

Juneau, March 8, 1917. O. B.

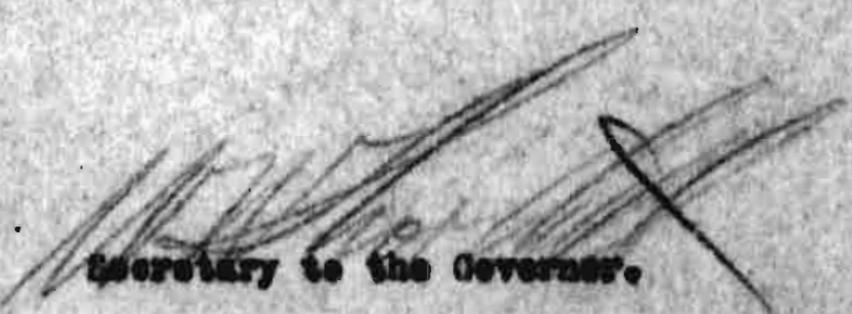
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Brennan, U. S. Marshal,

VALDEZ,

Replying yours sixth there is no provision of law under which license of messenger at Anchorage can be revoked. This matter will be brought to attention of present session legislature.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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March 10, 1917

Mr. Robert Smith,
Staff Captain, The Salvation Army,
Wrangell, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7, in which you state that Captain William Quick, of Killisnoo, has forwarded to you my letter of February 20, with reference to complaints which have reached this office as to alleged interference by members of the Salvation Army at Killisnoo with other religious denominations.

I have read your letter carefully and with interest. I am not unacquainted with the great work that the Salvation Army is doing throughout the world, and am, and have been for many years, in entire sympathy with its objects. However, it may be that there is some times strife and misunderstanding among some of the people, such as Indians, who may be somewhat ignorant and, without realizing what they are doing, may interfere with the privileges of others.

I trust that there will be no further complaints received from Killisnoo, but that each and every religious

denomination may be permitted to pursue its work in its own way to the common benefit of all.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1917

Captain William Quick,
Killisnoo, Alaska

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Dear Captain Quick:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 4, with reference to a complaint made to this office, alleging interference on the part of the Salvation Army with another religious denomination.

I have read your letter carefully and am glad to know that there has been no interference in any way, as was charged. Of course, you will readily understand that it is very essential to good government that there be no friction in free America between religious denominations of any kind, and I am satisfied that you realize this to the fullest extent.

I trust that you are getting along well and that your wife has recovered her health.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mrs. Harriett McClusky,
Killisnoo, Alaska

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Dear Madam:

I have received your letter of March 4, and have read it carefully and note the statements that you have made concerning the reasons why you joined the Salvation Army. I am glad to know that the Army is taking care of you, and I trust that you will be a creditable member. It is necessary that all religious denominations should worship God in their own way without interference from anyone else. This is a big country and there is room for all, and there should be no friction among the people who are striving to live a Christian life, and the denomination to which they belong should matter little, as all are supposed to be, at least, striving for the same end, namely, their happiness in this world and the world to come.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

Mr. Isidor Singer, Ph. D.,
354 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 1, in which you embody an elaborate plan for the development of a series of encyclopedias and special studies for scientific fields in the future.

In reply I have to say that I believe, if such a great undertaking can be carried to a successful conclusion, it would be of vast benefit to the people of America. If I can assist in any legitimate way, I shall be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 15, 1917.

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Mr. Willis E. Newell,
Agent Alaska Steamship Company,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Please furnish to the bearer, Mr. Thomas Carrigan, second-class transportation, Juneau to Seward, on your S. S. "Northwestern", charging the same to the Territory of Alaska and presenting bill in duplicate with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

March 15, 1917.

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To the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the biennial report of the Territorial Banking Board, for the period ended December 31, 1916, for your information and consideration.

Governor.

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THE SENATE:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration, the report of the Territorial Treasurer for the two-year period ended December 31, 1916.

Governor.

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JUNEAU, MARCH 13, 1917. U. S. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

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Secretary War,

Washington.

As requested by Territorial Legislature now in session to inquire if Department will grant franking privilege over Alaska military telegraph and cable lines to committee on education and ways and means only, so as to enable such committee to quickly communicate with other parts Territory on important pending legislation.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS IN ALASKA

March 14, 1917

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Honorable H. A. Meyer,

Assistant to the Secretary.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your telegram of this date, I am enclosing herewith a list of newspapers published in Alaska, and their political affiliations so far as it has been possible for me to ascertain, inasmuch as some of them have no politics, while others have been known to change their political complexion over night.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS IN ALASKA

Anchorage:

Anchorage Times (Daily and weekly), Republican
The Anchorage Weekly Democrat, Democratic
The Alaska Labor News, (weekly), Labor and Socialist

Chitina:

Chitina Leader (weekly) Republican

Cordeval:

The Alaska Times (daily and weekly), Republican

Douglas:

The Douglas Island News (weekly), Democratic

Fairbanks:

The Alaska Citizen (daily and weekly), Independent, Democratic
The Daily News-Miner, Democratic

Iditarod:

The Iditarod Pioneer, Independent

Juneau:

The Alaska Daily Empire, Democratic
The Daily Alaska Dispatch, Republican

Ketchikan:

The Ketchikan Progressive Miner, Republican

Nome:

The Nome Daily Nugget, Republican
The Nome Industrial Worker, Socialist and Labor

Petersburg:

The Weekly Report, Republican

Rabun:

The Record Citizen, Independent

Seward:

The Seward Gateway, Republican
The Alaska Weekly Post, Republican

Skagway:

The Daily Alaskan, Republican

Valdez:

The Daily Prospector, Independent or Democratic

Wrangell:

The Wrangell Weekly Sentinel, Independent, Republican

March 4, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It affords me pleasure to testify to the excellent character, ability and integrity of Mr. Clarence E. Bence, who, I understand, has made application for examination as an officer of the U. S. A. Reserve. Mr. Bence was a resident of this city for some two or three years, during which time he was in charge of the local station of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, of America, in which position he discharged his duties with great fidelity. I am satisfied that Mr. Bence, as an officer of the U. S. A. Reserve, would discharge every duty devolving upon him with the utmost fidelity.

Governor

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March 14, 1917

Mr. Clarence E. Bence,
2106-9 L. C. Smith Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Bence:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 7, in which you say that you are about to make application for examination as an officer of the United States Army Reserve, and that you would like to have a letter from me, testifying as to your character, etc. In reply I have to state that I am enclosing a letter, with pleasure.

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

Will you be good enough to remember me to Mrs. Bence and "Paddy," and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor.

March 14, 1917

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Mr. H. A. Pinger,
Manager, Mercantile Dept.,
Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 10, enclosing a bill from T. P. Sheldon, amounting to \$75, for the burial of Hugh Melernen, who dropped dead on his way to work in the Treadwell mine. It is noted that you state that the Governor of Alaska has, at his disposal, an emergency fund which might be used for purposes of this kind.

In reply I have to advise you that this is not a charge that could be paid from the emergency fund. There is a Territorial indigent fund for the relief of indigents, but the court has ruled that this is "a fund for the living, not for the dead." Therefore, under the circumstances, I cannot see my way clear to authorize the payment of this bill.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

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The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 27, in which you state that the Fifteenth Annual Conference of state and territorial health authorities with the United States Public Health Service will be held at Washington, D. C., June 1 and 2, 1917.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall in all probability attend this conference in person, as a representative in my capacity as health commissioner for Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & officio Commissioner
of Health

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March 14, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, together with your report of the operations of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, for the years 1915-16. Permit me to congratulate you upon the completeness of the report. It is noted in your letter that you believe the Home will require about \$30,000 per year for maintenance, etc., during the next two years, but from this amount may be deducted the sums paid over to the Home from time to time by the judges of the various district courts of the Territory. It is also noted that you believe there should be appropriated \$2,000 for painting and repairing the buildings, \$1200 per year for clerical help, and especially an appropriation for the construction of additional buildings of about \$40,000.

I have to suggest that if you can conveniently do so that you come to Juneau during the present session of the legislature so as to give that body the benefit of your advice in the matter of appropriations necessary for the

Home and other subjects of interest.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of March 1, with reference to the employment of nurses for the Home. I note the nurses that you had expected to engage telegraphed that they could not arrive before May 1, and that you, therefore, telegraphed your sister at Ketchikan, who is now employed in that capacity at the Home. So far as I am concerned, I do not see why your sister could not give as good service as a non-relative. As you, however, intimate in your letter, there is always the charge of nepotism to be preferred in cases of this kind, but in this particular instance, with me, it would not amount to very much. I have not consulted Shattuck about this matter, but shall do so. In the meantime, you continue the services of your sister until farther notice.

Mr. Shattuck was instructed to order ten feet of one-inch steam hose, as per your order.

I notice that the Prince of Wales is laid up for repairs and that the gasboat which is to take her place has not yet

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arrived, so I do not know when this letter will go forward.

I shall also attend to the matter of the lumber of
which you speak.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1916

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Miss Margaret Keenan, Supt.,
Fairbanks Public Schools,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Miss Keenan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 22, in which you remind me that you are still in the waiting line for the position of Territorial superintendent of schools.

In reply I have to say that I shall have to await the result of the work of the Territorial legislature with regard to the schools of Alaska before discussing this matter more fully. A school bill has been already introduced, which I believe carries with it a provision for the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction until the next general election, at which time a superintendent is to be elected by the people. As the bill provides for a salary of \$3,000 per year only, I do not believe that a qualified person should be put to the expense of an election unless the salary is materially increased.

In the meantime, should I have anything to do with the appointment of an assistant superintendent of education, I have your application and credentials on file, and they will be given due consideration.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

March 14, 1917

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Mr. David W. Lewis, et al,
Yukonakut, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I her to acknowledge receipt of your petition, asking that Johnny Glass, a native now incarcerated in the jail at Fairbanks, be pardoned at the expiration of nine months, inasmuch as you believe that term will be punishment enough for the crime committed, as it was not so bad as was at first supposed, and also because his wife is now living on the charity of neighbors, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that the Governor of Alaska is not vested with pardoning powers, and your application should be addressed to the President of the United States. It will be first necessary, however, in my opinion, for you to secure the endorsement of the Judge who tried the defendant and of the United States Attorney for the fourth judicial division. If these officials make the recommendation to the President, I have no doubt that it would be favorably acted upon.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 14, 1917

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Mr. C. J. Clark,
3533 West 64th St.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 6, in which you state that you had received a letter from your brother, Mr. W. A. Clark, of Juneau, informing you that there would be a vacancy in the office of Territorial Mine Inspector in a short time.

In reply I have to state that I believe your brother must have been misinformed, as I know of no impending vacancy in that office. Only one Territorial mine inspector is employed, the position being now filled by Mr. William Maloney of Nome. He has not tendered his resignation, nor has he intimated that he is likely to do so, and, inasmuch as he is rendering good service to the Territory, it would be inadvisable to replace him by making another appointment.

Your letter, however, will be placed on file for further consideration, should a vacancy arise.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 14, 1917

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Mr. N. Bogolavlensky,
Consul General,
Imperial Russian Government,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of February 23, concerning the case of one Alexis Shumakoff, I am advised by the United States Attorney for the First judicial division of Alaska, who has made an investigation at my request, that said Shumakoff is not a Russian subject, but is a Russian-born American. The United States Attorney further advises me that Shumakoff is an old offender, having been a number of times convicted of selling liquor to Indians. The last time, under the rule of the court, he might have been sent to the penitentiary and usually would have been sent, but, in view of the fact that he was tried in the Commissioner's Court, which could not send him to the penitentiary, he was given instead a fine of \$700 or a jail sentence of 350 days. I am further advised that the man is now in the hospital for treatment of a very loathsome disease, and the officials of the United States Attorney's office would be glad to get rid of him had they the power to discharge him, and that he would have to be pardoned by the President of the United States unless

the Department of Justice specifically directed this office to release him. The United States Attorney further states that he will take the question up with the Department of Justice and will recommend that some disposition be made of said Shumakoff.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1917

Mr. James A. Smiser,
United States Attorney,
First Judicial Division,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have been visited by a delegation of natives this morning, who allege that the wife of Chief Anaklahash was yesterday assaulted by a white man named Harris, and they applied to this office for a warrant for the arrest of said Harris, who, they also alleged, was carrying concealed firearms. From what I can gather, the dispute arose over the possession of a house and lot in the lower end of the town, this lot having been the subject of litigation between two Indian families for some time past. I can do nothing, therefore, but refer the matter to you for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

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Miss Theodora Beeth, President,
The Girls' National Honor Guard, Inc.,
34 West 28th St.,
New York City

My dear Miss Beeth:

I have to thank you for your kind letter of February 21, together with the enclosure, all of which I have read with great interest. Permit me to congratulate upon the splendid work that you are doing in connection with your organization. This work is practical in every way, and should appeal to every patriotic son and daughter of America. May continued success be yours.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Gouverneur

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The Collector of Customs,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the reports of the deputy collectors of customs at Ketchikan and Nome, so kindly loaned by you a few days since. I have read these reports with much interest, and especially that of Nome. Both of these reports have been carefully prepared and show diligent research on the part of the deputy collectors.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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MINUTES OF MEETING
of
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME
at the
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, MARCH 15, 1917

The application of Chris Christensen, of Kotzebue, for admission to the Home, was referred to Trustee Shattuck, for further investigation.

Action upon the application of John Winfield Phillips, of Ruby, for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was deferred, pending further investigation.

Action upon the application of Neill O'Conner, of Valdez, was also deferred, pending further investigation.

The application of Francis Louisa Krans, of Fairbanks, was allowed, the allowance being the maximum of \$12.50

The application of James Harvey Ferris, of Fairbanks, was rejected, inasmuch it did not show that the applicant was entitled to a pension by reason of lack of residence, as required by law.

Action upon the application of Anna T. Dukes, of Nome, was deferred pending further investigation as to its merits.

Frits Sligsteff, of Sitka, was granted an allowance of \$10 per month.

Action upon the application of Charles Edward Gordon, of Juneau, was deferred, pending more complete statements in his application.

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able.

The enclosed tables are submitted at this time simply for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity to examine same before the vouchers are prepared. The Governor will formally transmit copies of the tables to each body when the tables have been finally adopted.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

March 19, 1917.

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Honorable F. B. Cannon,

Chairman, House Committee on
Elections, Election Laws and Mileage,

House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I beg to transmit herewith copy of Mileage Tables which have been made up for use in connection with payment of mileage to the members of the Third Session of the Legislature.

These tables show the official distances between the residences of the various members and Juneau, and the allowances made to each member for incoming and outgoing mileage.

We will at once prepare vouchers covering the mileage to Juneau, so that payment may be made immediately upon receipt by the Governor of advice of the approval of his bond and the placing of funds to his credit. If any House member has any question to raise as to his allowance, it is respectfully requested that the matter be brought to the attention of this office as soon as possible, so that there may be no delay after funds are avail-

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Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

Juneau, March 16, 1917. O. B.

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Shoup,

SITKA.

In replying yours date board trustees believes painting flagstaff
better be deferred until early summer when other painting will have to be done.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman.


Secretary to Governor.

March 16, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to enclose three signature cards which should have accompanied the bond recently executed by me in connection with disbursements under the appropriation "Legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," but which were inadvertently overlooked at that time.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Encs.

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

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ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Board of Trustees

Juneau, Alaska, March 16, 1917

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To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Herewith is presented, for your consideration, the report of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home for the year ended December 31, 1916, together with the reports of the superintendent and the physician in charge of the Home. It will be noticed that the latter reports are very complete, showing in detail the operations of the Home for the period, and the recommendations contained therein are generally approved by the Board.

The Home has now been in operation for nearly four years, and, notwithstanding the many difficulties that have been encountered in thoroughly organizing and conducting an institution of this kind, the Board feels satisfied that the Home has been conducted in such manner as meets with the approval of that part of the general public who know something of the conditions there obtaining by personal inspection and through the letters of the inmates to personal friends and acquaintances.

The Board has at all times discouraged attempts to introduce politics into the management of the institution, knowing as they do, from experience of many of the States where similar institutions are maintained, of the evils that have arisen

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where attempts have been made to bring such institutions into the field of political patronage and profit. This policy will be rigidly followed while the present Board is in control, for if the time should ever arrive when partisan politics are injected into the management of the Home, its usefulness will be destroyed and the purposes for which it was established will become a mockery.

The Home is inspected from time to time by the members of the Board, and, during the month of February of this year, a special inspection was made by Hon. Frank A. Aldrich, a member of the Territorial Senate, at the request of the Board. The report of Senator Aldrich's findings accompanies this report.

Section 1, chapter 80, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides, inter alia, that the Alaska Pioneers' Home shall be under the management and control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Governor of the Territory and two citizens to be selected and appointed by the Governor, the said appointed members to serve without compensation. The Governor of Alaska is the chairman of the Board, one member is designated by the Governor as secretary, and the remaining member as treasurer of the Board. A great deal of work devolves upon this body, the only compensation received being jug-handled criticisms at times, and the consciousness of knowing that the Board are discharging

their duties as efficiently as possible under all the circumstances by which they are surrounded. However, the Board wishes to acknowledge the generous sympathy and support that they have received from the great majority of the people of Alaska.

The first appointments to the Board were made in 1913, when W. P. Mills, and George Kestranstinoff, of Sitka, were selected as members of the Board by the Governor, Mr. Kestranstinoff as Secretary and Mr. Mills as treasurer. Mr. Kestranstinoff died in May, 1915, and was succeeded by Dr. C. C. Georgeson, of Sitka; Mr. Mills resigned in January, 1916, and Mr. Allen Shattuck, of Juneau, was appointed as his successor.

The members of the Board have at all times acted in complete harmony and they have endeavored to discharge their manifold and, at times perplexing, duties with a conscientious regard for the welfare of the inmates of the Home and the interests of the Territory.

The Board will not, at this time, make specific recommendations as to the appropriations which are necessary for the maintenance of the Home during the next two years, but they may take occasion to do so later in the session. The report of the superintendent covers all matters of expenditures made on account of the Home, with a wealth of detail that is illuminating and, therefore, thoroughly understandable.

The Board of Trustees wishes to make acknowledgment of the faithful and very frequently unselfish services rendered by officials and other employees of the News. The Board also avails itself of the opportunity to ask the members of the Territorial legislature, or a committee representing both branches, to visit the News and inspect it for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED)

J. F. A. Strong

Chairman

Allen Shattuck

Treasurer

C. C. Georgeson

Secretary

March 16, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

Enclosed herewith find a rough draft of a brief report of the Board of Trustees, to be sent to the Alaska legislature. Kindly read it over and make any alterations or additions that you may deem advisable, and please return it to this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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March 19, 1917.

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The Senate and House of Representatives:

Herewith I beg to transmit the report of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home for the year ended December 31, 1916. The report includes reports made to the Board by the Superintendent and the physician in charge of the Home, and a report from Honorable Frank A. Aldrich covering a recent investigation made by him of conditions in the Home.

Governor.

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March 17, 1917

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Mr. Andrew C. Smith, President,
Hibernia Savings Bank,
Portland, Oregon

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have just received your letter of March 5, and I regret that you were not able to make a satisfactory arrangement for your proposed sheep raising enterprise in the Aleutian Islands; permit me to express the hope that you may yet succeed. I believe that Senator Tillman's proposition is practicable and that Congress may be induced to authorize the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to enter into a lease with you for a period of years. If I can be of any further service to you in this or any other matter, I shall gladly render it.

I shall take the opportunity, the first time I am in Portland, of calling upon you and meeting you personally.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 17, 1917

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Dr. William Pallister,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your bill presented to me by yourself on February 26 last, for the maintenance of George Ziegler at the Juneau General Hospital, the total amount being \$237.50, I have to advise you that as Ziegler was a resident of Juneau, an incorporated town, the payment of this bill should be undertaken by the city of Juneau, inasmuch as it is inexpedient that the Territory set the example of liquidating hospital or other bills of residents of an incorporated town. On two or three occasions, however, I have assisted the city in indigent cases by contributing one half of the amount.

I, therefore, wish to say that the Territory will assume one half of \$237.50, and I would further suggest that you ask the city to contribute the balance. It seems to me that the city authorities should not advance any reasonable objection to this arrangement.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 17, 1917

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Mr. J. J. Kennedy,

United States Commissioner,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Joe Wright, with reference to the alleged trespassing of one Shepard on land claimed by him and other natives at Kinkachukie. Wright advises me that you told him to leave the land alone; that it belonged to Shepard, and that "Governor Strong gave it to Shepard." This statement seems strange to me, inasmuch as I never discussed this matter with you. I have to ask you, therefore, to kindly advise me the facts in this case, concerning the alleged trespassing by Shepard and any other matters that may be of interest.

Wright also informs me that on one Sunday, when he was going to church, you called him and asked him to come down and talk to you, and that you said if he (Wright) talked to Shepard any more, that when the marshal came he would put Wright in jail.

Of course, you will readily understand that this is only one side of the matter, and I would like to be advised fully as to the entire state of facts alleged in Wright's communication.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 17, 1917

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Mr. Joe Wright,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 13, with reference to the reserve for the natives at Hindustuckie, and in which you claim that one Shepard is trespassing on land claimed by you and that he is also cutting wood on land back of the land claimed by you, the wood being for the Presbyterian Mission hospital.

In reply I have to advise you that I can do little at this time to assist you, not being familiar with the entire case.

I note you say that Judge Kennedy told you to leave the land alone, that it belonged to Shepard, and that "Governor Strong gave it to Shepard." Now, if Judge Kennedy made this statement, it is far from the truth, as I never discussed this matter with Judge Kennedy at any time. I shall, therefore, write him and make further inquiries into the situation of which you complain, and advise you in due course.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

the legislature, which is in session at Juneau, and will doubtless be printed, and as soon as this is done, I shall forward you a copy, which will show the cost of maintenance and other matters of interest in conducting an institution of this kind. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the 1915 report of the Board of Trustees.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

March 19, 1917

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Right Rev. I. O. Stringer, Secretary,
Special Committee on Old Men's Home,
Yukon Order of Pioneers,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, in which you ask for information regarding the Home for old men at Sitka or any other institutions of the kind in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the Home at Sitka is known as the Alaska Pioneers' Home. It was established by an act of the Territorial legislature in 1913 for the benefit of prospectors and miners who had spent their years in Alaska and became dependent. There are now 73 of these men in the Home. The Home is under the direct control of a board of trustees, consisting of the Governor of Alaska, and two citizens appointed by him. The Territorial legislature makes biennial appropriations for its maintenance, the appropriation for the last two-year period being \$30,000. Besides this appropriation, other expenditures were made in addition to the Home and in furnishing and equipping a hospital, since it was found necessary to do so, inasmuch as many of the inmates are almost complete physical wrecks.

The Home has proved a godsend to men of this class.

Of course, there are many difficulties in the way of organizing and conducting such an institution. For instance, the men, for the most part, as noted above, are physically incapacitated, and I do not know of a physically sound man now in the Home. Many of them have reached an advanced age and are difficult to handle, as nothing seems to suit some of them at any time. This is a condition which is met in the best way possible from time to time. On the whole, however, the management has been a great success. The inmates are supplied with everything they may need, such as clothing of all kinds, shoes and even tobacco and snuff. The supplies used in the Home are the best that can be procured on the market at all times. Intoxicating liquors are strictly barred, and as Sitka is a dry town, it is only infrequently that any of the inmates are enabled to surreptitiously get hold of a little whiskey.

I do not believe that the Fairbanks Igloo of Pioneers of Alaska makes any arrangement for helping old men, except that, from time to time, they might furnish transportation from Fairbanks to Sitka for men who wish to enter the Home at that place.

The reports of the Board of Trustees and the superintendent and physician in charge of the Home, are now before

the legislature, which is in session at Juneau, and will doubtless be printed, and as soon as this is done, I shall forward you a copy, which will show the cost of maintenance and other matters of interest in conducting an institution of this kind. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the 1915 report of the Board of Trustees.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

March 19, 1917

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Captain Louis Knaflich,
President and Manager,
Kuskekwim Fishing & Transportation Co.,
7 Colman Dock,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 12, in which you ask to be advised as to the judicial division in which the east side of the mouth of the Kuskekwim River is located.

In reply I have to state that the east side of the Kuskekwim River, as far up as Taluksak, is in the third judicial division, the headquarters of which is Valdez.

I remember you very well as being the owner of the schooner Martha W. Tuft, which was wrecked at Katalla. I had also heard that you were engaged in the transportation business between Seattle and the Kuskekwim River.

Trusting that the above information may be of some service to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 19, 1917

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Mr. E. P. Walker,
Fur Warden at Large,
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Walker:

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. George Bull, of Bull's fox ranch, Chitina, Alaska, addressed to the "Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.," which just reached this office in an envelope addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Juneau.

Mr. Bull desires information in regard to the necessity for a permit to sell marten skins from animals which he has had in captivity some three or four years. I assume that you can give him the necessary information without referring the letter to the Department at Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing Request for Arms and Ammunition and Application for Bond form, signed by you, the same being submitted for the signature of the Governor and forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, Washington, D. C.

The Governor has today approved the request and it is being mailed to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1917

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The Chief of Ordnance,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit Request for Arms and Ammunition and Application for Bond, signed by Mr. F. E. Patching, secretary of the Ketchikan Rifle Club, of Ketchikan, Alaska, and which has been approved by me.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

March 21, 1917

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Mrs. Wm. McKay,
R. 1024 Baldwin Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 7th instant, there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's 1916 report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith the oaths of office of James E. Wilson, road commissioner for road district No. 3, and H. H. Ross, road commissioner for road district No. 4, for filing in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Mr. E. H. Anderson, Director,
The New York Public Library,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that your library be supplied with a copy of the Governor's message to the 1917 session of the Alaska legislature. Provision is now being made for printing the Governor's message, and, as soon as the same is received from the press, a copy will be mailed to your library.

Also beg to advise that your library will be placed upon the mailing list for future reports.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1917

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Honorable O. P. Hubbard,
President, Alaska Senate,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit memorandum of contract with
the Goldstein Improvement Company for legislative halls, com-
mittee rooms, etc., for the third session of the Alaska Ter-
ritorial Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 21, 1917

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Mr. V. J. Dwyer,

Strelma, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a check in the sum of \$15, payable to the order of the Governor, and requesting the issuance of a notary commission to you.

Before a commission can be issued to you, it will be necessary for you to execute a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with one or more sureties, which bond must be approved by the clerk of the District Court at Valdez. I am enclosing herewith a bond form for your use. On the back of the bond form will be found an oath of office form which should also be executed. It will save time if, when you forward the bond to the clerk of the court at Valdez, you will request that he send it direct to this office, after endorsing his approval thereon.

The legal fee for a notary commission is \$10. I am, therefore, returning your check to you and would request that you remit the sum of \$10 in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

There is no firm in Alaska, which makes notary seals, but the firm of Lewman & Hanford at Seattle and the Seattle Stamp Works are makers of seals of this kind, and either one of them will no doubt give prompt attention to your order. Their charges range, I believe, from \$2.50 to \$3.50, depending upon the kind of seal desired.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 21, 1917

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The Pacific Steamship Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to furnish second-class transportation to the bearer, Mr. L. S. Gray, from Juneau to Seward, on the s. s. Admiral Watson, sailing today.

Please submit your bill in duplicate to this office, with this letter attached.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 22, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the second instant, transmitting a requisition in triplicate upon the commanding officer of the Springfield, Massachusetts, Armory, for certain stores desired by your club, together with a postal money order in the sum of \$6.15, payable to the commanding officer.

The requisition has this day been approved by the Governor and is being forwarded in duplicate, together with the remittance mentioned, to the commanding officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 23, 1917

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The Commanding Officer,
Springfield Armory,
Springfield, Mass.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a requisition in duplicate of the Anchorage Rifle Club, Anchorage, Alaska, which has been approved by the Governor. A postal money order in the sum of \$6.15, payable to your order, accompanies the requisition.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 22, 1917, O. B.

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SHOUP,

Sitka.

Forward for March quarter duplicate vouchers covering maintenance inmates of Home from the several judicial divisions.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, March 23, 1917. O. B.

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Marshal Erwin,

Fairbanks.

Advice by wire mileage allowed by your office to jurors and witnesses between Fairbanks and Cleary, and if any difference between winter and summer allowances, state them separately. Information is desired for use in payment of mileage to Senator Gustad.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to Governor.

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March 23, 1917

Mr. W. F. Green,
United States Commissioner,
Tacetna, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 21, together with a petition from the residents of Ophir and Tacetna, with reference to securing appropriations for the building of roads in your section of the Territory. I have noted carefully what you say with reference to the prospective richness of your district, and, from my personal knowledge, I may say that I fully coincide with the statements therein made. I have further to advise that I shall do everything within my power to aid you in this respect, realizing as I do your remoteness and the necessity of road building if your rich section of the Territory is to be opened up to prospectors and miners.

It is to be regretted, however, that the appropriation of \$500,000, asked by the Alaska Road Commission and the War Department, failed of passage in the late Congress, and, unless at the forthcoming special session of Congress, this appropriation be made, I fear that there will be little road building

in the Territory during the current year. It is possible, however, that the Territorial legislature may have some funds which it can appropriate for road and trail building purposes, and if so, I shall recommend that the demands of your district be given careful consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1917

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Mr. C. C. Geergesen, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Doctor Geergesen:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. James
Frasley, United States Commissioner, Nome, Alaska, which is
self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 23, 1917

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Mr. Fred Harrison,
Fortuna Lodge,
Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 3, addressed to myself and Mr. G. A. Adams, clerk of the district court of the second judicial division, with reference to an unfounded report that the Willow Creek election returns had been disallowed by the Canvassing Board, due to their failure to arrive at a certain time.

In reply I have to advise you that not long since I wrote you, stating that there was absolutely no truth in this report that the votes had been received in due time and had been duly canvassed and counted.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1917

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Mr. John A. Wilson,
P. O. Box 209,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 29, with reference to a report that originated in some mysterious manner to the effect that efforts were being made to have the Willow Creek vote thrown out on account of the delay in forwarding the returns from that precinct.

In reply I have to advise you that this report, like many others originating in Alaska, was totally unfounded, the election returns from Fortuna Lodge precinct, in which Willow Creek is located, having been received in due course and in excellent condition, after which they were duly canvassed and allowed by the canvassing board.

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of Canvassing
Board

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March 23, 1917

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Mr. F. L. Jovett, Postmaster,

Circle, Alaska

Dear Mr. Jovett:

I have your letter of February 20, enclosing a copy of a letter to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, recommending a change in the mail contract for the delivery of mail between Chatsika and Circle.

In reply I have to advise you that I have endorsed this recommendation by a letter to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

March 23, 1917

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The Second Assistant Postmaster General,
Division of Miscellaneous Transportation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from F. L. Jovett, postmaster at Circle, Alaska, stating, with reference to mail contract No. 78123, via Miller House, Deadwood and Central House, to Circle, that he has recommended that the words "Central House" be eliminated, giving the contractor the privilege of making Miller House and Deadwood by a much more direct and shorter route. Mr. Jovett adds that Central House has never been a post office and that, if his recommendation be adopted, the traveling distance between Miller House and Circle would be reduced approximately fifteen miles.

In support of the above, I have to say that, as I am somewhat familiar with the situation, I believe that Mr. Jovett's recommendation is well founded, and that the public service would be benefitted were this recommendation adopted.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1917

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Honorable Fred M. Brown,
United States District Judge,
Valdes, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 9, wherein you state that a man named J. Y. Larkin had his feet badly frozen at Kenai last December, and that he was brought to Seward to receive medical attention, at an expense of \$667, the distance to Seward being 125 miles; and you ask if the Territory can allow all or a part of this claim, you having vouchers and receipts for each item.

In reply I have to state that it seems to me that the amount (\$667), is extremely excessive, but if, in your judgment, it is not, I will endeavor to have the Territory assume half of the expense. Will you allow me to suggest, however, that the bill should be pruned, if it is possible to do so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1917

Cordially yours, 122

Captain Frederick Mears,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Captain Mears:

This will serve to introduce, I hope favorably, Mr. D. J. Walsh, who is in Anchorage for the purpose of obtaining employment of some kind, preferably with your Commission. Mr. Walsh has been unfortunate for some time of late, in that he has been in poor health and is just now recovering, and is, therefore, not physically strong enough to perform hard, physical labor.

I want to say for him that he is an honest, industrious young man, has resided in Alaska for quite a number of years and is well acquainted in various sections of the Territory. He has always been energetic and industrious and I am sure would perform faithfully and to the very best of his ability any duties that might be entrusted to him. I, therefore, bespeak for him your favorable consideration, and I shall esteem it a personal favor if you can assist Mr. Walsh in securing some position which he is capable of filling and in which I am sure he would render the most diligent and faithful service.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

March 23, 1917

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Honorable Robert W. Jennings,
Judge, United States District Court,
First Judicial Division,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The undersigned members of the Territorial Canvassing Board beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, with reference to a communication addressed to you, in which it was stated that the Canvassing Board had been served with a document by Mr. Emory Valentine, of Juneau, protesting against the counting of certain specified election returns from various voting precincts in the four judicial divisions in Alaska, on the ground that the "District Court holds that no document which was not enclosed with and forwarded to the Governor's office as part of the original returns, can be counted or taken into consideration by the Board."

The reason for the submission of this protest to you was set out in our communication above referred to and forwarded to you on March 22d by the above-named members of the Board.

In reply, we wish to say that we merely acted to be instructed as to the proper method or procedure in disposing

of the protest above referred to; and your reply seems to indicate that no attention should be paid to protests entered by private citizens as to alleged irregularities in election returns, and, therefore, it would seem that the above members of the Canvassing Board held erroneous views on this matter. You also state that the court will, if we so desire, treat our communication of March 22 as an amended and supplemental answer. We wish to advise you, therefore, that we have no desire to have you treat the communication in that manner, nor have we any other answer to make at this time, having, as we believe, performed only what we, though apparently erroneously, believed was a simple duty.

Finally, we wish to state, distinctly and unqualifiedly, that having performed what we believed to be our duty and in the interest of an candidate, we are without further interest in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

MEMBERS OF ~~SUPREME COURT~~
~~CANVASSING BOARD~~

March 24, 1917

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Honorable Charles A. Sulzer,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Enclosed herewith we beg to transmit the certificate of election issued to you this date, as Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Surveyor General

Collector of Customs
CANVASSING BOARD

Enc.

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Jesson, March 24, 1917

O. B.

The Mayor and City Council

Petersburg.

The Governor and Mrs. Strong request the pleasure of your company on Friday evening, March thirtieth from nine until twelve, to meet the members of the legislature. The favor of an answer is requested.

SHORTHILL, Secretary

Secretary

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Juneau, March 24, 1917 O. B.

The Mayor and City Council,

Ketchikan

The Governor and Mrs. Strong request the pleasure of your company on Friday evening, March thirtieth from nine until twelve, to meet the members of the legislature. The favor of an answer is requested.

SHORTHILL, Secretary

Secretary

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Juneau, March 24, 1917 O. B.

The Mayor and City Council,

Wrangell

The Governor and Mrs. Strong request the pleasure of your company on Friday evening, March thirtieth from nine until twelve, to meet the members of the legislature. The favor of an answer is requested.

SHORTHILL, Secretary

Secretary

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Juneau, March 24, 1917

O. B.

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Mayer and City Council,

Skagway

The Governor and Mrs. Strong request the pleasure of your company on Friday evening, March thirtieth from nine until twelve, to meet the members of the legislature. The favor of an answer is requested.

SHORTHILL, Secretary

Secretary

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March 24, 1917

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Mr. Emory Valentine,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of even date, wherein you submit a statement of facts in relation to the canvassing of the votes cast for Delegate to Congress, in the election of November 7, 1916, and the subsequent legal proceedings which originated in the District Court for the first judicial division that followed, whereby the canvassing board was first served with an alternative writ of mandamus, directing the board to disregard and not count the returns from Chagglung, Deering, Nisina, Nushagak, Utica, Bennifield and Vault, or show cause why the board should not do so; and that on the 23d day of March, 1917, the court issued a peremptory writ directing the canvassing board to issue the certificate to Charles A. Salner.

In reply I have to advise that your statement of facts, as set forth in your letter, is correct in all particulars, as may be more completely shown by reference to the minutes of the proceedings of the canvassing board.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the
Canvassing Board

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March 26, 1917

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To the Senate:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the letter of resignation addressed to this office, under date of the 25th instant, by the Honorable Charles A. Bulser, Senator from the First judicial division, for consideration and appropriate action.

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, March 26, 1917 O. B.

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A. G. Sheup,

Sitka,

Anchorage man named Keffler on Prince of Wales tomorrow for
the Home. Have an application from man at Ketchikan. Can
you admit him also?

STRONG, Governor

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

~~Governor~~
Lucy B. Root

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Secretary Interior,

Washington

In view of present international crisis and a situation in which the country might be assailed by foreign foe and have at the same time to contend against enemies within, this situation being applicable to Alaska as well, a local organization has been formed for home protection in the absence of an organized militia, and I request to be advised if such organization would receive official sanction of War Department and in what way.

STRONG, Governor

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

W. H. ...
Secretary

March 26, 1917

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Mrs. Nellie Thomas,
Klawock, Alaska

Dear Madam:

With further reference to your letter to me, dated February 26, concerning Mrs. Jessie Card, now confined in the Morningside sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, I am transmitting herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from Doctor Coe, President of the Sanitarium Company, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 26, 1917

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Mr. B. L. Thane, Manager,
Alaska Gastineau Mining Co.,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Thane:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 24, with reference to securing the appointment of Mr. Charles Carter as deputy United States marshal at Thane, without compensation or other expense to the Government, you deeming this action necessary pending the possibility of disturbed conditions due to the war.

In reply I have to advise that it will afford me much pleasure to recommend Mr. Carter for that appointment just as soon as the United States Marshal returns to Juneau, he now being absent in the States.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 26, 1917

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Mr. H. B. LaFavre,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I am returning herewith the application of Charles Edward Gordon for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, to you, in order that it may be corrected as to the statement contained in item No. 40, which states that the said applicant is suffering from fish leprosy, scurvy and rheumatism. It is advisable that this be corrected as to fish leprosy and scurvy; Gordon himself informs me that he is not now suffering from either of those diseases and it is necessary to have the records straight.

Upon return of the application with the above corrections, I believe that an allowance will be made.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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March 26, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am enclosing herewith the applications for allowance of Charles A. Brown, of Tanana, and Anna T. Dukes, of Nome.

At a meeting of the Board, myself and Trustee Shattuck being present, said Brown was granted an allowance of \$12.50 per month, Representative Snow, of Ruby, who knows Brown personally, assuring me that it was a most deserving case. In the case of Mrs. Anna T. Dukes, I verified some of her statements and as to her worthiness, through Mrs. C. D. Murane, who advises me that she is a hard-working woman, and, in Mrs. Murane's opinion, deserving.

I am also returning the application for allowance of Frits Eligsteff, of Sitka, with the recommendation, concurred in by Mr. Shattuck, that said Eligsteff receive an allowance of \$10 per month, all the above allowances to take effect with the beginning of the next quarter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Encs.

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

March 26, 1917

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Mr. David H. Luckey,

Circle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from A. G. Sheup, superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, I am in receipt of your application for admission to the Home.

In reply I have to advise you that at the present time the Home is filled to capacity, there being now some 74 inmates. As apparently it was not your intention to go to the Home before the opening of navigation, it is quite possible that there may be a vacancy by that time.

If, upon receipt of this letter, you should still desire to become an inmate of the Home, have either the commissioner at Circle or the postmaster wire me to this effect, and, if it is possible to admit you, you will be advised by wire.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

March 26, 1917

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Mr. John N. Hansen,

Box 348,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19, in which you state that the citizens of Skagway feel it their duty and desire to form a home guard, and you ask regarding the steps to be taken in the organization of such a body.

In reply I have to advise you that I have already placed this matter before the War Department but have not as yet been advised as to what, if any, course to pursue. As soon as I shall receive such advice, you will be promptly informed.

Appreciating the spirit that impels the citizens of Skagway to form such an organization and assuring them of my hearty cooperation in every way possible, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 26, 1918

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Mr. Robert Biggs,

Eagle, Alaska

My dear Mr. Biggs:

I have your letter of March 7, but have not as yet received any letter from Mr. Powers. If he has written me, the letter has evidently gone astray, and you will kindly advise him to that effect. Neither have I received your letter, which you state you had written a few days previous to the letter received, in which you asked whether, if Mr. Steel resigned his position as game warden, you could have it.

In reply I may say that I have had no intimation that Mr. Steel contemplates resigning, but should he do so, I can say that your application would be given due consideration, but I can say nothing more definite, in view of the fact that Mr. Steel has given very good service, so far as I am advised.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 26, 1917

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Dr. R. M. Craig, First Lieutenant,
Medical Reserve Corps,
Fort Wm. H. Seward,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, in which you state that you understand I am trying to raise a regiment of volunteers for the army from this section of Alaska, in which case you offer your services as a member of the medical corps.

In reply I have to advise you that the matter of the organization of a National Guard or other military body has been placed before the War Department at Washington, but I have not as yet been advised as to what, if any, action will be taken along the line referred to in your favor.

I have to thank you for your offer, and should such an organization be effected, your application will be given every consideration.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 26, 1917

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Mr. George Vautier,
Howel Lumber Co.,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your wire of March 4,
and your letter of the same date, in which you request that
I refrain from endorsing L. T. Erwin for reappointment as
United States Marshal of your division.

In reply I may say that Mr. Erwin has not asked for my
endorsement in any way, nor have I tendered such. I do not
even know that he is a candidate for reappointment, but assume
that he is, but only through information that has reached me
indirectly. As I am likely to retire from office myself in
a few weeks, I do not feel that I should endorse anyone for
any position whatsoever, and have done so only in one or two
cases, and that several months since.

Hoping that you are in good health, and with best wishes,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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March 26, 1917

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Mr. C. E. Dole,

Alaskan Engineering Commission,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 20, as follows:

"At request of Mrs. J. H. Newhart, Assistant to the Secretary Meyer asks information of Roy Newhart, reported sent to Alaska from Seattle about June 1, 1914, in employ of government."

In response to the request contained in this telegram, I have caused notices to be inserted in the local newspapers, asking those who may know anything about Newhart to advise either this office or the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Seattle. If these inquiries should be fruitful of results, I shall advise you in due course.

Yours very truly

Governor

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March 26, 1917

Mr. Rufus Buck,
349 East 51st St.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of March 18, with reference to your securing a position in Alaska as a mining and civil engineer.

In reply I have to advise you that personally I know of no openings of this kind, although there may be those of which I have no knowledge. I might suggest, however, that you get in communication with the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, Juneau; the Alaska-Juneau Mining Company; the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company, Treadwell, or the Kennecott Copper Corporation, Kennecott, these being the leading lode mines in the Territory at this time. There are a number of smaller concerns, but it is quite probable that they are not in a position to employ a mining engineer.

If I can be of any further service to you in this or any other matter, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 26, 1917

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Hon. N. Bogolevsky,
Imperial Russian Consul General,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of March 22, addressed to the "Industrial Insurance Commission," has been referred to this office, inasmuch as there is no such commission in existence in this Territory. I note that your favor appertains to the case of one Emil Kalmuzki, alleged to have been badly injured while employed by the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Company, and for five months was in the Sisters' Hospital at Juneau.

In reply I beg to advise you that I know nothing whatsoever of the merits of this case, but I would suggest that you address directly the aforesaid company at Juneau, Alaska. With reference to his statement that the Industrial Commission promised to pay him \$700, it would seem that he is in error, inasmuch as, as stated above, there is no such commission in existence.

If I can be of any further service to you in this matter, kindly advise me.

Yours very truly,

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Governer

March 26, 1917

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The Adjutant General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have pleasure in testifying to the excellent character, ability and patriotism of Mr. Charles E. Naghel, of Juneau, Alaska, whom I have known well and favorably for a number of years. Mr. Naghel has for many years taken an active interest in all matters appertaining to military affairs of the nation, including the National Guard. I am thoroughly satisfied that he would acquit himself with credit and ability in any capacity in which he might be employed in connection with the service.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 26, 1917

Major H. E. Saville.

Fort William H. Seward,

Haines, Alaska

My dear Major Saville:

I have your letter of March 21, with reference to the proposed trip to Alaska under the auspices of the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club.

In reply I have to say that it had escaped my attention that the itinerary of the party did not contemplate a visit to the Lynn Canal towns. I share your belief that if these towns are not visited, to say nothing of the beautiful waters of Lynn Canal, a most interesting section of Alaska will not be seen by the excursionists. I shall, therefore, communicate at once with the Seattle organization and urge that Haines and Skagway be included in the proposed trip to Alaska.

I note you state in your letter that you enclosed a copy of a letter forwarded by you to the Chamber of Commerce, but it did not accompany your communication to me. However, I think I may say that, the proper representations being made, the Chamber of Commerce will undoubtedly accede to the request made by you and which it gives me great pleasure to

endorse that Lynn Canal and its towns be included in the proposed itinerary.

I trust that yourself and Mrs. Saville as well as the boy are in the best of health and are enjoying life at Fort William H. Seward. With expressions of my personal esteem to you all, and indulging in the hope that both Mrs. Strong and myself may be able to meet you in the near future, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 26, 1917

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Sir:

I am requested by the residents of the town of Eagle, Alaska, to take up with you a matter of concern to the people of the said town and directly concerned with the burial of their dead. The situation, as I have been advised, is to the effect that after the town of Eagle was started, the people selected a burial place in which to inter their dead. A few years later the military post of Fort Egbert was established and a military reservation, comprising a tract about two and a half miles square, was established outside of the town limits, but which included the cemetery, near the center of the reservation, the reservation, of course, coming under the control of the War Department.

The people of Eagle especially point for consideration the fact that, in the present circumstances, when a person dies a permit for his burial must be issued by the military authorities of Fort Gibbon, (Fort Egbert having been abandoned some years since. It is pointed out, and perhaps with justice, that great delay and inconvenience exist because of the time that must elapse before a permit for this purpose can be secured. It is also pointed out that, under a Territorial law, the United States Commissioner must issue a burial

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permit before interment and before he can issue such permit,
a permit from the military authorities at Fort Gibbon is
necessary. I am also advised that there is ample room in
and adjacent to the above cemetery for burial purposes for
many, many years to come.

I have the honor, therefore, to request that, if it be
compatible with the policy of the War Department, either the
cemetery grounds be excluded from the military reservation
or that the necessity of securing a burial permit from the
military authorities at Fort Gibbon be waived.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am returning herewith the application for allowance, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, of John W. Phillips, of Ruby, said application having been temporarily rejected after a consultation with Representative C. K. Snow, of Ruby, who advises me that, in his opinion, Phillips is not, at this time, deserving of such allowance, though he may be at the beginning of another year.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

March 26, 1917

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EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:

The Governor's office is in receipt of a telegram from the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Seattle, requesting information concerning one Roy Newhart "who is reported to have been sent to Alaska from Seattle about June 1, 1914, in the employ of the government." Anyone knowing anything of Newhart will please communicate either with the Governor's office or the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Seattle, Wash.

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March 26, 1917

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Mr. D. W. Figgins.

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Colonel Figgins:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23, with reference to the bill for the creation of a National Guard in Alaska, now before the Territorial legislature; and in which you make application for the position of adjutant general of the National Guard of Alaska, in the event of the passage of this bill.

In reply I have to advise you that if the matter of the appointment should rest in my hands, your past services to the nation and your eminent fitness for the position will receive due consideration.

In the meantime your letter will be filed for future reference, if necessary.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 28, 1917

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Mr. James S. Truitt,
Attorney-at-law,
Anchorage, Alaska

Respectfully yours,

Secretary of the Governor

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that you wish to secure a commission as notary public and ask that the necessary blanks be sent to you.

No form of application blank is furnished; your letter will answer that purpose. There is enclosed herewith a bond form which should be executed by you, with one or more sureties who must be approved by the clerk of the district court at Valdez. The oath of office form on the back of the bond should also be executed by you. When the bond and oath of office have been duly executed, you should forward the same to the clerk of the district court at Valdez so that he may pass upon the bond, and it is suggested that you ask him to send it direct to this office after it has received his approval.

The legal fee for a notary commission is \$10, which should be remitted in the form of a postal money order pay-

able to the Governor of Alaska.

Upon receipt of the approved bond, oath of office and remittance, a commission will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 28, 1917

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The Honorable

The Attorney General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On March 10 I transmitted to you an endorsement of the application of William A. Halshemer for appointment as United States Attorney for the third judicial division of Alaska. Since making such endorsement, I have changed my mind as to the merits of Mr. Halshemer's application, and I, therefore, desire to recall it. May I, therefore, ask you to return it to me?

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce, Cordova, Alaska, having received a permit to capture 24 deer in southeastern Alaska, to be transported to Montague Island for stocking purposes, the bearer, Mr. Charles Hill, is in this section for the purpose of securing said deer, and any assistance that may be rendered him in this line will be appreciated by me.

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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Miners and Merchants' Bank,

Nome, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Russian Consul General at Seattle, advising me that the American yacht Diamond, which was detained in the waters of Kamchatka about two years ago, and was temporarily confiscated and tied up to the ice at Whalen, Siberia, in charge of Wm. Schreeder, August 6, 1915, has been released. The Consul General has, therefore, asked me to notify the parties interested, and I have to request that you, in turn, advise Antonio Polet and Carleton Murphy of this action of the Russian government.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 28, 1917

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Hon. N. Bogoslavensky,
Imperial Russian Consul General,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23, advising me that the American yacht Diamond, of Nome, Alaska, detained in the waters of Kamchatka about two years ago and confiscated, has been released; and you ask me to advise the interested parties as to this action.

In reply I have to advise you that I have this day written the Miners & Merchants' Bank at Nome of the action of the Imperial Russian government, and requested that they in turn notify Antonio Polet and Carleton Murphy, mentioned in your letter as being also interested parties.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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Farmers' Association Library,
Matanuska, Alaska

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 10, in which it is stated that you have organized a library in your social hall; and you ask for such books and publications as this office may be able to furnish you from time to time.

In reply I wish to state that you are entitled to great commendation for the spirit thus shown in establishing such an institution in your community. Libraries are schools within themselves, and yours, I am sure, can be of great service to you pioneers, who are opening to development a new country. You may rest assured that such publications as may be available from time to time will be forwarded to you. I shall also ask the other Territorial offices to place you on their list for such publications as they may have for distribution.

Permit me to extend my very best wishes in all respects.

~~Yours very truly~~

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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Mr. James Gusick,
Ellamar, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 21, in which you offer your services to your country should our present difficulty with Germany make it necessary for President Wilson to call for volunteer soldiers.

In reply I want to thank you for the tender of your services in this respect, and I wish to assure you that should Alaska be called upon to furnish a quota in the defense of the country and its institutions, the offer of your services will be remembered.

I have already taken up this matter with the War Department and am now awaiting its instructions.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 28, 1917

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Mr. J. J. Halliard,
United States Commissioner,
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, with reference to a cemetery within the military reservation of Fort Egbert.

In reply I have to advise you that I have already taken up this matter with the War Department and have recommended that either the cemetery be withdrawn from the military reservation or that the order requiring permits from the military authorities at Fort Gibben be revoked. As soon as I shall have learned of the Department's attitude in this matter, you shall be duly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 28, 1917

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Mr. Joe H. Easterday,
1114-20 National Realty Bldg.,
Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mr. Easterday:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23, in which you ask for a copy of my message to the legislature and also a copy of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives recently, creating a tax commission for the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that as soon as copies of my message and the bill referred to come from the printer, they shall be forwarded to your address; also any other matter that I think might be of interest to you. I know of your interest in tax commissions and revenue laws, and I am also aware that you have had a large, special experience in this line.

I also may say that I remember you very well, although I have not seen you for a considerable number of years. The first time I am in Tacoma, I shall certainly look you up.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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Mr. H. Sampson,
Ceburg, Montana

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 18, in which you state that you had received a blank application from the Department in Washington, with reference to the Alaska medical service, and you ask for an appointment as physician.

In reply I have to state that I am at a loss to know what appointment you are seeking, as this office does not make appointments as physicians or surgeons in the Alaska medical service, these appointments being made by, or through, the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. These appointments are made in connection with the Indian school and hospital service in this Territory. You are, therefore, advised to write the above Bureau for further information.

Before you will be permitted to practice in Alaska, you must undergo an examination. For information as to this, you should write Dr. H. G. DeVigano, Secretary of the Alaska Medical Board, Juneau, Alaska.

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For your further information, I may say that the different towns and settlements of Alaska are at all times fairly well provided with physicians and surgeons.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 30, 1917

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To the Senate:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit a copy of the second biennial report of the Alaska Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation in the United States.

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, March 30, 1917

O. B.

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Tucker,

Judge, Home

Appropriation available for care dependent white children expires March thirty-one, but another will undoubtedly be made by legislature. Vouchers in duplicate showing expenditures incurred in detail and properly executed must be sent to this office for payment. Bethany Home, Glendale, Ohio, admits female children at nominal cost of maintenance. The institution should first be communicated with.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, March 30, 1917

O. B.

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Tucker,

Judge, Home

Have this day appointed Mrs. Thomas Mulligan member heard children's guardians, second division, vice Mrs. Flein. Please advise Mrs. Mulligan of her appointment, ~~instructing her to execute with this office at once and forward it to this office.~~

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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March 30, 1917.

Colonel W. P. Richardson,
Army and Navy Club,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Sulzer, who is now in Jamaica,
I am sending herewith a letter addressed to Senator Sulzer, which I am
anxious to have reach him as quickly as possible. Mrs. Sulzer assures
me that the letter will certainly reach Mr. Sulzer without delay if sent
in your care, and I am therefore taking the liberty of sending it in
that way.

Permit me to thank you for the courtesy of your assist-
ance in this matter, and with best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

March 20, 1917

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The House of Representatives:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit a copy of the
second biennial report of the Alaska Board of Commissioners
for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation in the United States.

Governor

Enc.

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March 29, 1917

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Honorable Charles A. Sulzer,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Sulzer:

By direction of the Governor, I am enclosing herewith a voucher covering your services as a member of the third session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, the amount of the voucher being \$315; a voucher covering your incoming mileage from Sulzer to Juneau, amount \$44.10, and a voucher covering your outgoing mileage from Juneau to Sulzer, amount \$44.10.

It is requested that you kindly sign each of these vouchers on the line preceded by the words "sign here," and that the vouchers be then mailed to this office. Upon their receipt, checks will be issued in payment.

In this connection, I beg to say that Senator Aldrich showed me your letter, in which you asked him to arrange to have your checks turned over to Mrs. Sulzer, who is now in Juneau. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this until the vouchers have been received back from you; and the matter has been explained to Senator Aldrich, who has in turn explained it to Mrs. Sulzer. In order that Mrs. Sulzer may negotiate the checks after they are turned over to her, it will be necessary,

under the law and the rules of the Treasury Department that you execute a power of attorney, authorizing Mrs. Sulzer to sign your name to the checks as your attorney-in-fact. There is a regular form of power of attorney provided for that purpose, but unfortunately we have none on hand. However, if you will take the matter up with the Treasury Department, the Interior Department or any of the other departments in Washington and explain the situation, they will, no doubt, be able to provide you with the necessary blanks. I would suggest that the power of attorney be forwarded in duplicate.

I am mailing a copy of this letter to Mrs. Sulzer so that she will understand just what the situation is with regard to your vouchers and checks. Had I known that you were intending to leave so soon for Washington, I would have been glad to prepare the vouchers for your signature, so that you could have signed them and could also have endorsed the checks before your departure. Unfortunately, however, I knew nothing of your departure until I saw the announcement in the paper the following day.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 30, 1917

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Mr. W. G. Smith, Secretary,
Territorial Banking Board,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Mr. W. H. Roth,
of Sidney, Montana, which is self-explanatory. Will you
kindly forward to Mr. Roth the information for which he
asks.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 31, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, for filing in your office,

SENATE BILL NO. 20,

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish and
define legal Holidays in Alaska,"

which was approved by me on the 30th instant.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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March 31, 1917.

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TO THE SENATE:

On the 30th instant I signed Senate Bill No. 20,
entitled:

"An Act to establish and define legal holidays
in Alaska,"

and on this date transmitting the approved bill to the Secretary
of the Territory for filing in his office.

Respectfully,

Governor.

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April 2, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a voucher in duplicate, covering the subsistence of inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka from the third judicial division for the quarter ended March 31, 1917, the total amount of the voucher being \$730.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, April 2, 1917 O. B.

(Handwritten mark: a stylized 'A' or '7' inside an oval)

Re th.

United States Attorney,

Fairbanks,

Mrs. Hess reappointed to board of children's guardians. Wire particulars in case which needs attention of board, should you deem it necessary. If not, Judge Bunnell will be authorized to act for the board pending the return to Fairbanks of Mrs. Hess and United States Marshal.

STRONG, Governor

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

Secretary

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April 2, 1917

Mr. Yailth Kook,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 28, as follows:

"Worried over Jimmie Young; fear bloodshed, loss of life. Would suggest you call contestants together and see if they will compromise trouble over house. We think they would agree to leave house neutral or sell to white man. We depend on you to get us out of this trouble."

In reply I have to state that I would gladly offer my services in the way of settling the differences between Jimmie Young and the other contestant, who I believe is Lucy Lindemann, if I thought that such a course would be advisable. This matter, you will understand, has been in the court for some time, and it seems to me that in order to settle the question of ownership, the court must ultimately decide this. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the matter is very much involved, and each side seems to have implicit confidence in its case. However, I may say that I do not believe you need fear any violence, as I think that both parties are law-abiding people.

As soon, however, as I can reach the contestants, I shall try to have a further conference with them and shall advise them, if it be possible, to settle the dispute without further litigation in the courts.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, April 2, 1917.

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Mr. V. A. Walker,

Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the letter to the President which you left at the Governor's House on the evening of the 30th of March. Owing to the press of business on the 31st it was impossible to give the matter attention, but the Governor has today placed his endorsement on the application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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April 3, 1917

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Mr. R. J. Shepard,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, with reference to certain statements made to this office by one Joe Wright, a native of Haines, the reply thereto having been addressed to the United States Commissioner at Haines. I note you say that Mr. Kennedy is ill; hence he has been unable to reply to the letter personally. I also note what you say with reference to the statements of Wright, and I have, therefore, to advise you that for the present time the matter will remain in abeyance.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 2, 1917

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Captain Frederick Hears,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Captain Hears:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 30, as follows:

"The Alaskan Engineering Commission extends to you and the legislature an invitation to visit the project during the coming season and view the work that has been accomplished as well as that under way."

In reply I have to thank you for this invitation, and, personally, I shall be pleased to visit Anchorage during the coming summer, provided I am still in office, a matter that is now somewhat problematical, as I am not at all anxious to be reappointed. I shall convey your message to the legislature and suggest to the members the advisability of visiting Anchorage and looking over the great work that I know you are accomplishing.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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April 2, 1917

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Mr. George R. Goshaw,
Frye Hotel,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Goshaw:

I have just received your letter of March 26, in which you state that you hold yourself in readiness at any time you may be called upon to assist in the organization of a military body in Alaska to answer the call of the President if one is issued.

In reply I have to thank you for your great promptness, which was just what I expected of you, and you may rest assured that if such call should come as now seems probable, I shall immediately advise you. A few days ago I received a telegram from the Secretary, in reply to one forwarded to the Department as to the steps that should be taken in the organization of a volunteer or other body of militia. I quote the following as a part of his reply:

"* * * My advice would be that you gather and train men as well as you can now, and before they are far advanced, there doubtless will be the machinery created by which they can be brought into some form of service."

It is, therefore, quite probable that in the event of actual hostilities, Alaska will be invited to participate in the defense of the nation.

Again thanking you for your kind offer, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor