

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Referring to recent correspondence with respect to your expenses during the period March 1 to June 30, and your estimate of \$200 as the amount which you will require for that period, I beg to advise that you are authorized to incur expenses not to exceed the amount stated during the period in question. Should it become necessary later on to reduce this allowance, you will be duly advised.

On the other hand, if you should deem it advisable to incur expenses in excess of the amount stated, kindly communicate with this office, and, if funds are available, an additional allowance will be made.

It is advisable that you do a great deal of traveling during the coming spring and summer, visiting canneries and all other points where game violations are likely to occur. In this connection I may say that, in the past, we have had many complaints of violations of the game law by cannery employees, many of these violations being alleged to occur prior to the beginning of cannery work. The Governor is very de-

circumstances that complaints of this kind be reduced to a minimum by increased vigilance on the part of the game wardens.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Aron Eriksen,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to recent telegraphic correspondence relative to your expenses during the period March 1 to June 30, and your estimate of \$275 as being the amount which you will require for that purpose, I beg to advise you that you are authorized to incur expenses not exceeding the amount of your estimate, during the period stated. Should it become necessary later on to reduce this allowance, you will be duly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to recent telegraphic correspondence relative to your expenses during the period March 1 to June 30, and your estimate of \$125 as being the amount which you will require for that purpose, I beg to advise you that you are authorized to incur expenses not exceeding the amount of your estimate, during the period stated. Should it become necessary later on to reduce this allowance, you will be duly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Referring to recent telegraphic correspondence relative to your expenses during the period March 1 to June 30, and your estimate of \$300 for this purpose, I beg to advise that you will be authorized to incur expenses to this amount during the period stated. If, later on, it should be found necessary to reduce the allowance, you will be duly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Herman A. Brauer, Chief,
Bureau of Municipal Research,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, there are being sent to you, under separate cover, the following documents:

Report of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior, 1915;
Circular No. 3, Alaska Game Law and Regulations; and
Report of the Governor on the Alaska Game Law, 1915

Circulars 1 and 2 referred to in your letter, were former editions of the game law and regulations, and, since quite a number of the regulations which they contain are now obsolete, it is assumed that they would be of no service to you. Circular No. 3 contains the full text of the game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. The report of the Governor on the Alaska game law for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, also contains the full text of the law and all regulations now in force, together with a list of licensed guides in the Kenai Peninsula, and the regulations governing these guides.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 24, 1916

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The Collector of Customs,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska Game Law, you are advised of the issuance of hunting license No. 1 (new form), this date, to Mr. Charles A. Giamini of Poland, N. Y. The hunting license has the usual shipping coupons attached. Mr. Giamini's trophies will be consigned to himself at Poland, N. Y., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 24, 1916

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Mr. Charles A. Giamini,

Poland, New York

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$50 and requesting the issuance of a hunting license.

Enclosed herewith you will find hunting license No. 1 of this date, issued to you, with six shipping coupons attached. There are also enclosed two shipping affidavit blanks to be used by you when making shipment of such trophies as you may obtain.

It is understood that your trophies will be consigned to yourself at Poland, New York, although it is not definitely stated in your letter. In case they are to be otherwise consigned, please advise this office so that the Collector of Customs, Seattle, may be duly informed.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska Game Law, which contains, in appendix A, the full text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

March 24, 1916

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Mr. Charles A. Giannini,
Poland, New York

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$50 and requesting the issuance of a hunting license.

Enclosed herewith you will find hunting license No. 1 of this date, issued to you, with six shipping coupons attached. There are also enclosed two shipping affidavit blanks to be used by you when making shipment of such trophies as you may obtain.

It is understood that your trophies will be consigned to yourself at Poland, New York, although it is not definitely stated in your letter. In case they are to be otherwise consigned, please advise this office so that the Collector of Customs, Seattle, may be duly informed.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska Game Law, which contains, in appendix A, the full text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

March 24, 1916

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The First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska Game Law, I beg to hand you herewith the sum of \$49 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing shipping licenses under the Alaska Game Law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

By
Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

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Mr. Adolph Naaf,
Pirate Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to the protection of game in your vicinity, and as to your offer to act as a special game warden without compensation.

Governor Strong is now absent from the Territory and will not return to Juneau until about May 1. Upon his return your letter will be placed before him for such action as he may wish to take in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

MEMO

March 23, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith letter of the tenth instant, addressed to you by Mr. Charles Madsen of Port Moller, Alaska, in further reference to his possible appointment as special game warden.

I would not forward the letter to you but for the fact that Mr. Madsen refers to violations of the fur regulations, and it occurs to me that you might wish to take this matter up with the Bureau of Fisheries, should you visit Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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March 25, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in reply to his letter of the 29th ultimo, regarding the reappointment of Mr. Emswiler as a guide for the Kenai Peninsula. I note that, for the reason stated in your letter, you have deemed it best to endorse Mr. Emswiler's application, although you have not changed your mind as to his fitness for the position of guide.

Governor Strong is now in the States and will not return to Juneau until about May 1. Should Mr. Emswiler's application be received in the meantime, action will be taken thereon in accordance with instructions given me by the Governor prior to his departure. I think I am safe in saying that, if Mr. Emswiler is reappointed, he will be given such definite instructions as will make it impossible for him to do otherwise than live up to all the requirements of the guide regulations. This office certainly will not tolerate a lack of harmony between the game wardens and the guides.

Respectfully yours,

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MEMO

March 27, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose a letter just received from the Secretary of Agriculture in reply to your letter of the fourth instant, recommending the renewal of the regulations for the protection of moose in southeastern Alaska and sheep in the eastern half of the Kenai Peninsula, which regulations expire on April 1. You will note that the Department is in full accord with your recommendation, and proposes also to renew all the other regulations now in force, which expire August 1. These regulations, expiring April 1, appear on page 14 of the enclosed game circular No. 8, while those which expire August 1 appear on the inserts between pages 12 and 13 of the circular.

You will note that the Secretary asks your views as to the advisability of extending regulations prohibiting the sale of deer carcasses for one or for two years. I am sure that you are opposed to the removal of the restriction upon the sale of deer carcasses at any time in the near future, and it seems to me that, for the sake of uniformity in the regulations, it would be well to suggest that the sale of deer carcasses be prohibited for two years. This would then make all the new regulations effective for a period of two years from August 1.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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March 27, 1916

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith official signature card just received from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, San Francisco, Cal., who has requested my signature to be verified and the card returned to him for record. I have the honor to request that the Department arrange for the verification of my signature and that the card be then mailed to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

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March 27, 1916

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The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing a card for my official signature, and requesting that the same be properly verified.

I have signed the card this date, and am forwarding it to the Secretary of the Interior with the request that the signature be verified and that the card be then forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
S. D. A.

March 29, 1916

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Mr. R. K. Hoover,

Chisana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you have in your possession one sheep head and cape, one glacier or grizzly bear skin, and one moose hide. You ask if it can be arranged so that you may ship these trophies to your mother at Freedomia, Pennsylvania.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of circular No. 3 issued by this office, containing the full text of the Alaska Game Law and all regulations now in force thereunder. I beg to call your attention to the second paragraph (page 6), chapter 3 of the circular, which provides for the issuance of shipping licenses to residents of Alaska. You will note that provision is made for the issuance of a \$40 license, which permits the shipment of the heads or trophies of one moose, if killed north of latitude 62°, 4 deer, 3 caribou, 3 sheep, 3 goats, and 2 brown bear; or a \$10-license permitting the shipment of a single head or trophy of caribou or mountain sheep; or a \$5-license permitting the shipment of a single head or trophy of a goat, deer or brown bear.

You do not state whether the moose trophy which you have was taken north or south of latitude 62°. If the animal from which the hide was taken was killed south of latitude 62°, a "special moose shipping license" would be necessary, the fee for which is \$150, as you will note by further perusal of the paragraph above mentioned. You will also note that section 5, above mentioned, provides that each shipper shall make and file with the customs office at the port where the shipment is to be made, an affidavit to the effect that he has not violated any of the provisions of the game law, that the trophies have not been bought or purchased, etc. If any of the trophies mentioned by you were purchased, they could not, of course, be shipped from the Territory.

If the bear skin which you have is that of a glacier bear, you will not require a shipping license therefor, since the glacier bear is classified as a species of the black bear. The line of distinction between a grizzly bear skin and a brown bear skin has never been definitely settled. This office takes the position that any bear skin which is brown in color is a brown bear skin, and the customs officers have accepted this view.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 3, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Geward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of advise from the Department of Agriculture, that on January 31 last, Department permit No. 440 was issued to Mr. A. Burton Hepburn of New York City, authorizing him to collect in Alaska and ship from any port therein, during the year 1916, to the Museum of the Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, the following specimens of big game: two brown bears, two caribou, two sheep and two goats. The proviso is made that these animals are not to be killed on the Kenai Peninsula, that the specimens are to be marked "Specimens for scientific purposes," and that the shipment is to be accompanied by the permit. Mr. Hepburn and party will leave Seattle about the 15th instant on an Admiral Line steamer, and will hunt brown bears on Kodiak Island.

This office is not, at the present time, informed where they expect to procure their other specimens.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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MEMO

April 5, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

The report of game warden Baughman for the month of March had just been received. He states that during the month he made a trip to Hope and Sunrise in connection with investigations of reported violations of the game law. It occurs to me that the following paragraph in his report should be brought to your attention for possible use while you are in Washington, in connection with the proposed amendments to the Alaska Game Law, and the renewal of the regulation protecting mountain sheep in the eastern part of the Kenai Peninsula:

"I have made diligent inquiry and find that ninety per cent. of the people think if there was a law passed, making it unlawful to sell any game that at least 50% of the game now killed would be saved. I think there should be another two years close season on mountain sheep east of 150°, the same expiring soon. We now have a nice start, as sheep have increased 20% since the law took effect. If they are not protected this year, while the railroad is in process of construction, they will all be killed in a few months as there will be 500 men at the foot of sheep mountain."

As shown in Department letter forwarded you a few days ago, it is the Secretary's intention to renew the regulation protecting mountain sheep in the eastern half of the Kenai Peninsula, so that this matter will probably be taken care of satisfactorily in that way. Possibly a regulation would also cover the other suggestion made by Mr. Baughman; namely, that the sale of game meat be prohibited.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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April 6, 1916

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Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel McAlpin,
New York City

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith my accounts covering disbursements from the game and liquor appropriations for the quarter ended March 31, 1916. All the vouchers require your approval signature, as also the joint abstract of disbursements and the joint account current. The place for your signature on the joint abstract of disbursements is on the page underneath the abstract of game disbursements.

Enclosed with these accounts is a letter of transmittal addressed to the Secretary, and also an envelope addressed to him for use in mailing the accounts after they have been approved by you.

These accounts are supposed to reach the Department not later than the 20th of the month.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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April 6, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1916, covering disbursements from the appropriations "Protection of game in Alaska, 1916," and "Suppression of liquor traffic, Alaska, 1916;" as follows:

1. Joint abstract of disbursements.
2. Joint account current.
3. Duplicate game deposit slip No. 1, dated March 7, 1916, covering a refund of \$5.33, covering deposit to my official credit, on account of overpayment on voucher No. 30 of these accounts. This voucher was issued to Charles Nickett for a full month's salary, whereas it should have been issued to cover 28 days.
4. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive.
5. Liquor vouchers Nos. 1 to 22, inclusive.

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
S. D. A.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

April 7, 1916

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Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of Department letter of the first ultimo, returning for amendment in certain respects, my accounts covering disbursements from the appropriations for the protection of game and suppression of the liquor traffic in Alaska, 1916, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1915. The matters referred to in the letter have been given attention, which, in some cases, has necessitated communicating with certain of the game wardens and special employees who are stationed at points in the interior of the Territory. Owing to the slow mail service at this time of the year, it will possibly be a month or more before replies will have been received from all the officers communicated with. As soon as the replies are in, the accounts will be returned with the explanations asked for.

With reference to the matter referred in the third paragraph of the Department's letter, namely, the purchasing, in advance, of provisions for use on trips made by the game wardens and special employees, I beg to advise that such purchases are only made when the officers are going on trips into sections

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of the country where it is impracticable or altogether impossible to secure meals in any other way. There is no other course for an officer to pursue under such conditions, unless it would be to go without eating for several days, which is rather more than can reasonably be asked. The accounts of the various game wardens and special employees for several years past show that, as a rule, they have secured their meals at restaurants, roadhouses, etc., the only exceptions being in cases where they have traveled in sparsely settled sections where there were no hotels, roadhouses or other places where meals could be obtained.

In this connection, I wish to say that instructions have been given game wardens and special employees to show on their subvouchers, or on the regular expense account vouchers, the points visited by them on trips for which it is necessary to purchase provisions in advance. Instructions have been given the officers to specify dates by the names of the months or the usual abbreviations therefor, instead of showing them in figures only, as has been the practice with some of them.

With reference to the purchase of receipt-books for use of the officers, I beg to advise that, in my opinion, the receipts now used by the various officers are more satisfactory than would be those suggested in the Department's letter, since those now in use are in duplicate form, the duplicate being

filed in this office with a duplicate of the expense account voucher. If the form suggested by the Department were used, the present system in vogue would require that one half of the blanks in each subvoucher book be used for duplicates, and, as there are only 24 blanks in each book, each officer would be required to carry several of these books at all times, since it not infrequently happens that there are from ten to twenty subvouchers submitted with a month's expense account. The cost of the subvoucher forms now in use by the game wardens and special employees is insignificant. Furthermore, all these officers are at present supplied with these blanks.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

April 9, 1916

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Mr. Harry Lynn,
Deputy Game Warden,
P. O. Station A,
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 3 issued by this office, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. I am also sending you a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the game law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

April 8, 1916

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Hon. J. P. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel McAlpin,
New York City

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith copies of your last annual report on the game law, and beg leave to make the suggestion that you take up with the Secretary of Agriculture, while in Washington, the various recommendations made by you in the report.

You will remember that, some two years ago when you were in Washington, the Department advised you that a proposed new game law was being drafted. Nothing has been heard regarding it, however, since that time, although, as you know, the law could well be amended in several particulars. One of the glaring defects of the law, as you know, is that it makes no adequate provision for the punishment of any person having game meat in his possession during the close season. This defect is particularly apparent in the matter of violations of the law and regulations for the protection of deer in southeastern Alaska. Several times within the last two or three months game warden Mc Donald has, as you know, found evidence of the violation of the

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law and regulations in the killing of deer in the close season, in several cases finding fresh deer meat in the possession of white men, but being unable to prosecute them because of having no evidence to show who actually killed the animals. It would seem that no hardship would be worked on anyone if the law were so amended as to make the possession of deer or other game meat in the close season, a violation of the law and subject to punishment, except, of course, in case of bona fide miners and prospectors and Indians. As the matter now stands, a man may go out at any time of the year and kill a deer, and unless the game warden catches him in the act of shooting it, he can escape conviction by simply saying that somebody else killed the deer and gave him a piece of it. And this is what is happening right along. As a matter of fact, too, the Indians grossly abuse the privilege accorded them under the law and not only kill deer for their own use, but frequently sell it or give it away to someone else.

I have taken the liberty of writing this letter simply to serve as a reminder of some of the things which you have, no doubt, already had in mind to take up while at Washington, but which might, in the press of matters there, be overlooked.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

April 10, 1916

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Mr. Charles Niskett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter will introduce you to Mr. Joseph A. Snow, special employee, who is engaged in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of this division. If you can be of any assistance to Mr. Snow in taking him to points outside of Ketchikan, or in furnishing him with information which may assist him in his work, it will be appreciated if you will kindly do so.

Of course, you will not be expected to make special trips for Mr. Snow; but, if you and he can arrange your trips together, which will be mutually beneficial to both the game and liquor service, you may be able to help Mr. Snow to reach places which he could not otherwise conveniently visit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 10, 1916

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Mr. Robert K. Steel,
Game Warden,
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A complaint has reached this office that a large number of moose and other game animals are regularly killed for the market by hunters in the vicinity of Circle, the meat being sold to miners, hotel and roadhouse keepers at 5¢ to 15¢ a pound delivered. It is stated that some hunters have killed as high as 15 moose each, and that there are a number of men in that section who make it a business to slaughter moose and caribou in the summer time, bringing the meat in on pack animals and selling it to their various customers during the close season.

It occurred to me that possibly you might be able to make a visit to Circle during the coming summer and investigate thoroughly the conditions obtaining there. If such a state of affairs exists as is claimed in the communication which has reached this office, it would seem that something should be done to stop the wholesale slaughter of game animals. Should you visit Circle, you could, no doubt, obtain

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some information and assistance from Mr. C. R. Rieger, who
is a resident of that place. Mr. Rieger, however, does not
wish his name to be given any publicity in this matter.
Possibly it might be well for you to write to Mr. Rieger.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 10, 1916

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Mr. C. R. Rieger,
Circle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th of February last, addressed to Professor Georgeson at Sitka, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply I beg to advise that a letter is being addressed to Mr. Robert H. Steel, game warden at Eagle, suggesting that he try and arrange to visit Eagle during the coming summer, and make a thorough investigation of game conditions in that region. It has also been suggested that, should he visit Circle, he confer with you, but he has been informed that you do not wish your name to be given any publicity in the matter. Should you care to communicate with Mr. Steel by letter, he will, no doubt, be glad to hear from you.

It is unlikely that a game warden could be appointed for the Circle region unless some person would be willing to act without compensation, since the limited funds available will not permit the employment of additional wardens. We now have nine regularly-appointed wardens and the full amount of the appropriation is required for their salaries and expenses.

In several communities, however, we have been able to find reliable persons who have been willing to act as local game wardens without compensation. If such a person can be found at Circle, I have no doubt that the Governor would be glad to give him an appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

MEMO

April 11, 1916

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Hon. J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Raleigh,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith statement of receipts and disbursements of license fees under the Alaska Game Law, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1916. This statement should be signed by you and transmitted to the Department with the papers which are attached to it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

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April 13, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Vincalotte,
87 Culley street,
Fitchburg, Mass

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to the Governor, stating that you are planning a hunting trip to the Kenai Peninsula, and asking to be advised as to what game is to be obtained there during the month of September. You also inquire with regard to licenses, guides, etc.

I enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 3 issued by this office, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. By reference to Sec. 3 of the law, you will note that in the month of September the season is open south of latitude 62° for moose, caribou, mountain sheep and goats. In the Kenai Peninsula, which lies south of latitude 62°, the chief hunting is for moose and mountain sheep, both of which are quite plentiful. There are also a great many black as well as brown bears in the Kenai Peninsula, but the season for brown bears does not open until the first of October. Black bears,

however, may be killed at any time. There is but a small herd of caribou in the Kenai Peninsula, and you will note that Sec. 2 of the law provided for their protection until August 30, 1912. Since that date they have been protected from year to year, under regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, the last regulation being No. 3 of July 21, 1914, which will be found on the insert between pages 12 and 13 of the enclosed circular. Under this regulation the caribou are protected until August 1, 1916. The Governor has recommended the reissuance of this and the other regulations found in the attached circular. The Secretary of Agriculture, in replying to the Governor's letter, has announced his intention of reissuing the various regulations, including the one protecting caribou in the Kenai Peninsula, so that they will undoubtedly be protected by a regulation of the Department in September next. Large numbers of caribou are found on the Alaska Peninsula, several hundred miles to the westward of the Kenai Peninsula, but it is only occasionally that hunters go there to hunt them; nearly all the nonresident hunters come to Alaska to obtain moose, sheep or brown bear trophies.

Sec. 5 of the law covers the matter of hunting and shipping licenses. You will note that each nonresident hunter is required to obtain a hunting license except where his hunting is confined to that of deer and goats. The fee

for a hunting license in the case of a citizen of the United States is \$50, while in the case of an alien it is \$100. Each hunting license is accompanied by shipping coupons which cover the shipment of certain trophies, but these coupons do not cover the shipment of moose trophies taken in the Kenai Peninsula or at any other point south of latitude 58°. For moose trophies a "Special moose shipping license" is required, the fee for which is \$150, and not more than two such licenses may be issued to any one person in any one year.

I am enclosing also a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the game law, in the back of which you will find a list of the game wardens in the Territory and of the licensed guides for the Kenai Peninsula. If you wish to make advance arrangements for guides, etc., it is suggested that you write Dr. J. A. Baughman, game warden, at Seward, Alaska, who is fairly acquainted with the game conditions of the Kenai Peninsula and can no doubt give you any information which you may desire, either with regard to game or guides.

Hunting licenses are issued only by the Governor. Persons applying for the same should remit the necessary fee in the form of a postal money order, payable to "The Governor of Alaska," and should advise to whom any trophies obtained by them will be shipped and the point of destination in the States. As a matter of convenience to hunters who are en route to the Kenai Peninsula and other points beyond Juneau,

this office arranges for the delivery of hunting licenses upon arrival of the steamers at Juneau where hunters previously advise as to what steamer they will arrive on. Delivery of these licenses is made either by a representative of this office or, if the steamer arrives after office hours, by the local agent of the steamship company, who is then authorized to delivery the license upon payment to him of the necessary fees.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1916

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Library of Research in Government,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your card of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, I enclose herewith a copy of Game Circular No. 3, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder, and also a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska game law.

Circulars 1 and 2 were simply earlier issues of the game law and regulations, and it is assumed that you will, therefore, not care for copies of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 13, 1916

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Mr. Stephen Birch,
120 Broadway,
New York City

My dear Mr. Birch:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14 instant. For fear the copies of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska game law, which were mailed to you on the 20th ultimo, may have gone astray, I am today mailing a few more copies of the report to you, and trust that they will reach you without undue delay.

With reference to hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, I note that Mr. R. F. McClellan, whom I remember quite well, is to accompany some friends of yours on a trip to the Kenai Peninsula next fall, and that you have asked Mr. Masolet to arrange for licensed guides. You say Mr. McClellan would like to be made a licensed guide for that district, if the matter can be so arranged. There are a number of men in the Kenai Peninsula who make a regular business of acting as licensed guides, and this office has always been averse to making special appointments of persons who do not regularly reside in the Peninsula. For this reason, I doubt the Governor's willingness to issue an appointment in Mr. McClellan's case.

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I will, however, take the matter up with him and he will either advise you directly, or I will advise you upon the receipt of his reply. The Governor is now in your city and will be in Washington, D. C., within a few days.

You inquire whether a resident of Alaska has a right to hunt in the Kenai Peninsula without a licensed guide. In reply to this inquiry I beg to say that only nonresident hunters are required to secure the services of a licensed guide in the Kenai Peninsula. Since you say that you maintain a residence in Alaska, I assume that you would be authorized to hunt in the Kenai Peninsula without a licensed guide, the same as any other Alaskan.

Sec. 5 of the game law contains the provisions with respect to hunting and shipping licenses. You will note that the hunting license fee for a citizen of the United States is \$50, while for an alien it is \$100. These licenses are issued only by the Governor. We frequently arrange for their delivery to hunters upon arrival of their steamers at Juneau, they, in such cases, giving us previous advice as to the date of their arrival here.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or your friends, please write me.

Please remember me kindly to Mr. McClellan when you see or write him; and with kind regards to yourself, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 13, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. Stephen Birch, whose address is 120 Broadway, New York, stating that some of friends intend to hunt in the Kenai Peninsula during the coming fall. Mr. Birch states that Mr. R. F. McClellan, an old-time Alaskan and one of the original owners of the Benansa mine, will accompany the hunters, and he would like to be made a licensed guide for the Kenai Peninsula.

I have written Mr. Birch explaining that there are already a number of licensed guides in the Kenai Peninsula, and that this office has always been averse to making special appointments to persons who are not actual residents of the Peninsula. I do not know where Mr. McClellan is at the present time, but am inclined to think that he is not in the Territory and has not been for some considerable time, although, as Mr. Birch states in his letter, Mr. McClellan is an old-time Alaskan. I met him when I was with the Katalla Company at Cordova, he being at that time superintendent of the Benansa mine.

A letter received a few days ago from Game Warden Baughman stated that the guides in the Kenai Peninsula have made very little money, and that last year only one or two of them

had more than one hunting party during the entire system. In view of this, it seems hardly fair to those men who are required to hold themselves in readiness to act when called upon, and who are bona fide residents of the Peninsula, to make a special appointment such as Mr. Birch suggests in the case of Mr. McClellan. Furthermore, if there are, as I understand from Mr. Birch's letter to be the case, a number of persons in his party of friends, they will probably require more than one guide.

I have explained to Mr. Birch that I am referring this portion of his letter to you, and that you will no doubt either advise him direct, or that I will advise him upon receipt of a reply hereto.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

April 14, 1916

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Mr. Andrew Healy,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith check No. 571 of this date, in your favor, for \$123.00, issued in settlement of your expense account for the month of February, 1916.

You will note that the check is for \$1 less than the amount of your expense account as submitted. This is for the reason that your expenses for subsistence on February 18 and 20th exceeded the legal limit by 50¢ on each day. I have, therefore, been obliged to disallow the sum of \$1 in your accounts, and have corrected them accordingly.

In future, should your expenses for subsistence exceed the sum of \$5 a day for any given day, you should only submit a charge of \$5, since anything in excess of that amount will have to be disallowed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

Enc.

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Juneau, April 15, 1916. O B.

Game Warden Steel,

EAGLE.

On May first wire amount your April expenses, and on June first wire amount of May expenses.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, April 15, 1916. O B.

