delinquent children's act, before the United States com-  
missioner at Wrangell, who will formally commit him to the  
school at Vancouver.

Advise me as soon as possible as to the attitude of the  
boy's mother in this respect.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME**

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, was held on September 15 in the office of the Governor, Trustees Strong and Shattuck being present.

The application of Robert Michaelson, of Seward, for an allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was favorable noted upon, the allowance being fixed at \$10 per month, from October 1, 1916. The application of Joseph T. Field, of Petersburg, for an allowance under the above act, was laid over pending the receipt of further information concerning his needs.

On Monday, September 18, the application of Joseph T. Field was again considered, Trustee Shattuck reporting that he had made inquiries as to the truth of the statements contained in the application, and that they had been verified by two reputable citizens of Petersburg, whereupon the sum of \$10 per month was allowed him, beginning Oct. 1, 1916.

Chairman of the Board

Sept. 19, 1916

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Major Thomas Nichol,

Army and Navy Union,

Ft. Wm. H. Seward, Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 12, advising me that on the evening of September 11, 1916, you organized a garrison of the Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, in Fort William H. Seward, and that the garrison was named "Governor Strong Garrison No. 243," and you add that my name was first proposed and was unanimously accepted by the comrades present.

In reply I have to thank you and through you the members of Governor Strong Garrison No. 243, of the Army and Navy Union for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and I beg to assure you that this spontaneous expression of your garrison has touched me deeply, and I shall hold myself in readiness at all times to cooperate in any way possible with the objects and purposes of the Army and Navy Union. Will you kindly convey to the garrison my deep appreciation of the honor they have done me?

I hope to be able to visit Fort William H. Seward some  
time during the coming winter or early spring, when I shall be  
pleased to meet all the members of the garrison.

I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. H. H. Coombs,  
Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10, together with vouchers covering the care of Dave Wilkins, an indigent, pursuant to my telegram to you of July 5, authorizing you to make arrangements for the care of the said Wilkins, pending his convalescence. I note you say that Wilkins is convalescent, but there have also been incurred, in addition to the amounts stated in the vouchers forwarded, expenses amounting to about \$30 for fuel and feed furnished during this man's illness.

In reply I have to advise you that the charges for the maintenance of this man seem to be absolutely exorbitant, both for the expense of a nurse and of the physician. I note that the physician visited him 35 times at \$5 per visit, and this, it seems to me, is absolutely too high, and would leave one to infer that the physician must have been nursing the patient instead of the nurse. I am satisfied that no private patient would have been charged these figures either by the nurse or

by the physician. However, as I authorized you to spend a moderate sum, these vouchers will be passed for payment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Hon. R. F. Roth.

United States Attorney.

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Roth:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 25, with reference to my inquiries concerning Charles Fournier. I have to thank you for the information contained in your letter not only as to Fournier, but Thompson and Frank Meleche.

I was not surprised at what you say concerning these men, but I am surprised that a United States commissioner or a notary public would certify, in the applications made for allowances under a Territorial act, to statements which it seems upon investigation will not stand analysis. The Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the duty of passing upon such applications must, where they do not know the applicants, take at their face value the statements sworn to by the applicant and attested to before a United States commissioner or notary public. As you may infer from my previous statement, I am cognizant of the fact that misrepresentations are made to the Board and that fraud is being practiced on the part of applicants for allowances.

The law is absolutely lame and faulty, and in my opinion, opens the way to extensive frauds and raids upon the Territorial treasury. I was opposed to the passage of such a law, believing that, in a new country such as Alaska is, with its manifold opportunities, a pension law of any kind was premature. I am not in favor of a pension law of any kind anyway. This law must be amended in many bad particulars, if frauds are to be avoided in the future.

Now, I wish to say a word about the political situation. You, of course, know that Cobb, whom I appointed Territorial Counsel, is a candidate for Attorney General, and I understand that some people think, or assume to think, that I am responsible for Cobb's candidacy. Of course, I long since abandoned the idea of refuting or even noticing palpable falsehoods that have been circulated about me or my office. But to you, as a friend, I want to say that Cobb has never, in any way, directly or indirectly, stated to me that he is a candidate or would be a candidate for that office, and the first intimation I had of it was a telegram from Fairbanks to the effect that Dan Driscoll, of your town, was circulating a petition for the nomination of Cobb as Attorney General. Some little time later a similar petition was circulated and filed here. Cobb, however, has not even broached the matter to me. I have, however, seen him but twice since. I understand that

he is now over in the third division, and it is reported that he also will visit Fairbanks. I wish to state most distinctly that I am supporting the regular Democratic ticket, and shall continue to do so. I do not believe that Cobb would flatly allege that I was supporting him or had in any way advised him as to his candidacy, but I understand he made a speech the other day at Valdez from which it might be inferred by implication that I was in sympathy with his candidacy, which I want to distinctly disavow. Of course, Mr. Cobb, like any other American citizen has a right to run for office, and manifestly, of course, I could not control his actions, if I desired to do so. However, had he consulted me, I would have advised him of the position which he occupied and pointed out to him the inconsistency, from my point of view, of such action. I have also received letters from Democrats in various sections of the Territory, advising me to remove him from office. I considered this phase of the matter, and after consultation with a number of the Democratic leaders in Juneau, thought it would be inadvisable to do so, inasmuch as it would have a tendency to make Cobb a martyr and thus enhance his chance of election. This was the view that I had taken of it myself, and especially since the Territory's tax cases were then pending before the Circuit Court of Appeals. Since that time, the position of the Territory has been sustained, as I fully

expected it would, but I understand that the defendants will appeal to the United States Supreme Court, thus further complicating the situation.

Cobb's action has placed me in a most embarrassing position, and my object in writing you was to explain to you, as a friend, the exact status of the affair and my relation thereto.

Trusting that you are in good health, and with best wishes to your good wife, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. F. H. Kenny,  
Editor World Almanac,  
1605 Pulitzer Building,  
Park Row, New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 16, in which you ask to be furnished some data as to the proposed exposition of manufactures to be held at Fairbanks during 1917.

In reply I have to advise you that no definite action has been taken as to such exposition, and, in view of the fact that the government railroad will not be completed to Fairbanks next year, it is my opinion that such exposition will not be held.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Encs. separately

Sept. 19, 1916

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

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report for the month of August and I note that there was an epidemic of whooping-cough in all of the communities of the third division, but that there have been no deaths from the disease and that you are doing all you can to segregate all cases and those who have been exposed.

Your prompt action in this matter is to be commended, as usual, and I trust that the epidemic is virtually past by this time.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

Sept. 19, 1916

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Hon. R. F. Roth,  
United States Attorney,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24 (Reed W. Heilig, Assistant United States Attorney), in which Mr. Heilig states that, while in Iditarod this year, attending a special term of the district court, it came to his attention that the Commissioner there has in his hands some \$86, a cash balance in the settlement of the estate of one Henry Schneider, who died July 13, 1914, the estate being probated in the probate court at that place. He also advises that there are no known heirs and asks to be advised as to what disposition shall be made of the balance of the money in the hands of the probate court.

In reply I have to advise you that you are hereby instructed to take the steps necessary to have this amount escheated to the Territory of Alaska under the provisions of Chapter 73, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Richard F. Burges,  
President, Irrigation Congress,  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 15 (received August 25), in which you state that President Wilson has reserved Saturday, October 14, to visit and personally dedicate the Elephant Butte dam on the Rio Grande River, and inviting me to be present at the dedication services, for which I thank you.

In reply I have to advise you that my official duties will not permit me to leave Alaska at that time. Permit me to express the wish that the dedication celebration will be successful in every way.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. C. M. Simmons,

Belton, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 29, asking for an educational directory of Alaska, and also information concerning the schools in this Territory, and how one may qualify for a position as teacher therein.

In reply I have to advise you that, in order to teach in the schools of Alaska, the teacher must be a graduate of some recognized college, university or normal school. Upon submitting credentials showing such qualifications, a permit will be issued to teach in the schools of Alaska, for a period of two years.

Enclosed herewith is a circular containing other information concerning the schools of Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

~~Enclosed~~

Sept. 19, 1916

Mr. Frederick E. Farnsworth,  
General Secretary, American Bankers' Ass'n,  
5 Nassau Street, New York City

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to attend the Forty-Second Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association, to be held at Kansas City, Missouri, September 25 to 29, 1916, for which I thank you.

In reply I greatly regret that, owing to the pressure of official business, I shall be unable to accept your kind invitation. Permit me to express the hope that the meeting of the Association will be successful in every way.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. B. L. Thane, General Manager,  
Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company,  
City

Dear Sir:

A friend of mine in the States has asked me if I can procure a copy of the annual report of your company. If you have a spare copy, will you kindly forward it to this office?

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept., 19, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Turner,

Box 486,

Maricopa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 29, in which you ask for literature concerning this Territory, mentioning the name of Reverend Owen Umstead, of Douglas, whom I know and esteem very highly, indeed.

In reply I am forwarding herewith certain printed literature concerning Alaska, which may be of some service to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 19, 1916

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Mrs. Fred J. Camarez,

Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 22, with reference to certain conditions existing among the children of Seldovia, who are motherless and in need of care. I note that you have taken up this matter with Judge Brown, and that he referred you to Mr. W. T. Lopp, of the United States Bureau of Education at Seattle. You also ask for information concerning the operation of the Territorial delinquent children's law.

In reply I have to advise you that Chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides for the establishment of juvenile courts, the care of dependent children and to create children's guardians in Alaska, and for other purposes. Section 2 of this law reads as follows:

"Said juvenile judges shall have power to commit to a reform school, to an orphan asylum, to any other public or charitable institution, or to the board of children's guardians for the judicial division in which such juvenile judge may be located, as hereinafter provided, any child under 16 years of age, for an indeterminate period not to exceed the time such child shall have arrived at the age of 21 years."

You will, therefore, notice that while this law makes provision for the care of white children, there is none for the care of natives or children of mixed blood. Some time since, upon application from Fairbanks for the commitment of a girl of mixed blood to some institution in the States, an opinion by the Territorial Council furnished this office, was to the effect that the law quoted above applied to white children only. It is, therefore, impossible for me to act under the law.

I fully appreciate the statements contained in your letter and no one regrets more than I do such a condition as you so graphically describe. Unfortunately the situation outlined by you is not confined alone to Seldevia, but exists wherever there are native villages to a greater or lesser extent. I have taken this matter up with the Federal government and I have urged that some definite action be taken for the care of such children as you describe, namely, those without guardians of any kind. Of course, you know that native children are admitted to the Indian school at Chemawa, Oregon and the Cushman school at Tacoma, under certain conditions as to age, etc. The natives of Alaska are under the direct control of the United States Board of Education, and it is possible that Mr. Lepp may be able to offer some solution of the problem confronted by you in Seldevia. I regret that this office has no authority nor any funds at its disposal to act in this or similar cases.

I may add that it is gratifying to know that you are taking some interest in the welfare of these poor, neglected natives, but I also can readily understand that you are almost powerless to render the aid that is necessary. I need not assure that I shall do everything within my power to assist in this or any other work having for its object the welfare of the native peoples, but, as I have stated, I, like you, am laboring under handicaps over which I have no control.

I have to thank you for your letter, and with best wishes,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 15, with reference to the suspected case of diphtheria in the family of Thomas Riggs, Jr. I note the precautions that you have taken in this and other matters, and I also share your regret that you are not equipped with appliances for the proper management of diseases, especially diphtheria, according to the latest and best methods. I also have a live sense of the inadequacy of the medical laws of this Territory, but I trust that men of the professional skill and experience of yourself and others whom I knew in Alaska, will endeavor at the next session of the legislature to have adequate medical laws enacted for the Territory. It is, perhaps, needless for me to say that I shall cooperate with you in every way along this line. There seems to me to be no valid reason why Alaska should not have as efficient and comprehensive laws relating to medical affairs as any of the states of the nation.

I also note that you have personal knowledge of physicians treating cases of communicable diseases who, even after being asked to do so, fail to report the same to your office. While you express the belief that it is due to negligence on their part, this is no excuse for them whatsoever, and I have to suggest that, through the United States Attorney of your judicial division, action be instituted in these cases as they may arise. The United States Attorney is authorized under the law to prosecute upon complaint being made. I notice in the other judicial divisions a tendency upon the part of many physicians to ignore the Territorial laws and I believe the only way to teach them a lesson and bring them to a realization of the duty which they owe their community, is to invoke the aid of the law. After once being prosecuted they will not be likely to commit the second offense.

With further reference to the quarantining of the Riggs home, on August 29, upon receipt of your telegram of that date, I wired you as follows:

"Replying your telegram this date, permission given to raise quarantine Riggs home upon your representation that it is entirely safe to do so."

An identical reply was sent to Dr. Sutherland, Health Officer, Fairbanks. These telegrams are hereby confirmed.

Permit me to extend to you personally my kindest regards; and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. George W. Ledger,  
United States Commissioner,  
Rampart, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that Mr. John Bankston arrived here this morning and presented your letter of introduction. Mr. Bankston will leave this evening for the Pioneers' Home at Sitka. He seems to be in good shape physically, but is somewhat disturbed over the fact that he is incapacitated from earning his own living. I feel sure, however, that he will be able to secure an artificial limb as soon as it is advisable for him to wear it, and that he has many years of useful life before him.

We have now 65 inmates at the Home, with accommodations for about ten more. The Home is doing excellent work and I am glad to say that its work is being appreciated by the Alaskan people generally.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. J. G. Kirkman,  
Exeter, Tulare Co.,  
California

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24, in which you ask for information as to homesteading on Admiralty Island and adjacent territory.

In reply I have to advise you that lands suitable for agriculture may be secured on various portions of Admiralty Island. This land is generally located along the banks of streams and is more or less heavily timbered. It is said to be of good quality, however. This office is not supplied with maps showing any of the agriculture areas in the Territory. A map showing the post offices and mail routes in Alaska may be obtained from the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., for 90 cents. Remittance should be by money order payable to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Postage stamps will not be accepted.

For further information, I am enclosing a copy of a general circular containing information concerning Alaska, together with other publications which may be of use to you, as well as a copy of the Alaska game law. This office cannot

furnish you with a copy of the Canadian game laws. The timber of southeastern and southwestern Alaska is located in the Tongass and Chugach forest reserves, and for information concerning these, you should address Mr. W. G. Weigle, Forest Supervisor, Ketchikan, Alaska.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor

Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. J. C. Meedy,  
United States Commissioner,  
Hot Springs, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that John Thompson, of Hot Springs, arrived in Juneau this morning and presented your letter of introduction. He will leave tonight for Sitka, where I am satisfied that he will find comfortable quarters. Mr. Thompson seemed to be in fairly good health, and I trust that his stay at Sitka will be the means of restoring him to as fair a degree of health as can be expected in a man of his age.

Permit me to extend my congratulations upon your appointment as United States Commissioner at Hot Springs.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 30, 1916

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Mrs. R. Courtney,  
3228 Potter Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 7, addressed to the "Postmaster of Alaska," in which you ask for information concerning one Jack Patton, has been referred to this office.

In reply I have to advise you that you should furnish more specific information concerning the man inquired for, such as the part of Alaska he was located in when you last heard from him; date of last information received from him, and any other information which may be of service in locating him. You must remember that Alaska is a very large country, the various towns being hundreds of miles apart.

Upon receipt of such information as you may be able to furnish, I will cause inquiries to be made concerning his whereabouts.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. V. T. Dortero, Secretary,  
Igloo No. 12, Pioneers of Alaska,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 19, wherein you convey to me the thanks of the members of Igloo No. 12 for certain services rendered in sending Mr. Chris Hemple to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka.

In reply I have to thank you for this expression, and beg to assure you that it will always be a pleasure for me to assist in any way, any of the pioneers of this great Territory of ours. Permit me to extend through you my best wishes for the success of Igloo No. 12.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 20, 1916

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am forwarding herewith minutes of meetings of the  
Board of Trustees of the Pioneers' Home held on August 28  
and September 15, at the office of the Governor, which please  
file with your records.

I am,

Yours very truly

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. Jack Williams,

Anvik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 18, in which you state that early last summer, while working for the Episcopal mission at Anvik, you lost your arm and, inasmuch as you cannot get help from the mission, you are handicapped in making a living for your wife and family.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no funds which it can use for your relief. The natives of Alaska are under the direct supervision of the United States Bureau of Education, and I believe that, if you take up this matter with George E. Boulter, superintendent for the Bureau, whose post office address is Tanana, he might be able to do something for you. Failing in this, you might address a letter to Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the United States Bureau of Education, at Seattle, in the L. C. Smith Building.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. Clyde A. Thompson,

Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1, with reference to the actions of one B. W. McQuade, who is now drawing an allowance from the Territory under Chapter 54, Session Laws of Alaska. I note with considerable surprise what you say about this man, and if your statements be true (and I am constrained to believe that they are), he is not only unworthy of receiving a pension, but should not be tolerated in a civilized community.

I shall cause inquiries to be made at once corroborative of your statements, and shall place the matter before the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the duty of passing upon the merits of the applications for allowance. If it be found that he should not receive this allowance, steps will be taken to cancel it.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. John B. Powers,  
United States Deputy Marshal,  
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. Clyde A. Thompson, of Eagle, with reference to one D. W. McQuade, at present receiving an allowance from the Territorial treasury under Chapter 64, Session laws of Alaska, 1915. Will you be kind enough to consider this communication confidential and advise me as to the merits of the statements made by Mr. Thompson?

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. P. J. Hilliard,  
United States Commissioner,  
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. Clyde A. Thompson, of Eagle, with reference to one D. W. McQuade, at present receiving an allowance from the Territorial treasury under Chapter 64, Session laws of Alaska, 1915. Will you be kind enough to consider this communication confidential and advise me as to the merits of the statements made by Mr. Thompson?

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Sept. 20, 1916

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

My dear Doctor Geergesen:

For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received yesterday from Mr. Clyde A. Thompson, of Eagle, Alaska, which is self-explanatory.

I may add that I have written Mr. John B. Powers, and United States Commissioner Hilliard, Eagle, asking for confirmatory proof of Mr. Thompson's statement.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 20, 1916

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Mr. W. R. Prewell.

First National Bank Building,

Wenatchee, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 22, in which you state that you are interested in the proposition of raising cattle in some of the islands of Alaska, particularly in the Aleutian group; and you ask for information as to the adaptability or the undesirability of these islands for that purpose.

In reply I have to advise you that on Kodiak Island, the United States government conducts a successful agricultural experiment station, at which cattle and sheep are raised, and I understand are doing well. This office is not advised whether private parties have ever made a success in raising cattle on anything like an extensive scale. I believe, however, that there are opportunities for stock raising on some of these islands.

You are advised that publications on agricultural experiments and developments and on stock raising are issued by the Department of Agriculture, and information concerning the same may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of

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

Trusting that this information may be of some service,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, September 22, 1916. @ B Govt. NIGHT PAID. 25 = 30¢

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Secretary Interior,  
WASHINGTON.

Annual report mailed today goes forward tonight steamer. Abstract for use in your annual will be mailed in few days.

STANLEY, 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,

September 22, 1916.

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that I am today mailing to you my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916. The report will go forward from Juneau tonight on the steamer "Admiral Watson". I am wiring you this date advising the mailing of the report, and stating that the abstract thereof, for use in your annual report, will be mailed in a few days.

It has been impossible to complete the report before this date, owing to delays in the receipt of certain data needed to complete some of the subjects covered.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Juneau, September 23, 1916. O. B. NIGHT Govt. PAID. 17-Min. 75¢ --74--

SECRETARY INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

Annual estimates with statements covering mailed today.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, with detailed statements covering same.

In connection with the estimate of \$1,500, under the head of "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska (Special)," for fencing of executive mansion grounds, etc., I wish to add this explanation:

These grounds were partially leveled and seeded to grass in the summer of 1913, but the seed failed to produce grass except in a few small patches, and the grounds have remained in the same unsightly condition since that time. They are badly in need of fencing to protect them from the intrusion of livestock, vehicles, and even people, who at present go at will across the grounds, although they are surrounded on all sides by streets. The grounds also need grading and leveling, and on the south side a retaining wall is required to prevent erosion of the sloping earth; and the entire area should be again seeded to grass and platted sufficiently to give a good appearance to it. There should also be constructed a driveway from the street in the rear of the building, to the coal chute, so that coal may be delivered in bulk instead of in sacks, thus lessening to some extent the fuel cost. At the present time the coal used must be sacked and carried from the wagons to the chute, across the ungraded grounds, which do not even bear a board walk for the purpose, a distance of some 30 or 40 feet.

The executive mansion is an imposing structure, erected at a cost of some \$42,000, yet the grounds are in such an unsightly state as to be a disgrace to a structure costing only one-tenth that sum -- in fact they are the subject of common remark and derision by the citizens of Juneau as well as of hundreds of tourists and others who annually visit the city.

The amount asked for will, if appropriated, make it possible to put the grounds into fairly good condition, to fence them in an inexpensive manner, and to install a driveway for the delivery of coal, etc., and I cannot too strongly urge the need which exists for these improvements.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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September 26, 1916.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to request that there be added to the list of officials given under the heading of "ALASKAN ENGINEERING COMMISSION", page 207 of the typewritten copy of the Governor's annual report for 1916, the following:

A. Christensen, Manager Land & Development Department, Anchorage.

This item was inadvertently omitted when the report was prepared in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**The Alaska Meat Company,**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Gentlemen:**

Please ship the following quantity of meat on the next trip of the steamer Prince of Wales, due to sail from Juneau Tuesday evening, September 26, and charge same to the Alaska Pioneers' Home:

50 lbs. round beef.  
14 lbs. weinervurst  
12 lbs. head cheese  
One-half of mutton

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home