

January 15, 1917

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Mr. H. E. Bain,

Fortuna Ledge, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of October 31 last, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a notary bond blank for use in connection with the renewal of your commission. On the back of the bond blank will be found an oath of office form which should also be executed by you. When you have properly executed the bond and oath of office, the form should be forwarded to the clerk of the district court for your division so that he may approve the same. It will save time if you will request the clerk to forward the bond direct to this office after approval.

You should remit to this office the sum of \$10, to cover the legal fee for the renewal of your commission. If possible, the fee should be remitted in the form of a postal money order.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Emery Valentine,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith copy of telegram received this date from the Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, relative to the canvass of the returns of the last general election.

The Governor directs me to say that the Canvassing Board will convene in the office of the Governor on Wednesday afternoon, 17th instant, at the hour of two o'clock.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Enclosure.

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Miss Cornelia Smith,  
714 West 16th Street,  
Vancouver, Wash.

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is being sent you, under separate cover, a map of Alaska, which I trust will serve your purpose.

A general circular of information is being enclosed with the map.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of October 11th last, transmitting application of Mr. H. W. Wilmoth, of Knik, for appointment as notary, together with \$10 in cash to cover the legal fee for the commission, I now beg to transmit the approved bond and oath of office executed by Mr. Wilmoth, in connection with his application. You will note from the letter which accompanies the bond, that Mr. Wilmoth is located at Wasilla, Alaska. In forwarding the commission, it might possibly be well to address it to Mr. Wilmoth at Wasilla, via Knik.

Kindly have Mr. Wilmoth's commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska.

Juneau

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor by J. E. Clark, clerk of the district court, Fairbanks, transmitting approved notary bond of Mrs. Eleanor T. Wright, of Wiseman, with oath of office on back of same properly executed, and \$10 in currency, covering the legal fee for the issuance of a notary commission.

Kindly have Mrs. Wright's commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Miss Theodora Beeth,  
34 East 28th Street,  
New York City

My dear Miss Beeth:

I have to thank you for your kind letter, in which you express your thanks for such support and sympathy as I have been able to give you in the grand work in which you are engaged. Permit me to express the hope that the success which you have achieved in the past will be but an earnest of what the future will afford. You are building on a sure foundation, and the services you are rendering must be such as will result in substantial good to the nation in the years to come.

Permit me to say, in closing, that I shall be pleased to cooperate with you in this work in any way possible.

I am,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Governor

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Juneau, January 15, 1917. O. B.

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Shoup,

Sitka.

Forward vouchers for maintenance inmates Home from various  
judicial divisions for quarter ended December thirty-first.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is an official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not cause the delay



Secretary to the Governor.

January 16, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, covering disbursements from the appropriation "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1917," the accounts including the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current
3. Vouchers 1, 2 and 3.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, Special Disbursing Agent

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, covering disbursements from the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," the accounts including the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers 1 to 22, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, Special Disbursing Agent.

Encs.

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

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Mr. Norman Meland,  
Red Wing, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3, in which you state that you would like to enter the government service in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I knew of no openings in the government service in this Territory at this time. A number of the government positions in Alaska are in the classified service, and you might obtain the information you desire by addressing the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Such other positions as are not in the classified service are filled from actual residents of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. W. R. Ward,

Eldorado, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 1, addressed to the Governor of Alaska, "Dawson, Alaska," in which you inquire for your missing brother, William Timothy Ward.

In reply I have to state that the capital of Alaska is Juneau and not Dawson, Dawson being the capital of Yukon Territory, Canada. Your letter, therefore, should be addressed to the Commissioner for Yukon Territory, Dawson, Y. T., who perhaps will be able to furnish you the information which you desire. As the Klondike is some 1500 miles from Juneau, manifestly I am not in a position to give you the information which you desire.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 16, 1917

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Mr. Joseph Chilberg,  
1221½ West Fourth St.,  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Chilberg:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 2. In reply I have to say that it was a pleasure for me to appoint you as my official representative on Alaska Day at the Panama-California International Exposition. I may add that it gave me much pleasure to learn of the great success achieved by yourself and others in making Alaska Day a noteworthy event.

I trust that you are in good health, and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Miss Helen Brown Trask,

1427 Carroll Avenue,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, in which you request some definite information about business prospects for women in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that I have never advised any person to come to Alaska with the view of permanently locating here, without having investigated conditions themselves, or through some friend in whom they reposed entire confidence. Conditions in Alaska are much different from those obtaining in California or in Maine, and, unless one is prepared to accept them as they are and to meet them as they arise, they would far better not come to this Territory.

Business opportunities, as a rule, I may say are fully occupied. There is a demand, however, for women, especially in domestic employment, but, for the reason that the average woman is not looking for work of this kind. Other business opportunities are not common, as they are usually seen and embraced as they arise. Of course, Alaska is a tremendously

large country, and there may be business openings in a number of towns, of which I have necessarily no knowledge. I note that you speak of the Mayor of Seward, who you say wanted a lady for his office. I do not know as to this, but I may say that his name is C. A. Myers. Mr. Myers is now in Seattle, I understand, but I do not know his address. It may be possible, however, that a letter addressed to Mr. Myers, Mayor of Seward, at Seattle, might reach him.

I regret that I cannot give you any more definite information or encouragement. If I can be of any further service to you in this or any other matter, I shall gladly render it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. Lindley Green,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 3, with reference to Mr. Roberts, who you stated was on his way to Juneau to take the dental examination. I am advised by Dr. Kaser, Secretary of the Dental Board, that Mr. Roberts did not reach Juneau, having been on the wrecked steamer Admiral Watson and was, therefore, unable to reach Juneau in time to take the examination.

I regret very much the untoward circumstance that prevented Mr. Roberts from reaching here. I may assure you that, if there is any way in which I can serve him, I shall gladly do so.

With expressions of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report of cases  
of communicable diseases, of which you have been notified  
to December 30.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

January 16, 1917

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Dr. Wm. H. Chase,  
Assistant Health Commissioner,  
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 1, with reference to the measles epidemic in the vicinity of Eyak and Cordova. I note that you are making every effort to suppress the disease, and I assume that you have it under control by this time. I also express the hope that the epidemic will be fully controlled in Cordova.

I also acknowledge receipt of your voucher for \$3.80, account of advertising during the whooping cough epidemic last summer, and \$3, account postage stamps purchased by you in the discharge of your official duties.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

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Hon. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10. I note your statement that William Cox, admitted from Douglas, has tuberculosis. I had no idea of this, as the application for admission was made by Mayer O'Connor, of Douglas, who assured me that he was not afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease, and I asked that the medical certificate be signed by Dr. Sargent, health officer at Douglas. However, I suppose that you will have to make the best of it in the meantime.

I note also that the inmates of the Home have been having attacks of the grip, but I trust that they have recovered by this time.

I also note what you say with regard to the nurses, and while I do not know Miss Bristol, I am sure that the young man who will get Miss Levy is most fortunate, indeed, and I have no doubt that the doctor is to be congratulated as well.

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Now, with regard to rubbers for some of the inmates, I believe that they should be furnished with them, but you did not mention anything as to sizes, and, while generally I know the sizes should be large, if you will, by return mail, forward me the sizes needed, they will go forward on the next steamer. I take it that they should be not less than Nos. 10 or 12, and maybe larger, but I would like to be advised as to this.

Your request for an appropriation of \$250 to affect a quarantine in the measles cases in your town, I felt I could not consistently grant. To do so would be to establish a precedent and might result in other incorporated towns of the Territory making a similar demand upon the Territorial treasury. At Haines they had a severe epidemic of measles recently, but the town authorities handled it without aid from the Territory. The native village of Yhindstucki, however, on Lynn Canal was quarantined, which was maintained for about seven days, the Territory assuming the cost. But, as this was a native community outside of the town of Haines, I considered such cost might be legally incurred. You will readily understand that I would gladly assist the town of Sitka, if I felt that it were possible for me to do so legally. I trust that the epidemic has abated by this time.

I also note what you say with reference to the new storehouse, and I do not wonder that it has not been completed if the weather at Sitka is at all comparable with that which we have been having in Juneau for several weeks past.

Billy Burns is in Fairbanks, and I suppose that he will not arrive here until about March 1 next. I note also that you are getting your report in order for submission to the legislature when it shall meet. May I suggest that you make it as comprehensive as possible in order to show just what the Home has been able to accomplish under many difficulties during the past two years.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 16, 1917

Mr. N. Nichols, President,  
American-Siberian Trading Co.,  
Lynn Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, in which you state that Mr. Alexander Beranoff is desirous of obtaining a license as veterinary surgeon in Alaska, and you suggest such papers as may be necessary in connection therewith to be forwarded to you.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no law governing the practice of veterinary surgery in Alaska, so far as this office is advised. The Territory imposes a license fee of \$10 per annum upon all doctors practicing in the Territory. The United States imposes a license fee of \$50 per annum upon itinerant doctors, but I assume that this tax would not apply to veterinary surgeons permanently residing in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Honorable S. C. Hensen,  
American Consul,  
Swatow, China

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Leopold David, United States Commissioner, Anchorage, Alaska, being in response to a request from this office that he forward such information as might be available concerning the death, burial and settlement of the estate of E. Roy Ramsey, son of Mr. T. Carr Ramsey, a British resident of Swatow, China, as contained in a letter from you dated September 11 last.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please command me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 16, 1917

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Mr. Frank I. Reed,

Cache Creek, via Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Reed:

Through the Department of the Interior, Washington, I am in receipt of a letter from J. Biederman, Cobb Building, Seattle, Wash., in which he states that he is desirous of ascertaining the whereabouts of William Biederman, his brother, who, the postmaster at Sunitna advised him, was last heard from at Cache Creek, to which point his mail was forwarded. Will you advise me, as early as possible, if you know anything concerning said Biederman?

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. V. Sheldon, Cashier,

The Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co.,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith, for proper disposition, draft issued by your bank on the Union Savings & Trust Company, of Seattle, in favor of Conrad Freeding, for the sum of \$10. This draft was received by this office on the 15th instant, together with a letter from Mr. Freeding, asking to be appointed a notary public for the Territory, together with a bond for the faithful performance of duties as such notary public. I am advised that Mr. Freeding met death by freezing in the Kenigrek district; hence my reason for returning the draft and also the bond.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, January 17, 1917. O. B.

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J. F. Pugh, Collector Customs,

Care M. S. Debbe, Deputy Collector,

KETCHIKAN.

Canvassing Board cannot meet until you reach Juneau. Important that board meet earliest possible date. Wire when you will reach here.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

January 17, 1917

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Mrs. H. A. Bishop,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to take up with you the matter of your expense account, covering your fare and purchase of supplies in connection with the placing of Harold Anderson, of Wrangell, in the Washington State School for the Deaf.

On December 22 last there was issued to you by this office voucher No. 30, in the sum of \$62 to cover first-class steamer and railway transportation for yourself from Wrangell to Vancouver, Washington, and return to Wrangell, on account of taking Harold Anderson to the Washington State School for the Deaf, and on the same date there was issued to you voucher No. 31, in the sum of \$50, covering the cost of clothing and personal effects required by Harold Anderson in connection with his admission in the institution. It was understood when these vouchers were issued that the voucher for \$62 was sufficient in amount to cover your transportation from Wrangell to Vancouver, Washington, and return to Wrangell, Mr. Bishop himself explaining to the Governor that he had made inquiry

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regarding the fare and that this was the correct amount. It was the understanding between the Governor and Marshal Bishop that, as the boy's home was in Wrangell, the allowance for your fare should be made from Wrangell to Vancouver and return, not from Juneau to Vancouver and return to Juneau.

Upon the foregoing basis, it would appear that your statement of account should be revised to cover the expenditure of approximately \$62 for steamer and railway fare, Wrangell to Vancouver, Washington, and return to Wrangell, the sum of \$13.75 for wearing apparel purchased for Harold Anderson, and \$5 in cash deposited with the Washington School for the Deaf, which would leave an unexpended balance of approximately \$31.25.

For your information, I may add that a separate voucher (No. 29), was issued on December 23 to Mr. Bishop, in the sum of \$31, to cover the transportation of Harold Anderson from Wrangell to Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 18, 1917

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Mr. Ed. Snyder,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find voucher in the sum of \$23. This voucher covers groceries furnished Mr. H. R. Rasmussen, upon authority of the Governor's letter of November 21 last, and one month's rent of cabin, upon authority of the Governor's letter of December 3 last.

The itemized bill submitted by you totaled \$23.10. It has been changed to \$23 to conform to the Governor's letter of authority above mentioned.

Kindly sign the voucher and return it to this office and a warrant will be mailed to you in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Hon. Franklin K. Lane,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. B. D. Stewart, who is by way of being mayor of Juneau. Mr. Stewart is one of our best citizens and is now visiting Washington on certain matters of interest to this city, and he has expressed a desire to meet you and pay his respects. I may also add that Mr. Stewart is one of the young men who are helping to develop this great territory of ours.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Mr. Harry Brink,

Kennecott, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 10, in which you request to be furnished with a map of Alaska, giving all the rivers, trails and roads, I have to advise you that I am enclosing herewith the only map available in this office. Maps of Alaska may be obtained by addressing the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., as follows: Map of Alaska, 1912, by A. H. Brooks, price 20¢; map of Alaska, 1915, by A. H. Brooks and R. H. Sargent, 30¢. You also might obtain a map of Alaska, showing the roads and trails of the Territory by addressing the Alaska Road Commission, Valdez, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 18, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I desire to say in behalf of the bearer, Mr. G. C. Naud, that this office had occasion to employ him in a confidential way. His work was satisfactory in every respect; he showed a keen intelligence and great fidelity in its execution. It is, therefore, a pleasure for me to give him this recommendation; and, if you can make use of his services, I do not hesitate to express the opinion that he would discharge every duty devolving upon him ably, intelligently and fearlessly.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 18, 1917

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Mr. A. R. Thomas,  
Hill City, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 7, I have to advise you that United States deputy surveyors are appointed by the Surveyor General of Alaska. In order to secure such appointment, the applicant must come to Juneau and undergo an examination as to his qualifications, both in office and in field work. There are no fees or other expenses attached to the examination.

For further information, you are advised to address Mr. Charles E. Davidson, Surveyor General of Alaska, Juneau.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 18, 1917

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Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate to Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of January 15, with reference to the duties of the canvassing board.

In reply I have to advise you that these duties were, I think, fairly well understood by the canvassing board, and it was not the intention of the board to go behind the election returns. The notification sent you was formal and merely an act of courtesy, an identical notification having been sent to Mr. Sulzer, & Sulzer. The board will not meet until Friday, the 19th instant, owing to the absence of Mr. Pugh, Collector of Customs, who has been absent from the Territory for some time. I believe that all of the election returns have been received except those from Bristol Bay and a few precincts on the Alaska peninsula, and these, I understand, reached Seward last Saturday and should arrive here within a few days.

A copy of your telegram was forwarded to Mr. Valentine as per your request.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 19, 1917.

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Major Fred H. Phillips, Jr.,

Secretary National Rifle Association of America,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith application for membership of the Ketchikan Rifle Club, of Ketchikan, Alaska, duly certified, and bearing my approval endorsement, together with express money order in the sum of ten dollars, payable to the Association, to cover the membership fee and one year's dues in advance.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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January 13, 1917

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Mr. P. H. Callahan, Chairman,  
Commission on Religious Prejudices,  
Knights of Columbus,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 15, together with a report of your Commission on Religious Prejudices, which I have read with much interest, and which seems to cover thoroughly the subjects discussed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 19, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th ultimo (which did not reach this office until today), giving information desired as to the annual and initiation fees of your Club.

The Club's application and membership fee go forward to the Secretary of the National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C., in the first mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 20, 1917

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Mr. L. A. Slane,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 18, in which you call my attention to the alleged fact that two illegal votes were cast in the election on November 7 last.

In reply I have to advise you that the election board had already canvassed the votes of precincts Nos. 1 and 2 prior to the receipt of your letter; and, in any event, the board could not have decided upon the legality of the votes you mention, that being beyond its jurisdiction. If evidence, however, can be adduced to prove that the persons mentioned in your letter voted illegally, they can be proceeded against in the district court. I would suggest, therefore, that you place this matter before the United States District Attorney at Juneau.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 20, 1917

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Mr. James M. Sheap,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16, in which you state that you are the attorney for the administrator of an estate whose final work has been approved and settled, and that the administrator has some money belonging to the estate, but there are no heirs or claimants who have come to the knowledge of the administrator; and you also state that there seems to be no express provision in the Alaska laws relating to unclaimed property in the hands of an administrator, and that to bring action would involve useless expense on the part of the Territory and annoyance to the administrator, and you, therefore, suggest an amendment to section 1712, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska and also submit an amendment to cure the present defect.

In reply I have to thank you for your interest in this matter, and I shall submit your amendment to the legislature when it shall meet in March next and urge its passage.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 30, 1917

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L. F. Swift, Esq.,  
President, Swift & Company,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9, together with a copy of your year book for 1917.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me pleasure to examine this publication, inasmuch as it contains information of surprising interest to the public generally.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 20, 1917

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Sir:

In pursuance of the request contained in your letter of January 9 (E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk), I am returning herewith a signed copy of my printed annual report for 1916.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, January 20, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

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Adams, Clerk Court.

NOTE.

Have you mailed second set election returns Ulica precinct mentioned your telegram eleventh instant, including register, and oath of judges/certificates, and if so, when were they mailed? If not mailed, forward them at once. Request quick answer.

STRONG, GOVERNOR,  
Chairman Canvassing Board.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, January 22, 1917. O. B. R. U. S. H.

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George J. Love, U. S. Commissioner,

VALDEZ.

Canvassing board has no certified copy  
your order and notice of election establishing voting precincts in your  
recording district. Wire this office today if possible giving date of  
order and notice and name and polling place of each voting precinct  
established by you for general election November seventh last.

STRONG, GOVERNOR, Chairman  
Canvassing Board.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, January 22, 1917. O. B.

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Shoup,

Sitka.

Bids W. P. Mills Company for supplies for home under call of ninth  
instant accepted today and have wired Mills.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman Board  
Trustees.

Secretary to Governor.

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**Junco, January 22, 1916**

**O. B.**

**George J. Love,**

**U. S. Commissioner.**

**Valdes**

**Please forward by first mail duplicate certified copy notice and  
order of election for records canvassing board.**

**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**

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Mr. J. E. Clark,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 20 indigent residents of division No. 4, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the quarter ended December 31, 1916. If an allowance can be made from Judge Bunnell's indigent fund to cover a part or all of the voucher, it will be most acceptable, as the large number of inmates now in the Home makes the expense very heavy.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

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The Agent of the

"Prince of Wales,"

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Please furnish to the bearer, Honorable Frank A. Aldrich, Territorial Senator, first-class transportation, including meals and berth, Juneau to Sitka, and return, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Render bill in duplicate to this office, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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January 22, 1917

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your recent letter, there is enclosed herewith voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 8 indigent residents of division No. 3, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended December 31, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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January 22, 1917

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Honorable John R. Tucker,  
United States District Judge,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 14 indigent residents of division No. 2, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the quarter ended December 31, 1916. If any allowance can be made from your indigent fund, it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

January 22, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Enclosed find two copies of bid of W. P. Mills & Co., Inc., covering supplies for the Home asked for under call of the 9th instant. Also find copy of telegram sent Mr. Mills this afternoon, advising acceptance of bid. You will note his bid on Granulated Sugar is for but 1500 pounds, whereas the call specified 1800. The other bidders provided for delivery of 1800 pounds, and it seems but fair that Mills Company should be required to furnish the amount called for, at the same rate per pound as provided in their bid for 1500 pounds, and I have so advised Mr. Mills.

Bids were received, also, from McGrath of Sitka, and Goldstein of Juneau, both of whom were higher than the W. P. Mills Company.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Honorable Robert W. Jomings,  
United States District Judge,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 33 indigent residents of division No. 1, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home during the quarter ended December 31, 1916. If any allowance can be made from your fund it will be greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, January 22, 1917

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W. P. Mills,

Sitka

Your bid for supplies Pioneers' Home, under call ninth instant, accepted this date. Your attention invited to fact that call specifies eighteen hundred pounds granulated sugar, while your bid specifies but fifteen hundred pounds. Bid is accepted with understanding that you will furnish eighteen hundred pounds sugar at same rate per pound as quoted in bid for fifteen hundred pounds.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Board Trustees

Secretary

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Juneau, January 22, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

C. Parker Smith, U. S. Commissioner,

Copper Center.

Canvassing board has no certified copy your order and notice of election establishing voting precincts in your recording district. Wire this office today if possible giving date of order and notice and name and polling place of each precinct established by you for general election November seventh last.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

January 23, 1917.

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Hon. W. C. Smith,

Territorial Treasurer,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I hand you check in the sum of \$36.25, issued by Mrs. H. A. Bishop to me, and endorsed to your order, covering refund of unexpended balance of funds furnished to Mrs. Bishop on Juvenile Court voucher No. 31, December 22, 1916; the voucher being for the sum of \$50.

Mrs. Bishop has furnished a statement showing the expenditure of \$13.75 for the purposes stated in the voucher above mentioned. The amount of the enclosed check should be credited to the appropriation for "Dependent children."

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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MEMO to be attached to Juvenile Court voucher No. 31, issued December 22, 1916, to Mrs. H. A. Bishop, covering funds furnished for the purpose of providing clothing, etc., for Harold Anderson, of Wrangell, Alaska, a dependent child committed to the care of the Board of Children's Guardians, First Judicial Division, and by the Board sent to the Washington State School for the Deaf, Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Bishop taking charge of the boy from Wrangell to Vancouver.

Voucher No. 31, Dec. 22, 1916, for . . . . . \$50.00

Expenditures made on behalf of Harold Anderson --

January 6, 1917, clothing purchased of Frederick & Nelson,  
Seattle, Wash., as per itemized bill attached hereto . . . . \$13.75

Jan. 18, 1917, check favor of Gov. J. F. A. Strong for balance of 36.25

50.00 50.00

NOTE: Friends of Harold Anderson, in Wrangell, had provided considerable clothing, a trunk, and \$5 in cash, hence it was unnecessary to make larger disbursements from the \$50 furnished by the Territory.

January 23, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

I beg to refer to Juvenile Court vouchers Nos. 30 and 31, issued on December 22, 1916, to Mrs. H. A. Bishop, for \$62 and \$50 respectively. Voucher No. 30 covered steamer and railway fare of Mrs. Bishop, from Wrangell, Alaska, to Vancouver, Washington, and return to Wrangell, account taking one Harold Andersen, a dependent child, to the Washington State School for the Deaf, under orders of the Juvenile Court and the action of the Board of Children's Guardians for the First Judicial Division. Voucher No. 31 was for the purpose of providing clothing, etc., for use of the child at the School.

The amount of voucher No. 30 (\$62.00) was used for the purpose stated. As to voucher No. 31, Mrs. Bishop has furnished this office with an explanation of expenditures, amounting to \$13.75, and has given her check for the unexpanded balance of \$36.25, which check has been endorsed by the Governor and turned over to the Territorial Treasurer, with explanation showing what it covers. The accompanying statement should be filed with voucher No. 31 in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Judge:

I am transmitting herewith, for your information, a  
copy of a letter to the Department of the Interior, which  
is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 23, 1917

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Dr. C. C. Geergesen, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Doctor Geergesen:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 16th, with reference to conditions alleged to be existing in and about the Home. I have read the report of the investigation conducted by you, with interest, and I am satisfied that it fully covers the situation. You will understand, of course, that at no time did I place the slightest credence in the statements made to me by Overman, but, nevertheless, I considered it my duty to ask you to look into the alleged complaints, inasmuch as Overman had been circulating these stories in Juneau, and, as I think I told you, had brought it to the attention of the local Igloo of Pioneers.

I have ascertained, since writing you, that Overman's reputation for truth and integrity is not of the best. It is most annoying to have irresponsibles circulating complaints about the Home, but, I suppose, where an institution of this kind is involved, such are to be expected. I told Overman when he called upon me that I did not believe any of the

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but not surprised with Mr. Smitth, and I am satisfied that statements made whatsoever, as I have some reason, and I know that you have some reason, to feel proud of the manner in which the Home is conducted, and, after all, it may be a matter of some surprise that there are not unfounded complaints when one knows the character of the inmates; that is to say, their age, their ailments and their general antagonism of the world at large.

Senator Aldrich will leave tonight on the Prince of Wales for Sitka, and while there he will look into the Home and its management. I am glad that he is going, as I am satisfied that he will find everything in excellent shape, and, when the legislature shall meet, if criticisms arise, he will be in a position to speak to them by book, inasmuch as he will have made a personal investigation. It is needless to say that you will give him every opportunity for looking into all matters connected with the Home.

I note the recommendations that you have made and endorse them in their entirety, including the purchase of a vacuum cleaner. Furthermore, if the electric washer is not large enough for the work, it would be well, in my opinion, to purchase a larger one. I also note what you say with reference to a building for the purpose of airing the mattresses, and I believe that this should be done. I have

not yet consulted with Mr. Shattuck, but I am satisfied that he will take this view of the matter. Mr. Shattuck and I will have a meeting this afternoon and discuss these and other matters. I believe, however, that it would not be advisable to make many alterations or repairs until the winter has passed. The next legislature will, no doubt, fully discuss the Home and all matters pertaining thereto, and probably the advisability of erecting all buildings that may be necessary for its successful operation.

The canvassing board is in session, and has been for several days past, and my time has been fully taken up; so I cannot write you as fully as I would desire. Coupled with this I have been ill with a very severe cold.

I trust that you have fully recovered, as also has Mrs. Georgeson.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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

January 23, 1917

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Mrs. Isabel Ambler Gilman,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Gilman:

I have received the following telegram from Captain Alfred  
H. Mays, of Rampart, which is self-explanatory:

"Impossible to furnish addresses for which you  
ask. I have been here forty-three years, and have  
lost track of comrades in war. I have previously  
so advised the pension office."

I may add that I do not quite see what can further be  
done in aid of Captain Mays.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your several letters with reference to the Home and matters appertaining thereto. I have also received the voucher in favor of the W. P. Mills Co. for 4-5/8 dozen hats, which has been approved and passed for payment, and I assume that the check will go forward on tonight's boat.

I have also your letter of January 15, together with menus of meals at the Home, beginning with Thanksgiving dinner and ending with supper on December 21. The menus speak for themselves, and I am safe in saying that the variety and excellence are such as are found nowhere else in the world. I suppose, however, that some of the inmates would grumble if they were served with Waldorf-Astoria or Delmonico men. That is to be expected, and, so let them rage. Sometimes I get tired when I listen to such complaints as the one you quote of the man who complained bitterly because a "rich Territory like Alaska, does not serve eggs every morning," but what can one do? Simply overlook the remarks. It is

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on reflection, I come to the conclusion that it would be quite likely that the person referred to has had more square meals and better prepared in every way than ever he had in his life before; but to complain is human and to overlook is well, in order to afford the possibility that he may be able to possess the virtue of forbearance.

I have also the communication from Rice, the fireman, and I am inclined to believe that his position is well taken, but I would suggest that no change in the wage schedule be made until, say, May 1, when I believe a readjustment should be made. By that time the legislature will have adjourned and we will know exactly where we are at. In the meantime, you

may talk with Rice and say that after the next three months the board will, no doubt, take up for consideration the matter of a wage readjustment.

Senator Aldrich will be a passenger for Sitka on the Prince of Wales tonight to look into matters. I thought that, inasmuch as he is a member of the legislature, it would be well if he should go over and inspect the Home. I am not for a moment doubtful of what his report will be, and

when the legislature meets, he will be in a position to speak ex cathedra as to all matters in relation to the Home. I believe that Aldrich will be fair in every particular. I had thought that, when the legislature meets, it would be

well to have a committee go over and inspect the Home, but, I believe it would be the part of

on reflection, I came to the conclusion that it would be impracticable for this to be done, inasmuch as the transportation facilities between here and Sitka are not inviting and, in order to afford the committee time to make a thorough examination of the Home, they would have to remain in Sitka between boats, which would be manifestly impossible. Hence, the reason for my acquiescing in the visit of Aldrich. Of course, you will render him every assistance possible in looking over the Home and inquiring into matters generally. As I said, I am not afraid of the result.

With reference to a static machine which was to have been ordered from F. S. Beta Company, I must plead guilty to a dereliction of duty. I recall that I made a note of the machine, its number, etc., when Miss Lowry was here, but, in the press of business, it has escaped my mind, and now I cannot find my memorandum, which is probably irretrievably lost. Please send me the necessary data, and I will forward it to Beta.

As you were advised by wire yesterday, the bid for long furnishing the Home with groceries, etc., for the next few months was awarded to the W. P. Mills Co., Sitka; the other bidders were Goldstein and C. M. McGrath.

Your information as to potatoes selling in Seattle at \$55 a ton is correct, and I believe it would be the part of economy if you can close the deal with W. P. Mills Co. at

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With reference to a static machine which was to have been ordered from F. S. Bots Company, I must plead guilty to a dereliction of duty. I recall that I made a note of the machine, its number, etc., when Miss Lowry was here, but, in the press of business, it has escaped my mind, and now I cannot find my memorandum, which is probably irretrievably lost. Please send me the necessary data, and I will forward it to Bots.

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Your information as to potatoes selling in Seattle at \$55 a ton is correct, and I believe it would be the part of economy if you can close the deal with W. P. Mills Co. at

3 cents a pound, to do so, as I find that potatoes cannot be laid down in Sitka for less than \$70 a ton, and this would effect a saving of \$10, at least.

I shall endeavor to have the rubbers shipped on the Prince of Wales tonight.

With reference to the rumor which you say is afloat in Sitka, that I have resigned, I may say that this is a rumor, this being the rumor season politically, anyway. I have reason to believe, (and this is for your confidential information), that a Democratic clique in Juneau is circulating that rumor at the instigation of the higher-up clique, who are hoping, no doubt, that the rumor would prove true. It seems that I am not violently partisan enough to suit some of the good Democrats, and perhaps, some of the Republican sympathizers, who would endeavor to have everything official stamped with the partisan label. I have consistently and persistently fought the introduction of partisan politics into Territorial matters, and shall continue to do so as long as I am Governor. I have not resigned, nor do I intend to do so, although my term expires in May next. Whether I shall seek reappointment, I have not yet determined. My health has not been of the best and I would gladly lay down the cares of office and seek, for a time, a better climate in which to recuperate. This, as I have said, is for your con-

fidential information.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor

fidential information.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor

January 23, 1917

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Hon. A. G. Sheup,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith a voucher in favor of Mrs. Reuben Albertstone, of Sitka, for \$10, monthly amount allowed her until further notice, from the Territorial indigent fund. Please have this voucher signed and returned direct to the Secretary of the Territory for payment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 23, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgesen:

With further reference to certain matters in your letter of January 16, I wish to say that I believe that, in the very near future, say early next spring, it will be advisable for the Board to make provision for the construction and maintenance of a steam laundry in connection with the operation of the Home. It seems to me that the present system is unsatisfactory and that the demands upon the Home are such as will entirely justify the construction and maintenance of a laundry.

I believe also that a shed should be erected for the airing of mattresses and bedding, and it also occurs to me that this shed should be placed near the laundry, and provision also should be made for drying the bedding in case of rainy weather after it is aired, should the drying be needed. I note, however, that you say a suitable place for a drying room can be prepared on the left of the old marine store

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room, and which you say is now used as a store room for certain books belonging to the territorial library, which, of course, would have to be removed, and you ask if it would not be possible to make room for this material somewhere in Juneau. As a matter of fact, I do not know where they can be stored here. The building now used for the Governor's office and the territorial library is about replete with all kinds of books and other publications. It occurs to me, however, that they might possibly be stored in the basement of the Governor's house; and, should you decide to use the room mentioned for the purposes indicated in your letter, you may authorize some one to pack the books and ship them to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, and I will try to make provision for their storage here. In this matter you can exercise your best judgment.

Yours very truly,

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

January 23, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I note in your letter of January 19, you refer to the measles epidemic. Of course, I have fully explained my position in that matter, and regret that I cannot see my way clear to make an appropriation from the territorial fund for the town of Sitka, to be used in combating the epidemic. You, of course, are aware that the Territorial government has no control or charge of the Indians of Alaska, this being a matter solely under the jurisdiction, so far as I am advised, of the United States Bureau of Education. It is possible that Mr. C. W. Hawkesworth, superintendent of the native schools for southeastern Alaska, might be induced to make some provision in the way of money for the relief of the natives.

With reference to Gamble, it is my personal opinion, inasmuch as he has given pretty faithful service, that he should not be decked, provided, of course, that his absence from his duties is not too prolonged. Use your discretion in this matter.

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While I had not the honor of an acquaintance with the late John Chernoff, I sympathize with you in your statement that his "taking off" was thoroughly approved by you. No doubt, his daughter will be well rid of such an apology for a father.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 23, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of January 9 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), transmitting a copy of H. B. 19188, to prohibit the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors in the Territory of Alaska and for other purposes, and requesting an expression of my views upon the subject-matter thereof, in order that the same may receive the consideration of the Department, in connection with the report on the bill to the House Committee on Territories.

In reply I have to advise you that the people of Alaska, at the election of November 7, by an overwhelming vote, declared in favor of prohibition of the liquor traffic in the Territory; and the bill referred to above is designed to give expression to the will of the people, as above expressed.

Section 35 of the bill provides---

"That all moneys collected within the Territory of Alaska for occupation, trade or liquor licenses, and which are now by law deposited in the Treasury Department of the United States, in the 'Alaska fund,' shall, on and after July 1, 1917, be paid and deposited by the clerks of the district courts of Alaska, in the Territorial treasury of Alaska, and the legislature of Alaska is hereby authorized to expend the said funds by law for Territorial uses."

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This section is specific in its terms, and, if the bill becomes law, the entire Alaska fund, which for the fiscal year 1916 amounted to \$249,432.39, would be placed under the sole control of the Alaska legislature. 25 per cent of this fund is by law apportioned for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, and is disbursed under the direction of the Governor. The 25 per cent allotment is now entirely inadequate due to the increase of schools in the Territory, the amount required for these schools during the present school year being, roughly speaking, about \$85,000.

In previous communications to the Department and in my several annual reports, I have urged that the percentage of the Alaska fund for the maintenance of white schools be increased to 50 per cent, if the control of the schools of Alaska were to remain vested in Congress. I wish to point out here, however, that I have also to urge that the control of the schools of Alaska be vested in the territorial legislature where, in my opinion, it manifestly belongs, inasmuch as the administration of these schools would be much more satisfactory, in my judgment, were it placed in the control of the legislature rather than in Congress, as at present.

The schools within incorporated towns derive a large proportion of the moneys for their support from the liquor licenses, and, if a prohibitory liquor law be enacted, this source of revenue will, of course, be eliminated, and the

support of these schools within incorporated towns will fall directly upon the several communities; and I have suggested that the loss so accruing to the incorporated towns should, in part, be recouped from the Alaska fund. I am not unmindful of the fact that if the Alaska fund were turned over to the Territory, the 65 per cent of that fund which now goes to the maintenance of roads and trails in the Territory would be no longer available for that purpose. An emergent situation has arisen, however, in this respect, and I see no other way in which it can be met than by transferring the control of the Alaska fund, which originates in the Territory, in its entirety to the Territory. It is possible that, if this were done, the loss to the road fund could be supplied by a direct appropriation from the Territorial treasury. This is a matter, however, which would have to be worked out in detail, but, inasmuch as the moneys paid into the Alaska fund are those belonging to the people of Alaska, it is submitted that the people of the Territory should control them absolutely. I may also point out that the people of Alaska are quite willing and ready to assume the responsibility of the support of their own schools, provided that the Alaska fund be turned over to the Territory. Our school laws are notoriously inadequate and the children of the Territory who are growing up here are suffering because of the lack of a comprehensive school system and adequate and thorough supervision of which, under existing conditions, it is impossible to have.

Ten per cent of the Alaska fund is also set aside for indigent purposes within the Territory, under an act approved March 3, 1913, but I have to say that, if the Alaska fund were turned over to the Territory, this is a duty which could well be assumed by the Territorial legislature, which even now supplements the appropriation from the Alaska fund by an appropriation for the relief of indigents, from the territorial treasury.

The people of Alaska have asked for prohibition of the liquer traffic by a decisive vote, and it is my firm conviction that Congress should listen to their request and enact a law in accordance with their expressed views, and that, in order to give it full force and effect, such other legislation should be provided as is necessary, including amendments to the organic act, to meet the changed conditions.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

**Juneau, January 24, 1917**

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**J. E. Clark,**

**Clerk, District Court**

**Fairbanks**

Canvassing board has no copy of notice and order election from  
Griffen, Commissioner Tanana recording district. If copy filed  
with you forward certified copy first mail; otherwise instruct  
Commissioner forward certified copy here.

**STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board**

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

**Secretary**

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J. E. Clark.

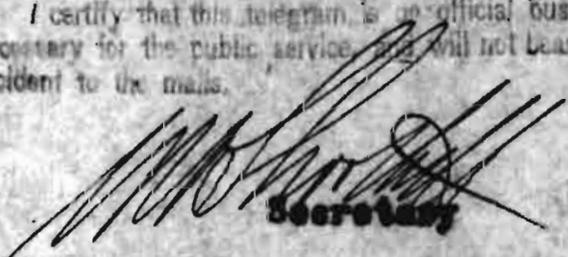
Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks

Canvassing board has no certified copy commissioner's order and notice election Rampart recording district. If copy filed with you, forward certified copy thereof first mail. Otherwise instruct commissioner forward certified copy direct here. Please reply by wire to this and other similar telegrams, advising action taken in response thereto.

**STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board**

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

  
Secretary

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J. E. Clark,

Clerk of District Court,

Fairbanks

Canvassing board has no copies commissioners' notices and orders  
of election for Kantishna, Otter and <sup>Kayukuk</sup> ~~Wassum~~ recording districts.

If copies these notices and orders filed in your office, forward  
certified copies thereof to this office. Otherwise instruct com-  
missioners to forward certified copies to this office <sup>earliest</sup> ~~early~~ as  
possible date.

STROMS, Governor, Chairman Can-  
vassing Board

Freedom of public information is an official business, and  
necessary for the public interest, and will not bear the delay  
incidental to the mails.

  
Secretary

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**Juneau, January 24, 1917**

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**Clark,**

**Clerk District Court,**

**Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Have you received register tally sheets and certificate result  
from election board McGrath precinct, and does register book  
contain oath election judges? Also have you received duplicate  
returns from Tootna precinct and do these contain oath of  
judges?**

**STRONG, Sever Mr, Chairman  
Canvassing Board**

*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**

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YIELD, ED. VISUAL

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January 24, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter just received from the judges of election at Kasnan, inquiring with regard to pay for their services on election day. This is a matter, of course, with which this office has nothing to do, and I am therefore referring the letter to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 24, 1917

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Mr. Karl Armstrong,  
Deputy United States Marshal,  
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from the President of the Sanitarium Company, Portland, Oregon, advising that Helen Meloshkin, who entered that institution on October 7, 1906, from Kodiak, died on the night of the 19th instant from pulmonary tuberculosis. Interment took place in the Multnomah cemetery. The President of the Sanitarium Company states in his letter that they have no record of relatives or friends of the deceased. It occurs to me that possibly you may know of some relatives or friends who should be advised of the death of the patient above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 24, 1917

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Mr. W. W. Rush,

4211 Twelfth Ave., N. E.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your note of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, with reference to your request for a copy of the Governor's last report.

A copy of the report was mailed to you at your Alaska address a week or two ago. Another copy is being mailed to you today at your Seattle address.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 24, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Walker:

I beg to refer to you herewith, for such attention as you may deem appropriate, a letter from Mr. Anthony Ruprecht, of Wilkesburg, Pa., inquiring as to the opportunities for employment in the salmon industry of Alaska.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 24, 1917

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Honorable W. Al Jones,

Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, written in behalf of Mr. W. F. McAdams, mailing clerk in the Oregon House of Representatives, who is desirous of securing a position with the Alaska legislature.

In reply I beg to advise you that the Alaska territorial legislature is limited to 16 employees and no difficulty is experienced in securing these in Juneau or in the immediate vicinity. In fact the number of applicants is usually far in excess of the number of positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 24, 1917

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Mr. W. F. McAdams,  
Independence, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to secure employment with the Alaska territorial legislature.

The Governor directs me to say in reply to your letter that the Alaska territorial legislature is limited to sixteen employees and no difficulty is experienced in securing these in Juneau or vicinity. In fact, the number of applicants is always far in excess of the number of positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 24, 1917

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Miss Elinor Bellem,  
General Delivery,  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire as to opportunities for stenographers, clerks, etc., with the Alaska territorial legislature.

In reply I beg to advise you that the Alaska territorial legislature is limited to 16 employees and no difficulty is experienced in securing these in Juneau or immediate vicinity. As a matter of fact, I may say that the number of local applicants always far exceeds the number of positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, Jan. 24, 1917

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J. C. Dehn,

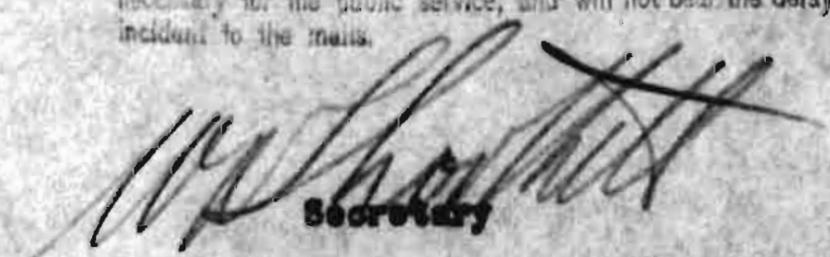
U. S. Commissioner,

Tanana, Al

Canvassing board has no copy of notice and order of election establishing voting precincts in your recording district. Advise by wire if these were issued and if issued give date of issue and names of precincts and polling places established and forward duly certified copy by first mail.

**STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board**

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

  
Secretary

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Junesau, January 25, 1917. O. B.

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U. S. Commissioner Smith,

Copper Center.

Please forward first mail certified copy notice and order of election your district for general election of nineteen sixteen for records of canvassing board.

STRONG, GOVERNOR, Chairman  
Canvassing Board.

Exhibit that this telegram is of official business, and  
is sent for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
incident to the mails.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 24, 1917

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Adams,

Clark of District Court,

Nome, Alaska

In furnishing ballots, registers, tally sheets and other election supplies to United States commissioners in your division for distribution to election boards, did you include forms for oaths of office of judges of election or give instructions that such oath should be executed by election board in each case and have any such oaths been returned to you by election boards? If so, advise from what voting precincts received.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board

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

  
Secretary

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Honorable A. W. Sheup, Supt.

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sheup:

The vouchers for the December quarter, for the maintenance of the inmates of the Home from the several judicial divisions, were promptly forwarded to the respective judges immediately upon receipt at this office. We are just in receipt of a letter from Judge Jennings, in which he states that his indigent fund for the December quarter was much smaller than usual and that, after paying obligations directly incurred thereunder, there would be nothing left which could be applied in payment of the voucher submitted by you for the December quarter. The Judge states that it is possible that there will be a surplus at the end of the current quarter, and, if such be the case, he will be glad to make a payment to the Home.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Harry S. Weller,  
421 Bradford St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to opportunities for employment in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that it is impossible for this office to give you positive assurances of employment in Alaska, but I may say that men are continually coming to Alaska and securing employment in various industries which are carried on here. In the vicinity of Juneau mining is the chief industry; the following-named companies are operating on a large scale and each employs several hundred men throughout the year:

The Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell  
Alaska-Castineau Mining Co., Thane,  
Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co., Juneau

Quite a large force of men is employed on railroad construction work between Anchorage on the coast and Nenana in interior Alaska, this work being in charge of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, with headquarters at Anchorage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Prof. John J. Putnam,  
University of Idaho,  
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Governor, as ex officio commissioner of health, in which you ask to be supplied with such territorial health publications as are available and request that your name be placed on the mailing list for future publications.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the rules and regulations issued by the commissioner of health under date of October 7, 1915. This is the only publication which has been issued by the Health Department of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. Hearlen E. Pew,

52 Broadway, New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, in which you ask that your name be placed upon our press mailing list for any official matter issued.

In reply I have to advise you that this will be done.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the Governor of Alaska for the fiscal year 1916, which I trust may be of some service to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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January 25, 1917

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**EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:**

The Governor's office is in receipt of a letter from Edward P. Hollowell, R. F. D. No. 1, Norwich, Connecticut, in which he asks for information concerning his brother Henry C. Hollowell, from whom he last heard in 1910, at which time he was in Fairbanks, but had expressed his intention of going to southeastern Alaska to engage in mining.

Any one knowing anything concerning Henry C. Hollowell will kindly advise his brother at the above address, or the Governor's office.

Other papers please copy.

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. Edward P. Hollowell,

R. F. D. No. 1,

Norwich, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10, in which you ask the assistance of this office in locating your brother, Henry C. Hollowell, from whom you last heard in 1910, your brother at that time being in Fairbanks. I note you say that your brother stated that he expected to go to southeastern Alaska, and that he was mining in the Tanana country.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall at once cause inquiries to be made through the newspapers of the Territory, and if these inquiries be productive of results, I will advise you in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

Mr. C. W. Hawkeverth,  
Superintendent of Native Schools,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In compliance with a request received from the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education that I appoint delegates to the Society's Tenth Annual Convention, which will be held this year at some date yet to be named, at Indianapolis, Indiana, I have appointed you as a delegate from Alaska to such convention.

Expressing the hope that you may be able to accept this appointment and attend the Indianapolis meeting, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

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Mr. Sid S. Bettman,  
Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 13, 31th reference to the destitute conditions of Indians in your locality.

In reply I have to advise you that such control as is exercised over the Indians of Alaska is in the hands of the United States Bureau of Education, and further, the Territorial government has no funds at its disposal which could be used for their relief in the cases which you have cited. I believe that this is a matter that you should take up with Mr. A. H. Miller, acting superintendent for southwestern Alaska, of the native schools, whose address is either Cordova or Copper Center. I happen to know that the Bureau of Education has, in its control, some money to be used for the relief of destitution among the natives.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

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Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin,  
1422 Tejon St.,  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th with further reference to one Omfrey and his connection with the fisheries of Alaska years ago.

I believe that I wrote you that I had some personal knowledge of Omfrey's connection therewith, and advised you that his promotions resulted in a flat failure. Personally I knew nothing about the man or his subsequent career. His promotions of Alaska fisheries were conducted, I believe, in Seattle and San Francisco, the headquarters of all the important fisheries companies in Alaska, and there is therefore, no local data of his promotions or manipulations of Alaska fisheries available to this office. Perhaps if you addressed the Alaska Packers' Association, San Francisco, you could obtain the information you desire.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 24, containing certain information requested of you for publication in the annual report of this office for 1916; but, inasmuch as it was not received until a few days ago, manifestly it was impossible to use it. I have to thank you, however, for your courtesy and regret that the mail facilities were such as to prevent me from including the information therein contained in the report.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. George F. Hoffman,  
312 Market Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 19 last, and, under separate cover, a framed invitation for the Governor of Alaska in 2015.

I have to thank you for your courtesy, and I beg to assure you that the invitation will be duly preserved in this office, at which time permit me to express the hope that the Golden Era of the world shall have arrived and the brotherhood of man fully established.

With assurances of my appreciation, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. C. C. Taggart,

Deadwood, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of November 14, acknowledgment of the receipt of which was made on December 13 last, I have to advise you that your letter was placed before the canvassing board which met to canvass the returns of the late election, a few days ago. It was the consensus of opinion of the board that this was a matter which did not come within their jurisdiction in any way.

I may add that it might be advisable for you to place the matter before the United States Attorney for the fourth judicial division, for his opinion.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Canvassing  
Board

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January 25, 1917

Mr. George Artherholt,  
Garrettsville, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 14, I have to advise you in reply to your question, that the statute of limitation in Alaska runs against a promissory note within six years from the date on which it was made. Therefore, it should be renewed in six years, in other words.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

In canvassing the election returns from the third judicial division we have found that, in some cases, the election boards included with the returns sent to this office the unused ballots. We are returning to you, under separate covers (3 packages), unused ballots found with the returns from the following-named voting precincts:

Benman (White River district), 1 package, first number 13, last number 140.				
Chignik, first number 17, last number 100.				
Chisana	do	13	do	200
Eyak	do	90	do	250
Granby	do	28	do	100
Granite	do	55	do	180
Jumbo	do	23	do	80
Kayak	do	42	do	120
McCarthy	do	150	do	280
McDougall	do	34	do	80
Soldovia	do	88	do	160
Stralna	do	18	do	80
Talkeetna	do	33	do	80

In the case of Stralna precinct, ballots Nos. 16 and 17 are missing. Presumably they were given out to voters on election day. Except as to the first and last numbers given above the other packages have not been examined to see whether

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all of the ballots bearing numbers between the first and last given above are contained in the several packages.

Enclosed herewith you will find pay roll in duplicate, bearing the name of E. E. Maddox, with nothing to indicate the precinct from which it came. You will also find one copy of pay roll from Landlock precinct, covering mileage and expense, in favor of Duncan Dickey; also one copy of pay roll of the judges of election for the Moose Pass voting precinct.

Respectfully yours

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

**Juneau, Jan. 26, 1917**

**O. B.**

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**J. E. Clark,**

**Clerk District Court,**

**Fairbanks,**

**Referring your telegram November twenty-second last, have you any further information regarding election returns from Otter school district?**

**STRONG, Governor**

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

*W. W. [Signature]*  
**Secretary**

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. P. R. Bradley,  
Consulting Engineer,  
Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,  
Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Governor's report for the fiscal year 1916, and asking that a copy be sent to your brother, Mr. F. W. Bradley, at the Crocker Building, San Francisco.

A copy of the report was mailed to your brother at the same time that we mailed a copy to you, but as we addressed him at the Mills Building instead of the Crocker Building, it is possible that the report may have gone astray, and I am, therefore, having another one mailed to him at the Crocker Building, and am correcting his address on our annual report mailing list.

I am pleased to know that you have found the report of interest.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, January 27, 1917. O. B.

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Roth, U. S. Attorney.

Fairbanks.

Attorney general Grigsby advises law does not authorize settlement to be made account stumpage on timber cut on school lands. Legislature will take necessary action. Meantime all parties cutting timber on such lands or trespassing thereon should be prosecuted.

STRONG, Governor.

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

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 29, 1917

O. B. Gov't Night Rate - Paid

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Sir,

Secretary Interior,

Washington

Your telegram twenty-seventh. People of Alaska, by overwhelming majority November seventh last, declared for prohibition and their declaration should find expression in passage of prohibitory liquor law by Congress. House Bill nineteen one eighty-eight went dry, and only objection that could be urged against it is that it may be too drastic in some provision, but better this bill than none. Believe section thirty-five should be retained. Absolutely imperative that more funds be provided for white schools outside of incorporated towns; also passage of prohibitory law will deprive schools incorporated towns of revenues heretofore received from liquor licenses, and these schools should receive territorial or federal aid. If Congress refuses transfer control Alaska fund to Territory, suggest that school section of Alaska fund be increased to fifty per cent, but if this meets with opposition, as last alternative, problem can still be solved by brief amendment to Alaska organic act August twenty-four, nineteen twelve, giving Territorial legislature power make appropriations from Territorial treasury upon estimates submitted by Governor, to supplement funds annually available from school section of Alaska fund. This should remove all objections to changing status

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Alaska fund and at same time insure ample provision for funds for all white schools. Legislature can be relied upon at all times to make necessary appropriation for schools inside and outside incorporated towns if given that power. See my letter January twenty-third this subject replying your letter of ninth.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Verify by telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to Governor.

January 30, 1917.

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Mr. John Reck,  
Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
Actic Brotherhood,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today examined the bids submitted in response to the call issued by this office, for legislative halls and committee rooms, and that your bid has been rejected for the reason that it is in excess of the amount of the appropriation available for the purpose.

Mr. Marshall, Secretary of your Board, has been verbally advised in accordance with the foregoing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 30, 1917.

Messrs. J. A. and Simon Hellenthal,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

I was directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today examined the various bids submitted in response to the call issued by this office, for Legislative Halls and Committee Rooms, and that your bid has been rejected for the reason that it exceeds the amount of the appropriation available for the purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

January 30, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

City

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the approved notary bond and oath of office of Mr. A. J. Adams, of Cordova, Alaska, who wishes to renew his commission.

I understand that Mr. Adams has forwarded the required fee direct to your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 31, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

By messenger I forwarded to you today copies of orders of election to fill the vacancy in the office of member of the House of Representatives from the First Judicial Division of Alaska. This election, you will notice, is to be held on March 5, 1917, and I assume that, under the law, it will be necessary for you to cause the necessary ballots to be printed and distributed to the several voting precincts. May I suggest that you give this your early attention so that it may be possible for the ballots and the necessary forms, stationery, etc., to reach the election judges prior to the date of the election.

The procedure which must be followed in order to fill a vacancy in the legislature differs from that followed in general election, and, in the matter of ordering this election, I have been advised by the Territorial Council, Mr. Grigby. Should you deem it necessary to confer with me or Mr. Grigby as to this matter, I shall be pleased to meet you at any time you may designate, as also, I am sure, will

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will Mr. Grigsby.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith 1 copy each of the following documents in connection with Special Election called for purpose of electing a member of the House of Representatives from the First judicial division to succeed the late John G. Heide:

1. General order of this date, addressed to: "To Whom Concerned."
2. Order of this date addressed "To the Common Council, \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska."
3. Order of this date addressed to: "Hon. \_\_\_\_\_ United States Commissioner, \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska."

These documents are transmitted for filing in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

3 encls.

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Juneau, January 31, 1917. U. S. Govt. NIGHT rate paid.

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EDRS, Chairman Alaskan Engineering Commission,

WASHINGTON,

Replying yours thirtieth will be impossible visit Washington owing to meeting Territorial legislature March fifth and press other official business which detains me here.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Junoau, Jan. 31, 1917

O. B.

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Lang,

Clerk District Court,

Valdez

Have you any information showing that election was held in Port Wells voting precinct, Valdez recording district? No election returns thus far received at this office from Port Wells precinct.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman  
Canvassing Board

Secretary

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February 1, 1917

Sir:

The third session of the Alaska Territorial legislature will convene in Juneau on March 5 next. The appropriation for the salaries and mileage of members and the miscellaneous expenses of the session, as contained in the act of May 10, 1916, making appropriation for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, (public No. 73, 64th Congress). The act provides that the appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the Governor of Alaska. I have the honor to request that the necessary blanks be forwarded to me for execution in connection with my application for bond as disbursing agent of the appropriation in question. The bond heretofore required in connection with the disbursement of the legislative appropriation has been in the sum of \$20,000, and it has been furnished by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Mr. J. S. Swornstedt, agent, 227 Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

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February 1, 1917

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find confirmation copy of a telegram of this date, ordering the following supplies, as per quotations contained in your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to this office in response to our inquiry of the 12th ultimo:

6 doz. "Grip" binders, end opening, No. 530-0,  
full red art leather, at \$120, f. o. b. Juneau

4 Faultless punches for use with binders, at \$1.75  
each.

These supplies are intended for the use of the third session of the Alaska Territorial legislature, which will convene in Juneau on March 5 next, and it is therefore necessary that they reach Juneau before that date.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 1, 1917

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Piessner Bindery & Printing Co.,

Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, quoting prices on three styles of grip binders and on four punches for use with same. We have also received the sample binder referred to in your letter, (which you say is furnished for the use of the legislatures in Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and other western states.

We have today ordered from Lewman & Hanford Co. 6 dozen No. 530-Q binders and punches for use with the same, their prices being somewhat less than yours. The sample binder above referred is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 7, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
City

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the  
official bond of Dr. E. H. Kaser, as treasurer of the Board  
of Dental Examiners for Alaska, which bond has been approved  
by me this date.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Alaska,  
Juneau, ~~January~~ February 1, 1917. O. B.

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Lewis & Hanford Company,

Seattle, Wash.

Referring your letter January nineteenth, item three, forward six dozen  
Grip binders, end opening, number five thirty O, full red art leather at  
one hundred twenty dollars Juneau delivery, also four Faultless punches  
for use with binders at one dollar seventy-five cents each. ~~Send~~ Binders  
and punches must reach Juneau not later than March first. Letter follows.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 2, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth  
ultimo, advising settlement of my account for the first quarter,  
fiscal year 1917, by certificate No. 12,441, the same showing  
a debit difference of \$1,200.53. The disallowed items listed  
in your letter of the above date, amounting in all to \$7, have  
this day been covered by a deposit to my credit as special  
disbursing agent of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses,  
Territory of Alaska, 1917," as per enclosed duplicate certifi-  
cate of deposit No. 1 herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, Special Disbursing  
Agent

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February 2, 1917

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The Proprietor,  
Circle City Dining Room,  
Juneau

This will be your authority to furnish meals to the  
bearer, Mr. Edward Kruse, until the sailing of the Prince of  
Wales for Sitka.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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February 2, 1917

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The Proprietor,

Circle City Hotel,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority to furnish a room to the bearer, Mr. Edward Kruse, until the sailing of the Prince of Wales for Sitka.

Submit your bill in duplicate to this office with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, Feb. 2, 1917

O. B.

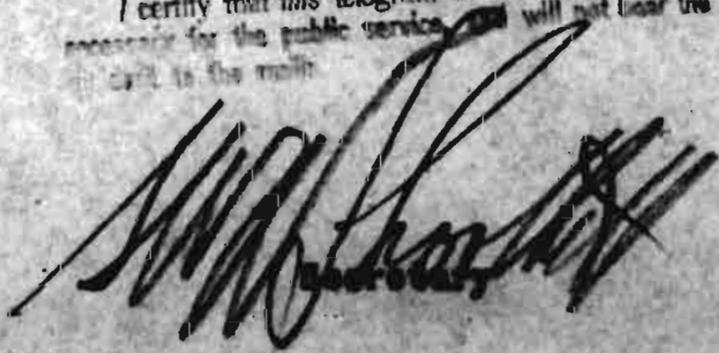
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R. W. Dearmond,  
U. S. Commissioner,  
Sitka

Issue immediately order and notice special election in Sitka recording district for election member House of Representatives, Territorial legislature, to succeed John G. Heid, deceased, election to be held March sixth proximo. Forward your notices at once to all precincts that you can reach by mail. Voting precincts as established for general election November seventh last will constitute voting precincts for special election. Copy my order dated January thirty-one, calling special election, will go to you in first mail.

STRONG, Governor

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



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Juneau, February 3, 1917. O. B.

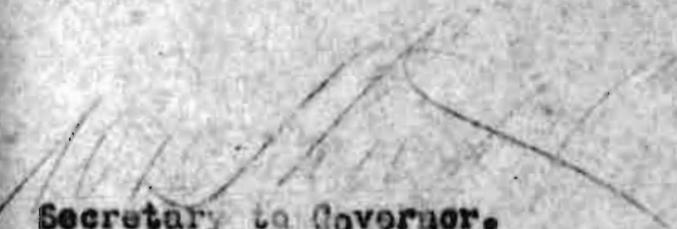
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SHOUP,

Sitka.

No Canadian coal available. Can get either Black Diamond or South Prairie at seven dollars seventy-five cents and seven dollars eighty-five cents per long ton respectively delivered in bulk on wharf Sitka. Which do you prefer and will one hundred tons suffice? Answer today if possible.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Janos, Feb. 3, 1917 O. B.

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Lang.

Clerk District Court,

Valdes, Ala.

Canvassing board has no copy order and notice of election issued by Nielsen,  
U. S. Commissioner Kvichak recording district. If you have copy order and  
notice forward certified copy to this office, otherwise instruct Commissioner  
to forward duly certified copy.

STRONG, GOVERNOR, Chairman Canvassing  
Board

Secretary

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February 5, 1917.

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Honorable A. G. Shoup,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Enclosed find voucher in favor of Mrs. Albertstone for \$10,  
being allowance from indigent fund for the month of February. Will you please  
be good enough to have Mrs. Albertstone sign the voucher, after which kindly  
return it to this office in the enclosed envelope, and it will be put in way  
of payment.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 3, 1917

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Mr. William Maloney,

Mine Inspector,

Hotel Castineau, City

My dear Mr. Maloney:

I return herewith the second page of both copies of your January expense account, together with subvoucher No. 7, covering meals at the Castineau cafe. Please note that the subvoucher is totaled \$34.20, while you have taken the amount up in the expense account as \$34.10. Will you please adjust and return the enclosures so that your account may be disposed of.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, February 6, 1917. Night Letter COLLECT.

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Henry T. Roy,

Fairbanks.

Yours fifth. Vote Vault precinct not thrown out, nor  
has vote of any other precinct, although all have not been tallied because  
of non-arrival of necessary papers connected therewith. Dont believe everything  
you see in newspapers.

STRONG, Governor.

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February 6, 1917.

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Mr. E. S. Hewitt,  
General Manager, E. S. Hewitt & Company,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that your bids, submitted in response to Calls Nos. 1 and 2, of January 26, 1917, for supplies and rental of typewriting machines for the Third session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, have this day been accepted.

In respect to the first item under Call No. 1, it is understood that you will furnish Old Hampshire Bond, 13-pound paper.

You will be expected to be prepared to furnish all items called for, and included in your bids, upon the convening of the Legislature, March 5, 1917, or as soon thereafter as the same may be needed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 6, 1917.

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Alaska Supply Company,

Agents Borderline Transportation Co.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming telephone request of yesterday, please arrange with your agent at Petersburg to furnish first-class transportation, Petersburg to Juneau, on the next trip of the "ALKI", to Joseph Fields, who has applied for admission to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

In the event it should be found that the "ALKI" will go to Sitka on the trip in question, kindly arrange transportation through to Sitka; otherwise, to Juneau, as above stated.

Submit your bill in duplicate to this office, attaching this letter thereto, and payment will be arranged. The transportation should be charged to the Territory of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 5, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

Edward Kruse, of Ketchikan, arrived here the other day en route to the Home, the first intimation I had had of his coming. He bought his own transportation, but the Territory had to pay his hotel bill during his stay in Juneau.

I have also received the application of Joseph Fields, of Soow Bay, near Ketchikan, for admission to the Home, and I expect him to arrive on the next trip of the Alki. If the Alki should make Sitka, he will go direct; if not, he will be sent on the Prince of Wales from here.

I understand that Kruse is somewhat crippled from rheumatism, and Fields is an old man and also in bad physical condition. Do the best you can with them.

Yours very truly,

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

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February 6, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several letters of January 22, transmitting applications for allowance, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, of John Miller, of Sitka; Sandy Alexander, of Fairbanks; E. S. Maloney, of Cordova; Nathan B. Swarthout, and Chris Prechtal. In relation to this and other matters, I have to advise you that on February 5 Trustee Shattuck and myself held a meeting and took the following action upon the matters herein enumerated:

John Miller allowed \$10 per month; application of Sandy Alexander, of Fairbanks, held for further information and Chairman of the Board directed to write R. F. Roth, United States Attorney at Fairbanks, as to the merits of Alexander's case.

Application of E. S. Maloney, of Cordova, rejected. Applications of Nathan B. Swarthout and Chris Prechtal, of Nome, held for further investigation.

The allowance of Alexander Long, of Sitka, was increased from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per month, to take effect at the beginning of the April quarter; also the allowance of George B. Allard, the increase to take effect April 1.

I am enclosing herewith the application for allowance of Thomas Smith, of Juneau. This application was considered

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by Trustee Shattuck and myself, and according to Mr. Shattuck, Smith is the owner, in fee-simple, of a lot on the corner of Fifth and Main streets, Juneau, opposite the Governor's office, which Mr. Shattuck assures me is easily worth \$3,500 cash. On the lot is a shack, or small house, in which Mr. Smith lives. In view of the fact that Mr. Shattuck is familiar with the case, and so far as known, Mr. Smith's realty is not encumbered, we deemed it advisable to reject the application.

The application is forwarded to you in order that due notation may be made of it and returned to the applicant.

I received an application from Joseph Fields, of Seew Bay, near Ketchikan, for admission to the Home. On examination, I find that he has been receiving an allowance from the Territory since September last. I shall furnish Fields with transportation to Sitka from Petersburg, and his name should be dropped from the pension roll at the beginning of the next quarter, as I assume that he has already received his allowance for the quarter ending March 31, 1917.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

February 5, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Coe:

I have a copy of your letter addressed to Mrs. Charles Estnere, whose husband is now confined in Morningside Sanitarium. Mrs. Estnere is an estimable lady and my sympathy goes out to her. I had known her husband for a number of years, but had noticed, while he was here during last fall, that he exhibited evidences of mental aberration. I, therefore, was prepared to learn that he had been committed to Morningside.

Of course, I know that you will give Mr. Estnere every careful attention, all of which will be fully appreciated by me, as a friend of his.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Doctor Coe:

I have your letter of January 22, with reference to the case of Mrs. Sanford Zuckerman against you. Of course, I am glad to note that the judge dismissed the case, but I am surprised that a jury composed of men of ordinary intelligence should render a verdict in her favor.

Mrs. Zuckerman's record in Alaska is well known by many people, but I think, as I remember it, once upon a time I always considered her as being unsound of mind, and therefore made many allowances for her actions. During the time she lived in Iditarod, she was nothing more or less than a common fakir. I may add that her acquaintance with Rex Beach, the late Joaquin Miller and Jack London existed wholly in her mind.

I trust that you will not be bothered any more by individuals of this Zuckerman stripe.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. R. J. Peratovich,  
Klawack, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of November 8, in which you stated that you had been denied the privilege of voting at the election on November 7, at Klawack, I have to advise you that your letter has been laid before Mr. George B. Grigsby, present Territorial Counsel and Attorney-General-elect, and I am directed by Mr. Grigsby to advise you that, under the law, the board of election at a general or special election, is the sole judge of the qualifications of voters and, therefore, there is no present redress in the matter of which you complain. Personally, I may express my opinion that the election board erroneously, perhaps, excluded your vote, inasmuch as, if the statements you make be true, you seem to be fully entitled to such privilege.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the  
Canvassing Board

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February 5, 1917

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Mr. Jack Peratrovich,

Klawack, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of November 8, in which you stated that you had been denied the privilege of voting at the election on November 7, at Klawack, I have to advise you that your letter has been laid before Mr. George B. Grigsby, present Territorial Counsel and Attorney General-elect, and I am directed by Mr. Grigsby to advise you that, under the law, the board of election at a general or special election, is the sole judge of the qualifications of voters and, therefore, there is no present redress in the matter of which you complain. Personally, I may express my opinion that the election board erroneously, perhaps, excluded your vote, inasmuch as, if the statements you make be true, you seem to be fully entitled to such privilege.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the  
Caucassing Board

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February 1, 1917

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Mr. J. C. Allen,

United States Commissioner,

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 3, with reference to the admission of Joe Fields, of Petersburg, to the Pioneers' Home, and you ask, inasmuch as Mr. Fields is totally disabled and unable to do any work, and is destitute of financial support, that transportation be furnished him by this office from Petersburg to Juneau.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. H. Shattuck, agent of the Border Line Steamship Co., operating the steamer Alki, will make arrangements for the transportation of Mr. Fields from Petersburg to Sitka, should the Alki make that port on her next trip north. If not, Mr. Fields will be brought to Juneau and from here furnished transportation to Sitka. Upon his arrival here, he should visit the Governor's office and arrangements will be made to send him to the Home at Sitka.

I also have to advise you that Mr. Fields is now receiving an allowance from the Territorial treasury, under chapter

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64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1925, and this allowance will end automatically upon his admission to the Home. Kindly advise Mr. Fields as to this.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Charles W. Alexander, Secretary,  
Citizens' Committee,  
Fiftieth Anniversary of the  
Closing of the Civil War,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 27,  
with reference to the observance of Lincoln's birthday,  
February 12; San Jacinto day, April 21; Flag Day, June 14;  
and the Fourth of July, and in which you ask the people of  
Alaska to cooperate along the same lines in the observance of  
these historic events.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no more  
patriotic American citizens than those found in Alaska, and  
they will gladly give due and proper observance to those  
days which especially appeal to the patriotic sentiments of  
all our people.

Thanking you for your suggestion, and with assurances  
of my great personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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February 5, 1917

The Honorable

The Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Hon. Wm. H. Whittlesey, of Seward, Alaska, is an applicant for appointment as United States Attorney for the third judicial division of Alaska, to succeed the present incumbent. I also understand that Mr. Whittlesey has the <sup>do</sup> endorsement of the Democratic National Committeeman for Alaska, and other prominent Democrats, and it affords me real pleasure to add my endorsement to those that have been filed in his behalf.

I have known Mr. Whittlesey for many years, during the past eighteen of which he has been a resident of Alaska, and has occupied positions of trust, whose duties he has discharged with the utmost fidelity, including those of assistant United States attorney for a number of years in the third judicial division. I believe that Mr. Whittlesey is eminently qualified for the position which he aspires to, and that his appointment as United States attorney for the third judicial division would receive the endorsement of the majority of the people of that division, and it would be greatly appre-

elated by the Democracy of Alaska.

Permit me to add, in conclusion, that it is my sincere belief that a change in the office of United States Attorney for the third judicial division would be of advantage to the Administration and would tend to clarify a situation which now exists and has existed for some time past and which has given rise to needless discussion, thus obstructing and handicapping the administration of the duties of that office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Hon. Wm. H. Whittlesey,

c/o Henry E. Davis,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge Whittlesey:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, and in reply I beg to say that I regret I was unable to see you while you were in Juneau.

Now, with reference to your securing the appointment as United States Attorney, to succeed Spence, at Valdez, I need scarcely say that I am wholly in accord with your position, and I endorse throughout the sentiments which you have expressed with respect to the treatment which you have received after your long years of residence in Alaska, and your well-known devotion to Democracy and its principles throughout your life. I have just had a talk with Judge Bunnell, of the fourth division, who is now in Juneau, with reference to this appointment, and he assures me that you are receiving the unanimous backing of the National Committee and the Democratic committee, both Territorial and divisional. Now, if you will indicate the manner in which I may be able to serve you, I shall render it most gladly.

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Spence's administration of the duties of his office, I understand, have been far from satisfactory, and further, I am advised, instead of cooperating with the Democratic Party of Alaska, he has done his best in opposing its aims, candidates and policies. There can be no question in my mind as to the necessity which exists for the elimination of Spence and the appointment of yourself, which appointment I sincerely believe would be acceptable not only to the majority of the people of the third judicial division, but the Democrats of Alaska generally. It had been my hope to visit Washington during the present session of Congress, but my official duties this winter seem to have been cumulative in a great degree, and I have been unable to get away. We are still engaged with the canvassing of the vote cast at the election of November 7 last, which has been greatly retarded by the nonreceipt of returns, etc., necessary for the board to complete its work, and this, coupled with the fact that the legislature will meet on March 5, has operated so as to prevent me from leaving Alaska for some months to come, at least, at which time, it may be possible that my official duties will be ended.

I am enclosing herewith an endorsement of your application for appointment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. D. Protopapas,  
Alaska Gold Dredging Co.,  
39 West Adams Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 25, in which you say that Mr. H. Salepoulos, Greek Consul at Chicago, has advised you to make application for appointment to the office of Consul for Alaska, and he suggested that you get a few letters from resident acquaintances in Alaska, to be attached to your application.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe your appointment to that position would be generally acceptable to the great majority of your countrymen in Alaska. I have known you for many years and am, therefore, glad to have the opportunity of recommending you to the kindly offices of Consul Salepoulos.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1917

Miss Daisy Lundstrom,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of February 3, in which you offer your services as a nurse in case the United States should be involved in a war with Germany.

In reply I have to advise you that I appreciate your patriotism, which you thus express, in behalf of your country; and should we be so unfortunate as to be involved in war, and it is possible to make use of your services, you will be notified in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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

My dear Judge:

I have your telegram of February 3, as follows:

"Congress has just passed bona dry prohibition  
law for Alaska; goes to President for signature."

In reply permit me to congratulate you upon the eminent  
success which you have achieved in giving expression to the  
will of the people in this respect, as expressed by their  
vote on November 7 last. I have examined this bill carefully  
and I want to say that, in my opinion, its name is no mis-  
nomer. I believe, however, that the bill will work success-  
fully in every respect.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Arthur M. Hunter,  
Assistant Dental Director,  
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 23d ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the act of April 30, 1913, regulating the practice of dentistry in the Territory of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 6, 1917.

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Mr. I. E. Fisher,  
Agent, Remington Typewriter Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that your bid submitted in response to Call No. 1 of January 26, 1917, for typewriter supplies and rental of typewriting machines for the Third session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, and which bid covers the first two items and the last item only, in said Call, has this day been rejected, for the reason that the same exceeds, in total, the bid of the E. S. Hewitt Company, of Juneau, on the items mentioned; and the bid of the latter Company has therefore been accepted.

I may add, also, that the E. S. Hewitt Company's bid covered all of the items in Call No. 1, while yours did not.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

(Copy to Mr. Fisher, in care of  
Remington Typewriter Co., Seattle.)

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February 5, 1917

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Miss Anne Nakens,  
Kennewick, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you make further inquiry regarding opportunities for teachers in the white schools of this Territory.

As you are probably aware, the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the local school boards, and it is seldom that this office is called upon to assist in securing teachers for these schools. At the present time we do not know of any existing or prospective vacancies. It might be well for you and your friend to send letters of application to the school boards of the incorporated towns of Douglas, Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Seward, Skagway, Valdez and Wrangell, all of which are located in the coastal region, and Fairbanks in interior Alaska, as well as Nome in northwestern Alaska. There are usually some changes occurring in these schools each year.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Paul Kjegstad, President,

Home Democratic Club,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kjegstad:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February

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"One of three candidates endorsed by committee for marshalship I should be glad of anything you might do in my favor, as you know I am a Democrat and would make the office the same; am identified with no factional quarrel and believe am working with and not against the party organization. Thanking you for any help."

In reply I have to state that, personally, I should be pleased to do everything possible within my power to assist you in your laudable ambition. I may say, however, that I believe the situation would have been greatly clarified and the accomplishment of a much-needed change in the marshalship of the second division would have been made much more certain had your local committee made a single endorsement instead of endorsing three men for the same position, as I believe that the Democratic Party, as a whole, in Alaska, is more or less familiar with the unfortunate situation that has been eventuated by the action of the office of the United

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States marshal in that division. I may say to you confidentially that I believe a change can be made in that position at the expiration of the present incumbent's term, but, in order to insure this beyond a doubt, it is absolutely necessary, in my opinion, that the Democrats of the second division center their efforts upon one man and thereafter give him undivided, loyal and constant support until success is achieved. To do other than this will be to invite discussion and possibly eventuate a situation which might result in the reappointment of the incumbent.

I want to add that I can vouch for your Democracy for many years, and, in support of this, in looking over the files of my first newspaper in Nome, only a few days ago, I found where we had held a Democratic convention for some purpose or other, and among the names that figured in that account of the first Democratic convention ever held in northwestern Alaska, was your own, where I believe it was stated that you were sergeant-at-arms of the convention, Alfred Fink being the chairman.

The situation over the marshalship has been discussed by Mr. Grigby, Mr. Maloney and myself, and we are a unit in the belief that the local committee should select one man, as I have stated above, and then give him loyal support. I trust that this will be done, and, if you should be selected, I shall leave nothing undone within my power legitimately to bring about your appointment.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Alexander C. Young,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Young:

I have your letter of even date, in which, in this great crisis which apparently confronts our country, you offer your services in case of war and the Government of the United States calls for volunteers; and you also justly add that mere willingness to serve, mere passive support, is not sufficient to meet the true test of loyal citizenship.

Your expressions are those of a true patriot, and your willingness to serve your country, permit me to say, though you admit lack of both training and experience in affairs military, is striking evidence of your devotion to American ideals and institutions. Therefore, should we be so unfortunate as to be plunged into a war not of our own seeking, I shall gladly avail myself, if called upon to do so, of the services which you have so freely tendered.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1917

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Mr. William Jones,  
Klawack, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of November 8, in which you stated that you had been denied the privilege of voting at the election on November 7, at Klawack, I have to advise you that your letter has been laid before Mr. George B. Grigby, present Territorial Counsel and Attorney General-elect, and I am directed by Mr. Grigby to advise you that, under the law, the board of election at a general or special election, is the sole judge of the qualifications of voters and, therefore, there is no present redress in the matter of which you complain. Personally, I may express my opinion that the election board erroneously, perhaps, excluded your vote, inasmuch as, if the statements you make be true, you seem to be fully entitled to such privilege.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the  
Canvassing Board

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February 5, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of January 25 with reference to Mrs. Albertstone's voucher, the W. P. Mills Company's delivery of supplies under their bid, recently accepted, and to the measles epidemic in your town.

I trust that the epidemic is abating by this time, and that it will soon be over. I note and approve of the action taken by you in posting an order in the Home, warning all inmates and employees to remain away from public gatherings until the epidemic is over.

I trust that the visit of Senator Aldrich will be productive of much good to the institution, as I believe that it will. I know that Aldrich desires to be fair at all times, but like many other people, he needs to be informed; and should the question of the operation or management of the Home eventuate during the forthcoming meeting of the legislature, Aldrich will be in a position to speak by the book.

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The weather here has been of the vilest kind for the past couple of weeks, but we are now having rain, for a change.

With reference to myself, I am receiving, by nearly every mail, letters urging me to accept a reappointment, but I have not as yet decided to do so for the reasons stated in my former letter to you.

I have to thank you for your very kind words, and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

With further reference to your order for coal, upon receipt of your telegram, I increased the order to 150 tons, this, I believe, being proper under the circumstances. I think that South Prairie coal probably will give better satisfaction than Black Diamond, although, of course, I am not a coal expert.

Mr. Ewing, the local agent of the Pacific Coast Company, has wired his people in Seattle as to the date of delivery, and, upon receipt of the information, I shall either write or wire you as to what time such delivery may be expected. I have also advised the local agent of the Pacific Coast Company that other orders for coal may be had in Sitka, and I assume they will take up this matter with you by telegram.

As I wired you on February 3, no Canadian coal is available, and therefore, our choice lies between Black Diamond and South Prairie, at \$7.75 and \$7.85, respectively

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per long ton, delivered on the wharf at Sitka.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Roth:

The Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is also charged with the duty of passing upon applications for allowances, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, has received an application from one Sandy Alexander, of Fairbanks. The statements contained in the application are not wholly satisfactory to the board, and I have, therefore, to request if you will be good enough to give me a confidential report upon Alexander and his right to receive an allowance from the Territory.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

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

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