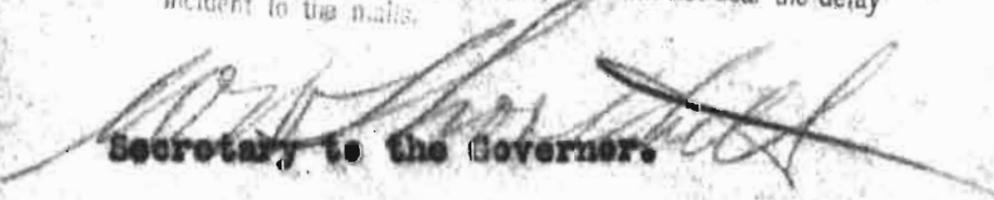
Game Warden Neuhaus,

NOME.

On receipt this message wire amounts your January, February and March expenses and on May first wire amount April expenses and June first wire amount May expenses.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, April 15, 1916. O. B.

Game Warden McDonald,

Fairbanks.

On May first wire amount your April expense account. Also please advise at once amount your February and March expenses. Please ask Hooy send similar telegram May first covering his April expenses.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

Notice that the telegram is to be paid by the Government and necessary for the public service and will be paid by the Government to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

April 15, 1916

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have wired you today, requesting that you and Heey advise on May 1 the amount of your April expense accounts. I have also asked you to wire at once the amount of your February and March expenses.

On June 1 please wire the amount of your May expenses. Kindly ask Mr. Heey to arrange to send a similar telegram on June 1, covering his May expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 15, 1916

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Mr. Peter Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On May 1 please forward by mail, to the cable office at Cordova, a telegram to be sent from there to this office, stating the actual amount of your April expense account, and on June 1, kindly send in a similar manner a telegram advising the actual amount of your May expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 15, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On May 1 please wire me the amount of your April ex-
penses, and on June 1 kindly wire me the amount of your
May expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 15, 1916

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Mr. Aren Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On May 1 please wire me the amount of your April ex-
penses, and on June 1 kindly wire me the amount of your
May expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 15, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On May 1 please wire me the amount of your April ex-
penses, and on June 1 kindly wire me the amount of your May
expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 15, 1916.

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Mr. Curtis Baird,
On Board S. S. "NORTHWESTERN",
Juneau.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find hunting license No. 2 of this date issued to you and No. 3 issued to Mr. Leslie Simson, in compliance with request contained in message received this afternoon, reading as follows:

"Governor Strong,
Juneau.

"Kindly arrange for hunting license for Curtis Baird and Leslie Simson of Berkeley, California, passengers for Uyak on Northwestern."

A fee of \$50 is payable for each license, which the Agent of the Alaska S. S. Co. at Juneau, or his representative, is authorized to receive from you when he delivers the licenses. At the same time, will you kindly advise the Agent or his representative to whom the trophies obtained by you and Mr. Simson will be shipped, and to what destination in the States. This information is necessary, that we may advise the Collector of Customs at Seattle. Also kindly state whether the trophies will be shipped via water or rail from Seattle to Berkeley.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

April 15, 1916.

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Mr. Willis E. Nowell,
Agent Alaska S. S. Co.,
Juneau.

My dear Sir:

Messrs. Curtis Baird and Leslie Sisson are passengers on the "NORTHWESTERN" this trip, bound for Uyak on a hunting trip. They have wired for hunting licenses, which have been issued and are contained in the enclosed envelope addressed to Mr. Baird.

Will you kindly arrange for delivery of the licenses to Mr. Baird upon arrival of the "Northwestern", collecting for each of them \$50 -- a total of \$100. Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

April 17, 1916

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The Collector of Customs,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the
Alaska Game Law, you are advised of the issuance on the 15th
instant of the following hunting licenses:

License No. 2 to Thomas Curtis Baird, of Berkeley,
California.

License No. 3 to Lealie Simson, of Berkeley, California.

Messrs. Baird and Simson advise that any trophies obtained
by them will be consigned to Robert B. Baird, Berkeley, Cali-
fornia, passing through Seattle and from there via water to
San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Copy to the
Collector of Customs,
San Francisco

April 18, 1916.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska game law I hand you herewith the sum of \$98 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska game law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

(Htg. Lic. #2 and #3, 4-15-16.)

April 17, 1916

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Mr. Charles A. Giamini,
Hotel Diller,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, and regret to note that through an oversight the affidavit blanks referred to in the letter with which hunting license was forwarded to you, were omitted from that letter. I enclose the blanks herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 18, 1916

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,

Game Warden,

Fairbanks Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, enclosing your February and March expense accounts. I have examined the accounts and issued checks in payment thereof, the same being enclosed herewith.

Under separate covers (3 packages), I am sending you a further supply of letterheads, second sheets and official envelopes.

The matter of the purchase of a new tent is one which may possibly be objected to by the Department or the Auditor, both of whom examine my accounts as disbursing officer of the game appropriation. I mention this so that you will understand that, although you are authorized in this letter to purchase a new tent, there is a possibility that the item may be questioned in your accounts and you may be required to refund the amount to the appropriation. However, we have the precedent of the former purchase to back us up in our contention and also similar purchases for other wardens which have thus far been allowed.

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As indicated above, you are authorized to purchase a new
tent for your official use, including the cost of the same in
in your expense account.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
S. D. A.

April 18, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith duplicate requisition for funds from the game and liquor appropriations of which I am the disbursing agent.

To avoid delay in the payment of April salaries and expense accounts, I have the honor to request that I be advised by telegraph when the amounts asked for have been placed to my official credit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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April 19, 1916

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Mr. Herman A. Brauer, Chief,
Bureau of Municipal Research,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

In response to your request of the 13th instant, there is being sent to you under separate cover a copy of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska Game Law for the fiscal year 1915.

Your name will be placed upon our mailing list for future copies of the annual game report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 19, 1916

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, enclosing a postal money order in my favor, in the sum of \$2.75, covering a refund of the amount of your subvoucher No. 1, submitted with your November, 1915, expense account. While I am satisfied in my own mind that the expense in question should be allowed, I am equally well satisfied that the Department and the Auditor would refuse to allow it in spite of the showing contained in your letter. The fact appears to be that you remained at Roosevelt on the date on which the expense was incurred, although your outfit was packed and ready for shipment, and would have gone forward on that date if the motor car operated on the Alaska Central road could have taken it. As a matter of equity, therefore, the expense should be allowed, but since the Department and the Auditor consider the accounts from the sole standpoint of legal provisions and departmental regulations, I am satisfied that there is no possibility of getting the item allowed.

I have, therefore, deposited the amount of your remittance with the First National Bank of Juneau, which will credit it to the Treasurer of the United States and he in turn will place it to my official credit as disbursing agent for future use in connection with game expenses.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter,

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 22, 1916.

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$98 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska Game Law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Htg. Lic. #4-5.)

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April 22, 1916.

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The Collector of Customs,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska game law, you are advised of the issuance by this office on the 21st instant of the following hunting licenses, good during the calendar year 1916, with the usual shipping coupons attached:

No. 4, to Mr. A. Barton Hepburn, of New York, N. Y., whose trophies will be consigned to himself at New York, passing through Seattle enroute.

No. 5, to Mr. Enos S. Beeth, of New York, N. Y., whose trophies will be consigned to himself at New York, passing through Seattle enroute.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

April 24, 1916

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Mr. Justus W. Ferris,
c/o Citizens' National Bank,
Waxahachie, Texas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, inquiring with regard to a hunting license and also asking to be supplied with a copy of the Alaska Game Law.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska Game Law for the fiscal year 1915, which contains, in Appendix A, the full text of the Alaska Game Law and all regulations now in force thereunder. Appendix B contains a list of the game wardens in the Territory and the licensed guides in the Kenai Peninsula, which is the only portion of the Territory in which nonresident hunters are required to employ licensed guides.

By reference to Sec. 5 of the Game Law, you will find the provisions relating to hunting and shipping licenses. These licenses are issued in this office. The fee for a hunting license, in the case of a citizen of the United States, is \$50, while for an alien it is \$100. Each hunting license is accompanied by a shipping coupon for the shipment of certain game trophies, as stated in section 5 of the law. These cover the

shipment of all trophies except trophies of moose killed south of latitude 62 degrees. For these latter trophies special moose shipping licenses are required, the fee for each such license being \$150; you will note that no more than two of these special moose shipping licenses may be issued to any one person in any one year. Practically all of the nonresident game hunters who come to Alaska for moose trophies go to the Kenai Peninsula, which is easily accessible and where moose are found in considerable numbers. Mountain sheep and black and brown bear also abound there.

A hunting license may be obtained either before you leave for Alaska, or, if you wish, it can be issued and delivered upon the arrival of your steamer at Juneau, it being assumed that you will travel on one of the steamers which follow the "Inside Passage" to Alaska. Quite a number of the nonresident hunters who visit Alaska each year arrange for the delivery of their licenses at Juneau. This is done by notifying this office in advance, either by mail or telegraph, so that we may know on what steamer the hunter will arrive and arrangements can then be made for delivery of the license upon arrival of the steamer at Juneau, either by a representative of this office or by the steamship company upon whose boat the hunter is traveling.

Applicants for hunting licenses are required, under the law, to advise this office to whom their trophies will be shipped, the point of destination in the States, and whether

the same will pass through the port of Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon, or San Francisco, California en route. Of course, practically all of the game trophies obtained in the coastal section of Alaska pass through the port of Seattle.

Should you wish to make any advance arrangements regarding guides, would suggest that you communicate with Dr. J. A. Baughman, game warden, Seward, Alaska, who will be glad to give you the benefit of his knowledge of game conditions, and to assist you in any way that he can in arranging for a guide.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 26, 1916.

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Mr. F. C. Hubbell,
On Board S. S. "Admiral Evans",
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant transmitting draft for \$50 and requesting the issuance of a hunting license.

Herewith you will find hunting license No. 6 of this date, with the usual shipping coupons attached. These coupons cover the shipment of all trophies which you are authorized under the law to take, except moose trophies obtained south of latitude 62°. For these latter, the "special moose-shipping licenses" are required, as provided in Sec. 5 of the game law.

I enclose copy of the Governor's annual report on the game law for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, in Appendix A of which will be found the full text of the law and all regulations now in force. Appendix B contains a list of the game wardens, also a list of licensed guides for Kenai Peninsula.

Also find enclosed two shipping affidavit forms for use in connection with any trophies which you may wish to ship from the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

April 26, 1916.

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First National Bank,

Juneau,

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$49 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska game law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(REG. LIC. #6.--4-26-16)

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April 26, 1916

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Mr. Fred M. Sickler,
Government teacher,
Shungnak (via Nome), Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 17th, addressed to the Governor, in reference to game conditions in your part of the Territory.

The Governor is absent from Juneau at this time and will not return until about May 15. Upon his return I shall be pleased to place your letter before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 28, 1916.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith statement
of receipts and disbursements of license fee under the
Alaska Game Law, for the fiscal quarter ending March 31,
1916.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor.

April 26, 1916

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, you are advised of the issuance this date, to Mr. F. C. Hubbell, of Des Moines, Iowa, of hunting license No. 6 for the calendar year 1916, with the usual shipping coupons attached. Any trophies shipped from Alaska by Mr. Hubbell will be consigned to himself at Des Moines, Iowa, passing through the port of Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 28, 1918

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Mr. O. B. Rush,
Hughes, Colorado

Dear Sir:

In response to your card of the 11th instant, I take pleasure in sending herewith a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska Game Law, in Appendix A of which you will find the full text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

For information regarding hunting licenses for nonresidents, etc., you are referred to section 3 of the law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 2, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your reports for the month of April. In your game report I notice that you caused the arrest of Captain Albert Lindveg of the United States boat Gony for killing a goose on Zarembo Island on April 23, and that you seized the goose and the gun with which Captain Lindveg had killed it and proceeded to Wrangell, where Lindveg was arraigned before the Commissioner and entered a plea of guilty, thereupon being fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$12.50. Do you mean that the cost amounted to \$12.50 in addition to the fine of \$5, or that the entire amount paid by Lindveg was \$12.50.

I note you turned the rifle over to the United States Marshal's office at Wrangell, but you do not state what was done with the goose. Please advise us to this.

Under separate cover I am sending you a supply of expense account voucher blanks.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 2, 1916. O. B.

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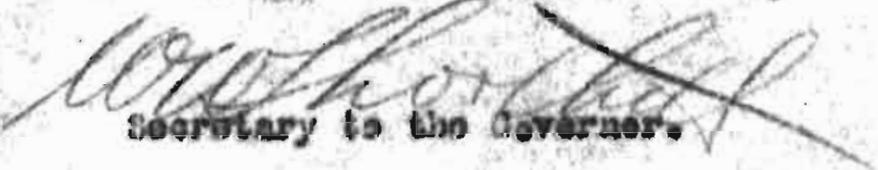
Charles Esweiler,

Seward.

Referring your letter April twenty-fourth if you will forward necessary fee and affidavit guide license will be issued to you. Letter follows.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

May 3, 1916

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Mr. Charles Ensviler,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ultime, addressed to the Governor, was received today, in which you ask to be advised as to whether or not a guide license will be issued to you, and refer to a letter written previously on the same subject. Upon receipt of your letter the following telegram was sent you this date:

"Referring your letter April twenty-fourth, if you will forward necessary fee and affidavit, guide license will be issued you. Letter follows."

