

I note you say that you are beyond the age limit. Then, why not apply for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps? In any event, if there is any way in which I can make use of your services, I shall be glad to do so as I know that from your past training and experience, you should make good timber for the military organisation which you suggest in your letter.

I shall advise you as to developments from time to time.

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

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 4, 1917

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Mr. Wm. Short,
Circle City Hotel,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to return your bill of the 23d ultimo, covering a balance due on account of room and board furnished C. Cristensen from March 4 to April 10 last. The Governor directs me to say that he cannot allow your claim in this matter, since the expense was not authorized by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Junesu, May 4, 1917

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Kildahl,

Deputy Marshal,

Petersburg

You are instructed to effect quarantine Philippine small-pox suspect until further notice. Costs will be paid by Territory upon proper certificate.

(Sgd.) STRONG, Governor

Certified official business,

Governor

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Juneau, May 5, 1917 O. B.

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Major Seville,

Fort Wm. H. Seward,

Haines

Your wire fourth. Local training corps earnestly request that
service Corporal Truesdell be continued short time longer in
view excellent progress being made. If you consider imperative
he should go to Skagway, will so advise.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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May 5, 1917

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The United States Commissioner,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the "Auditor," Juneau, Alaska, enclosing conditional sale contract, and fifty cents to cover recording charges. The conditional sale contract is made with Otto Johnson, of Ketchikan, and it is evident, therefore, that the contract should be filed in your office and not in Juneau. The papers, are, therefore, forwarded to you.

If the amount remitted by the Standard Furniture Co. (50 cents), is not sufficient to cover the filing fee, it is suggested that you communicate with them in regard to this matter.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed papers and remittance, and oblige.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 7, 1917 O. B.

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Lang,

Clerk District Court,

Valdez

Have unexpended balance left from twenty-five dollars forwarded by Doctor Chase, of Cordova, to cover expenses James Oliver who recently arrived en way to Pioneers' Home, Sitka. Shall I return balance of funds to you or to Doctor Chase?

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, May 7, 1917.

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T. H. Deal,

Fairbanks

Your telegram May fifth. Impossible make appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars from Territorial emergency war fund as requested and have so advised Mr. Hess. Will be possible make reasonable allowance for rent of building for military drill purposes. Vouchers should be forwarded to this office properly attested for payment.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

May 7, 1917

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Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Commissioner,
United States Bureau of Fisheries,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

I am advised by Mr. Clarence L. Anderson, of Seattle, that he is desirous of entering the service of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, preferably in the capacity of chief of the Alaska Division of the Bureau, and should there be a vacancy therein, I have much pleasure in recommending him as a young man of excellent character and, I believe, of more than ordinary ability in his line of work. Mr. Anderson has lived in Alaska and I understand that he is intimately acquainted with this Territory.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

May 7, 1917

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The Officer in Charge,
Officers' Reserve Corps,
Headquarters Western Dept.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. Edward Lang Cobb,
of Juneau, Alaska, as a young man eminently qualified for
an examination for lieutenant in the United States Army
Officers' Reserve Corps. I desire to say in his behalf that
he is of excellent character, good education, and has had
four and a half years' study in military academies of the
United States. I have to add that it is my belief that he
would give an excellent account of himself in the discharge
of any duties with which he might be entrusted.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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May 7, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in recommending Mr. P. A. Dale, of Thane, Alaska, as a suitable person for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army. Mr. Dale is a man of excellent character, a civil engineer by profession, and I believe would render excellent service in any position in which he might be placed and that he would be faithful to every trust reposed in him.

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, May 8, 1917. O. B. Govt. BNF rate paid.

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General Commanding Western Department, U. S. A.

San Francisco, Cal.

Please wire if any more men from Alaska will be permitted to take examinations for officers reserve corps. Three young men here ready to start at once.

STANLEY, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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May 8, 1917

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

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, with my approval, Senate Bill No. 29, a bill for an act entitled,

"An Act providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning ground in the Territory of Alaska and the creation of a board of fish commissioners, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

and in connection therewith I desire to point out that this bill was mislaid in the Senate through some mischance on the last day of the session of the legislature, and its disappearance was not known to me until the afternoon of May 7. On the evening of that day, my attention was called to the bill by the Speaker of the House and Representative Snow, and after listening to their statements, urging the approval of the bill and after they had conferred with counsel, I advised them that I would approve the measure and expressed the belief that, before the appropriation which the bill carries could be made available, it would, in my judgment, be necessary to take steps to test the legality of the act. The fact that

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the bill was signed after the legislature adjourned raises
a question whose adjudication is necessary in my opinion.
The bill is of unusual importance to the salmon industry of
southeastern Alaska, and incidentally to the entire Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 8, 1917

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The Officer in Charge,
Officers' Reserve Corps,
Headquarters Western Dept.,
United States Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am advised by the bearer, Mr. P. A. Dale, of Thase, Alaska, that he is desirous of securing an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and is now in San Francisco with that purpose in view.

In his behalf I desire to say that Mr. Dale is a young man of unimpeachable character, of fine ability and excellent education, and I have no hesitation in saying that, should he be successful in securing a commission in the Reserve Corps, he would acquit himself with credit and faithfully discharge every duty which might be imposed upon him. It is my opinion that our country needs, at this critical time in its history, such men as the type represented by Mr. Dale.

Respectfully,

Governor

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May 8, 1917

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Major W. E. Seville,
Commanding Fort Wm. H. Seward,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The bearer, Mr. P. A. Dale, advises me that he desires to secure an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and is visiting Fort Wm. H. Seward for the purpose of taking an examination with that in view.

I desire to commend Mr. Dale to you. He is a young man of splendid ability, excellent education and large experience in handling men. He has been employed for some time past in a position of trust by one of our local mining companies, and I am advised that he has discharged these duties in a manner satisfactory in every way to his employer. His character is excellent, and I have no hesitation in stating that I believe, should he achieve his ambition, he would discharge, with the utmost fidelity, every duty imposed upon him and acquit himself to his own credit and that of his country which he is desirous of serving at this critical time.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my great personal esteem.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 8, 1917

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The Officer in Charge,
Officers' Reserve Corps,
Headquarters Western Dept.,
United States Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

It is with pleasure that I recommend the bearer, Mr. J. H. Linden, who is visiting San Francisco with the laudable purpose of securing an appointment to the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

Mr. Linden is a young man of excellent ability who has been employed in a position of trust with one of the leading mining companies of Alaska for some time past, and in which he has acquitted himself to the utmost satisfaction of his employers. He is a young man of splendid character and attainments, and I am satisfied that should he achieve his ambition, his services to his country in the present conflict would be such as to redound to the credit of both himself and the flag which he desires to serve.

Respectfully,

Governor

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May 8, 1917

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The Officer in Charge,
Officers' Reserve Corps,
Headquarters Western Department,
United States Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the bearer, Mr. Robert A. Wilson, of Thane, Alaska, as a suitable man for service in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, who is now in San Francisco with that purpose in view.

Mr. Wilson has been arresident of Alaska for some time and has been employed in a position of trust and one requiring education, ability, the control of men, and the exercise of sound judgment at all times. He is a young man of blameless character and of high ideals, and I am satisfied that he would discharge with the utmost fidelity every duty that would be imposed upon him, and acquit himself with credit and patriotic devotion to his country and his flag.

I may add that I feel, at this time, that our country will be fortunate in securing the services of men like Mr. Wilson.

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Officer in Charge,
Officers' Reserve Corps,
Headquarters Western Dept.,
United States Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

SAR:

I am advised by the bearer, Mr. P. A. Dole, of Thane, Alaska, that he is desirous of securing an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and is now in San Francisco with that purpose in view.

In his behalf I desire to say that Mr. Dole is a young man of unimpeachable character, of fine ability and excellent education, and I have no hesitation in saying that, should he be successful in securing a commission in the Reserve Corps, he would acquit himself with credit and faithfully discharge every duty which might be imposed upon him. It is my opinion that our country needs, at this critical time in its history, such men as the type represented by Mr. Dole.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary,

Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am enclosing herewith applications for allowance of Wm. McCarthy, of Ketchikan; Henry S. Kennesten, of Juneau, and Alfred H. Mayo, of Rampart.

Mr. Shattuck and I, at a meeting yesterday, decided to recommend that McCarthy be allowed \$10 per month, Kennesten \$12.50 per month, and Alfred H. Mayo \$12.50 per month. The application of Wm. McGuire, of Sitka, was held pending an investigation as to whether his sisters in Douglas want him at their home. Mr. Shattuck and myself also considered that, under the circumstances, Mr. Sherigan, of Sitka, was not entitled to a pension, he being a property owner of Sitka with two houses and lots, and to establish a precedent of that kind would be to commit the board to granting pensions, for instance, to Tom Wilson, of Juneau, who also owns a fine lot and is unwilling to sell it for his maintenance or otherwise dispose of it. The application received from Charles A. Westerlund, of Tenakee, was also rejected

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because he had not reached the age of sixty-five years.

I have been so extremely busy of late that I have not had time to write at length on matters connected with the Home and pensions, but shall do so by next mail.

Yours very truly,

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

May 8, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have been so busy that I have scarcely known whether I was on feet or on horseback, and I have just time to say that the legislature failed to make the \$60,000 appropriation for a new home building, but made other arrangements which you will notice in the appropriation bill which Mr. Smith, who is now in my office, advises me be forwarded to you.

I have your telegram with reference to Miss Delits. I suppose that a month's leave of absence should be granted, but whether I can get you a cook or not, I do not know. I shall, however, try to do so. I do not know Miss Steinmetz, whom you suggest, but will have her looked up, if possible.

Yours very truly,

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

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Juneau, May 8, 1917 O. B.

Tucker, Judge

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Nome

Your telegram seventh. This office believes cost transportation six children committed to board Children's Guardians from St. Michael to Nome is exorbitant and would like further advice. Also estimate for cost providing for children in Nome until navigation opens and transportation to Seattle of twelve hundred dollars seems beyond all precedent. Advise fully as to ages of children and why transportation and estimate their cost of maintenance should reach twelve hundred dollars.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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May 8, 1917

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Mr. J. J. Snegras,

Atlin, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 30, in which you say that if an effort is being made to recruit men for the present war in which this country is engaged, you will offer your services.

In reply I have to advise you that I am advised by the War Department that the selective draft law will apply to Alaska and that this Territory will be required to furnish a quota of recruits. I have not yet received such instructions, but should I do so, you will be duly advised.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

SEATTLE

May 3, 1917

Mr. J. F. A. Strong,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Governor :

There was called to my attention today the fact that the banks in Seattle were favored with Alaska territorial funds. I see no reason why this bank should not also be made a depository and I know of no reason why you would not favor us in this direction. If you saw your way clear to ask the Territorial treasurer to make this bank a depository of territorial funds, we should feel grateful to you for same.

I need not say that personally anything I can do for you at any time, I am always at your command. My we expect your favor in this direction?

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) J. F. GLEASON,
President

May 8, 1917

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Mr. J. P. Gleason, President,
American Savings Bank and Trust Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Gleason:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 3, in which you ask that your bank be made a depository for Alaska Territorial funds, inasmuch as other banks of your city have been so favored.

In reply I have to advise you that this is a matter that rests in the hands of the Territorial Treasurer, and I will refer your letter to him, with the recommendation that hereafter, in the disposition of these funds, your bank receive consideration.

I have to thank you for your kind personal expressions, and I beg to assure you that they are appreciated. With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 8, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter from Mr. J. P. Gleason, which is self-explanatory.

In the event of having further funds to place in Seattle, I would suggest that you consider Mr. Gleason's request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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May 9, 1917

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

Dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am transmitting herewith the applications for allowance of Terrence Brennan, of Juneau, and John McGuire, of Sitka.

In connection with these applications, I desire to say that neither Mr. Shattuck nor myself have been able to locate any relatives of John McGuire, and we, therefore, suggest that he would better continue in the Home, for the time being or until such time as relatives or friends assure the Board that they are willing to take care of him.

In the matter of the application of Terrence Brennan, we have to suggest that the maximum allowance be granted him, as he is totally without funds of any kind and is incapable of labor, Mr. Shattuck having made a personal investigation of the case. It is also suggested that a check for the months of May and June, the two remaining months of the present quarter, be forwarded to Mr. N. L. Burton, United States Commissioner at

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Juneau, to be handed to Mr. Brennan, or disbursed under
the direction of the Commissioner.

Yours very truly,

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

May 9, 1917

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Mr. Terrence Brennan,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are advised that your application for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, has been acted upon favorably by the board and the maximum sum of \$12.50 per month has been granted you.

As soon as your application can be forwarded to Sitka to the Secretary, Dr. Georgeson, a check for two months' (May and June), allowance will be issued to you and forwarded to your address.

Yours very truly,

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

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May 9, 1917

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Hon. Dan Sutherland,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Senator Sutherland:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, in which you suggest the Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D., as a suitable person for the position of President of the Agricultural College and School of Mines, to be established near Fairbanks.

In reply I have to advise you that it would give me very great pleasure to see Doctor Young so honored, and I shall do what I can to bring this about. I have known Doctor Young for twenty years, and to say that I highly respect him is to put it mildly. He is a man of learning, and is as gentle, kindly, patient, courageous and patriotic a soul as ever lived. His devotion to Alaska is known throughout the nation, and I believe that the conferring of this honor upon him would be but a fitting tribute to him and the work that he has done in behalf of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 9, 1917

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Capt. Ernest Blue,

Commanding Ketchikan Company of Militia,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Captain Blue:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4, together with triplicate bill of expense incurred by your military organization.

In reply I have to advise that a voucher in payment of the account will be issued in due course.

I am pleased to learn that you are making good progress in the drilling of your men, and I wish to extend personal congratulations to you upon the success that you are achieving. It is gratifying to know that your men are taking such interest in drilling and I trust that their enthusiasm will not diminish. It is hoped that as soon as may be some formal recognition will be given the Alaska militia by the War Department.

In accordance with your request, the triplicate copy of the bill forwarded by you is being returned herewith.

Wishing you continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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May 9, 1917

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Mr. Charles A. Westerlund,
c/o E. W. Craigie,
United States Commissioner,
Tombay, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are advised that your application for an allowance under chapter 64, session laws of Alaska, 1915, has been rejected by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, which is charged with the duty of passing upon such applications, for the reason that you have not reached the age required by law to entitle you to an allowance. It is noted that the date of birth is given as December 17, 1852, and you will not, therefore, have reached the age of 65 years until December 17 next.

Your application is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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May 9, 1917

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Mr. O. H. Fernbach,
Sec'y of the International Award System, P. P. I. E.,
Exposition Auditorium,
Civic Center, San Francisco

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April
14, transmitting an award as collaborator, conferred upon
me by the International Jury of Awards of the Panama-Pacific
International Exposition.

Expressing my appreciation of this honor, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 9. 1917

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Mr. Wm. E. Britt,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Britt:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 6, and in reply I have to advise you that the subject matter of your communication will be given proper consideration in due course. I have not even look into the matter and, therefore, am unable to say just what plan will be evolved for carrying out the provisions of the matter to which your letter refers.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 8, 1917

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Mr. T. E. P. Keegan,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your application for the position of general superintendent of hatcheries, in accordance with the terms of the so-called fish hatcheries law. Your application will be referred to the fish commission as soon as it shall have been appointed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 8, 1917

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Mr. J. F. Pugh,
Collector of Customs,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pugh:

Mrs. Clarence E. Carpenter, has just been talking with me about a proposition which appeals to me peculiarly at this time. Mrs. Carpenter proposes to enlist the aid of the Boy Scouts of Juneau in the cultivation of a certain portion of the plot of ground owned by the United States government, on which the Governor's office is located, the proceeds of such cultivation to be disposed of for the benefit of the nation, either through the Red Cross or Boy Scouts organization, in the present national crisis.

I believe that this would be a splendid educational work, so far as the Boy Scouts are concerned, if no other results were secured than teaching them the necessity of action in this time of need.

Mrs. Carpenter is enthusiastic in this proposition, and I am satisfied that she, with her well known energy, can bring it to a successful issue. I believe it would be

possible for the ground in question to be so used.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 9, 1917

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Prof. L. D. Henderson,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education on Saturday evening of May fifth, you were duly elected Commissioner of Education for the Territory of Alaska, said office being provided for by a law passed by the legislature, third session. Your salary will be \$3600 a year, payable in monthly installments of \$300 each, with necessary traveling expenses within the limits of the appropriation provided for that purpose.

You will execute an oath of office and assume your duties on May 10.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio President of
Territorial Board of Education.

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May 9, 1917.

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Mr. James Hogan,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hogan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4, in which you express a willingness to serve the nation in the present crisis, should your services be needed by the War Department.

In reply on behalf of the War Department, I have to thank you for your action, and I wish to assure you that your willingness to serve exemplifies your devotion to the country and its institutions. I have not as yet received full instructions from the War Department as to what quota of men Alaska will be required to furnish, but as soon as I have been advised, you will be duly notified, should men of your special qualifications be needed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 9, 1917

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Mr. J. D. Rounsefell,
Secretary, Loyal Order of Moose,
Ketchikan Lodge No. 224,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find voucher in the sum of \$14, to cover the amount due to your lodge on account of rent of hall used by the Ketchikan militia company for drill purposes.

Kindly sign the voucher on behalf of the lodge and return it to this office, and a warrant will be issued in payment and forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 9, 1917

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Mr. J. C. Allen,
United States Commissioner,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing receipted bills covering claims due on account of lodging, medical service, clothing, etc., furnished in connection with the case of Joe Fields while he was awaiting transportation from Petersburg to Sitka. Please have the several payees sign their respective vouchers and return them to this office, and warrants will be issued in settlement.

There is being returned herewith the receipt given you by the proprietor of the Hotel Wester, covering room furnished to Joe Fields on February 13. The bill submitted by Mrs. Ballance covers two weeks' room rent and board furnished to Joe Fields, but does not specify the inclusive dates. However, from other papers in connection with the case, it would appear that Fields was brought to Petersburg from Scow Bay on February 3, and it has been assumed that the two weeks' period, covered by the bill submitted by Mrs. Ballance, began with that date. If this be the

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case, the bill of the Hotel Wester for a room on February 13 would require further explanation since that date is included in the two weeks period, which it is assumed is covered by the bill of Mrs. Ballance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

May 10, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Shoup:

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo to the Governor, enclosing two sets of vouchers signed in blank by Mrs. Albertstone, beg to advise that the Governor has today signed vouchers in Mrs. Albertstone's favor, for the months of March and April, each in the sum of \$10.

We are requesting the Secretary's office to forward the warrants to Mrs. Albertstone in your care.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 10, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Warren, President,
Association of Pacific Fisheries,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Warren:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 30, with further reference to the eight-hour law passed at a recent session of the legislature.

As I advised you in my former letter, this law contains a waiver provision applicable as long as a state of war exists between the United States and any other country; also it will not be effective until January 1, 1918. The law is of such vague construction that I may state my belief that it is invalid, and I believe this view is held by a number of attorneys who have expressed their opinion as to its legality.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, May 10, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate paid.

Honorable T. J. Walsh,

US Senate,

WASHINGTON.

Am not protesting Jennings confirmation although I may express belief that I would be entirely justified in so doing if on no other ground than that of public policy, in view of his activities in machine politics, thus creating a most unfortunate condition in Territory and in Democratic party, which I deplore.

STONE, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

May 10, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Smith:

On the 17th of April a voucher was issued by this office in favor of Arvid Franzen for \$1,000 to cover the amount of the reward offered for the capture and delivery of Edward Krusse, escaped convict, and on the 19th of April a voucher was issued to Roland Martin for \$15 to cover gasboat hire in connection with the same matter.

These vouchers were drawn on the appropriation for "defense of the Territory against alien enemies or others," (House Bill No. 28, approved April 10, 1917) for the reason that at the time there was no other appropriation available.

I now have to suggest that the amounts of these two vouchers be charged to the appropriation " " for the purpose of detecting crime, " " contained in Senate Bill No. 73, approved April 30, 1917. The purpose of this appropriation more nearly meets the requirements in the Krusse case than does the appropriation under House Bill No. 28, above alluded to, and I believe the latter appropriation should be relieved of the two items mentioned, and that they should be charged to the appropriation under Senate Bill No. 73, as indicated.

Faithfully yours,

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C/O to Secretary.

Governess

May 10, 1917

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Mr. Charles Edwin Locke,
Security Building,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 25, I have to advise you that I have heard nothing as the result of your request to Senator Phelan, in regard to authorizing the establishment of a superintendent of schools for Alaska.

I have, however, to state that the control of the schools of Alaska was vested by Congress in the Territory, by an act passed by that body and approved on March 3. Following this action of Congress, the Territorial legislature, at its recent session, passed a number of laws relating to the establishment and conduct of schools in the Territory and also establishing the office of Commissioner of Education. A board of education, consisting of five members, was also created, and, following its organization, Mr. L. D. Henderson, superintendent of the Juneau schools, was elected Commissioner of Education for Alaska, at a salary of \$3600 per year, plus office and traveling expenses.

It is suggested that you get in communication with Mr. Henderson in regard to securing a position in one of the schools of the Territory. It is possible that there may be an opening to succeed Mr. Henderson, superintendent of the Juneau schools.

With reference to the opportunities for lawyers in Alaska, I cannot say, except that I believe the field to be very well filled in all of the different towns of the Territory, but you remember the truth of the old saying that "there is always room at the top."

The government is continuing the building of the railroad from the coast to the interior, and a great many people are rushing to southwestern Alaska, especially in charge of the present coast terminus of the railroad.

I have heard of no new mining prospects, but Alaska is an immense country and new finds are being reported in several remote sections from time to time. There are no new developments in lode mining in this section. Three mines of the Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Company were recently flooded and put out of commission for all time, and this is certain to have a depressing influence upon this community, where times are not nearly as good as a few years ago.

Alaska, within ten years, should have a population of 150,000, in my opinion.

Opportunities for store keeping may be found in the different localities, but, as a rule, every community in Alaska is very well supplied with business houses of various kinds. So far as Juneau is concerned, I could not recommend it as a place in which to start a store of any kind at this time.

I am glad to know that Miss Young is still at the Polytechnic. Will you kindly remember me to her when you meet her?

I am forwarding to your address a number of recent reports having to do with this Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 10, 1917

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Mrs. Loula Farr Young,
Petaluma, California

Dear Madam:

The Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, in which you urge the formation of clubs composed of children under the age of twelve years to plant foodstuffs on small tracts of otherwise unused lands, and thus contribute to alleviate suffering that may cause serious conditions in the nation later on.

In reply I am glad to say that this matter is receiving the attention of myself and others interested in this work here. This office recently issued a proclamation, urging our people to plant all available lands with such foodstuffs as may be best adapted to the ground. In this city a plan is now under way to use vacant lots for the purpose of raising potatoes, cabbage, etc.

Commending the work in which you are engaged, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 10, 1917

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Mr. Tommy Wilson,

c/o United States Marshal,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 8,
and in reply thereto I have to advise you that I have for-
warded a copy of your letter to the United States Attorney
with the suggestion that he take such action as he may deem
fit and proper in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 10, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from Tommy Wilson, which is self-explanatory. I know nothing about the merits of Wilson's plea for the remission of his fine and it is, therefore, submitted to you without further comment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

May 10, 1917

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Honorable John G. Brady.

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Governor Brady:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an unsigned letter received at this office, which is self-explanatory, also a copy of my reply thereto.

While the letter addressed to this office was unsigned, the letter-head bore the name of True Van Sickle, attorney-at-law, suite 730, First National Bank Building, Oakland, California.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

May 10, 1917

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Mr. True Van Sickle,

Suite 730, First National Bank Bldg.,

Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28, in which you ask for information concerning former Governor Brady, of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that Governor Brady's address is Sitka, Alaska, and communications so addressed will reach him at that place.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 10, 1917

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Mr. James C. Hurley,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30, in which you state that you have not received your allowance for January 1, 1917, under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. I take it from the slip attached to your letter that you had been paid your allowance for the quarter ending March 31, and that you specifically refer to your allowance for the quarter ending June 30, and, as an emergency appropriation was required from the legislature, there was a few days' delay in transmitting the allowance for that quarter. It is assumed that you have received it by this time. If you have not, advise this office and I will cause an investigation to be made.

Yours very truly,

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

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Juneau, Alaska, May 10, 1917

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Honorable Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States,
The White House, Washington

Sir:

As a member of the Council of Governors of the National Highways Association, I desire to endorse the sentiments contained in the letter of April 10, transmitted to you by Mr. Charles H. Davis, President of the Association, and I wish to renew my pledge to do everything within my power in support of the nation, the people and the government, to the end that out of this awful war may come ultimately universal peace.

Respectfully,

Member

May 10, 1917

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Mr. James Russell,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Russell:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from the Secretary of War with reference to furnishing arms and equipment for the Alaska Home Guards, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 10, 1917

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Miss Habelle Fuller,

Box 848,

Stockton, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 1, I have to advise that the insane of Alaska are cared for at Morning-side Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon, and your inquiry as to situations for nurses should be addressed to Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, 516 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 10 1917

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Mr. Thomas P. Clark, Supt.,
Washington State School for the Deaf,
Vancouver, Washington

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 3,
together with a bill for tuition and board for Harold Ander-
sen, of Wrangell.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting
herewith vouchers to cover quarterly payments due June 30
and September 30 next. You will be good enough to sign
these vouchers and return them to this office, when a
check for the amount will be forwarded to you. I am also
forwarding you a number of blank vouchers, to be signed by
yourself and transmitted to this office for payment of future
accounts. The signing of these vouchers will expedite pay-
ment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 10, 1917

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The Commanding Officer,
Western Department,
United States Army,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. Hiram E. Spear, as a suitable person for examination for a commission as first lieutenant of infantry in the Officers' Reserve Corps, organized under the authority of Congress.

Mr. Spear is a man of exemplary character and high ideals, and I believe that his abilities fit him for the position to which he aspires. He has been a resident of Juneau for some time and has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and, therefore, it is a pleasure for me to certify to his excellent character as a man and citizen.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Juneau, May 10, 1917. O. B.

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Phil Ernst,

NOME.

Your telegram eighth. Consider it my duty to support regular nominee and shall do so, in view of your recommendation. Appreciate greatly endorsement of me by Nome, Council, Gandle and Dime, and shall later make due acknowledgment. Mrs. Hatcher is in Cordova and may be reached by wire care of A. G. Shriver, or by mail addressed to Anchorage.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

May 10, 1917

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Sister Mary Zeno, Superior,

St. Ann's Hospital,

Juneau

Dear Madam:

With reference to the case of Mrs. Otto Stewart, who you say is about to be confined and who is the mother of six children, and for whom you ask relief from the Territorial indigent fund, I have to advise you that if her husband is not in a position to meet the expenses of her confinement, I shall allow an appropriation therefor from Territorial funds. I am advised, however, that Mr. Stewart is in the employ of the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company, and has been for some time, and should, therefore, be able to provide for his wife in her illness; but, as above stated, if this be not the case, I shall see that the necessary expenses are provided for.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Juneau, May 10, 1917. O. B.

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Phil Ernst,

NOME.

Will you accept appointment on Territorial board of road commissioners for second judicial division? No salary provided, but allowance is made for necessary expenses incurred in connection with services rendered. Also consult Selberg and recommend second man for appointment to same board for second division, or recommend two persons if you will not yourself accept.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor

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May 10, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Warren, President,
Association of Pacific Fisheries,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Warren:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 30, with further reference to the eight-hour law passed at a recent session of the legislature.

As I advised you in my former letter, this law contains a waiver provision applicable as long as a state of war exists between the United States and any other country; also it will not be effective until January 1, 1918. The law is of such vague construction that I may state my belief that it is invalid, and I believe this view is held by a number of attorneys who have expressed their opinion as to its legality.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 11, 1917.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk of District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On April 18th last this office received from the local agent of the Express Company a letter from Dr. W. H. Chase, of Cordova, dated the 14th ultimo, enclosing \$25 in currency which he stated was for payment of the expenses of Mr. James Oliver while in Juneau and for transportation to Sitka, he having arrived in Juneau about April 18th enroute to the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

The following disbursements have been made from the \$25 sent by Dr. Chase, who stated he was acting in your behalf:

Room rent, Hotel Gastineau, April 15 to 17	\$1.00
Auto hire April 15 from S. S. Farragut to hotel50
Auto hire April 17 from hotel to S. S. Alki50
SEE RECORDED BILL OF HOTEL GASTINEAU	\$2.00
S. S. fare, Juneau to Sitka on "Alki", as per receipt of Alaska Supply Co., local agent	10.00
Drayage on baggage from Pacific S. S. Co. dock to S. S. Alki at City dock, as per receipt of Juneau Transfer Company75
Cost of postal money order this date for \$12.15	12.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	18.80
BALANCE RETURNED herewith, per postal money order	11.11
TOTAL AMOUNT OF REMITTANCE RECEIVED	29.91

Respectfully yours,

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Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 11, 1917. O. B.

EVANS, DEPUTY MARSHAL,

SEWARD.

Replying your telegram over date you are authorized to place Harry Richards in hospital for operation. Secure best rate and forward vouchers in duplicate to this office properly certified. Expenses incurred should not exceed two hundred dollars.

SEARS, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

May 11, 1917

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Mr. E. A. Rasmuson,
United States Commissioner,
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May, with reference to the case of an eight-year-old boy, a resident of Skagway, whose mother is dead and who has been cared for for some time by Mrs. Keesro; and you state that Miss Butt, one of the school teachers at Skagway, having taken an interest in the welfare of the boy, would like to send him to her brother in California, who is willing to adopt him as his own. You also state that while the boy's father has been paying something toward his maintenance, more than a year has elapsed since any support has been received from that source.

In reply I have direct your attention to chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913--- "An Act to establish juvenile courts," etc., and especially to section six of that act, which reads as follows:

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"That the said board of children's guardians shall be the legal guardians of all children committed by the juvenile courts, as hereinbefore provided, and shall have full power to board them in private families or in institutions willing to receive them; to bind them out or apprentice them or to give them in adoption to foster parents."

You are, therefore, advised to take the necessary proceedings under this act, and have the child committed to the care of the board of children's guardians, this board being composed of the Judge of the district court, the United States Marshal, and Mrs. Mary A. Thacher, who is the secretary of the board and whose address is Juneau. As you will notice, this board will have the authority to give the child in adoption to Miss Butt's brother after they have assured themselves that he is a proper person to have custody of the child.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of a form to be used by you, as judge of the juvenile court of your precinct, in such cases.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 11, 1917

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Mr. T. D. Crippen,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your telegram of May 3, in which you apply for a position on the board of trustees of the agricultural college which is to be established at Fairbanks, I have to advise you that the application which you make will be filed for reference.

I may add that no appointments have as yet been made.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 11, 1917

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Miss Mary McHugh,
957 Mission Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4, with reference to Patrick McHugh, formerly in the employ of the government in Alaska, who you say, while on duty, was lost in company with another young man also in the employ of the government with the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe Mr. McHugh was drowned, probably in September last, in the Nenana River, according to my best recollection, and, in this event, your inquiry should be addressed to the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Nenana, Alaska. I note you say that you have written the Commission, but as the Commission maintains offices in Seattle, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Nenana, it is quite possible that your letter has not reached them as yet, and you will, without doubt, hear from the Commission in due time. Should you not hear from the Commission, if you will again advise me to that effect, I shall be

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pleased to cause inquiries to be made concerning the estate
which you claim Mr. McHugh left; or if I can be of any other
service to you in this matter, advise me.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 11, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Schneider,

Windham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter concerning the case of one George Sutton, a man about 72 or 74 years old, who you say is in want.

In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Sutton is no doubt eligible for an allowance from the Territory of not to exceed \$12 a month, as, as you state, he has been in the Territory since 1898; or he may be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, but I would suggest that this, perhaps, might be the better plan. If he applied for a pension, he would have to come to Juneau to make his application, as probably you have no notary public residing at Windham. I, however, am transmitting herewith an application for an allowance, which must be executed before a notary public and two witnesses and forwarded to this office for further action.

If it is Mr. Sutton's desire to go to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, you may advise him that I will furnish transportation for him to that place.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

May 11, 1917

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Mrs. Mary A. Pierce,
Belleclaire Apartments,
2535 Ocean Front,
Ocean Park,
California

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 18, addressed, "Foreman, Salmon Packing Company, Alaska," has been delivered to this office, and in reply I have to advise you that I shall cause inquiries to be made concerning Andrew Miller, and, if these be productive of any results, you will be notified in due course.

The fact that you have not heard from Miller since 1904 and that he was reported lost in a shipwreck will probably operate against securing any definite information concerning him.

Yours very truly,

Governor

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

May 11, 1917

EMPIRE AND DISPATCH:

Mrs. Mary A. Pierce, Belleclaire Apartments, 2535 Ocean Front, Ocean Park, California, wants news of one Andrew Miller, who, about fourteen years ago, was employed by some salmon cannery in Alaska.

Mrs. Pierce states that it was reported that Miller was lost in a shipwreck in Alaska in 1904, and since that time she has heard nothing concerning him.

Miller was about five feet four inches in height, heavily built, had very dark hair and eyes and had a black mustache when last seen.

Anyone knowing anything of Miller is requested to communicate with Mrs. Pierce at the above address or with the Governor's office.

Other papers please copy.

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Juneau, May 12, 1917 **O. B.**

H. H. Ross,
Road Commissioner,
Fairbanks

As Commissioner Roads for fourth district, you are required to execute bond to Territory of Alaska in penal sum of five thousand dollars and forward it to Secretary of Territory at Juneau. Unexpended road fund balances from last season will be included in appropriation provided for in new road law. You should not begin any work until divisional commission is organized, of which you will be advised in due course. Copies new road law will be forwarded for your information as soon as printed.

STRONG, Governor, Chairman
Territorial Road Commission.

Stenographer

Copy to
C. E. Davidson

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Juneau, May 12, 1917

O. B.

James E. Wilson,

Valdez.

Your telegram is eleventh. Excuse bond to Territory of Alaska in sum five thousand dollars and forward it to Secretary of Territory at Juneau. Will appoint Merrifield Commissioner as per your recommendation. Unexpended road fund balances from last season will be included in appropriation provided for in new road law. You should not begin any work until divisional commission is organized according to law, of which you will be advised in due course. Copies of new road law will be forwarded for your information as seen as printed.

STRONG, Governor

Stenographer

May 12, 1917

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Mr. J. F. Tompkins,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28, in which you refer to an unsigned letter forwarded to this office by you on April 9, making application for a position in the service of the Navy.

In reply I have to thank you for your offer of service to your country, and I beg to assure you that should an opportunity arise where your services will be needed, you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 13, 1917

Mr. A. H. Haftager,
Vice Chairman,
State Council of Defense,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st
ultimo, with reference to the council of defense which has
just been organized in your state and the scope of its activi-
ties; and you also ask to be advised as to what is being done
along similar lines in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, apart from taking
steps urging the cultivation of the soil to the largest pos-
sible extent so that feedstuffs of various kinds may be
raised within the Territory, little else has been done. The
situation of Alaska, as you may know, is somewhat peculiar,
and by reason of our geographical location, etc., our activi-
ties are somewhat circumscribed. The legislature which re-
cently adjourned, however, appropriated \$110,000 for purposes
of preparedness, this sum to be disbursed under the direction
of the Governor. As soon as the measures enacted by the legis-
lature are in print, copies will be forwarded to your address.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

May 14, 1917.

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Pacific Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Please furnish to the bearer, James Duffy, storage transportation from Juneau to Anchorage, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

This order is not transferable, and must accompany bill for the transportation authorized, which bill should be submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, May 14, 1917. O. B. ~~KLING~~

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Sheep,

SITKA.

Replying yours yesterday you may arrange transportation for Burns
on Alki if he wishes to leave the same.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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May 14, 1917

Mr. Henry S. Tibby,
1729 Boylston Avenue,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27, with enclosures, all of which I have read with interest. In the main I agree with all your suggestions, and I am sure that the time is more than ripe when the rights or claims of the Indians of Alaska to land within the Territory should be definitely settled. Scarcely a week goes by nowadays that I am not confronted with some question relating to original ownership of land by some of the natives of the Territory. I have urged upon Congress frequently that action be taken to confirm the claims of Indians to lands formerly occupied by them. It is a difficult thing to get Congress to act, but I feel that in due time the necessary action will be taken. We have a matter in hand at this time concerning lands formerly occupied by Indians at Ash Cove, and I have recommended that these lands be withdrawn from settlement and turned over to the Indians claiming them as a community.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 14, 1917

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Honorable J. R. Heckman,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Senator Heckman:

As Senator Coastad has no doubt told you, and as you probably have learned through the newspapers, the fish hatchery bill was mislaid through some cause or other the last night of the session of the legislature and it did not reach me until the following Monday, having been presented by Mr. Hess and Mr. Snow. I approved the bill the same evening after a consultation with Mr. Hess and another lawyer. I am doubtful, however, of the legality of this action, and I believe that before any action is taken under this law, it should be tested in court. Just what would be the best plan to bring this about, I do not know, but I may suggest that a voucher for a small amount, for some service or other, rendered in connection with the law, might be presented to the Territorial Treasurer, whereupon he would refuse to pay it and he then could be mandamused; or the Secretary of the Territory, who has charge of the printing of the Session Laws, might refuse to have the bill printed, and the court could be invoked and mandamus proceedings be instituted against him.

I am going to suggest that this be done to the Attorney
General, but before doing so, I would be pleased to have your
views of the matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 3, in regard to the application of J. O. Karstensen for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, and also a letter from Mr. Shoup, with reference to the above application.

I have to advise you that after examining the application, I suggest that he be allowed the sum of \$10 per month.

The application is being returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

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

Enc.

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May 15, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Mr. James Duffy, is visiting Anchorage in the hope of securing employment at his trade, that of carpenter. Mr. Duffy has been a resident of Juneau for a number of years and is said to be a skilled and competent workman, and I have no doubt that he would render faithful service and efficient work in that capacity. So far as I am advised, he is a man of good character.

May 14, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7, in which you state that Mr. Emil Kalmuski, a Russian citizen, was injured in his right foot on May 21, 1916, while employed by the Alaska Gold Mining Company, and that for six months he was a patient in the local hospital and is still an invalid, etc. You also add that the Alaska Gold Mining Company, of Juneau, promised to pay him the sum of \$300, but that he refused to take this amount, and the case upon being taken into court, was lost. For these reasons you ask my assistance in this man's behalf that he may receive money enough to return to Russia, where his family may support him.

In reply I have to advise you that I am somewhat familiar with this case, having furnished Mr. Kalmuski transportation from Juneau to Seattle. I have further to advise that, having done this, there the duty of the Territory, so far as Mr.

Kalmuski is concerned, ended. I have no authority in law to make any appropriation from the Territorial funds further than I have already done. I regret that the limitations of law will not permit me to extend any further aid to him.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Hon. Geo. B. Young, Secretary,
National Conference of Commissioners
on Uniform State Laws,
Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2,
with reference to the next meeting of the National Confer-
ence of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and in which
you express the hope that this Territory will be represented
at that meeting.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall use my influ-
ence to see that the Territory is represented. I may add
that Judge Gunnison has very acceptably represented the
Territory hitherto and I trust that he may be induced to
again be present at the Conference.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Honorable A. E. Miller, Chairman,
Government Exhibit Board,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Miller:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a diploma and a medal,
in separate packages, awarded me by the Panama-Pacific Inter-
national Exposition, for services as collaborator in the
United States government exhibit, for which I thank you.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Honorable M. G. Brumbaugh,
Governor of Pennsylvania,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Governor Brumbaugh:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2, in which you state that the National Conference of Charities and Correction will hold its annual meeting in your commonwealth from June 6 to 13; and you state that it would be a privilege to extend to me, on behalf of your great state, an invitation to send representatives from Alaska to the conference mentioned.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall be pleased to appoint official representatives to the Conference, but it is doubtful if their attendance can be assured in view of the great distance that must be traveled and the consequent expense attached thereto. It may be possible that I shall be at Washington at that time myself, and, should this be the case, I will endeavor to attend the Conference personally.

Accept the assurances of my great personal consideration.

Cordially yours,

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Governor

May 14, 1917

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Honorable W. L. Burton,
United States Commissioner,

Juneau

My dear Judge:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received
by me from Hon. Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary, which is
self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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May 14, 1917

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Captain Ernest Blue,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Captain Blue:

I have your letter of May 8, in which you make application for the position of registering officer under the selective draft law for the Ketchikan district.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not as yet in receipt of complete instructions concerning the new military bill, but expect to do so within a short time, and if it will be possible for me to use your services, I shall gladly avail myself of your offer.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 14, 1917

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Dr. L. P. Daves,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Juneau

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the legislature, at its recent session, fixed the salary of Assistant Health Commissioners in the Territory at two hundred dollars per annum. This will be paid quarterly, upon presentation of properly signed vouchers, therefor. I have further to advise that the first quarter of the present year began on April 1 last.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

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I presume that payment for the anti-toxin can be made from the appropriation for the protection of public health, which is no larger than it was last year.

I have also to advise you that the legislature, at its recent session, made an appropriation of \$200 a year for the Assistant Health Commissioners. This is a very small amount, but it is better than nothing. I have to suggest that this amount be paid quarterly, and vouchers to be executed by you will be forwarded to you in due course.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

May 14, 1917

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

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of May 2, with reference to health conditions in your district during the month of April. I note that, as usual, you have been giving strict attention to quarantine and other matters connected with the public health, and that fortunately you have had no serious cases.

In this connection, I have read the letter from Doctor Remig, of Seward, which you forwarded, with reference to the steps taken by him in quarantining measles at that place, all of which is to be highly commended.

In the matter of quarantine, you must always exercise your own best judgment. It is not the desire of this office to work any unnecessary hardship upon anyone, but you must always have in your mind "the greatest good to the greatest number," and if strict quarantine is necessary to save the greater number, it must be strictly enforced.

With reference to your securing a supply of typhoid anti-toxin, you will use your own discretion; but I have to suggest that only a small quantity be purchased at first.

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I presume that payment for the anti-toxin can be made from the appropriation for the protection of public health, which is no larger than it was last year.

I have also to advise you that the legislature, at its recent session, made an appropriation of \$200 a year for the Assistant Health Commissioners. This is a very small amount, but it is better than nothing. I have to suggest that this amount be paid quarterly, and vouchers to be executed by you will be forwarded to you in due course.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

May 14, 1917

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Mr. Alexis Benj. Weeks,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 8, in which you ask for information concerning the eagle bounty law.

In reply I have to advise you that a bounty of 50 cents will be paid for each eagle killed, by the Territorial Treasurer, to whom the claws of the eagle must be sent. The Territorial Treasurer, as you know, is located at Juneau, and it will be necessary for you to forward the eagle claws to his address, when a warrant will be issued to you in payment therefor.

I am sincerely sorry to learn that your baby is ill, but trust that it will recover, and I also trust that your own health will improve.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Honorable Sam'l McDonald,

Mayor of Seward,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 5, in which you state you had posted copies of my proclamation in public places and also had secured its publication in the Seward Gateway.

I have to thank you for your promptness in this matter as well as in the matter of the Rocky Mountain Club-Hoover Relief Fund, and I trust that you will be enabled to assist this worthy cause.

Appreciating your courtesy, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Mr. P. J. Barash,
36-38 West 20th St.,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2, in which you ask for information concerning the integrity and ability as a miner of Mr. S. W. Gaylor, of Nome, and you also ask how much his information can be taken for as to mining properties in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I have known Mr. Gaylor for some seventeen years, and during that time I have known of nothing to his discredit in any way, as a man or a citizen. I know little or nothing, however, concerning his mining properties except that he has been interested in mining properties on the Seward Peninsula for many years.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. V. I. Hahn,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12, with reference to the general 8-hour law, so-called, enacted by the last legislature.

In reply I have to advise you that the law does not go into effect until January 1, 1918. It also contains a waiver clause providing for its suspension during the continuance of the present war. Congress, on March 3 last, passed a law which has the effect of transferring the control of the schools of the Territory to the Territorial legislature, and the legislature, at its recent session, passed a number of school laws, one creating a Territorial Board of Education, composed of the Governor and the senior senator from each of the four judicial divisions, and providing for the appointment of a Commissioner of Education, who will have active management of the schools hereafter under this law. Mr. L. D. Henderson, formerly superintendent of the Juneau public schools, has been appointed to this position and has already opened an office in Juneau. The law also provides that 75 per cent of the cost of.

maintenance of schools within the incorporated towns shall
be paid from the Territorial treasury.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of
Territorial Board of Education

May 14, 1917

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Dr. W. d'Arcy Chase,
Assistant Health Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the legislature, at its recent session, fixed the salary of Assistant Health Commissioners in the Territory at \$200 per annum. This will be paid quarterly, upon presentation of properly signed vouchers therefor. I have further to advise that the first quarter of the present year began on April 1 last.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

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

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Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner
of Health

Juneau, May 14, 1917

O. B.

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T. H. Deal,

Fairbanks

Your telegram tenth. Amount asked for rent of rink for armory and drill hall seems excessive, as military companies organized at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Seward have been enabled to secure quarters through patriotic donations of an hall and room from citizens owning such, and seems to me that two hundred dollars a month for building hitherto unoccupied is more than sufficient. Fund for this purpose limited and suggest that one hundred per month for few months would be maximum amount that could be allowed. In any event, it is impracticable under law to make advances account rent.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Hen. A. G. Sheep, Supt.,

Alaska Pioneers' Home,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of May 11, with reference to the appropriations for the maintenance of the Home, etc., made by the legislature.

The one chief objection I found among the members of the legislature to making an appropriation for a new building was the fact that the title to the ground was vested in the United States and not in the Territory, and this seemed to be one of the objections which was insurmountable. As I have discussed the matter of securing a title from the United States, it is needless to go into it further, inasmuch as the blame for the failure of the Territory to secure such title rests with some of the people of Sitka, and if they wish to "cut off their noses to spite their faces," why so be it.

I assume that you can get along for some time without additional hospital or other facilities anyway, and there need be little or no change in the status quo, in my opinion, for some time to come.

The House. The Attorney General argued with the legislature and seemed to have a number of those "buffoons," especially

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I also note what you say about Miss Delits, and if I can secure a cook, I will send one over prior to June 1. I do not know Mrs. Stienmits, but will cause inquiries to be made concerning her and see whether she would like to go over for a month at Sitka. Of course, if she does, her fare to and fro will no doubt have to be paid, and it would be much better if you could secure a cook in Sitka. Advise me of this either by letter or telegraph, as may be convenient.

With reference to the appropriation for a laundry and bath-house, it should be commenced as speedily as possible, without doubt, but whether it will be possible to have a meeting of the Trustees in Sitka or not, I cannot say at this time. It is quite possible that I may be called to Washington at any time, although I have received no intimation to that effect, but I am in a state of suspension, as it were, and cannot definitely say at this time. It might be possible, in the event that I should leave Juneau, that Mr. Shattuck could go over and confer with you and Doctor Georgeson and make the necessary arrangements. I shall take up this matter with him at once.

With reference to the legislature, I may say that while the Senate, after it was once organized, conducted itself in a most seemly manner, I regret that I cannot say as much for the House. The Attorney General camped with the legislature and seemed to have a number of them "baffled," especially

the members from the second division. His lobbying was solely directed to getting even with other people and securing an increase of \$2,000 a year in his salary--principally the latter--and he bartered and traded, and, I was going to say, sold; and, as a matter of fact he really did sell some of the legislators, although they, perhaps, were oblivious to the fact. The man is positively impossible, both personally and official. He was supposed to have an eye upon the bills that were passed and to assist in preparing them, and it is my candid opinion that of all the laws that have been passed by the legislature since it came into existence, those passed at this session are the crudest in every respect.

I am glad to know that you like your new nurses and trust that they will give every satisfaction.

I am in receipt of the original bill of lading from Schwabacher & Co., Inc., of Seattle, for goods for the Home, shipped on the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Ravalli, which I enclose herewith. This is a duplicate of the order that was recently filled by the W. P. Mills Company, given by me to Schwabacher Bros. & Co., through Oak Olson. At that time I instructed him to send this office a duplicate of the goods ordered, and this I have also received. I am, however, transmitting all the papers to you and have to suggest that you, as soon as the goods have been received and

properly checked, make out a voucher for the payment of the account and forward it to this office. I note that the terms are sixty days net or two per cent for ten days, and I think we should claim the two per cent, notwithstanding the fact that it takes more than ten days in which to deliver the goods.

Yours very truly,

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

May 14, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 5, acknowledging receipt of certain applications for allowance which had been made by Trustee Shattuck and myself.

I note that you have not issued any checks in payment of the allowances to B. S. Thompson and O. C. Mangskell, which you say were not enclosed with my former letter. Search has failed to find these applications in this office, and I am at a loss to know what may have become of them. As stated in my letter of April 24, they were acted upon by Mr. Shattuck and myself, and, as these applications were both from Nome, I shall have to advise these men to file new applications.

Yours very truly,

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

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Juneau, May 14, 1917. O. D.

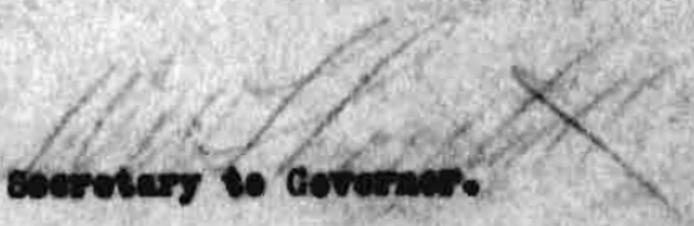
James E. Wilson,

Valdez.

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Replying yours this date, you may forward bond to Charles
E. Davidson, Juneau, Secretary Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, and
the board will act upon same. It does not require approval by judge.

STRONG, Chairman of Board.


Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, May 16, 1917. O. B.

Phil Ernst,

NOME.

Have you any reply to make to request contained in my wire of
May tenth?

STROUD, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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JUNEAU, MAY 16, 1917. O. B.

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Captain Frederick Moore,

ANCHORAGE.

Is there a man named J. W. Lloyd in employ
of Commission, possibly as a stationary engineer? Please wire reply.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to Governor.

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Dr. W. E. Zuber,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of May 13, with reference to the appointment of Mr. Ernest Blue, in connection with the registration which will be authorized by the military bill now pending in Congress.

In reply I have to state that if it will be possible to accept the services of Mr. Blue, I shall cheerfully do so. I note that you are fully advised as to the scope of the proposed law, but I gather that it is its intention to secure as much voluntary service from patriotic citizens as may be offered, and thereby entail as little expense on the government as possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 16, 1917

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Mr. Charles E. Herron,
Daily Times,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Charley:

I am enclosing herewith a notification of the non-delivery of a telegram forwarded by me to you at Vale, Oregon, in reply to your telegram from Chicago, which you will recall.

Yours very truly.

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Mr. M. Hyland,

Nanana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 1, with an enclosure suggesting a plan for the proper advertisement of Alaska and its incidental development, I have to say that I am much interested in the subject-matter of your communication. I may add that if the transportation companies would adopt a practical plan of advertising Alaska, there is small doubt that greatly increased travel would be the result and the population of the Territory might be substantially increased. Alaska has possibilities of many kinds which are not as yet fully realized.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mrs. Hugh Cutting,
Corresponding Secretary,
The American Women's Club,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 16, addressed to the superintendent of the Pioneers' Home, at Sitka, has been referred to this office. It is noted that you ask if a destitute American citizen, now a resident of Dawson, can be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

In reply I have to advise you that this Home was established for the benefit of actual residents of Alaska. Section 3, of the law providing for the establishment of the Home reads as follows:

"Every worthy pioneer or other person who shall have been a resident of the Territory of Alaska for five years preceding his application for admission, and who shall need the aid or benefit of said Home in consequence of physical disability or other cause within the scope of the regulations of the board, shall be entitled to admission thereto, subject to the conditions, limitations and penalties prescribed by the rules and regulations of the board."

It would, therefore, appear that the man to whom you refer is not eligible to admission to the Home. I regret that this is the case, as personally I would feel like admitting bona fide American citizens, though residents of

Yukon Territory, to the Alaska Pioneers' Home, but the law clearly inhibits this.

Permit me to extend my felicitations to the American Women's Club for its interest in the matter, while expressing my regret that it is impossible to comply with the Club's wishes in the matter here considered.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 16, 1917

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Miss Ella A. Davis,
41 Prairie Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 7, I have to advise you that stenographic positions in the federal service in Alaska are only secured by competitive examination, and you should address your inquiry to the secretary of the civil service district in which you are located, or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Salaries vary from \$110 to \$150 a month. Living expenses are probably about 25 per cent. higher than in Buffalo. I do not believe there are many opportunities for stenographers in Alaska at this time, the supply being fully equal to the demand.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mr. A. H. Prepper,

Scollay Building,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you would like to secure an appointment as commissioner of deeds for the Territory of Alaska in the State of Massachusetts.

Enclosed herewith you will find an extract copy of chapter 73, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, which covers the matter of the appointment of commissioners for Alaska in the several states.

You will note that commissions are issued for a period of four years and that it is necessary for applicants to pay a fee of \$5, to take and subscribe an oath, to provide an official seal and to file such oath and impression of the seal in the office of the Secretary of the District (now Territory).

If, upon the receipt of this letter, you still wish to be appointed a commissioner of deeds in your state, you should

write a letter of application and enclose with it an oath of office and a postal money order in the sum of \$5, payable to the Secretary of Alaska. A commission will then be issued and forwarded to you, and upon its receipt you will then be expected to arrange for your official seal and to forward an impression of the same to the Secretary of the Territory at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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The Equitable Life Assurance Society
of the United States,

120 Broadway,

New York City

Dear Sirs:

Mrs. Kata A. Kabler, of Juneau, Alaska, recently called at this office and submitted for examination her file of papers and correspondence in connection with policy No. 2032451, issued by your Society on the life of her husband, Paul Kabler, for the sum of \$2,000, and which policy was assigned to her some years ago.

Mrs. Kabler stated, and the correspondence submitted by her showed, that there is a dispute between her and the Society as to the amount due in settlement under the policy in question. This matter seems to have been the subject of a good deal of correspondence, chiefly between Mrs. Kabler and your agent at Seattle, Wash. It appears from the file of papers in Mrs. Kabler's possession that after the policy was assigned to her, she negotiated a loan upon the policy and that thereafter, when making one of the payments due upon the policy for premium and interest on the loan, she made a part payment only and asked for an extension of time

in which to pay the balance, which extension was granted her. It appears that a rule or regulation of the Society grants to policy holders a period of thirty days' grace in making payments due to the Society. Mrs. Kahler states that at about the time the extension of payment above mentioned expired, she conferred with your local agent at Juneau, who advised her that the thirty days' grace provision applied not only to the payment of regular premiums, but also to payments made under extension grants, and that although the date of expiration of the extension period was April 6, she would be entitled to an additional thirty days in which to make the payment. Mrs. Kahler states, and the correspondence in her possession shows, that within the period of thirty days from the April 6 in question, she remitted to the Society's agent at Seattle the balance due under the extension, but that the payment was refused by the Seattle agent and she was advised that the policy had lapsed by reason of her failure to pay prior to April 6. Mr. Kahler having died in the meantime, Mrs. Kahler has applied for the full amount due under the policy, but is advised that she is only entitled to the amount due at the date of the alleged lapsing of the policy, less the balance due on the loan negotiated by her under the policy. That the policy

This office does not, as a rule, take up matters of this kind, and I would not do so in this case but for the fact that such as this, the Society's local agent might find it very difficult

that I am familiar with Mrs. Kabler's circumstances, and know that she needs every dollar that is actually due to her under the policy above mentioned. She has herself an invalid son to support.

There seems to be but one real question at issue in this matter, and that is as to whether or not the policy lapsed on April 6 by reason of Mrs. Kabler's failure to make payment before that date of the balance due on account of premium and interest under the extension granted by the Society. It may be that from a strictly legal standpoint Mrs. Kabler is entitled to no more than the Society claims is due to her, on the basis of the lapsing of the policy; but I submit that there are equities in the case which are entitled to careful consideration. The fact that Mrs. Kabler consulted and acted upon the advice of the Society's agent in Juneau, in making payment of the balance due on premium and interest under the extension period, believing when she did so that she was entitled to thirty days' grace, presents a question of equity between Mrs. Kabler and the Society which it seems to me should not be lightly brushed aside. I may also suggest that should the Society force Mrs. Kabler to settle for the small amount offered, under the Society's claim that the policy lapsed, it would naturally cause her to feel that she had not been well treated, and in a comparatively small community such as this, the Society's local agent might find it very difficult

to combat her claims of unjust treatment. This is especially true since other companies doing business in this section have been very liberal in settling claims. I may add that Mrs. Kabler informs me that the local agent of your Society in Juneau is willing, should it be necessary, to make an affidavit that she consulted with him regarding the matter of thirty days' grace, in connection with the payment of the balance due under the extension and that he advised her that she was entitled to an additional thirty days in which to make the payment.

I am quite certain that the Society would lose nothing by making a liberal settlement with Mrs. Kabler in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

May 16, 1917

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Messrs. Frederick A Nelson,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher covering your bill of March 8 last for cleaning and repairing two drapes for the Executive Mansion at Junco, which were sent you by Mrs. Strong.

Please fill out in the body of the voucher full detail as to the number of hours labor and the rate per hour which your bill covers, also the quantity and unit price of any materials used in connection with the repairs. In other words, the voucher should show full detail in connection with the charge of \$11.75, so that an intelligent check may be made by the Auditing Department when our accounts go to Washington. Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company, whose title should appear under his signature.

Upon return of the voucher to this office, a check will be mailed you in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a signed carbon copy of a memorandum of agreement entered into on the 12th instant between the Governor, on behalf of the Territory, and Charles Goldstein, on behalf of the Goldstein Improvement Co., for the lease of room 417 in the Goldstein Building, for a period of two years from May 1, 1917, for use as a storage room for legislative property.

The third session of the Territorial legislature passed Senate concurrent resolution No. 9, naming the Governor as custodian of legislative property, books, records, etc., and it is in accordance with this resolution that the agreement to cover the lease of the room referred to has been made.

The legislature did not make an appropriation specifically covering the matter of rent of the storage room, and the rent (\$1.50 per annum), will be paid quarterly from the emergency appropriation, upon vouchers issued by this office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

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The legislature did not make an appropriation specifically covering the matter of the rent of the storage room, and the rent (\$150 per annum), will be paid quarterly from the emergency appropriation, upon vouchers issued by this office.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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H. Mueller Mfg. Co.,
145-9 West 30th St.,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a booklet illustrating some of the goods of your make, and asking to be advised as to the names of parties in this Territory who would be interested in your class of goods, etc.

In reply I beg to advise that all of the larger towns and many of the smaller ones in this Territory have water supply systems, but there are no gas plants in the Territory at this time.

There are few towns of any size in the Territory which are not supplied with hardware stores and plumbing establishments, and in many of them quite large stocks are carried.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mrs. C. Gallup,

Shelbina, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of your son, Mr. G. A. Gallup, who has not been heard from since he came to Alaska about two years ago.

Following the usual custom in matters of this kind, we are asking the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning the whereabouts of your son. Should we receive any responses, you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Vanspronsen,
121 Morel Street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Vanspronsen:

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo, in which you request the assistance of this office in your efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Herman Weierstall, formerly a partner of Emil Oswald Heinze, who died March 19, 1916, at Kennecott, and of whose estate you are the administrator.

This office is asking the newspapers of the Territory to publish a request for information concerning the present whereabouts of Mr. Weierstall, and should we receive any responses, you will be promptly advised.

I hope that you are enjoying the California climate. It must be quite different from that which we used to experience when we were with the Katalla Company at Cordova.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 16, 1917

Mr. Conklin Hamn,
Managing Editor, Leslie's,
New York City

Dear Sirs

Replying to your favor of April 25, I have to say:

More attention is being given to farming in Alaska than ever before in the history of the Territory. It must be remembered that agriculture is a very new industry in Alaska, and there are still to be found people who perhaps are inclined to scoff when Alaska's agricultural possibilities are the subject of discussion. Yet Alaska has a large area of agricultural land, and potatoes, hardy vegetables and fruits of all kinds are successfully raised, and so are oats, barley, rye and some wheat. This year it is quite probable that Alaska will produce enough potatoes to supply its entire population. Every available bit of land is being planted in the different towns, while increased acreage is being cultivated in all the farming districts. With the opening of the country to development by means of railroads and wagon roads, the time is not far distant when Alaska will be exporting instead of importing agricultural products, with the possible exception of wheat.

Yours very truly,

May 16, 1917

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Mr. Geo. B. Grigsby.

Attorney General,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that Senate bill No. 29, for an act entitled,--

"An Act providing for fish hatcheries and for the protection and care of natural spawning ground in the Territory of Alaska, and the creation of a board of fish commissioners, making appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency."

did not reach the office of the Governor for approval until Monday evening, May 7, or nearly three days after the legislature had adjourned, the delay being occasioned, I am informed, by the bill having become mislaid in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

While I approved the bill, I am somewhat doubtful as to the validity of the act, inasmuch as the procedure hitherto followed by the Governor, since the organization of the first Alaska legislature, has been to approve or reject all bills presented for his approval during the time the legislatures have been actually in session and not after their adjournment.

Thus a new question is raised as to the power of the Governor to approve a bill after the adjournment of the legislature.

It is quite probable that the Territorial Treasurer will refuse to pay warrants drawn on the appropriation carried by this law, and I have to suggest that you take such steps as may, in your opinion, be necessary to secure a court decision as to the validity of the above-mentioned act.

The importance of having this done as speedily as possible is so obvious that I need not further discuss the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, May 17, 1917. O. B. Ans.

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Marshal Brennan,
VALDEZ.

In addition to holidays established by Chapter two, session laws of nineteen thirteen, the nineteen seventeen session added two more, namely, February twelve, called Lincoln's Birthday, and March thirty, called Seward Day.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

JUNEAU, MAY 17, 1917. O. B.

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Honorable C. K. Snow,

SEATTLE.

Yours sixteenth. The Iditarod Commercial Club wires me that while Melham would be highly satisfactory he cannot accept, and recommends J. E. Riley. Do you want an Iditarod man appointed on commission instead of Robertson of Ruby, and if so, shall it be Riley or Baker? Please wire reply.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is of official business, and necessary for the public service, and will bear the cost.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 17, 1917. O. B.

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A. G. Atkinson,

Fairbanks.

Your telegram fifteenth. This office cannot interfere in your case, as you have had over ten months to take examination or make application for examination. Advise Doctor Myers you will take next examination, and perhaps prosecution will be deferred pending compliance with law.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

May 17, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Hess:

I enclose herewith four blank voucher forms which have been signed by President Hubbard and which I have to request that you will kindly sign and return to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is enclosed with the vouchers.

Five of these vouchers were left with Mr. Ziegler, together with some Territorial voucher blanks on last Saturday afternoon. Upon getting the vouchers from Mr. Ziegler the first of this week, I found that you had signed but one of the Interior Department form of voucher, although you had signed all of the Territorial forms. The one Department voucher which you signed is being used for the payment of the rent of telephones used during the session, and at least three of the others will be needed in making payment for the printing and binding of the Senate and House journals and the printing, binding and indexing of the session laws. These payments, however, will probably not be made until a month or more, by which time

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it is probable that we shall have received the signed voucher
blanks from you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.