

August 28, 1917

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Rev. George J. Beck,

Heenah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Beck:

The bearer of this, Senator Frank A. Aldrich, of Juneau, is in Heenah for the purpose of making an investigation of the cases of which you wrote to Mr. Hawkesworth. It will be necessary for Senator Aldrich to secure the names of persons that can be used as witnesses in both cases so that the matter may be properly presented to the grand jury when it meets next month.

Any assistance that you may be able to furnish him will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 28, 1917

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Mr. Henry Peter Rasmussen,  
Newport, Lincoln County,  
Oregon

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find letter of the 12th ultimo, addressed to you at Ketchikan by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, together with certificate of allowance No. 138, referred to therein, covering an allowance of \$10 per month granted to you by the Board of Trustees, the same beginning July 1, 1917. The letter addressed to you at Ketchikan was returned as unclaimed, and we have only now learned from the United States Commissioner at Ketchikan of your removal from Alaska to Newport, Oregon.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed certificate and advise how long you expect to remain in Newport. When you again change your address, you should promptly notify Dr. C. C. Georgeson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

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

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August 28, 1917

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Mr. F. E. Ryus,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 17, with enclosure, with reference to the membership of the Alaska Territorial Board of Pharmacy for the first judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that the action of Messrs. Sealey and Christie, the new members of the Board, in electing themselves, was premature, and I so advised them when this matter was brought to my attention.

With reference to the pamphlet which your board is preparing, this matter was taken up with me by Mr. Britt, and I advised him that the pamphlet should be completed and printed, and that provision for the payment of expenses incurred would be provided by the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Hon. P. C. McCormack,  
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mac:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 25, in which you state that you had made application to the Territorial Road Commission for the building of a road to the Wrangell cemetery, but that you had received no advice from the Commission with reference thereto. You also state that Mr. Weigle of the Forest Service and Mr. Waugh, engineer in charge of the federal aid road work, have been in Wrangell and made a preliminary survey and investigation of the proposed roadway, and Mr. Waugh estimated that the approximate cost would be about \$5,000. As Mr. Weigle advised you, the federal road work requires a certain amount of cooperation in conjunction with expenditures made in the building of new roads within the forest reserves.

Mr. Waugh, I understand, is now in the Interior, but I shall take up the matter with Mr. Harbut as soon as possible and ascertain if anything can be done this season.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

August 28, 1917

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Mr. I. J. Erickson, Clerk,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 21, in which you state that you had received a letter from Mr. E. C. Hurlbutt, Chairman of the Territorial Road Commission, relative to the appropriation for roadways, and also that you had received a letter from Mr. W. G. Weigle, Forest Supervisor at Ketchikan, in which Mr. Weigle advised that you take up this matter with this office in order to see if you could get your share of this appropriation.

In reply I have to advise you that it is assumed that Mr. Weigle refers to the Congressional appropriation for the construction of roads and trails within the forest reserves, which act provides that the Territory shall cooperate with the Forest Service in the construction of such roads and trails. I shall take up this matter with Mr. Hurlbutt, but, in the absence of W. H. Waugh, engineer of the Forest Service, who is now in the interior, it is probable that nothing can be done in this respect until his return.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the  
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Held at Juneau on August 28, 1917

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Governor's office on Tuesday, August 28, Chairman Strong and Trustee Shattuck being present.

Trustee Shattuck was authorized to buy lumber for converting the attic of the boiler-house of the Home at Sitka into a drying room for laundry purposes. Trustee Shattuck reported that he was in communication with Seattle steamship companies for the purchase of 100 tons of British Columbia coal for the use of the Home. He also stated that, in view of the shortage of coal, it would probably be impossible to secure Canadian coal, in which event, Washington coal would have to be substituted.

The application of Edward Emmet Mortimer, of Woodchopper Creek, for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was considered and an allowance of \$12.50 per month granted, the allowance to date from October 1, 1917.

The application of Ivan J. Adrianoff, of Sleetmute, Kuskokwim district, was also considered and an allowance of \$12.50 per month granted, to begin October 1, 1917.

The application of John McWilliams, of Douglas, was referred to Trustee Shattuck for further investigation as

to merits of applicant's statements.

The Board then adjourned subject to call.

Chairman of the Board

August 28, 1917

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Hon. Arthur G. Shoup, Supt.,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Arthur:

I have your letters of August 20 and 22, the latter being with reference to the question of flooring the boiler house attic, the attic to be used as a drying room for the laundry. This matter was considered at a meeting of the Board this afternoon and Trustee Shattuck was authorized to buy the lumber needed and have it shipped to Sitka at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Shattuck also has the matter of purchasing 100 tons of British Columbia coal for the use of the Home in hand. I wired you that he has taken this matter up with the Seattle steamship companies and is still investigating it. It is quite probable, however, in view of the shortage of coal, that it will be impossible to secure the British Columbia product. In this event, there will be nothing left for us to do but take the Washington coal. However, you shall be kept advised as to the results.

I also acknowledge receipt of the applications for pensions of Edward Emmet Mortimer, of Woodchopper Creek, and Ivan

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Adrianoff, of Sleetmate, Kuskekwim. In view of the fact that Mortimer has applied for a pension and not for admission to the Home, the maximum allowance was granted him. An allowance of \$12.50 per month was also granted Adrianoff.

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Yours very truly,

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

August 28, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have pleasure in recommending the bearer of this, Mr. George G. Naud, as a young man of excellent character and integrity. He was employed for a time under the direction of this office and his work was satisfactory in all particulars. He is energetic, painstaking and methodical, and I have no hesitation in saying that he would acquit himself creditably in any position in which he might be employed.

Governor

August 29, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I enclose herewith a postal card received at this office  
from Mr. Herman Hart, who requests that his address be changed  
to Wascilla, Alaska.

I take it that he is receiving an allowance from the  
Territory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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My dear Senator Phelan:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory.

It seems to me that if the National League of Democratic Clubs lends itself to work of this kind, the Democratic party surely has fallen upon evil days. I must apologise for bothering you with this matter, but I resent with all my might the action of Secretary Lillor.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Hon. James D. Phelan,  
United States Senate,  
Washington

August 29, 1917

My dear Senator Walsh:

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I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Hon. T. J. Walsh,  
United States Senate,  
Washington

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My dear Senator Pittman:

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I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Hon. Key Pittman,  
United States Senate,  
Washington

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Mrs. E. McWilliams,  
Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a voucher in your favor for \$15. Kindly sign it on the line indicated by the words "Sign here", and mail it to this office in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a warrant will be issued and mailed to you at Douglas.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 30, 1917

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Captain Thomas Dwyer,  
Anchorage Home Guards,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Captain Dwyer:

The receipt of your telegram of August 28, as follows, is hereby confirmed:

"Anchorage home guards organized, one hundred fifty men. Names of officers are Thomas Dwyer, Captain Arthur Thompson, first lieutenant, Sam McNeice, second lieutenant. When can we expect arms and ammunition?"

In reply I have to advise you that I have this day forwarded a request for arms, ammunition, etc., to the Secretary of War, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 14, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the issue to States and Territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment of organizations of home guards." As to how soon this quota of arms and ammunition will be received by you, I cannot say, inasmuch as the War Department and the whole United States government at this time is more than busy, as you can readily understand, owing to the war in which the country is now engaged. I assume, however, that the supplies will be forwarded with all reasonable dispatch.