Your previous letter of February 10 last was received by the Governor on the 25th of that month, and on the 28th he addressed a letter to game warden Baughman at Seward with respect to his endorsement of your application. Before the receipt of Mr. Baughman's reply the Governor had departed for the States, where he has been for more than a month past. It is expected that he will return to Juneau about the 15th instant.

As game warden Baughman has indicated that he will endorse your application, I have assumed that the Governor will issue to you a license. Of course, it is possible that he may decline to do so. In any event, you will be promptly advised upon the Governor's return to Juneau. I thought it best to wire you this

morning as soon as your letter was received, so that your fee and affidavit might reach this office by the time the Governor returns, and thus avoid further delay in a settlement of the question of the issuance of a guide license to you.

The correspondence on file in this office in connection with your application, would indicate that there had in the past been some lack of harmony between yourself and game warden Baughman. There should be no occasion for anything but harmony between the game wardens and the guides, all of whom are jointly interested and responsible for the proper observance of the game laws, and I am quite confident that the Governor will not tolerate anything which savors of discord. This office holds the game wardens of the Kenai Peninsula responsible for the official conduct of the licensed guides. Any evidence of lack of co-operation, therefore, naturally leads to the conclusion that there is not that interest in the enforcement of the game laws which should be manifested by officers who are charged with the duty of preventing violations of the law.

As above stated, you will be advised immediately upon the Governor's return to Juneau as to his final decision in the matter of the issuance of a guide license to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1916

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Mr. Stephen T. Birch,
120 Broadway,
New York City

Dear Mr. Birch:

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo, and was somewhat surprised at your statement that "from all reports there are very few of the guides on Kenai that are good," and that you have heard a number of complaints to the effect that the present regulations respecting the appointment of guides "give those who are on the Kenai Peninsula too much of a hold on hunters coming into that section."

Several times in the past this office has endeavored to reduce to concrete form the various rumors and reports of dissatisfaction on the part of nonresident hunters who have visited the Kenai Peninsula, but in no case have we as yet been able to find a hunter who would, in so many words, say that he had been dissatisfied with his guide. Some four years ago we addressed letters to every nonresident hunter who had visited the Territory during a period of one year, and asked them to give this office the benefit of their observations of the work of the guides in the Kenai Peninsula, urging them to particularly mention any shortcomings which might have come to their notice.

Replies were received from not less than 20 of the persons addressed, and in only one instance was there anything but praise for the guides who had been employed; the one exception was in the case of a hunter who stated that his guide did not appear to be very well acquainted with the district in which he hunted. Many of the guides were highly commended.

We have never failed to try to run down every rumor or report of dissatisfaction with the guides of the Kenai Peninsula. In practically every instance, however, the so-called complaints have vanished into thin air. If any of your friends who have hunted in the Kenai Peninsula have found their guides incompetent or unsatisfactory in any way, I am sure that the Governor would greatly appreciate being advised in the premises, for it is certainly his wish that only the most competent guides shall be appointed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1916

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Corporal Louis Zellermayer,
Company A, 14th U. S. Infantry,
Fort William H. Seward,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask permission to ship from the Territory a goat skin now in your possession, which you state was taken in the open season.

By reference to the marked portion of section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, which you will find on page 6 of the enclosed circular, you will note that, in order to ship the trophy in question, it will be necessary for you to obtain a shipping license, the fee for which is \$5. Should you desire to obtain the license, kindly remit the amount of the fee in the form of a postal money order, payable to the Governor of Alaska, at the same time giving your mother's name and the name of the city in Michigan in which she resides. This information is necessary in order that the Collector of Customs at Seattle may be advised regarding the proposed shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith your expense account voucher for April, and beg to call your attention to the fact that the copy to which you have made affidavit is incomplete in the detail shown on the second page, this being due evidently to the fact that the carbon paper folded back when being put into the machine. Also please be careful to see that the same copy is on top each time that you put your voucher through the machine. In the present instance you appear to have reversed the copies in the process of making out the voucher on the machine. Please make out a new voucher in proper form and forward it to this office, and your account will be settled.

I note that, while your reports are addressed to Governor J. F. A. Strong, practically all the envelopes in which they are mailed are addressed to Gov. "J. A. C." Strong. The Governor's initials are J. F. A., and not J. A. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 6, 1916. O. B.

Game Warden Steel,

EAGLE.

Can allow you additional ~~money~~ seventy dollars for expenses during May and June.

Urge you travel much as possible. Answer.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 6, 1916. O B.

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Charles Neuhaus, Game Warden,

NOME.

Can allow you additional forty dollars for expenses during May and June. Urge you to travel much as possible. *Answer,*

STANING, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay usually attendant thereon.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 6, 1916. O. B.

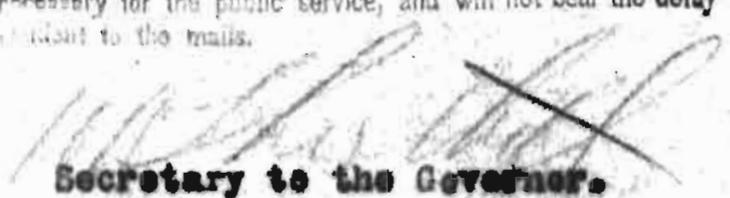
R. S. McDonald, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

**Can allow you additional seventy dollars for expenses during May and June. Urge
you travel much as possible. Answer.**

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 6, 1916. O B.

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Game Warden Heey,

Fairbanks.

**Can allow you additional seventy dollars for expenses during May and June. Urge
you travel such as possible. Answer.**

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will allow the delay
incident to the same.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 6, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM CORDOVA.

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Peter S. Ericksen, Game Warden,
McCarthy.

Can allow you an additional forty dollars for expenses during May and June. Urge
you travel much as possible if to advantage of service.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU, MAY 6, 1916. O B.

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Game Warden Baughman,

Seward.

Can allow you an additional forty dollars for May and June expenses. Can you not do considerable traveling during these two months to advantage of service?

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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May 6, 1916.

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Mr. Charles Nickett,

Game Warden,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent estimate of expense requirements for the period March 1 to June 30, which you placed at \$50 per month.

The expense accounts of the various wardens up to May 1st have not reached the limit of their estimates, and there is an unapportioned balance available for May and June. We can allow you an additional thirty dollars for these two months, if you can use the amount to advantage in more extended travel. The amount can be used in one or both months, as your judgment may dictate. This will give you a total of \$130 for use during the two months. In the event you think you cannot use the additional thirty dollars to advantage, please advise at once, so that it may be given to some other warden.

Yours truly,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 6, 1916

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Mr. Aron Erlsson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A telegram has been sent to you today, advising that an allowance of an additional \$50 for expenses during May and June can be given you, and urging you to do as much traveling as possible during these two months.

The expenses of the game wardens during the months of March and April did not reach the limits of their estimates. Consequently it is possible to increase the allowances for May and June. The additional \$40 above mentioned will, with the allowance for May and June heretofore given you, provide a total of \$187.50 for these months in question. If, for any reason, you do not think you will require this amount, please advise this office by wire so that the surplus may be apportioned to some of the other wardens. On June 1 please wire, advising the actual amount of your May expenses and estimating the amount which you will require for June.

It is desirable that you do as much traveling as possible during May and June, visiting as many places in your section of the Kenai Peninsula as can conveniently be reached.

Respectfully yours,

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May 4, 1916

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A telegram has been sent you this date advising that an additional allowance of \$40 for expenses during May and June can be given you.

The actual expenses of the several game wardens during the months of March and April did not come up to their estimates for these two months, and there is, therefore, a surplus which is available for the months of May and June. We are, of course, anxious that this money should be used rather than to turn it back into the United States Treasury at the end of the fiscal year, if it can be used to the advantage of the service.

Your estimate of requirements for the period March 1 to June 30 was \$125, or an average of \$31.25 per month. The additional allowance above referred to will give you a total of \$102.50 for May and June, which may be divided between the two months as your judgment may dictate. It is desirable that you cover as much ground during these two months as these funds will permit.

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Please wire this office, ^{on June 1} stating how much of the above allowance of \$102.50 has been used for May expenses and whether or not you expect to make use of the balance during the month of June. This telegram may be mailed to the cable office at Cordova to be forwarded from there.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 8, 1916

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Mr. Robert E. Steel,
Game Warden,
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir :

On the 6th instant a telegram was sent you, advising that an additional \$70 for expenses during May and June could be allowed you. I have your answer this morning in which you request that the additional allowance be granted, and a telegram has just been sent you, advising that you will be allowed an additional \$70 for these two months. Your estimate of some time ago was for \$50 a month; the additional allowance will give you a total of \$170 for the months of May and June.

In the telegram of today I have asked you to wire on June 1 the actual amount of your May expenses; I would also ask that on July 1 you wire the actual amount of your June expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 8, 1916. O B.

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Game Warden Steel,

Eagle.

**Additional seventy dollars allowed for May and June. Wire June first
advising actual amount May expenses.**

STRONG, Governor.

I am on official business, and
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.


S Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 8, 1916. O B.

Game Warden Neuhaus,

NOME.

Replying yours date you may use entire amount one hundred forty dollars
for June trip, but no expense should be incurred after June thirtieth.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

May 8, 1916

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Mr. Charles Neuhoss,
Game Warden,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the sixth instant a telegram was sent you advising that an additional \$40 could be allowed you for expenses during May and June. Your reply, dated today, is at hand, in which you state that, of the amount allowed you in message of March 17 last, but \$100 remains, and you ask if this amount, together with the additional allowance of \$40 may be used on a trip beginning the last of this month and extending to about July 1. The following reply has just been sent you:

"Replying yours date, you may use entire amount one hundred forty dollars for June trip, but no expenses should be incurred after June thirtieth."

On June 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, please wire the exact amount of your May expenses, and on July 1 kindly wire the amount of your June expenses. You understand, of course, that the fiscal year ends on June 30 and no expense payable from the above allowance of \$140 should be incurred after that date. If your proposed trip should extend beyond June 30, the July items will have to be taken up under the appropriation for the fiscal year 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, May 10, 1916. O B

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Game Warden McDonald,

Fairbanks.

Referring to first item in your January expense account provisions thirty-six dollars ninety cents, please advise approximate value of same used January twenty-seven to thirtys. Also state approximate number miles covered on eleven day trip with Butler.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

May 10, 1916

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Mr. Robert E. Steel,
Game Warden,
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the original of your expense account for the month of January 16. This account has been referred back to me by the Department with the request that the oath form be completed, and asking for explanations regarding subvouchers 1 and 13.

With regard to the oath form, the word "swear" should be inserted in the blank space in the first line of the form; also in the notary's portion of the form the word "Alaska" should be inserted on the line immediately following the word "Eagle."

With reference to subvoucher No. 1, covering provisions, it is requested that you endorse across the face of the subvoucher a notation showing the points visited by you while absent from headquarters on January 5, 6 and 7, and giving the approximate mileage covered.

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With reference to subvoucher No. 13, please note thereon the purpose for which the provisions were obtained and the dates on which they were used, the points visited and the approximate mileage covered. As this subvoucher now stands it would appear that the provisions had been purchased by you for use at your headquarters which, of course, is contrary to regulations. I assume, however, that they were used on a trip away from your headquarters.

The Department objects to the writing of dates in figures in the accounts of game wardens, and requests that dates be shown by the names or ordinary abbreviations of the months, followed by the figures showing the days of the month. You will note that I have made the necessary corrections of the designation of dates on the voucher herewith returned.

Kindly give this matter your prompt attention and return the voucher at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 10, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Department has referred back to me your expense accounts for the months of January and February, 1916, with request for the following explanations:

1. January account, last item dated January 21, covering contract price for man and dogs; also board for four days (January 23 to 21, inc.), at \$14 per day, covered by subvoucher No. 3 for \$56. The Department asks: "Was he furnished the board in these vouchers? What was rate and dates?" Paragraph 12 of the Departmental regulations, a copy of which was furnished you some months ago, requires that charges for meals must be itemized by meal in every instance. It is, therefore, necessary for you to submit a statement stating separately the charge for the dog team and driver, and your board for the trip. In connection with the statement which you furnish, please include the points to which you travel and the approximate distance covered on the trip.

2. February account, covering contract price of \$14 per day for dog team, man and board, 5 days (February 1 to 5, inc.), amount \$70. Some explanation is required as that called for in

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connection with the last item in your January account above alluded to. Also include in the explanation a statement of the points visited and the approximate distance traveled.

Kindly submit statements for January and February on separate sheets, so that they may be attached to the respective vouchers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 10, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Department has referred back to me your expense account for the month of November, 1915, and requests explanation of the following items therein:

1. Item of November 10, freight on Evinrude engine, Seward to Seldevia, subvoucher No. 2, \$1.50.
2. Item of November 15, rent of Evinrude engine, 5 days (November 10 to 15, inc.), \$2 per day, subvoucher No. 3, \$12.

The explanation desired is, I suppose, as to the occasion for the rent of the engine and why it was freighted from Seward to Seldevia. In connection with your explanation, please advise whether or not the engine was used on a boat owned by you or otherwise.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 10, 1916

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Mr. Charles Mickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Department has returned certain vouchers in connection with my accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1916, among them being your January and February expense vouchers. The Department wishes to be advised regarding the points visited by you on your travels during each of these months.

Your January account contains a charge for groceries and the certificate attached to the bill shows that the same were used on January 6 and 7 and from the 13th to 24th, inclusive. From your monthly report of operations I have made an extract showing the points visited on the dates in question. I would ask that you kindly advise me the approximate distance traveled on these dates.

Your February voucher contains an item of \$11 for provisions, and the certificate attached to the subvoucher shows that the provisions were used while absent from headquarters on the following dates: February 3, 8th to 11th, inclusive, and 23d to 25th, inclusive. From your monthly report of operations for February I have made an extract showing your movements

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on the dates in question, and I would ask that you kindly advise the approximate distance traveled.

Kindly let me have this information at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 10, 1916

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with your expense account for the month of February last, the Department has requested information as to the points visited and miles traveled on your trip of February 7, 8 and 9 with dog team. From your monthly report of operations I find that this trip was made from Anchorage to Indian Creek Summit and the upper reaches of Ship Creek, thence to Ryan roadhouse on the trail to Old Knik, thence to Peters Creek, and return to Anchorage. I have made an extract of the report covering these dates so as to show the route traveled and am writing to ask that you will kindly advise me as to the number of miles covered by this trip so that I may complete the information asked for by the Department.

Kindly let me have this by return mail, if possible.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 10, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 27th ultimo (Mr. Stephen T. Nather, Assistant to the Secretary), returning certain vouchers from my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1916, and requesting that the explanations asked for on the sheet accompanying the letter and vouchers be supplied.

Some of the information asked for I am able to secure from the records of this office, while for other information I am obliged to write the officers whose accounts are concerned. As a result of having to write several of these officers, it will be some time before I shall be able to return the accounts to the Department with the explanations asked for, but the matter will be given all possible dispatch.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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May 11, 1916

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Mr. Andrew Reay,

Game Warden,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your expense account for the month of April, beg to advise that the sum of 50 cents has been deducted from the amount of your subvoucher No. 7, the deduction being made from the charge of \$1 for bed on April 5. This reduces the amount of the subvoucher to \$3.50. The deduction is necessary for the reason that the total of your charges for April 5, as submitted in your account, is \$5.50. Since the Department regulations allow but \$5 per day for subsistence, I have been obliged to disallow the extra 50 cents. A check in the sum of \$84, in settlement of your account as corrected, will be issued and mailed to you tomorrow.

Referring to your subvouchers covering hire of dog team, beg to call your attention to the fact that you have not shown the mileage covered on the trips included in your April account. In future please see that your subvouchers include this item of information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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May 11, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your expense account for the month of April,
beg to request that you kindly advise the total mileage covered
in your cruise of April 10 to 26, inclusive. In future, please
show on the face of your expense account the mileage of each
cruise referred to therein.

A check in payment of your April account will be issued
and mailed to you tomorrow.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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May 11, 1916

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith both copies of subvoucher No. 1 which accompanied your expense account for the month of April.

This subvoucher purports to cover the hire of a gasoline launch for the period April 24 to 29, inclusive, at \$12.50 per day. Since you submit no other item of expense for April the question arises as to your subsistence while on the launch trip. The subvoucher should have been prepared so as to show the rate per day for the use of the launch and also the rate per day for meals and berth on the launch. This is necessary in order that the provisions of Departmental regulation No. 12 may be complied with. This regulation requires that charges for meals shall be itemized by meal in every instance. A lump sum payment for the use of the launch and for meals and berth, where the launch is hired for a special trip and is not one which is operating on a regular run between given points, will not satisfy either the Department or the auditor at Washington. Furthermore, neither the expense account nor the subvoucher contains any information showing to what point or points you traveled on the launch, nor do you show the distance traveled.

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Please prepare a statement, in duplicate, showing the number of meals had on the launch, the rate per meal, and the charge for berth if any; also the rate, per day, for the actual hire of the launch itself, the points visited on the trip and the total distance traveled. When this statement has been prepared, kindly forward it to this office with return of the sub-voucher.

In future similar cases, please see that your expense account vouchers, or the subvouchers accompanying them, contain substantially the items of information above alluded to. Your careful attention to these matters of detail will save delay in the payment of your monthly expense accounts.

I must confess that the technicalities of the regulations are, at times, quite exasperating, but unfortunately there is nothing to be done but to endeavor strictly to comply with them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

May 11, 1916

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Mr. Andrew Healy,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the sixth instant a telegram was sent you, advising that an additional \$70 could be allowed you for expenses during May and June. Your answer has not been received as yet, due evidently to the fact that you have not returned to Fairbanks.

The expenditures of the various game wardens during March and April, with one or two exceptions, were less than their estimates. The surplus for these two months has, therefore, been reapportioned among the game wardens for use during the months of May and June. Your estimate for the months of March, April, May and June was \$250, or an average of \$62.50 per month. The additional allowance of \$70 for May and June will give you a total of \$195 for use during these two months, or an average of \$97.50 per month.

On June 1 please wire the exact amount of your May expenses, and on July 1 send a similar telegram with respect to your June expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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May 11, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the sixth instant a telegram was sent you, advising that an additional \$40 for expenses could be allowed you for the months of May and June. It was expected that you would reply by wire as to whether or not you could use the amount, but to date no reply has been received.

On March 23 a letter was written you, advising that you would be allowed the sum of \$300 for the period March 1 to June 30, or an average of \$75 per month. You incurred no expense during the month of March, however, and only \$8.90 in the month of April. The surplus from these two months has been reapportioned among the several game wardens, together with the unexpended March and April allowances of some of the other wardens. Under the redistribution it was found possible to allow you the sum of \$40 for use during May and June in addition to the average \$75 for each of these two months which was included in the letter of March 23 above mentioned. This will, therefore, give you a total of \$115 for use during the months of May and June, or an average of \$95 per month.

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On June 1 please wire the actual amount of your May expenses and on July 1 kindly advise the amount of your June expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

May 11, 1916

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,
Game Warden,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the sixth instant a telegram was sent you, advising that an additional \$70 could be allowed you for expenses for the months of May and June. Your answer has not yet been received, due, I suppose, to the fact that you are still absent from Fairbanks.

The Governor's telegram of March 17 last advised you that you would be allowed the sum of \$400 for the period March 1 to June 30, or an average of \$100 per month. The expenditures of a number of the game wardens during March and April were considerably less than the amounts allowed them, and the surplus has been reapportioned for the months of May and June, the additional \$70 being the amount set apart for you under this reapportionment. This will give you a total of \$270 for these two months, or an average of \$135 per month.

On June 1 please wire the exact amount of your May expenses and on July 1 send a similar telegram with respect to your June expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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May 12, 1916

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Mr. W. A. Hilles,

On board the s. s. Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the instructions contained in a telegram of the ninth instant from Governor Strong at Seattle, there has been issued to you this day hunting license No. 7, good during the current year, with the usual shipping coupons attached thereto. The license is herewith enclosed, together with two copies of a shipping affidavit form for use when making shipment of such trophies as may be obtained by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

May 12, 1916

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Mr. W. E. Wright,

On board s. s. Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that arrangements be made for the delivery of a hunting license to you upon arrival of your steamer at Juneau.

Enclosed herewith you will find hunting license No. 8, dated today, good during the current year, with the usual shipping coupons attached thereto. The license is accompanied by two copies of an affidavit form for use when making shipment of any trophies which may be obtained by you under the license.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 13, 1916

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The Collector of Customs,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska Game Law, you are advised of the issuance of the following hunting licenses, with the usual shipping coupons attached, good during the calendar year 1916:

No. 7, issued May 12 to W. A. Hilles, of Libby, Montana, whose trophies will be consigned to himself at that place, passing through Seattle en route.

No. 8, issued May 12 to W. E. Wright, of Akron, Ohio, whose trophies will be consigned to himself at that place, passing through Seattle en route.

No. 9, issued May 12 to A. J. Buzzard, of Spokane, Wash., whose trophies will be consigned to himself at that place, passing through Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 15, 1916

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Mr. Justice W. Ferris,
Care of Citizens' National Bank,
Waxahachie, Texas

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the sixth instant, I beg to advise that it will not be necessary for you to obtain a special moose shipping license until you reach Juneau on your trip home from the Kenai Peninsula. In cases of this kind we have made it a rule, as a matter of accommodation to hunters, to withhold the issuance of special moose shipping licenses until the trophies have actually been obtained. No expense, therefore, is involved in this particular unless a trophy is secured. Were a license secured in advance and no trophy obtained, this office could not refund the license fee since it is paid into the United States treasury, and an act of Congress would be required to reimburse the hunter in such a case. The usual procedure is for the hunter to wire from Seward or Cordova, advising on what boat he will reach Juneau and asking for the issuance of one or two moose shipping licenses, as the case may be. These are then issued and delivered upon arrival of the steamer at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 15, 1916.

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska game law I hand you herewith the sum of \$147 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing hunting licenses under the Alaska game law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicates to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

(Lic. 7, 8 and 9.)

May 13, 1916.

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Mr. A. J. Bazard,

On Board S. S. "ALASKA",

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telegraphic instructions received this day from Governor Strong I have issued to you hunting license No. 9, good during the calendar year 1916, with the usual shipping coupons attached thereto. The license is herewith enclosed, together with shipping affidavit blank in duplicate, also copy of the Alaska game law and regulations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

May 18, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the ninth instant (initialed GFA-S), with reference to my report of April 4, covering checks issued in the month of March, and balance on hand March 31 in my game fund account, symbol No. 69003.

Upon examining my records I find that, in making out the report above referred to, I failed to take into account a deposit of March 7 for credit to my official account, covering a refund on account of overpayment on voucher No. 28, to Charles Nickett, account salary, this voucher having been issued on January 31, 1916.

The following figures show the correct status of the account in question on March 31:

Check book balance Feb. 29, 1916.....	\$4,507.94
Deposited March 7, account refund of Charles Nickett.....	8.33
	<u>4,516.27</u>
Checks issued in March.....	<u>2,619.17</u>
Check book balance March 31.....	\$1,897.10

In future, when making requisition for funds to be placed to my official credit, I shall be pleased to comply with your suggestion that the symbol number of the account be credited be shown in the requisition.

Respectfully yours,

The Treasurer of the
United States,
Washington

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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May 18, 1916

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Mr. Charles Estmore,

Flat, Alaska

My dear Mr. Estmore:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15 last, with enclosure, being a story by Mr. C. E. Cone upon game and game conditions in the Interior, in which the author suggests amendments to the existing game law.

I have read the letter and clipping carefully, and I wish to say that I entirely agree with the statements therein contained. Ever since I have been Governor of the Territory I have unceasingly sought to have necessary amendments made to the game laws, and I have already suggested most of those, if not all, mentioned in Mr. Cone's article. I am forwarding herewith a copy of my annual report on game conditions in Alaska, in which you will note the amendments that I have suggested.

You will readily understand that it is difficult to secure legislation upon this, or any other, matter by Congress. Unless one can be constantly on the ground and give his personal attention to the matter, results are most likely to be merely negative. If some person could give personal atten-

tion to such matters as this, I believe that much good would be accomplished. I have found, during my visit in Washington, that if a matter were fairly presented to the Senate, a senator, congressman, or a committee, a close and courteous hearing would be given. The ignorance of Alaskan conditions, of course, in Congress is appalling, and it presents a fruitful field for a campaign of education touching this great Territory.

I have recently returned from a visit to Washington, where I received the most cordial reception and where I conferred with the different departments and congressional committees having charge of affairs relating to Alaska and certain legislation, among them being amendments to the game law. A bill is also pending in the House, transferring the control of the game of Alaska to the Territory. I believe this should be done, but whether the bill will be enacted into law, of course, I cannot say. I am hoping for the best, however.

With best wishes, and thanking you for the interest you are taking in this and other matters, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

May 18, 1916

Mr. A. B. Hilit.

1405 Westminister Bldg.,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have received your foreword of the proposed American Ecological Association, and have read it with care. In reply I have to advise you that I will be glad to cooperate with you in any way that I can in this matter.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the last annual report of the Governor of Alaska upon game conditions in the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 10, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Referring to your expense account for the month of March, I beg to ask that you will kindly advise the approximate mileage covered by you on trip of March 10 to 22, inclusive, on which you show that you made a trip to Petersburg and return, calling at Rocky Pass, Red Bay, Zarembo Island and Wrangell. Also please advise the mileage covered on trip of March 27 to 30, inclusive, to Duke Island and return, calling at Ryus ranch, Kelp Island, Hall's Cove, Nickett Harbor and Pond's Bay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 20, 1916

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Mr. F. A. Lucas, Director,

The American Museum of Natural History,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11, in which you state that Mr. Harold W. McCracken, of Columbus, Ohio, is leaving for a trip to southern Alaska, and desires to obtain a few specimens of the fauna of this region for your museum, especially of the larger mammals; and you state that he will require a permit to collect these mammals.

In reply I have to advise you that application for such permit should be made to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, and not to this office. Should Mr. McCracken desire to secure fur-bearing animals, an application to take such should be addressed to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 20, 1916

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Mr. J. P. Habrick,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 4, in which you make application for the position of game warden for the Copper River district. Mr. Peter S. Erickson, the incumbent, having advised you that he is to resign his official position June 1.

This office has not, as yet, received any intimation from Mr. Erickson that he intended to resign his position.

His record, as an official, is considered excellent. Should he tender his resignation, however, your application will be given careful consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 20, 1916

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Mr. Anthony J. Dimond,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11, endorsing Mr. J. P. Habrick, of McCarthy, Alaska, for the position of game warden, in the event of the resignation of Mr. Peter S. Erickson, the incumbent.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has not, as yet, received the resignation of Mr. Erickson, but, should he tender his resignation, the application of Mr. Habrick will be given careful consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 20, 1916

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

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11, enclosing a letter from Mr. W. R. Faddis, United States Commissioner at McCarthy, recommending Mr. J. P. Hubrick for the position of game warden for the Copper River district, should a vacancy occur.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has not been advised that Mr. Erickson intended to resign, but, should he do so, the application of Mr. Hubrick will be given careful consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 20, 1916.

Mr. George Zim,
Guston Hall,
Somerset, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant to him, and to express his regret at not meeting you while he was in Washington.

With respect to the matter of a special moose-shipping license, you are advised that you will not be required to obtain such license unless you actually secure your trophy south of latitude 62 degrees. In such case, you can arrange for the issuance of the license and delivery of it to you upon your arrival at Juneau on return from your hunting trip. Should you secure the trophy north of latitude 62 degrees, you will not require the special license, but can ship the trophy under your regular hunting license.

If you will advise this office in advance of your arrival in Juneau northbound, we can arrange for delivery of your hunting license upon your steamer reaching here, either by a representative of this office or by the local agent of the steamship company.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

May 20, 1916.

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

Sir:

I have the honor again to refer to Department letter of March 1, 1916 (Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), with which were transmitted for amendment my accounts covering disbursements made from the federal appropriations for "Protection of Game" and "Suppression of Liquor Traffic, Alaska", 1916, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the Department's letter was made on April 7 last, at which time reply was made to certain matters therein contained.

I now return the accounts in question, and beg to state that the amendments suggested in the Department's letter have been furnished, as follows:

PROTECTION OF GAME:

Voucher 10, J. A. Baughman, letter of Baughman is enclosed with voucher, explaining occasion for use of Evenrude gas engine, and naming points visited.

Voucher 13, Robert E. Steel, letter from Steel, dated April 18, is enclosed with voucher, explaining that sub-voucher #5 covers minimum charge on transportation of a canoe.

Voucher 14, Julius Sternberg, extract copy of his monthly report for September is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for month.

Voucher 15, J. F. McDonald, extract copy of his report for September is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

Voucher 16, Andrew Hoey, letter from Hoey, dated April 16, is enclosed with voucher, explaining that sub-voucher 2 covers items of expense on September 27 and 30 which were paid by the warden on October 1st, the charge on each date being \$1; total of sub-voucher \$2.

Voucher 27, J. F. McDonald, extract copy of his report for October is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

Voucher 42, Julius Sternberg, extract copy of his report for October is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

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--The Secretary of the Interior, p. 2.--

Voucher 43, J. F. McDonald, extract copy of his report for November is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

Voucher 44, Julius Sternberg, extract copy of his report for November is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

Voucher 46, Aron Ericson. Exception by Department to payment by sub-voucher No. 1 covering subsistence at Roosevelt, former headquarters. The warden explained in letter to this office that this expense was incurred while waiting transportation for his outfit from Roosevelt to Seward, he having to wait over one day after delivery of outfit to railway station, because of lack of space on gasoline car operating on line. However, he remitted the amount of the sub-voucher, \$2.75, which was deposited by me to my official credit on April 19, 1916, as per Duplicate Deposit Slip (GAME #2) herewith enclosed.

Voucher 48, Robert E. Steel, extract copy of his report for November is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

SUPPRESSING LIQUOR TRAFFIC:

Voucher 6, A. E. Light, extract copy of his report for September is enclosed with voucher, showing itinerary for the month.

Voucher 8, Joseph A. Bourke, itemized bill covering sub-voucher 1 is enclosed with voucher herewith.

Voucher 21, Empire Printing Company. Sample of form furnished under proposal and acceptance is enclosed with the voucher herewith.

Referring to the closing paragraph of the Department's letter I beg to state that in future requisitions made by me for funds to be placed to my official credit from the appropriations above named, will be submitted to the Department in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,
and S. D. A.

ENCLS.

May 20, 1916

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Mr. C. H. Blanshard,
Circle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 26, together with a petition signed by a number of the citizens of Circle precinct, calling attention to the need of a game warden for that section of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the funds at the disposal of this office, for the protection of game, will not permit the appointment of additional game wardens at this time. I greatly regret that this is the case, as I realize that, in order that the game of Alaska should be given adequate protection, a large increase in the number of game wardens is necessary. These cannot be had, however, until the appropriation for the protection of game is greatly increased. If a bill which has been introduced in Congress becomes law, the control of the game of Alaska will be vested in the Territory, and in this case, more funds will be forthcoming and, therefore, additional game wardens can be appointed.

Your letter will be filed and held for future action, should it be found advisable to appoint a game warden for your district.

Yours very truly,

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May 20, 1916

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Mr. F. L. Jewett, et al,

Circle, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your petition of April 15, calling my attention to the need of a game warden for your district, as the large area adjacent to the Circle country is well known as the natural breeding ground for great numbers of moose and caribou.

In reply I have to advise you that I regret the funds at the disposal of this office, for the protection of game, will not permit the employment of additional game wardens. The amount appropriated by Congress annually for the protection of game is always inadequate, when the vast extent of the territory to be covered is taken into consideration. Therefore, the game wardens are stationed at what are believed to be the most important points. An effort is now being made to have the control of the game of Alaska transferred to the Territory, and, if this should be done, no doubt there will be increased funds for game protection, and an increased number of game wardens will be appointed.

Thanking you for the interest shown, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Governor

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Juneau, May 23, 1916. O B.

Ericson, Game Warden,

Anchorage.

Wright holds hunting license number eight issued on twelfth instant.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

May 23, 1916

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Hon. D. F. Houston,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to my letter of March 4, recommending that the regulations in regard to the killing of moose in southeastern Alaska and sheep on the Kenai Peninsula, which expired on April 1, be extended for two years, I have to renew my recommendation that these regulations be continued in force for the period named; also that other regulations, including the protecting of caribou on the Kenai Peninsula, the protection of deer on certain islands in southeastern Alaska, and the sale of deer carcasses which will expire on August 1 next be continued in force for an additional period of two years. I have also to recommend that the killing of mountain goats in southeastern Alaska be prohibited for a period of two years from August 1 next. This recommendation is made for the reason that the mountain goats of southeastern Alaska, particularly in the vicinity of Seward, are rapidly decreasing because of excessive hunting during the open season, and I believe that, if such killing were prohibited for a period of two years, to be further increased, if found necessary, will be

productive of a large increase in this species of wild
animal.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

May 25, 1916

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Mr. Albert Lindveg,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 23, with reference to the return of a rifle confiscated by the United States Commissioner at Wrangell when you pleaded guilty of violating the game law, and were fined \$5 and costs.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no jurisdiction in the matter, the disposition of the rifle being entirely in the hands of the United States Commissioner. Therefore, this office cannot direct its return to you, as requested.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 25, 1916

Mr. Edward Hyatt, Secretary,
The State Board of Education,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18, in which you ask for information concerning the character and qualifications of Gertrude Ethel Mallette, who has applied for a State high school credential, giving her full high school certification in your state.

In reply I have to advise you that

1. I have known Miss Mallette for the past three years, and during the greater portion of that time she was employed in the Juneau public schools. I understand that she was eminently successful as a teacher, and I knew that she is a young woman of excellent character in every respect.

2. I also believe that her scholarship is of a high order and that she achieved success in teaching high school subjects. Her personal character is unblemished, and I have no hesitation in testifying to her fitness to receive the distinction mentioned above.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 25, 1916

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Mr. Henry Drum,
Walla Walla, Wash.

My dear Mr. Drum:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 19, in which you recommend Mr. J. P. Habrick of McCarthy, Alaska, for appointment as game warden for the Copper River district.

In reply I have to thank you for your letter in Mr. Habrick's behalf, and I assure you that, in the event of a vacancy in that office, I shall be pleased to give Mr. Habrick's application due consideration.

Permit me to thank you for your kind words and to say that it is with great pleasure that I learned that you are the best superintended that the Walla Walla institution has ever had. I am quite ready to believe this as, for many years, I have been familiar with your sterling worth and integrity.

With kind personal regards, in which Mrs. Strong joins.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles Hudson.

King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Governor has today issued to you a letter of appointment as a Special Game Warden, which letter is being transmitted to you under separate cover.

In connection with this appointment, there is enclosed herewith an official badge for your use. Kindly sign the receipt form which accompanies the badge and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is attached to the receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Orando W. Grant,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office has been advised by Mr. Warder, of your city, that you have expressed a willingness to serve as a Special Game Warden and to assist in the enforcement of the game law in the immediate vicinity of Ketchikan. Accordingly, the Governor has issued a letter of appointment to you, which is enclosed herewith.

It is understood, of course, that your work as Special Game Warden will be merely incidental to that of your regular employment as chief of police of the town of Ketchikan.

Upon receipt of your acceptance of the appointment, an official badge will be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles Madsen.

King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska Game Law, I hereby appoint you a Special Game Warden, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective June 15, 1916, and to continue until further notice.

It will not be necessary for you to execute an oath of office under this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Orando W. Grant,
Chief of Police,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska Game Law, I hereby appoint you a Special Game Warden, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective June 1, 1916, and to continue until further notice.

It will not be necessary for you to execute an oath of office under this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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JUNEAU, MAY 29, 1916. O. B.

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Area Eriksen, Game Warden,

Anchorage.

Replying your inquiry total allowance for May and June is one hundred eighty seven dollars fifty cents.

SNORTHILL, S.D.A.



Secretary to the Governor
and S.D.A.

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Juneau, May 30, 1916. O. B.

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Erison, Game Warden,

Anchorage.

No hunting licenses have been issued by this office to persons named in your telegram of May twenty-seven.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Governor.

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May 31, 1916

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Mr. Steve Fields Rhodes,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to be appointed a licensed guide.

In reply you are advised that applications for appointment as licensed guide for the Kenai Peninsula must be indorsed by one of the game wardens in that section. Mr. Aron Ericson, game warden, is located at Anchorage, and your application for appointment should be presented to him. If he approves the same, it should then be forwarded to this office, together with a post-office money order in the sum of \$25 to cover the required fee for the license, payable to the Governor of Alaska. There is enclosed herewith an affidavit form which should be executed by you and forwarded with your application.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of Circular No. 3, issued by this office, which contains the full text of the Alaska Game Law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 1, 1916

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Mr. J. A. McGuire,
1824 Curtis Street,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, in which you indorse Captain J. P. Hubrick, of McCarthy, for the position of game warden for that district, should a vacancy arise.

In reply I may say that Captain Hubrick has received many warm endorsements, and yours will be filed for reference, should a vacancy occur in the position of game warden now filled by Peter S. Erickson. Mr. Erickson has not advised this office that he contemplated resigning, and as he is rendering good service, I do not contemplate removing him.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

June 1, 1916.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 3 of the Alaska game law I hand you herewith the sum of Nine Dollars, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing SHIPPING licenses under the Alaska game law.

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

(Shipping Lic. #15 -- L.R.Ebert.)

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June 1, 1916.

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Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska game law, you are advised of the issuance this date of General License No. 15 to L. R. Ebert, of Juneau, Alaska, covering the shipment of one mountain sheep head, mounted, which will be consigned to Capt. L. J. Owens, of San Francisco, California, passing through the port of Seattle enroute.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 2, 1916

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The following excerpt from a letter is forwarded you
for your information and guidance:

"Along the Copper River in the latter part of February and early in March I found caribou meat served up at all roadhouses along the route as far as I went, and learned that it was being supplied still farther up to the Tanana divide or beyond. I investigated the matter as far as possible and found that a very large herd of caribou in November passed over from the Tanana country into the region adjacent to the head of the Copper River, by way of Mentasta Pass. At Mentasta Pass one Clarence Dewitt maintains a store and fox farm, and, being in the path of the caribou, he got busy killing, the number being limited only by the number of cartridges on hand. From the deputy marshal at Copper Center I learned that 15 was the number, while from others at Copper Center, I learned that he made the statement that he killed only 13. In going along the route from house to house, I traced up at least 12 pair of hind quarters that were sold by Dewitt and an agent, both in season and out of season.

"This herd is still in the Copper River valley, after an absence of many years and may be worth looking after next winter, when the business will, no doubt, be carried on more extensively."

Will you be kind enough to report upon the facts as
stated in the above excerpt?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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June 3, 1916

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Dr. J. A. Baughman,
Game Warden,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy
of a letter from L. C. Bates, which is self-explanatory.

Kindly advise this office as to the statements con-
tained in Mr. Bates' letter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

June 2, 1916

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Mr. L. C. Bates,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 5, which reached this office during my absence in the States, in which you make certain charges against Dr. Baughman, the game warden. I also notice that it has been the subject of newspaper comment; and, if I may be permitted to express an opinion, both you and Dr. Baughman seem to be at fault.

I am, however, forwarding a copy of your letter to Dr. Baughman, requesting an explanation. As soon as this is received, you will be advised of any further action that may be taken.

I am,

Yours very truly

Governor

June 2, 1916

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Mr. Adolf Haaf,
Pirate Cove (P. O. Chignik),
Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding you herewith your appointment as Special Game Warden for the district in which you reside. This appointment carries with it no pay, either for personal services or expenses, as the fund at the disposal of this office will not permit such payments. I have made the appointment in view of your statement, made about a year ago, that you would serve without pay or other emolument until such time as the game fund would permit the employment of additional paid employees. How soon this will be I cannot say, as it is extremely difficult to induce Congress to increase the appropriation for the preservation of the game animals and birds of the Territory.

Thanking you for the interest you are showing in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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June 5, 1916.

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Mr. Adolph Haaf,
Pirate Cove (Ohignik P. O.),
Alaska.

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska game law I hereby appoint you a Special Game Warden, without compensation or expense allowance, for the Third judicial division of Alaska, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until further notice.

Respectfully,

G O V E R N O R.

June 5, 1916.

Mr. Adolph Haaf,
Chignik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letters from the Governor to you relative to your appointment as a Special Game Warden, I enclose an official badge for your use, with a receipt for same which you will please sign and mail to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

June 5, 1916

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Forest & Stream,
128 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

In response to your request of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska game law for the fiscal year 1916. In appendix A of that report will be found the complete text of the Alaska game law and all regulations in force thereunder. Some of these regulations recently expired and others will expire in the near future. All of these regulations, however, will be renewed as of date August 1, 1916.

For the fish laws for Alaska you are referred to the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. That Bureau can also furnish you with a copy of the laws and regulations for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

June 8, 1916

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Mr. Charles R. Fraser, Jr.,

P. O. Box 121,

Canton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 29th ultimo, in which you request certain explanations regarding the provisions of the Alaska game law.

Each nonresident hunter who obtains a hunting license is entitled to ship from the Territory the full number of trophies specified in section 5 of the law. These trophies must, of course, be obtained in the open season. The only exception made is in the case of moose trophies taken south of latitude 62°, for each of which a "special moose shipping license" is required. The fee for the "special moose shipping license" is \$150, and not more than two may be issued to any one person in any one year. If moose trophies are taken north of latitude 62°, they may be shipped under authority of the shipping coupon provided therefor, which is attached to each hunting license.

Under separate cover there is being mailed to you a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1915, in the back of which you will find a very good map of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Juneau 6, 1916

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Mr. Samuel Merrill,
45 Bellevue Avenue,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with a copy of the Governor's report for 1915, covering the administration of the Alaska game law.

A copy of the report in question is enclosed herewith. By reference to section 5 of the law, (page 12 of the report), you will find the provisions governing the issuance of hunting licenses to nonresidents, and the shipment of trophies obtained by them. Each hunting license is accompanied by shipping coupons, authorizing the shipment of the trophies specified in paragraph 1 of section 5. By reference to the second paragraph of section 5 of the law, you will note that where moose trophies are taken south of latitude 62 degrees, they may be shipped only under "special moose shipping licenses." The fee for each of such special license is \$150, and not more than two may be issued to any one person in any one year.

All licenses provided for in the game law are issued in the Governor's office. As most of the nonresident hunters

who visit the Territory pass through Juneau, we make it a practice to arrange for the delivery of hunting licenses upon arrival of the steamer at Juneau, the hunter in such case giving us previous advise as to the date of its arrival.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 7, 1918

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Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that regulation 4 of the regulations issued July 1, 1912, by the Secretary of Agriculture for the protection of game in Alaska, be amended by adding San Juan Island to the list of islands on which the killing of deer in southeastern Alaska is prohibited, and that the amended regulation be continued in force until August 1, 1918.

I enclose herewith a drawing showing the location of San Juan Island. This island is described as being in every way suitable for a deer preserve; it is of considerable elevation, heavily timbered and contains no wolves.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington

June 10, 1916

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,
Game Warden
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith both copies of your subvoucher No. 2, submitted in connection with your April expense account. The receipt on the face of this subvoucher is not in good form. Please have the bill receipted on the fourth page thereof, as follows:

"PAID,
"Golden Grocery,
"By....."

The name of the person who receipts the bill for the Golden Grocery should follow the name of the grocery. The date of payment should also be shown.

The next to the last item on the bill, "1 box toilet soap, 50¢," should, I think, be stricken from the bill. The Department has recently questioned a similar item in the accounts of the game warden at Juneau, and, it must be admitted, toilet soap can hardly be considered as coming within the definition of subsistence. The charge of 25¢ for two bars of Ivory soap I take it covers soap purchased for washing dishes, cooking utensils, etc., and it is possible that it will be

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passed by the Department as incidental to subsistence. At any rate, for the present, we will let the charge stand. The elimination of the 50¢ item above mentioned will reduce the amount of the bill to \$89.20. I will make the necessary correction on the expense voucher when the bill is returned to me.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 10, 1916

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Mr. Warren A. Moore,
Valley Springs, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the third instant, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska game law. In appendix A of thereport will be found the complete text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder. There is also enclosed a copy of the regulations issued by the Department of Commerce for the protection of fur-bearing animals in Alaska.

For a copy of the fish laws and regulations you are referred to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

June 10, 1916

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Game Warden,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the original of your May expense voucher and beg to call your attention to the fact that the notary public before whom the oath was executed, failed to attach his signature to the jurat.

Kindly have him do this and return the voucher to me.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 12, 1916

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Mr. George Willett,
Forrester Island,
Via Ketchikan, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska game law, I hereby appoint you a Special Game Warden for the first judicial division of Alaska, to serve without compensation or expense allowance during the period June 15 to October 1, 1916.

Respectfully,

Governor

June 13, 1916.

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American Surety Company of New York,
Southern Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find your bill of the 1st instant covering premium on bond No. 20401/0154781, June 24, 1916, to June 24, 1917, amount \$16.00, together with New York draft in your favor for the amount of the bill, in settlement of same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

Encs.—3.

June 16, 1916.

Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Mr. George Stellar, of Hope, which is self-explanatory.

Will you kindly investigate the conditions referred to in his letter as thoroughly as possible, to the end that these reported violations of the game law be corroborated or disproved. Kindly advise the result of your investigations.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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June 16, 1916.

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Mr. George Staller,
Hope, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 2 with reference to violations of the game law in your section of Alaska, particularly the unnecessary slaughter of moose.

In reply I beg to thank you for the information contained in your letter, and I shall endeavor to have the conditions of which you complain remedied as speedily as possible.

The appropriation for the protection of game is not large enough to permit of the appointment of additional game wardens, hence I cannot comply with your request to give you an appointment.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Game Warden Ericson, at Anchorage, with instructions to investigate the conditions referred to therein.

The importance of conserving the game of Alaska should appeal to every resident of the Territory, but unless the citizens will cooperate with the officers of the law a thorough enforcement of the laws cannot be expected.

Again thanking you for the interest you have shown in this matter, I am

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Juneau, June 20, 1916. O B

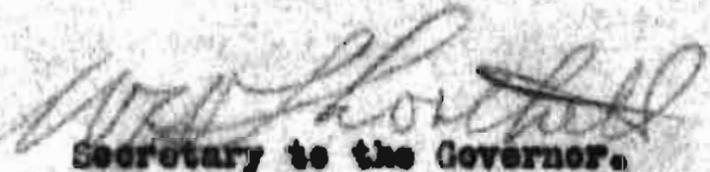
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W. E. Wright,
On Board S. S. MARIPOSA

CORDOVA.

Referring yours yesterday please advise where cubs to be shipped and name
of park or institution you intend to turn them over to. When and where were
cubs captured?

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

June 19, 1916.

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Mr. Wm. Baltuff,
Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant with reference to the fine imposed upon you by the United States Commissioner at Juneau, on a charge of violating the Alaska game law.

I note in your letter that you say you were out hunting for bears, and that you had four dogs with you. You probably were not aware that the hunting of game animals of any kind with dogs is illegal, and therefore you were guilty of a violation of the game law in this regard. I am satisfied, of course, that you did not contemplate a breach of the law, but nevertheless according to your own statement and the additional fact that you and your companions entered a plea of guilty, this office cannot interfere in any way in the matter. The only course open to you at that time, if you considered you were innocent, would have been to take an appeal to the higher court; but, as stated above, the fact that you entered a plea of guilty would be considered prima facie evidence of your guilt.

I enclose a copy of the Alaska game law and regulations, for your further information.

It is not the desire of this office that any hardship should be worked upon the legitimate miner and prospector, but you will readily understand that the game laws were passed for the purpose of protecting the game, and their strict enforcement is necessary if the game of Alaska is to be preserved.

I may say that I remember well having met you in Fairbanks three years ago, when you accompanied us to the creeks. I would be glad to have you call and see me any time that you are in Juneau, and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Governor

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which is absolutely prohibited.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor.

June 19, 1916.

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Mr. J. E. Owens,
Special Game Warden,
Rampart House, via Ft. Yukon,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters of March 29 and June 2 with reference to game conditions in your district. I note what you say with respect to a lack of information from this office and that as a result you are at a loss as to just what you can do with regard to game and fur law violations.

Copies of the game law, and other information, have been regularly forwarded to your address. From these you will learn the manner in which violations of the game law are to be prosecuted. I may say, by way of elucidation, that in case of a violation coming to your notice, you should file a complaint with the nearest United States commissioner, who will issue a warrant for the arrest of the alleged violator. The nearest commissioner is, I believe, located at Ft. Yukon. It is quite possible that it would be difficult for you to make the necessary journey in order to file such information. Therefore your work probably would be largely preventive. This office issues a circular, printed on cloth, containing the important features of the game law. A supply has been sent you, but fearing it may have gone astray another supply will be mailed to your address. These should be posted in convenient places, and you should instruct the Indians and others as to their nature, and warn them against violations. The slaughter of caribou mentioned by you, namely, 230 killed by two Indians, is most atrocious, and it is to be regretted that these men cannot be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It seems to me that even an Indian should know that by this needless slaughter of game he is imperiling his own life, it may be, in the future, and that if the enormity of the offense were pointed out to him it might do some good.

Now, with reference to fur-law violations I may add that this office exercises no jurisdiction whatsoever in respect to these. The fur law is administered by the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, and their wardens are located at a number of places throughout the Territory. I believe that the nearest fur warden from your locality is stationed at Fairbanks. His name is W. P. Homanway, and I would suggest that you get in communication with him by addressing him at Fairbanks. He will also advise you as to the use of poison in the taking of fur-bearing animals,

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which is absolutely prohibited.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor.

June 20, 1916.

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Game Warden,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant with reference to an interview which you had with Mr. C. L. Magill, United States Commissioner at Kenai, as to the slaughter of moose in that vicinity by stray dogs.

This is a difficult matter to deal with. I have from time to time received complaints from Kenai Peninsula as to the number of worthless dogs that were kept by some men in that section, the statement being made that moose were wantonly slaughtered in order to furnish dog feed for these worthless curs. I know of no law which covers this matter. Chapter 37 of the 1915 session laws, provides that:

"It shall be lawful for any person at any time to kill any vicious or mad dog found running at large."

Also that:

"Whenever any dog habitually annoys reindeer, sheep, cattle or horses or other domestic animals or domestic fowls or evinces a disposition which renders it likely that it will without provocation bite such animals or fowls, it shall be lawful for any person to kill such dog, when at large."

The act also provides:

"* * * that the owner or keeper of such dog, if known, or upon reasonable inquiry may be known, shall be notified and given reasonable opportunity to restrain such dog before it shall become lawful to kill it under the provisions of this section."

A copy of the act in question is enclosed herewith. I do not know whether this act would be applicable in the cases mentioned by you or not. This will be for you to

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investigate and act upon accordingly.

I believe that a game warden would be fully justified in killing any dog that he found running at large in the woods, the presumption being that the dog was hunting for game animals and was likely to destroy them if found. It might be well for you to post some notices to this effect, and to advise the owners of dogs that they will not be permitted to kill moose or other game animals for dog feed, and if they can be arrested that they will be vigorously prosecuted for any such infractions. You cannot exercise too great vigilance in this respect.

You state in your letter that you made a call upon Commissioner Hears, of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, and that the Commissioner issued a renewal of last year's order prohibiting the use of game at their camps out of season. Why "out of season"? The Alaska game law does not contemplate that game shall be used in the manner indicated, that is, supplying camps of any kind with meat. This is evidently directly at variance with the intent of the law, therefore the men employed by the Alaskan Engineering Commission have no right to kill game for indiscriminate use in season, to say nothing of out of season. This provision must be strictly enforced. The game law is absolutely specific as to who may kill game out of season as well as in season, and clearly it is not the intention of the law that railroad camps, or mining camps, should secure their meat supply from the country in which they are operating.

You are therefore instructed to see that the utmost vigilance is used in preventing market hunters and Indians from trafficking in game, either with the Commission, its employees, contractors, mining or canning companies, or others.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

June 20, 1916.

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Mr. George Willett,
Reservation Inspector,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Forrester Island, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th instant I forwarded to you several days ago a letter of appointment as a Special Game Warden, without compensation or expense allowance, for the period June 15 to October 1, 1916.

Thanking you for the interest you are taking in the preservation of our wild game, I am

Yours sincerely,

Governor.

June 21, 1916.

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First National Bank,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Alaska game law, I hand you herewith the sum of Four Dollars, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing shipping licenses under the Alaska game law."

Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

(Gen. Lic. #16 -- 6-21-16.)

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Mr. G. Dallas Hanna,
Fisheries Agent,
St. Paul, Island, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a money order in the sum of \$5, and requesting the issuance of a shipping license for one brown bear skin, which is to be shipped for you by Mr. E. M. Ball, Fisheries Agent, Kodiak, to Mr. Paul Bartsch, Washington, D. C.

General Game Shipping License No. 16 has this day been issued to you and, in accordance with your request, it is being forwarded to Mr. Ball at Kodiak, who is also being furnished with affidavit blanks for use in connection with the shipment.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 21, 1916

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Mr. E. H. Ball,
Fisheries Agent,
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. G. Dallas Hanna, Fisheries Agent, in a letter dated at Unalaska, May 24, there is enclosed herewith General Game Shipping License No. 16, of this date, issued to Mr. Hanna, to cover the shipment of one brown bear skin which he states is in your possession. Mr. Hanna explains in his letter that the skin is to be shipped to Dr. Paul Bartsch, National Museum, Washington, D. C., and that you will make the necessary affidavit in connection with the shipment, blanks for which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 21, 1916.

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date to G. Dallas Hanna, of general game shipping license No. 16, covering the shipment from Alaska of one brown bear skin. The trophy will be forwarded from Kodiak, Alaska, consigned to Dr. Paul Bartsch, National Museum, Washington, D. C., passing through the port of Seattle enroute.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

Protection of Game in Alaska

June 19, 1916

CIRCULAR NO. 10

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TO ALL GAME WARDENS:

In making up your expense account vouchers in the future, please observe the following instructions in addition to those previously given:

(1) In addition to the information required by Regulation 2, Circular No. 9, March 18, 1916, it is requested that in each case the miles traveled be shown on the subvoucher or the expense account voucher, as the case may be.

(2) In the event of travel by launch or gas boat, the charge for the use of the launch (and for the driver, if his services are to be included), should be shown separately from any charge made for meals or bed on the launch. This for the reason that Department regulation No. 13 requires that charges for meals must in all cases be separately stated—the particular meals had, and the price per meal must be shown in every instance, as also the charge for bed. Where the rate per day for launch hire is made without any particular reference to meals or bed, it will be well to note on the subvoucher that the charge "does not include meals or bed." The points visited should be shown on subvoucher or on expense account itself.

(3) If a launch be hired for use by a warden, and the warden is to furnish the gasoline used for the trip, the expense account voucher should contain an explanatory note under the item for gasoline, showing the points visited, days included in trip and miles traveled.

Wardens are urged to give careful attention to these matters as well as to all previous instructions relative to expense accounts.


Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

Juneau, June 24, 1916. O. B.*

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W. E. Wright,

SEWARD.

Replying yours yesterday have wired Secretary Agriculture for permit for you and asked him telegraph same to this office. Suggest you bring subs with you to Juneau. Permit will no doubt be here by time you arrive.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, June 26, 1916. O. B.

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Steel, Game Warden,

Eagle.

Replying yours yesterday please mail check six hundred five to me for
correction.

SHORTHILL, S.D.A.


Secretary to Governor and S.D.A.

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June 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that in accordance with the recommendation made by you to this office, I communicated with the Secretary of Agriculture, and he advises me, under date of June 16, that San Juan Island will be included in the list of islands on which the killing of deer in southeastern Alaska is prohibited.

In accordance with this recommendation, therefore, this island will be included in the amendment to the regulation under the Alaska Game Law, which will be issued at an early date, of which you will be advised in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, June 24, 1916. O. N. Govt. DAY rate PAID.

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Secretary Agriculture,

WASHINGTON.

W. E. Wright of Akron Ohio has three brown bear cubs recently captured at Bear glacier near Seward, Alaska. Wishes ship them to Akron City Park for scientific purposes. Wright is personally known to me and I recommend issuance permit which please telegraph to this office. Wright leaves Seward for Juneau and Seattle ~~tomorrow night~~ ^{tonight}

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

[Handwritten Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of April 27 last, returning certain vouchers from my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1916, in connection with disbursements from the appropriations "Suppressing liquor traffic, Alaska," and "Protection of game, Alaska."

I am now returning the vouchers with the information desired by the Department, as follows:

Suppressing Liquor Traffic.

Voucher 4, Joseph A. Bourke. A letter of explanation from Special Employee Bourke accompanies the voucher. It will be noted from the letter that the question of bed and food were really not included in the charge of \$12 per day for the launch. Launches, such as the one used by Special Employees, make no pretense of serving meals or furnishing sleeping accommodations.

Protection of Game.

Voucher 4, item No. 1. Department objects to charge for groceries purchased at Negie, Alaska, on the ground that subsistence at the official station is not a proper charge against the appropriation. Notation has been made on the face of the voucher, showing that the groceries in question were purchased for a trip to S'Brien Creek on October 14 and 15, the distance traveled on this trip being 25 miles. The information contained in this notation is taken from the monthly report of game warden Steel for October, 1915, which is on file in this office. The last two items on this voucher contain similar explanations taken from the same monthly report.

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Voucher 6, item 1 and 4. Game Warden J. F. McDonald, who is stationed at Juneau, owns the launch which he uses in his official travels. He is allowed the cost of oil and gasoline for the operation of the launch, and the expense of subsistence when absent from headquarters. As a rule, his charge for subsistence covers groceries and provisions purchased for use on the launch, since it seldom happens that, in his travels, he visits any place where meals can be obtained from restaurants or other public places. On such trips he cooks his own meals, having a cooking stove on board the launch and for which he is allowed the necessary coal for cooking purposes. With reference to the item of soap in sub-voucher 2, I beg to say that the soap was used for washing dishes, cooking utensils, etc., incidental to the preparation of the game warden's meals on board his launch, and I see no good reason why the same should not be allowed.

Voucher 7. The groceries covered by item 1 of this voucher were not for use at the game warden's official station, but for use on a trip to Discovery Creek on December 10 and 11, as shown by notation which has been made upon the face of the voucher from information contained in the warden's monthly report on file in this office. The same explanation applies to item No. 2. Item No. 3 covers the purchase of dog salmon for food for the dog team used by the game warden on trip of December 18 to 23, notation to that effect being made on the face of the voucher from information contained in the warden's monthly report. Correction has been made in the method of specifying dates opposite the other items appearing on this voucher.

Voucher 8. Department requests that item 2 and 3 be supported by explanation. To this end, there is enclosed with the voucher a letter from game warden Baughman, dated May 23, which it is believed fully explains the items in question.

Vouchers 23 and 40. Accompanying each of these vouchers is a statement furnished this office by game warden Baughman, which explains the nature of the transaction, and also gives an itemized statement of the charge for dog team and for board of the game warden and the driver of the dog team.

Voucher 25. Game warden Charles Nickett, stationed at Hetchikan, owns the launch which is used by him in connection with his official travels. In addition to his salary, he is allowed the cost of oil and gasoline necessary to the operation of the launch. Accompanying the voucher is an extract copy of

the warden's report for the month of January, which shows, in detail, his travels during the month. The provisions and supplies listed in subvoucher No. 1, which were purchased at Ketchikan, were not used at the warden's official headquarters, but while absent therefrom on the itinerary shown in the extract copy of his report.

Voucher 26, item 1. Objection is made to "subsistence at official station." The provisions covered by subvoucher No. 1 were not used at the warden's official station but on a trip to Tee Harbor and return, upon orders given by the Governor's office, the distance traveled being 70 miles. Proper explanatory note has been made upon the voucher, in accordance with this explanation.

Voucher 28. The Department objects to the first item in this voucher as not being sufficiently explained, and as apparently covering an expenditure in excess of the legal daily allowance for subsistence. Upon referring to the game warden's monthly reports for January and February, 1916, I find that the trip for which the supplies in question were purchased, covered the period from January 27 to February 6, inclusive, a total of 11 days. A notation has been made upon the voucher, showing the points visited on this trip. The game warden's reports do not show the distances traveled. In response to a telegram from this office, the warden makes the following explanation regarding this item:

"Would approximate proportion of \$34.90 to supply expense used by self and Butler from Jan. 27 to 31, inclusive at \$17.50."

It would appear, therefore, that for the period January 27 to 31, five days in all, the game warden's expense for subsistence for himself and dog team driver was approximately \$28.50; that is to say, \$17.50 worth of supplies covered by subvoucher No. 1, meals and beds, as covered by subvouchers 3 (\$5.00), and No. 4 (\$6.00). This makes an average of \$5.70 per day for the two men; but the cost of meals and bed for the dog team driver cannot properly be charged as subsistence for the game warden. It should be considered a part of his transportation expense, the same as the charge for hire of the dog team. This being the case, the game warden's subsistence expenses for the period in question were well within the legal limit. Where the warden made a mistake was in including the full amount of the grocery bill in the month of January.

In connection with the last item on this expense voucher, notation has been made from information contained in the warden's monthly report, showing that the charge covers only the January portion of the trip mentioned under item No. 1 of the voucher. The balance of the dog team hire for this trip appears in the warden's February voucher. The warden's letter of May 20, above mentioned, is enclosed herewith, and it will be noted that the miles traveled during the period January 27 to February 6, as given, is estimated at 193.

Voucher 29. The jurat on this voucher has been completed in accordance with the Department's request, and the method of indicating dates has been corrected to conform to Department's instructions.

Voucher 39. As already explained, game warden J. F. McDonald owns the launch used by him in his official travels. There is attached to the voucher an extract from the warden's report for the month of February, showing his official travel during the month. None of the provisions covered by subvoucher No. 4 were used by the game warden at his official station. Approximately \$4 worth of these provisions was used by the warden on trip of February 23 to 27, inclusive. The remainder was on hand at the end of the month. The charge for coal (subvoucher No. 3), is similarly explained, a portion of it being used during the warden's official travel in February, and the remainder being on hand at the end of the month. None of it was used at the warden's official station.

With reference to the charge on subvoucher No. 4 for soap of 25 cents, I beg to say that this soap was purchased for use of the game warden in the washing of dishes, cooking utensils, etc., on board his launch when absent from headquarters, and since, as already explained, the game warden cooks his own meals on board the launch when traveling, the soap is incidental thereto, and should, I believe, be allowed.

Voucher 43. The method of stating dates has been corrected on this voucher, in accordance with the Department's suggestion. There is enclosed with the voucher a letter from warden Eriksen, which gives the points visited by him during the month and the miles traveled.

Voucher 44. As already explained, game warden Charles Hickett, of Ketchikan, owns the launch used by him in his official travels, and is allowed the cost of oil and gasoline necessary for the operation of the launch. The provisions covered by subvoucher No. 1 were not used by the game warden at his official station, but while absent therefrom on official travels throughout his district, which travels are shown in detail in the extracts from his report for the month of February, which accompany the voucher.

Voucher 48. The department objects to this voucher for the reason that the certificate was not complete as originally submitted. The certificate has been completed, and it is believed that the voucher will now be found in satisfactory form.

With reference to the various matters referred to in connection with the vouchers above mentioned, I beg to say that all the game wardens and special employees working under the direction of this office, have been fully instructed in circulars issued from time to time by this office with regard to the laws relating to official expenditures and the Departmental regulations issued in reference thereto.

With reference to the Department's request that wardens show the miles traveled, in connection with their expenditures for provisions, etc., I beg to say that the value of this information to the Department is not altogether apparent, since it may happen that a warden may be absent from headquarters for a considerable length of time without actually traveling more than a few miles. However, the wardens have been instructed to show the points visited and the miles traveled in all such cases; and, if the Department wishes any further information from them, they will be instructed to furnish it in connection with their accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington