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Mr. E. M. Axelson,  
United States Commissioner,  
Yakutat, Alaska

My dear Mr. Axelson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17, in which you state you were unable to hold an election in Yakutat precinct on account of the failure to receive your election supplies until the date on which you wrote, namely, November 17. I notice, however, that your letter is post-marked November 12, but it is possible that this may be due to the failure of the postmaster to change the date of his stamp or an error in your own letter.

I regret that the people of your precinct were thus deprived of an opportunity to exercise their franchise. It seems to me also that the clerk of the court has been somewhat remiss in not forwarding the supplies earlier, in view of the isolation of your community.

I trust that you are in good health, and with best wishes,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Hon. Key Pittman,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3, in which you state that Hon. Samuel W. Belford, of Reno, one of your chief campaigners during the recent election, has urged you to try to get an appointment for Tex Hall, of Ely, as a deputy marshal in Alaska. I note what you say with regard to Mr. Hall, and have no doubt that he would make a good official were it possible to secure him an appointment. I need scarcely to remind you that there is a very strong feeling against "carpet-baggers" in Alaska, and whether one of the United States marshals would feel like subjecting himself to severe criticism by making such appointment, I do not know. It might be possible, if Hall took up a residence in Alaska, to, a little later, secure him an appointment such as he desires. I perhaps need scarcely to say, too, that in Alaska there are anywhere from 25 to a hundred applicants for every office. However, it will give me pleasure to assist Mr. Hall in securing an appointment, if it is possible to do so.

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It is needless for me to add that your reelection to the United States Senate has given your many Alaska friends the profoundest satisfaction. I trust that you will be able to visit Alaska some time next year, and I can assure you the reception of your life from your sourdough friends and the Arctic Brotherhood. I suppose that I may see you in Washington during the forthcoming session of Congress, and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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that you expect to return to Alaska next spring, and I believe I may say that, should you do so, your pension will be continued.

I trust that you are improving in health, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Joseph Ross,

151 South Griffin Ave.,

Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Ross:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9, in which you ask if a beneficiary under the Alaska pension law must live in Alaska in order to retain his pension allowance.

In reply I have to advise you that section 1, Chapter 64 of an act to provide allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, and for other purposes, provides:

"Nor shall a pension be paid to any person who has been absent from the Territory of Alaska for a period not to exceed one year."

It would, therefore, appear that under the above provision, the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which Board is charged with the duty of administering the pension law, will have no other alternative than to cancel your allowance, unless it be made to appear that your absence from the Territory is merely temporary. I note you state

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that you expect to return to Alaska next spring, and I believe I may say that, should you do so, your pension will be continued.

I trust that you are improving in health, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. Ed. Snyder,

Tenakee, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snyder:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22, together with a check for \$100, representing money collected by the citizens of Tenakee for Winter D. Snider, who you state is in need of hospital attention, and for this purpose the above matter was committed to my care in order that Mr. Snider should get proper care.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Snider called upon me this morning and steps were immediately taken to place him in the hospital here, where he is now comfortably located, I trust.

I shall disburse the fund as needed, rendering an account to the generous donors through you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mrs. Janet E. Erussard,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 13, in which you ask for financial aid from the Territory for yourself and children dependent upon you.

In reply I have to advise you that I have this day caused to be transmitted to you, through the Territorial Treasurer, a warrant for \$100, which I trust will be of some service to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. R. P. McRae,  
Crestmont, N. D.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9, in which you state that you are a telephone man and wish to know what you must do in order to get a position; and you also ask for information concerning other work.

In reply I have to advise you that there are a number of telephone companies in the different towns of Alaska, and you should get in communication with them. These companies are---

The Ketchikan Telephone Co., Ketchikan  
Juneau & Douglas Telephone Co., Juneau  
Fairbanks Telephone Co., Fairbanks  
Alaska Telephone & Telegraph Co., Nome

Besides these, there are telephone companies in the towns of Cordova, Seward and Valdez.

As for other kinds of work, much will depend upon what kind of work you want or are capable of doing. As a rule, the demand for common labor is usually well filled, and this is true of other lines perhaps. However, in a new country, the average man must take such work as he can get until he can get

the work that he wants.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30, with reference to a balance of \$86 in the hands of the probate judge of Iditarod precinct, being the balance of the estate of one Henry Schneider, deceased. I note you say that the probate judge is quite anxious to dispose of this sum and will turn it over to the Territorial Treasurer, if that will be acceptable to that officer.

In reply I have to advise you that this method of procedure meets with the approval of this office and of that of the Treasurer. Therefore, will you kindly advise the probate judge to forward the sum due direct to W. G. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, and a receipt for the amount will be duly forwarded to the probate judge at Iditarod.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Miss Anna Murphy,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Miss Murphy:

Your letter of recent date is at hand, and in reply I have to say that the stenographic and typewriting work which you have done for the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, has been entirely satisfactory. Your work was done quickly and neatly, and, as I have said, it was all that could be desired.

I regret that you are leaving Alaska, but trust you will again, at some future time, take up your residence in this great land of ours.

You are at liberty to use this letter in any way that you choose.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Mr. Guy P. Jones,  
Morbidity Statistician,  
California State Board of Health,  
Sacramento, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8, in which you say that a case of typhoid fever in the person of Frits Engel had recently been reported by the health officer of San Francisco. You further state that the patient recently came from Bristol, Alaska, and that the source of infection is supposed to be in Bristol; and you further ask that I investigate the matter, if possible.

In reply I have to advise you that it is absolutely impossible to make an investigation at this season of the year. The only doctor stationed at Bristol Bay is now in the States on a vacation, and it would take a matter of six months to communicate with Bristol Bay and receive a reply. Upon the return of the physician to that section, which will not be until next spring, I shall cause an investigation to be made and advise you of the result.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

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Mr. Andrew Berg, et al,

Kenai, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by a number of residents of Kenai, addressed to the District Forester of the United States Forest Service, Portland, Oregon, asking that a wagonroad be built from mile 29 on the government railroad to Kenai, on Cook Inlet.

In reply I have to advise you that, in a former communication to the District Forester, it was my pleasure to recommend the building of this road.

Permit me to express the hope that a sufficient appropriation will be made to enable the people of your section to reach the railroad with some degree of comfort.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Rev. P. K. Gibbs,

Briscoe Memorial School,

Kent, Washington

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8, in which you advise this office of the admission of Nathaniel R. Orms, Frederick W. Orms and James Orms to the Briscoe Memorial School at Kent, these boys having been committed to that Home by the juvenile court for the first judicial division of Alaska, through the Board of Children's Guardians.

Vouchers are forwarded to you herewith for your signature, and the Territory will remit to you the sum of \$10 per month for the maintenance of each of the boys above mentioned.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1916

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Mr. William Moore,  
c/a A. W. Piser,  
3220 West 62d Street,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a telegram from Mayer Blake of  
Nome, requesting that your allowance under chapter 64, ses-  
sion laws of Alaska, 1915, be sent to you at the above ad-  
dress. Dr. C. C. Geergesen, Secretary of the Board of  
Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged  
with the administration of this law, has been advised of  
your address and has been instructed to send the next allow-  
ance to you at your present address.

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 Doctor Georgeson:

I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mayor  
Blake, of Nome:

"Wm. Moore requests you have his pension sent  
Seattle at your earliest convenience. Commissioner  
Frasley writes this was your intention. Moore is  
in great need of assistance. His address is 3220  
West 62d street, Seattle, care A. W. Piser."

You, therefore, will be good enough to forward the  
next allowance to Moore at the above address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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Hon. R. W. Jennings, Chairman,  
Board of Children's Guardians,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I desire to direct your attention to the fact that no contracts, providing for the care and maintenance of Nathaniel Orme, Frederick W. Orme and James Orme, miners committed to the care of the Board of Children's Guardians for the first judicial division, by the juvenile court sitting at Juneau, on October 26 last, have been entered into with the Briscoe Memorial School, of Kent, Washington. This office has been advised by the manager of the said school that these children are now inmates of that institution, and, in this connection, I beg to direct your attention to the "Instructions, as to forms, etc.," to be followed by the juvenile courts and boards of children's guardians in Alaska, among them being the following:

"All contracts providing for care and maintenance of children, or other continuing liability on the part of the Territory, shall be executed in triplicate by the chairman and secretary of the board (Board of Children's Guardians), and be promptly forwarded to the Governor for his approval. Upon such approval, the original and duplicate

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copies will be returned to the secretary of the board, who will retain the original and deliver the duplicate to the contractor. The triplicate copy will be retained by the Governor."

It may be added that, as these children are being in part supported by Territorial funds, it becomes necessary that this office should have a complete record in the case.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 25, 1916

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Mr. Jack Peratrovich,  
Klawack, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of November 8, with reference to your being denied the privilege of voting on November 7 at Klawack.

As your statement requires some investigation, action will be deferred upon it until such time as it can be submitted to the Attorney General of the Territory. This officer is now absent from the Territory, but upon his return, it will be submitted to him for his opinion, of which you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. R.J. Peratevich,  
Klawack, Alaska

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Governor

November 25, 1916

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Klawack, Alaska

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Yours very truly,

Governor

November 25, 1916

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To the Postmaster,

Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. Benjamin Peindexter, of Seward, Alaska, with reference to the alleged destitute condition of certain Indians at Knik and Susitna. Mr. Peindexter further advises me that you understand the whole situation, and I am, therefore, writing you for the purpose of asking you to advise me the exact state of affairs among those Indians.

While this office exercises no jurisdiction over the Indians of the Territory, that being done through the medium of the United States Bureau of Education, still if the Bureau cannot provide the supplies that may be necessary for the sustenance of these destitute people, it would be but right that the Territory should take some action in the matter.

I will, therefore, be obliged if you will advise me the exact nature of the situation, together with the probable amount of money that would be needed to afford these Indians temporary relief.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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Miss C. B. Young,

Garland Hotel,

Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Miss Young:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of November 9, in which you state that Mr. C. E. Lock, who has been a co-worker with you for a number of years, desires to get some information from me with reference to this Territory.

In reply I may say that I shall be pleased to furnish Mr. Lock with such information as may be at my command regarding this Territory, its past, present and prospective future.

I may also add that I was glad to hear from you and trust that you are in the enjoyment of good health. Both Mrs. Strong and myself are very well and may visit southern California during the winter, and, if so, we will be delighted to meet you once more.

Will you be kind enough to present my compliments to your brother, and with very best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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Mr. Wade Blaker,  
U. S. Commissioner,  
Fox, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28, with reference to securing the maximum allowance to Michael Hartly under the provisions of Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. It is noted that Mr. Hartly is now 69 years of age and physically unable to do any work whatsoever, and that you are familiar with his condition.

In reply I have to advise you that a letter will be placed before the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the duty of administering the above law, at its next meeting for such action as it may see fit to take.

I am,

Yours very truly

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

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

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, in reply to an inquiry of the fourth instant regarding the Melvin Dempsey estate. The Governor asks me to thank you for the very complete statement of the case which is contained in your letter, a copy of which is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, who recently wrote this office, asking for information regarding the Dempsey estate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to Department letter of the 24th ultimo (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), acknowledgment of which was made on the fourth instant, in which the assistance of this office was asked, in an endeavor to ascertain the facts concerning the death of one Melvin Dempsey, a Cherokee, and the disposition of his mining and other property in this Territory.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. C. Parker Smith, United States Commissioner, Copper Center, Alaska, written in response to office letter of the fourth instant, requesting further information with regard to the Dempsey estate. It appears that the Commissioner has found it impossible to secure the services of anyone to act as administrator for the estate, and, from the general tone of the Commissioner's letter, it would seem that the affairs of the estate are in a rather complicated condition, while the value of the estate is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, quite problematical.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

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Mr. Ed. Snyder,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing an itemized statement of merchandise furnished Joe Francis, and receipt for meals had by him, and returning, unsigned, the voucher which was enclosed with a recent office letter addressed to you.

The discrepancy of \$1 referred to in your letter was due to the fact that the original statement sent to this office by you included a charge of \$4.05 for merchandise. The itemized statement furnished with your letter of the above date, however, shows a total charge of \$5.05. The voucher has, accordingly, been corrected, and is herewith enclosed for your signature.

On receipt of the signed voucher, a warrant will be sent you in settlement of the account.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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Miss Louise German,  
505 N. Vine Street,  
Creston, Iowa

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, asking if this office knows of a man by the name of P. W., or Prince, German, and his present address.

In reply I beg to advise you that we have no information regarding this man. We will, however, ask the various newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. German, and, if any responses are received, you will be promptly communicated with.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

November 27, 1916

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The Stonehouse Steel Sign Co.,  
17th and Lawrence Streets,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the "State Industrial Commission," has been delivered to this office, there being no such commission in this Territory as the one addressed by you.

This office cannot, at the present time, furnish you with a complete list of the industrial and manufacturing concerns operating in Alaska, but we are enclosing a copy of the Territorial Mine Inspector's last report, which contains a list of the companies and individuals engaged in mining operations in the Territory. Mining and fishing are the chief industries in this Territory. It is probable that you can obtain a fairly complete list of the companies engaged in the fishing industry by writing to Mr. Ward T. Bever, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, at Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

November 28, 1916

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clark of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Quite a number of packages of election returns from the third judicial division have been received at the Juneau post office with insufficient postage thereon, and it has been necessary for us to pay this postage in order to secure delivery of the packages. I have advanced the postage money from my own funds, taking receipts from the postmaster therefor, the receipts in each case itemising the packages and the amount of postage due on each.

Since the postage on the election returns packages is supposed to be prepaid (the law specifying that this shall be done), and it is provided in the law that the clerks of the district courts shall reimburse the election boards for such postage, I assume that where the boards have not paid the full amount of postage required, as in the cases referred to above, it will be in order for me to apply to you for reimbursement of the amount advanced by me to cover postage due on packages received from the third division. To this end, I shall be glad if you will kindly forward a set of voucher

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blanks, with such instructions as you may wish to give regarding the filling out of the same. When the election returns have been received from all of the precincts in the third division, I will then make up a voucher covering such postage-due charges as I have advanced and forward the vouchers to you with receipts attached. In this connection please advise if you wish me to submit the postmaster's receipts in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 29, 1916

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Mr. W. B. Sharpe,  
Deputy U. S. Marshal,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sharpe:

Replying to yours of the 25th instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that Mrs. W. W. Draper, in writing this office regarding her husband, gave her address as 418 North 17th street, Omaha, Nebraska. Two letters addressed by this office to Mrs. Draper were received by her, while the third one, written in April last, was returned from the Omaha post office marked "Unclaimed," although it was directed to the address given by her as quoted above. Mrs. Draper's letter to this office made no reference to any divorce proceedings, pending or contemplated; in fact, my impression from reading her letter was that Draper had simply deserted her; Mrs. Draper stated that she had not heard from her husband for some time and feared that some harm had befallen him.

In addition to writing Mrs. Draper at the address given above, may I suggest that it might possibly be well to write

to the Omaha Chief of Police, asking him to try and locate Mrs. Draper in the event she has moved from the address given, which would seem to be the case, since, as above stated, our last letter to her was returned to us.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, November 29, 1916. O. D. Govt. DAY rate PAID.

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George B. Grigsby,

78 Clay Park,

San Francisco, Calif.

Cobb advises me that he has been served with petitions for writs of certiorari together with accompanying briefs in case Alaska Pacific Fisheries against Territory, and that briefs on behalf of Territory should be prepared, printed and filed in Washington on or before three weeks from November twenty eight. What are your wishes in matter? If Cobb's contention be true there is not time to prepare and print briefs and get them to Washington. Advise by 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.

Juneau, November 29, 1916. O. B.

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Joseph F. Warren,

Frye Hotel,

SEATTLE, WASH.

Can you handle extradition matter from Home? Party wanted is in state of  
Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

November 29, 1916

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer, John Harold Lorentin Olsen, is a citizen of the United States, having been duly naturalized in the District Court for the First Judicial Division of Alaska on April 15, 1908. Mr. Olsen has been a resident of Treadwell, Alaska, for the past eight years and is a man of excellent character in every respect.

Governor

November 29, 1916

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I take pleasure in stating that the bearer, Mr. Raymond Johnson, is a young man of excellent character and attainments. He was born in this city and was practically brought up here, and he has the respect and confidence of all those who know him. He has recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and I bespeak for him the consideration of all those whom he shall meet. He is a young man of excellent character and of the strictest integrity and I believe is in every way worthy of confidence.

Governor

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Judson, November 29, 1916. O. B.

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Benton, U. S. Attorney,

MOORE.

Referring your letter eighth instant concerning  
matter what provision is made for payment salary and expenses of agent and  
how long will services of agent be required in case of arrest and extradition  
of person wanted? In what part of state is party supposed to be at this  
time?

STRONG, Governor.

*W. S. Hart*  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, November 30, 1916. Collect Press.

CITIZEN,

Fairbanks.

Your message not delivered to the city this morning.

Have not proclamation.

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Mr. J. H. Cobb,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28, in which you advise me that you have just been served with writs of certiorari, together with the accompanying briefs of the petitioners in the cases of the Alaska-Pacific Fisheries v. the Territory of Alaska, two cases involving trap licenses and other licenses on packs; and the case of the Alaska-Mexican Gold Mining Company v. the Territory of Alaska. You also state that, under the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court, briefs on behalf of the Territory should be prepared, printed and filed in Washington on or before three weeks from November 28.

In reply I have to advise you that, on receipt of your letter, I communicated with Mr. Grigby, Attorney General-elect, and present Territorial Counsel with reference to the subject-matter of your letter, and on yesterday I received a telegraphic reply, asking me to mail copies of all papers served to him at Seattle. He further advises me that the necessary extension of time to prepare the briefs, print them and forward them to

Washington, will be secured by him while in Seattle.

I have, therefore, to request that you will hand Mr. Shorthill all papers in connection with the above cases so that this office may forward them promptly to Mr. Grigsty at Seattle.

Yours very truly

Governor

December 1, 1916.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Herewith find application of Mr. John Lyons, of Valdez,  
for renewal of his notary commission, together with postal money order  
endorsed to you by the Governor, and approved bond, and oath of office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

JUNEAU, DECEMBER 1, 1916. O. B.

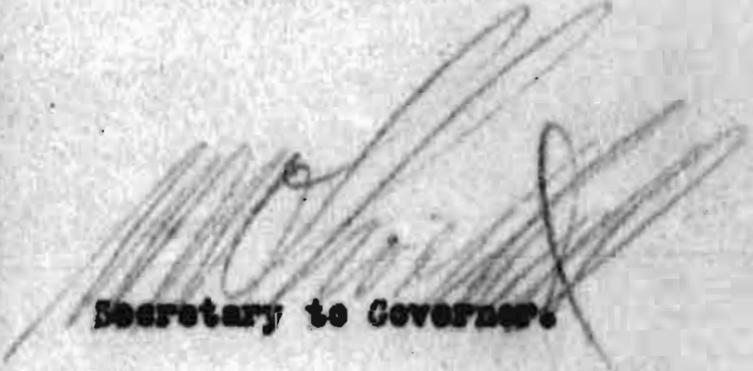
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Shoup,

Sitka.

Am in receipt voucher Aseptic Furniture Company, Seattle, for furnishings for hospital Pioneers Home, amount three hundred forty four dollars fifty five cents. Have furnishings arrived and is amount voucher correct!

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

December 1, 1916.

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Hon. George B. Grigsby,

Hotel Seattle,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing six letters addressed to you which have been received at this office during the past few days. Each bears our received-stamp impression.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

December 1, 1916

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Mr. Geo. B. Grigby,

Hotel Seattle,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your telegram of November 30, as follows,  
is acknowledged and hereby confirmed:

"Mail copies papers served Hotel Seattle,  
Leaving tomorrow. Can get extension if necessary."

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting, by  
registered mail, to your above address, the following documents  
received this day from J. H. Cobb, late Chief Counsel for the  
Territory:

1 copy of transcript of record in case No. 2709,  
U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Alaska Pacific Fish-  
eries v. Territory of Alaska.

1 copy of Petition for Writ of Certiorari in  
above entitled cause, to United States Supreme Court.  
Service admitted by Cobb on November 29, 1916, and  
notice of counsel for Alaska Pacific Fisheries, show-  
ing that on Monday, January 8, 1917, application will  
be made for writ.

1 copy of Transcript of Record in case No. 2731,  
United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Alaska Pacific  
Fisheries v. Territory of Alaska

1 copy of Petition for Writ of Certiorari in above-  
entitled cause, with same admission of service and same  
notice as in case No. 2709 above noted.

1 copy of Transcript of Record in case No. 2737, U.  
S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Alaska-Mexican Gold Min-  
ing Company v. Territory of Alaska.

1 copy of Petition for Writ of Certiorari in above-entitled cause, with same admission of service and same notice as in cases above mentioned.

Your attention is directed to the fact that in case No. 2709, the petition for writ of certiorari refers to the case (p. 2 of the petition), as No. 2907-A. This matter was brought to the attention of Mr. S. Hellenthal, of Hellenthal & Hellenthal, counsel for the appellants, who states that he thinks a typographical error was made in the petition, and that the correct number is as appears on the transcript, viz., 2709.

Of course, it is needless for me to say that I trust you will take every step necessary to protect this case for the Territory. Permit me to suggest that you should come to Juneau just as quickly as it is possible for you to do so. If it should be necessary for you to remain any length of time in Seattle, advise this office by wire, as there are matters coming up from time to time which require attention, but upon which I shall have action deferred until your arrival.

This letter, together with the documents noted above, it is expected will go forward on the steamer City of Seattle, leaving here for Seattle tomorrow. I shall also advise you,

by wire, of the probable arrival of the steamer at Seattle.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of November 23, which, owing to the extraordinary press of business in this office during the past week or ten days and through an oversight, I omitted answering so as to reach you in the last mail.

I note what you say with reference to John Connors and that an operation for mastoiditis is necessary, and you ask whether, in my opinion, Doctor Johnson should receive additional compensation for the operation. As to this I may say that I consulted with Mr. Shattuck and we concluded that, as Dr. Johnson had not suggested additional compensation for performing this operation, it might be held in abeyance in the meantime. Personally, I think it would be establishing an undesirable precedent if additional compensation should be provided. At the same time, I feel that the doctor, like the laborer in the scripture, is worthy of his hire. This is a matter, however, upon which action, I think, can well be deferred for a time.

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Now, with regard to the case of Lawrence Feiman, it occurs to me that the quality of gratitude in his makeup is strained very much; but that is the way of the world. The more you do for some people, the less thanks you get and the more ungrateful they seem to be. This is a matter, of course, in which you must exercise your judgment. If Feiman makes himself obnoxious to the Home, let him be dismissed, as I take it from what you say that he is in good physical condition and probably could make a living for himself.

The matter of permitting the nurses employed at the home to attend to private cases in the town of Sitta is one in which I have to say, and this view is shared by Mr. Shattuck, that your action is to be commended, and that the nurses should not be permitted to engage in the practice of their calling outside of the Home, unless in a case of great emergency. As I have stated, this is the opinion of both myself and Mr. Shattuck, and you will see that this ruling of the Board is strictly enforced. This will tend to relieve you from any criticism by the residents of Sitta that you might receive. Should application be made for the service of nurses at private homes, you may simply refer to the action of the Board in prohibiting such service.

I have not heard of the commitment to Morningside Sanitarium of Wm. R. Long, a former inmate of the Home. I may be permitted to express the opinion, however, that that is where he probably belongs rather than in a home for indigent prospectors and miners.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

December 1, 1916

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Mr. G. A. Adams,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17, together with a sketch-map showing the location of the hot springs in the Mary's Igloo country, as well as some other springs in Seward Peninsula, the object of your letter and the enclosed sketches being to aid the commission appointed by a legislative act, in their selection of a site for a home in interior Alaska for aged prospectors.

In reply I have to advise you that your communication will be laid before the commission at such time as it shall meet for the above purpose.

Expressing my personal opinion, I believe that there is, at this time, no need of an institution of this kind in the interior, as the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka now serves this purpose. It may be that, at some time in the future, the need of a home for aged prospectors and miners will become a necessity.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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Mr. Frank C. Dehn, Secretary,

Nome-Seward Peninsula Chamber of Commerce,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4, together with a resolution from the Nome-Seward Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, asking favorable consideration, by the commission appointed for that purpose, in the matter of selecting a site for a home for aged miners and prospectors in interior Alaska, as provided for by a Territorial law passed by the first legislature. It is noted that the petition recommends the selection of the Krusgamapa Hot Springs.

In reply I have to advise you that your petition will be placed before the commission when it shall meet for the purpose of selecting a site for such home. I may add that it is my personal opinion that there is no urgent need, at this time, of the establishment of an additional home for miners and prospectors in the Territory, the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka now fully serving that purpose.. It is possible, however, that in the immediate future another home will be

needed, and I am sure that the statements of your Chamber  
and those of the signers of the petition will receive due  
consideration from the members of the board.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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Mr. Sam C. Taylor,  
Council, Alaska

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 27, with reference to the expense incurred for medical attention and nursing of Dave Wilkins, an indigent patient. I note what you say, and I may add that your explanation is entirely satisfactory. Upon the receipt of the voucher it occurred to me that the charge was somewhat excessive, and I so advised Mr. Coombs. However, the bills were allowed, and vouchers were duly issued by this office, and, I suppose, they have reached the payees before this, and, therefore, the matter is closed so far as this office is concerned.

Permit me to extend my best wishes to yourself personally.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Tom:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12, and to thank you for the inquiries you made concerning Ola Nelson, whose application for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was received at this office, certified to by James Frawley, United States Commissioner; also your investigation and the information furnished with reference to one Joseph Gay. I will cause the matter of the application of Nelson to be further investigated. The office of the secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the granting of these allowances, is in Sitka, Dr. Georgeson being the secretary, and at the next meeting of the board we will thoroughly consider this case.

The election for Delegate is an extremely close matter, and who has been elected will probably not be determined until the canvassing board has made its report. Returns from Marshall were received here yesterday, and it is noted that Vickersham carried it by four votes. We had expected Marshall

to give Sulzer a majority and the fact that it did not tends to more complicate the situation. There are a few remaining remote precincts to be heard from, and it is to be feared that these precincts may give Wickersham the necessary majority. As you know, in these remote places most voters do not know that anybody else but Wickersham is running for office, and they have contracted the habit of voting for him. However, if it shall happen that Wickersham is reelected, his victory will be tantamount to a defeat. As a matter of fact, he so stated to me while in Juneau a few days ago, on route to Seattle.

As for the national campaign, I never wavered in my opinion that Mr. Wilson would be reelected, although he had a "close shave." The country, however, is safe for another four years, and by the end of that time, if Mr. Wilson's record will be maintained, as undoubtedly it will, the Democrats will be returned to power for an indefinite number of years..

With further reference to the Delegate election, I was considerably disappointed at the result of the vote in the Second judicial division, where we had confidently expected, from statements made by Grigsby and others, that Sulzer would receive a majority in the Second of from 100 to 200. Billy Maloney, who arrived here a few days ago, however, tells me that the Republicans voted almost solidly for Wickersham, hav-

ing been whipped into line at the last moment. He also says that "Windy" Dan got in some good work for Wickersham through a plentiful use of hot air, etc.

You will have learned before this that I appointed George Grigsby Territorial Counsel to succeed Cobb, his appointment taking effect today, December 1. Grigsby has been visiting his family in San Francisco, but left that city today for Seattle and Junction. There is a good deal of work for him to do, and I sincerely trust and believe that he will discharge the duties imposed upon him with ability and fidelity.

I trust that you are in your usual good health, and with very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

December 1, 1916

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Mr. C. Benj. Poindexter,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Poindexter:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 24, confirming your cable to this office of the 21st instant, with reference to the destitute condition of the Indians at Knik and Susitna.

Following the receipt of your wire, I communicated with the postmaster at Knik as to the best way in which relief, if I am able to supply it, can be furnished the suffering natives. I have not yet received a reply from the postmaster, but probably shall do so within a few days.

Again thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, December 2, 1916. O. B.

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Jeal Terrell,

446 New York Block,

SEATTLE.

Forwarding to you today at request United States Attorney for second division,  
two complete sets extradition papers with requisition and commission. Mail  
should reach Seattle about sixth instant.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, December 2, 1916. O. B.

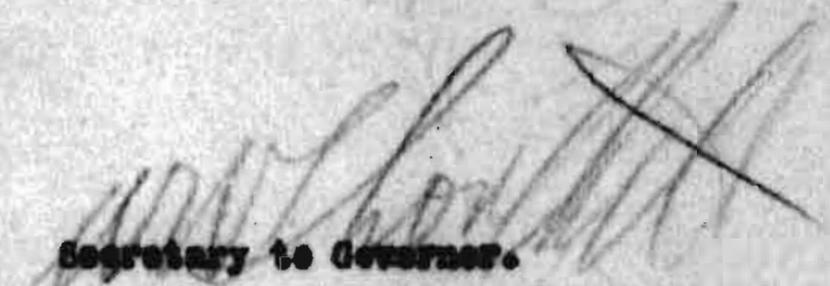
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Hotel Seattle,

SEATTLE.

Held telegrams and mail for George D. Grigsby who is now enroute from Frisco.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, December 2, 1916. O. B.

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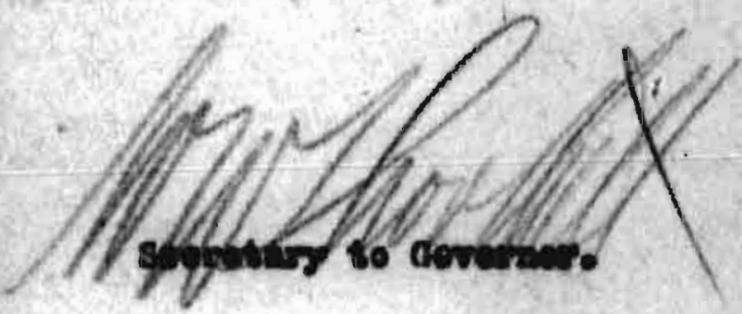
George B. Grigby,

care Hotel Seattle,

SEATTLE.

Forwarded today by registered mail steamer City of Seattle to your address care Hotel Seattle one package containing transcripts of record and petitions for writs certiorari in two Alaska Pacific Fisheries cases and case of Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Company against Territory. Steamer should reach Seattle on sixth. Also sent in same mail letter relative to cases and another package containing official and personal mail for you, all care Hotel Seattle.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, December 2, 1916. O. B.

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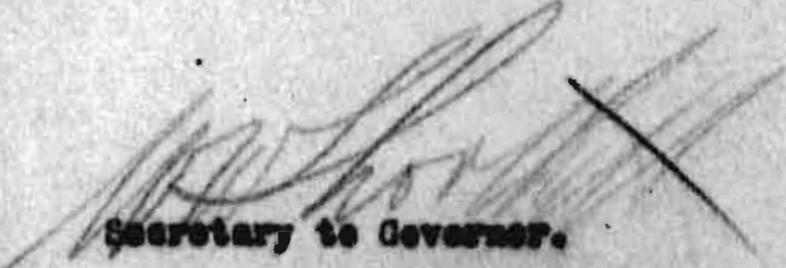
J. F. Warren,

Frye Hotel,

SEATTLE.

Position merely temporary and have named same officer who is acquainted with man wanted and has him located.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

December 2, 1916.

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Mr. Joel Terrell,  
446 New York Block,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the United States Attorney for the Second judicial division I have appointed you as extradition agent in the case of the United States vs. Charles A. Wagner, who is charged with the crime of larceny in a dwelling, committed at or near Home, in the said division. Enclosed you will find two sets of extradition papers, with requisition and commission attached thereto.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the papers referred to, and also be good enough to advise this office as to the disposition made of the matter -- that is, whether Wagner is committed to jail pending transportation to Home, or is released on bail.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, November 29, 1916. O. B.

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Joseph F. Warren,

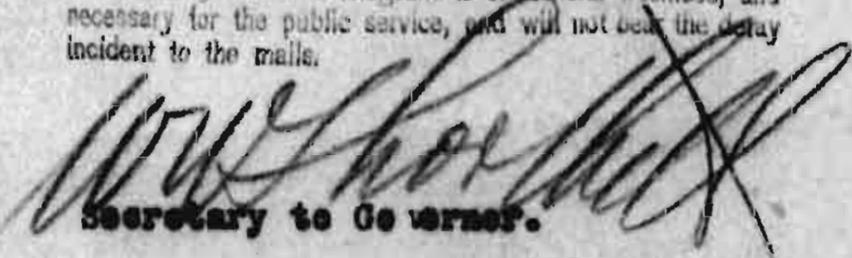
Frye Hotel,

SEATTLE, WASH.

Can you handle extradition matter from Nemo? Party wanted is in state of  
Washington.

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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December 2, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a voucher in favor of Patrick Hamilton, account service rendered as assistant road commissioner of the first judicial division, which has been approved by me for payment.

I am also transmitting for your inspection, voucher in duplicate of Sel Stump for \$461.35, certified to by Daniel A. Jones, road commissioner, together with an assignment to the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co., etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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Mr. Allen Shattuck, Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
City

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a voucher in favor of the Aseptic Furniture Manufacturing Co., of Seattle, for \$344.55, account furniture, etc., furnished the hospital in connection with the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka. A wire received today from Superintendent Shoup advises me that the material has been received and is now in use.

After approving the voucher, will you kindly forward it to the Territorial Treasurer for payment.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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JURRAU, DECEMBER 2, 1916. O. B. Govt. NIGHT PAID.

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Replying telegram chief clerk Ayers first dimensions executive mansion grounds one hundred thirty by two hundred feet. See executive orders thirteen sixteen and thirteen thirty-one dated March fourteen and April eleven, nineteen hundred eleven. Length of driveway needed to coal chute which will have to be horseshoe shape, approximately one hundred feet, and ten feet wide.

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.

December 2, 1916

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Rev. George F. Gordon,

Pastor, M. E. Church,

Parshallville, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request a copy of the Alaska game law and regulations, and make certain inquiries regarding opportunities in this Territory.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of game circular No. 4, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

The missions referred to in Circular No. 1, "Information for Prospective Settlers in Alaska," are of various denominations, chief among which are the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Roman and Greek Catholic. These missions carry on work among the natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), in various parts of the Territory. In addition, there are missionary churches established in practically all of the white settlements of any size in the Territory, these being conducted by the Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Greek and Roman Catholics. The Congregationalists

also have one or two churches in the Territory.

I would suggest that you communicate with Rev. R. C. Blackwell, Superintendent of the Methodist Missions for Alaska at Juneau, Alaska, who will be able to advise you regarding the work of the Methodist missions in the Territory and the opportunities in that field of service.

The game warden service in the Territory is limited to nine regularly-employed wardens, whose salaries and expenses are paid from an appropriation made annually by the Congress of the United States. The appropriation is small and it is impossible to increase the number of wardens.

The fish and fur laws of the Territory are administered under the direction of the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., which Bureau employs a number of fish and fur wardens in various parts of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 2, 1916

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The Household Journal Co.,

Moscheart, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the "Alaska Scientific Laboratories" at Juneau, has been delivered to this office. For your information I beg to say that there are no Alaska Scientific Laboratories in this Territory at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 4, 1916.

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Goldstein's Emporium,

City.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming telephone conversation of the 2nd instant, you are advised of the acceptance of your bid of the 2nd for supplies for the Alaska Pioneer's Home, Sitka, on which you quote a price of \$347.61, f. o. b. Juneau. It is understood that you will fill the order from your Juneau stock, and make shipment per S. S. "Alki", due to sail from Juneau to Sitka about the 8th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

December 4, 1916

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Mr. Guthrie M. Scott, Broker,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Some months ago we purchased from you for the Governor's house, three brass fittings, which I believe you ordered direct from one of your houses in the East, the fittings being shipped to Juneau by parcel post. The postage and insurances charges on the package amounted to 89 cents.

The examining officer of the Interior Department has requested an explanation of the charge for postage and insurance, and I would ask that you kindly advise the name and location of the house from which the fittings were secured so that we may furnish the Department with the necessary explanation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 4, 1916

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Mr. Ed. Webster, Proprietor,  
Juneau & Douglas Telephone Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find five copies of a proposal covering telephone service for the Governor's offices, for the year beginning July 1, 1916 and ending June 30, 1917, at the rate heretofore in force. A similar set of proposals was sent you some months ago, with the request that you sign and return the same to this office, but to date they have not been received. Owing to the nonreceipt of these proposals, we have been unable to issue a check covering telephone service for the quarter ended September 30 last.

The request made by this office that the telephone service be covered by a proposal and acceptance, is not an arbitrary one on the part of this office, but is made in conformity with the regulations of the Department of the Interior. We are required to secure similar proposals, covering both light and water service, although no competition is available for either of these. When the Department first took up the matter of securing proposals covering

telephone, light and water service, it was fully explained by this office that no competition could be secured, and there seemed, therefore, no good reason for securing signed proposals. The Department, however, replied that the regulations required that such matters be covered by proposals, bids being secured where competition was available, and, in order that the accounts of this office might not appear irregular in form, the Department instructed that in all cases we must secure signed proposals covering light, water and telephone service.

In view of the specific instructions from the Department above mentioned, we are obliged to ask that a signed proposal be furnished this office to cover the telephone service for the current fiscal year. Kindly, therefore, sign all five copies of the enclosed form and mail them to this office. Upon receipt of same a check will be sent you for the September quarter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 4, 1916

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Mr. J. Miller McCormick, Supt.,  
Church Camp Mission,  
404 Canada Building,  
Winnipeg, Canada

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 27, with enclosure, being a copy of a letter addressed to this office on October 5 last. I may add, however, that the letter was not received.

In reply to your last letter, I have to advise that I am enclosing herewith certain literature concerning this Territory, which may serve your purpose. I regret that this office has no illustrations available for your use.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 4, 1916

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Mr. Wm. Britt, President,  
Alaska Pharmacy Board,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. Elmer E. Smith, druggist, Douglas, which is self-explanatory. Will you, at your earliest convenience, advise me as to the merits of the statements contained in the above letter.

This is the matter about which I asked you to call and see me personally on Friday last.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 4, 1916

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Mr. Elmer Aiken,  
Yankton, S. D.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 27,  
I have to advise that the insane of Alaska are cared for,  
by contract, by the Sanitarium Company, at Morningside  
Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon. The superintendent of  
this company is Dr. H. Walde Coe, whose address is 216 Selling  
Building, Portland, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

to that effect, he may be admitted to the Alaska Pioneers'  
Home at Sitka.

Will you kindly communicate the substance of this let-  
ter to Mr. Campbell.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

December 4, 1916

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Mr. E. P. Reffling

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 2, with reference to securing a pension for Mr. Craton Campbell, of Farragut Bay.

In reply I have to advise you that I note Mr. Campbell was born at St. Clair, Michigan, in 1857, and is, therefore, ineligible to receive an allowance under Chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, because he has not as yet reached the age of 65 years, as provided by that act. Sec. 1 of the above-entitled act reads as follows:

"Any pioneer of Alaska, regardless of sex, who has attained the age of 65 years and shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or more since the year 1905, and is entitled to the benefits of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, or of the home for indigent pioneers at Fairbanks or elsewhere in Alaska, (should the same be established), may, in lieu of an application to be received and cared for at such Home, make application to the Board of Trustees of said Alaska Pioneers' Home in the manner prescribed in this act, etc."

I have further to add that, if Mr. Campbell is unable to make a living for himself, upon making the necessary show-

to that effect, he may be admitted to the Alaska Pioneers'  
Home at Sitka.

Will you kindly communicate the substance of this let-  
ter to Mr. Campbell.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

December 5, 1916

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of December 1, in which you state that Connors came through his operation in good shape. I am glad to hear of this and trust that he will soon be about.

I also acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. Boswell, of Cordova, together with your reply to the same. I should judge from Boswell's letter that he is probably entitled to a monthly allowance.

With reference to the construction of the storehouse, I note that you have been delayed by snow. I do not know whether the snow is as heavy in Sitka as it is here, but we are having plenty of it, and it may be that it will be impossible for you to finish the foundation of the building this fall; if this be so, it will have to go over until such time as the weather permits.

There is little news to report at this time. I trust that you and Mrs. Sheup are well, and with best wishes, I

am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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December 5, 1916

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Mr. F. E. Patching, Secretary,  
Ketchikan Rifle Club,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to recent correspondence relative to the organization of a rifle club in Ketchikan, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a circular letter of instructions issued by the Secretary of the National Rifle Association, and printed form of by-laws and application for membership.

In this connection, it is noted that the instructions state that "all that is necessary to organize such a club is for ten or more citizens to combine together in one locality," etc. In a letter recently written you, it was stated that twenty members were necessary in order to secure membership in the National Rifle Association. At the time that letter was written, we referred to printed instructions on file in this office which had been received quite a long time ago. It appears, however, that the regulations have been so amended as to permit ten or more persons to organize a club.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

December 8, 1916

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

My dear Doctor Geergeson:

Would you kindly advise this office if the name of Ole,  
or Ola, Nelson, of Nome, is on the roll of pensioners. You  
may recall that we took up the matter of the application for  
an allowance of Ola Nelson, of Nome, certified to by Com-  
missioner Frawley, when you were last in Juneau, and I  
volunteered to make inquiries from persons whom I knew in  
Nome. This I did and found, so far as could be ascertained,  
that there was but one man by that name in that town, and  
that he was already on the pension roll. Tom Gaffney, of  
Nome, when I asked to look into the matter, advised me that  
it might have been that he sent in a second application,  
and, knowing Frawley as I do, this may have been the case.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

December 5, 1916

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

My dear Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith a list of goods, together with prices attached, ordered from Goldstein's Emporium, as per the list and suggestion received from you. I am advised that they will ship these goods on the Al-ki, due to arrive here on December 7. Kindly examine them when they arrive and see that they are carefully checked.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 5, 1916

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Mr. Ed. Snyder,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority to furnish H. R. Rasmussen with a cabin for a period of one month from November 26. At the expiration of that time, render your bill to this office in duplicate, with this letter attached.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 5, 1916

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Mr. H. R. Rasmussen,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 2, in which you state that you are renting a cabin from Ed. Snyder, and you ask for confirmation of my recent letter to you, authorizing Snyder to furnish you with a certain amount of goods, together with a cabin for you.

I am enclosing herewith an order to Mr. Snyder for the cabin for one month from the previous date of my letter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 5, 1916

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Mr. E. C. Wetzler, Chief Clerk,  
Railway Mail Service,  
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you request to be furnished with two or three copies of the Alaska vote, by precincts, for use in connection with the handling of mails to interior offices during the winter season.

In reply I beg to advise that the only returns which are at this time available are those which have been given publicity through the newspapers, and, as you know, these are still somewhat incomplete. The official canvass of the election returns will probably not occur until early in February next. If a list furnished you at that time will be of any service, I shall be glad to see that you receive the same.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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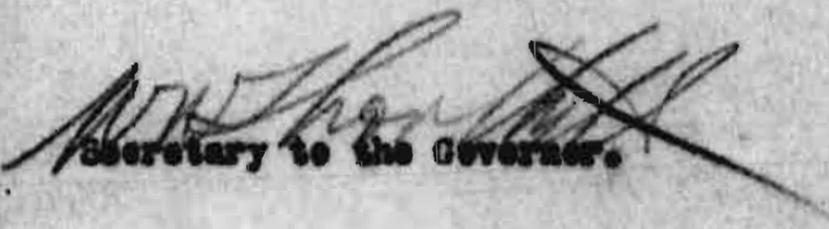
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Selberg,

Wame.

Replying telegram fourth from you and Ernst. Sincere thanks for endorsement, but do not think it advisable to make endorsements now. Believe Committee should confine its work to effecting thorough organization of Territory. Am in full sympathy, however, with your views as to conditions in Second division.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

December 6, 1916

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office recently received a letter from Miss Murphy, requesting corrected lists of the United States Commissioners for the four judicial divisions of the Territory. In order to comply with the request, it will be necessary for us to secure corrected lists from the clerks of the district courts in the four divisions, and we are today writing to the clerk of the first division and wiring to the clerks of the other three divisions, requesting that they forward complete lists corrected to date. As soon as these are received, copies will be made and forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 8, 1916

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Mr. Byron Raymond,  
57 Butman St.,  
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your postal card of November 22, I have to say that the opportunities in Alaska for a young man with a general high school and agricultural education will depend very largely upon the young man himself. If you are in good health, of good habits and character, willing to work at anything which your hand finds to do, you will probably succeed in Alaska. If you are looking for a soft "snap" or are willing to expend only a minimum amount of labor each day, you will fail.

I believe, however, that there are opportunities in Alaska for young men of the right caliber, that do not exist in the more thickly populated states of the Union.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular containing information concerning this Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 6, 1916

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Miss Sarah Lane, R. N.,  
420 Union Street,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 23, I have to advise that I know of no vacancies for nurses in any of the hospitals in this Territory. For your further information, I may say that in Juneau there are two hospitals---St. Ann's, conducted by the Sisters of the Roman Catholic church, and the Juneau General Hospital. There is also a government hospital for the care of natives in this city. There is also a Sisters' hospital at the town of Douglas, another at Nome and a third at Fairbanks. There are also private hospitals in some of the other towns, as at Ketchikan, Valdez and Seward.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 8, 1918

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Mr. J. G. Heid,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

Referring to your telephone request of a few days ago,  
I beg to give you herewith a list of the persons who have  
probably been elected as members of the House of Representa-  
tives from the second, third and fourth judicial divisions.

Second division:

J. P. Daly	Nome
A. A. Allen	Nome
Nate Coombs	Council
T. M. Reed, or	
Phil. Corrigan	Nome

It is uncertain as yet whether Reed or Corrigan has  
been elected, the odds being a little in favor of Corrigan,  
according to the last reports.

Third division:

Frank B. Cannon	Knik
Charles M. Day	Valdez
Thomas C. Price	Anchorage
T. H. Holland	Chitina
or	
Charles McGowan	Valdez

Fourth division:

W. T. Burns  
Luther C. Hess  
Andrew Herland  
C. K. Snow

Fairbanks  
do  
do  
Ruby

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 8, 1916

61

Mr. E. G. Wetzel, Chief Clerk,  
Railway Mail Service,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your request for a list showing the votes cast in the various precincts throughout the Territory in the last general election, I beg to say that since writing you on yesterday, I have searched the newspapers and have found that in the first, third and fourth divisions fairly complete tabulated returns have been printed. I have, therefore, copied from these a list for each of the three judicial divisions named, showing the names of the voting precincts and the total votes cast in each for the three candidates for Delegate to Congress. I enclose three copies of each of these lists and trust that they will be of some service to you.

I am unable to find anything like complete precinct returns for the second division. It is possible that we will later on, receive a News paper containing a tabulation of the returns for that division, in which event I shall be pleased to send you a list of the precincts and total vote in each.

Respectfully Yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 6, 1916

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Mr. G. A. Adams, Clerk,

United States District Court,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The election returns thus far received from the second judicial division have, in quite a number of cases, reached the Juneau post office with insufficient postage thereon, and the Juneau office has required us to pay the postage due on these returns. The money for the payment of this is being advanced by me from my personal funds, under the Governor's direction, and I am taking itemized receipts for the expenditures. The act providing for the election of a Delegate from Alaska specifies that full postage should be prepaid on all election returns, the election boards to be reimbursed therefor by the clerks of the district courts, the same as for other election expenses, and it is assumed that the same procedure will be followed in connection with the election held on the seventh of November. Since it appears that quite a number of the election boards forwarded their returns with insufficient postage thereon, it is assumed that it will be in order to present to you a bill covering the amounts paid out by me

on account of postage due on returns from the second division. To this end, I would ask that you kindly forward a set of voucher blanks, with such instructions as you may wish to give regarding the form in which you wish the voucher submitted. In this connection, please advise if you wish me to submit with the vouchers a duplicate receipt signed by the Junonu postmaster.

The same condition exists with respect to the returns from the other judicial divisions, and I am taking the matter up in a similar way with the clerks of these divisions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 6, 1916

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Mr. Lars Westenvik, Administrator,  
Sam Samuelson Estate,  
Cleary, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in reference to the inquiries made by this office regarding the estate of one Sam Samuelson (or Salmonson) Stromo, in which you say that you have seen the letter addressed by this office to the United States Commissioner at Fairbanks, and you believe that the Sam Samuelson Stromo referred to in that letter was the Sam Samuelson, of whose estate you are the administrator.

The inquiry addressed to this office in regard to the estate in question came from the firm of Fulton & Cary, attorneys-at-law, Otis Building, Chicago, Illinois, who claim to be representing Mrs. W. Massover, a relative of the deceased. We have no information regarding the whereabouts of Andrew Samuelson, who you say in your letter is a brother of the deceased.

Yours very truly,

December 6, 1916

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Mr. J. E. Clark, Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The election returns thus far received from the fourth judicial division have, in quite a number of cases, reached the Juneau post office with insufficient postage thereon, and the Juneau office has required us to pay the postage due on these returns. The money for the payment of this is being advanced by me from my personal funds, under the Governor's direction, and I am taking itemized receipts for the expenditures.

The act providing for the election of a Delegate from Alaska specifies that full postage should be prepaid on all election returns, the election boards to be reimbursed therefor by the clerks of the district courts, the same as for other election expenses, and it is assumed that the same procedure will be followed in connection with the election held on the seventh of November. Since it appears that quite a number of the election boards forwarded their returns with insufficient postage thereon, it is assumed that it will be in order to present to you a bill covering the amounts paid out by me

on account of postage due on returns from the fourth division. To this end, I would ask that you kindly forward a set of voucher blanks, with such instructions as you may wish to give regarding the form in which you wish the voucher submitted. In this connection, please advise if you wish me to submit with the vouchers a duplicate receipt signed by the Juneau postmaster.

The same condition exists with respect to the returns from the other judicial divisions, and I am taking the matter up in a similar way with the clerks of these divisions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

December 8, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to ask that you will kindly furnish this office with a list of the United States Commissioners in the first judicial division corrected to date. This list is desired for the use of this office and of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 6, 1916

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Dr. L. P. Daves,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Daves:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 5, with reference to the case of your patient, Mrs. Dudley.

In reply I have to say that if you can find time to call at this office at any time that you can conveniently do so, I will further discuss the case with you and see what, if anything, can be done in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 6, 1916

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Mr. Elmer E. Smith,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 19, with reference to certain conditions alleged to be prevailing in the practice of pharmacy in Gustineau Channel town, I have to advise you that the contents of your letter were laid before Mr. Wm. Britt, and the matters complained of in your communication will be laid before the Attorney-General, George B. Grigsby, who is expected in Juneau within a short time. The Attorney General will be asked to make a full investigation and instructed to take such action as may be necessary to secure a thorough enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 37, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913.

With reference to the case of Mr. Henry Brie, also referred to in your letter, Mr. Britt advises me that he will take up this matter personally with you. He, however, expresses the opinion that the Pharmacy Board is clearly within its rights in issuing an apprentice certificate to Mr. Brie.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 7, 1916

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Dr. L. P. Dawes,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Dawes:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 4, together with a letter from Alfred Michaelson, now a resident of Phoenix, Arizona. With reference to the subject-matter of his letter, I may say that I know nothing about it whatsoever except the story told me by Mr. Michaelson himself just previous to his departure for Arizona. There is, therefore, nothing that I can do in the matter.

I am returning the letter herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 7, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of your telegram of December 3, as follows:

"Vukolay P. Simovich has cut about 90 cords of wood on section 16, township 1 south, range 2 west, Fairbanks meridian, and the wood is still on the ground liable to be moved at any time. As this is school land, the wood belongs to the Territory. The wood was cut without a permit and not through mistake. Believing that an example should be made to protect interests of the Territory, this matter should be submitted to Attorney General."

In reply to the above, on December 5 I wired you as follows, which wire is hereby confirmed:

"Replying yours third, will you take such action as may be necessary to protect rights of Territory in matter covered by your wire. Attorney General Grigsby now absent from Territory, but as soon as he returns, he will communicate with you."

on December 6 I received the following, receipt of which is confirmed:

"Am notifying Simovich to not move any wood and that I will prosecute him for larceny, if he does. Armstrong, field man, Interior Department, working with me. Will hold matter awaiting orders Attorney General."

In further amplification of the above, I have to thank you for your prompt action in notifying me and in your subsequent action in notifying Simsvich not to move the wood under threat of prosecution. Mr. Grigby is now in Seattle, and is expected here in a few days, when I shall immediately take the matter up with him.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

December 7, 1916

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

My dear Mr. Austin:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29, with vouchers of E. A. Heath, Ketchikan Power Company, and Patrick Hamilton. These vouchers have been approved, and the Territorial Treasurer advises me that warrants in payment thereof have gone forward.

I note that the Territorial road fund is practically exhausted, and I share your view that, no doubt, the money has been well expended under your able direction. I am sure that you have been most painstaking in carrying out your duties as Territorial Road Commissioner, and it would have pleased me well if you had continued in office.

With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

December 7, 1916

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Captain L. L. Bales,  
Alaska Exhibit,  
Panama-California International Exposition,  
San Diego, California

My dear Captain Bales:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9, and in reply I have to say that I am glad that you are getting along so nicely. I had expected to be able to visit San Diego during the term of the fair, but find that I shall be unable to do so. December is now well started, and it will be impossible for me to leave Alaska so as to include San Diego in my itinerary before the end of the month.

I regret this exceedingly, as I very much desire to again visit the beautiful city of the extreme southern end of California and incidentally meet yourself and others. I have received a very kind letter from President Davidson, and I regret that I cannot accept his kind invitation.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

December 7, 1916

Mr. H. P. McCain,  
Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. C. C. Tolman, of Seward, Alaska, that he is desirous of taking the civilian examination for second lieutenant in the United States Army, and I beg to say that I have known Mr. Tolman for a number of years, and it is a privilege for me to say that he is a young man of excellent physique and of splendid moral character. He is a young man of education and I believe that should he secure the appointment, he will be able to pass the necessary examination and will be a credit to the service.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

December 7, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Tolman,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter, I have to advise you that it gives me pleasure to transmit herewith a letter recommending you for the civilian examination for second lieutenant in the United States Army, addressed to H. P. McCain, Adjutant General, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

Permit me to express the hope that you will be successful in every way.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 7, 1916

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Mr. Wm. Lawson,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Complaint has been made to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the duty of granting allowances to certain residents of Alaska, and of which I am Chairman, to the effect that you and some others who are receiving allowances from the Territory, are not making good use of the money which you do receive. The specific charge is that, instead of using this allowance for legitimate purposes, it is being used for the purpose of purchasing intoxicating liquors.

I, therefore, deem it my duty to advise you that it is not the purpose of the act providing for the granting of allowances to aged residents of Alaska to countenance the expenditure of money for intoxicating liquors, and it will be the duty of the board, upon presentation of evidence to that effect, to cancel the certificates so issued.

I am writing you this in order to give you an opportunity to defend yourself of the charge, should you desire to do so.

Yours very truly,

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

December 7, 1916

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Mr. G. A. Davidson, President,

Panama-California International Exposition,

San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I have deferred replying to your esteemed favor of October 31, inviting me to visit your exposition for the reason that I had hoped that I would be able to leave Alaska some time during the present month with that purpose in view. I find, however, that it will be impossible for me to leave Alaska at this time. It affords me pleasure to state that I have heard nothing but encomiums of your splendid exposition, with the success of which your name is inseparably linked.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

December 7, 1916

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Mr. Floyd E. Ryus, Secretary,  
Alaska Board of Pharmacy,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your attention is hereby directed to paragraph 2,  
section 8, chapter 37, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, which  
reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the board (the Territorial Board of Pharmacy), to examine all applicants for registration, submitting blanks in proper form, to grant certificates of registration to such persons as may be entitled to the same under the provisions of this act; to cause prosecutions of all persons violating the provisions of this act; ~~to report annually to the Governor~~ upon the condition of pharmacy in the Territory, which said report shall furnish a record of the proceedings of said board for the year, as well as the names of all persons registered under this act, and also an itemized account of all moneys received and disbursed by them as said board."

I have further to direct your attention to the fact that, although the Alaska Pharmacy Board was constituted in 1913, no report has been made by the Board to the Governor, as required in the paragraph quoted above. You are, therefore, directed to file your report with this office on or before

February 1, 1917, in accordance with the above law. This report must be filed with this office on or before February 1, in order that it may be submitted at the next meeting of the legislature, which convenes on the first Monday in March, should it be found necessary to do so.

Yours very truly, &

Governor

December 8, 1916

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Mr. A. H. Kuettnor,  
Killisnoe, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by Captain Quick and Walter Williams of the Salvation Army, to forward you the enclosed notice in order that its contents may be read to Chief Charlie and other people of the native village of Angeon, who, I am advised, have threatened to interfere with the religious services conducted there by the Salvation Army.

It may be unnecessary for me to point out that the Salvation Army, or any other religious organization, should not be interfered with by any persons whatsoever, so long as they do not interfere with the rights and liberties of others.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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**TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGOON AND WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

It has been brought to the attention of this office that certain residents of the native village of Angoon, including one Chief Charlie, threatened to interfere with the religious services conducted by that body known as the Salvation Army; and, whereas the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences is guaranteed to all by the Constitution of the United States, all persons are hereby forbidden to interfere, in any way, with the religious services of the said Salvation Army in the native town of Angoon, under pain of prosecution to the fullest extent, according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this eighth day of December, 1916.

**Governor**

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Juneau, December 9, 1916. O. B.

A. G. Shoup,

Sitka, Alaska

Can you make room for Fred Trumpf, Windham, in Heme? Understand  
he is practically helpless but can feed himself. Answer.

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.

Stenographer

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December 12, 1916

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to state that I have known the bearer Mr. Sidney D. Charles, for a number of years, a part of which time he has been actively engaged in newspaper work in this Territory. Mr. Charles possesses exceptional ability in his line, is industrious and a man of the highest character and the strictest integrity, and it is a pleasure for me to commend him to the good graces of all whom he may meet.

December 13, 1916

Mr. J. E. Clark,  
Clerk of the Court,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th ultimo, in which you request that this office return to you registration books, election registers and ballots which you say "were sent in error to you by election officers," as follows:

Little Eldorado precinct	1 registration book
Richardson precinct	do
Ester precinct	do
Lever Cleary precinct	do
Lever Dome precinct	do
	and unused ballots
Salchaket	1 election register and unused ballots.

To date we have received no election returns from the Ester, Lever Cleary or Salchaket precincts. We have received one package of returns each from Little Eldorado, Richardson and Lever Dome precincts.

In a quite a number of cases, it is noted that the envelopes containing returns from the fourth division originally bore your address in typewriting thereon, which address has

been stricken out and the packages readdressed to the Governor's office. Since the election returns received by this office will not be opened until the canvassing board meets, it is impossible for us to tell whether any of the packages thus far received contained documents or papers which should have been sent to you. It is probable that the canvassing board will not be able to meet until after February 1, 1917, inasmuch as it is not at all likely that all of the returns will be in before that time. If, when the canvassing board meets and the returns are opened, it is found that any of the election boards forwarded to this office books or other documents which should have been sent to you, such books or documents will be promptly forwarded to you by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

December 13, 1916

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Mr. Guthrie M. Scott,  
Manufacturers' Agent,  
City

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the sixth instant, with its enclosure, relative to postage and insurance charges on a package of plumbing supplies for the Governor's house, I note you say "This includes postage from here to Seattle, Seattle to the factory and return by way of Seattle, and all postal insurance on same." In Mr. Forrest's letter which accompanies yours, he states that the shipment was received from Bowles Company, of Seattle.

Will you please advise the location of the factory referred to in your letter so that we may be able to give the Department full information on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 13, 1919

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Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a list of United States Commissioners for the first judicial division, corrected to that date, I beg to ask if a correction should not have been made in the name of the Commissioner at Wrangell. The name of the Commissioner at Wrangell, as appears on the list referred to, is William G. Thomas. However, with your letter of December 9, addressed to this office, you enclose a certified copy of judgment and order in the matter of hearing upon the application for the education of Harold Andersen, a dependent child, and I note that the certificate in question is signed by C. E. Webber, who designates himself as United States Commissioner at Wrangell, the certificate being dated December 4.

Will you kindly advise if Mr. Webber's name should be substituted for that of Mr. Thomas on the list of Commissioners above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 13, 1916

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the fourth instant, replying to mine of November 28, relative to insufficient postage on election returns from the third division. You say you are at a loss to understand the matter, since each envelope sent out by you to the various boards was franked and bore a 10¢ registration stamp. You say you suppose that, in a number of cases, the envelopes were not large enough and that the ballots were placed in separate packages, which necessitated the payment of the postage referred to.

Practically all of the election returns received from the third division have been under cover of the franked envelopes furnished to the election boards by you. However, as explained in my former letter, the Juneau postmaster takes the position that since the act providing for the election of a delegate from Alaska required that the returns of elections held under that act be forwarded under fully prepaid postage, it is also necessary that the returns of the election held on November 7 be covered by proper postage.

It is the opinion of this office that the Junction postmaster's position in the matter is well taken, and that election returns are not properly subject to transmission through the mails under government frank. At least this office knows of no law which could be considered as extending the franking privileges to such matter.

As soon as all of the returns have been received from your division, I will forward a bill covering the amounts which I have advanced on account of postage on election returns.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 13, 1916

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**Newsprint Manufacturers' Association,  
18 East 41st Street,  
New York City**

**Dear Sirs:**

Your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Department of the Interior, office of the Secretary, Juneau, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply I beg to advise you that your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, which report, it is expected will soon be ready for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 13, 1916

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Mr. J. E. Brown,  
Moffett, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, in which you ask to be advised in regard to homestead land in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the greater proportion of the agricultural lands of Alaska is situated in the interior, in the Tanana and other valleys of that section, and in the Cook Inlet region in central Alaska, and in valleys tributary thereto, such as the Matanuska, Susitna and others.

Agricultural land in southeastern Alaska and southwestern Alaska is more limited in area, such as is available being found on the various streams entering the ocean from the mainland and the numberless islands. Plots of land may be found in southeastern Alaska, varying in amount from a few acres to probably 100 acres or more. Near Juneau available homestead land may be found on the mainland and on Douglas and Admiralty Islands, a few miles from the town of Juneau.

Circulars regarding the manner of obtaining title to public lands may be obtained from the Commissioner of the

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General Land Office, Washington, D. C., to whom all correspondence relating to public lands should be addressed. Publications on agricultural experiments and developments, and on stock raising are issued by the Department of Agriculture, and information concerning these may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular containing general information regarding the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 13, 1916

Mr. Frederick D. Gardner,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 8, I have to advise you that the inaugural address of the Governor of Alaska will probably not be delivered until some time in the month of May next. At that time I will endeavor to see that you are supplied with a copy, as per your request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 13, 1916

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Mr. Wm. A. Wilson,  
City Engineer's Office,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 6, in which you ask for any available information concerning the resources, opportunities, developments, etc., in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, as soon as the report of the Governor has been received from the printer, I shall forward one to your address. I am also enclosing herewith a circular containing general information concerning the Territory. I may add that our supply of the Governor's reports for the fiscal year 1915 is exhausted. I am enclosing, however, some other printed matter which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 13, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of circular letters dated October 28, 1916, from O. N. Fernbach, Secretary of the International Award System, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, together with diplomas and medals conferred upon the Department of the Interior by the International Jury of Awards, as follows:

Silver medal for exhibit of Alaskan cabbage  
Bronze medal for exhibit of Alaskan grasses  
Gold medal for exhibit of Alaskan potatoes  
Silver medal for Alaskan exhibit of baskets and articles of horn, ivory and wood  
Medal of honor for exhibit of Alaskan barley, wheat and oats  
Bronze medal for exhibit of Alaskan metallic and non-metallic minerals.

I note that the receipt of the above has been acknowledged by the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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

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Mr. W. D. Elliott,  
Matanuska Voting Precinct,  
Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 20, together with two ballots, which, as you state, explain themselves, and which were misplaced with the unused ballots and sent to United States Commissioner David at Anchorage. You also add that you got them back only on the day previous to your writing this office. These ballots and your letter will be placed before the canvassing board when it shall meet.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 13, 1916

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Mr. C. C. Taggart,  
Deadwood, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, with reference to certain alleged irregularities in the voting in your precinct on election day, November 7 last.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be laid before the canvassing board when it shall meet to canvass the election returns, which will probably be early in February next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 13, 1918

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Mr. C. L. Peerman,

The Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co.,

Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, in which you ask to be advised concerning the chances of employment in the Territory of Alaska, and in which you also state your business experiences.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not in a position to state whether you could secure employment in this Territory or not. Much will depend upon the opportunities presented in your line. I might suggest, however, that you address the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, which Commission is charged with the duty of constructing the government railroad now being built from the Pacific coast of Alaska to the interior. I suppose that your railroad and telegraphic experience might be useful in securing you employment with the Commission. I am not advised, however, as to the salaries paid, but it may be possible that you are receiving now as good a salary as that which would be paid you by the Commission.

Yours very truly

Governor

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December 13, 1916

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Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Doctor Myers:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 5, with reference to the best method of handling the question of alcoholics by druggists and doctors.

In reply I have to advise you that I understand a bill is now being drafted in this city, the intention being to forward it to Washington, there to be introduced in Congress. I am also advised that there is a somewhat drastic clause covering the purchasing and dispensing of spirituous and malt liquors by drug stores in Alaska. The clause relating to such purchasing and dispensing is along the lines of a similar clause in the Colorado dry law, which I am advised works very satisfactorily in every respect, inasmuch as it keeps a perfect record of all shipments of liquors to drug stores and the disposition made of them through numbered permits and through physicians' certificates.

I note what you say in regard to the Harrison anti-narcotic law, and believe that some similar plan might be well adopted in the Alaska dry law, and no doubt this will be done, or some similar plan followed. I am also

advised that the druggists of the third judicial division are contemplating taking steps to have a clause in the proposed dry law, prohibiting the sale of liquors of all kinds by drug stores, inasmuch as it is claimed that they are no longer recognized by the pharmacopeia; that is to say their medical virtues being at a big discount. I may say that personally I am not advised as to the virtue or non-virtue of intoxicating liquors from a medical standpoint. I also note that this thought had occurred to you, namely, that it would be best to exclude absolutely all wines, beer, whiskey, etc., from drug stores when the Territory goes dry. I am inclined to agree with you in this respect, inasmuch as the experience of the past in prohibition states shows that drug stores violate the law with impunity at times.

I have to thank you for your letter regarding this matter, and shall do everything within my power to have your views incorporated in any law that may be passed by Congress.

Permit me, at this time, to extend to you the compliments of the season, and to express the hope that the New Year may be the beginning of a new and better era for this great Territory of ours.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

December 13, 1916

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Mrs. L. W. Grigsby,  
Taft, California

Dear Madam

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 2, in which you ask for recent information on the agricultural, and mineral resources, the fisheries, education, furs and population, as well as other data concerning this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith a press copy of the annual report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal year 1916, which I believe will meet your purpose. No other copy except the one enclosed is available. I am also enclosing a copy of a circular containing general information concerning the Territory, which may be of some service to you.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Enc.

December 13, 1916

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

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 2. I note that you report only one case of infection during the month of November, namely, a case of tuberculosis in the town of Seward. This is a very good record, indeed.

I also note that you have had some sore weather in your town. Here the weather has not as yet been cold, but we are receiving an unusual supply of snow for so early in the season, the snow being intermingled with more or less rain, making the streets sticky, indeed.

I trust that you are in the enjoyment of good health, and with assurances of my personal esteem in wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

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Juneau, December 14, 1916

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**EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:**

There have recently been received at the Juneau post office a number of communications addressed to the "Alaska Scientific Laboratories, Juneau, Alaska." As no such concern is known to Postmaster Bradford or any of his assistants, the communications have been turned over to the Governor's office, where they are now being held pending an effort to locate the party or parties for whom they are intended.

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**Juneau, December 13, 1916. O. B., Gov't Night Rate -- Paid**

**Secretary Interior,**

**Washington**

**Am familiar with status work on Speel River hydro-electric project, and work that has been accomplished by its projectors. Their application for a two years' extension of their permit, addressed to Forestry Bureau, is bona fide and should be granted without question. My only interest in this matter is in seeing this water power developed and thus become industrial asset of Territory. The young men who have it in hand are neither promoters nor speculators, and to refuse their request for time extension would, I submit, be act of grossest injustice to them and detriment to development of Alaskan resources.**

**STRONG, Governor**

I certify that this telegram is an official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay and expense of ordinary mail.

**Secretary**

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December 14, 1916

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Mr. W. P. Lass,  
Valentine Building  
City

Dear Mr. Lass:

With further reference to the subject-matter of our conversation yesterday morning, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a telegram addressed by me to Secretary Lane, which I trust will be of some assistance in the matter discussed.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Enc.

December 14, 1918

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Chief Ana-kin-hash,  
Douglas, Alaska

Sir:

With further reference to our conversation of a few days ago concerning a house claimed by you and which you believed had been deeded to you by one Julius Johnson, after due examination I find that instead of said Johnson deeding the house to you, he deeded it to his wife, who, I understand, is now occupying said house. Johnson, according to the showing made, having deceived you as to the execution of the deed.

You are, therefore, advised to bring the woman (Johnson's alleged wife), to this office for the purpose of further examining into the merits of the case. I advise this on the assumption that Johnson's wife will accompany you to this office in a desire to have the matter settled along amicable lines.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 14, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 21, with reference to the case of the destitute person, about which you telegraphed me on November 16 and later advised me that he had died.

I note what you say with reference to Territorial vouchers, and I am enclosing herewith a number of these vouchers for your use in the future, should you need them. I am also forwarding a number to the United States Marshal at Fairbanks.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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December 15, 1916

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

Enclosed herewith you will find a list of United States Commissioners for the first judicial division, which list was furnished by the clerk of the district court, the same being corrected by him to December 7.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 16, 1916

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Mr. James V. E. McCauley

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to conditions existing in certain mines of southeastern Alaska, and, incidentally, on the Canadian side of the line.

The conditions which you allege to thus exist are perhaps inevitable. The right of a mine owner, or a man in any other kind of business, to employ such labor as he may choose cannot be denied him, so long as the employment of such labor is not inhibited by law. There are many things in this world which are not right, but, for all that, I believe that the world is slowly growing better and that progress is being made not only in social service but in the humanities. Reforms are not brought about in a day, but are the result of years of patient effort, and these, rightly directed, will in time eliminate many of the evils which we now experience and which we feel at times threaten the stability of our time-honored institutions.

The matters referred to in your letter are not such as  
can be dealt with, either by this office or any other that  
I know of.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 16, 1916

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Mrs. I. A. Gilman,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, conveying to myself and Mrs. Strong, on behalf of your committee, an invitation to attend the Christmas celebration to be given by the natives of Douglas Island at the Alaska Eagles' Hall, on Christmas Day, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give Mrs. Strong and myself much pleasure to accept your invitation, unless it shall develop that some unforeseen circumstance shall prevent our being present on that occasion, in which case you will be duly advised.

Permit me to express my thanks for the courtesy thus shown and to assure you of my entire sympathy in the cause of the native people of Alaska.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Juneau, December 18, 1916. O. B.

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Adams, Clerk of Court,

NOME.

Reported here no election held at Barrow, also reported returns from Utina precinct illegal. Advise this office, giving full particulars far as possible.

Also wire vote for delegate, as reported, at Fortuna Lodge.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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