

October 25, 1916

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Dr. Henry Walde Coe,
516 Selling Building,
Portland, Oregon

My dear Doctor:

One of our business men has received a letter from George Francis, recently committed to Horningside from Sitka, in which Francis makes an appeal to return to Alaska. Will you be good enough to advise me as to Francis' exact mental condition. You may feel free to make any comments upon his case that you desire, as this matter will be deemed strictly confidential.

I am,

Yours very truly

Governor

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Mr. E. Valentine,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Valentine:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, together with an enclosure from George Francis, now confined in Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oreg.

In reply I have to say that I have read Francis' letter with interest, but there is nothing that this office can do in the way of rendering him assistance. I understand that he was regularly committed to Morningside Sanitarium on a conviction of insanity. If it should appear that Francis is not insane and should be discharged from the institution in which he is now confined, it would be possible, upon his return to Alaska, to secure a monthly allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, provided he has reached the age of 65 years. However, I am not informed as to his age, but I am of the opinion that he is probably less than 65. Francis' communication to you does not read like that of an insane man, and it is possible that he may soon be discharged as sane, and, should this be the case, I shall do anything

within my power to see that something is done toward his
maintenance should he return to Alaska.

In the meantime, I shall write Doctor Coo of the
Sanitarium, with a view to ascertaining Francis' exact
condition.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. W. F. Whitely, Secretary,
Democratic Central Committee,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee held at Fairbanks on October 3, 1916, which resolutions contained the request that I, as Governor, immediately demand the resignation of John H. Cobb, now acting as Territorial counsel. In this connection, I beg to refer to my telegraphic reply of October 6, which telegram is hereby confirmed:

"Replying your telegram fourth, matter referred to therein had been carefully considered from all points prior to receipt of your wire, and my judgment was and is that to take action suggested by your committee would be ill-advised at this time. This view endorsed by Grigsby who is now here, and by others."

The above telegram briefly states my position, but I wish to amplify some of the statements contained therein. Mr. Cobb was appointed Territorial counsel by me under the belief that he was a Democrat, was well qualified for the position, and would be the most available lawyer to be had for the purpose to defend the Territorial revenue law, as you are aware, in

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a suit brought by a combination of the cannery companies to test the validity of the Territorial revenue act of 1915. The Territory won in the court of first instance. An appeal was taken by the defendants, the fishing concerns, to the Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco, and was not decided until on or about September 5. Previous to that time, however, Cobb, without my knowledge, had announced himself as a candidate for Attorney General, disregarding the fact that he held proxies in the Territorial convention of May 16, although, contrary to a statement in your resolutions, he was not nominated for the position of Attorney-General by that convention, nor did he participate in its deliberations, having transferred his proxies to someone else. This, however, does not relieve him of the stigma of treachery in any way. Although the Territory won its case before the Circuit Court of Appeals, the matter is still pending, and it is possible that the appellants will take a further appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

After due consultation with a number of the leading Democrats of this division as to Cobb's action, I deemed it best for the welfare of the party and of the net to remove him at that time. This is a matter not purely partisan, in my opinion, but one which the Territory has a vital interest in, and to have removed Cobb at that time would have been to call down upon the Democratic Party and myself, as Governor,

a storm of criticism that would have been more or less founded on justice. At least, this is my opinion. Our enemies in the Republican Party and in the Wickersham Party would certainly have used it as a weapon with which to defeat every Democratic candidate no matter for what office he might be running. At least, this was the view that I took of it after mature reflection. I feel that I have not erred and that results will justify the position which I have taken. I do not believe that my Democracy can be called in question by reason of the fact that Cobb was not instantly removed, or, if it should be, I must perforce bear it.

Mr. Cobb, in no way, consulted me as to his candidacy, and the first intimation I had of it was conveyed through the medium of a telegraphic dispatch from Fairbanks, which stated that Dan Driscoll was circulating a petition for Cobb's nomination as Attorney General. This was confirmed the following day when I understood that a similar petition was being circulated here, although I, of course, did not see it myself.

I have no sympathy with Mr. Cobb in his candidacy. His action has placed me in a most embarrassing position, indeed. Nevertheless, I have tried in this case to do what I think, as I have stated, is not only best for the Party, but best for the Territory. I am doing everything legitimately within my power to encompass his defeat, and I express the hope that

his defeat will be most decisive. His action has eliminated him from the Democratic Party and placed the stigma of a traitor upon him.

Expressing the hope that this quite full explanation that I have thus made will at least convey to your committee my exact reasons for the course I have pursued, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Dexter Georgeson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, with reference to the case of Laurents Feiman, now an inmate of the Home, but who wishes to go out and live by himself.

In reply I have to say that I know of no reason why Mr. Feiman should not receive an allowance from the Territory, provided he leaves the Home, as was done in the case of Wm. Thompson, to which you refer. I have not consulted Mr. Shattuck with respect to this case inasmuch as I have been unable to see him, but I have no doubt that he will coincide in the view that Feiman should be fairly entitled to receive a monthly allowance from the Territory, should he leave the Home.

I also acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 18, with the application for allowance of Pelly Panamareff, of Sitka. This application has not been laid before Mr. Shattuck, as I have been unable to see him, but it will be placed

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before him within a day or two and favorable action will, no doubt, be taken. I am of the opinion that the old lady should receive the maximum amount.

With reference to the allowance to Mr. Reuben E. Alberston, which you recommend should be increased to \$12.50 per month (the maximum allowance), inasmuch as he is now bed-ridden, and his sole dependence is his aged wife, I concur in your view that his allowance should be increased to the maximum.

With reference to the returned check from the estate of Captain Ruhgal, of Afognak, deceased, I do not believe that the board has any authority to turn this check over to the widow and that to do so would perhaps bring down criticism upon the board's action, if such course should be taken. I, therefore, believe that the check should be forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer for cancellation.

The old check book forwarded by you was duly received and sent to Mr. Shattuck for cancellation.

I am glad to know that conditions at the Home are satisfactory, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Hon. A. G. Sheup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, with vouchers for 8 dozen shirts purchased from the H. J. Raymond Company, and fire-hose gaskets, etc., from the C. W. Young Co. These have been signed and forwarded to the Territorial Treasurer, as per your request.

I have received a duplicate bill from Robert Scott for six dozen Pequet pillow cases and one dozen overshirts, amounting to \$29.58, and I have advised him that it is my understanding that these items were covered in a voucher already issued to him. I have not received his reply, however. Will you advise this office as to the number of overshirts? It was my opinion that 2 dozen were ordered, but of course, he may have delivered a part of the order.

I am glad to know that your new nurse is alive to the situation, and sincerely trust that she will get along nicely, as no doubt she will.

I know of nothing further to communicate to you at this time but to say that everything is moving along as usual.

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I also acknowledge your note with reference to certain of the "brethren" of Sitka, and I may say that it turned out just as I believed. I have referred this letter to some of the local people, and I assume that they will take the action suggested in your letter and communicate with the Sitka gentlemen to whom you refer.

I trust that Mrs. Shoup and the baby arrived in Sitka in good health.

Yours very truly,

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

October 25, 1916

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Dr. L. P. Daves,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of Chapter 42 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, I hereby appoint you as Assistant Commissioner of Health for the First Judicial Division of Alaska, vice H. C. DeVigano, Acting Assistant Commissioner of Health, resigned; the appointment to be effective from this date.

Respectfully,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

October 25, 1916.

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Dr. L. P. Daves,
Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

In connection with your appointment I beg to say that if you will, at your convenience, call upon Dr. DeViglas, he will arrange to turn over to you the report cards and blanks, copies of rules and regulations, official files, etc., which are in his possession.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. Francis Holly, Director,
Department of Publicity,
Bureau of Commercial Economics,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter with reference to motion pictures for publicity, and in which you state that if we have any motion pictures of Alaska industries or contemplate having any made, you would be pleased to circulate them for us.

In reply I have to advise you that, at this time, I know of no motion pictures of Alaskan industries except those in the possession of private firms or corporations. Should any be made, however, that can be made available, I shall be pleased to place them at your disposal.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Leopold David,
United States Commissioner,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the American Consul at Swatow, China, asking for details concerning the death and burial of one E. Roy Ramsey, and the settlement of his estate. Mr. Ramsey was the son of Mr. T. Carr Ramsey, a British resident of Swatow, China. E. Roy Ramsey is believed to have been an American citizen and is reported to have died at Anchorage on or about March 10, 1916, and to have left a widow, Annette Ramsey, formerly Mrs. M. E. Stewart, 4511, 14th Avenue, N. E., Seattle, Washington.

I have, therefore, to ask that you supply this office with any information that you may have concerning the said E. Roy Ramsey, etc., for transmission to the American Consul at Swatow, China.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. S. C. Henson,
American Consul,
Swato, China

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 11, with an enclosure, in which you ask for details concerning the death, burial and settlement of the estate of E. Roy Ramsey, who is believed to have been an American citizen and to have died at Anchorage, Alaska, on or about March 10, 1916.

In reply I have to advise that I am causing inquiries to be made through the office of the United States Commissioner at Anchorage, Alaska, and as soon as his report is received, it will be forwarded to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. George Stelljes,
326 Sussex Avenue,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11, in which you ask for a copy of the organic act of Alaska, the Alaska school law, statutes of the courts, as well as rules and regulations governing them.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith copies of the organic act and of the act pertaining to white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, these being the only laws that are available for free distribution. The Territorial statutes cost \$5 per volume, there being two. The Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, might be obtained by writing your Congressman. The rules and regulations governing the practice of law in Alaska vary, I assume, in the different judicial divisions, of which there are four. For the rules and regulations of the first judicial division you are advised to address the clerk of the court, Juneau, Alaska.

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

Yours very truly,

Respectfully,
The

Governor

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

My dear Sir:

This is to advise you that I have today appointed Mrs. Mary E. Thacher, of Juneau, as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of Alaska, for the unexpired term ending November 27, 1916, to succeed Mrs. Thomas V. Connor, who recently resigned on account of leaving the Territory.

Mrs. Thacher resides in the Cliff Apartments. Her telephone number is 209 and her post office box No. 908.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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

My dear Sir:

This is to advise you that I have today appointed Mrs. Mary E. Thatcher, of Juneau, as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of Alaska, for the unexpired term ending November 27, 1918, to succeed Mrs. Thomas V. Connor, who recently resigned on account of leaving the Territory.

Mrs. Thatcher resides in the Cliff Apartments. Her telephone number is 209 and her post office box No. 908.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

October 27, 1916

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Mrs. Mary E. Teacher,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Under the provisions of Chapter 22 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An Act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians, and for other purposes," approved April 24, 1913, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division of Alaska, for the unexpired term ending November 27, 1918, vice Mrs. Thomas V. Conner, who has resigned on account of leaving the Territory. Your appointment will be effective from this date. Under the law, the members of the Board are required to serve without compensation.

The other members of the Board for the First Judicial Division are the Honorable Revert W. Jennings, Judge of the United States District Court, and Mr. H. A. Bishop, United States Marshal, both of Juneau.

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A copy of the printed instructions issued by this office for the guidance of juvenile courts and Boards of Children's Guardians, is enclosed herewith. In appendix A will be found a copy of Chapter 32, above mentioned, while appendix B contains an amendment to that chapter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Capt. L. L. Bales,
Pan-Pacific Building,
San Diego, California

My dear Captain Bales:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of October 10 and 11, and also the receipt of four sets of Exposition views in Sepia. I shall follow your directions in posting these views in the post office at Douglas and elsewhere.

Now, with reference to my visit to San Diego, I received a letter the other day from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, advising me that it might be advisable for me to visit the Exposition, and also a telegraphic request from President Davidson of the Exposition to the same effect. I do not know, however, whether it will be possible for me to leave or not. I shall not, in any event, be able to get away from here before the first of December. I shall keep you duly advised, however, if I shall conclude to visit San Diego, giving you ample time to make such simple preparations as I would request.

I trust that you are in excellent health and are as successful as you could wish, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Juneau, October 27, 1916. O. B.

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M. O. Selberg,

HOME.

Replying your letter September twentythird reference D. W. Leach you are advised application will be reconsidered and I will endeavor have allowance granted beginning January first next.

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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Mr. Theo. E. Dundon,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find voucher for \$4 in your favor, for witness fees in the case of the Territory vs. Hazel Honaley.

Kindly sign the voucher and mail it in the franked envelope which accompanies it, and upon receipt of the signed voucher a warrant will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 27, 1916.

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Mr. F. C. Wiseman,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find voucher for \$3 in your favor
for services as a witness in the case of the Terri-
tory vs. Hazel Mansley.

Kindly sign the voucher and mail it in the
franked envelope enclosed, and upon its receipt a
warrant will be issued to cover and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

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Mrs. Kittie Hensley,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed find voucher for \$3 in your favor
for services as a witness in the case of the Territory
vs. Hazel Hensley.

Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to
this office in the franked envelope which accompanies
it, and a warrant will be issued to cover and mailed to
you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

2 encls.

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Mrs. Fred Douse,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed find a voucher in your favor for \$2 covering your services as a witness in the case of the Territory vs. Hazel Hensley.

Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to this office in the franked envelope which accompanies it, and upon its receipt a warrant will be issued and sent you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

2 encls.

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Mr. L. T. Erwin,
United States Marshal,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find a voucher in your favor for \$28.50, account of fees due in the case of the Territory of Alaska vs. Hazel Hensley, Juvenile Court, Fairbanks precinct.

Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to this office, and upon its receipt it will be approved and a warrant will be issued and mailed to you to cover.

The voucher covers only the costs for service of papers, subpoenas, appearance in court, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Encl.

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Mr. John K. Brown,
care Kelley-Clarke Company,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter in reference to the expenses of the Hazel Hensley case, at Fairbanks.

Since it appears from your letter that you did not pay the witnesses their fees nor the Marshal the amount due him, we have deemed it best to make out separate vouchers for these items, which has necessitated making a new voucher for your fees, also. This voucher is herewith enclosed, and if you will kindly sign it and return it in the franked envelope enclosed, a warrant will be promptly issued and mailed to you.

We are mailing vouchers to the Marshal and the four witnesses, covering the amounts due them, and when they have signed and returned them to this office, warrants will be sent to them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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My dear Sol:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23, with reference to the application of D. W. Leach of Nome, for an allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter was not received in time for a reply by mail on the last steamer leaving Seattle for your city. However, I have today telegraphed that the application of Mr. Leach would be reconsidered and that, in all probability, an allowance would be made to him, beginning with January 1, 1917. His application is still on file with Secretary Georgeson at Sitka, and, as soon as the Board meets again, as stated, I will have it reconsidered, and, without doubt, an allowance will be made him.

This action will be taken by me in view of the statements contained in your letter regarding the condition of the applicant, Mr. Leach.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Mr. H. C. Selberg.

Nome, Alaska

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am enclosing herewith the application for allowance,
under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, of Polly
Panamareff, of Sitka. This application was duly considered
by Trustee Shattuck and myself, and it was decided that the
applicant should be allowed the maximum allowance, \$12.50,
beginning January 1, 1917.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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Mr. John T. Todd,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, in which you ask for information concerning the progress being made in the construction of a government railroad and other matters.

In reply I have to advise you that there are now some 59 miles of the road completed out of Anchorage and in operation. Generally speaking, excellent progress has been made in the construction of this road, and a fine stretch of country is being opened up, agricultural and mineral. Some coal is being mined at Moose Creek and delivered at Anchorage and other towns on the coast. The coast towns in Alaska, are, as a rule, exceedingly prosperous, more so than in many years past. This is especially true of the towns of southwestern Alaska. Their shipments of copper ore are extensive, and lead mining generally has increased to a wonderful extent.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Miss Mary Louise Bibler,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 9,

I have to advise you that it is the opinion of this office that Harold Anderson, the deaf and dumb pupil in your school, must be regularly committed to the Washington State School for the Deaf, or some similar institution, in order that he may be cared for at the expense of this Territory. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of instructions as to the forms of record and methods of auditing accounts and paying bills of the juvenile courts, and board of children's guardians in Alaska.

You will notice from this that it will be necessary for the United States Commissioner, acting as a juvenile court, to issue the necessary papers for the commitment of the boy to the board of children's guardians, who, after the legal commitment, will arrange for his maintenance.

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As the boy is not vicious, as I understand it, in any way, but merely unfortunate, it is suggested that your complaint be based upon paragraph B, section 2, chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913.

The Board of Children's Guardians for the First judicial division is composed of Honorable R. W. Jennings, United States District Judge, Honorable H. A. Bishop, now United States Marshal, and Mrs. Mary E. Thacher, post office box 906, all of Juneau, Alaska.

I would suggest that you take this matter up in the first place, with United States Commissioner Thomas, of your precinct, and later with the board of children's guardians, as noted above.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

October 28, 1916.

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Mr. Mark Said,
Hydaburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. W. Hawkesworth advises this office that you wish to make application for appointment as a notary public for Alaska, and asks that we write you and send necessary blanks.

There is no form of application. A letter addressed to the Governor, stating that you wish to be appointed is all that is required. The legal fee for a notary commission is ten dollars, which should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor of Alaska.

Each applicant is required to furnish a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sureties, which bond must be approved by the Clerk of the District Court at Juneau. An oath of office is also required.

Enclosed herewith is a bond blank, on the back of which will be found a form of oath of office. These should be executed, and the bond forwarded to the Clerk at Juneau for his approval, with the request that he then turn it over to this office.

Your letter of application, with fee, should be sent direct to this office.

You will require an official seal. The firm of Lowman & Hamford, or the Seattle Stamp Works, Seattle, Wash., furnish

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these seals. They cost from \$2.50 to \$3.50, I believe, depending upon the size and kind.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I am enclosing herewith duplicate bill of Robert Scott, for six dozen Pequot cases and 1 dozen evershirts, the total amount of the bill being \$29.58. It is my recollection that these items were included in the voucher and that Scott has already been paid for them.

Will you kindly advise me as to this and also as to whether they have been received at the home.

Yours very truly,

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

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Mr. C. D. Schell,
Principal of School,
Natlakatia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 24, in which you ask, "How may a Natlakatian, born in British Columbia, become a citizen of the United States?" I have to advise you that such Indians have no status as citizens, although by an act of Congress approved March 4, 1907, certain civil rights were conferred upon them which enabled them to become masters, pilots and engineers of steamboats and other craft. Under an interpretation of Sec. 2022, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, the District Court of the First Judicial Division, Alaska, decided some years ago that Natlakatians were not citizens of the United States in the ordinary sense, as applied to native Indians of the Territory, and, therefore, they are not affected by the law providing for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians. It would seem, therefore, to this office that legislation is needed, defining the political status of these Indians and to enable them to attain citizenship should they possess the necessary qualifications.

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Chapter 24, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled "An Act to define and establish the political status of certain native Indians within the Territory of Alaska," provides that every native Indian born within the limits of the Territory of Alaska, who has severed all tribal relationship and adopted the habits of civilized life, in accordance with Sec. 6 of Chapter 119, (24 Stat. L. 300), may obtain citizenship under the conditions specified in the Territorial act, but this clearly does not include alien Indians and, therefore, it is my opinion that there is no law now in existence whereby an Indian born in British Columbia or other alien country can attain United States citizenship in Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. R. G. Wayland Supt.
Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Wayland:

This will serve to introduce Mr. W. T. Lepp and Dr. L. H. French, of the United States Bureau of Education, who would like to visit the underground workings of your mine and inspect the surface operations, if it is possible for them to do so. Any courtesy you may be able to show them in this respect will be appreciated.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th addressed to the Governor, giving a list of the meats which you wish shipped on the Prince of Wales tomorrow, I beg to advise you that we are placing this order with the Alaska Meat Company.

As you say in your letter, it was decided to divide the business month about between the Alaska Meat Company and the Frye Bruhn Company. However, on the first of October, we overlooked this fact and continued placing orders with the Alaska Meat Company, which had received them for the month of September. We, therefore, concluded to continue with this company through October and then place the orders with the Frye-Bruhn Company for the following two months. Since you say that, beginning with November, you will place the orders direct, I would suggest that the orders for November and December be sent to the Frye-Bruhn Company, which will then place them on the same basis as the Alaska Meat Company. Beginning with the first of the new year, the orders can be sent month-about to these two concerns.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, October 30, 1916 O. B.

A. G. Shoup,

Sitka, Alaska

Geldstein advises that Pacific Coast Steamship Company claims that wharfinger at Sitka certifies all goods for Home delivered there, and receipt approved by Secretary Georgeson.

STRONG, Governor

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of October 26, with reference to a set of false teeth for Phillip Knuff, an inmate of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. I note what you say with reference to the faithfulness of Knuff, but I am of the opinion that to begin the furnishing of teeth to inmates of the Home would establish an undesirable precedent, for to do so, it seems to me, would actuate every other member of the Home with a desire also to be clothed with a set of new "grinders," which probably many of them could not use after receiving them.

I believe, therefore, that it would be inadvisable, at this time, to accede to Knuff's request.

Yours very truly,

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith vouchers in duplicate,
for the subsistence of 33 indigent residents of this divi-
sion, in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter
ended September 30, 1916---2456 days at \$1 a day.

I have to say that the Board of Trustees of the Alaska
Pioneers' Home, will appreciate any allotment that you may
be able to make for this purpose from the federal indigent
fund in your possession.

Yours very truly,

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith vouchers in triplicate for the subsistence of 16 indigent residents of your division, in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended September 30, 1916---1148 days at \$1 per day.

I have to say that the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, will appreciate any allotment that you may be able to make for this purpose from the Federal indigent fund in your possession.

Yours very truly,

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

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Hon. Fred M. Brown,

United States District Judge,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith vouchers in triplicate for the subsistence of 10 indigent residents of division No. 3, in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended September 30, 1916---839 at \$1 per day.

I have to say that the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, will appreciate any allotment that you may be able to make for this purpose from the Federal indigent fund in your possession.

I have further to advise that these vouchers have been receipted in accordance with a telegram received from Mr. Lang, clerk of the district court at Valdez, by Mr. Sheup, Superintendent of the Home.

Yours very truly,

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

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Hon. J. R. Tucker, Judge,
United States District Court,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find vouchers in duplicate to the amount of \$1039, account subsistence of 12 indigent residents of division No. 2, Territory of Alaska, in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended September 30, 1916---1039 days at \$1 per day.

If you should have a balance left in the Federal indigent fund, the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home would appreciate receiving such balance, to be applied to the above purpose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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October 30, 1916

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Mrs. Charles Green,
Aptos, California

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, with reference to "miners or prospectors who have made good and who go to some city and spend it in a short time," and in which you state your desire to be put in communication with some of these men to the end that they may have a home for themselves and thus save their hard-earned wealth.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no such men, nor can I put you in communication with any. Many of the stories that you read in the newspapers concerning men of this stamp, are hatched in the fertile imagination of newspaper reporters. Such men as make a few hundred dollars and go to cities and spend it, would not appreciate a home anyway, and, I regret to state, your philanthropic desires in this regard are not likely to meet with success.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 30, 1916

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Mr. Ed. Snyder,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority for furnishing the bearer, Joe Francis, with a cabin at Tenakee in which to live for one month. Also furnish him with such groceries as he may need from time to time, not to exceed \$20 for the month.

Forward your bill to this office for payment with this letter attached.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 30, 1916

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The Commissioner of Fisheries,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise this office if it will be possible for the Bureau of Fisheries to furnish brook trout eggs for spawning purposes, such eggs to be placed in Annex Lake and Annex Creek, Salmon Lake and Salmon Creek, in the vicinity of Juneau. I am advised that there are no fish in any of these lakes, and competent authorities who have investigated them pronounce them as being ideal for the transplanting of the eastern brook trout. I am further advised that private parties will undertake the distribution of said eggs, should they be furnished without cost.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Edward Walvick,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 14, with reference to a cabin owned by one George Francis, at Petersburg, and which you state you would like to buy, has been referred to this office by Mr. A. G. Shoup, of Sitka.

In reply I have to advise you that inasmuch as Francis has been adjudged an insane person, and is now an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium, in order to convey a title to the cabin, legal proceedings will be necessary through the appointment of a guardian for the estate of the said Francis. This I deem inadvisable at the present time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 30, 1916

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Mr. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 23, together with samples of cloth received from Robert Scott, agent for the Adler Clothing Company, and also enclosing sizes of suits needed at the Home.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall take up this matter at once with Mr. Scott to the end that an order be given for the number of suits wanted.

I also acknowledge receipt of the letter that you transmitted from Edward Walvick, of Petersburg, with reference to the cabin at that place owned by George Frances, now an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium. I have to state that it seems to me that, to sell this cabin, it would necessitate legal proceedings through a guardian appointed for Francis, and I believe that this would be inadvisable at this time.

In this connection, I may add that I received a letter from Francis through Emory Valentine of this city, in which the former stated his desire to return to Juneau, where he

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believes he could make a living with some little help, and Valentine stated his willingness to contribute to Francis' support, should he return to Jamaica. I have written Doctor Coe, of Morningside Sanitarium, as to the mental condition of Francis, and so advised Valentine.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1916

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The Agent

Steamer Prince of Wales.

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority for furnishing to the
bearer, Joe Francis, first-class transportation, including
meals and berth, Juneau to Tenakee, charging the same to the
Territory of Alaska.

Submit your bill in duplicate to this office with this
letter attached and payment will be arranged.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. William Bernard,
Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, in which you state that you have not received the warrant covering your allowance for the present quarter, I beg to advise that on looking into this matter it was found that the warrant was still in the hands of the United States Commissioner, who, however, promised to forward it to you at once.

In the future it will probably be arranged to have the warrant mailed to you direct instead of sending it to the Commissioner, as has been the practice heretofore.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. M. Foss,

4217 Washington Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to obtain information concerning your son, John A. Foss, whom you have not heard from for a number of years.

We have no information at this time concerning your son, but we will ask the newspapers of Alaska to publish a request for information concerning him, and, should any response be received, you will be promptly advised of its contents.

Trusting that the efforts you are putting forth will be crowned with success, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 1, 1916

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Mr. Oscar Wallen,

Redmond, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, in which you request information regarding the whereabouts of your sister, Charlotte Wallen, who is supposed to be in Juneau, I beg to advise that we will make inquiry of the Chief of Police and if he is unable to gain any information regarding the whereabouts of your sister, we will then ask the newspapers to publish a request for information concerning her. You will be promptly advised of any information which we may obtain regarding your sister.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 1, 1916

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Miss Ruth Dawson,
Ligon Ave., Route No. 2,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the postmaster at Junction, has been referred to this office for attention.

Herewith find a general circular of information on Alaska, which I think will give you the information you desire, as well as other information which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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November 1, 1916

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Mr. J. P. Mueller,

High School,

The Dalles, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, making application for employment in the service of the Territory of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that this office does not know of any available positions at this time. As a matter of fact, practically all positions in Alaska are filled locally, there being usually a number of applicants for each position.

Respectfully yours

Secretary to the Governor

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Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the sixth instant (E. J. Ayers), transmitting a copy of a letter from Mrs. Alfred Ekoblad, Providence, R. I., who is desirous of securing information as to the present whereabouts of her brother, Oscar Anderson.

Following the usual course in such matters, we are asking the newspapers to Alaska to publish a request for information concerning the whereabouts of Oscar Anderson, and you will be promptly advised of any responses which may be received by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, November 1, 1916. O. B.

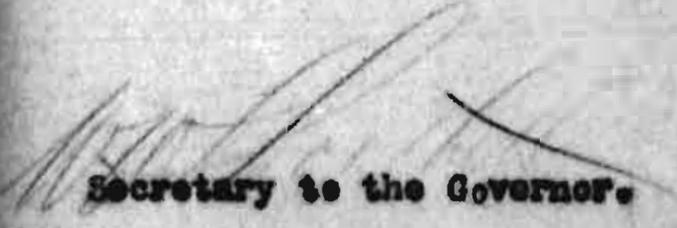
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Gaffney,

NOME.

Replying yours yesterday no provision has been made for admission
women Pioneers here, therefore none can be received.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 1, 1916. O. B.

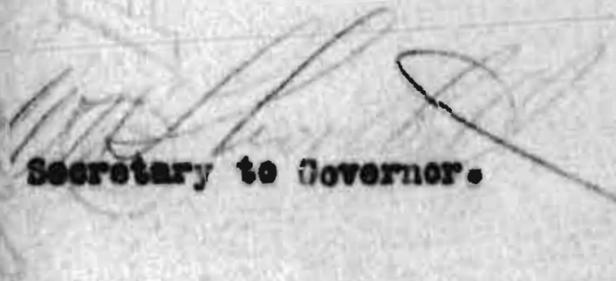
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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Original voucher favor Goldstein mailed you by mistake. Please return
by next mail.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to Governor.

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November 1, 1916

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Mr. Warren S. Harding,
Chief of Police,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Chief:

We have received a letter from Mr. Oscar Wallen, of Redmond, Washington, asking for information regarding his sister, Charlotte Wallen, who is supposed to be in Juneau. We do not care to give this matter publicity through the newspapers if it can be avoided, and it occurs to me that, perhaps, you may have or be able to secure some information regarding the lady in question. If you have any such information or can obtain it and will kindly advise this office, it will be greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Govern

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The Acting French Consul,

Seattle, Wash

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the "State Board of Health" at Juneau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio Commissioner of Health for the Territory of Alaska.

With reference to your request for a certificate of the death of Mr. Emile About, a French citizen who died at Nome, Alaska, on August 7, 1916, I beg to advise that the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Juneau has on file the certificate of death which was forwarded him by the United States Commissioner at Nome. A duly authenticated copy of this death certificate will be sent you by the Registrar upon receipt of the legal fee of \$1. The fee should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to "The Registrar of Vital Statistics," and mailed to Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, Juneau, who is the ex officio Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. J. F. Clarkin,
Nisina, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your request to be released from the notary bond of Mr. Frank H. Foster, of McCarthy, beg to advise that we are today forwarding to Mr. Foster a bond blank which, when properly executed by him, approved by the clerk of the district court and filed with the Secretary of Alaska, will serve to take the place of the bond originally filed by Mr. Foster, on which you are the surety.

When the new bond has been filed in the Secretary's office, you will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Frank H. Foster,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the release of J. F. Clarkin on your notarial bond.

Enclosed herewith you will find a bond blank which should be executed by you with one or more sureties and forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Valdez for his approval, after which it should be sent to this office. The oath of office form on the back of the bond blank should also be executed by you. When this bond has been properly executed and approved by the clerk of the court and filed with the Secretary of Alaska at Juneau, it will serve to take the place of the bond originally furnished by you, which will then be null and void.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 2, 1916

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Mr. Lewis R. Kelly.

Hotel Frye.

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, with reference to your securing a school, either white or native, in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the appointments of school teachers for the present school year have all been made and there will be no openings until the beginning of the next school year, 1917-18. Should you desire to secure a position as a teacher in a native school, you should address, or see personally, Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, 1222 L. C. Smith Building Seattle.

For your further information concerning the white schools of Alaska, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter, which may be of some interest to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

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November 2, 1916

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Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 25, with reference to securing the adoption of a new Territorial medical law or a revision of the old one.

In reply I have to advise you that I am cognizant of the fact that the present medical law contains many defects and that there are many valid reasons why a new law should be enacted or the old one should be perfected by numerous amendments. Perhaps I scarcely need to say that I am quite willing to do everything possible to further the enactment of a law that will be equitable as it is possible to make it. This should be done not only for the protection of the people of Alaska, but also for the protection of the legitimate practitioner.

I have read your address on "Our Medical Laws--why they should be revised," and I may say that you seem to have covered the ground completely and concisely. I also have a copy of House bill No. 23, introduced at the last session of the legislature by Mr. Britt.

I have to say further that I have every confidence in the ability and integrity of the members of the medical board, not only those of the first judicial division, but of the other judicial divisions as well, all of whom I know personally and have every confidence in them. I believe that the members of the board have striven, in every case, to perform the duties devolving upon them in an equitable and reasonable manner.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

November 2, 1916

Mr. F. B. Wood,
Wood Undertaking Co.,
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14, together with a bill covering the burial expenses of a native boy who died at Geese Bay, 8 miles up Knik Arm, on July 30, 1916. I note you say that you are forwarding this bill upon the suggestion of Commissioner David.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no fund at the disposal of this office, either federal or Territorial, from which such bill may be paid. You are further advised that the superintendence of the Indians of Alaska is vested in the United States Board of Education, of which Mr. W. T. Lepp is Chief of the Alaska division, his address being 1223 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. It is possible that Mr. Lepp may be able to secure the payment of this bill for you. Failing this, I see no other way by which you may be reimbursed except through a special act of the Territorial legislature when it shall meet in March next. I fully realize the fact that you are entitled to compensation for services performed, but, so far as my office is concerned, in the

absence of authority to make such payment, it is impossible
for me so to do.

I am returning herewith your bill and the copy of the
death certificate.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Encs.

November 2, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of October 31, which receipt is hereby confirmed, as follows:

"Desire information if there any women in Pioneer Home, or is there any provision for taking care of any if sent?"

On November 1 I wired you as follows:

"Replying yours yesterday, no provision has been made for admission women Pioneers' Home, therefore none can be received."

In amplification of the foregoing telegram, I have to say that, up to this time, we have only had one previous application for the admission of a woman to the Home, this application having been received about two years ago. Manifestly, with some 65 or 70 broken down, old men, I believe it would be inadvisable to admit women. If it should be found that a home for aged women pioneers of the Territory is necessary, it would entail the erection of a separate building and separate maintenance for them in all respects. I do not know whether such home is necessary or not, but I am inclined to think that it probably is not. I take it from

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the tenor of your telegram, that the woman in whose behalf you wired me is incapable of earning her own living. Of course, you are familiar with chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, which provides for an allowance to pioneer men and women who have been in the Territory ten years subsequent to 1915, and if this woman should be qualified by age and residence, an allowance could be made to her by the Board of Trustees.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 2, 1916.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the application of Mr. William L. Furman, of Haknek, Alaska, for appointment as a Notary Public, together with check for \$10 which has been endorsed to your order, to cover the legal fee. These have been held in this office for some time, pending the furnishing of a bond by Mr. Furman, which it is understood is now on file in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Dr. W. G. Casselle,
Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I return herewith the voucher which accompanied your recent letter regarding the case of scarlet fever on the "Susie" in September last.

You failed to sign the voucher, and it is necessary that you do so, on the line indicated by the words "sign here", before payment can be arranged. Also, the copies of telegrams which accompany the voucher do not show the amount of tolls on each, nor do they show that you actually paid the tolls. Please have the operator at Fairbanks note on each message the number of words charged for and the amount of the charge, and also have him receipt, on the bottom of each copy, for the amount of the tolls, showing that he received payment from you.

When the foregoing suggestions have been complied with, and the voucher has been returned to this office, it will be in proper form for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encs.

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Pioneer Bindery & Printing Co.,

Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, returning voucher for \$189.95 for a safe cabinet recently shipped to this office, and a check in the sum of \$21.95, payable to the Junction Transfer Co., covering your portion of the freight charges on the safe in question.

The check above mentioned has today been delivered to the Junction Transfer Co.

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 393 in your favor for the amount of the above mentioned voucher.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. C. Parker Smith,
United States Commissioner,
Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On November 10, 1915, in response to an inquiry from this office, you wrote a letter, giving all the information that was in your possession regarding the supposed death of Melvin Dempsey, a Cherokee, who owned an interest in a considerable amount of mining property in the Chesna or Chis-techina country.

In your letter you stated that you had appointed John A. Hazlet, of Chesna River, as administrator of the estate, but that he had advised you that the affairs of the estate were so badly tangled that he could not devote the time necessary to straighten them out. You stated that you would allow the matter to go over until a later date before appointing someone else as administrator.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise what further action you have taken in the matter of an administrator for the Dempsey estate, and give this office the benefit of any information in regard to the estate which was not con-

tained in your letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

November 4, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), transmitting a copy of a letter from George W. Hemmings, of 536 South Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, California, inquiring as to the place of death of one Melvin Dempsey, a Cherokee, and the disposition of his mining and other property, and requesting that inquiry be instituted with the view of securing the information desired by Mr. Hemmings and that the Department be advised as to the result thereof.

A little over a year ago, at the request of Mrs. A. R. May, of Allegan, Michigan, who claims to be a niece of the late Melvin Dempsey, and in response to a letter from this office, the United States Commissioner at Copper Center, Alaska, wrote a letter under date of November 10, 1915, giving all the information in his possession at the time regarding the probable death of Dempsey and the condition of the estate left by him. A copy of the Commissioner's letter is enclosed herewith.

You will note the Commissioner stated that he had appointed one John A. Haselet, of Chesna River, as administrator of the Dempsey estate, he being an old friend of the deceased, and that Haselet had informed the Commissioner that Dempsey's affairs were so badly tangled that he could not devote the time necessary to straighten them out. The Commissioner advised in his letter that he would allow the matter to go over until a later date, before appointing someone else as administrator.

I am today writing the Commissioner, asking what further action he has taken in the matter and requesting that he give this office the benefit of any further information which may be in his possession. As soon as a reply has been received from him, a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary of Interior

Governor

Enc.

November 4, 1916

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Mrs. Isabel A. Gilman,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of November 2, with reference to foreign born residents of your community who desire to prepare themselves for citizenship; and you ask if this office has any pamphlets of information in the matter of citizenship.

In reply I have to advise you that there are none available in this office. I do not understand why you have not received some reply from the Bureau of Naturalization, and would suggest that you write them again, as I am confident that they would be glad to furnish you pamphlets, etc., and other information for the purposes desired.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 4, 1916

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Dr. B. F. Finn,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from Dr. W. G. Cassels, Assistant Health Commissioner of the fourth judicial division, I am in receipt of your letter of October 4, together with a bill for \$102.50 for services rendered in the case of Michael Christo, age 4 years, son of John Christo, being a case of scarlet fever.

In reply I have to advise you that your bill is not one that can be charged to the Territory and, therefore, it is returned herewith. In cases of this kind the Territory does not assume the payment of bills or physicians, and, even if it were allowed, it would establish a dangerous precedent, inasmuch as it would be fruitful in creating a demand on the Territorial treasury that it would take a large fund to meet.

Your letter is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

Encs.

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November 4, 1916

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Dr. W. G. Cassels,
Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18, together with a letter and bill from Dr. Finn, of Ruby, for services rendered in a scarlet fever case in that town.

In reply I have to advise you that your prompt action in dealing with the case is commended, and it no doubt resulted in the prevention of an epidemic.

So far as Doctor Finn's bill is concerned, you are entirely right in your statements made to him in your letter of October 18. There is no fund under the control of this office which could be used for the payment of the bill, as presented by Doctor Finn; and further, to do so would establish a precedent very dangerous to the work of the Health Commission, as you justly observe in your letter. I shall so advise Dr. Finn. This is a bill that should be recovered from Christo, the man who employed him, and is not one that is chargeable to the Territory.

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I have to again thank you for the services you have rendered as Assistant Health Commissioner, and hope that you will continue them. Permit me to extend my very best wishes for your health and welfare.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

Juneau, November 6, 1916. O. B.

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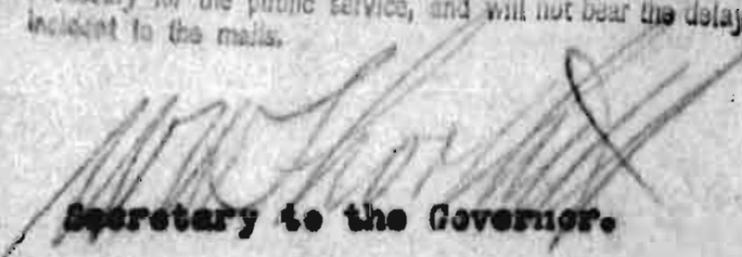
Dr. Mustard,

NOME.

Kindly advise this office as to merit of applications of Joseph Gay and Ole Nelson of Nome for pension allowances. Are these men incapable of earning livelihood, and, in your opinion, should allowances be made? Your reply will be considered confidential.

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

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, November 8, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

No permit necessary for shipment live black bear. Only document necessary is customs manifest which can be arranged for by purser at Ketchikan if no customs officer at Sitka.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 7, 1916. O. B.

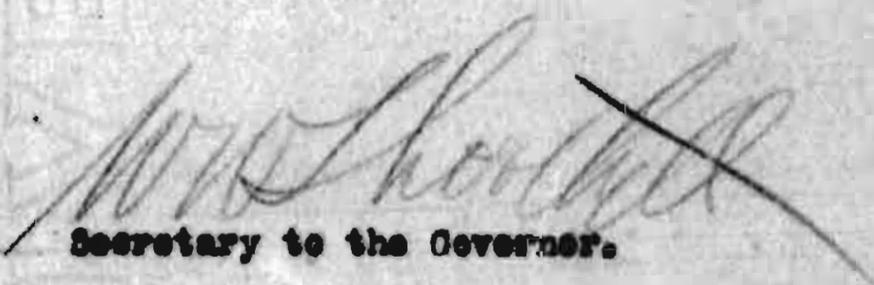
SHOUP,

SITKA.

Permit for shipment bear cub will have to come from Department at Washington. Is cub black or brown? If latter, was it taken in open season? Immediately on receipt your reply hereto Governor will wire Department for permit and ask that it be telegraphed direct to you.

SHORTHILL,

Secretary to Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 8, 1916. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Ole Nelson and Joseph Gay of Nome applicants for pensions.

In your opinion are these men deserving?

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. F. E. Patching, Secretary,

Ketchikan Rifle Club,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4, together with a Wells-Fargo express money order for \$10, in favor of the National Rifle Association. I note that you have organized a rifle club to be known as the Ketchikan Rifle Club and have elected officers and adopted the by-laws approved by the War Department, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that your membership list shows 15 members only, whereas the National Rifle Association rules and regulations provide that there must be at least 20 members between the ages of 16 and 45 years for the organization of a rifle club, and the club must make its application upon a regulation form provided by the Association. Copies of this form, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from---

Mr. Fred H. Phillips, Jr.,
Secretary, National Rifle Association,
1108 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

The application, when properly filled out, should be sent to the Governor for his approval, together with a draft or money order for the amount of the annual dues, payable to the National Rifle Association.

Your money order is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

November 8, 1916

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Dr. L. P. Dawes,
Assistant Commissioner of Health,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Dawes:

I have your letter of November 7, in which you ask if there is a fund for the support of dependent natives. In reply I have to advise you that there is no fund at the disposal of this office which may be used for this purpose. I believe, however, that there is a fund under the control of the United States Bureau of Education, which might be used in the way you mention. I, therefore, have to suggest that you communicate with Mr. C. W. Hawkesworth, Superintendent of the Native Schools of the first judicial division, whose office is located in the Maloney Block

If you find that Mr. Hawkesworth cannot meet the demands in the case cited, kindly communicate again with this office and I shall see further what can be done in the way of furnishing some temporary relief for the native woman to which you refer.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 8, 1916

The Governor of Alaska presents his compliments to His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Portland, Oregon, and begs to advise him that there is no official publication as regards the Territory of Alaska on the lines of the Blue Book and official directory of the State of Oregon. The annual report of the Governor of Alaska, however, which, in some degree answers this purpose, will be issued some time during the month of December, when a copy of this publication will be forwarded to the British Consulate at Portland.

November 8, 1916

Mr. R. L. Faris,
Acting Superintendent,
Coast & Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, advising me that you had forwarded, under separate cover, a copy of the proceedings of the Centennial Celebration of the United States Coast & Geodetic Survey, which was held in Washington April 5 and 6, 1916.

In reply I have to thank you for the copy of the proceedings, which I am sure will be a valuable addition to our Territorial library.

I am,

Cordially yours,

November 8, 1916

Mr. E. Valentine.

City

My dear Mr. Valentine:

With further reference to the case of George Francis about which you wrote me on October 23d, I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter received from Doctor Coe of the Sanitarium Company, of Portland, Oregon, where Francis is a patient.

It would seem from the tenor of Doctor Coe's letter that Francis is incurably insane and probably is better off where he is than he would be were he to return to Junction. However, I am enclosing a copy of the letter for such action as you may deem fit to take in the premises.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Leonard Lundgren,
521 Beak Building,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 30,
I have to advise you that we have no copies left of the
annual report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal
year 1915. The annual report of this office for the fiscal
year 1916 will be issued some time next month and, when
received by this office, a copy will be forwarded to your
address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 8, 1916

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Mr. Bernard Hirst,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 2, with reference to the allowance paid by the Territory to Mr. R. Albertstone, and in which you recommend that his allowance be increased to the maximum of \$12.50 per month.

In reply I have to advise you that this action has already been taken by the Board of Trustees, and, therefore, beginning with the next quarter, January 1, 1917, Mr. Albertstone will receive the maximum allowance.

Yours very truly,

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

November 9, 1916.

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The Proprietor,

Circle City Dining Room,

Juneau, Alaska.

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Captain
H. S. Back, meals to the value of Ten Dollars, presenting your bill in
duplicate to this office for payment, with this letter attached thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

November 9, 1916

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Sir:

Will you kindly cause to be forwarded to this office, for official use, two copies of the hearings, during the last session of Congress, upon the bill known as the Alexander Fisheries Bill, the hearing having taken place before the committee on merchant marine and fisheries.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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November 9, 1916

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The Commissioner of Fisheries,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 25, with a copy of a letter from Mr. Charles Madsen, of King Cove, Alaska, requesting authority to act for the Bureau in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in this Territory. I note you state that you will be very glad to have Mr. Madsen assist in the enforcement of the fur-bearing animals laws and regulations, as outlined by him in his letter, provided that it meets with my approval.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Madsen has been acting as game warden in the region in which he is located and has given excellent service. It, therefore, affords me pleasure to state my approval of the proposed appointment of Mr. Madsen as fur warden, and I may add that I believe he will give faithful service.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 9, 1916

MINUTES

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home was held at the Governor's residence on Saturday, November 4, there being present the ex officio Chairman of the Board, Governor Strong, Secretary Georgeson, and Trustee Shattuck.

The matter of building a storehouse for the Home at Sitka was discussed and the matter referred to Trustee Shattuck to secure information and bids for lumber, cement and other materials, for shipment to Sitka at as early a date as possible.

The application of Edward Alense Inglo, of Council, was rejected by the Board, pending the receipt of further information as to the merits of the application. Action upon the applications of Joseph Gay and Ola Nelson, of Nome, for allowances under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was deferred, pending the receipt of further information. The Chairman of the Board was instructed to wire Doctor Mustard and others of Nome as to the merits of these applications. The Board also instructed the Chairman to make investigation as to the allowances granted Klin Person, of Nome, and Frank

Meloche, and _____ Thompson, of Fairbanks, it having been reported to the Board that Miss Person was not in need of any assistance from the Territory; that Frank Meloche was working as a bartender in Fairbanks, and that Thompson spent his allowance for intoxicating liquors.

The Secretary was authorized to endorse on the certificate of allowance issued to Reuben Albertstene, the statement that the said Albertstene had been granted the maximum allowance, his former allowance having been \$8 per month.

The Superintendent of the Home was authorized to provide a sleeping room in the building now used for a storehouse, for one of the employees of the Home.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

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Juneau, November 9, 1916. O. B.

Shoup,

Sitka, Alaska

Board Trustees believes basement for storehouse should be thirty-six by twenty feet, eight feet high, six inch-wall, four-inch floor in basement. Local estimate for work is thirty barrels cement. Yours is twelve. If Board's estimate is wrong, wire correction.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

FORM

RECEIVER'S No.

TIME FILED

CHECK

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:--

~~SECRET~~
OB

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Juneau, November 10, 1916 --

Hon. Chas. A. Sulzer,
Steamship Admiral Evans,
Valdez, Alaska

Congratulations upon your election which now seems to be assured.
Victory in the nation is also matter of profound satisfaction.

STRONG, Governor

O. B.; government rate,
Charge: Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska

Stenographer

November 10, 1916

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To the Purser,

Str. Prince of Wales,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish first-class transportation, including berth and meals, on the "Prince of Wales, Juneau to Sitka, to the bearer, Mr. Milton L. Bell.

Please submit bill therefor in duplicate, attaching this letter thereto.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 10, 1916

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The Proprietor,

City Cafe, Juneau

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish the bearer, Mr. Milton L. Bell, nine meals at your cafe.

Please submit bill in duplicate, attaching this letter thereto.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, November 11, 1916. O. B. RUSH.

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George Grigsby.

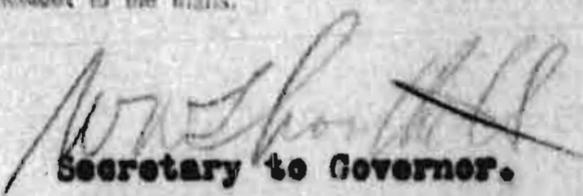
NOME.

Am ready to appoint you chief counsel for Territory.

Wire whether you will accept and how soon.

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 Governor.

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~~RIGHT LETTER~~

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Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 20, 1926// PAID

Hon. T. J. Walsh,

Western Democratic Headquarters,

Chicago, Illinois

Heartiest congratulations upon the success achieved in the nation,
to which you so ably contributed.

STRONG, Governor

~~O. S. I government note.
Charge! Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska~~

Stenographer

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~~NIGHT LETTER~~

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 10, 1914. PAID

to Gov. & wife *OK*

Hon. Ernest Lister,

Olympia, Wash.

The vote of confidence given you by the people of your state in reelect-
ing you is a magnificent tribute to a Democrat who has done his duty
every day as he saw it, and the triumph of our great President, to
which Washington contributed so nobly, is another step forward in the
application of the principles of progressive democracy.

STRONG, Governor

~~C. S. ; government rate~~
~~Charge: Contingent Expenses,~~
~~Territory of Alaska~~

Stenographer

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AB **NOTE**

Paul H. H.

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 10, 1916

Hon. Key Pittman,

Tenopah, Nevada

For myself and in behalf of your many Alaska friends, I extend heartiest congratulations on your reelection and desire to remind you of your promise to visit Juneau, accompanied by Mrs. Pittman. Mrs. Strong joins with me in extending you a special invitation to be our guests.

STRONG, Governor

**O. B.; Government rate.
~~Charge Contingent Expenses,
Territory of Alaska~~**

Stenographer

November 11, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an approved voucher for \$2.70, the amount of your fees on petition for the appointment of a guardian and order appointing a guardian in the matter of the guardianship of Flora Johnson, a minor, committed to the Sheldon Jackson training school at Sitka.

This voucher has been allowed and will be charged to the appropriation for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law. I don't know but that I am rather stretching the matter in allowing these fees, but in this case I have taken the chance and approved them for payment. I may also add that, in some way, your letter and the voucher were mislaid and have just come to hand.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 11, 1916

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Goldstein's Emporium,

Juneau, Alaska

With further reference to your bill against the Territory for \$9.30, account milk furnished to the Evans family, I have to say that this office has no record of the authorization of the furnishing of milk to the said family. A bill, however, to the amount of \$15.20 for supplies furnished this family was authorized by this office, and a voucher for that amount was issued on February 10 last.

The payment of the milk bill, therefore, is respectfully declined.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 11, 1916

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of November 2, with statements submitted by Doctor Johnson, relative to the mental condition of Daniel N. Hukill, an inmate of the Home admitted from Skagway September, 12. I have carefully considered the statements contained in your letter, as well as that of Doctor Johnson, and it seems to me that, under the circumstances, it would be better to have Hukill committed to Morningside Sanitarium. I judge from the statements of Dr. Johnson that there is little hope for his recovery, and that his condition since his admission to the Home, has become progressively worse; and further Dr. Johnson adds that he is a patient that might well be taken care of in an institution for the insane. You, however, are advised to exercise your discretion in this matter, as Hukill is an inmate of the Home and can be, at all times, under your inspection as well as that of Dr. Johnson.

Yours very truly,

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

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November 11, 1916

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Mrs. E. T. McElvain, Secretary,
Rest Haven Association,
Majestic Building,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 1, in which you ask for such information as may be available regarding arrangements in this Territory for caring for and curing drug users.

In reply I have to advise you that the Territorial government has as yet made no facilities for the care of such people, neither is there any association engaged in this work.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Juneau

November 11, 1916

EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:

The Governor's office is in receipt of a letter from W. J. Lindenberg, room 220, Kneeder Building, Manila, P. I., in which he asks for news of his sister, Miss Catherine Lindenberg, who presumably left San Francisco about August 1 for Alaska. Miss Lindenberg is a trained nurse and 28 years of age.

Anyone knowing anything as to Miss Lindenberg's whereabouts, is requested to communicate either with her brother, at the above address, or with the Governor's office.

Other newspapers please copy.

November 11, 1916

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Mr. W. J. Lindenberg,
Room 220,
Kneedler Building,
Manila, P. I.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6, in which you solicit my aid in discovering the whereabouts of your sister, Miss Catherine Lindenberg, who presumably left San Francisco about August 1, and whose destination you believe was Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I will take the steps necessary to ascertain the whereabouts of your sister, should she be in Alaska. Necessarily this will take considerable time, and if the inquiry results in locating your sister, you shall be promptly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 11, 1916

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Hon. James D. Phelan,
San Francisco, Calif

My dear Senator Phelan:

Mrs. Abbie W. Johnson, 647 Frederick Street, San Francisco, advises me of the recent death of her husband, Mr. J. A. Johnson, whom I knew well and favorably in Alaska, where he was for a number of years engaged in business. I am also acquainted with Mrs. Johnson, a most estimable lady, who now tells me that she has been left practically penniless by the sudden death of her husband. She, therefore, has asked me to write you in her behalf, and this I am doing. If you should be in a position which would enable you to assist Mrs. Johnson in securing a position whereby she may be able to earn a living for herself and two daughters, I shall certainly appreciate the favor.

With assurances of my consideration, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 13, 1916

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Mr. J. H. Cobb,
Chief Counsel,
Territory of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 9, in which you state that it has occurred to you that I might probably desire to appoint the Attorney General-elect as Chief Counsel as soon as he can arrange to take over the office; and in that case you further state that I am to consider your communication as your resignation.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation is hereby accepted to take effect on December 1 next, at which time Mr. Grigsby, the Attorney General-elect, will assume the duties of Chief Counsel for the Territory, pending his assumption of the office of Attorney General on March 1, 1917.

I desire to express my appreciation of the excellent work performed by you—a work that, without doubt, will be fruitful of lasting, beneficial results. I have also to thank you for your kind personal references to myself, and with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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November 13, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of a number of copies of Department order dated October 25, 1916, with reference to telegrams sent on official business.

All official telegrams sent by this office, and by all officers working under the direction of this office are sent paid, and the tolls are invariably paid at the sending office. This being the case, it is the opinion of this office that the order above referred to has no application to official telegrams sent by this office or the officers employed under its direction and that therefore telegrams need not be marked as specified in the order.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise if this understanding is the correct one.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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November 13, 1916

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Mr. M. A. Howe, Vice President,
Pioneer Bindery & Printing Co.,
Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mert:

Replying to your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to letterheads, I beg to say that the price which you quote is not much of an inducement to change our orders from Washington, D. C., to Tacoma, for engraved letterheads, especially is this the case were we to pay freight charges from Tacoma to Junction. In any event, we are pretty well supplied at the present time with engraved stationery.

In regard to ordinary printed stationery, we find it more satisfactory to arrange for this in Junction.

The safe cabinet finally arrived, and we are finding it very useful and satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 13, 1916

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The University of Chicago Libraries,
Chicago, Illinois

Referring to your letter of the 23d untimo, addressed
to the Governor, I beg to advise that we are mailing you today,
under separate cover, the Alaska House and Senate journals
for the 1915 session.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 13, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find voucher of Miss C. W. Cooley for expenses incurred in the case of the Territory of Alaska vs. Hazel Hansley, together with a check for \$111, which represents the balance due to the Territory after Miss Cooley's account has been paid.

This check was transmitted to me by L. T. Ervin, United States Marshal, fourth judicial division, and a member of the board of children's guardians for the fourth judicial division.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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November 13, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your endorsement, check No. 322 drawn on the treasury of the United States, in your favor as superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, for the sum of \$104.67.

Mr. Lang, clerk of the court for the third judicial division, advises this office that on the third of October he wired the Pioneers' Home that Judge Brown had set aside the sum of \$536.32 for the Home, but as there was a big call on the indigent fund of the third judicial division during the last quarter, on September 30 there were other sums allowed which it was intended to pay out of the December quarter fund of the third judicial division. Mr. Lang also advises that the vouchers were sent to Sitka and that he waited for two weeks, or until three boats had arrived from the south, and the vouchers were not returned. Therefore, Judge Brown concluded that they were not going to be returned and he

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ordered the other amounts which had been passed and allowed
on said date to be paid, leaving a balance to pay to the Pioneers'
Home of \$104.67, as stated above.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

November 13, 1916

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Hon. George B. Grigby,

c/o Hotel Frye,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that I have this day appointed you Chief Counsel for the Territory of Alaska, under the authority granted me by Chapter 68, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, paragraph p, vice J. H. Cobb, resigned, this appointment to take effect on December 1, 1916.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 13, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of a number of copies of Department Order dated October 25, 1916, with reference to telegrams sent on official business.

All official telegrams sent by this office, and by all officers working under the direction of this office, are sent "paid," and the tolls are invariably paid at the sending office. This being the case, it is the opinion of this office that the Order above referred to has no application to such official telegrams and that they need not be marked as specified in the Order.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise if this understanding is the correct one.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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November 14, 1916

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Mr. Oscar Wallen,

Redmond, Wash.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, requesting information regarding the whereabouts of your sister, Charlotte, I beg to advise you that this office is reliably informed that your sister is at the present time stopping with friends in Juneau. You express a desire to communicate with your sister, and I would suggest that a letter addressed in care of Rev. A. P. Kashavereff, of Juneau, will reach her.

Incidentally, I may say that this office is informed that neither you nor your brother Carl who is in Juneau, is contributing anything toward the support of your sister, and she is obliged to rely upon the kindness of her friends.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 14, 1916

Mr. A. Christensen,
General Manager,
Land & Development Department,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Sir:

For the information of this office, will you please
advise the number of moving picture theaters and opera houses
in Anchorage, giving the name of each.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 14, 1916

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The Monarch Film Co., Ltd.,
12 Queen Street,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the "Secretary of Juneau, has been referred to this office for attention.

We have not, at this time, a complete list of moving picture theaters and opera houses in the various cities of the Territory, but we are addressing a letter to the mayors of the various cities, asking them to give us the information for their respective cities. When the complete information is at hand, we shall be pleased to furnish it to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 14, 1916

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The Imperial Russian ConsulGeneral,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth ultimo, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain whether or not a Catholic, and probably a Russian, subject, named Hoffman, had died in Alaska in 1914, leaving the sum of \$2,000,000 to his relatives.

An examination of the records of the Territorial Registrar of Vital Statistics fails to disclose any information regarding the case in question. We are therefore requesting the various newspapers of Alaska to publish an inquiry for information concerning the case, and, should any responses be received thereto, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

November 14, 1916

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Mr. Edwin Griest,
Roseland, B. C.

My dear Mr. Griest:

In response to the request contained in your personal letter to me, dated the 7th instant, there is returned herewith your check of August 24 last, in the sum of \$10, payable to J. F. A. Strong, which was remitted by you in connection with your application for a notary commission and which application has been held pending the receipt from you of a bond and oath of office. It is understood that you do not now wish to obtain a notary commission, inasmuch as you have left the Territory and do not know when you may return.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, November 14, 1916. O. B.

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SHOUP,

SITKA,

Replying yours date suggest if practicable that you call for bids
for hauling and so forth. If not practicable, use your best judgment in
matter.

STRONG, GOVERNOR, Chairman
Board Trustees.



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Juneau, Alaska, November 14, 1916. O B Govt. NIGHT PAID.

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Governor Kendrick,
CHEYENNE, WYO.

Just learned of your election to United States Senate. Warmest congratulations
in which Mrs. Strong joins. Glorious victory in nation.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

November 14, 1918

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Mayor of

Alaska

Dear Sir:

For the information of this office, it would be appreciated if you will kindly advise us as to the number of moving picture theaters and opera houses which are at present operating in your city. In giving this information, please give the name of each moving picture theater and each opera house.

A franked and addressed envelope is enclosed herewith for your use when replying hereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

*Sent to all
Incorporated towns*

November 15, 1916

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Mr. J. D. Hartman,
2852 West 67th street,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Hartman:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 5, and in reply I have to advise you that no position has developed in Alaska in which I might place you. In fact there is not much promise of an opening in this line, inasmuch as for every position there are scores of applicants who are and have been residents of Alaska for many years, and the fact that you are not a resident of Alaska will, of course, operate against your securing any immediate appointment, as bona fide residents of Alaska are entitled to first consideration, as you will readily understand.

However, if at any time I can find a place to suit you, I shall be pleased to do what I can to secure you an appointment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, November 16, 1916. O. B.

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Roth, U. S. Attorney,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours date Territory has fund for relief destitution and case mentioned by you can be provided for. Wire estimate of amount needed, and in meantime you are authorized to make arrangement for relief of destitute person. Forward vouchers in duplicate, with sub vouchers, to this office to cover expense. Vouchers should be approved by you and Marshal Erwin as advisory members board for relief destitution for Fourth division. Erwin has Territorial voucher forms.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 16, 1916.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my annual report for the fiscal year 1916, page 210, I have the honor to request that the following list of officials be inserted under the heading: "Territorial Board for Relief of Destitution," in lieu of the names as originally shown in the report:

First division.-- James A. Suicer, United States attorney, Jay
W. Bell, clerk, United States district court, Juneau.

Second division.-- F. H. Saxton, United States attorney, Ernest
R. Jordan, United States marshal, Nome.

Third division.-- William N. Spence, United States attorney,
F. R. Dransman, United States marshal, Valdez.

Fourth division.-- R. F. Roth, United States attorney, Louis
T. Erwin, United States marshal, Fairbanks.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 17, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith approved notary bond and oath of office of H. E. Northway, of Birdwood, Alaska, together with a postal money order in the sum of \$10, which has been endorsed to your order. No letter of application accompanied the bond and remittance. You will observe pencil notation on the margin of the bond, requesting that the commission be mailed to Mr. Northway, of Birdwood, via Sevard.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 17, 1916

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Mr. E. J. Carey,
Fulton & Carey,
Otis Building,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th
ultimo, with reference to the estate of Sam Samuelson Stromo.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter of
the 11th ultimo, addressed to this office by Mr. Reed W.
Hellig, United States Commissioner and ex officio Probate
Judge at Fairbanks, Alaska, written in response to an inquiry
from this office regarding the Stromo estate. It seems
quite evident from the statements contained in Commissioner
Hellig's letter that the Sam Samuelson Stromo mentioned in
your letters to this office, was the Sam Samuelson, whose
estate is now in process of administration in the probate
court at Fairbanks, upon petition of Lars Westenvick, who is
the administrator of the estate. The incidents connected
with the death of Sam Samuelson, as set forth in the Commis-
sioner's letter, agree substantially with the information
which was given this office on October 6 last by a resident
of Juneau who had formerly resided in the Fairbanks district.

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The only discrepancy between the two statements is that with respect to the year in which the death occurred.

We are writing the Commissioner, acknowledging receipt of his letter and asking that he kindly furnish this office with a copy of the semi-annual report of the administrator, if consistent with the rules of his office. If a copy of the report is forwarded, we shall be glad to communicate the contents to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 17, 1916

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Mr. Reed W. Neillig,
United States Commissioner,
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to thank you for your letter of the 31st ultimo, in reference to the estate of Sam Salmonson Stromo (or Sam Sammelson).

It is noted that you expect the semi-annual report of the administrator to be filed in the near future, and it will be appreciated if, when the report has been filed, you will kindly forward a copy to this office, if consistent with the rules and regulations governing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 17, 1916

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The Secretary,
National Rifle Association,
Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Considerable interest is being manifested in the organization of government rifle clubs in this Territory, and it would be appreciated if you will kindly have mailed to this office several copies of the printed regulations of National Rifle Association governing the organization of such clubs, together with a supply of application blanks, etc. These are desired for distribution to persons who are interested in the organization of rifle clubs.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 17, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report on the administration of the Alaska game law, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc

The Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1916.

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Pacific Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish to the bearer, Joe Francis, storage transportation, Juneau, Alaska, to San Francisco, California, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Submit your bill, in duplicate, to this office, attaching this letter thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, Nov. 20, 1916

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George B. Grigsby,

Hotel Frye,

Seattle, Wash.

Replying yours nineteenth. Your appointment as Territorial Counsel takes effect December first. It is necessary you should come to Juneau and assume your duties as quickly as possible, but see no reason why you should not spend Thanksgiving with your family in San Francisco, provided you reach here as speedily as possible thereafter. Letters for you at Frye Hotel.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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November 20, 1916.

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Mr. H. V. Lattin,

McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of the 13th instant, there is enclosed herewith bond blank, on the back of which will be found an oath of office form.

The bond should be executed with one or more sureties, and all blanks properly filled out and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The oath of office should also be executed. When this has been done, send the bond to the Clerk of the District Court at Valdez, for his approval, with request that he then forward it direct to this office. Send letter of application for reappointment, to this office, accompanied by postal money order, payable to the Governor, in the sum of ten dollars, to cover the legal fee for the commission. Upon receipt of the application, fee, and approved bond, the new commission will be issued to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

November 20, 1916

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Mr. Ed Snyder,
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a bill for merchandise, rent, etc., furnished Mr. Joe Francis, upon authority of the Governor's letter of October 30 last.

Before payment can be arranged, it will be necessary for you to submit an itemized statement of the merchandise sold to Mr. Francis, and also to furnish a receipt, in duplicate, from the restaurant keeper, covering the meals had by Mr. Francis and which it is understood you have paid for.

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher which has been made out to cover your bill, and which you will please sign and return to this office, with the statement and receipt above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 20, 1916

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Miss L. M. Mills,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your card of the 16th instant, requesting copies of the Governor's annual reports for the years 1914-16.

I regret to advise that our supply of copies of the 1914 report was exhausted some time ago. It is, therefore, impossible to furnish you with a copy. The report for the fiscal year 1916 is now in the hands of the public printer at Washington, and it is expected that it will be ready for distribution soon after the first of the new year. Your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of this report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 20, 1915

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

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 51, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An Act to relieve destitution in the Territory of Alaska," the Governor is vested with the superintendence of the poor, with authority to appoint an advisory board in each judicial division of the Territory.

In accordance with the authority conferred upon me by the act in question, I hereby appoint you a member of the Advisory Board for the first judicial division of the Territory. Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk of the United States district court, is the other advisory member of the Board for this division.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Copy to
J. W. Bell

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November 20, 1916

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The Famous Players Film Service, Ltd.,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Attention Mr. S. H. Howard

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with the names of motion picture theaters and their proprietors in all cities and towns in Alaska.

At this writing we are unable to give you the desired information, but we are gathering the necessary data, and as soon as it is all at hand, a complete list of the moving picture theaters and opera houses will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, November 20, 1916. O. B.

George B. Grigsby,

Seattle.

Wired you fully this morning care Frye hotel where letters await you. Believe you should be in Juneau as soon after December first as possible. Tax cases probably be appealed United States supreme court and if so it will be necessary you get to work on them almost immediately. Your oath office should be executed in Territory, but meantime you may take up with Orten the Territorial business referred to your wire.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, November 21, 1916. O. B.

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Major Davison,

VALDEZ.

**Replying yours twentieth. No law governing meeting
of Territorial election canvassing board, and board probably will not meet
until all returns are in, about first week in February.**

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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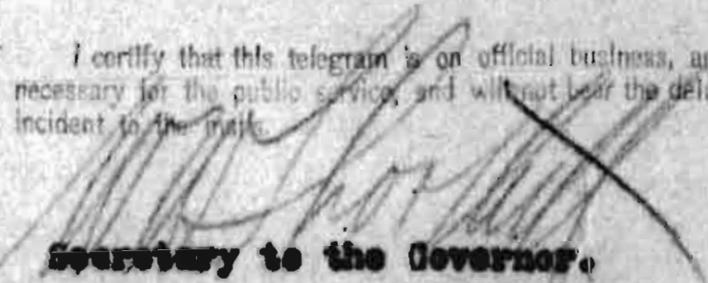
T. J. Donohoe,

Valdez.

Replying yours twentieth. No law governing meeting Territorial election canvassing board and board will not meet until all returns have been received, probably about first week in February. Board met on February fourth two years ago and finished canvass on twelfth.

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.

November 21, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith check No. 222 dated September 30, 1916, for \$104.67, covering payment made by Judge Brown, of the Third judicial division, toward the maintenance of the inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home from that division for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1916. The check has been endorsed by Mr. Sheep, Superintendent of the Home, to whom it was made payable.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. H. R. Rasmussen,
Terrebonne, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter to Mr. Snyder for groceries, etc., to the value of \$15, as per the request contained in your letter of the 16th instant to this office.

I am not advised whether you are renting a cabin from Mr. Snyder or not. If you are, of course you will need the cabin for a month longer, and in this case you can say to Mr. Snyder that the Territory will reimburse him for the rent for one month from November 26th.

Hoping that you will soon be permanently recovered, I am

Yours very truly,

Governor.

Encl.

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--Hon. A. C. Shoup, p. 2.--

Mr. Shattuck has written to you on other matters connected with the building, and so it is needless for me to comment further thereon.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

November 21, 1916.

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Honorable A. G. Sheep,
Superintendent, Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Arthur:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your several letters of November 9, 15 and 16, with reference to the application of B. F. Nelson, of Hollis, for an allowance from the Territory; your acknowledgment of the receipt of a check for \$104.67 from Judge Brown, which you returned properly endorsed, and which I have transmitted to the Territorial Treasurer; and your statement and petition with reference to the case of Mrs. Catherine Albertstam, who asks for relief from the Territorial indigent fund.

With reference to the case of Mrs. Albertstam I have to say that the pension allowance of this woman's husband has been increased to the maximum amount, to take effect at the beginning of the next quarter, January 1, 1917. However, it may be that this is too small an amount to enable the couple to live upon with any degree of comfort, and I therefore shall make an allowance of ten dollars per month for the relief of Mrs. Albertstam, beginning December 1, next, and continuing until further notice. I note that you say the payments should be made to Commissioner DeArmond, for disbursement, and this will be done.

I have not received any notification from Betts & Co. of Hammond, Indiana, with respect to the materials ordered from that firm, but the delay in filling the order is probably due to the fact that that firm has not had the goods in stock. However, the materials will no doubt come along within a short time.

I note what you say with reference to the matter of cartage in connection with the Home, and, as I wired you some days since, this is a matter in which you must use your best judgment, and the course that you have taken I have no doubt is the correct one.

I was somewhat doubtful of the advisability of beginning the construction of the storehouse so late in the season, but I trust you will be able to get the cellar dug and the concrete walls erected without freezing, as it would be a calamity to have the concrete freeze, and have to do it all over again. This is another matter, however, in which you must use your best judgment, as you are on the ground.

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--Hon. A. G. Shoup, p. 2.--

Mr. Thastuck has written to you on other matters connected with the building, and so it is needless for me to comment further thereon.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

--COPY--

November 21, 1916.

Mr. Ed. Snyder,
Tenakee, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:

This will be your authority for furnishing ~~to~~ Mr. H. R. Rasmussen
with groceries, etc., to the value of \$15, charging the same to the Territory
of Alaska. Submit bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Hon. C. K. Snow,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Chester:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, as follows, which receipt is hereby confirmed:

"Many friends here suggest you recommend President Wilson incorporate in annual message Alaska by referendum (strongly demands prohibition legislation or power extended legislature to act at coming session. Also draw your attention to overwhelming support of 8-hour day. Will be with you next spring."

On receipt of your telegram, I wired you as follows, this wire being also confirmed:

"Replying your telegram eighteenth, will take up matter suggested with President and do everything possible secure enactment measures endorsed so unqualifiedly by people of Alaska. Congratulations upon your reelection, which you so well deserved."

In amplification of the above, I may add that some of the local "dry" people, including Rev. J. H. Condit and Rev. D. J. Yaggenor, of the Presbyterian church, have in hand the drafting of a bill to be submitted to Congress as soon as it meets next month, the idea being that it is necessary to have this bill passed at the coming session of Congress, if prohibition is to go into effect on January 1, 1918, as

provided for by the referendum. It is believed that, as the new Congress will not meet until the first Monday in December, 1917, and as its organization must be perfected, and also that there are signs that a deadlock over the election of a speaker may be precipitated, it is advisable to have the law passed, if possible, at the forthcoming session of Congress. It is also urged that, at the session of Congress in December, 1917, sufficient time would not be had for the passage of the prohibitory bill, and the Territory would be kept in a very uncertain position, so far as the sale of liquor is concerned.

I take it from the tenor of your wire that you were reelected. This, I need scarcely say, is a matter of sincere gratification to me and your many friends in this section of Alaska. According to the last newspaper report that I saw, the race was close between you and Mr. Kilgore of Flat. I shall be much pleased to see you when you reach here, and I trust that you will arrive somewhat early so that a plan of campaign may be outlined.

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

Sincerely yours,

Governor

November 21, 1916

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Mr. Sol Rosenblatt,
Suite 1144 Unity Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request for a copy of the laws that will go into effect regarding prohibition in Alaska, I have to advise you that a prohibitory liquor law has not as yet been either formulated or passed in Alaska. On November 7 a referendum on the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors in Alaska was submitted to the people and was carried by a vote of two to one. The law giving effect to this referendum must be passed by Congress, and it is expected that a bill with this purpose in view will be introduced at the forthcoming session of Congress in December next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1916

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Mr. Max Kumer,
94 Columbia Street,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Kumer:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17, in which you ask for the address of Mrs. Brady, wife of the former Governor of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that her address is: Mrs. John G. Brady, Sitka, Alaska. Mrs. Brady, I may add is teacher of the government school for natives at that place, and that she and her husband and daughter arrived at Sitka some few weeks since to resume their residence in Alaska.

I take this opportunity in saying that I was pleased to hear from you and trust that your health is as good as you could desire. With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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November 21, 1916

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Mr. J. M. Niginbotham,
509 Hall Street,
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 12, in which you ask for information that would be of interest to you concerning Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I am enclosing herewith copies of certain publications which may give you the information which you desire. I may add that I have never advised any person to come to Alaska with the view of settling permanently, until a personal examination of the conditions had been made, as to do otherwise might result in disappointment to the intending settler. Alaska is a large country and the conditions existing in the different geographical sections are very dissimilar. It is also entirely unlike the staid and settled East. I may say, however, that I believe the opportunities for men in good health and who are not afraid to work are better here than elsewhere.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Miss Enelia Prescott,
Presbyterian Hospital,
Charlottesville, N. C.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your postal card of November 12, in which you ask for some information about the hospital at Nome, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the hospital at Nome is known as the Holy Cross hospital, and is managed by certain sisters of the Roman Catholic church. Other hospitals in Alaska are under the same management, as, for instance, St. Ann's hospital at Juneau, and St. Ann's hospital at Douglas, and St. Joseph's hospital at Fairbanks, Alaska. There are other hospitals in the Territory, namely, the Juneau General Hospital, Juneau; the Government Native Hospital, Juneau, and others located at various towns.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 21, 1916

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C. C. Benedict, M. D.,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter signed by yourself and others, of November 15, in which you state that employees of the Alaskan Engineering Commission located at Anchorage, contemplate the organization of a company of National Guards in your town; and you state that you believe such an organization can be effected and a company recruited to full strength of the finest type of citizens.

In reply I have to advise you that the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Secretary of War, upon instructions from the President, have not yet been received at this office, and, therefore, no steps can be taken as yet for the organization of the Alaska militia. As soon as these rules and regulations are received, you will be duly advised.

Thanking you and others for the spirit shown, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 23, 1916.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with
the following blanks:

500 - Form 1-323, Voucher for Traveling Expenses

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, November 23, 1916. O. B.

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The Times, Anchorage,
Alaska Times, Cordova,
Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks,
The Times, Fairbanks,
News-Miner, Fairbanks
Progressive-Miner, Ketchikan,
Daily Nugget, Nome,
Industrial Worker, Nome,
The Report, Petersburg,
Record-Citizen, Ruby, via mail from Melosi.
The Gateway, Seward,
Evening Post, Seward,
The Alaskan, Skagway,
The Prospector, Valdez,
The Sentinel, Wrangell.

Governor Strong has today issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November thirtieth, nineteen sixteen, as a day of Thanksgiving, pursuant to proclamation recently issued by the President of the United States and in accordance with the time-honored custom.

SMITHILL, Secretary.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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fully suggest that you advise me by wire immediately upon receipt of this letter.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

November 22, 1916

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Sir:

In view of the fact that there are some important matters affecting Alaska, which should be considered at the forthcoming session of Congress, I believe I should be granted a leave of absence of sixty days in order to visit Washington and assist in securing the necessary legislation. Among these matters are school legislation, whereby an increase in the school fund may be secured in order to continue the maintenance of the white schools outside of incorporated towns; legislation affecting the salmon fisheries; legislation affecting the building of roads and trails. By a vote of almost two to one the Territory recently declared in favor of prohibition, and this is a matter that must have the attention of Congress, if the will of the people is to be respected.

I have also been invited to visit the San Diego Exposition next month, and I should like, provided I visit Washington, to visit San Diego en route to Washington. I may add that I have no personal desire to visit Washington at this time, my desire to do so being solely actuated for reasons stated above.

If you should act upon this favorably, I would respect-

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fully suggest that you advise me by wire immediately upon receipt of this letter.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

November 23, 1916

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Mr. A. J. Sprague,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that I am in receipt of a letter from H. M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., being a reply to my letter of October 30, requesting a consignment of brook trout eggs for Alaskan waters. Dr. Smith says:

"In reply you are advised that the Bureau is now considering the feasibility of supplying eggs of this species for the lakes in which you are interested, an application therefor having recently been submitted by the Gastineau Mining Company of Juneau. In the event of a favorable decision, which now seems probable, arrangements will be made to ship the eggs within a short time."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor