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Mr. Royal A. Gunnison, President,

Alaska Board of Commissioners  
For Promotion of Uniform Legislation,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 29, together with copies of the report of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniform Legislation in the United States.

In reply I have to advise that I have transmitted copies of this report to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Alaska legislature.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 2, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I am transmitting voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 33 indigent residents of division No. 1, who were inmates of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended March 31, 1917. The voucher is transmitted for your consideration and such action as you may deem appropriate in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. W. H. Lamar, Solicitor,  
Post Office Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 20, in which you direct my attention to section 5 of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1917, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, and for other purposes, a copy of which was enclosed for my information; you also ask to be furnished with an authoritative copy of the latest statute, if any, of Alaska upon this subject.

In reply I have to advise you that the Alaska legislature has not enacted any laws upon this subject; I have further to advise you, however, that an act was passed by Congress and approved February 14, 1917, to prohibit the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes, this act to become effective on January 1, 1918. I am enclosing herewith a copy of this act. I have further to advise you that inasmuch as there is no Alaska statute dealing with this subject, except the law above referred to,

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passed by Congress, there has been no legal opinion rendered, and consequently no citations as to decisions reported.

For the same reason the courts have rendered no opinion on the question of what constitutes "spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquors of any kind. It will be noted, however, that paragraph 2, section 1 of the act referred to above, declares that "intoxicating liquor," or "intoxicating liquors," as used in the act, include whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, wine, ale, porter, beer, cordials, hard or fermented cider, alcoholic bitters, ethyl alcohol, and all malt liquors, including all alcoholic compounds classed by the United States Internal Revenue Bureau as "compound liquors."

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 3, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of March 22, re William G. Boyd, an inmate of the Home since September 20, 1913, in which you state that Boyd may pass on at any time, and you further state that he has, in various banks, the sum of \$2137.92; and you suggest that he ought to be willing to turn over at least a part of this sum to the Territory for his maintenance at the Home, amounting to \$1268, based on a charge of \$1 per day.

In reply I have to advise you that I have today discussed this matter with Mr. Shattuck and while we agree that it would be right and just that Boyd should pay at least that amount, it is probably a delicate matter to adjust. Of course, he is not bound, except by ties of gratitude, which are usually extremely tenuous, to recoup the Territory for the amount expended in his maintenance and care. However, if Boyd should be willing to pay this amount, or make a will in favor of the Territory, he being of sound and disposing mind, I believe it would be advisable to accept the sum.

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Mr. Shattuck will endeavor to get into communication with some people at Douglas, where I understand Boyd formerly lived, and ascertain from them if he has any friends or relatives living.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 3, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29, together with a list of supplies which will be needed to run the Pioneers' Home for the ensuing three months.

A call for bids will be issued today.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

My dear Doctor:

I am transmitting herewith application for allowance of Mrs. Frances Louise Krans, this application having been forwarded to me by Mr. Shoup, it having been received from your stenographer. Trustee Shattuck and myself, after considering the application, recommend that Mrs. Krans receive the maximum allowance.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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Juneau, April 3, 1917. O. B.

Judge Dunnell,

Fairbanks.

Expense of caring for inmates of Pioneers Home from Fourth division for March quarter amounts to fifteen hundred twenty two dollars. Can you make any allowance on same from your indigent fund? If so, vouchers will be forwarded at once.

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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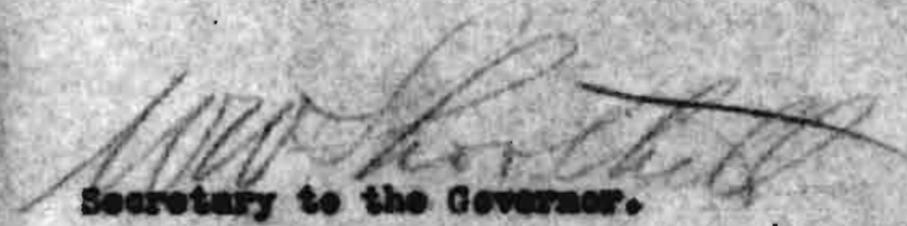
Juneau, April 3, 1917. O. B.

Judge Tucker,

Home.

Expense of caring for inmates of Pioneers Home from Second division during March quarter amounts to eleven hundred ninety eight dollars. Can you make any allowance on same from your indigent fund? If so, vouchers will be forwarded at once.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Mr. G. A. Bunch, of Treadwell, Alaska, is authorized to enroll volunteers for prospective military service, and to take such steps as may be necessary to drill and perfect an organization pending its official recognition by the United States Government.

Governor

April 4, 1917

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Mr. James M. Lahr, Secretary,

Thane Rifle Club,

Thane, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 29th ultimo, the Governor has approved your requisition for targets, and it has been forwarded to the commanding officer of the Benicia Arsenal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Wells Fargo & Company,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I beg to return herewith your bill of the 26th ultimo, covering transportation charges on one package to and from Seattle, the same having been consigned by the Governor to Frederick & Nelson, Seattle, and returned to him by them.

Before a voucher can be issued covering the charges on the package in question, it will be necessary for us to have an itemised bill, showing the date of shipment from Juneau to Seattle, the weight, rate and total charges on such shipment, and the date of shipment from Seattle, with the weight, rate and total charges. It is absolutely necessary that we have the detailed information asked for, otherwise the Department at Washington will not pass the account.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, April 4, 1917

O. B.

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B. L. Thane,

Hotel Washington,

Seattle, Wash.

Greatly appreciate your offer and endorse sentiments expressed. Only information I have received from Washington is contained in suggestion to gather and train men as well as I can now, with assurance that before they are far advanced, their doubtless will be machinery created by which they can be brought into some form of service. As result a volunteer company is now in process of formation at Juneau and another at Douglas.

STRONG, Governor

*W. J. Felt*  
Stenographer

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Mr. H. S. Hodges,  
Division of Municipal Administration and Public Service,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 22d ultimo, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's message to the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 4, 1917

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Mr. E. H. Redstone, Librarian,  
Social Law Library,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 22d ultimo, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's message delivered to the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 5, 1917

O. B.

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Henry T. Ray, Mayor

Fairbanks

Fairbanks is all right and the action of her citizens in pledging themselves to serve the common country in any capacity that may be demanded emphasizes in a striking manner the quality of patriotism and devotion to American institutions that is characteristic of the Alaskan people. I have wired the President of your action. Kindly convey to the citizens of Fairbanks my appreciation of their act at a time when public service is surely required of every red-blooded American, and also assure them of my cooperation in every way possible.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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JUNEAU, APRIL 6, 1917. O. B. Govt. <sup>55 = 60¢</sup> NITE rate paid.

Secretary Interior,

Washington.

Request credit nineteen thousand dollars from appropriation for legislative expenses, Territory of Alaska, nineteen thousand, and ask to be advised by telegraph when credit given, as amount is needed for immediate use. Balance subject to check this date is three thousand five hundred sixty seven dollars.

STRONG, Governor and S. D. A.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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**Juneau, Alaska, April 5, 1917 O. B. Gov't Night Rate Paid**

**The President,  
White House,  
Washington**

From every town and hamlet in this far northern country come pledges of loyalty to you and to the nation in the conflict which the country at present faces in the name of humanity, democracy and national honor. Military companies are being organized and drilled here in Alaska for service if their country needs them, and our legislature, now in session, has made liberal appropriation for emergent military needs. The sympathy of the people goes out to you in this time of trial and they renew their pledge of devotion to American institutions and ideals.

**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 mail.

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

April 5, 1917

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Mr. J. H. Mustard,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, with reference to the pension of Miss Elin Persen, of your city.

In reply I have to advise you that the pension received by Miss Persen from the Territory has not been canceled. However, it has been represented to the pension board that Miss Persen was one of the capitalists of Nome, owning several houses and offering to buy more, including the Zinder Building. Your letter, of course, places a different aspect upon the merits of the allowance now being received by Miss Persen, and it is not at all likely that her pension will be canceled unless it shall be positively shown that she is not fairly entitled to it.

Responding to your request that I forward information relating to the game of Alaska, to Mr. A. L. Nevotny, New York, I have to advise that such information has been forwarded to his address.

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Permit me to indulge in the hope that you are in your  
usual good health and spirits, and with very best wishes,  
I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

**EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:**

The Governor's office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. D. Waller, 602-6 Mutton Building, Spokane, Wash., inquiring as to the whereabouts of Edward Fahey, who is one of the heirs to an estate in which Mr. Waller is representing his brothers.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Edward Fahey will kindly communicate with this office or with Mr. Waller at the above address.

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Mr. E. D. Weller,

601-6 Hatten Building,

Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 24, in which you state that you are trying to locate one Edward Fahy, and that you have been advised by his brother, James, Fahy, that this office would probably know where he is.

In reply I have to advise you that we have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Edward Fahy. I will, however, cause inquiries to be made through the local newspapers, and if these should result in locating him, you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 5, 1917

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Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Secretary,

Alaska Medical Board,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter received by me from Dr. Isaac F. Burgin, of Seldovia, Alaska, which is self-explanatory. I have advised Doctor Burgin that I have referred his letter to you and asked you to communicate directly with him.

I am.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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April 5, 1917

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Mrs. Aline Bradley,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Bradley:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 19, in which, after referring to the bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Batherland, providing for the erection and equipment of the Alaska mining and agricultural college at Fairbanks, you recommend for consideration, should the bill pass, the names of Mrs. Luther C. Hess, now in Juneau, and Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman, as members of the commission of the said college.

In reply I have to advise you that should I have anything to do with the appointment of such commission, I may assure you that it will give me much pleasure to give your recommendation the greatest consideration. I know Mrs. Luther C. Hess and have met Mrs. Zimmerman, and have a high opinion of both and their qualifications for such positions.

Personally, I have to thank you for your kind expression as to the merits of my message to the legislature, this is especially appreciated, as I value your opinion most highly. I have also to thank you for your expressions of good will,

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should I remain in the office of Governor, and should I be reappointed, which may or may not happen, perhaps, I shall always treasure the knowledge that I have had the support in my work for the Territory, of the very best people in it--those who stand for everything that aids in the promotion of good citizenship and a just and impartial enforcement of the laws.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 5, 1917

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Dr. Isaac F. Burgin  
Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, with reference to the practice of medicine by you at Seldovia.

In reply I have to advise you that I have referred your letter to the Secretary of the Alaska Medical Board, Dr. H. C. DeVignoe, of Juneau, and have asked him that he advise you fully in the matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 5, 1917

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Mr. F. C. Schiller,

Box 202,

Cordova, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 30, with reference to the organization of a Territorial national guard.

In reply I have to advise you that according to recent information received by this office from the War Department, no military organization can be recognized under the present status except the army, navy, marines and national guard, inasmuch as the President and Congress have not as yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers. I have been advised by the Secretary, however, that it might be well to gather and train men as well as possible now and that, before they are far advanced, there will doubtless be the machinery created by which they can be brought into some form of service. I may add, for your further information, that in accordance with the above advice, a company of volunteers is now being enrolled in Juneau and another in Treadwell, with the expectation that official status will be accorded them in the near future.

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I am enclosing herewith a copy of a telegram received  
with respect to this matter from the Secretary of the Interior.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 5, 1917

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Miss Juanita Anderson,  
Seldovia, Alaska

My dear Miss Anderson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, with reference to the situation that has been created in the Seldovia post office by reason of the signing of a petition, circulated and forwarded to the Post Office Department, alleging that the incumbent, Mrs. Annie Christiansen, no longer wanted the post office, and you ask what steps should be taken by the signers of the petition to recall it.

In reply I have to advise you that you should immediately send another petition, stating the exact facts, and the condition under which the signatures were obtained for the previous petition, to the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. You should make a fair, full and frank statement of the matter, and ask for the retention of Mrs. Christiansen as postmistress, if her services have been satisfactory, as you state.

I am glad to know that your business venture is proving such a success. However, I was sure that it would, when I recalled your well known energy and intelligence.

With very best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 5, 1917

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Mr. Herman ap Petersens,  
P. O. Box 802,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, in which you ask to be supplied with a map of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that we have no maps of Alaska for free distribution except the one contained in the back part of report of the Governor of Alaska for the year 1916, which I am forwarding herewith. I do not know, however, that this will meet your requirements. I may add, however, that topographic maps of various parts of Alaska may be obtained by addressing the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. These maps cost about 50 cents each. A map 33-7/8 by 40-7/8 inches, on a scale of 40 miles to the inch, showing post office and mail routes in Alaska, may also be obtained from the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C., for 80 cents.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 5, 1917

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Mr. E. F. Wann,  
Hotel Coeur d'Alene,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 30, with further reference to your desire to become identified with an Alaskan regiment of volunteers, should the government authorize such enlistment in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise that a few days since I received an authorization to enroll and drill as many men as possible in the Territory, though no official status could be given them. It was stated, however, that doubtless before they were very far advanced, there doubtless would be the machinery created by which they can be brought into some formal service.

This is the substance of my information touching this matter, and if a call shall be made for volunteers, I shall be glad to avail myself of your offer. I may also add that a company is now being organized in Jansen and another at Treadwell.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. R. W. Baxter, President,  
Alaska Steamship Company,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Baxter:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy  
of a letter received from the Assistant Secretary of War,  
through the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the  
protection of radio stations in Alaska.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Enc.

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To the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the official mileage tables adopted in connection with the payment of mileage to the members of the Alaska Territorial legislature, in attendance at the third session, 1917. These tables are based upon mileage allowances to jurors and witnesses in the several judicial divisions as authorized and approved by the Department of Justice. The tables show the incoming and outgoing mileage and allowance of each member of the third session.

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To the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the official mileage tables adopted in connection with the payment of mileage to the members of the Alaska Territorial legislature, in attendance at the third session, 1917. These tables are based upon mileage allowances to jurors and witnesses in the several judicial divisions as authorized and approved by the Department of Justice. The tables show the incoming and outgoing mileage and allowance of each member of the third session.

Governor

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Mrs. Anna Meshring,  
1053 W. Mason Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the "Department of Administration of Intestates' Estates," has been delivered to this office, there being no such department in this Territory as the one to which your letter is addressed. Referring to the request contained in your letter, I beg to state that this office does not know of any published or compiled list containing the names of intestates' estates, looking for next of kin. This is a matter which has not as yet received any attention in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 7, 1917

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Mr. Jack J. Hinson, Jr.,  
Water Bacteriologist and chemist,  
The State University of Iowa,  
Iowa City, Ia.

Dear Sir:

Returning herewith the questionnaire submitted with your recent letter, addressed to the "State Board of Health, Alaska." I am directed by the Governor, who is ex officio commissioner of health for the Territory, to advise you that there are no water works laboratories in this Territory. Therefore, no information can be given to you along the lines indicated in the questionnaire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 7, 1917

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Mr. Reed M. Fawell,  
Lieutenant, U. S. Navy,  
Acting Director Naval Communications,  
Radio, Virginia

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the Governor (21130-213-P), transmitting a bill covering charges on a radio message transmitted from the Cordova, Alaska, radio station, to the s. s. Northwestern, for delivery to Doctor Gress at Ellamar, Alaska, October 12, 1916, the amount of the charges being 80 cents.

Enclosed herewith, I am transmitting a voucher covering the amount of your bill with the request that you kindly sign the same and return it to this office, upon receipt of which a warrant will be mailed to you in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 7, 1917

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Mr. E. Stagg Whitin,  
Chairman, Executive Council,  
National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor, Inc.,  
Broadway and 116th St.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 14th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's message of the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 7, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I am transmitting, by direction of the Governor, a voucher in duplicate, covering subsistence of 18 indigent residents of division No. 4, cared for in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, during the quarter ended March 31, 1917. A telegram was received from you a day or two ago, advising that you had made a part allowance on this voucher. Your action in the matter is greatly appreciated by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 7, 1917

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Dr. H. C. DeVighe, Secretary,

Alaska Board of Medical Examiners,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter from Dr. W. W. Armstrong, 1067 Argyll Street, Chicago, Illinois, in which he requests to be advised regarding the practice of medicine in this Territory. I am advising Dr. Armstrong that his letter has been referred to you and that he may expect to hear from you in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 7, 1917

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Dr. W. W. Armstrong,  
1007 Argyle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information with regard to the practice of medicine in this Territory. Your letter is today being referred to Dr. H. C. DeVigne, Secretary of the Alaska Board of Medical Examiners, Juneau, and you may expect to hear from him in due course.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

April 7, 1917

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 314 of this date, issued to you, in the sum of \$127, to cover your bill of February 23, 1917, for six dozen Grip binders, and four Faultless punches furnished for the use of the Alaska legislature

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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April 7, 1917

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Hon. W. L. Burton,  
United States Commissioner,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will serve to introduce to you Mrs. Charles Estmore, who wishes to obtain some information as to the method of procedure in obtaining the appointment of herself as guardian of the estate of her husband, Charles Estmore, now an inmate of Morningside Sanitarium.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, April 7, 1917

O. B.

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H. T. Ray, Mayor,

Fairbanks

Further reference your telegram April <sup>fifth</sup> I am in receipt of following  
from Secretary Interior, which covers queries in your favor:

Quote: "No military organization can be recognized under  
the present status, except the army, navy, marines and  
national guard. The President and Congress have ~~not~~ ~~as~~  
yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers.  
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 formal service. End quote

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, April 7, 1917

O. B.

Hennegan, Mayor

Ketchikan

Replying yours this date, permit me express sincere appreciation of action of your citizens' meeting in effecting a military organization, and expressing confidence in the administration, and pledging their fidelity, if needs be. This act is typical of the Alaskan people. Kindly convey to your people my appreciation as well as that of the administration in this critical time.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau  
April 7, 1917 O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

Nome

Your telegram this date with suggestion re abolishing assessment work on claims belonging to miners who may volunteer for service seems to be equitable. My name did not go before Territorial committee where I could only muster four votes. Ernst proxy would have been properly used, if necessary.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 9, 1917.

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Mr. A. H. Ziegler,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives,  
JUNEAU.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I am returning herewith House Bill No. 30, which was received at this office on the 7th instant with your transmittal letter of that date, and beg to call attention to an error in the spelling of the word Representatives in the first line of the heading of the bill -- the first "T" being omitted from the word.

It is suggested that the matter be called to the attention of the House Committee on Enrollment, with a view to correcting the error; after which the bill should be returned to this office for the Governor's consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Juneau, April 8, 1917. O. B.

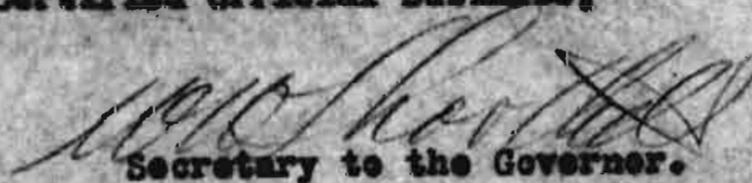
Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Please advise this office for confidential use as to why Kegstead was recommended for marshal by committee this rescinding former action of committee in endorsing three for that position.

STRONG, Governor.

Certified Official Business:



Secretary to the Governor.

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April 9, 1917

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Mr. A. H. Ziegler, Chief Clerk,  
House of Representatives,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ziegler:

Some days ago this office requested that it be supplied with copies of House memorials, resolutions, etc. We are receiving copies of all House bills and copies of the daily calendar, but to date have not received any copies of House resolutions and have received copies of but two memorials--- House joint memorials Nos. 3 and 6.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly complete our file of memorials and resolutions to date and arrange for supplying us with copies of such as may be introduced during the remainder of the session.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 9, 1917

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Mr. Wm. M. Eddy,  
Chief Clerk, Alaska Senate,  
City

My dear Mr. Eddy:

Some days ago this office requested to be supplied with copies of all Senate memorials, resolutions, etc. We have been receiving copies of Senate bills and copies of the daily calendar, but to date have received no copies of Senate memorials or resolutions.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly arrange to have these furnished.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, April 8, 1917. O. B. RUSH

J. C. Lettralla,  
Adjutant Spanish War Veterans,  
SEWARD.

Your cablegram seventh. I have to state that I have received no instructions from Washington as to military organizations in Alaska except the following received before declaration of a state of war from the War Department through the Secretary Interior, quote: No military organization can be recognized under the present status, except the army, navy, marines and national guard. The President and Congress have not as yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers. 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 formal service. End quote. As soon as I am further advised will communicate with you. On behalf of administration permit me to express appreciation of your action in endorsing administration in present crisis, and I shall be glad to co-operate with you in every way possible. Territorial legislature has appropriated ten thousand dollars for emergency purposes, and any necessary expense incurred by your organization will be paid from that fund upon presentation of duly certified vouchers. Letter follows.

STROM, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit, for the information of your honorable body, two copies of the Report of the Territorial Treasurer for the quarter ended March 31, 1917.

GOVERNOR.

April 9, 1917.

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**TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Herewith I have the honor to transmit, for the information of your honorable body, two copies of the Report of the Territorial Treasurer for the quarter ended March 31, 1917.

**GOVERNOR.**

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Juneau, March 19, 1917. O. B.

Brown, Judge,

Valdez.

Your telegram even date, you are authorized to incur expense to amount of twenty five dollars in search for Turner. Forward vouchers in duplicate.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Junoan, April 9, 1917 O. B.

Wm. E. Wood,

Tanana, A

Your telegram eighth. Have as yet no instructions from Washington with reference to organization of volunteers for service. Should I do so and volunteers be asked for, your offer will receive attention. The loyalty and patriotism that is being shown in the present crisis which confronts the nation is most gratifying.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, Alaska, April 9, 1917

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A. B. Stevenson,

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Your wire April sixth. Have received no instructions from Wash-  
ington as to raising contingent volunteers for service in the  
war, but may do so in the near future. Your offer of services  
deeply appreciated and if you will keep me in touch with your  
address, you will be notified should a call for volunteers  
be made.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

JUNEAU, APRIL 9, 1917. O. B.

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Dr. Georgeson,

SITKA.

Did you issue check for allowance quarter beginning January first to Joseph James. He claims has not received check and there is no record of its having been received by Commissioner at Juneau. Please wire answer.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

April 9, 1917

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Mrs. Ula M. Thompson,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 20th, with reference to certain school legislation now pending in the Territorial legislature, in the event of the passage of which, you state you would like to secure an appointment as assistant superintendent of public instruction for your judicial division.

In reply I may state that the bill, among other things, provides for the creation of a board of education, to be composed of one member from each of the four judicial divisions, together with the Governor of Alaska, who shall, in turn, select a commissioner of Education for the Territory, the commissioner to be secretary of the board. I do not understand that any provision will be made for assistant superintendents in the different judicial divisions, but if this be done and I should have anything to do with the consideration of such appointments when the time arrives, I shall be pleased to consider your application.

As indicated above, the bill now pending may be changed in material respects before final passage, and there is little at the present time upon which to predicate an opinion of its final scope. You will, however, be duly advised as to the result.

I am glad to know that you are all well, and I trust that Anchorage will have a most prosperous year.

Will you kindly remember me to your husband and to Judge and Mrs. Thompson?

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

April 9, 1917

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Mr. Walter G. Tingley,  
Cordeva, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, in which you make application for a commission as a staff officer in the Alaska volunteers. You also state that you have had considerable military experience.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received no instructions whatsoever from Washington as to the organization of volunteers in this Territory, but may at almost any time. A few days ago I received a telegram from the Secretary, advising me to enroll as many men as possible and to drill them as well as possible, pending official recognition of their military status, which it was expected would not be greatly delayed.

In the meantime your letter will be placed on file and if a call should be issued for volunteers, you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 9, 1917

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Mr. J. A. Rountree, Secretary,  
U. S. Good Roads Association, Inc.,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 30, with reference to appointment of delegates to the fifth annual session of the United States Good Roads Association, which will be held in Birmingham on April 17 to 21.

In reply I have to advise you that I have found it impossible to find men who would accept such appointment; in view of the fact that it is a great distance between Alaska and Birmingham, they do not feel like making the long journey and incurring the heavy expense that would be entailed. While there are a large number of men who are interested in the good roads movement, you will understand that there are few who can take the necessary time or incur the necessary expense in attending the meeting of the Association.

Trusting that the meeting will be successful in every particular, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

April 9, 1917

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Mr. J. C. Luttrell, Adjutant,  
James K. Thompson Camp No. 29,  
United Spanish War Veterans,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 7 in which it was stated that J. K. Thompson Camp had unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the Administration in the present crisis and had called a mass meeting for Sunday April at two p. m., to take preliminary steps to form a military company for local, or, if necessary, national service. You also asked for information from this office as to what action or support you might expect from the Federal or Territorial government; and you added that the Spanish War Veterans at Anchorage were cooperating with you and had called a similar meeting at the same time. I wired you in reply, and a confirmation copy of my telegram is herewith enclosed.

Permit me to again thank you for your kind expression of confidence in the Administration and the assurance of your support.

With further reference to the Territorial appropriation mentioned in my telegram to you, I have to add that such

expenses as may be incurred in the line of completing your organisation or making it more effective, will be paid from that fund. Your vouchers should show, in detail, every item of expenditure and should be duly certified by the proper officer or officers and transmitted to this office for payment.

If I can be of any assistance to you at any time, kindly command me.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 9, 1917

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Mr. Clifford Hooper,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 7, as follows:

"Realising the seriousness of the present war situation, and the urgent necessity for all citizens of Alaska to be prepared to do their duty, and I herewith respectfully tender my services in such capacity as you may deem expedient. I served three years in the militia of Washington state."

In reply I have to thank you for your offer, and I wish to assure you that should a call be issued for volunteers, as probably will be the case, you will be promptly notified. I have to express my gratification at the many offers of service that I have received from the various towns of Alaska, and the expressions of loyalty and patriotism which they contain. I have not as yet received any explicit instructions from Washington with regard to the military situation in the Territory, but shall probably do so within a short time.

In the meantime, again accept my thanks for your tender.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

April 9, 1917

Mr. H. E. Elliott,

Spokane, Wash.

My dear Mr. Elliott:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, with reference to Miss Crutcher, a trained nurse, who, you state, is to leave Seattle on May 5, and who is desirous of obtaining a position in Juneau, if possible.

In reply I have to advise you that it will afford me much pleasure to render such assistance to Miss Crutcher as may be possible for me to extend toward obtaining her a suitable place of this kind. I do not know the opportunities for nurses, but it is possible that she may be able to secure a place. You may rest assured that I shall do everything within my power to assist her.

Personally, I may say that I was pleased to hear from you, and to assure you that I appreciate your kind words, and the work that you so kindly volunteered to do for me more than four years ago.

I have not applied for a reappointment as Governor, although I have been endorsed for that position by the Territorial legislature, now in session, which was most flat-

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tering to me, indeed, and especially so as I did not ask for such endorsement, but it was a spontaneous act on the part of that body. I may say that I believe my administration of the office of the Governor of Alaska during the last four years has been satisfactory to the great majority of the people. Permit me to again thank you for your offer of assistance; should I need it I shall promptly ask you to do what you can.

Say to Miss Crutcher to immediately look Mrs. Strong and myself up when she arrives in Juneau, and we will certainly see that she is properly cared for.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

April 9, 1917

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Mr. Howard Opdyke,

Union College,

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the circular letter of the Faculty of Union College, of the second instant, and I wish to say that I am in hearty sympathy with every proposal therein contained.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 9, 1917

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Mr. Ernest Blue,

Acting Captain, Ketchikan Militia,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Captain Blue:

Cordially yours,

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 6, together with a roster of your company organized at Ketchikan, and in which you offer its services to me and to the country in any way or in any measure that may be deemed expedient.

In reply I have to thank you for the patriotism and loyalty shown by yourself and the members of the company in this critical time in the nation's history. Should a call be issued for volunteers, you shall be advised promptly. At the present time, I have received no specific instructions from Washington in this respect, but shall probably in the near future. The only instructions so far received by this office are from the War Department, through the Secretary of the Interior, a copy of which I enclose for your further information. I have further to advise that the Territorial legislature has made an emergency appropriation for war and preparation purposes and other emergencies related thereto.

of \$10,000. Such legitimate expenses as you may incur in the organization of your company will be paid from this fund upon presentation of properly certified vouchers, showing in detail the purposes of such expenditures.

Assuring you of my hearty cooperation in every way possible, and again thanking you for the spirit displayed by your citizens, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 9, 1917

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Dr. L. P. Daves,  
Assistant Commissioner of Health,  
City

Dear Doctor Daves:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mrs. Lola D. Wagner, Editor of the Home Service Bureau of TODAY'S HOUSEWIFE, 461 Fourth Avenue, New York, which is self-explanatory.

Will you be good enough to make such reply to her letter as may be possible?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

Enc.

April 9, 1917

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Mr. F. H. Barkhill, Attorney,  
C., M. & St. P. Railway Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 2, in which you ask to be advised as to what districts of Alaska are not made dry by local option.

Your inquiry can be better answered by stating the territory that is made dry by local option, namely, the towns of Sitka and Skagway, the rest of the Territory being wet.

You are in error as to the legislation enacted by Congress becoming effective on July 1 next.-- the entire Territory of Alaska will become dry on January 1, 1918, and not before unless the judges of the district courts of the respective judicial divisions should refuse to issue liquor licenses for the half-year beginning July 1, 1917--a most unlikely contingency, I assume. It is my opinion that the only dry space in Alaska, prior to the going into effect of the prohibitory law on January 1, 1918, will be the towns named above, which undoubtedly will remain in the dry column.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

April 9, 1917

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Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Ph. D.,  
Supt. and Treasurer,  
International Reform Bureau, Inc.,  
206 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 29, with reference to the campaign being made by the anti-prohibition forces in Porto Rico; and in which you ask a statement from me, saying that prohibition has not hurt public revenues.

In reply I have to advise you that the people of Alaska, at the election in November, 1916, by a two to one vote, declared for prohibition, and that following this expression, the Congress passed what is known as a "bone-dry" prohibitory bill, which, however, does go into effect until January 1, 1918. I may add that we have only two towns in Alaska that are dry, this condition having been brought about by local option. In these towns it works fully as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

It is inevitable that incorporated towns in Alaska which receive a portion of the revenues from liquor licenses, will

less revenue, but, in our case, this loss is being supplemented in part by direct appropriations from the Territorial treasury. It seems to me that this allegation of loss of revenue through the inhibition of the liquor traffic, is an exceedingly weak one, as with the elimination of the liquor traffic, the improvement in industrial, economic and moral conditions will far outweigh any temporary loss of revenue.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 9, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 2, with reference to the expense involved in bringing one J. Y. Larkin from Kenai to Seward in December last, when his feet were badly frozen. I note you suggest that if the Territory can allow the sum of \$150, you will see that the rest of the expenditure is taken care of.

In reply I have to advise you that a voucher for the above sum will be issued in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, April 10, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

Sir:

Herewith I am transmitting for filing in your office, House Bill  
No. 20, which has been approved and signed by me on this date.

Respectfully,

Governor.

April 10, 1917.

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to the office of the Secretary of the Territory for filing,

**HOUSE BILL NO. 20**

a bill for an Act entitled: "To Make an appropriation for defense of the Territory, and declaring an emergency to exist."

Governor.

Juneau, April 10, 1917

O. B.

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Saville, Major,

Commanding Fort Wm. H. Seward,

Haines

Local company fifty men, all having had previous military experience in Regular Army and state militias has been organized forming nucleus of drilling and training corps, following suggestion from War Department, through Secretary Interior. I am therefore requested to ask if it would be possible for you to aid organization by detailing a lieutenant or noncommissioned officer on furlough for couple weeks to act as instructor. Sustenance and so forth will be furnished such officer. Am also requested to ask for half-dozen drill manuals to be forwarded in my care and to be returned.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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April 10, 1917

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Mr. D. Swenson,

Agent for "Prince of Wales"

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to furnish Chris. Christensen with first-class transportation, meals and berth on the "Prince of Wales," sailing tonight, Juneau to Sitka.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, April 10, 1917 O. B.

McFarland,

Chairman Executive Committee,

Anchorage

Your telegram this date. Congratulate you and men of Anchorage for their patriotic endorsement of Administration's action, and on behalf of the government I wish to acknowledge this evidence of loyalty and devotion to the country's cause. I have not, as yet, received any instructions as to volunteer military organizations for Alaska, except the following received recently from War Department through Secretary Interior:

Quote. No military organization can be recognized under the present status, except the army, navy, marines and national guard. The President and Congress have not as yet announced their policies with regard to volunteers. 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 formal service. End Quote

The Territorial legislature has made appropriation of ten thousand dollars emergency and war purposes and any necessary expenses incurred by your organization will be defrayed from that fund upon presentation vouchers duly certified by proper authorities. Assure you of my desire cooperate with you in every way.

STACON, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, April 10, 1917

O. B.

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J. W. Pritchett,

Wrangell

Your telegram this date. Greatly appreciate the action of the citizens of Wrangell in mass meeting assembled in their ringing endorsement of the action of the President in declaring war against the Imperial German Government, and I am sure that such evidence of support and sympathy is cheering to the President and his administration in this trying time. The Territorial legislature has appropriated ten thousand dollars to be used for war emergency and other purposes and any necessary expense incurred by your organization will be paid from that fund upon presentation of vouchers duly certified by proper authority. I am daily expecting specific instructions from Washington as to the enrollment of volunteers and the organization of military bodies with their military bodies status defined. Of this you will be advised in due course.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 10, 1917

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Hon. W. T. Burns,  
House of Representatives,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Burns:

At the request of Mr. A. E. Callahan, I transmit herewith a copy of a bill which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Juneau, April 11, 1917

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G. H. Williams, Administrator,

Dawson, Yukon Territory

Your telegram tenth. Alaska workmen's compensation act has worked fairly satisfactory so far as employers concerned; employees claim it favors employers rather than employees, but in my opinion law is step forward and eliminates much litigation. Probably no entirely equitable law this kind ever been formulated. No amendments to law have been introduced as yet in legislature now in session.

STRONG, Governor

~~Secretary~~

Juneau, April 11, 1917. O. B. Via mail from Melesi.

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John W. Dunn,

Ruby.

No call for volunteers issued yet, but should there be will do what I can for you relative commission. Will advise you if necessary.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Junoau, April 11, 1917. O. B.

Tucker, Judge,

None.

Your wire ninth. Will consider matter referred to and will be able furnish funds desired for transportation of destitute family without doubt. Letter will go forward by first steamer.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

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Juncos, April 11, 1917 O. B.

M. O. Selberg,

Nemo

What steps taken in Nemo for organization any military body and what is outlook for such plan in view international war crisis? Greatly appreciate your action, and you are assured you made no mistake, nor will you regret. Most persistent campaign misrepresentation been waged for purely personal reasons on part politicians. Good of party not considered. Full statement by first steamer.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 11, 1917.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Salary of Governor, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the quarter ended March 31, 1917.

The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encls.

April 11, 1917.

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

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Contingent Expenses, Territory of Alaska, 1917," for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 40 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Encls.

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April 11, 1917

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Mr. Roger W. Babson, Secretary,  
Society to Eliminate Economic Causes of War,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

My dear Mr. Babson:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 29 and have noted its contents carefully, and in reply I have to say that, whether your Society be popular or not and though I should be misunderstood by becoming a member, I am heartily in sympathy with its objects and aims which you have presented so succinctly in your favor.

It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to enroll myself as a member of the Society.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 11, 1937

Mr. H. Clinton Eva, Supt.,  
New York Home for Homeless Boys,  
441-3-5 East 123d Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Replying to the request contained in your letter of March 21, that I send the boys who are inmates of your Home a written message of encouragement, I have to say that I am glad to comply with such request.

The conservation of the youth of the country is a matter of the gravest moment to the nation, and it is through such institutions as yours that homeless boys may be led to follow the paths of civic righteousness and fit themselves to become worthy citizens of our common country. It seems to me that this is a time when the fitting of boys and, in fact, grown men for a citizenship that means something, is the prime duty of all those who know by past history that good citizenship is the very foundation stone of all that makes for good government and its corollary, a free and independent, happy and prosperous people.

Let us always remember that, by precept and example, we should teach everyone to avoid exaggeration and violent speech; to cultivate patriotism and a love for democratic

institutions, a devotion to right and an abhorrence of wrong-doing and wrong thinking; to point out the duties of straight living and clean thinking, and we shall have done a real work, and shall have added to the beauties of a free and enlightened citizenship. To hold the popular judgment firmly to the truth that character and manhood, not money and popularity, are the central virtues of human existence and are, therefore, an absolute prerequisite to permanency of the nation and the upbuilding of citizenship, is a work which should appeal to every right thinking man or woman.

With best wishes for the success of your institution and expressing the hope that the boys of your institution may be enabled to go out into the world imbued with those ideas which alone can make for the perpetuation of their own happiness and the upbuilding of the country, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 11, 1917

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Mr. James Reade Watson,  
505-6 Phelan Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 23, enclosing a clipping from the "Sacramento Bee," containing an account of the speeches pro and con on the compulsory military high school training bill, I have to advise you that in view of the conditions that have arisen in the United States, as a direct result of the international conflict, I am in favor of compulsory military education in our high schools.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 11, 1917

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Mr. Jno. P. Walker,  
Assistant Supervisor of Surveys,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11, in which you direct my attention to a statement contained in my annual report for the fiscal year 1916, under the heading "Public Land Surveys," in which it was said that three townships were surveyed in Alaska during the year, etc.; and you also point out that the statement is misleading inasmuch as the survey of public lands in Alaska in 1915 was continued in three districts rather than in three townships.

In reply I have to thank you for pointing out this error, as it is very desirable that public documents of all kinds should contain only accurate information. The mistake referred to was, no doubt, accidental or an oversight on the part of this office, inasmuch as the information contained therein was obtained from the office of the Surveyor General of the Territory.

Thanking you for directing my attention to this, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Governor

April 11, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In view of the fact that I have now served nearly four years as Governor of Alaska, I beg to say that if, in your judgment, the administration of the office of Governor of Alaska has been satisfactory to yourself and the Administration, I should feel honored by a reappointment. I am led to this conclusion by the numerous endorsements I have received from the people and public organizations in various parts of the Territory, and not through any personal desire to continue in office.

I have had no time to play politics, but have rather endeavored to put service to the Territory and to the Administration above all personal considerations. An endorsement received from the Territorial legislature, composed of both political parties, speaks more significantly of my course as Governor of the Territory during the past four years than any words that I might be able to say in behalf of myself.

Therefore, I repeat, if in your judgment I am deserving of a reappointment, I shall gladly accept it, with the determination to give the best that is within me to the faithful discharge of my duties.

If you should deem it necessary, I shall be pleased to visit Washington as soon as the Territorial legislature, now in session, adjourns, which will be on May 3 next.

With assurances of my great personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 11, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Information has just reached this office to the effect that Paul Bloodhorn, a German-American citizen of Douglas, has been charged with giving utterance to defamatory and seditious statements as to the government of the United States and its attitude in the present war. I am also advised that you summoned said Bloodhorn to your office and had a conference with him. If the above information be correct, will you kindly advise this office as to what disposition was made of said case.

You will be kind enough to consider this communication confidential as well as official.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 12, 1917

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Mr. G. R. Gilfillan,  
General Superintendent,  
Silver Tip Mining & Power Co., Ltd.,  
718 Joshua Green Bldg.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, in which you request to be supplied with pamphlets bearing on the subject of locating, recording, patenting, etc., of mining claims in Alaska.

Under separate cover, we are mailing to you copies of various mining laws passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature. These will, I believe, give you the information which you desire.

It is possible that certain amendments to the 1915 laws may be enacted by the present session of the legislature, as bills to that end have been introduced. None of these bills, however, has as yet become law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 12, 1917

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Mr. H. B. Brown,  
1518 Ripley Street,  
Davenport, Ia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to former Governor Brady has been delivered to this office.

We have no information at the present time concerning your son Arthur, but we are requesting the newspapers at Juncos and at Nona to publish an inquiry concerning him, and should any responses be received thereto, we shall be pleased to advise you promptly.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

The Governor's office has been appealed to in an effort to locate one Arthur Brown, whose father last heard from him some nineteen years ago, at which time he expressed an intention of leaving for Alaska. The father has heard indirectly that his son is in the Nome region, but has been unable to secure any definite information.

Anyone having information concerning the whereabouts of the missing man is requested to advise the Governor's office at Juneau.

April 12, 1917

Furnished to the Dispatch, The Empire,  
The Nome Daily Nugget, and The Industrial  
Worker of Nome.

April 13, 1917

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Mr. Joseph Jandos,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A few days ago this office telegraphed Dester Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, inquiring as to the issuance of a check in your favor, and in reply thereto the following answer has been received:

"December thirtieth I issued check No. 469 for Thirty-seven fifty in favor Joseph Jandos, Juneau, certificate No. 113. The check was sent to commissioner J. B. Marshall, Juneau, December thirty."

Former Commissioner Marshall is now absent from Juneau, and I understand that he will not return for two or three weeks. In the meantime, however, we will endeavor to locate the missing check.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 12, 1917

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Mrs. Luther C. Hess,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor, I am enclosing herewith a letter of reappointment issued to you as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the fourth judicial division.

The Governor desires me to express his appreciation of the services rendered by you as a member of the Board and to thank you for your personal expression of your willingness to serve for another term.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 30, 1917

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Mrs. Thomas Malligan,

Nome, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the second judicial division of the Territory of Alaska, for the three-year term ending October 1, 1919.

The other members of the Board are the Honorable J. R. Tucker, United States District Judge, and Mr. Ernest R. Jordan, United States Marshal.

Telegraphic advice of your appointment has today been sent to Judge Tucker, who has been requested to advise you.

Respectfully,

Governor

April 22, 1917

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Mrs. Luther C. Hess,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Under the provisions of chapter 22, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, you are hereby reappointed a member of the Board of Children's Guardians for the fourth judicial division of Alaska, for the three-year term ending June 30, 1919.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Jensen, Omaha, April 12, 1917. C. R. Govt. NIGHT FARE PAID.

BLEE, Surgeon General,

WASHINGTON.

Impossible send delegate to conference of health authorities in view of fact that no appropriation available for traveling and other expenses, and moreover physicians cannot give time required to make trip.

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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Jameau, April 12, 1917. O. B.

Hans Wick,

Petersburg.

Impossible to send assistant health commissioner to Petersburg. Dr. Balkely will probably be able ascertain if case is smallpox. In meantime strict quarantine is advised. Cannot town of Petersburg attend to vaccination of children in case smallpox develops? Wire further if you find it necessary.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

April 13, 1917

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To the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of the Interior, which is self-explanatory, and I have to recommend that the matter covered in the Secretary's telegram receive your careful consideration.

It will, I think, be conceded that the situation by which the country is confronted is serious, and united action and active cooperation in all plans for national defense—and in this is included the conservation of the food supply—are matters affecting the welfare of all the people. I believe, therefore, that the suggestions of the Secretary of the Interior are such as should command your earnest attention. While it is quite possible that there is little probability that the passage of the proposed eight-hour law will affect adversely the volume of the salmon pack, in a critical time like the present the subject should be viewed from the national standpoint and not from the Territorial point of view.

I submit, therefore, this matter to you in the belief that you will take the action necessary to give effect to the recommendations outlined in the communication herewith submitted.

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I am transmitting an identical copy of this communication  
to the House of Representatives.

Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1917

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To the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of the Interior, which is self-explanatory, and I have to recommend that the matter covered in the Secretary's telegram receive your careful consideration.

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Governor

Enc.

April 13, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the approved bond and oath of office of Vincent J. Dyer, of Stralena, Alaska, together with express money order for \$10, endorsed to you, to cover the legal fee for a notary commission, which Mr. Dyer wishes to secure.

While Mr. Dyer has signed his name in full in the bond, his usual signature is "V. J. Dyer", and I assume that he would prefer that the commission be issued in that way.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.s.

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