Permit me to extend my congratulations upon the formation of the Guard and through you to your officers and men.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

August 30, 1917

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Mr. A. E. Lind,  
624 Overland Building,  
Boise, Idaho

Dear Sir: Wetlikon, Alaska

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 20, in which you ask for information concerning the different cities of this Territory, etc.; and also the distance to Fairbanks by stage from the coast, etc. forwarded to me complete details

In reply I have to advise you that I am forwarding herewith a number of pamphlets which will answer your inquiries as to the different towns. The distance from Cordova to Fairbanks by rail and train is about 400 miles, 300 of which is by stage from Chitina, on the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad. The fare, I believe, is from \$75 to \$100 and the time of the journey is from four to eight days, according to the state of the roads. This fare does not include subsistence at road houses. The distance by stage from Valdez to Fairbanks is about the same as that from Chitina and the fare is also about the same.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 31, 1917

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Hon. M. J. Heneghan,

Mayor,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I have your letter of August 26, concerning Mrs. Olga Carlson, of Ketchikan. I note you say that her husband is dead. Will you kindly have forwarded to me complete details as to her financial condition, her age, the number of children in the family, their ages, etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 30, 1917

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624 Overland Building,  
Boise, Idaho

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Yours very truly,

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Governor

August 31, 1917

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Dr. Henry W. Coe, M. D.,  
Raleigh Hotel,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Coe:

I have just received your letter of August 25, with reference to your application to the Department of the Interior, for additional compensation for the care of the insane of Alaska at Morningside Sanitarium.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have this day forwarded to the Department, recommending that such compensation be rendered you as will be equitable in the premises. I may add that I sincerely trust you will be successful in your endeavors, as I am completely satisfied with the justice of your claim.

Since reaching Juneau I have been extremely busy and am so yet, and probably will be. We are still registering men for the national army and in a few days our exemption boards will be busy, and there promises to be ample work to keep us all busy for some time to come.

There is nothing new in the matter of my reappointment, and I have heard nothing whatsoever regarding it since leaving Washington. Of course, I shall be grateful if you find

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occasion to say a commendatory word in my behalf to the  
Secretary or any United States senator when you may meet.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

This will serve to introduce the bearer, Mr. J. M. Ousby, who has been a resident of Alaska for many years. Mr. Ousby has resided in this city for several years past, where he has been engaged in business. I take pleasure in recommending him as a man of excellent character and attainments. Mr. Ousby takes an intelligent and active interest in all matters concerned with the development and prosperity of this Territory, of which he has complete knowledge.

Governor

Sept. 1, 1917

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Mr. W. D. Gordon,  
Supt. River Division,  
White Pass & Yukon Route,  
White Horse, Y. T.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ultime, in further reference to your inquiries regarding the whereabouts of John W. Lloyd.

I note that you have made a thorough search of your records and have referred the inquiry to the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at White Horse and Dawson, but that you have been unable to locate the missing man.

Permit me to thank you for the thorough attention which you have given this matter and to assure you that your courtesy is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, September 4, 1917. O. B.

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Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Referring your letter August seventeen sending bond and oath of W. D. English of Bettles beg to advise that bond is void for reason that English failed to sign oath office form and surety failed sign oath of justification. If you have bond forms send English one with instructions carefully execute. If you have no forms, will send to English from here. Here careful scrutiny in this instance would have saved much time.

STROMM, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 1, 1917

Dr. L. P. Daves,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor Daves:

I have received from Doctors Bradley and McCallum, members of the medical board for the fourth judicial division at Fairbanks, graded examination papers of Doctors Behla and Baker, and, in the absence of Doctor DeVigne, a member of the board for the first judicial division, I have to ask if you will act in his place and pass upon these papers as speedily as possible.

Doctor Bradley advises me that the doctors examined are new in the Iditarod country and are engaged in the practice of their profession.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 2, 1917

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

My dear Doctor:

I have your letters of August 27 and 28 and I note you state in your letter of the 28th that a number of cases of typhoid and diphtheria are reported at Anchorage, and you state your intention of visiting that place as soon as your registration and other duties will permit.

In reply I have to advise you that you may use your own judgment as to this. If, at any time, you wish to make a personal investigation, it will be proper for you to do so.

I have also received your list of anti-toxins and will mail it to the Parke-Davis Co., Seattle.

With further reference to the typhoid epidemic at Anchorage, it seems to me that there has been a serious neglect on the part of somebody---probably the local authorities---also an epidemic of typhoid in this advanced day of medical science would have been impossible.

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Commissioner  
of Health

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September 2, 1917

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Mr. Al. Hughes,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I was very much pleased on receiving your letter of August 24, which reached me today. It is certainly a pleasure for me to know that you like the Home and the treatment that you are receiving there. It is the aim of the management to deal justly and kindly by the inmates of that institution. A man of your intelligence and experience can size up a situation very keenly, and I believe that you have done this. Of course, there are men in this world who, unfortunately, no matter how much is done for them, belong to that class of people who are never satisfied. Of course, the world is full of that kind. But they are not in the majority by any means, and there is some comfort in that fact. This Home has been a matter of great concern to me ever since it was established---now more than four years ago---and I believe it can be truly said that it has been a well-regulated institution in every way. As a matter of fact, when one considers that many men of many minds meet there and that most of the inmates are ill physically

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and perhaps some ill mentally, I wonder that things have run as smoothly as they have. I am sure that Mr. Shoup, the superintendent, tried to deal out even-handed justice, tempered with mercy at all times. I also know that the cook is doing her best, and I am pleased to know that even the waitresses are polite and obliging and kind to the old pioneers and prospectors who find a home in their declining days in the historic town of Sitka.

I have to thank you very much for the kind words concerning myself, and whether I shall continue as Governor or not is a matter to which I am in some ways indifferent, but I shall always bear in mind the fact that I, too, am a pioneer of Alaska, and my sympathy goes out to those men who have spent the best years of their life in this great Territory.

You will remember that when you were here, you told me about certain men now drawing pensions in Fairbanks, whom you believed were not entitled to them. I made a memorandum at that time, but in some way it has become mislaid. May I ask you to write me, giving me some information concerning them, which will be used in a strictly confidential manner.

Expressing the hope that your health will continue to improve, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Sept. 2, 1917

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Mr. Charles E. Hoxie,

Long, Alaska

My dear Charley:

The receipt is acknowledged of a letter signed by Mrs. Ruth Strite, yourself and Vance R. McDonald, United States Commissioner at Long, with reference to the application for allowance of Mr. Elliott.

In reply I have to advise you that this application was considered last spring, but action upon it was deferred, inasmuch as it was represented to the board that Mr. Elliott was not in immediate need of assistance from the Territory. Your letter will be filed and on the return of Dexter George-son, secretary of the board, the application will be again considered.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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

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Sept. 4, 1917

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Hon. Frank A. Aldrich,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Senator:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the first instant, tendering your resignation as a member of the Alaska Territorial Senate, to take effect on September 1, 1917.

I am not authorized to accept the resignation, but will see that it is presented to the Senate at its next session for consideration and appropriate action.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

Sept. 4, 1917

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Rev. P. R. Gibbs, Supt.,  
Briscoe Memorial School,  
Kent, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing vouchers covering the care of the Orm children to September 1, 1917; also a voucher made out to cover the period from September 1 to December 1, 1917, but which was erroneously written to cover three months instead of four months.

The two vouchers covering the period to September 1 have been approved by the Governor and are this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for the issuance of warrants which will be mailed to you.

I enclose herewith a voucher which has been made out to cover the period September 1 to December 31, 1917, in amount \$100. This voucher you will kindly hold until December 31, when it should be signed and both copies should be forwarded to this office. Thereafter it will be appreciated if you will kindly submit vouchers at the end of the fiscal quarters as indicated in a previous letter---that is to say, on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31,

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, September 4, 1917. O. B.

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Judge Brown,

Seward.

Replying yours first legislature last session appropriated fifteen thousand dollars for care dependent children and juvenile court expenses, of which about one fourth has already been used.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

September 4, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. John Lockner, of Glacier Creek, in the Nome section, who came down on the last Victoria from Nome and desires to enter the Home. I find we have no application forms, hence am giving him this letter to you, and suggest that you have him fill out and sign an application blank upon his arrival at the Home.

At your convenience please send us a further supply of admission application blanks.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sept. 4, 1917

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Mr. E. W. Cragin,  
United States Commissioner,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 26, with reference to the case of J. W. Sullivan, of Fairbanks. I note you say that he has rheumatism in one knee and both arms and wrists; that he has been at Tenakee six weeks and is beginning to improve, but that he is out of funds. I also note you say that if he is granted sufficient funds to carry him for, say, two months, you believe that he will have recovered sufficiently to be able to assist himself thereafter.

In reply I have to advise you that you may make arrangements for such food as he may require for thirty days, sending vouchers to this office for payment. In the meantime, advise me as to the probable monthly cost for his maintenance at the springs, which should moderate.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 4, 1917

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

My dear Arthur:

I have your letters of August 28 and 30. Yesterday being a holiday, I have just now had time to give a little consideration to their contents. I will have Shattuck look into the matter of the electric lamps and have a supply forwarded to you on the next steamer. I will also have Shattuck look into the matter of the steam traps. I note you say that you are sending over the motor from the electric washing machine for repairs, but you did not say to what place you sent it. It might be possible to purchase a one-h. p. motor from the Treadwell Company, as you suggest, and I shall also have Shattuck look into this.

It is probably better to have the laundering done under the present arrangement, as I can readily understand that a commercial laundry would not be anxious to handle considerable of the clothing and bedding from the Home, due to the condition of the inmates themselves.

With reference to Doctor Fallister and his desire to operate on Terrill's eyes, it seems to me that, if it is

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advisable to remove the cataract, Doctor Johnston can do it. However, I am extremely doubtful if any operation will benefit Terrill's eyes. I visited him when he was in the Juneau General Hospital last spring and, of course, while I am not an eye specialist nor even a physician, it seemed to me that Terrill was considered good material for an operation. In fact, as I recall the conversation, Doctor Pallister told me there was about one chance in 80 or 90 of the operation being successful. In any event, I do not believe that the trustees would be justified in having Pallister go to Sitka and perform an operation or bring Terrill from the Home to Juneau.

A man by the name of Lochner is going over on the Prince of Wales tonight, having arrived here from Cordova a few days ago. From what I gather, Jafet Lindeberg, of Nome, paid his passage as far as Cordova; but why Lindeberg wanted to ditch the old man half way to Sitka, I cannot tell, except that he placed too great a value upon the few additional dollars that the ticket would cost. The United States Commissioner at Cordova telegraphed me of Lochner's condition and that he was broke, of course, and I had to wire the Commissioner to secure him transportation to Juneau, which he did and for which the Territory will pay, of course.

I would like to get over to Sitka, but it is absolutely impossible, the office being overwhelmed with work of all kinds.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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

Sept. 5, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the matter of the notary bond of W. D. English, of Bettles, which accompanied your letter of the 17th ultimo to this office, and to our telegram of the fourth with reference to the irregularities in the bond and oath of office, and your telegraphic reply of the same date, will say that your letter of the 17th instant calls attention to the fact that the bond and oath "are not sworn to before a notary, as Mr. English, who is the postmaster, advises that no notary is available at Bettles." In addition to the irregularity mentioned in your letter, we found, upon examination of the bond and oath of office, that the surety had failed to sign the form of oath provided for that purpose on the face of the bond and that Mr. English had failed to sign the oath of office form on the back of the bond. Your letter did not contain any reference to the absence of these signatures, and we assume, therefore, that when an examination of the bond and oath of office was made in your office, the absence of these signatures was not noted.

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Under the circumstances, this office is disposed to waive the irregularity in the matter of the execution of the oath before a notary, but cannot waive the failure of the principal and surety to sign the forms of oath; hence a new bond will be necessary.

✓ Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Walker.

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, together with copies of Department circulars containing regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals and the fisheries of Alaska, and also three copies of the President's proclamation, setting aside the Annette Island fisheries reserve, for all of which I wish to thank you.

In response to your request, we are sending, under separate cover, a further supply of copies of our game circular and a supply of a recently issued Department circular containing further regulations for the protection of game.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

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Mr. H. R. Bresnahan, Cashier,  
Western Union Telegraph Co.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find voucher in favor of your company for 70 cents, covering your account No. 8496 for June telegraphic service, and voucher in favor of your company for 22 cents, covering charges on telegram of July 7 which accompanies the voucher.

Kindly sign these vouchers and mail them to this office and checks will be mailed in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 4, 1917

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Mr. H. R. Breenahan, Cashier,  
Western Union Telegraph Co.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I return herewith your bill covering July telegraph service, together with original telegrams of July 3 and 7.

The two telegrams herewith returned relate to the subject of military registration in the Territory of Alaska and are chargeable to the War Department, and, under instructions received from the Provost Marshal General, we are not authorized to pay such charges. We suggest that the bill be presented to the War Department for settlement.

The telegram of July 7, covered by the second item in the bill above mentioned, has been retained and will be paid from our office expense appropriation, to which it is properly chargeable.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Sept. 5, 1917 O. B. Gov't Night Paid cash

Wm. C. Houston, Chairman House Committee on Territories,

Washington

Believe would be very unwise to open coastwise trade in and with  
Alaska to foreign ships and earnestly urge that Alexander bill,  
so called, be not passed.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Sept. 5, 1917

Mr. O. E. Lambert,  
Cordeva, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your bill for \$85, for the burial of one Albert Smith, who you say was killed by the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad Company, on their right of way, between Cordeva and Ocean dock, the railroad company and the city having refused to pay for the burial.

In reply I have to advise you that this is not a charge properly belonging to the Territory, and payment thereof must be refused. Your bill is, therefore, being returned to you herewith. It seems to me that this man, having been killed by the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad Company on their right of way, the costs incurred, at least for the burial of the man, should be properly borne by that company.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

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Rev. Felix Seegle,  
209 South Main Street,  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, in which you ask for some information as to the possibilities of your making a living in this Territory.

I do not believe that your former occupation would be a barrier to your obtaining employment of some kind in this Territory---employment to which you are suited; and you will readily understand that I cannot judge as to this---that is to say, your capabilities or ability in some other line than the one in which you are now engaged. I take it that you are unfitted for physical labor, but opportunities for clerical and analogous work are somewhat limited.

I have never advised anyone to come to Alaska with the expectation of making this Territory their home, without bringing with them at least enough funds to secure their return to their former home, should they find it advisable to do so. This is an unalterable rule that I have established, and I must apply it in your case, although I would be willing to do anything that I could reasonably to assist you in ob-

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taining employment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 8, 1917

The Pacific Steamship Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of August 30, with reference to the Alexander bill now before Congress, which has for its object the opening of the coastwise trade in and with Alaska to foreign ships, and in which you request me to wire a protest to Washington against the passage of this bill.

In reply I have to advise you that, after mature consideration, I have arrived at the conclusion that the bill should not pass and have wired to this effect to Hon. Wm. C. Houston, Chairman of the House Committee on Territories.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to

Alaska Steamship Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sept. 5, 1917 .

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Dr. William Pallister,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of August 28, with reference to the case of Pat McKnight, an old-time stage driver on the Chitina-Fairbanks trail, in which you say that he is without funds and that you would like to be paid the actual cost of his maintenance during surgical treatment.

In reply I have to advise you that the Territory will allow the rate of \$2 a day for his maintenance until further notice, this amount being that charged by the St. Ann's hospital for patients of this kind.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 5, 1917

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Miss Marie Gotshal,  
Leviaville, Indiana

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 13, in which you ask for certain information concerning Alaska. The following papers are published in the towns named:

The Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau  
The Daily Times, Cordova  
The Daily and Weekly Citizen, Fairbanks  
The Anchorage Daily and Weekly Times, Anchorage  
The Ketchikan Daily and Weekly Progressive Miner,  
Ketchikan.

There are a number of papers published in other towns and communities of the Territory.

The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines has been chartered, but will not be in operation for at least two years. This college is located at Fairbanks in interior Alaska.

For further information, I am enclosing a pamphlet containing additional information regarding this Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. Lars Gunderson,  
Haycock, Alaska

My dear Lars:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the  
Post Office Department at Washington, with reference to the  
establishment of a winter mail route in your section.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

JUNSON, September 6, 1917. O. B.

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Chase, Asst. Health Commissioner,

CORDOVA.

Replying yours yesterday you are authorized to issue death certificate if familiar with facts of case, but shipping permit must be issued by US Commissioner under provisions of the printed rules and regulations issued by the registrar of vital statistics under laws of nineteen thirteen and nineteen fifteen relating to subject. If body properly prepared and encased for shipment and death certificate issued can see no reason why Commissioner should fail to issue necessary shipping permit.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Sept. 6, 1917

Mr. J. A. Saisar,  
United States Attorney,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. Blackwell, of whom we spoke in our discussion the other day of the fishery matters at Gambier Bay. Mr. Blackwell will go to Gambier Bay and make an investigation, but it is desirable that he should receive explicit instructions from you as United States Attorney as to what ground he should cover.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 6, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 20, together with a letter from John Markeff, a Russian citizen, now imprisoned at McNeil's Island penitentiary, having been committed to that institution from the first judicial division. I note the statements made by Markeff in his letter, and upon again referring this matter to the United States Attorney for the first judicial division, the following reply was received, which I enclose herewith for your further information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc

Sept. 6, 1917

Mr. J. M. Tanner,  
United States Marshal,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

A bill of the St. Ann's Hospital, made out to you, has reached this office with the pencil notation "Customs House or Governor's Office." I am returning the bill herewith, as the expenditure therein stated for the care of Tom Walker was never authorized by this office, it being understood that said Walker was to be cared for by the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

Governor

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Sept. 6, 1917

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The Sister Superior,  
St. Ann's Hospital,  
Juneau

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 1, in which you state that on August 1 you sent to the City Council a bill for \$49.50, for intoxicated men who were sent to your hospital as city patients; that the bill was partly paid by the city, leaving a balance of fifteen dollars, which they (the city) claim should be paid from Territorial funds.

In reply I have to advise you that this is a matter with which the Territory has nothing to do, it being solely in the control of the city authorities. Manifestly, it would be highly improper for Territorial funds to be used for paying for the care or treatment of men who have become intoxicated through patronizing local saloons. Further the Territory has no appropriation which could be used to cover such expenditure in any way.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

Sept. 6, 1917

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Mr. George Sutton,  
Winham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home held this day, your application for an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was considered and an allowance of \$10 a month authorized, said allowance to begin on October 1, 1917.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman of  
the Board of Trustees

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Held at Juneau on Sept. 6, 1917

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The Board of Trustees convened at the Governor's office on September 6, the Chairman and Treasurer Shattuck being present.

An application for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, was received from George Sutton, of Windham, and an allowance of ten dollars per month from Oct. 1, 1917, was made to the said applicant.

Trustee Shattuck was authorized to secure prices on electric light bulbs for the Home and to make purchases of a sufficient supply at the lowest prices obtainable; he was also authorized to ascertain if one-h. p. electric motors could be obtained from the Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., and, if not, to have the motor forwarded by Superintendent Shoup from Sitka to Juneau, repaired.

Whereupon the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home

Sept. 7, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Shoup:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Joseph W. Harrison, San Francisco, who writes on behalf of his sister, Mrs. J. T. Field, of Mill Valley, California, whose husband died in the Alaska Pioneers' Home on April 5 last. Mr. Harrison states that Mr. Field is believed to have had some properties in different parts of Alaska which have been reported as being of considerable value, consisting of town lots, fishing sites and mining property.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this office the benefit of any information which you may obtain with regard to the property of Mr. Field.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Sept. 7, 1917

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Mrs. L. A. Neill,  
Neill Specialty Shop,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the 8-hour  
law passed at the last session of the Territorial legislature.  
This law becomes effective January 1, 1918.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

September 7, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am transmitting the application of Mr. C. P. Snyder, of  
Tofly, Alaska, for renewal of his notary commission, which he states will expire  
on October 21, 1917, with postal money order for \$10 endorsed to you to cover  
the fee for the commission.

The bond and oath of office have not yet been received from the  
Clerk of the District Court, Fairbanks, to whom they were sent by Mr. Snyder.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sept. 8, 1917

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

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your letter of July 24 last, with reference to the whereabouts of Mr. Frank Magnolia, I beg to advise that we are advised by the manager of the Anchorage Daily Times that Mr. Magnolia was in Anchorage on July 7, and we assume, therefore, that he is still in that vicinity, and a letter addressed to him at Anchorage will no doubt reach him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 9, 1917,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this, Mr. R. B. Martin, is a young man who has been employed in positions of trust in the city for a number of years past. Mr. Martin is desirous of offering his services to his country in the present crisis by enlisting in the United States Navy, and I bespeak for him the good offices of all those whom he may meet. He is a young man of excellent ability and undoubted integrity.

Governor

Sept. 8, 1917

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Brigadier General W. P. Richardson,  
Chairman, Alaska Road Commission,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith petition received by this  
office from Mr. J. C. Murphy, of Neenah, which is self-  
explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. John C. Murphy,

Nenana, Alaska

My dear Mr. Murphy:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24, together with a petition of the miners and settlers of the Kantishna region, asking for an appropriation for road work in that section. I note you say that you are at a loss to know to whom to apply for an appropriation for road building purposes.

In reply I have to advise you that there are two appropriations, provided that either is available. One is the federal appropriation, disbursed under the direction of the Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, and the Territorial Road Commission, which disburses Territorial appropriations. As Kantishna is in the third judicial division, in order to secure consideration from the Territory, your application should be addressed to Mr. H. H. Ross, chairman of the divisional road commission, Fairbanks, Alaska. The other members of the divisional road commission are W. O. Robertson, of Ruby, and J. E. Riley, of Iditarod.

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I shall take the liberty of transmitting your map and petition to Brigadier General W. P. Richardson, Chairman of the Alaska Road Commission in this town.

I am also forwarding to your address copies of the Territorial laws relating to roads.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 6, 1917

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Hon. Key Pittman,  
United States Senate,  
Washington

My dear Senator Pittman:

This will serve to introduce Hon. Charles E. Davidson, Surveyor-General for the Territory of Alaska, who is in Washington on personal business and business connected with his office. Mr. Davidson has proved a most efficient and capable officer in all respects, and I bespeak for him your favorable consideration in such matters as he may submit to you.

With assurances of my great personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Similar letters to  
T. J. Walsh, J. D. Phelan  
and Knute Nelson

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Mrs. Alta G. Behren,  
Superintendent, Department of Anti-Narcotics,  
2330 North Pennsylvania Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

At the request of Mrs. Cornelia T. Hatcher, President of the Alaska Women's Christian Temperance Union, I take pleasure in sending herewith several copies of Chapter 19, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, entitled: "An Act To prohibit the sale, exchange or giving of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years in the Territory of Alaska, \* \* \*".

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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Mr. Charles J. Keen,  
United States Commissioner,  
St. Michael's Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a warrant on the Territorial treasury for the sum of \$18.15, account costs incurred by you as judge of the juvenile court for your precinct, in the case of the Board of Children's Guardians for the Second judicial division v. the Johansen children. In order to expedite the payment of this account, the voucher was made out in my name and I have endorsed the warrant to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Sept. 10, 1917

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Dr. H. J. Cahagan,  
Elgin State Hospital,  
Elgin, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 29, making application for a position as superintendent of the hospital for the insane in this Territory at such time as a vacancy may exist.

In reply I have to advise you that the insane of Alaska are confined, under contract with the Department of the Interior, at Morningside Sanitarium, near Portland, Oregon. The President of the Sanitarium Company is Dr. Henry Walde Coe, whose address is 516 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon, to whom you are referred for further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 10, 1917

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Dr. Thatcher Miller,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, in which you ask if there is any fund provided by the government in connection with the Harrison narcotic law for the management and treatment of drug addicts.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no such fund provided by the federal government. The Territory, however, has a fund which may be used for the care of indigents in the Territory; but I am of the opinion that no portion of this fund could be used for the maintenance of a person in a sanitarium outside of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 10, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

This office is from time to time in receipt of letters protesting against the payment of allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, to certain persons, representations being made that the persons so complained of are not entitled to receive them by reason of the fact that they are not necessitous persons and are, therefore, not entitled to consideration from the Territorial fund appropriated for that purpose. Among the persons complained of in the fourth judicial division are Arthur Vallentine, John Solen and Mrs. Adeline Simpson. It is stated that Vallentine is the sole owner of an association claim in the Inake district, at Gano's Creek, which he can dispose of at any time for a good sum and, therefore, he cannot be in distress. It is also alleged, in a letter to me, that Vallentine has not received his allowances for 9 or 12 months, his whereabouts being unknown and that the checks in payment thereof are held in your office, awaiting Mr. Vallentine.

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It is said of John Selon that he is, at the present time, working for the Alaskan Engineering Commission at a good salary and that he has served on the grand and petit juries and that last year he did over \$500 worth of work on sidewalks in the town of Fairbanks and acted as bailiff of the court time and again.

Mrs. Adeline Florence Simpson, it is claimed, has a splendid position as a cook for John D. Reagh, and has the care of a small boy, five years old, Mrs. Simpson being cook and housekeeper for said Reagh, for which she receives a salary of \$150 per month by the year and that she has occupied this position for nearly two years. It is also stated that she has a large, two-story house in connection with it, and wash-house, attached to which is a hot house; also that last winter Mrs. Simpson acted as matron in the jail at \$5 a day, besides the wages which she received from Mr. Reagh; and also that she has a good-sized bank account, etc.

Will you be good enough to advise me confidentially as to the truth or falsity of the statements contained herein concerning the persons mentioned?

Yours very truly,

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

Sept. 10, 1917

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Mr. John C. Murphy,

Nenana, Alaska

My dear Mr. Murphy:

With further reference to the different road funds to be used for road and trail construction purposes in Alaska, I have to advise you that the so-called forest reserve fund; that is, a certain percentage of federal appropriations, to be used, as I understand it, in the construction of roads and trails within the forest reserves only, is disbursed under the direction of the Department of Agriculture through the Alaska Forestry Service. I am advised that no portion of this fund will be used this year, but probably next year it will amount to something like \$100,000.

Inasmuch as there are no forest reserves in the fourth division, in my opinion, this fund will not be available for road or trail building purposes in that division. Mr. Vaughn, the engineer in charge of road building within the forest reserves, has been visiting Fairbanks and Nenana, and it is possible that you have seen him and have taken this matter up with him. Upon his return I shall see him and ascertain

the exact uses to which that fund may be put.

The law also provides that the Territory must cooperate to some extent with the Forest Service in this respect.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 11, 1917

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Hon. Geo. B. Grigsby,  
Attorney General,  
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 10, in which you state that it will be necessary for you to visit Seattle, Washington, on one of the next boats, for the purpose of attending to some important personal business; and you request a leave of absence from the Territory for the period of ten days, commencing September 5 next, in accordance with section 5 of chapter 77, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I have to advise you that you are hereby granted a leave of absence from the Territory for ten days, beginning September 15, 1917.

Yours truly,

Governor

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Mr. John W. Frame,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover I am forwarding to your address one dozen blank applications for allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the laws enacted by the legislature with reference to allowances for aged pioneers and prospectors. These blank applications should be filled out carefully with such information in detail as will enable the board which passes upon them to do justice to the applicant and the Territory at one and the same time. The notary public or commissioner signing the application should see that the statements of the applicant are corroborated by two men who are well acquainted with the statements, physical condition, etc., of the applicant.

Yours very truly,

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

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Mr. Allan Morgan,

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 1, 1917, in which you inquire as to the prospects for a young mining engineer in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not advised as to this, but you may obtain the information you desire by writing the following:

Alaska-Gastineau Mining Co., Juneau  
Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Co., Juneau  
Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., Treadwell  
The Kennecott Copper Corporation, Kennecott

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 11, 1917

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Mr. William Maloney,  
Territorial Mining Inspector,  
Nome, Alaska

My dear Billy:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several reports and letters, the most recent letter being dated August 21, written aboard the steamer Julia B., bound for Tanana. I need not say that I was glad to hear from you and to know that you were getting along so nicely. I met a Fairbanks man the other day and he told me that you were surely the greatest worker in office that he had ever seen and that you overlooked nothing and were good for an all-day tramp at any time.

I received a telegram from you yesterday, stating that you arrived in Nome, where you would probably remain for one month.

Politically there is nothing much new in this bailiwick. Jennings is away and has been for a month or so and, therefore, the machine is more or less silent, although Grigsby is here and Troy's brains seem to be getting mushier than ever, judging by the effusions that are seen from time to time in his paper. I have heard absolutely nothing from Washington. Davidson left on yesterday evening for the national capital,

but this is not generally known, so keep it under your hat for the time being. I note what Commissioner Atwell, of Televana, told you; also Billy Burns. As for Billy, poor fellow, I do not blame him very much. He seemed to have lacked the backbone to go through when he had the opportunity. Had he done so, it would have put a quietus, I firmly believe, upon the gang of highbinders who are destroying the Democratic party, if they have not quite done so. I have been able to get hold of some interesting correspondence and telegrams forwarded me from the States by a man whom I know; but, how he got them, I am at a loss to understand. The Dispatch recently published a telegram that Troy had sent to George Grigsby when the latter was in Nome, advising Grigsby, the follows:

"Using your name with others strong appeal directly to President, Sunday night letter, save Alaska from Strong. Get strongest possible telegram from Nome. No time to lose. Territory is flooding White House."

Judging by immediate results, the "flood" has not struck the White House, although it may be a long time in reaching its objective point. I am advised that "Windy" Bill Hohheimer will not be appointed district attorney for the third judicial division.

I have had some interesting correspondence from Nome, but I will not refer to it, as you will be advised as to conditions while you are there. I certainly appreciate the loy-

alty of the Home Democrats in this contemptible fight which a few political crooks in the Democratic party in Alaska are making upon me. The people; that is, those who will not stand for theft and dishonesty, must get together and act as a unit in the primaries next spring. The party must be purged of such unscrupulous as Donohoe, Jennings, Troy, Grigsby, et al. They have no place in the party except away back in the rear rank. They are absolutely unworthy of trust or confidence of any kind.

While in Seattle, on our way here, we met Mrs. Maloney. She was looking well and said that Billy was fine, as usual. Mrs. Strong had a letter from her a few days ago.

Keep up the propaganda wherever you can in exposing the actions of the clique. The more I revolve this over in my mind, the more convinced I am that it was the result of a conspiracy deliberately planned by Bob Jennings. Jennings, you know, wanted to be Governor and he figured that with Sulzer defeated, Sulzer would be a prominent candidate and the logical one for the place, provided that I was not a candidate, which Jennings thought that I would not be, nor probably would I have been, except for the fight they have been making upon me. Therefore, he was ready to prostitute his office, disregard law, ignore the principles of right and justice in order to make the way clear for himself to

to the Governor's chair. In this he seduced Grigsby and the rest. That he was not successful has made him like a red, raging, mad bull. Apparently he is in such a state of insanity that he is not wholly responsible.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the  
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Held at Juneau on September 10, 1917

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Strong of the Board, Trustee Shattuck being the other member of the Board present.

The matter of the cost of laundry machinery, as reported by the American Machinery Co., was referred to Trustee Shattuck for investigation and report.

The Chairman of the Board was instructed to investigate complaints received by him to the effect that the allowances of Mrs. Adeline F. Simpson, Arthur Vallentine and John Solen, of Fairbanks, were not needed by the beneficiaries, in order to exist.

Applications for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, were received from Sandy Alexander, Fairbanks; John Martin Peterson, Fairbanks; and George E. Tingle, Tanana; also Bridget Faulkner, Nome. After due consideration, Sandy Alexander was granted an allowance of \$10 per month; George E. Tingle an allowance of \$12.50 per month, and Bridget Faulkner an allowance of \$12.50 per month. The application of John Martin Peterson was referred to Trustee Shattuck for further inquiries.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

Juneau, Sept. 12, 1917.

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Pacific Steamship Company,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Please furnish to the bearer, James Gilligan, third-class transportation, Juneau, Alaska, to Los Angeles, California, and charge to the Territory of Alaska. Mr. Gilligan wishes to leave tonight on the SPOKANE.

Present your bill in duplicate, with this letter attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Dr. B. L. Myers,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 10, with reference to your membership on the Territorial Medical Board; and you suggest that it would be advisable hereafter for one of the two semi-annual meetings of the Board to be held in Ketchikan.

In reply I have to advise you that the law provides that two meetings of the Board shall be held annually, one in September and one in March. There is nothing in the medical law to prevent the Board from holding a meeting anywhere they choose. It may be held "at Juneau or some other place to be designated by the Board." You will notice, therefore, that the law provides that meetings may be held elsewhere than in Juneau, and the places of such meetings may be fixed by the Board.

The other member of the Board for the first judicial division is Dr. H. C. DeVighe, now an officer in the Medical Reserve Corps, the Presidio, San Francisco. Doctor DeVighe

was reappointed to the Board, notwithstanding the fact that he had entered the Medical Service, as he still retains his residence in Juneau, and I further believed that a reappointment was due to him, in view of the patriotic action he had taken in enlisting in the service of his country. A temporary member of the Board is Dr. L. P. Daves, of Juneau, with whom you might communicate as to the time and place of holding the next meeting.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 13, 1917

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The Assistant Supervisor,  
U. S. Naval Auxiliary Reserve,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have pleasure in stating that I have known Mr. Dan A. Sutherland, now of Juneau, Alaska, for about 18 years, and I am glad to testify to his excellent character as a man and a citizen. Mr. Sutherland has been identified with Alaska for some 18 years and, since 1913, has been a member of the Alaska Territorial legislature, as senator from the fourth judicial division. Mr. Sutherland is a man of more than ordinary ability, and Alaska has no more patriotic and loyal citizen. I am sure that Mr. Sutherland will render a good account of himself in any position of trust to which he may be assigned.

Yours truly,

Governor

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September 13, 1917.

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Mr. F. R. Barnes,

McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3d instant you are advised that the legal fee for a notary commission is \$10, which should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor of Alaska.

Enclosed you will find a bond blank, on the back of which will be found an oath of office form. These should be properly executed, and sent to the Clerk of the District Court, at Valdez, so that he may approve the bond. Ask him to send it direct to this office after approval. The fee should be remitted direct here, and upon receipt of the approved bond, with the oath of office, a commission will be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

September 13, 1917.

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Mr. Tom Mullen,

City.

Dear Sir:

This will authorize you to furnish meals to the value of FIVE DOLLARS, to Mr. John Connors, the bearer hereof, charging the same to the Territory of Alaska.

Render your itemized bill, in duplicate, to this office, with this letter attached thereto, and payment will be arranged.

Yours truly,

Governor.

Sept. 15, 1917

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The Agent,  
Pacific Steamship Co.,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, transmitting bill in duplicate, covering transportation furnished John Lockner, Cordova to Juneau, upon request of United States Commissioner Medley.

Authority has this day been issued, in favor of your company, covering the bill in question, and, to save time, we have arranged with the Juneau agent to sign the voucher and the warrant will be issued to him for transmittal to you. We have done this in order to save the time which would otherwise be necessary in forwarding a voucher to you for signature and having the same returned for the issuance of a warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 15, 1917

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Prof. L. D. Henderson,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Commissioner:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from the President of  
The State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado, dated the  
25th ultimo, which is referred to you for your recommenda-  
tion and reference back to this office for appropriate ac-  
tion.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

Sept. 17, 1917

TO THE NEWSPAPERS:

The Governor's office is desirous of ascertaining the whereabouts of Maxwell M. Hanley, formerly of Spokane, Wash., and Walter J. Harris, formerly of New York City, both of whom are supposed to be in Alaska at the present time.

Information concerning these men should be addressed to the Governor at Juneau.

To:

Daily Alaska Dispatch  
Ketchikan Progressive Miner  
The Cordova Times  
The Seward Gateway  
The Valdez Prospector  
The Skagway Alaskan  
The Fairbanks News-Miner

Sept. 17, 1917

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Mr. T. W. Todd,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Todd:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter which I have just received from Brigadier General George O. Squire, United States Signal Corps, Washington, D. C., in reply to one which I wrote him on August 16, along the lines which you discussed with me while I was in Seattle.

I do not know whether anything will come out of the matter or not, but I sincerely hope so for your sake.

By the way, did you ever get that money from Troy?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 17, 1917

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Mr. E. W. Cragin,  
United States Commissioner,  
Tombstone, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14, with reference to the case of J. W. Sullivan, who is in indigent circumstances, you are authorized to furnish Sullivan fuel and food to the amount of \$30 and \$7 for house rent; in all, \$37.

Forward bill to this office and a voucher will be issued in payment of such expenditure.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Carbon copy

Juneau, September 18, 1917. O. B.

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Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Justus H. Eldon of Moose Creek has applied for notary bond. He first submitted bond which had to be returned account irregularities in execution and now submits bond with John Roberts of Franklin as surety. Bond and oath office in proper form. Advice by wire if you approve bond with surety named.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 19, 1917.

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith find bond and oath of office of Justus H. Elden, of  
Nesse Creek, Alaska, together with telegram from the Clerk of the District  
Court at Fairbanks approving the bond, and a Canadian 25-cent "shipplaster"  
which has been sent by Mr. Elden to cover the American discount on the  
\$10 in Canadian currency which he remitted some time ago, and which was  
sent to you with office letter of July 9th last.

With these enclosures the matter will be in order for the  
issuance of a commission to Mr. Elden.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sept. 18, 1917

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Mrs. Joseph T. Field,  
19 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Mill Valley,  
Marin County, Cal.

Dear Madam:

On the 23d ultimo this office received from Mr. Joseph N. Harrison, of San Francisco, a letter which he stated was written in your interest, making inquiry with regard to the properties supposed to have been owned by your late husband, Mr. J. T. Field, who at the time of his death on April 5 last, was an inmate of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka.

This matter was immediately referred by this office to the superintendent of the Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka, and I enclose herewith a copy of his reply, which gives all the information he has at his disposal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 18, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Spaulding,  
Hawk Inlet,  
Alaska

Dear Sir:

There is a vacancy in the Board of Fish Commissioners, created by act of the Territorial legislature of 1917, two of the former appointees having been disqualified by reason of the fact that they were members of the legislature which passed the legislation creating such commission. It is my desire to have competent men appointed to this Commission, and you have been highly recommended to me as one who would be in every way competent to fill a place on the Board, by reason of your knowledge and experience in the salmon fisheries of the Territory. Among those who recommended you is Mr. Z. R. Cheney, attorney-at-law; and it, therefore, will give me pleasure to appoint you to the Board, provided you can see your way clear to accept. As this Board must be completed not later than September 24, will you be good enough to advise me by return mail as to your views of the matter.

The other members of the Board who will serve with you, should you accept the appointment, will be Mr. B. M. Behrends

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and Mr. J. R. Beagle, of Ketchikan.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 18, 1917

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Mr. John R. Beagle,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the Territory of Alaska, vice the Honorable J. R. Heckman, resigned. Your appointment will be effective this date and continue for a period of two years or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

You will be required to execute an oath of office under this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, September 18, 1917. O. B. ~~1917~~

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John R. Beagle,

KEETCHIKAN.

You have this date been appointed a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for Alaska under the provisions of chapter seventy five, session laws of Alaska, nineteen seventeen, vice J. H. Heckman, resigned. Please wire acceptance and execute oath office at once and mail this office by first steamer.

STONER, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

*Rush*  
Juneau, September 20, 1917. O. B.

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E. V. Bayle, Cordova,

F. H. Dunham, Fairbanks,

R. T. Kubon, Fairbanks,

Joseph McDougall, Nome.

Necessary that officers of Territorial pharmacy board be elected at once, owing to new members having been appointed in first division. Suggest you wire your proxy to W. H. Seeley, Juneau, so that organization of board can be speedily effected. Letter of explanation follows.

STRONG, Governor.

*W. H. Seeley*  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, September 21, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

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SHOUP,

SITKA.

Your wire twentieth. Better buy hundred tons Newcastle lump and nut  
at five twenty. Alaska supply order was through Seattle Steamship Company  
Shattuck advises.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Sept. 24, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Spaulding,

Hawk Inlet, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the provisions of chapter 75, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, I hereby appoint you a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the Territory of Alaska, vice Mr. W. W. Casey, resigned. Your appointment will be effective this date and continue for a period of two years, or until your successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

There is enclosed herewith an oath of office form in duplicate, which please execute and mail to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

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Sept. 22, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 12, with reference to the Board of Children's Guardians and the case of two children, whose father, A. E. McLean, was adjudged guilty of manslaughter for killing his wife and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

I also note you state that Mrs. George C. Treat, the woman member of the Board, has left the Territory, making a vacancy in the Board. I will thank you if, upon the receipt of this, you will recommend some woman who will be willing to undertake the duties of a member of the Board, so that the vacancy can be filled with all possible dispatch.

As I understand the law (chapter 32, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913), the judge of the district court and the United States marshal are continuing members of the Board, and, therefore, a reappointment is not necessary. If, in your opinion it is, will you so advise me and a reappointment will be issued for yourself and the United States marshal forthwith.

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With reference to the McLean children, it seems to me that the sum of \$1.50 per day each for the maintenance of these children is somewhat high. In any event, we are caring for a number of children in several of the states, in public institutions, at greatly reduced cost. The Board of Children's Guardians, however, should secure the most reasonable terms possible, consistent with the proper care of the children.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a pamphlet containing instructions as to the forms of records and methods of auditing accounts, etc., in connection with such cases as the above.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 22, 1917

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Mr. S. T. Aarssen,

Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 9, with reference to your securing an allowance under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915.

In reply I am enclosing herewith a blank application, which you will have filled out either by a United States commissioner, a notary public or some other competent person. The application must be subscribed and sworn to before either a commissioner or a notary public and it must be accompanied by affidavits of two reputable citizens who are acquainted with you and your circumstances and who will subscribe to the truths of the averments contained therein. As soon as this is done, the application should be returned to this office, when it will be placed before the Board of Trustees for such action as they may determine.

I may say that I remember you very well, indeed, when you lived in Nome, and I was sorry to learn that your health was not good. I also wish you every success in the world in

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in your attempt to improve a farm in your section of Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 2, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Seeley,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a telegraphic proxy received by me from Joseph McDougall, a member of the Alaska Pharmacy Board for the second judicial division.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 22, 1917

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The Sanitarium Company,  
516 Salling Building,  
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

In the absence of Doctor Coe, I am addressing the company with reference to the case of Mrs. Card, a native woman of Klawock, Alaska, at present an inmate of your institution. I am in receipt of a letter from her sister at Klawock, Mrs. Nellie Thomas, advising me that it is her intention to go to Portland and ask that her sister be assigned to her care or her relatives, and stating that she desires to take her to her former home.

When I visited the Sanitarium about the middle of July last, I discussed this case somewhat with Doctor Coe, and it is my recollection that he advised me that he thought that it would be advisable to release Mrs. Card within a very few weeks. May I ask you to advise me at your earliest convenience as to Mrs. Card's condition and whether it would be practicable to turn her over to the care of relatives at Klawock?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 22, 1917

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Mrs. Nellie Thomas,  
Klawock, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17, with reference to the case of your sister who is confined at Morningside Sanitarium, and in which you express your intention of going to Portland and bringing your sister home; and you ask for a permit from this office for that purpose.

In reply I have to advise you that I visited Morningside Sanitarium about July 16 last, and the management of the Sanitarium advised me that it was their intention to discharge Mrs. Card within a short time, but not immediately, for the reason that it was considered it would be better for her in all circumstances to remain in the Sanitarium for a few weeks longer. I have heard nothing from the Sanitarium since that time. Unless your sister is voluntarily discharged by the Sanitarium management as cured, the procedure to be followed is, I think, putting up a bond for her care, in the event that she should be discharged under what is known as parole. I shall, however, write the management as to securing

her discharge as cured or discharging her and placing her in the custody of yourself or other relatives; and as soon as I shall have received a reply, I will communicate at once with you.

In the meantime, I do not believe it would be well for you to go to the expense of making a trip to Portland without first ascertaining whether your sister will be released into your custody or discharged as cured.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 22, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Georgeson:

I am transmitting herewith the applications for allowances of Gaston W. Smalley, of Tenakee, and W. M. Ball, of Nenana. At a meeting attended by myself and Mr. Shattuck this afternoon, it was decided to recommend an allowance of \$12.50 per month to each of the applicants, the allowances to begin on October 1 next.

As Mr. Shattuck has the check book, the checks in payment of these allowances will be signed by Mr. Shattuck and myself and forwarded from here, thus avoiding delay.

I believe that you have on file the application of one Phillips, (I do not recollect his first name) of Ruby, which was disallowed last spring on the recommendation of Representative Snow, who advised me that he did not think that Phillips was in need of an allowance at that time, but later he probably would be. I have recently received urgent requests that Phillips be given an allowance; and if you will kindly look over the petition and forward it with your recommendation either for or against, I shall appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the  
ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

Held at Juneau on Sept. 22, 1917

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home was held at the Governor's office on September 22, Governor Strong and Trustee Shattuck being present.

The applications of Gaston W. Smalley, of Tenakee, and W. M. Bell, of Nenana, for allowances under chapter 64, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, were considered and the sum of \$12.50 per month allowed in each case, said allowances to begin Oct. 1, 1917.

Superintendent Shoup of the Pioneers Home was authorized to purchase 100 tons of Newcastle coal at \$5.20 per ton, f. o. b. Seattle.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Chairman

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Sept. 22, 1917

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Mrs. Mary E. Thacher, President,  
The Board of Children's Guardians,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of September 21, in which you state that the Board of Children's Guardians is sending Rosie Bonino to the State School for the Blind at Mancoover, Wash., on the steamer Dolphin; and you also state that proper application has been filled out and sent to the superintendent. You also enclose a letter received by the Board from the superintendent of the Washington school, stating terms of payment of tuition; and you ask that the amount be remitted.

In reply I have to advise you that by referring to page 7 of the Instructions as to Forms of Record, etc., of juvenile courts and boards of children's guardians, you will find under the head of "expenditures," that all contracts providing for the care and maintenance of children or other continuing liability on the part of the Territory, shall be executed in triplicate by the chairman and secretary of the Board, to be promptly forwarded to the Governor for his approval, etc.

I have to request, therefore, that you will have such contracts duly executed and disposed of in the manner noted above. After approval by the Governor, a voucher in payment of the costs of tuition, etc., will go forward.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 22, 1917

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Mr. W. M. Barr, City Editor,  
Los Angeles Evening Herald,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting assistance in efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Wm. D. Becker, who is supposed to be in Alaska. We are today forwarding an item to four of the leading dailies of the Territory, asking for information concerning Mr. Becker's whereabouts, and giving a brief statement of the facts contained in your letter, and have asked that all other Alaska papers copy the item.

I trust that this may be the means of locating Mr. Becker.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

September 25, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover we are mailing you the following vaccine and serum supplies, a part of the list recently sent this office by you for order:

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 2 pkgs vaccine, 733 LY        | \$6.00 |
| 4 " " " 732                   | 1.80   |
| 2 " serum, 55                 | 6.00   |
| 1 only 130 P D Co. Biological | .45    |

These are in one package addressed to you. The following items could not be supplied by the Steward & Holman Drug Co., Seattle, and were ordered by them from the East, to be sent direct here:

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| 2 pkg P D Co. Biological | \$81 |
| 2 " " " " "              | 551  |

We will forward these two items as soon as they arrive.

We will arrange voucher in settlement of these supplies.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Ivan J. Andrianoff,  
Sleetmate, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of allowance No. 153 of August 28, 1917, covering the allowance granted to you on that date by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. You will note the allowance begins October 1, 1917.

The quarterly warrants will be mailed to your United States commissioner for delivery to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 25, 1917

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Mr. Geo. E. Tingle,  
Tanana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of allowance No. 157 of September 10, 1917, covering the allowance granted to you on that date by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. You will note the allowance begins October 1, 1917.

The quarterly warrants will be mailed to United States Commissioner Dehn at Tanana.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Sandy Alexander,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of allowance No. 156 of September 10, 1917, covering the allowance granted to you on that date by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. You will note the allowance begins October 1, 1917.

The quarterly warrants will be mailed to your United States Commissioner at Fairbanks, for delivery to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Bridget Faulkner,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of allowance No. 155 of September 10, 1917, covering the allowance granted to you on that date by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. You will note the allowance begins October 1, 1917.

The quarterly warrants will be mailed to your United States Commissioner at Nome.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 25, 1917

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Mr. George Sutton,  
Windham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of allowance No. 154, dated September 6, 1917, covering the allowance granted to you on that date by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. You will note the allowance begins October 1, 1917.

The quarterly warrants will be mailed to United States Commissioner W. L. Burton, at Juneau, for delivery to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Robert E. Burns,  
United States Commissioner,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial warrant No. 868, dated the 22d instant, in favor of Gaston W. Smalley, of Nenana, in the sum of \$37.50, covering his allowance for the quarter ending December 31, 1917, under the Territorial pension act.

Mr. Smalley's certificate of allowance will be mailed to him from Sitka, and when he has received the same, you will be authorized to deliver the enclosed warrant to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Copy to  
C. C. Georgeson,  
Sitka, Alaska

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Sept. 25, 1917

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Mr. E. W. Cragin,  
United States Commissioner,  
Tombstone, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith find warrant No. 867, dated the 22d instant,  
in favor of W. M. Bell, for the sum of \$37.50, covering his  
allowance under the Territorial pension act for the quarter  
ending December 31, 1917.

Mr. Bell's certificate of allowance will be mailed to  
him from Sitka and when he has received it, you will be  
authorized to deliver the enclosed warrant to him.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Copy to  
Dr. C. C. Georganen

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Sept. 25, 1917

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

My dear Professor Georgeson:

Under separate cover we are returning to you the book of certificates of allowances, which has been in this office during your recent absence from Sitka.

As the meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Juneau on the 22d instant did not take place until after your return, certificates have not been issued to Messrs. Gaston W. Smalley, of Tenakee, and W. M. Ball, of Nenana, to whom allowances were granted at that meeting. Treasurer Shattuck, however, made out the warrants covering these allowances and they are being mailed to the United States commissioners at Tenakee and Nenana respectively.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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