

January 13, 1917.

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Mr. Geo. H. Peterson,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing \$5 in currency and making application for a shipping license for one brown bear skin, to be consigned to Carl Krusmel, Tacoma, Wash.

Enclosed herewith you will find general shipping license No. 33, of this date, issued to you to cover shipment of the trophy in question. The Collector of Customs at Seattle is being advised that the shipment will pass through the port of Seattle enroute to destination.

Two "Affidavit of Shipment" blanks are enclosed, to be used by you when making shipment of the trophy above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sir:

This is to advise you that Andrew Heey, Game Warden, Henana, Alaska, resigned on the 6th instant, and his resignation was accepted as of that date. No successor has as yet been appointed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1917

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Hon. F. R. Brenneman,  
United States Marshal,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Captain Charles Madsen, who is a special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and a special game warden, holding temporary appointments from this office. As special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, Captain Madsen receives but a nominal salary. He was appointed by me upon the recommendation of Mr. W. T. Lopp, of the United States Bureau of Education, who vouched for his integrity. I have found Captain Madsen to be very active in the suppression of violations of the law and he seems to be sincerely actuated by a desire to do good among the people where he is located to the end that they be protected as far as possible from evil-doers. He advises me that he finds his activity somewhat circumscribed by reason of the fact that he cannot exercise the duties of a deputy United States marshal and he suggested that he would be willing to act in the capacity of field deputy if he could secure such appointment. I have written him that while I knew it would be impossible for you to allow him a

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salary and expense account, as I know the condition in which your fund for that purpose is, if it is like other Federal funds, but that you might give him an appointment as field deputy without pay, which would enable him to make arrests and subpoena witnesses and take them before the nearest United States Commissioner. I also stated that I would ask you to write direct to him as to this. Madsen's address is King Cove, in a region that you know a great deal more about necessarily than I do.

You will understand that I am merely placing this matter before you for such action as you may deem best to take in the premises.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Major P. W. Davison,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Major Davison:

Some time ago Mr. Hayes telephoned me stating that you were desirous of securing a license for the shipment of a moosehead or trophy to the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. The matter escaped my attention in the official routine, but was again brought to my notice by Mr. Hayes, whom I chanced to meet on the street, and I advised him that I had already taken the matter up with you, but upon examining the files of my office, I found that I had not.

Now, in response to your request, I have to advise you that this office has no authority to issue free permits for the shipment of game trophies from Alaska, this being strictly prohibited by the Alaska game law, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith for your further information. You will notice that under the heading of "Permits" persons desiring to collect specimens of mammals, etc., for scientific purposes, may secure a free permit upon application to the Department of Agriculture, but, inasmuch as I understand that the trophy which you desire to ship is for a club, it necessarily cannot

be classed as a scientific institution.

You will further notice that paragraph 2, section 5, provides "that a resident of Alaska desiring to export heads or trophies of any of the game animals mentioned in the act shall first obtain a shipping license, for which he shall pay a fee of \$40, permitting the shipment of the head or trophy of one moose, if killed north of latitude 62° \* \* \* Any person wishing to ship moose killed south of latitude 62° must first obtain a special license, for which he shall pay a fee of \$150, permitting the shipment of one moose, or any part thereof."

Perhaps I need scarcely say that, if I had any discretion in the matter of issuing licenses, I certainly would be inclined to comply with your request and issue one without requiring a fee, but as you will have noticed, I am positively prohibited from taking such action.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

January 13, 1917

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Captain Charles Madsen,  
King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letters of November 26 and 28, with reference to conditions in your section of the Territory. I have read these communications with interest and note your activity, and I have no doubt that the work that you have accomplished, handicapped as you are, has been productive of good in the past, and it will exert an influence in the same direction in the future.

In reply to some of your inquiries, I have to say that as a special game warden and a special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, you have an undoubted right to make arrests for violation of the laws, and to subpoena witnesses. It is my opinion, however, that these appointments do not carry with them the duties of a deputy United States Marshal, except as strictly confined to the performance of your duties as game warden and special employee. Of course, you understand that any private citizen is authorized to make an arrest of any person when he finds in the act of violating a law; that is to say, he does not

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require a special commission as a peace officer in order to effect an arrest in a case of that kind.

I do not know whether it is possible for United States marshal Brennehan to give you an appointment as field deputy. I assume that he has no funds at his command with which to pay the salary and expenses. It might be possible, however, that he would give you a commission without pay, but, as I have stated, of this I am not advised. I shall take the matter up with him and ask him to communicate with you directly at King Cove. I shall give you a recommendation to Marshal Brennehan as a man well qualified to perform any of the duties of a deputy marshal; and, more than that, with a desire to do so fairly and actively. You will also understand that the remoteness of your section renders the administration of the law not only very difficult, but extremely expensive, and we are at all times confronted with the question of finding funds to meet the various demands, but it is hard to convince Congress and the several departments having relations with Alaska of this fact.

I trust that you are having a splendid winter and that your activities in behalf of the preservation of law and order in your section will continue to bear good results.

Now, with reference to securing a supply of medicines, inasmuch as it does not seem at all probable that the services of a government physician to be located at your place can be secured, I suggest that you write Mr. Lepp, whom you know well, of course, explaining to him the necessity that seems to be apparent that you be supplied with medicines for such natives as may be in need of them. I do know that the teachers of the native schools are always supplied with a certain amount of medicine, and I believe it may be possible that Mr. Lepp will also be able to send you a supply, inasmuch as I can see from what you have written me, their urgent need.

I enclose herewith the letter addressed to you by Mr. Driffield. I thank you for the opportunity of reading it, and I appreciate the information which it contains.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Enc.

January 15, 1917

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Mr. Charles Suggett,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing \$5 in currency and requesting the issuance of a permit for the shipment of a brown bear skin, which you say you wish to send out to have made into a rug. Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 34, issued this date, to cover the shipment of the trophy in question.

We are required to notify the Collector of Customs at Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oregon, or San Francisco, Cal., as the case may be, of the issuance of all game shipping licenses, giving him, in each case, definite information as to the name of the person to whom the license is issued, the trophy or trophies covered by the license, the point of shipment, name of the consignee and point of destination in the States. Your letter does not state to whom the bear skin will be shipped, nor does it give the point of destination in the

States. It will be necessary for us to have this information so that we may properly advise the Collector of Customs at the port of entry in the States, which we suppose in your case will be Seattle.

Upon receipt of this letter, please write us, giving the information mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1917

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Mr. Fred Coykendall,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, thereis enclosed herewith a copy of Circular No. 4, containing the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. The circular also contains a copy of the wolf bounty act, and the act to prevent the wanton destruction of game animals, passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature.

For copies of the trapping laws (laws relating to fur-bearing animals), you should apply to Mr. Ernest P. Walker, Fur Warden At Large, Wrangell, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 15, 1917

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Mr. William W. FitzSimons,  
111 Fair Street,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Circular No. 4, containing the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 15, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, by this office, on December 13 last, of general game shipping license No. 30, to Mr. J. Carl Lacey, of Kodiak, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. The trophy in question will be consigned to the Hudson Bay Fur Company, at Seattle, and will later be shipped to Mr. Lacey at Spokane, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$4 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,

  
Governor.



(Gen. Lic. #34, 1-15-17.)

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$12 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.

(Gen. Shpg. Lic. #35-36-37, 1-16-17.)

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Mr. Charles L. Blanchette,  
c/o U. S. Signal Corps,  
Paxson, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultime, addressed to the Governor, enclosing check for \$15 and requesting the issuance of three licenses for the shipment of three brown bear hides, the same to be consigned to Miss G. Bertrand, Marlboro, Mass.

Enclosed herewith you will find general licenses Nos. 35, 36 and 37, of this date, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. Accompanying the licenses are two sets of an affidavit of shipment form, for your use when making shipment of the trophies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 17, 1917.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriations: "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1917," and "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1917", for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916; the accounts including the following papers:

1. Joint Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Joint Account Current.
3. Game Vouchers Nos. 1 to 48 inclusive.
4. Liquor Vouchers Nos. 1 to 26 inclusive.
5. Cancelled Game check No. 677 (attached to account current).

Respectfully yours,

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

*The Sec. of Int  
Washington*

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Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith statement of game license fees collected, disbursed and deposited for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, under the Alaska game law.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and S. D. A.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Lewis P. Shackelford,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shackelford:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, recommending the appointment of Mr. Fred Douse, of Fairbanks, for the position of game warden at that place.

In reply I have to advise you that no appointment of a game warden will be made immediately, but when the matter comes up for consideration, I shall give Mr. Douse's application due consideration. I may also add that I have on file now an almost unlimited number of applications for this place, and for that reason, I shall take time to consider the merits of the various applicants.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 16, 1917

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Mr. A. H. Conlin,

Anvik, Alaska

My dear Mr. Conlin:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 20, with reference to the appointment of a game warden in your section. I may say that I also received a letter from Mr. Cochran, teacher at Shagsluk, recommending you for the position and also stating the need that exists for the preservation of game in that region.

In reply I have to advise you that the only reason that I know of that prevents your appointment is the total lack of funds with which to pay for your services. The game fund is entirely inadequate, and it is impossible, at this time, to make any additional appointments. Later, should the fund permit, I would be glad to give you an appointment, if only temporarily.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. L. H. Smith, of Cordova, with reference to alleged wanton slaughter of game in the Chisana district. Will you be kind enough to give this your immediate attention, advising this office as to conditions obtaining in the Chisana section, so far as you are able to do so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. L. H. Smith,

Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 29, with reference to alleged wanton slaughter of game in the vicinity of the Chisana placer camp, or the headwaters of the White and Chisana rivers.

In reply I have to thank you for your letter, and I wish to express my regret that such unwarranted slaughter of game animals is taking place. The very remoteness of that section, coupled with the fact that it is near the international boundary, renders the enforcement of the law difficult, especially in view of the limited fund at the disposal of this office for the enforcement of the game laws.

The Federal government is now considering the advisability of cooperating with the Yukon government to the end that the game along the international boundary receive more adequate protection. In the meantime, I shall take such steps as may be possible to investigate game conditions in that section.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 16, 1917

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Mr. Walter E. Cochran,

Shageluk, via Anvik, Alaska

My dear Mr. Cochran:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 9. I had heard that you had returned to Alaska, but I did not know at what point you were located, but you are again on familiar ground, and I have no doubt that your presence in that section will result in great good to the native people.

I have noted carefully what you say with reference to game law violations, and, unfortunately, I happen to know that such is the case. The trouble is, however, to meet the situation, in view of the small appropriation which is available for the enforcement of the law; and this shortage of money is the only reason why a game warden is not stationed in the region of which you speak. It is to be regretted that white men, or alleged white men, who are found in these remote districts show such an utter disregard for all the laws, apparently thinking that they are a law unto themselves, and for this reason, if for no other, it would afford me great satisfaction, were I able to do so, to station an officer in that region

who would enforce the laws and bring their violators to justice. However, as I have said, I am precluded from taking this action by reason of the lack of funds. Very frequently I become discouraged at the indifference of members of Congress and other people as well, to the needs of this Territory, but they say a constant dropping will wear away a stone; but sometimes I am astonished at the absolute indifference that is manifested, especially in just enforcement of law and even its open defiance on the part of people who should and do know better. I have no doubt that, if a game warden could be stationed there, if he were the right kind of man, he could accomplish much good; but, frankly, at the present time I do not see much hope of making such appointment. I know Mr. Conlin, to whom you refer, very well and believe he would be an excellent man if we had the funds to employ him.

I am glad to know that the appropriation for the medical care of natives was increased for the fiscal year, and I am sure that the natives will be greatly benefited thereby.

With very best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Cochran, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 17, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance on the 16th instant of general game shipping licenses Nos. 25, 26, and 27 to Charles L. Blanchett, of Paxson, Alaska, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin.

The trophies will be consigned to Miss G. Bertrand, Marlboro, Massachusetts, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Peter A. Iversen,  
c/o Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Chicaloon, Alaska

Dear Mr. Iversen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in which you ask to be appointed deputy game warden at Chicaloon.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no funds at the disposal of this office for game protection to permit the appointment of additional game wardens in the Territory. I have read your letter with interest, and I have no doubt that a game warden stationed at Chicaloon could be instrumental in enforcing the game laws and preventing the wanton destruction of game. But, as I have stated, lack of funds prevents such appointment from being made. Alaska is a large country, and the appropriation for the protection of game is small. Hence what we have must be used in a manner that is believed best to conserve the game of Alaska. If at any time the fund will permit, I should be pleased to consider your appointment.

I may also add that I remember you, having known you in the early days at Nome.

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

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 18, 1917

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Capt. J. P. Hubrick,

McCarthy, Alaska

My dear Captain Hubrick:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, and in reply permit me to say that there was absolutely no necessity for your explanation, as I understood your position, I think, thoroughly.

I received a number of applications for the position of game warden in your district at about the same time I received yours, all based upon the rumor that Erickson had resigned or was about to resign. However, he did not do so, and from available information, I did not feel that I would be justified in removing him under the circumstances. It is essential that game wardens, as well as all other officials, render satisfactory service.

The game question in Alaska is a difficult one to handle, inasmuch as it is scattered over so wide an area, and the fund for the protection of game being limited, the game wardens are, therefore limited in number. I may add that your application is on file, and, should an occasion arise, where I

could be of service to you, I shall gladly render it.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 19, 1917.

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Mr. Charles Nickett,

Game Warden,

Etchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith both copies of your sub-voucher #2, December accounts, covering provisions purchased of H. R. Thompson. This bill is receipted by A. L. Henrickson, with nothing to indicate that he is in any way connected with H. R. Thompson in business. The receipt should have been in the name of Thompson; and if Henrickson is in his employ, the word "Clerk", or other designation, should have followed Henrickson's name, to show his authority for signing the receipt.

Kindly have the matter fixed up, and return the voucher, and settlement will be made of your December account.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 729 of this date, in the sum of \$113, in settlement of your December expense account.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that several of the subvouchers accompanying your December account were not made out in proper form, and, in order to avoid delay in the payment of your account, I have corrected them to agree with the explanations contained in the expense account. I refer to the following subvouchers:

No. 3, submitted by you, reads: "Supper, \$1, bed \$1, 19th, and breakfast \$1, 20th, for self and dog team driver," the amount of the subvoucher being \$6. The explanation of this item on the expense account is, "Supper \$2, bed \$2, 19th; breakfast \$2, 20th, for self and driver." I do not see any reason for such a discrepancy between the detail on the subvoucher and that contained in the expense account.

Subvoucher No. 7, covering dog team hire, December 19 to 23, does not show the mileage traveled.

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Subvoucher No. 11, as submitted, reads: "Supper \$1, bed \$1, 29th; breakfast \$1.50, 30th, for self and dog team driver," the amount of the subvoucher being \$3. The explanation of this item in the expense account is, "Supper \$3, bed \$2, 29th; breakfast \$3, 30th, self and driver," total \$8. As stated above, in reference to subvoucher No. 2, I do not see any reason why there should have been a discrepancy in detail between the subvoucher and the expense account.

Subvoucher No. 12, as submitted, reads: "Dinner \$1, supper \$1, bed self and dog team driver," the amount of the voucher being \$4. The explanation of this item in the expense account is, "Dinner \$2 and supper \$2, self and driver," amount \$4. The discrepancy in detail between the subvoucher and expense account is inexcusable.

Subvoucher No. 13, as submitted, reads: "Bed \$1, 30th; breakfast \$1.50, 31st, for self and dog team driver," amount \$5. The explanation on the expense account is, "Bed \$2, 30th; breakfast \$3, 31st, self and driver," amount \$5. The discrepancy in detail between the subvoucher and the expense account is inexcusable.

Subvoucher No. 14, covers dog team hire, December 29 to 31, amount \$22.50. The subvoucher bears the notation, "Sikka trip," while the expense account reads, "Salchaket trip." Neither the subvoucher nor the expense account shows the mileage traveled.

It seems to me that your experience in making up expense accounts should have enabled you to submit your expense accounts in proper form so that it would not be necessary for this office to have to choose between delaying payment for one or two months or making corrections in them so as to expedite the payment. In future, when accounts are not in proper form, they will be returned for correction. The disbursing officer of the game fund is under a heavy bond and he cannot afford to run chances of having accounts disallowed because of the failure of game wardens to submit them in proper form or to furnish complete explanation.

Respectfully yours,

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

January 20, 1917

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Mr. Charles Nickett,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 17, in which you state that you are leaving for Hadley to investigate the reports of game violation at that place, furnished you by this office; you also ask for instructions with regard to persons having goat hides in their possession, specifically naming two persons.

In reply I have to advise you that, if it is possible for you to secure evidence sufficient to obtain conviction of the parties for having these hides in their possession contrary to law, it would be your duty to proceed against them in the court. I assume, however, that it would be difficult to obtain such evidence, inasmuch as the owners would no doubt set up the claim that these hides came into their possession before the promulgation of the regulation forbidding the killing of mountain goats. It would seem, therefore, that the best that you can do is to warn people that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law should they violate it.

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I trust that you will be able to secure evidence against the owners of the gas boat Alaskan for the illegal killing of game, provided they are guilty of the infractions with which they are charged.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

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Mr. W. T. Young,  
Post Office Box 6,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, in which you request information regarding game regulations, license fees, licensed guides, etc., in this Territory.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of game circular No. 4, recently issued by this office, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. The circular also contains a complete list of the game wardens in the Territory and the licensed guides for the Kenai Peninsula.

A nonresident hunter, who is a citizen of the United States, is required to obtain a hunting license, the fee for which is \$50. The license is accompanied by shipping coupons covering the various trophies mentioned in section 5 of the game law. No further fee is required except where moose trophies are taken south of latitude 62°, in which case a "special moose shipping license" is required, the fee for which is \$150. Not more than two of these "special moose

shipping licenses may be issued to any one person in any one year. Nonresident hunters are not required to obtain special moose shipping licenses until they have secured their trophies.

For information regarding the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet and Kodiak Island, it is suggested that you address game warden J. A. Baughman at Seward, or warden Aron Ericson at Anchorage, both of whom are familiar with conditions obtaining in the sections mentioned. Game warden Peter S. Erickson, McCarthy, Alaska, can probably give you information regarding the section of the country at the head waters of the White River. In the Juneau section, the numerous islands abound in black and brown bear, deer and mountain goats. You will note, by reference to the special regulations found on page 7, in the game circular, that the killing of deer in southeastern Alaska is limited to the period from August 15 to October 31, and that the killing of mountain goats in this section, as well as on the Kenai Peninsula, is prohibited until August 1, 1918.

For particular information regarding the railroad construction work being carried on by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, it is suggested that you address Mr. A. Christensen, General Manager of the Land and Industrial Department

of the Commission, whose post office address is Anchorage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 25, 1917

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Mr. C. L. Andrews,  
1812 East 73d St.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th, with reference to walrus hunting in Alaskan waters, and their threatened decimation unless steps can be taken for their conservation.

In reply I have to advise you that the game law, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith, defines walrus as a game animal, but no provision is made for their shipment from the Territory; neither has this office any record of walrus ever having been shipped out of Alaska. That they are killed and shipped goes without saying, as is evidenced by the investigations that you yourself have conducted. I assume that when walrus hides or trophies are entered at the port of Seattle, or other Pacific Coast ports, the statement is made that they were killed in extra-territorial waters, and therefore not within the three-mile limit. It seems to me, therefore, that in order to prevent the entire disappearance of this unique animal and a well-known source of food supply for the natives

as well as being useful for other purposes, the hide, as you know, of course, being used for making water boots, or muk-luks, an international agreement or convention for the preservation of these animals would be necessary between Russia, Japan and probably Great Britain. I believe that, in one of my annual reports, I discussed this matter at some length, but, of course, no action was taken with reference thereto. I have no doubt that such a convention could be arranged if our government would take up the matter and bring it to a conclusion.

The whaling boats that you mention, and especially the Kit, are, it has been stated to me, a sort of pirate, taking everything in sight that is salable or has a prospective value. I trust that I am not libeling the Kit, but this is the story I was told in Nome some two or three years ago, while visiting there, where I discussed with some of the good people of that town the necessity of taking steps toward securing ample protection for walrus in extra-territorial waters.

I shall be pleased to cooperate with you or anyone else to the end that the walrus may be saved from extinction. This is one of those matters that someone should keep continually pressing upon the attention of the government and Congress.

I trust that you are in good health, and with expressions  
of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

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Mr. D. E. Stubbs,

United States Commissioner,

Aniak, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of November 11, with reference to conditions in your district. I have noted with interest what you say about the abundance of moose and caribou, and I share your opinion that they will doubtless be extinct in a short time unless the wanton killing of them can be prevented. Alaska covers an area of nearly 600,000 square miles, over which only eight game wardens are regularly employed. This will, therefore, give you an idea of the destruction of game that must ensue in some localities because of the lack of means to maintain an adequate game patrol. This appropriation comes from Congress, and you know how difficult it is to get an appropriation increased. Since I became Governor I had it increased by \$5,000, and we were thus enabled to have more game wardens in places where they were vitally needed. I am a firm advocate of the plan to vest the control of the game of Alaska in the Territorial legislature, believing, as I do, that some efficient system of preservation could be enforced than at present.

I also note what you say with reference to the poisoning of fur animals, and here is another Alaskan resource that is controlled by a government bureau in Washington, which maintains a few fur wardens, but the conditions of their operation are largely on a par with those employed in the protection of game. It occurs to me that there is a fur warden stationed at Fairbanks, but, even if you were to communicate with him, I opine that he could not render much assistance, because the first objection that would be made would be a lack of funds for traveling expenses; and so the matter stands, and it appears to me it will stand until Alaska's resources, from fish to minerals, are placed under the direct control of the people of the Territory, whose interests in their preservation and conservation are paramount.

The liquor traffic in Alaska is another vexing question, and is surrounded with some difficulties in the enforcement of the laws as in the other subjects discussed above. It seems now, however, that Alaska, after the beginning of next year, will have a drastic prohibition law, easily to be enforced, and I confidently predict that within a year John Barleycorn will be an utter stranger in Alaska from Ketchikan to Point Barrow.

I trust that you and Mrs. Stubbs are in good health and that your sojourn in that great interior country will meet

with the reward which you so well deserve.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, January 29, 1917. O. B.

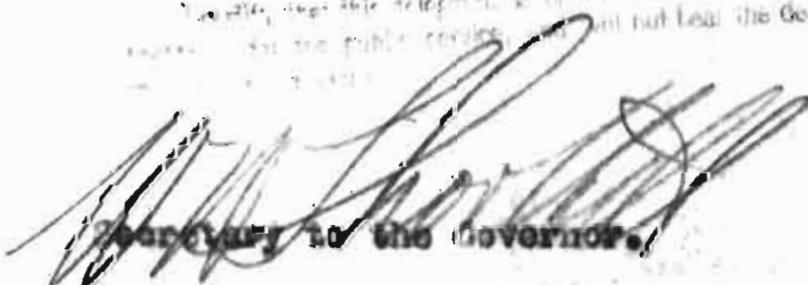
Hjalmar Nordale,

Fairbanks.

You are hereby advised that you have this day been appointed game warden for the fourth judicial division, to succeed Andrew Heoy, resigned, the appointment to be effective February first, on which date execute oath office in duplicate and forward this office. Arrange to proceed soon as possible thereafter to Henana which will be your official headquarters. On arrival there call upon Heoy who will turn over all the property, official correspondence, badges, report and voucher forms, and so forth, in his possession. Confer with McDonald as to taking receipts for expenses from Fairbanks to Henana and in general as to manner of handling expense accounts. Letter of appointment, instructions, stationery and so forth will be forwarded to you at Henana. Wire your acceptance of appointment stating when you expect start for Henana.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

The State, under this telegram, is not liable for the cost of postage, and the public service is not to be hindered by the delay.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, January 29, 1917. O. B.

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Andrew Hoey,

Nonana.

Hjalmar Nordale has been appointed your successor, with instructions to proceed to Nonana and arrange transfer of badges, stationery, report and voucher blanks, official file of correspondence, and so forth. Kindly arrange transfer when he arrives, taking receipt in duplicate in such form as you and he agree upon, forwarding one copy to this office.

STRONG, Governor.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Hjalmer Nordale,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska game law, I hereby appoint you game warden for the fourth judicial division, with headquarters at Nenana, to succeed Andrew Hey, resigned, the appointment to be effective February 1, 1917. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$1,800 per annum and you will be allowed subsistence and travel expenses not exceeding \$1200 per annum.

On February 1 you will please execute an oath of office in duplicate, forwarding both copies to this office. As soon as possible after the execution of your oath of office you will proceed to Nenana and call upon Mr. Andrew Hey, for transfer of official property, badges, correspondence, stationery, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Mr. Charles Hudson,

Special Game Warden,

King Cove, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find check No. 741 of this date in your favor for \$50, covering your services for the month of December, 1916, and January, 1917.

Due to the remoteness of your headquarters from Juneau, and the possibility of mail being lost enroute, I will ask you to kindly acknowledge receipt each month of the check sent you. As a rule this is not required.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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February 5, 1917

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Mr. Andrew Heay,

Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the 29th ultimo the Governor wired you, advising the appointment of Mr. Hjalmar Nordale as your successor, and requesting that, upon his arrival at Nenana, you arrange with him for the transfer of your official badges, stationery, correspondence and other property belonging to the office of game warden.

Mr. Nordale has also been designated a special employee, without compensation, to assist in the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of the fourth division, a position which was also held by you.

A letter of instructions has just been written Mr. Nordale, regarding his official expenses, and it has been suggested to him that in case he experiences any difficulty in making up his expense accounts, he call upon you for assistance. Should Mr. Nordale request your assistance in this matter, it will be appreciated if you will kindly aid him in the preparation of his accounts so that he may be able to submit them in satisfactory form. Your experience in this regard has no doubt

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served to impress upon you the importance of having the accounts in proper form before forwarding them, and I know that Mr. Nordale will appreciate your assistance, and assure you that it will be appreciated by this office as well.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. F. A. Deuse,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your telegram of January 3, in which you applied for appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division, I have to advise you that on January 27 Mr. Hjalmar Nordale, of Fairbanks, was appointed to that place, he having received the endorsement of the local Democratic committee. Under the circumstances I deemed it but right to listen to the recommendations of the Democratic divisional committee as being representative of the majority of Democrats in the fourth judicial division.

If at any time, however, I am in a position to serve you, I will be pleased to do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Dr. J. A. Sutherland,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Doctor Sutherland:

Acknowledging receipt of your telegram of January 6, wherein you recommend Mr. F. A. Douss of Fairbanks for appointment as game warden in the fourth judicial division, I have to advise you that on January 27, Mr. Hjalmar Nordale, of your city, was appointed to that place.

I have to thank you for your endorsement of Mr. Douss, whom I am satisfied would have rendered excellent service had it been possible for me to give him the appointment. Under the circumstances, however, I was unable to do so.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Riggs, Jr.,

Kenema, Alaska

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Acknowledging receipt of your telegram of January 2, in which you recommended Mr. T. J. Saun, of Kenema, for appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division, vice Hsey, resigned, I have to advise you that on January 27 Mr. Hjalmar Nordale, of Fairbanks, was appointed to this position. It is perhaps needless for me to say that I would have been glad to appoint Mr. Saun on your recommendation, but the Democratic organization of the fourth judicial division requested that they be permitted to recommend some person for this place, Nordale being their choice; and, naturally, under the circumstances, I did not see my way clear to disregard their recommendation. I am sure you will understand this and the position in which it placed me. I understand that Mr. Nordale is a young man of excellent character and capacity, and I trust that he will render faithful service. I would esteem it a personal favor if you would give Mr. Nordale the benefit of your advice from time to time, if you can see your

way clear to do so, as he may need it.

With assurances of my personal esteem, and wishing you  
the greatest success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. James Hagan,  
United States Deputy Marshal,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram of January 2, recommending Mr. T. J. Saun, of Nenana, for appointment as game warden, I have to advise you that on January 27, Mr. H. Nordale, of Fairbanks, was appointed to this position. This appointment was only made after due consideration, and I regret that it was impossible for me to give Mr. Saun the appointment as recommended by you and a number of other citizens of Nenana.

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

Sincerely yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Dr. M. E. Smith,

Nenana, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

In reply to your telegram of January 9, recommending Mr. T. J. Sann, of Nenana, for appointment as game warden, I have to advise you that on January 27 last, Mr. Hjalmar Nordale was appointed to this position.

I appreciate your action in this matter, and I regret that, under the circumstances, I was unable to give Mr. Sann the appointment desired.

I trust that you are doing nicely in your new home, as I am sure you are, and that Mrs. Smith and yourself are in the best of health.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Abbert Wile,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several telegrams and letters with reference to your appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division. In reply I have to advise you that on January 27 last, Mr. Hjalmar Nordale was appointed to this position, he having received the endorsement of the local Democratic committee, and other Democrats of the fourth judicial division.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. W. F. Whiteley, Secretary,  
Democratic Divisional Committee,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Whiteley:

I beg to advise you that in accordance with the recommendation made by your committee on January 9, on January 27 Mr. Hjalmar Nordale was appointed game warden for the fourth judicial division.

I trust that this appointment will be satisfactory in every respect.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Dr. W. G. Cassels,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of January 6 and of your letter of January 5, in which you recommended Mr. Roy C. Hall for appointment as game warden in the fourth judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that the situation which had been eventuated in the fourth judicial division seemed to demand the appointment of a man recommended by your local Democratic committee, who had preferred to recommend a suitable person for appointment, and I signified my readiness to receive their endorsement. The committee, therefore, recommended for appointment Mr. Hjalmar Nordale, and consequently this appointment was made on January 27 last. I need scarcely say that, under other circumstances, I would have been glad to accede to your request and appoint Mr. Hall, as from other sources I had also ascertained his fitness for such position.

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If at any subsequent time I can be of service to either  
you or Mr. Hall, I shall gladly render it.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,  
Game Warden,  
Wenams, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find confirmation copy of the telegram of the 29th ultimo, addressed to you by the Governor, advising you of your appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division, to succeed Andrew Hoey, resigned, and containing instructions as to your official headquarters, etc. Enclosed herewith you will also find a number of salary voucher blanks, which you will please sign (on the line preceded by the words "Sign here"), and return to this office. These will be used in making monthly payments on your salary. Under separate cover I am sending you expense account vouchers, stationery, game circulars, etc.

With reference to your expense accounts, your careful attention is directed to the enclosed circulars of instructions to game wardens. It will be necessary for you to acquaint yourself thoroughly with these instructions so that you may be able to submit your expense accounts in such form that they will be passed by the Department of the Interior and the Auditor. In the circular dated May 11, 1914, you

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will note that the provisions of an act of Congress limits the allowance for subsistence (meals and room rent) to \$5 per day. In connection with the purchase of groceries and provisions for use on official trips, you should note particularly the instructions contained in circulars 3, 8 and 9.

Mr. Andrew Hoey, your predecessor, will no doubt be quite willing to assist you in the preparation of your expense accounts, should you so desire. I am writing him, asking him to extend this courtesy to you in the event you find it necessary to confer with him. In connection with your appointment as a regular game warden, you have been designated as a special employee, without compensation, to assist in the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of your division. Mr. Hoey held a similar appointment and should transfer to you the official badge which was furnished him in connection therewith, as well as his badge as game warden.

The telegram sent you by the Governor instructed you to call upon Mr. Hoey upon your arrival at Neenah and request that he turn over to you all property, official correspondence, badges, reports and voucher forms, etc., in his possession and properly belonging to the office of game warden. A telegram was sent to Mr. Hoey at the same time, advising him of your appointment and asking him to arrange the transfer to you, taking a receipt in duplicate, in such form as you and he

should agree upon, and asking him to forward one copy thereof  
to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 5, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Circular No. 4, containing the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,  
Game Warden,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your kind telegram of recent date, in which you express appreciation of your appointment as game warden. In reply I have to advise you that it gave me pleasure to make this appointment, and especially so since you had been so highly recommended by your local Democratic divisional committee and other leading citizens of your home town. While I do not recall that I have met you personally, I know and appreciate your father, whom I met while in Fairbanks on one or two occasions.

I may express the belief that you will give undivided attention to the duties of your office, as, in doing this, you can render me, or the Administration which I have the honor to represent, no greater service. Faithfulness and efficiency are desirable—nay, absolutely necessary in services rendered to the Government, and the greater the devotion to duty, the more satisfactory must it be to all concerned. There are too many people, I regret to say, who

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look upon public office as a private snap instead of a public trust. I am talking to you thus as I know that you are a young man entering upon duties which, in their scope, are just as important as those rendered by persons holding higher positions and exercising greater authority. I believe that you will meet intelligently and fairly every demand made upon you. In the discharge of your duties, which, as I have stated, are manifold, it will be necessary for you at all times to exercise a rare vigilance to the end that the laws be enforced, and in so doing you will often find it necessary to call to your aid your best judgment. Discretion and tact in dealing with public affairs are of prime importance, the idea being to secure a just enforcement of the law with that uniformity which is always essential to their practical operation. Numerous complaints have reached this office, alleging frequent and apparently wanton violations of the game law in your division. The game wardens have been charged with negligence of duty; but, so far as this is concerned, I am not unmindful of the fact that no matter how faithfully a public official discharges the duties with which he is entrusted, complaints from the unobserving and uninformed, and perhaps the vicious, are sure to arise. Should at any time complaints be made concerning you as to the discharge of your duties, you may rest assured that before such charges are acted upon, they will receive due investigation and ample consideration. I am

making this statement, inasmuch as, should there be no complaints against you, you will probably be one of the few men in Alaska who are occupying official positions, who have not been subject to some charge from some source or other, no matter how wholly unreliable.

As you have been advised, your headquarters, until further notice, will be at Nenana, where I understand there have been frequent violations of the game law. I would, therefore, suggest that you consult with Mr. Thomas Riggs, Jr., of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, who, I am sure, will be able to give you aid, or at least valuable advice concerning your duties and the efficient enforcement of the game law. I am sure that Mr. Riggs, to whom I have written in this respect, will cooperate with you in every way possible. Complaints

Complaints have also reached me that the game wardens permit prominent citizens of the fourth division to violate the game law, while those less prominent are sought out and complaints lodged against them. You will remember that the law is no respecter of persons and that any man, be he who he may, who violates the law, should be brought to court, no matter what his position or standing in the community may be.

If at any time you should need instructions as to what course you should pursue in certain circumstances, you are advised to wire or write this office immediately.

You should also confer with Mr. McDonald, the other game warden in your division, and your cooperation should be mutual at all times. You are also expected to report as to game conditions in all parts of the territory visited by you and suggest any changes that may be necessary in the game laws or how they may be made more effective.

With very best wishes for your success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 5, 1917

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Mr. Roy C. Hall,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, in which you applied for appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division. In reply I have to advise you that on January 27 Mr. Hjalmar Nordale was appointed to this place, he having been endorsed by the Democratic divisional committee and other Democrats of your section. Under the circumstances I deemed it my duty to cooperate with the local committee in his appointment.

I may add that you were strongly endorsed by Dr. Casselle, whom I esteem highly, and am satisfied that if it had been possible for me to give you this appointment, you would have discharged the duties imposed upon you with the greatest fidelity. Let me add that, if at any time in the future, I am in a position to serve you, I shall gladly serve you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

The Postmaster,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the assistant postmaster at Tokson, advising that a roll of printed matter addressed to Mr. H. C. Schmidt, special game warden, Red Bay, Alaska, via Wrangell, has been forwarded to Tokson, and asking what disposition we wish made of the same, since he does not know anything as to the whereabouts of the addressee.

We have requested the postmaster at Tokson to return the package in question to your office, and would ask that you kindly hold the same until called for by Mr. Schmidt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Mr. Fred E. Breyman,  
Assistant Postmaster,  
Toksén, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in reference to a roll of printed matter from this office, addressed to Mr. H. C. Schmidt, special game warden, Red Bay, Alaska, via Wrangell, which has been forwarded to your office, where it has been held for some time.

Mr. Schmidt directed that his mail be addressed to him at Red Bay, via Wrangell, at which latter office he receives his mail, there being, I believe, no post office at Red Bay. I have, therefore, to request that you will kindly return the package in question to Wrangell. I am writing the postmaster at Wrangell, asking him to hold the package and any other mail which may be received for Mr. Schmidt until the same is called for by him.

Thanking you for calling attention to this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

February 7, 1917

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith oath of office of Charles Madsen, special game warden stationed at King Cove, Alaska.

On May 27 an appointment as special game warden was issued to Madsen, effective June 15, 1916, no compensation being at that time allowed. The officer served without compensation until December 1, 1916, when, in view of the very efficient services rendered by him, the Governor notified him that he would be allowed a monthly compensation of \$25 during the period December 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917. He was thereupon required to execute an oath of office. The appointment above mentioned carries no allowance for traveling or other expenses.

The officer mentioned is employed as a watchman in charge of cannery property in the King Cove section, and his services as special game warden are rendered largely from motives of public spiritedness.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

February 7, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 17, together with an affidavit of Oscar Bashman, with respect to the wanton slaughter of mountain sheep by one Jack Hayes in the year 1915, said Hayes being then located about 25 miles from Shushanna. I note you say that Hayes was formerly deputy marshal at Fairbanks, and, therefore, should have known better; yet, instead of being an observer of the law, he seems to have been a rank violator of it, and it is to be regretted that he cannot be prosecuted for his acts, as I take it, since he has removed from Shushanna, that it would be difficult to locate him.

You also suggest that in case violators of the law are apprehended, they be tried at McCarthy, where the witnesses can be reached; and you also say that there would be considerable expense attached to the prosecutions which you have in mind, yet you believe that such would be justified by the results. I do not know just what prosecutions you contem-

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plate. However, if Hayes could be gotten hold of and the witnesses as well, there is no doubt of the justification for his prosecution. As a rule, however, for violations of law of this kind, the trial should take place in the Commissioner's district in which the crime is committed. I do not believe that this is mandatory, but I believe it is the course that is usually followed. In this matter you should use your best judgment and also consult with United States commissioners, should you think it advisable to do so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12, with reference to game conditions in the fourth judicial division, especially at Nenana, the headquarters of the railroad construction, by the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

In reply I have to say that I have carefully noted the statement made in your letter, especially those connected with Commissioner Riggs and the attitude of the Alaskan Engineering Commission in the matter of killing game for use in their mess-houses. It seems to me, on the facts of it, that such a system is absolutely pernicious and should be curtailed to the smallest possible minimum. Of course, the law does not prevent employees of the Commission from killing game in season, provided they do not exceed the limit therein allowed; but the statement that the Commission has used more than two and a half tons of sheep meat during the past season is, indeed, startling, and it necessarily follows that if this practice is continued, the mountain sheep of that and contiguous sections will no doubt be entirely decimated prior

to the completion of railroad construction.

Just how to prevent this slaughter is a matter of concern to me and should be a matter of concern to every person interested in the preservation of the game of Alaska. I do not believe that when the expenditure of \$35,000,000 was authorized for the construction of government railroads in Alaska, the fact was taken into consideration that a domestic meat supply could be secured. This probably never occurred to anyone connected with the authorization of such expenditure. Nevertheless, a situation has been evolved that demands a satisfactory solution.

I shall, therefore, take this matter up with the Department of the Interior and endeavor to secure a ruling or some action which will tend to clarify the situation now existing and which will no doubt continue to exist unless something be done to prevent it in the future. I shall also forward a copy of your letter for the Department's perusal and upon which some intelligent action may be based.

You have been advised of the appointment of Mr. Hjalmar Nordale as successor to Andrew Hoey, resigned, and I trust that you and he will cooperate in every way possible. Complaints have reached this office from time to time as to the violation of the game laws, especially in the vicinity of Nenana, and both yourself and Nordale should give that sec-

tion close attention to the end that the law be there enforced as strictly as possible under all circumstances. I wish to impress upon you the necessity of active field work, so far as your expense allowance will permit. Game cannot be adequately protected nor the laws enforced, in the towns, unless field work is done in the game districts. Furthermore, if game wardens show activity, the general public know it and take cognizance of this activity, whereas, if a lukewarm spirit is shown, conversely the public also know it and will take cognizance of it. It is also necessary that the game wardens give their entire time to the duties of their office, and if they have not been doing so in the past, I shall insist upon it in the future, at all times.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

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Mr. R. C. Wood,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 8, in which you recommend Mr. Hoy C. Hall, of your city, for appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that on January 27 last, Mr. H. Nordale, of Fairbanks, was appointed to this position.

I have to thank you for your letter, and I have no doubt that had it been possible for me to appoint Mr. Hall, he would have rendered excellent service to the government in the discharge of the duties of his office. I regret, however, that I was unable to make such appointment.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 7, 1917

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Mr. Charles Madsen;  
Special Game Warden,  
King Cove, Alaska

My dear Captain Madsen:

I have your letter of January 13, together with certain typewritten notices which you request be printed in English, to be later translated into Austrian, Greek, Chinese and Japanese, by you and posted in your precinct.

In reply I have to advise you that, while this, no doubt, would be a very effective means of warning intending law violators, I regret very much to advise you that there is no fund at the disposal of this office from which the cost of printing such notices, even in English, can be paid. It is, therefore, impracticable for me to order this printing.

I am returning the notices herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. F. R. Bigford,  
Seward Lodge No. 1425,  
Loyal Order of Moose,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your recent undated letter, in which you state that the Seward lodge wishes to know if it can make a present of a mounted moose head to the Supreme Order of Moose, Mooseheart, Illinois.

In reply, you are informed that there is nothing to prevent the lodge from carrying out its wish in this matter, providing the requirements of the Alaska game law are complied with. The trophy must be one taken in the open season and, if obtained south of latitude 62 degrees, it will be necessary to obtain a shipping license, the fee for which is \$150.

This office has no authority to authorize the free shipment of game trophies. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, is authorized to issue special permits for the shipment of trophies under certain conditions, but it is doubtful if a permit could be obtained for the trophy referred to by you. However, it might be well for the lodge to address a letter to the Secretary, explaining fully the circumstances of the case.

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Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of game circular  
No. 4, and your particular attention is called to the marked  
portions.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

February 13, 1917

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Sir: -

For your information and that you may take such steps as you deem advisable in the premises, I quote herewith certain paragraphs from a letter received by this office from R. S. McDonald, game warden at Fairbanks, with reference to the killing of mountain sheep for the use of the Alaskan Engineering Commission in railroad construction camps:

"The Commission, according to the list furnished me (the game warden), had bought, up to December 21, 1916, 5,013 pounds of sheep meat. This is used in the mess house, where the men are charged 33-1/3 cents per meal, or \$1 per day, in accordance with a meal-ticker system in vogue. None but employees can get these meals, which, undoubtedly, are furnished at a pecuniary loss, Mr. Riggs informing me that during the month of December they had cost 52 cents each or \$1.56 per day. In reality it is another way of paying the men so much per day "and board," but the size of the monetary emolument is, perhaps, more alluring under the commission's scheme. Whether, in view of the fact that the meals are "sold" under this arrangement, the Commission is to be considered a "dealer," and therefore amenable to the law in regard to possession of game meat, is a question in regard to which I would like advice. District Attorney Roth has advised Commissioner Riggs that the Commission is not to be considered a "dealer" and can, therefore, with impunity continue to dispose of the game purchased prior to the close of the season; but I have to add, as a commentary on this advice, Mr. Roth has informed me that

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he is in doubt as to whether or not he should consider the proprietor of a restaurant a dealer."

Game Warden McDonald urges that there is grave menace to the game supply through the building of the railroad, because the one thing necessary to make hunting profitable--- a nearby market---is thereby furnished; that with only a few hundred men at work at Menana the Commission has used more than two and a half tons of sheep meat, and that if, when the number of employees, as anticipated, is increased several-fold, they are allowed to use game meat in the same proportion, the sheep will be practically exterminated before the railroad is completed. Mr. McDonald further adds that he has threshed this matter out with Commissioner Riggs, but that they do not agree, Mr. Riggs taking the stand that the employees of the Commission are as much entitled to the use of game in season as anyone else, and, of course, under the law they are, but he suggests that, nevertheless, it is regrettable that the benefit to be derived from the building of the railroad by the Government for the development of the country is to be effect, in a measure at least, by the destruction of game so essential to the use of prospectors and miners engaged in the development of the mining resources, and which will continue to be thus essential for many years after the railroad is completed.

Respectfully,

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

Governor

February 13, 1917

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Mr. Herbert Lee,  
Tenassee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6, in which you ask what will be necessary to secure a permit for the shipment of a bear skin, the bear from which it was taken having been classified by the Biological Survey as a Sitka grizzly and not a brown bear.

In reply I have to advise you that the law specifies that skins of the Alaska brown bear shall be shipped from the Territory only under a permit, such permit costing \$5. However, if the skin to which you refer does not belong to this species, no permit is necessary.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the game law of Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 13, 1917

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Mr. J. P. Hubrick,

McCarthy, Alaska

My dear Captain Hubrick:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, which I have read with much interest. I have also to thank you for the photographs enclosed, which I shall add to my Alaska collection with much pleasure.

I am much interested in the statements that you make concerning the mountain sheep at the headquarters of the Chitina River and Boundary Mountain, and your suggestion that a close season be established for ewes and lambs for a period of four or five years. I believe, however, that under the law a close season can be established for two years only, and I shall take this matter up at once with the Department of Agriculture, in which is vested the authority for issuing regulations concerning the protection of game in the Territory.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

In your expense account for the month of September 1916, there appears an item under date of September 25 covering "freight on Yukon boat, Sheep Creek to Eagle, \$5," the item being supported by subvoucher No. 5. The Department has suspended this item for further explanation, and asks to "please forward statement explaining this item and showing who was owner of the boat."

I am uncertain whether the charge covers freight on a small boat transported by steamer from Sheep Creek to Eagle, or whether it covers charges on articles of freight shipped by you on such steamer. Please explain the circumstances connected with this expenditure and state why it was necessary to incur the expense, and, if the item covers freight charges on a small boat, state who was the owner of the boat.

When replying, please forward your letter in duplicate.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Charles Nickett,

Game Warden,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Complaints have reached this office through a certain source, to the effect that anyone in Ketchikan who desires deer meat can bring it into the town without let or hindrance, provided they are prosperous people, though, should they be of the unfortunate class that have little or no money, they are either arrested or threatened with arrest.

Of course, I know nothing concerning this complaint, or its merits, but I would be glad if you would write me fully as to this. You will readily understand that complaints of this kind are often actuated solely by malice or a desire to get "even with the game warden," or somebody else, and I assure you that they are duly weighed before action is taken. As I stated, I know nothing concerning the merits of this case, but I do know that these statements have been made in this city to other persons and have reached me in a somewhat roundabout way; but, nevertheless, on their face they bear evidence of some fact being connected with them.

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I also noticed that a man was recently shot by another on Duke Island, (these men being fishermen), while engaged in deer hunting, one of the men being mistaken by the other for a deer. This would tend to show that fishermen, at least, are violating the game laws in the immediate vicinity of Ketchikan. I wish you would also report to me fully upon this circumstance.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1917

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Miss Agnes M. Sandusky,  
c/o Y. W. C. A.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. F. G. MacMichael, formerly of Juneau, in which he states that you had shipped from Juneau, on the s. s. City of Seattle, two brown bear skins, without securing a shipping permit and that these skins are now being held by the Pacific Steamship Co. until the receipt of such permit from this office.

In reply I have to advise you that a permit to ship brown bear skins from the Territory can only be issued upon an affidavit being made out and filed with the customs office at the port of Juneau, to the effect that you have not violated any of the provisions of the game law, that the trophy which you desire to ship has not been bought or purchased and has not been sold, and is not being shipped for the purpose of being sold, and that you are the owner of the trophies. The fee for such permit is \$5 for each trophy.

For your further information, your attention is directed

to section 5 of the game law of Alaska, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 16, 1917

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Mr. E. E. Jones,  
2649 49th Ave., S. W.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with a copy of the game laws and regulations in force in this Territory. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of game circular No. 4, recently issued by this office, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder. We are also enclosing, at the request of the Secretary of Alaska, a copy of the Bureau of Fisheries circular, containing regulations for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 17, 1917

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Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Captain J. P. Hubrick, whose post office address is McCarthy, Alaska, relative to the need which he believes exists for a close season on female mountain sheep and lambs inhabiting the headwaters of the Chitina River and Boundary Mountain. Captain Hubrick is thoroughly acquainted with game conditions, in which he takes a great interest, in that section, and I believe that the representations he has made to this office to be worthy of consideration.

Captain Hubrick writes, in substance, that he finds sheep very plentiful in that region, but there are many more rams than ewes and lambs, and latter being always found lower down on the mountains than rams, and, therefore, prospectors and hunters, when out for meat, kill the first they find. The rams are high up on the mountains and hard to get, while ewes and lambs also pay heavy toll to eagles. In this connection, Captain Hubrick relates that he saw a battle along the Chitina glacier in August of last year between two eagles on one side and a ewe with a lamb and yearling on the other side. The eagles were trying to drive

the sheep over the cliff, often swooping down after the lamb, but the little fellow would get under its mother, which seemed very excited and finally ran into a crevice in the rocks where the birds could not reach them.

Captain Hubrick also states that the rams are out of all proportion to the ewes, and for this and other reasons named, he strongly endorses a close season for the latter. I believe, therefore, that I may safely recommend that a close season for ewes and lambs be established, beginning with the present year.

Yours very truly,

Governor

The Secretary of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1917

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to transmit herewith the oath of office of Hjalmar Nordale, executed in connection with his appointment as game warden for the fourth judicial division of Alaska, with headquarters at Nenana, Alaska. This officer's appointment took effect February 1, he being appointed to succeed Andrew Hooy, resigned.

The appointment carries with it a salary of \$1,800 per annum, and travel and subsistence expenses when absent from headquarters on official business.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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

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The Collector of Customs.

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that on the 15th day of January last this office issued to Charles Suggett, of Kodiak, Alaska, general game shipping license No. 34, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. The trophy in question will be consigned to Lofstad & Evans, San Francisco, Cal., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Miss Mary E. MacKubbin,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, in which you ask if it would be possible for you to secure a permit to send a quart of canned venison to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

In reply I have to advise you that a permit is not needed for this purpose; you may simply send the can through the mails or by express, as you deem the more expediant.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 19, 1917

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Mr. Edward F. Medley, Secretary,  
Cordova Chamber of Commerce,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15, in which you ask if it will be possible to ship deer from southeastern Alaska to your section, for the purpose of stocking Hinchinbrook and Montague Islands.

In reply I have to advise you that I do not believe that the Department would make any objection to such a proposition, inasmuch as it would mean the extension and perpetuation of the deer of southeastern Alaska in the southwestern region. A permit to take a certain number of deer would probably be required, and permits to take live game animals are issued only by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. I would suggest that you take up this matter with the Department, and I shall also write the Department, recommending that the permit be granted. In your application for a permit, you should state the number of deer that you want, sex, etc. I shall be pleased to cooperate with you in every way, and it may be possible that I may be of some assistance to

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you in securing some person or persons who could capture  
the deer for you in this section.

Awaiting your further pleasures, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

February 20, 1917

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Mr. J. M. Gibben,  
General Publicity Agent,  
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant, advising that the enclosures which were mentioned in office letter of December 19 had not reached you at the time of writing. Enclosed herewith you will find the documents referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Protection of game:

Voucher 18. As requested, there are enclosed several copies each of circulars Nos. 4 and 4-A, Alaska game law.

Voucher 17. This voucher covers the furnishing and printing of letterheads used by officers regularly employed in the game protection service and by certain persons who are acting as special game wardens without compensation, and who make reports from time to time to this office, covering conditions in their respective communities.

Voucher No. 14, item 5, covering freight on Yukon boat, Sheep Creek to Eagle. Game warden Steel has been communicated with and instructed to furnish a complete statement covering this item, which statement will be forwarded to the Department as soon as received by this office.

Voucher No. 15, items 4 and 5. Item 4 shows rental of a gas boat used on a trip to Porcupine Bay and Fox Island and return, 40 miles, \$7; and item 5 covers rental of a gas boat to Sunny Bay and return, 30 miles, \$7. Explanation of this is desired "as to why item 5 should not show a proportionate reduction in cost from item 4, in view of the lesser distance traveled." It is probably needless to explain that the private owners of gas boats in Alaska, as elsewhere, do not base their charges upon the mileage covered so much as upon the time consumed in making a given trip. With respect to the trips in question, it is probable that the time consumed in making the 30-mile trip was practically the same as that required for the 40-mile trip, although, as a matter of fact, the time consumed may have been more than that for the longer trip. In any event, it is utterly impracticable to require game wardens to make contracts with private gas boat owners, based upon the mileage traveled. The warden must pay the price asked or defer the trip. He cannot dictate the rate of hire and insist that it shall be based solely upon actual mileage to be traveled. A number of other things may affect the price, such as weather conditions prevailing at the time, dangerous character of waters to be navigated, inaccessibility of points to be visited, etc.

Vouchers 16 and 26. These vouchers cover telephone service paid for in connection with the accounts of game warden J. P. McDonald, of Juneau. The telephone is located in the building used by the game warden as a

residence when he is in Juneau. The building is situated in a remote section of the town. The telephone was installed at the request of this office so that the warden might be communicated with at any time when in Juneau, it having been found very inconvenient to reach him without the use of a telephone. It may be added that this officer holds an appointment under this office as a special employee in the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives. He receives no compensation for this work, but devotes not a little of his spare time to it, especially at night, when bootleggers are the most active. The usefulness of the telephone has been amply proven, and its removal would seriously hamper the work of this officer, both in the game service and in the liquor service; but, if the Department deems the expense an unauthorized one, the warden will be required to refund the amounts which have been allowed him on account of telephone rent, and he will be instructed to discontinue the telephone service.

Voucher 44, subvoucher 8. This item covers an expenditure of \$2 for the use of a horse in crossing the Nizina River. The Nizina River, like many other glacial, mountain streams along the coast of Alaska, is a very swift and dangerous stream, and, at most places, too deep to be forded on foot, and bridges are almost unknown. At the place where the game warden crossed the Nizina River there resides a man who makes a business of hiring horses to persons who wish to ford the stream, and for this service he charges the sum of \$2.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1917

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 2d instant (Be Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), advising administrative examination of Mr. Sherthill's accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, covering disbursements from current Federal appropriations for suppressing liquor traffic and the protection of game in Alaska, and enclosing a list of exceptions which have been noted in connection with the accounts in question, and asking that explanations be furnished.

Suppressing liquor traffic:

Vouchers 11 and 25, G. G. Naud, covering respectively service between November 18 and December 11, inc., and December 14 to 23, inc., at \$5 per day. Enclosed herewith will be found an affidavit in duplicate, executed by G. Naud, showing that he was continually employed during the periods mentioned, including Sundays and holidays, and that the nature of his work was such as to require work on Sundays and holidays. The affidavit clearly sets forth the actual facts in connection with the services in question. The work performed by this officer was in the nature of detective work, and, as bootleggers in Alaska ply their trade on Sundays and holidays, as well as on week days, it is necessary for the officers who are working in this service to work every day of the week.

Protection of game:

Voucher 28. As requested, there are enclosed several copies each of circulars Nos. 4 and 4-A, Alaska game law.

Voucher 17. This voucher covers the furnishing and printing of letterheads used by officers regularly employed in the game protection service and by certain persons who are acting as special game wardens without compensation, and who make reports from time to time to this office, covering conditions in their respective communities.

Voucher No. 14, item 5, covering freight on Yukon boat, Sheep Creek to Eagle. Game warden Steel has been communicated with and instructed to furnish a complete statement covering this item, which statement will be forwarded to the Department as soon as received by this office.

Voucher No. 15, items 4 and 5. Item 4 shows rental of a gas boat used on a trip to Percupine Bay and Fox Island and return, 40 miles, \$7; and item 5 covers rental of a gas boat to Sunny Bay and return, 30 miles, \$7. Explanation of this is desired "as to why item 5 should not show a proportionate reduction in cost from item 4, in view of the lesser distance traveled." It is probably needless to explain that the private owners of gas boats in Alaska, as elsewhere, do not base their charges upon the mileage covered so much as upon the time consumed in making a given trip. With respect to the trips in question, it is probable that the time consumed in making the 30-mile trip was practically the same as that required for the 40-mile trip, although, as a matter of fact, the time consumed may have been more than that for the longer trip. In any event, it is utterly impracticable to require game wardens to make contracts with private gas boat owners, based upon the mileage traveled. The warden must pay the price asked or defer the trip. He cannot dictate the rate of hire and insist that it shall be based solely upon actual mileage to be traveled. A number of other things may affect the price, such as weather conditions prevailing at the time, dangerous character of waters to be navigated, inaccessibility of points to be visited, etc.

Vouchers 16 and 26. These vouchers cover telephone service paid for in connection with the accounts of game warden J. F. McDonald, of Juneau. The telephone is located in the building used by the game warden as a

residence when he is in Juneau. The building is situated in a remote section of the town. The telephone was installed at the request of this office so that the warden might be communicated with at any time when in Juneau, it having been found very inconvenient to reach him without the use of a telephone. It may be added that this officer holds an appointment under this office as a special employee in the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives. He receives no compensation for this work, but devotes not a little of his spare time to it, especially at night, when bootleggers are the most active. The usefulness of the telephone has been amply proven, and its removal would seriously hamper the work of this officer, both in the game service and in the liquor service; but, if the Department deems the expense an unauthorized one, the warden will be required to refund the amounts which have been allowed him on account of telephone rent, and he will be instructed to discontinue the telephone service.

Voucher 44, subvoucher 8. This item covers an expenditure of \$2 for the use of a horse in crossing the Nizina River. The Nizina River, like many other glacial, mountain streams along the coast of Alaska, is a very swift and dangerous stream, and, at most places, too deep to be forded on foot, and bridges are almost unknown. At the place where the game warden crossed the Nizina River there resides a man who makes a business of hiring horses to persons who wish to ford the stream, and for this service he charges the sum of \$2.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1917

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Captain Charles Madsen;  
Special Game Warden,  
King Cove, Alaska

My dear Captain Madsen:

Your letter of January 31, addressed to Mr. Shorthill, is before me, and in reply I beg to advise you that under your appointment as a special game warden, you are not authorized to incur any expense in connection with the duties of that office, such as you indicate in your letter, namely, "in case you should make an arrest in either of your lines (special game warden or special employee in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives), and you would have to go after your man, say, 50 miles by boat and bring him to King Cove, where you would have to wait for the mail boat, thence on the mail boat to the nearest United States Commissioner, which is Unga; then, after the trial, your return to King Cove, who would pay all these expenses?"

As indicated above, there is no authority for you to incur such expenses, as the fund available for the protection of game and the suppression of the liquor traffic will not permit such expense, and especially so heavy an expense

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as naturally would be incurred in such a case as is cited above. Your appointment was made with the view that your activities should be confined to your own immediate locality, and I later found that it would be possible to allow you a nominal salary of \$25 a month in the way of encouragement to you for the interest that you have evinced in the preservation of game and in the preservation of the natives, as well. I may add further that should a heavy expense of the kind indicated be incurred, payment of the account would, without doubt, be turned down by the Auditor for the Interior Department, with which this office is directly connected.

It is a matter of regret that your activities will have to be circumscribed, in view of what I have herein stated.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 21, 1917

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Captain Charles Hadsen,  
King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 4, and in reply I have to say that, as you were advised, I took up the matter of your appointment as field deputy marshal with United States Marshal Brenneman, of Valdez, but I have not received a reply.

In another letter of this date, which is being forwarded to you, I have discussed the matter of your incurring expenses, and shall not refer to it here.

Should Marshal Brenneman give you an appointment as field deputy, without pay, it will not be necessary for you to resign your present appointment as special game warden and your pay would be continued by this office. Your appointment as field deputy would, as I think I pointed out to you, enable you to incur expenses which would be paid through the office of the United States Marshal of the third judicial division.

For your further information, I may say that section 369 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, quoted by you, refers to

the Attorney General of the United States and not to the  
Attorney General of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 23, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 31, issued to Robert Gould, of King Cove, Alaska, on the 20th of December last, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, which was to be consigned to H. G. McCracken, Columbus, Ohio, passing through the port of Seattle en route. This license was inadvertently sent to Mr. Gould, without the Governor's signature being appended thereto, and it has been returned for signature, with the request that it be forwarded to you.

I believe the reply went forward on the s. s. Mariposa, which sailed from Juneau about the 18th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 23, 1917

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Mr. Colin M. Blain,  
Freight Clerk, s. s. Mariposa,  
c/o Alaska Steamship Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Blain:

I have your note of the 19th instant, written at Ketchikan, enclosing game shipping license No. 31, issued to Robert Bould, of King Cove, Alaska, and which was inadvertently sent out without the Governor's signature being appended thereto. The Governor has today signed the permit, and I am forwarding it to the Collector of Customs at Seattle, as per your request.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 16, 1917

Mr. James L. Simpson,  
Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, in which you state that you would like to get in direct communication with me concerning certain matters that you believe should be looked into by men employed by this office.

In reply I have to advise you that I will be pleased to receive any communication that you may have to make.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1917

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Mr. J. P. Kunkel,

Jack Wade, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with reference to your desire to ship from the Territory three brown bear skins.

That portion of section 5 of the Alaska game law which relates to the issuing of shipping licenses to residents of the Territory, provides that a license for the shipment of a single head or trophy of any goat, deer or brown bear may be issued, the fee for which shall be \$5. If you wish to ship all three of your trophies, you should make application for three of these \$5 licenses, accompanying your application with a remittance of \$15 in the form of a postal money order payable to the Governor. Upon receipt of the application and remittance, the licenses will be issued and mailed to you.

There are many inconsistencies in the Alaska game law and this office has repeatedly endeavored to have some of these remedied by amendments to the law, but thus far without success. We, therefore, have to accept the law as it stands, as this office has no discretionary power under it. You refer

You refer to the fact that a nonresident of Alaska who is a citizen of the United States, may, upon payment of the sum of \$50 (for a hunting license), kill and ship out of the Territory 18 game animals, while a resident of the Territory must pay \$40 for a shipping license, under which he may ship but 13 trophies. As a matter of fact, so far as the records of this office show, no nonresident hunter has ever shipped from the Territory the full number of trophies allowed by law. In fact, I think I am safe in saying that no hunter has ever shipped more than half the number. A majority of the nonresident hunters who visit this Territory come for the purpose of securing trophies of moose and, almost without exception, they go to the Kenai Peninsula for their trophies. The law permits them to kill not more than two moose, and, where they are taken south of latitude 62° (which is almost invariably the case), they are further required to obtain a "special moose shipping license" for each trophy, the fee for which license is \$150. Many of these hunters are content with one moose trophy. In a number of cases nonresident hunters who have visited the Kenai Peninsula have employed guides and packers and spent from two weeks to a month in the hunting grounds without killing a single game animal. In these cases, they desired to obtain moose trophies of record size, and, not seeing any moose which came up to their requirements, they refrained from killing.

March 1, 1917

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Mr. J. L. McPherson, Manager,  
Alaska Bureau, Seattle Chamber of Commerce,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. McPherson:

I have your letter of February 21, with enclosures, in which you state that you are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Louis Klopsch, of New York, relative to an Alaska dinner to be given in that city on March 29, and that in furtherance of Mr. Klopsch's plan you have arranged for the forwarding of the necessary salmon, and have addressed the Juneau Commercial Club, the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, and the Seward Chamber of Commerce with reference to securing various game meats for that occasion.

In reply I have to advise you that I am also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Klopsch of the same tenor. I fear, however, that Mr. Klopsch will be unable to realize his desires, inasmuch as it is now the close season for game in Alaska, and, furthermore, the exportation of game meat is strictly prohibited by law. I have advised Mr. Klopsch, however, that it might be possible for him to secure a permit from the Department of Agriculture, should it be possible to secure game meat in the Territory. I have

further advised Mr. Klopsch that I shall do everything possible  
to assist him in carrying out so laudable an enterprise.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

March 1, 1917

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Mr. Louis Klepsch,

1587 Broadway, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 12, in which you state that it has occurred to Professor William Jackson Thomas, of Princeton, and yourself, to give, on March 29, the date upon which the treaty of session was signed by Secretary of State Seward and the Russian ambassador, a dinner to fifty prominent people of New York, at which dinner all the foodstuffs served would be products of Alaska; and you ask if it will be possible for you to secure some game meat of the Territory, such as moose, caribou, mountain sheep, etc., for this dinner.

In reply I have to advise you that the game law prohibits the exportation of game meat from Alaska, and I am inclined to believe that you will find it a difficult matter to obtain a permit, especially as the close season for game of all kinds is now on. This office does not issue such permits, not having the authority, but it might be advisable for you to take up the matter with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Perhaps I need scarcely say

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that I would be glad to assist you in this matter, if it were possible for me to do so, as the object which you and Professor Thomas have in mind is praiseworthy, indeed.

In the last mail I received a letter from Mr. J. L. McPherson, Manager of the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, in which he advised me that he has taken up the matter of securing meat with the chambers of commerce in Seward, Cordova and Juneau.

The open season for deer in southeastern Alaska ends on November 1, and I am advised that the deer are so thin as to be almost shadows, due to the heavy snows of the present winter and the consequent lack of food. However, as stated above, even if deer could be procured that would be suitable, a permit would have to be procured from the Department of Agriculture. I may add that if the open season were on, this matter might be arranged with much less difficulty.

I note that you have some prominent men in mind who will attend the dinner, and I assure you it would give me great pleasure to be with you on that occasion, if it were possible for me to do so. Our legislature will convene on Monday next, however, and I shall be unable to leave the Territory at that time. Should your arrangements for the dinner be successful, and if you will so advise me, I shall be pleased to comply with your request and send you a letter

expressing my interest and appreciation of the action of  
yourself and Professor Thomas in thus trying to give the  
right kind of publicity to Alaska.

I shall observe your injunction of secrecy with regard  
to the dinner until such time as the ban of secrecy is  
removed.

With assurances of my personal esteem, and wishing you  
the greatest success, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 7, 1917

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Mr. J. F. Tompkins,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Captain Tompkins:

I have your letter of the 16th instant, asking for information with regard to securing an appointment as licensed guide.

As you are probably aware, licensed guides are required only in the Kenai Peninsula. They are appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of one of the local game wardens—J. A. Baughman at Seward, or Aron Ericson at Anchorage. The appointments run for a period of two years. The fee required for a guide license is \$25.

I would suggest that you confer with Mr. Ericson in regard to this matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1917

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Mr. Charles Hickett,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 26, in which you reply to certain complaints that had been received at this office concerning the alleged violations of the game law in Ketchikan.

In reply I may say that I am surprised at the attitude that you have taken. As an officer of the law you should readily understand that when complaints are filed in this office it is necessary that some cognizance should be taken of them and, therefore, you were duly advised; but it seems that you apparently believe that this office directly charged you with neglecting your duty, which was not the case in any particular, as a rereading of my letter to you ought to convince you.

It is a small matter whether the fisherman to which you refer was shot on Duke Island, as I advised you, or Carnation Island, as was the fact. It would appear in any event, that the men were violating the game law. However,

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you are not to blame either for the fact that they were violating the game law or that one was short; but it is strange that you should resent being reminded of these alleged infractions of the law.

I may further add that I have known of no one that has thrown any "dirt" at you personally, as you allege. I have had reason to believe that you were attending to your duties in a manner that was satisfactory to this office.

You state that in the case of the arrest of Harold Hansen and others, some 18 months ago, and the arrest, on April 23, 1916, of Albert Lindvog, the Commissioner at Wrangell informed you that he returned Lindvog his gun through the permission of this office, and you ask if this be so, "Why not give those poor men, Hansen and Tederman, their guns?" and you make the gratuitous remark that, when I gave Lindvog his gun, I surely made a laughing stock of "this" office, presumably meaning your office as game warden. Whether I did or did not return the gun to Lindvog, as you allege, is none of your business whatsoever, officially or otherwise; but, as a matter of fact, if the Commissioner at Wrangell told you that he had received permission from this office to return the gun to Lindvog, he told you what was not true, as the enclosed copy of a letter to Lindvog from this office

will show.

You also add that "it seems queer, all these kicks coming just after election, but if someone else wants to wear these badges, they are welcome to them." I do not know what you mean by "kicks coming after election;" neither have I had any application from any person whatsoever in Ketchikan or elsewhere for the position which you now fill until two days ago, when I received an application from a Ketchikan man, saying that you had resigned. Certainly, the information was not given out from this office.

In conclusion, and in accordance with your request, your resignation is hereby accepted to take effect on April first next.

Yours truly,

Governor

Juneau, March 9, 1917. O. B.

Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Have just received largely signed petition and more than  
fifty personal letters asking appointment J. B. Williams as game warden.  
Advise me by wire as to meaning of this.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

March 10, 1917.

The Postmaster,

Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Recently this office wrote you with reference to mail from the Governor addressed to Mr. H. C. Schmidt, special game warden, Red Bay, via Wrangell, and asked that you hold such mail until called for.

We have now to request that you return to this office all mail addressed to Mr. Schmidt and which bears the imprint or return card of the Governor's office. This request is made for the reason that Schmidt is no longer in the service.

If you have any other mail for Mr. Schmidt, it might be forwarded to him at Juneau, as he is now here. However, as to this we have no concern; all we are interested in is in receiving back such mail as you may have addressed to Mr. Schmidt by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. H. C. Schmidt,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the appointment given you on November 17, 1916, as a special game warden, has been this day revoked, in view of your having plead guilty to violating the game law, in the Commissioner's court at Juneau, this date.

The return of your official badge is acknowledged this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Junesau, March 12, 1917. O. B. VIA MAIL MELOZI TO RUBY.

Dr. B. F. Finn,

Ruby.

To whom and where will bear skin be shipped.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

March 12, 1917.

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of Four Dollars 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 Governor.

Encl.

(Genl. Lic. #38.--3-12-17.)

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Dr. B. F. Finn,

Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th ultimo, enclosing postal money order for \$5, payable to the Governor, and requesting the issuance of a shipping license for a brown bear skin which you wish to ship to the States to have tanned.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 38, of this date, issued to you to cover shipment of the trophy mentioned.

Your letter should have advised as to the name of the consignee and the point of destination of the shipment. We have wired you today asking for this information, as we are required to advise the Collector of Customs at Seattle regarding the issuance of the license and as to the consignee and destination of the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Mr. Charles P. Shoffner, Secretary,  
The Liberty Bell Bird Club,  
Washington Square,  
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 28,  
with reference to the Liberty Bell Bird Club, and the  
setting aside of Friday, April 13, 1917, as Bird Day in  
Alaska, I have to advise you that it will give me pleasure  
to cooperate with you in this matter, and I shall designate  
that day as Bird Day in Alaska, for the purpose mentioned.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 10, 1917

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Mr. W. D. Elliott,

Anchorage, Alaska

Ford. to Eklutna

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16, in which you state that in November last you killed a mountain sheep in the mountains at the head of Eklutna Creek, said creek being outside of the prohibited zone, and that after making use of the hide, you had the head and horns mounted by a taxidermist and that afterwards you loaned them to a merchant in Anchorage for exhibition in his store; and you also state that Game Warden Ericson advised you that it was against the law to have such trophy in one's possession or sell it, or dispose of it in any other manner.

In reply I have to advise you that inasmuch as you state that the animal was not killed in the prohibited zone and was killed in the open season, I cannot find any objection to your loaning the head for exhibition purposes, and, therefore, you may govern yourself accordingly.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 10, 1917

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Mr. Edward F. Hedley, Secretary,  
Cordova Chamber of Commerce,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 28, in which you state that you have applied to the Department of Agriculture for a permit to ship sixteen does and eight bucks from southeastern Alaska to Montague Island, for propagation purposes, and you ask that if the Department grants your request and this office is notified before you are, that I wire you so that you can make the necessary arrangements to get the deer shipped.

In reply I have to state that I shall be pleased to comply with your request if I shall receive such advice.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. J. W. Eastman,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2, in which you apply for appointment as game warden for your section.

In reply I have to advise you that an appointment to succeed Mr. Nickett on April first has been already made.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 10, 1917

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Mr. James B. Williams,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Williams:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, together with a petition largely signed, and numerous letters, asking for your appointment as game warden in the Second Judicial Division.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no present vacancy in the office of the game warden in the second judicial division or elsewhere, to which I could appoint you. I have read your letter carefully together with those of the people who have endorsed your application, and it would afford me great pleasure, indeed, if I could comply with your and their request. The fund available for the protection of game in Alaska is limited, with a large Territory to be covered. Your application, however, will be placed on file, and should I be in a position at any time to serve you, I will gladly do so.

I trust that your health continues good, and with very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of February last. I notice that you have been doing considerable field work, and I am glad to note that you find game conditions in a fairly good condition.

I also note what you say with regard to the beaver and that a number of Russians are on the other side of Cook Inlet trapping these animals. I would suggest that you get in touch with the fur warden as soon as possible and notify him to that effect so that he may take the necessary action to apprehend these law breakers.

With reference to dogs running loose in the Kenai section, I have to say that Commissioner Magill has written me about that matter, but I considered that the statements he made were greatly exaggerated. I do not know whether it would be possible to get a bill through the legislature compelling all persons owning dogs to keep them tied up or corralled, but I shall discuss this matter with some of the members in order to get their views upon it.

The game fund will not permit the appointment of additional game wardens at this time, and if a special were located at Kenai, it would be without compensation or expense account. You might see if Mr. Juliansen, whom you mention, would accept an appointment under these circumstances.

With reference to the killing of caribou at the cannery at Port Moller, there is a special game warden now located there, and I do not believe that he would permit the wholesale slaughter of caribou, such as is reported in your letter. His name is Charles Madsen, and he seems to be a very earnest man. That there are violations of the game law everywhere goes without saying, and, no doubt, Mr. St. Clair, your informant, is right, in part at least.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1917

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Mr. W. E. Baumann,  
Afognak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, in which you express your desire to become a licensed guide for the convenience of hunters for large game in your section.

In reply I have to advise you that the Alaska game law makes no provision for the employment of licensed guides outside of the Kenai Peninsula, and, therefore, I am unable to comply with your request. Of course, you will understand that you are quite at liberty to act as a guide for any hunting party that may visit your region.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B.

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H. Nordale, Game Warden,

NENANA.

On recommendation of Hon. W. T. Burns your headquarters transferred to Fairbanks. Advise date leaving Nennaa and date arrival Fairbanks. On arrival Fairbanks consult with McDonald as to division of territory to be covered by each of you.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Approved for transmission by the Governor, and necessary for public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Boris Zakharoff,  
56 Rue Kenterekaï,  
Kharkow, Russia

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your postal card of December 31, in which you ask for information concerning the fauna and flora of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that moose, brown and black bear, caribou, mountain sheep and mountain goats and deer abound in various parts of Alaska. The marine animals are the walrus, the whale and the seal. All the terrestrial animals, including fur-bearing animals such as the fox, mink, marten, etc., are protected by law, there being open and close seasons for all varieties.

The flora of Alaska embraces the usual flowers and trees found in high latitudes.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the game law and the report of the Governor on the game laws of the Territory for the year 1916.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

Enc.

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Mr. James L. Simpson,

Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 5, with reference to game, fur and fish conditions in your section of the Territory. I have read your letter with much interest, and I have no doubt that your statements with reference to the depletion of game, fish and fur-bearing animals is unfortunately too true. Alaska covers a great area and the fund available for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals and fish is at all times limited. While this office has no control over the fur-bearing animals and fisheries, it has to do with the game animals, and, as you know, game is scattered over the entire Territory, with only nine game wardens to cover all the vast game bearing regions. Hence it is not to be wondered that game violations are frequent and that the game is disappearing in some sections. It is a well known fact that game invariably disappears following the advent of the white man. This has been the case throughout the West and inevitably will be the case in Alaska.

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unless the means of protecting game are largely increased.

I note what you say with reference to mounted police for Alaska, and while the mounted police in Yukon Territory have done excellent service, I fear that it will be absolutely impossible to secure a similar service for Alaska, especially when one knows the extreme difficulty that is encountered in trying to secure appropriations from Congress for urgent necessities. