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Mr. William Thompson,

Uyak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a set of advance sheet copies of the 1917 Session Laws, which I trust will reach you in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Reverend J. L. Hughes,

Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a set of advance sheet copies of the 1917 session laws, in accordance with the Governor's promise of some time ago.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Cornelia T. Hatcher,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Hatcher:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a set of advance sheet copies of the 1917 session laws, which I trust will reach you in due course. It will be some time before the laws in bound form are ready for distribution.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 21, 1917

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Honorable Fred N. Brown,  
United States District Judge,  
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Judge Brown:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, with reference to the vouchers sent you, covering subsistence of inmates of the Pioneers' Home from the third division, for the quarter ended June 30, 1917. I am advising Superintendent Shoup of the suggestion contained in your letter, with regard to the manner of making out vouchers in future.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Home, I wish to voice appreciation of the willingness you express to make an allowance to the Home at any time that there may be a surplus in your indigent fund.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from Judge Brown, with reference to the voucher submitted to him for the June quarter, covering subsistence of inmates of the Pioneers' Home from the third division. The Judge states that he has not only exhausted his funds for the quarter mentioned, but has anticipated the coming quarter. He states, however, that he is willing to make an allowance to the Home at any time that there may be a surplus in his fund, and in this connection he makes the following suggestion:

"If you will see that duplicate vouchers for this purpose are sent, leaving out all dates, and it should occur in any quarter that there is a surplus, I shall be very pleased to have it devoted to the use of the Pioneers' Home."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

**DISPATCH AND EMPIRE:**

The Governor 's office has been requested by Mrs. Rose B. Martin, Sunnyside, Wash., to assist her in her efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of her son, Eugene Leroy, 27 years of age, who may be in Alaska. Anyone having any information concerning Mr. Martin will confer a favor by writing to the Governor's office at Juneau.

Other Alaska papers: please copy.

July 23, 1917

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Mr. P. L. Windsor, Librarian,  
University of Illinois Library,  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Referring to your card request of the tenth instant,  
addressed to the Governor, I regret to say that our supply  
of copies of the Governor's proclamation of April 12 last  
has been exhausted, and we are therefore unable to comply  
with your request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 23, 1917

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Mrs. Rose B. Martin,  
Box 415,  
Sunnyside, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the "Adjutant General, Sitka," which has been forwarded to the Governor's office, there being no adjutant general in this Territory.

In reference to your efforts to locate your son, Eugene Leroy Martin, I beg to say that we will ask the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning him; and when the returns from the military registration are in, if no information is received concerning him, an examination of these cards will be made to see if his name appears on one of them.

Any information which may be received will be promptly communicated to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter of the 18th instant from Mr. Harold B. Clark, of Bremerton, Wash., who desires information regarding qualifications and procedure necessary for admission to the bar in this Territory. It will be appreciated if you will kindly communicate with Mr. Clark, giving him the desired information.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Harold B. Clark,  
619 Fourth Street,  
Bremerton, Wash

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, inquiring as to the qualifications and procedure necessary for admission to the bar in this Territory. Your letter is being this day referred to the clerk of the district court at Juneau, with the request that he give you the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 23, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith original oath of office of J. E. Riley,  
executed in connection with his appointment as a member of the  
divisional road commission for the fourth judicial division.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, July 25, 1917 O. B.

Brown, Judge,

Valdez

Replying yours yesterday, George Nelson will be admitted to  
Pioneers' Home if he has no contagious or infectious disease.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

July 26, 1917

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The Librarian,

Seattle Public Library,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting copies of the proclamation concerning the conduct of citizens during the war, which was issued on April 12 last.

I regret to say that our supply of copies of this proclamation has been exhausted, and it is therefore impossible to comply with your request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 26, 1917

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Mr. Wm. T. Mahoney,  
United States Commissioner,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing papers in connection with the transportation of John Palmer to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka. It is noted that you arranged for through transportation from Ketchikan to Sitka on the steamer Dolphin, and I wish to say that this office appreciates your thoughtfulness, both in the matter of convenience to Mr. Palmer and economy of expense.

The voucher which was returned with your letter is being placed in way of payment today, and a warrant will be mailed to Mr. Taylor, the agent at Ketchikan.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 27, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find canceled check No. 628, dated June 1, 1917, issued to Fred Farral Feehey, for the sum of \$36, covering allowance for the quarter ended September 30, 1917. The cancellation endorsement on the face of the check includes the notation "dead." This check has just been received from Doctor Georgeson, Secretary Board of Trustees, who makes no explanation regarding the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 28, 1917

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Mr. A. Haag, Secretary,  
Anchorage Rifle Club,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged with your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing requisition in triplicate for certain ordnance supplies and check in the sum of five dollars, payable to the order of the commanding officer of the Benicia Arsenal, Cal. I am returning herewith the check in question, and would request that in its place you send either a bank draft or postal money order payable to the commanding officer.

It is the understanding of this office that remittances for the purchase of ordnance supplies must be in some form which does not involve the payment of exchange charges, and we have heretofore been advised, in connection with matters of this kind, that personal checks cannot be conveniently used.

Immediately upon receipt of a draft or postal money order, the requisition will be approved and forwarded with the remittance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 30, 1917

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Honorable Luther C. Hess,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Alaska Territorial Legislature,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hess:

In preparing the Governor's legislative accounts for forwarding to Washington today, I found that voucher No. 43, covering the salary of Representative Benson, for the period April 1 to May 3, inclusive, had not received your approval signature. I have, therefore, substituted a memo copy of the voucher which is being forwarded with the accounts, and enclose herewith the original with the request that you will kindly append your signature and return it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies the voucher.

Upon receipt of the voucher, approved by you, it will be forwarded to Washington for filing with the accounts, and the memo copy will be withdrawn.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

United States Attorney Eastgard and the other from Territorial  
Counsel Cobb, copies of which are herewith enclosed for your  
further information.

Judge Gunnison stated that he had hoped that the court  
would simply pass upon the constitutionality of the act  
creating the commission, etc., but he believed, as above  
stated, that the eligibility of yourself and Mr. Casey will  
be injected into the case. I desire to avoid this in the  
interest of fish conservation, and, in order that no delay  
may be experienced, I shall suggest that you forward me your  
resignation just as soon as you can possibly do so, in order  
that the case may be brought to a conclusion. I have also to  
ask you to recommend someone in your section of the district  
for appointment in your place and stead. As to the appointment  
of the other member, I shall first consult with Mr. Behrends,  
the third member of the Commission.

It is needless for me to say that I very much regret  
that the legality of your appointment is questioned, and I  
may express the belief that your interest in the success of  
the Commission will not be diminished by reason of the fact  
that that body will be deprived of your valuable services.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. J. R. Heckman,

Loring (also Ketchikan), Alaska

My dear Senator:

On Saturday evening I received a letter from Mr. J. T. Hunt, of the law firm of Maltby & Hunt, of Juneau, a copy of which is herewith enclosed and which is self-explanatory. You will notice that Maltby & Hunt held that the appointment of yourself and Mr. Casey, as members of the Fish Commission, is invalid, inasmuch as it is in contravention of section 11 of the Alaska organic act. Following the receipt of this letter, Judge Gunnison called upon me this morning and gave me a similar opinion as to the validity of these appointments.

As you know, Judge Gunnison has been representing the Commission in the suit now pending in the District Court, to determine the validity of the Territorial act. Judge Gunnison further advised me that he believed that the legality of the appointment of yourself and Casey would be attacked in court when the case again comes up for hearing.

I must confess that I was so anxious that you should be appointed upon this Commission, in view of your eminent fitness for the place, that I overlooked two opinions bearing on this matter that I received, one of which was from former

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You understand, of course, that if you should take this matter up in the juvenile court at Valdez and the court should order your daughter committed to the Washington State School for the Deaf, or committed to the care of the board of children's guardians for the third judicial division, she would be removed from your control and the board of children's guardians would become her legal guardians during the period of her commitment. The board of children's guardians for the third judicial division is composed of the United States district judge, the United States marshal and Mrs. George C. Treat, of Valdez.

Since it appears from your letter that, for the past four years, you have quite largely contributed to the expense of sending your daughter to the Washington State School for the Deaf, it is somewhat doubtful, in the opinion of this office, whether her case comes within the provisions of the juvenile court laws.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

July 31, 1917

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Mr. Fred R. Wilson,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing a note addressed to you by former superintendent Clarke of the Washington State School for the Deaf, with regard to your daughter.

As explained in office letter of the 16th instant, if you desire the Territory to bear the expense of board, tuition, etc., of your daughter while she is in attendance at the institution named, it will be necessary for you to take the matter up under the laws relating to juvenile courts and the care of dependent children and to make a sufficient showing in the matter. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a pamphlet issued by this office for the information and guidance of juvenile courts and boards of children's guardians, on pages 8 to 11 of which are reprints of chapter 33 of the 1913 Session Laws and chapter 46 of the 1915 Session Laws, providing for the establishment of juvenile courts for the care of dependent children. I am also enclosing a copy of chapter 16 of the 1917 Session Laws, which amends certain portions of chapter 33 of the 1913 Session Laws, for your further information.

You understand, of course, that if you should take this matter up in the juvenile court at Valdes and the court should order your daughter committed to the Washington State School for the Deaf, or committed to the care of the board of children's guardians for the third judicial division, she would be removed from your control and the board of children's guardians would become her legal guardians during the period of her commitment. The board of children's guardians for the third judicial division is composed of the United States district judge, the United States marshal and Mrs. George C. Treat, of Valdes.

Since it appears from your letter that, for the past four years, you have quite largely contributed to the expense of sending your daughter to the Washington State School for the Deaf, it is somewhat doubtful, in the opinion of this office, whether her case comes within the provisions of the juvenile court laws.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

July 21, 1917

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The Superintendent of the Washington  
State School for the Deaf,

Vancouver, Washington

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fred R. Wilson, of Valdez, Alaska, whose daughter Cecelia has been attending your institution for a number of years, has written this office with respect to her returning to the school for the ensuing year and has enclosed a note received by him from former Superintendent Clark, which reads as follows:

"It will be necessary for you to enter Cecelia through the Governor of Alaska for the next year, as the Territory is now paying this State for educating the deaf of Alaska."

The statement contained in the note quoted is entirely too broad and sweeping. The Territory of Alaska is not paying the State of Washington or any other state for educating the deaf of Alaska; nor has it made any provision for doing so. The Territory, through the board of children's guardians for the first judicial division, has sent one boy to your institution, namely, Harold Anderson, of Wrangell, who entered last year. This boy was committed through the juvenile court at Juneau, and it is only in such cases that the Territory is

in any way obligated or prepared to bear the expense of deaf children who may attend your school from Alaska; where the parents of such children are financially able to provide for them, the Territory will assume no obligations.

I deemed it best to make this statement in view of the note sent Mr. Wilson by former superintendent Clarke. We are advising Mr. Wilson that, before the Territory will assume any responsibility in the case of his daughter, it will be necessary for him to present the matter to the juvenile court at Valdez and make the necessary showing under our juvenile court and dependent children laws.

For your further information, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a pamphlet issued by this office containing instructions for the information and guidance of juvenile courts and boards of children's guardians in this Territory, which includes copies of chapter 32 of the 1913 Session Laws and chapter 46 of the 1915 Session Laws, relating to juvenile courts and the care of dependent children. Am also enclosing a copy of chapter 15 of the 1917 Session Laws, which makes some amendments to certain portions of chapter 32 of the 1913 Session Laws.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 31, 1917

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

It is a pleasure for me to say that I have known Mr. A. A. Gabbs, the bearer of this, for a number of years, during which time he was a resident of this city and where he enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. Mr. Gabbs is an experienced accountant and has served as examiner of banks under the jurisdiction of the Territorial Banking Board, of which the undersigned is chairman. His services were satisfactory in every way, and he severed his relations only because he was compelled to seek a warmer climate because of his health. I am sure that Mr. Gabbs will render faithful and efficient service in any capacity in which he may be employed.

Governor

July 31, 1917

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The Sister Superior,  
St. Ann's Hospital,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

It is with much regret that I have learned of the financial difficulties that your excellent institution is experiencing due to the lamentable disaster which overtook the Treadwell mine in April last, resulting in the discharge of hundreds of employees and a great decrease in the population of your town, with a consequent loss of business. I trust that the several communities which it is your intention to advise of the situation in which your hospital is placed, will respond as generously as possible to the call for aid. It is a fact that institutions of your kind are an absolute need in every community, and this is particularly true of Alaska, where the financial support received by them is very frequently totally incommensurate with their needs.

I am enclosing herewith a small check as a slight contribution to the fund which you are endeavoring to raise.

With appreciation of the excellent work that you have conducted in your town for many years, and expressing the hope that the financial cloud which has overshadowed your efforts will speedily be lifted, I am,

Cardially yours,

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**CALL FOR BIDS  
for  
GRADING AND FENCING EXECUTIVE MANSION GROUNDS**

August 1, 1917

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Sealed bids will be received at the Governor's office up to the hour of five p. m. Tuesday, August 7, 1917, for the grading and fencing of the grounds surrounding the Executive Mansion at Juneau, Alaska. The right will be reserved to reject <sup>any</sup> or all bids. For particulars inquire at the Governor's office.

Governor

July 31, 1917

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

My dear Doctor:

I have just had a talk with Doctor Pallister, with reference to certain medical supplies, such as vaccines and anti-toxins needed by you in the prosecution of your official duties as Assistant Health Commissioner. I have been absent from the Territory during the past two months and have only returned a few days ago. I have to request, therefore, that you will forward me a list of the supplies that are actually needed and which you believe should be kept on hand in order to meet any emergency that may arise.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

August 1, 1917

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Mr. James Mitchell,  
Inspector-General of Police,  
New South Wales

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d of June last (No. 17/19086), referring to circular of the 13th of April last, respecting the escape of Edward Krause from the United States jail at Juncos, while under sentence of death for murder.

For your information, I beg to say that Krause was shot and killed by a farmer some twenty miles from Juncos a few days after his escape from the jail. He refused to surrender when ordered to do so and was shot and instantly killed.

Thanking you for the action taken by you in the matter,  
I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1917

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Mr. Grever C. Winn,  
Notary Public  
Junction, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Formal application has been made to this office by the Honorable John Rustgard, attorney for the contestant in the case of Wickersham v. Sulzer, for a certified copy of the polling list or register of voters in the Sulzer voting precinct, first judicial division. The election returns from the Sulzer voting precinct, with the exception of the ballots, were included in the blanket exhibit introduced by the contestant's attorney, Honorable J. M. Cobb, in the hearing had before you on the 25th ultimo.

In order that the certified copy asked for by the contestant's attorney may be made by this office, I hereby request that you permit my secretary to have access to the package containing the returns from the Sulzer voting precinct, November, 1916, election, for the purpose of making a copy of said polling list.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 1, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau

My dear Sir:

I transmit herewith express money order in the sum of \$10, payable to the order of the Governor and which has been endorsed to you, the same having been received from Mr. J. C. Dolm, of Tanana, to cover the fee for the notary commission which he applied for some time ago. I believe the bond and the oath of office are now on file in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 1, 1917

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Mr. William Maloney,  
Mining Inspector,  
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Maloney:

I have your letter of the 22d ultimo, in which you request me to forward copies of your 1915 and 1916 reports to various persons and ask that a few copies of your 1916 report be mailed to you at Ruby. We are today mailing the copies to the persons named in your letter and also sending a number of copies of your 1916 report to you at Ruby, which I trust will reach you before your departure from there.

The Governor and Mrs. Strong returned on the 25th. They were accompanied from Seattle by Mr. H. A. Moyer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior and his party, who proceeded to Anchorage for an inspection of the government railway and the Matanuska coal fields. The governorship matter is still being held in abeyance and there is little that is new regarding the situation.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Aug. 1, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers, President,  
Board of Medical Examiners,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit letter of Doctor  
J. C. Centurier, 1040 North Alexandria, Los Angeles, Cal.,  
who desires to be informed as to the laws and regulations  
governing the practice of medicine in Alaska. The letter  
is referred to you in the absence of Doctor CoVigano, Secre-  
tary of the Board.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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August 2, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith Department of the Interior letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to this office, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior by Mr. J. C. Rathbone, Washington, D. C., under date of the 13th ultimo, with reference to certain proofs necessary to be submitted in the settlement of the estate of John C. Neff, who died about September 15, 1887, as the result of a fall of earth upon him while prospecting for gold on Fertymile Creek, Alaska. You will note, from Mr. Rathbone's letter, that Mr. Henry M. Neff, brother of the deceased and his sole surviving heir at law, "is required to submit a certified copy of the public record showing the fact of the death of the said John C. Neff, or, if there is no public record, show that fact by the proper authority in that part of Alaska at this time."

Undoubtedly there was, at the time of the death of John C. Neff, no officer in the Fertymile country whose duties required him to keep a record of such cases and it is no doubt a fact that there is no public record of his death. It occurs

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to me that, since the United States commissioners are appointed by the judge of the district court and the records of their appointments are kept in your office, it would be possible for you to furnish the proof of absence of public record of the death which is desired in the event it is impossible to produce such public record. If you can do this and will forward the affidavit or certificate to this office, with return of the enclosed papers, we shall be glad to transmit the same to the Department for delivery to Mr. Rathbone.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 2, 1917

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Mr. C. M. Jorgensen,

City

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a set of five proposal blanks made out in accordance with your second bid covering the hauling of ashes from the Governor's office and the Executive Mansion, for the year beginning July 1, 1917. Kindly sign all five copies and return them to this office. The Governor will then approve and accept the bid, and a copy of the accepted proposal will be sent you.

I enclose a franked and addressed envelope which you may use when mailing the proposal.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 2, 1917

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Mr. M. D. Kuhn,

Circle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 18, in which you ask whether it was the steamer Yukon or the steamer Alaska on which Mrs. Strong and myself were passengers in 1915, when the steamer went on a sand bar in the Yukon Flats. In reply I have to advise you that it was the steamer Alaska, Capt. Billy Gray, and that we were on the sand bar 112 hours in the hottest weather which I ever experienced in Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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July 30, 1917

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Mr. W. P. Mills,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Mills:

A young man by the name of Hewitt, who has been employed in the electrical department of the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company at Thane, advises me that he has applied to you for the position of electrician for the Sitka Wharf & Power Co. Personally I know but little concerning Mr. Hewitt or his qualifications, but he has shown me a good letter of recommendation from Mr. Pullen, formerly chief of the electrical department of the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company, which seems to vouch for his technical ability. I have talked with the young man and he assures me that he is sober and industrious, and, if he should be fortunate enough to secure the place that he seeks, I am satisfied that he would give the best that is in him to the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties.

I understand that he was born in Douglas, where his parents still reside.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Juneau, Alaska, August 2, 1917. O. B. Cove. NIENT paid CASH.

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Hotel Raleigh,

WASHINGTON.

Please forward to Juneau my mail received for me since my departure  
for Alaska July ninth.

O. B. COVE,

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, August 3, 1917. O. B. Ans.

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H. H. Ross, Road Commissioner,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday it is the opinion of this office that the appointive members of divisional road commissions cannot receive any compensation for services performed in connection with road work except the allowance for travel expenses which the act passed by the last session of the legislature provides for. This act provides that they shall not receive any pay or emolument and their employment as superintendents would be at least bad policy if not violation of this provision. If you want to employ Robertson as superintendent it would be better that he resign as a member of the commission for fourth division.

SPENCER, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 3, 1917

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The Honorable

The Vice Consul of France,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, requesting the assistance of this office in your efforts to obtain information concerning Louis Beauvilliers, who is supposed to have been residing in Alaska since 1908, but whose mother has not heard from him during the past three years.

We are asking the various newspapers of this Territory to publish a request for information concerning Mr. Beauvilliers and, should any responses be received, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 3, 1917

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Miss Mary Fletcher,

Evant, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultime, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain information regarding your brother, George Fletcher, whom you have not heard from since in the year 1915, when he was at Thane, Alaska.

We have no information at this time concerning your brother. We are asking the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning Mr. Fletcher and, should any responses be received, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 3, 1917.

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Mr. Samuel Dechamps,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

My dear Sam:

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo, which reached me a few days ago. I returned from a visit to Washington and the east only recently, and have been trying to catch up with accumulated work.

I am sorry to learn that, according to your letter, the real American is sparsely distributed throughout your section. It seems to me that this is a time when even our foreign population should show their Americanism if they have a grain of it within them. They enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities of American citizens, and it is incumbent upon them to show it by their devotion to the institutions which protect them.

I saw Judge Wickersham for a very short time while in Seattle. He has recently been on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island taking depositions in the election contest with Salzer, which probably will not be decided until late this fall or early next winter.

I was not able to see former Congressman Humphrey while in Washington, as I understood he was in New York; and in any event it would be impossible to do anything at this time with your claim. I shall take it up later if possible when Congress meets in regular session.

(Mr. Samuel Deschamps, p. 3)

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

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Juneau, August 4, 1917. O. B.

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Tucker, Judge,

HOME.

Please advise disposition of children sent to States this spring by board childrens guardians your division, also disposition of children for whose care five hundred dollars was sent you a couple of months ago. Board of guardians should furnish full information covering both cases, and send duplicate receipted bills covering expenditures, and advise whether Territory is under any further obligation and what such obligation is. If any contracts entered into for care of children copies should be filed this office. Desire full information seen as possible.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

August 3, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, in which you ask compensation for Mantasta Sam, a native, who searched for and found the body of James H. Wiles, who was frozen to death about April 8, 1916. It is noted that Mantasta Sam not only found the body but buried it under most adverse conditions and with great difficulty. You state that he thinks he should receive the sum of \$50 for his work.

With reference to this matter I have to advise you that while the Alaska legislature at its 1917 session enacted a law appropriating money for the search for missing persons, and for other purposes, it is not believed that this appropriation can be drawn upon to compensate Mantasta Sam, inasmuch as his services were performed prior to the enactment of the law in question. I regret to say, also, that there is no other appropriation that seems properly subject to use in meeting this claim. I would be very glad, indeed, to render assistance in this matter by approving a voucher for the payment of this comparatively small amount, were it possible for me to do so; but I am prohibited from doing this by the terms of the law, as you will readily understand.

I would suggest that you prepare a statement of this claim

(Mr. C. Parker Smith, U. S. Commissioner, p. 2)

and present it to the legislature at its next session, asking that an appropriation be authorized for the payment of same. It seems to me that this is the only way in which Mantastia Sam can be recouped for the services performed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Jessu, August 8, 1917. O. B.

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Dr. C. C. Georgeon,

care Agricultural Experiment Station,

RAMPART.

In letter to me written just before your departure from Sitka recently you referred to the forwarding of the book of pension certificates but to date the book has not been received. In event it was not mailed is there anyone in Sitka who can secure it and send it here?

SHORTHILL.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

August 3, 1917.

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Mr. James Ryder,  
Box 500,  
Steilacoom, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo I have to say that a contest is now pending in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, between ~~James~~ Wickersham contestant, and Charles A. Salmer, contestee, for the post of Delegate from Alaska. It is probable that the contest will not be taken up by the House for determination before December next.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

August 3, 1917

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Mr. C. C. Williams,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with a copy of the law pertaining to the bounty on hair seals.

In reply I beg to advise that there is no such law as the one to which you refer. A bill was introduced in the 1917 session of the Alaska legislature providing for a bounty on hair seals, but it failed of passage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 4, 1917

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Dr. Leonard S. Sugden,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Sugden:

It has been my privilege, during your stay in this city, to be present at an exhibition of your Alaskan views and to listen to your descriptive lectures in connection therewith, and I want to say that I have greatly appreciated both your views and lectures. I have been particularly impressed with the new process of taking colored moving pictures which you are now introducing in Alaska for the first time, and I cannot but predict marvelous success for you in this line. This new process undoubtedly is destined to achieve a complete revolution in motion pictures, and the wealth of scenery, majestic and otherwise, to be found in Alaska will afford a fruitful field for this work. In common with all Alaskans who have watched the success you have won during the past years in making Alaska better known by means of motion pictures, I may express the belief that you are doing a splendid work in giving publicity to the real Alaska among the very people which it is desirable we should reach and inform as to the economic wealth and the magnificent scenery which we are

naturally desirous of making known.

With appreciation of the educational work, for such it is, in which you are engaged, and wishing you a continuation of the great success you have already achieved, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Juneau, August 4, 1917. O. B.

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Shoup,

Sitka.

How soon will you require additional supply clothing for Pioneers Home, including suits, shirts, boots, shoes and so forth. Wire reply.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. H. J. McCallum,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the fourth judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. Aline B. Bradley,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Madam:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the fourth judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. J. M. Sloan,

Seward, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the third judicial division of the Territory, for the term, of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. J. H. Romig,

Seward, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the Third judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. Curtis W. Welch,  
Candle, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the second judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. J. H. Mustard,

Nome, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the second judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that, before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath; and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. H. C. DeVighe,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the first judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that before entering upon the duties of your office you shall take and subscribe an oath, and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 4, 1917

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Dr. B. L. Myers,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 8, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the first judicial division of the Territory, for the term of four years from August 1, 1917. The act under which this appointment is made requires that before entering upon the duties of your office, you shall take and subscribe an oath, and I am enclosing herewith a form in duplicate for this purpose, which you will kindly return to this office when properly executed. One copy will be retained in this office and the other will be filed with the Secretary of the Medical Board when that officer shall have been chosen.

I will thank you to make formal acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Dr. O. J. Keating.  
Seward, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 24, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby reappointed a member of the Board of Dental Examiners, Territory of Alaska, from the third judicial division for the five-year period ending July 29, 1922. Enclosed herewith you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which please execute and return to this office with your letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 6, 1917

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Dr. W. E. Zuber,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 84, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby reappointed a member of the Board of Dental Examiners for the Territory of Alaska from the first judicial division, for the five-year period ending July 29, 1921. Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will please execute and mail to this office with your letter of acceptance.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 6, 1917

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Mr. Frank H. Dunham,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby reappointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Board of Pharmacy for the fourth judicial division, for the four-year term ending July 25, 1920. The act in question requires that each member of the Board of Pharmacy shall execute an oath of office, and for this purpose there is enclosed herewith two blanks, which you will please sign and execute and return to this office with your letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

Governor

August 6, 1917

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Mr. Ralph T. Kubon,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 37, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby reappointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Board of Pharmacy for the fourth judicial division, for the four-year term ending July 25, 1920. The act in question requires that each member of the Board of Pharmacy shall execute an oath of office, and for this purpose there is enclosed herewith two blanks, which you will please sign and execute and return to this office with your letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

Governor

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August 6, 1917

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Dr. H. C. DeVigano, M. R. C.,  
Letterman General Hospital,  
The Presidio,  
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Doctor DeVigano:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith letter of appointment dated the fourth instant, designating you as a member of the Territorial Medical Examining Board for the first judicial division, for a term of four years from August 1, 1917. An oath of office form in duplicate accompanies the letter of appointment. Kindly execute the oath in duplicate and forward both copies to this office.

We are glad to know that you passed the examination and wish you all kinds of good luck.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 8, 1917

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Sister Mary Gertrude, Superior,  
Sacred Heart Orphanage,  
Fueblo, Colorado

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, with which you enclose a voucher covering the care and medical treatment of the Felton children for the three-months period ending August 10, 1917. This voucher is being placed in way of payment and you may expect to receive a warrant soon after the receipt of this letter.

When writing you on the 19th ultimo, I overlooked the voucher which had been issued to you to cover the period from February 10 to May 10.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 6, 1917

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Dr. W. E. Zuber,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Doctor Zuber:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter of this date, signed by the Governor, reappointing you a member of the Board of Dental Examiners for the Territory, for the five-year period ending July 29, 1921.

The appointment should have been made a year ago, but was inadvertently overlooked, although you will remember that in September last the Governor wrote you, saying that he would appoint you, but we neglected to issue the necessary letter of appointment.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 16, 1917

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Mr. B. H. Seward,  
49 Avenue Carnot,  
Bordeaux, France

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 10. in which you state your desire to secure documents, etc., relating to Wm. H. Seward, who was largely responsible for the purchase of Alaska from Russia.

In reply I have to advise you that no literary works concerning Mr. Seward have been published in this Territory, and such works as we have are the property of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. We have also a fine bust of Mr. Seward, which was presented to the Library some years ago.

I may say that you may be able to obtain such works by addressing any reputable New York publishing firm.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 7, 1917.

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Geldstein & Esperian,

City.

Dear Sirs:

By direction of the Governor I return herewith bills covering rent of rooms used by the chief clerks of the legislature, 1917 session, subsequent to adjournment, and beg to say that since there is no appropriation at this time available from which to pay these bills, they are returned with the suggestion that they be held until the convening of the 1918 session, and be then presented to the proper committee of that body for consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Juneau, August 7, 1917. O. B.

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H. H. Ross, Road Commissioner,

care of W. O. Robertson, Ruby, via mail from Nelson.

On third instant wired you at Fairbanks as follows quote Replying yours yesterday it is the opinion of this office that the appointive members of divisional road commissions cannot receive any compensation for services performed in connection with road work except the allowance for travel expenses which the act passed by the last session of the legislature provides for. This act provides that they shall not receive any pay or emolument and their employment as superintendents would be at least bad policy if not violation of this provision. If you want to employ Robertson as superintendent it would be better that he resign as a member of the commission for fourth division. End quote.

STROM, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 7, 1917.

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Hon. A. G. Shoup,  
Superintendent, Alaska Pioneer's Home,  
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 31st, together with pay vouchers of Barbara Dalitz and Barbara Chernoff, which have been approved and forwarded to Treasurer Smith for payment.

At a meeting of the Board this afternoon the leave of absence granted to Miss Dalitz, the cook, was approved, and also the leave to Miss Chernoff, assistant cook, for the period of two weeks, with pay.

The matter of the laundry was discussed by Mr. Shackel and myself, and we concluded to ask you to submit your ideas of the size of building, etc., the probable cost, and any information that you may have as to laundries of this kind. Will you do this and write me fully in the premises? We will then be able to submit data thus secured, to an architect and obtain plans. We believe this would be the better way, inasmuch as we then would probably get a building entirely satisfactory for the purposes for which it is intended.

I would like to go over to Sitka and visit the Home and talk over matters in connection therewith, with you, but at this

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time it is impossible for me to do so. A great deal of work has accumulated in the office, and the conscription registration, and the appointment of exemption boards, present a problem that I am now wrestling with, and the harder I wrestle the more impossible it seems to arrive at a solution that will be satisfactory. However, I am doing the best I can in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, August 8, 1917. O. B.

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US Commissioner,

Fairbanks.

Check number five hundred eleven favor Harvey Thompson  
mailed you April twenty seven last by Treasurer Board Trustees Pioneer Home.  
Thompson now inmate of home at Sitka. If you have the check please mail to  
his care of superintendent of home. Kindly advise by wire.

STRONG, Governor.

  
So Secretary to the Governor.

August 8, 1917

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The Director,  
Bureau of Geological Survey,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly have  
forwarded to this office two copies of the bulletin entitled  
"Analysis of Silicates and Waters," by Hildebrand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 8, 1917

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Mr. G. F. Steale,  
News-Print Manufacturers' Association,  
18 East 41st street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to this office, in which you request a copy of the Governor's annual report for the year 1917. In reply I beg to advise that this report will not be ready for distribution until after the first of January next. Our fiscal year ends on June 30 and our reports are prepared during August and September and forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, under whose direction they are printed.

We shall be pleased to place your name upon the mailing list for a copy of the 1917 report when issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 8, 1917

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Mrs. Clara P. Corliss,  
60 Charles Street,  
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Frank Magnolia, whom you have not heard from since early in the year.

We have no information concerning this man, but will write to the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Anchorage, and it is quite possible that we may be able to obtain some information regarding him in that way. When we hear from the Commission, we will advise you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 6, 1917

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Hon. George B. Grigby,  
Attorney-General,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, in which you state that an act of the legislature of 1917 appropriated the sum of \$2500 for the purchase of law books and book cases for the use of the Attorney General; that the law provides that such library shall be selected by the Governor of the Territory, the United States District Judge and the Attorney General; that of the sum so appropriated, \$1500 has been expended in the purchase of the library of the late John G. Heid. You also state that among the books contained in that library were the first 44 volumes of the American state reports, and that you have an opportunity of purchasing the remaining 86 volumes of these reports from Mr. W. A. Heisheimer; also the annotated cases, besides 39 Globe-Vernick cases for shelving the books purchased from Mr. Heid; and further that you desire to purchase the Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure, consisting of forty volumes, together with the annual annotations complete to date, from yourself, you being now the owner of the aforesaid Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure; and you ask to be advised when

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it will be convenient for me to meet yourself and the Judge of the District Court for the purpose of passing upon the advisability of making the purchases that you have recommended and estimating the value of the books and cases.

In reply I have to advise you that I recall that, during the session of the legislature, there was considerable discussion as to the purchase of Mr. Holshaimer's library, and it was my understanding that the purchase of the Heid library was authorized instead; and I, therefore, cannot see my way clear to advise the purchase of the library from Mr. Holshaimer.

As to the purchase from yourself of the forty volumes referred to, it occurs to me that it has always been regarded as bad public policy for a public official to purchase books or any material from himself.

Further, I am not familiar with law book prices, and I may express the belief that, being a minority member of the board, my services, in view of the opinions I have herein expressed, may be deemed superfluous. Were I to meet with you and the Judge of the District Court, I could oppose further purchases at this time, as being unnecessary.

I am,

Yours truly,

Governor

Juneau, August 9, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

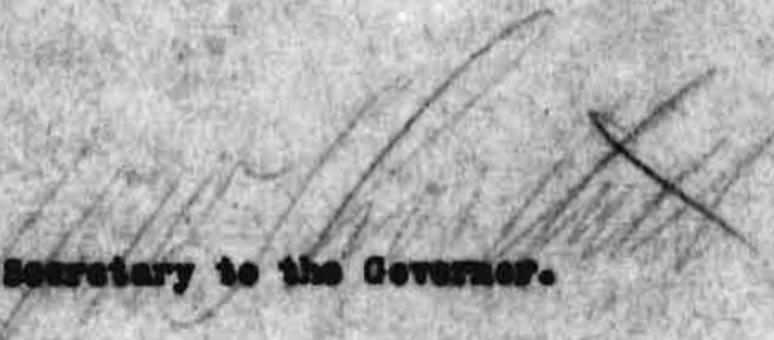
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Dr. L. H. Keller,

Shagway.

Will you accept appointment as member board of regents  
Fairbanks Agricultural college and school of mines to represent first judicial  
division? Please wire reply.

BERONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juana, August 9, 1917. O. B.

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Brown, Judge,

Valdes.

Replying your letter July thirty McCannoy will be admitted  
Pioneers Home upon arrival.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 9, 1917

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Mr. D. E. Christie,  
Treadwell, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Board of Pharmacy, for the first judicial division, for the four-year term ending July 25, 1921, vice Floyd E. Ryus, of Ketchikan, term expired.

The act in question requires that each member of the Board of Pharmacy shall execute an oath of office and for this purpose there are enclosed herewith two oath blanks, which you will please execute and return to this office with your letter of acceptance.

Respectfully,

Governor

August 10, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose check No. 180, dated June 30, 1917, in favor of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitsa, for \$240.22, which has been received at this office from Honorable Charles E. Sumrell, United States District Judge, Fourth judicial division, to apply on cost of maintenance of inmates of the Home from that division for the June quarter. The check has been endorsed by the Governor and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Hon. James A. Swiser,  
United States Attorney,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I am requested by the Consul General of the Republic of Russia, at Seattle, to make inquiries concerning the case of one John Markeff, who, I am advised, was tried in the district court of this judicial division and sentenced to a term in McNeil's Island penitentiary on the charge of selling or giving liquor to natives.

Will you be good enough to forward to this office an official statement concerning this case, for transmission to the Consul General?

Yours truly,

Governor

August 10, 1917

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Mr. C. E. Swalm, Secretary,  
Pride of the East Council No. 370,  
Order of Independent Americans,  
Williamstown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask the assistance of this office in ascertaining the whereabouts of Mr. Edward T. Spenslear, of Williamstown, Pa., who is supposed to have come to Alaska a year or more ago and whose mother is anxious to hear from him.

We have no information concerning Mr. Spenslear, but, following the usual course in such matters, will ask the various newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning his whereabouts and will advise you promptly of any responses thereto.

I note you say that Mr. Spenslear is 30 years of age and, therefore, subject to registration under the military selective draft law. Registration in Alaska is being carried on at this time and will not be completed until September 2. The complete returns from the registration will probably not be in this office before next December or January and, until

these are in, it would be practically impossible to ascertain whether or not Mr. Spenslear has registered. It is also possible that if he is in Alaska, he may claim his residence in the States, in which event his name would not appear in the registration records for this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 10, 1917

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Honorable Arthur G. Sheup, Supt.,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sheup:

On July 17 Dector Georgessen wrote me a letter with regard to the pension allowance for the June quarter due Harvey Thompson, formerly of Fairbanks, but now an inmate of the Home. I looked into this matter and found that the check had been forwarded to the United States Commissioner at Fairbanks on April 27 last by treasurer Shattuck. I then wired to the United States Commissioner, asking him to forward the check to Thompson in your care, if he still held the same. The Commissioner replied under date of the 8th instant that he had that day mailed the check to Thompson as requested. Will you kindly convey this information to Mr. Thompson.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. A. C. Nordale,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1919.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

August 10, 1917.

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Mr. H. B. Parkin,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1919.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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Mr. R. C. Wood,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1921.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith enclosed for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

August 10, 1917.

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Mr. A. N. Heilig,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 82, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1921.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 82, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

August 10, 1917.

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Mrs. Luther C. Hess,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1923.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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August 10, 1917.

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Mr. Phil Ernst,  
Nome, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 63, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1923.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 63, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

August 10, 1917.

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Dr. L. S. Keller,  
Sikagway, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1925.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

August 10, 1917.

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Mr. L. F. Shaw,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

SIR:

Under the provisions of Chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, for the term ending the first Monday in April, 1923.

Enclosed you will find an oath of office form in duplicate, which you will be required to execute and forward to this office with your letter of acceptance.

A copy of Chapter 62, above mentioned, is herewith transmitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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- 399 L. S. Keller, Shagway,
- 400 L. F. Shaw, Anchorage,
- 398 Phil Ernst, Nome,
- 397 Mrs. Luther G. Hess, Fairbanks,
- 390 A. R. Hellig, Fairbanks,
- 395 R. C. Wood, "
- 396 H. B. Parkin, "
- 393 A. G. Nordale, "

Board trustees Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines appointed on  
yesterday as follows: <sup>H. B.</sup> Parkin and <sup>A.G.</sup> Nordale term ending first Monday April nineteen  
nineteen, <sup>A.R.</sup> Hellig and <sup>R.C.</sup> Wood term ending first Monday April nineteen twenty one, Mrs. L.G.  
Hess and Phil Ernst term ending first Monday April nineteen twenty three, and  
L. S. Keller and L. F. Shaw term ending first Monday April nineteen twenty five.  
First five persons named reside Fairbanks, Ernst in Nome, Keller in Shagway and  
Shaw in Anchorage. Letters of appointment and oath office forms follow first  
mail with copy of law.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 11, 1917

O. B. Gov't Bldg Paid cash

Clarence Nashins,  
George Washington Inn,  
Washington

Your telegram tenth. Have already endorsed Paul Kjegstad, Home  
United States marshal second division and strongly favor his ap-  
pointment, but if his appointment cannot be secured, would like  
to see you get it. In my opinion Corrigan absolutely unfitted  
for place.

STRENS, Governor

Secretary

August 11, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 7, addressed to Dr. C. C. Georgesen, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, has been referred to this office. I note you say that Captain Alfred H. Mayo has succeeded in securing a pension from the United States government of \$21.50 a month and you ask if this fact will deprive him of the Territorial allowance. In reply I have to advise you that it will not and that the Territorial allowance will be continued.

Respectfully yours,

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

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 30, with reference to the admission of Mr. A. R. McConihay, of Anchorage, to the Pioneers' Home, and other matters cognate thereto. On receipt of your letter I wired you, stating that McConihay would be admitted to the Home upon his arrival there.

I note you say that there seems to be an increasing number of men who desire admittance to the Home and that it is presumed that room will have to be made for them. In this connection, I have to say that we still have room for the accommodation of an additional number of inmates, but it is always advisable that the most deserving cases be given preference. If you will wire me at any time that you have an application for admission to the Home, I will immediately advise you as to whether or not the applicant can be admitted.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

August 11, 1917

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Mrs. Isabel A. Gilman,  
United States Government Hospital,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of August 9, with reference to the  
Publicity Bureau. In reply I have to advise that it is not  
my intention to make any permanent appointment in connection  
with the bureau at this time.

I am grieved to learn that you have been ill, but trust  
that you will soon regain your health.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 11, 1917

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Mr. Emery T. Ringstead,  
Ward Cove Packing Co.,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the "Labor Commission, Juneau, Alaska," has been referred to this office. I have noted its contents and I beg to advise you that this is a matter over which this office has no jurisdiction. It seems to me, however, if the statements contained in your letter are exact, that you have been wronged and that you are entitled to redress. The only way, however, that you can secure the money due you, in my opinion, is to bring an action in court for the amount of wages due you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 11, 1917

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Rev. George Edward Lewis, the bearer of this, is well known in Alaska as "Alaska Blacklock." He has visited Alaska many times, has thoroughly studied this great Territory and, therefore, he is enabled to speak "by the book" concerning its many resources, its scenic attractions, etc. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lewis in Juneau not long since, where he remained for a few days studying the conditions of this section of the Territory.

Governor

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August 11, 1917

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Hon. Fred M. Brown,  
Valdez, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your resignation as a member of the Board of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. I accept your resignation with regret, believing that, even though your duties were such that you could give little attention to it, still the fact that you were a member of the Commission added to its strength. I have further to advise that I have this day appointed Hon. William H. Whittlesey, of Seward, in your place and stead.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. W. O. Robertson,  
Assistant Road Commissioner,  
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the following telegram under date of  
August 9:

"Wish you to understand was not seeking job.  
Supt Ress wanted me to act as superintendent  
and resign Commission. I refused. People here  
asked me to act as both. Will need able man for  
superintendent."

In reply I have to advise that it is a matter of com-  
plete indifference to me whether you resign or not, or ac-  
cept employment under Superintendent Ress. My wire to you  
was in reply to one sent by Road Commissioner Ress, in which  
he asked if you could be employed as superintendent on pay  
and at the same time act as Assistant Road Commissioner.  
Manifestly this could not be done on the ground of broad  
public policy, as for you to act as Assistant Road Com-  
missioner and to receive a salary at the same time would  
inevitably lead to criticism of you and everyone else  
concerned therewith, including Ress.

I may further add that I don't like the tone of your  
telegram. You were appointed on the recommendation of my

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friend Hon. C. K. Snow, and in addressing this office common courtesy is at least demanded and not such telegraphic replies. You will always bear in mind that it is not well for one to take a position, appointive or elective, too seriously, for to do so very often interferes with real usefulness. It was not necessary for you to wire me that you were not seeking the job, for, as I have intimated above, I did not care whether you were or not, that being a matter for your own determination.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

August 11, 1917.

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Honorable William H. Whittlesey,

Attorney at Law,

Seward, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 40, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby appointed a member of The Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation in the United States, for the Territory of Alaska, for the unexpired term ending May 26, 1919, vice Honorable Fred H. Brown, resigned. This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Alaska Senate at its next session.

Enclosed is an oath of office form, in duplicate, which kindly execute and mail to this office with your acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor

August 11, 1917.

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Honorable Royal A. Gunnison,  
Attorney at Law,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

Under the provisions of Chapter 40, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby appointed to succeed yourself as a member of The Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation in the United States, for the Territory of Alaska, for the six-year term ending May 26, 1923, subject to confirmation by the Alaska Senate at its next session.

Enclosed is an oath of office form, in duplicate, which kindly execute and mail to this office with your acceptance of this appointment.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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Mr. James Franley,  
United States Commissioner,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, I am returning herewith, for correction, the application of Patrick O. Byrne, of Nome, for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. The correction required is with reference to his places of residence, with specific reference to question No. 5, wherein it is stated that the applicant went to Dawson in 1907 and came to Nome in 1900, while in his answer to question No. 6 he claims continuous residence in Alaska since 1903. Manifestly there is a discrepancy in in these statements which must be corrected before the Board can act upon the applications.

Yours very truly,

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

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Hon. George B. Grigby,  
Attorney General,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a telegram from Hon. A. R. Heilig, Fairbanks, Alaska, recently appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines at Fairbanks, in which he expresses the opinion that the Board so appointed cannot legally act until confirmed at a regular or a special session of the Senate, and that he would like an opinion from you.

The act in question is known as chapter 62, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, and is entitled "An act for the establishment of an agricultural college and school of mines, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 4, 1915, and to grant a charter to the Alaska agricultural college and school of mines."

I have, therefore, to request that you will submit to me, for transmission to the Board of Trustees, as soon as practicable, an opinion as to whether the board so appointed can legally discharge the duties for which it was appointed.

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pending its confirmation by the Territorial Senate at the  
next session of the legislature in March, 1919.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 9, addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, with specific reference to an application for allowance of one Sandy Alexander, together with a copy of a letter forwarded to you by Mr. W. G. Smith with reference to that and other matters.

In this connection I have to advise you that the application of Sandy Alexander seems to have been lost in the mail. It was received at this office and the statements contained therein not being satisfactory to the Board of Trustees, I was instructed to write Hon. R. P. Roth concerning the merits of the application and the record of the applicant. A reply was not received from Mr. Roth for some time and, in the meantime, the application seems to have gone astray, probably in the mail between here and Sitka.

I have, therefore, to request that you will forward

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another application duly executed, addressed to this  
office, and it will receive consideration in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 13, 1917

Mr. G. R. Walker, Secretary,  
Southwest Washington Fair Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, including a complimentary season ticket to your Ninth Annual Southwest Washington Fair, forwarded to me through the courtesy of my old friend, Mr. Ed S. Orr, county commissioner of Lewis County.

Permit me to thank you for this kindly remembrance, and I would ask you to extend to Mr. Orr my kindest regards. I regret that the pressure of official business will not permit me to accept your invitation to visit the Fair at this time.

Trusting that it may be a great success, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

August 13, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of August 11, with reference to the laundry building. In reply I have to advise that it is not practicable to secure the services of an architect at this time to go to Sitka, the only local architect being Mr. Sutton, who is at present engaged on the Juneau school building.

I think I would, therefore, suggest that you secure what data you can, forward it with any suggestions that you might feel free to make, to me, and I will take the matter up with Shattuck and see what can be done. This is a matter in which you will have to exercise your best judgment. In my opinion, the laundry should be so located as to produce the best results.

I note you suggest that it might be well to make provision in the proposed laundry building for the accommodation of some inmates, as you believe that a number of these who are on the pension roll will ask to be taken into the Home this fall, and that about 8 or 10 more will be all that can be accommodated, not allowing for deaths and three or four

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who you think are well enough to care for themselves and should be discharged.

I have no idea as to the cost of laundry machinery, but I expect that it has gone up in price, beyond a doubt. Probably there will be little material advance in prices of lumber, but no doubt other material has advanced.

In the meantime, look into the situation as carefully as possible, securing such data as you can and forward it to me. It may be possible a little later to secure the services of an architect and send him over to look over the ground.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. W. Sullivan,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 10, in which you state that you have funds enough to maintain you at the Springs at Tenakee for one more month. At the expiration of that time, I would suggest that, if you have not sufficiently recovered to enable you to support yourself, you make application for admission to the Pioneers' Home. Of course, I am not at all familiar with the circumstances, but I am of the opinion that this would be the best thing for you to do under the circumstances.

Let us hear from you as to your views in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

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Juneau, August 14, 1917. O. B.

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John D. Flanigan, US Commissioner,

Council, via mail from Nams.

Lycens will be admitted to Pioneers Home Sika. This office will furnish transportation between Sika Juneau and Sika and hotel bill while in Juneau awaiting steamer to Sika.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

August 13, 1917

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The United States Commissioner,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On July 12 last there was forwarded to Mr. Henry Peter Rasmussen, of Ketchikan, by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, a letter containing a certificate of allowance, No. 138, issued to Mr. Rasmussen by the Board. The letter reached this office on yesterday, having been returned from Ketchikan as "unclaimed."

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise us as to the present whereabouts of Mr. Rasmussen so that we may forward his certificate to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Walter E. Thompson,  
1028 Pleasant Avenue,  
Bremerton, Wash.

My dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask the assistance of this office in ascertaining the whereabouts of your husband, whom you have not heard from since he left Seattle on June 26 last, en route to Valdez, Alaska.

We are asking the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning your husband and have given them his description as contained in your letter, and have also referred to the fact that it is reported that he has been drawn for military service and have stated that his family is anxious to hear from him. We hope to receive some information in response to this request and shall be pleased to communicate with you promptly upon receipt of any word concerning your husband.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. J. Fillmore Warder,  
Attorney-at-law,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Warder:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 11th instant, you will find enclosed herewith a copy of chapter 55, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, containing the general eight-hour law and also a copy of chapter 4, which regulates employment in underground mines.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

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--COPY--

(From files of Governor's office, Juneau.)

Hot Springs, Alas Jul 14-14

Gov. Strong,

Juneau, Alaska.

I recently made shipment of ten pair foxes born and bred on my ranch at Baker Creek Alaska Christoffers wired Seattle customs shipment not domesticated stock Christoffers has been misinformed and I request you have shipment released. Answer.

J. N. Bain.

Juneau, July 15, 1914. Collect.

J. N. Bain,

Hot Springs.

This office has no authority in matter your telegram yesterday.

STRONG, Governor.

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Mr. J. N. Bain,

Hot Springs, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask for a copy of the telegram sent to this office in September, 1914, with regard to some foxes which were held up by the fur warden at Wrangell. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a telegram received by this office on July 14, 1914, the same bearing your name and referring to ten pair of foxes shipped by you and regarding which Christoffers had wired the Seattle customs office. A copy of our reply to your telegram is also enclosed.

This is the only telegraphic correspondence we have on file between yourself and this office, relating to the shipment of foxes, and is probably the message to which you refer in your letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

My dear Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith a list of shoes, soft shirts,  
etc., furnished me by the H. J. Raymond Co., together with a  
list of Schilling's extracts. Will you be good enough to  
examine the list and see if any of these articles can be used  
by the Home. They are offered at cost, plus 5 per cent, and  
it occurred to me that it might be well to buy certain quanti-  
ties of the different articles, provided always that we can  
make use of them.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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

Dear Mr. Sheup:

I am enclosing herewith an application for admission to the Home of James Benjamin Lyons, of Council. I wired Commissioner Flanigan at Council today that Lyons will be admitted to the Home upon his arrival.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. N. Bogoiavlensky,  
Russian Consul General,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 25, enclosing a letter from John Markoff, now undergoing imprisonment in the United States penitentiary at McNeil's Island, and asking my assistance in granting a pardon for this man.

In reply I have to advise you that I have investigated this case and it is my opinion that Markoff was justly convicted and that his sentence is not excessive. I am enclosing herewith, for your further information, a copy of a letter received by me from the United States Attorney for the first judicial division of Alaska. The United States Attorney is entirely familiar with Markoff's case, and I believe that his statement is correct in all its details.

I am returning herewith the letter of Markoff.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Hon. John D. Flanigan,  
United States Commissioner,  
Council, Alaska

My dear Judge:

Your letter of July 17 reached me this morning, concerning the admission of Mr. James B. Lyons to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka. I telegraphed you, stating that Lyons would be admitted to the Home on arrival and that this office would provide his transportation from Juneau to Sitka. I assume that you will apply to the judge of the district court for his transportation from Nome to Juneau.

I have to thank you for your good wishes, and you rightly state that I am exceedingly grateful that I still have a large number of good, loyal friends in Nome. The political clique which says by its actions that it is the Democratic Party of Alaska, is opposing me for reappointment, and what the result will be, of course, I cannot say at this time. As a matter of fact I am saying nothing but "sawing wood."

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Mr. A. B. Kinne,  
Council, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kinne:

I have just received your letter of July 17, with reference to the application of Mr. James B. Lyons, of Council, for admission to the Pioneers' Home. I have this day also received a letter from Judge Flanigan, of Council, and, in compliance with his request, I advised him by telegraph that Lyons would be admitted and that transportation from Juneau to Sitka would be provided for him upon his arrival here.

I find that I owe you a somewhat lengthy letter, which will go forward within a few days. I have been extremely busy since my return from Washington with official matters and have had little or no time to attend to private mail. This I shall do very shortly.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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August 14, 1917

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Mr. Lars Gunderson,  
Haycock, Alaska

My dear Lars:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 23, in which you state that you are urging the Post Office Department to advertise for bids to carry mail over a route from Unalakleet to Blossom twice a month during the winter season, intermediate offices being Haycock, Candle, Deering and Kiana, and all way points, such service to take the place of the routes from Solomon to Blossom and from Gelevin to Haycock. You also state that only a part of the route from Solomon to Blossom would be abandoned, that part from Council north. You ask that I give this immediate attention, which I shall gladly do, with the hope that the necessary change will be made by the Post Office Department.

Permit me to extend my very best wishes for you in every way.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 14, 1917

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Mr. O. E. Davis,

Des Arc, Arkansas

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have recently returned from a two-months trip to Washington and New York, and upon my arrival at Juneau I found your letter of June 7. Permit me to extend my sincere regrets over the misfortune that has overtaken you, which I trust will only be temporary and that you will be restored to health.

Now, with reference to your securing a pension, I want to say that section 1, chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, provides that

"Any pioneer of Alaska, regardless of sex, who has attained the age of 65 years and shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or more since the year 1905, and is entitled to the benefits of the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska, may, in lieu of an application to be received and cared for at such home, make application to the Board of Trustees of said Alaska Pioneers' Home, for an allowance to be paid out of the revenues of said Home, etc."

Inasmuch as I do not know your age, I cannot say whether you would be entitled to a pension or not; and, further, if you have left Alaska permanently, you would not be eligible to receive a pension, as the law provides that no pension

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be paid to any person who has been absent from the Territory of Alaska for a period not exceeding one year.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that, provided you have reached the necessary age, the only way in which you could secure an application would be to return to the Territory, when you would be entitled to an allowance not exceeding \$12.50 per month, or admission to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

Advise me as to your desires in the matter, and I will do what I can to comply with them.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

August 14, 1917

Rev. John W. Chapman,  
Anvik, Alaska

My dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter of May 8 was received at my office on July 16, some time before my return from a two-months visit in Washington and New York.

In reply I have to say that I read your letter with great interest. Indeed, I am particularly gratified at the substantial progress that is being made in the welfare of the natives of your section. It is especially pleasing to me to note that the natives under your care and that of Mr. Cochran, teacher at Shageluk, are exhibiting such marked adaptation in the science of local self-government. Truly your letter is illuminating in that respect. I trust that the advancement thus far made will continue until it includes all the natives of the great interior domain. I was especially struck with the desire of the natives of Anvik to enforce the law, irrespective of kin or interest. The story of the young member of the council who desired that the same justice be meted out to his sister as that accorded others, is commendable as showing a fine sense of what constituted right and justice in the mind of the young man. Another evidence of this, is

shown in the case of another member of the council at Anvik complaining against his brother for violating the game laws, with evidence of his brother's guilt. That speaks, indeed most hopefully for not only the native people, but the whites may follow such a course with profit to themselves.

It is perhaps needless for me to say that I am and always have been greatly interested in the many problems that confront the present and future of the native population of this Territory. I have in every way done everything that I could to alleviate their condition and to advocate such measures as would result in their material benefit and moral uplift. This I shall continue to do, whether as an official or as a private citizen.

I have also read Mr. Cochran's letter with much interest and it would give me great pleasure, indeed, if I could appoint Mr. A. H. Conlin an ex officio special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of your section, if the funds at my disposal permitted this, which they do not. The present game warden and suppression of the liquor traffic personnel is such as to completely exhaust the fund, thus leaving none available for the employment of additional men under a salary. While in Washington I discussed this matter with the Biological Survey and Department of Agriculture and I stated that we should have at least \$30,000, instead of \$20,000 for the protection of game in the Territory.

and I was assured that they would cooperate with me in every way in order to get an increase in the game fund and also the fund for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians, but, inasmuch as the prohibitory liquor law goes into effect on January 18, it will probably be found difficult to secure an additional appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic because of this fact, as Congress is likely to take the view that with the importation of liquor prohibited in Alaska, there will be less need for officers to suppress the sale or giving of liquor among the natives. However, I shall do the best I can in this respect as well.

I am naturally somewhat disappointed that I am unable to visit the interior country this summer, owing to my long absence from the Territory. I trust that I may have the privilege, however, of again visiting the interior and meeting you and other friends personally.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 14, 1917

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Mr. Will Atkinson, Secretary,  
Pittsburg Permanent Exposition,  
P. O. Box 127,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 28, which I found awaiting me upon my return to the capital of the Territory, after an absence of some months, a few days since.

In reply I have to advise you that it will afford me much pleasure to accept an honorary Vice Presidency of your Permanent International Exposition.

Expressing the hope that the Exposition will accomplish great good, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 14, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Sheup:

I am enclosing herewith an application for admission to the Home of James Benjamin Lyons, of Council. I wired Commissioner Flanigan at Council today that Lyons will be admitted to the Home upon his arrival.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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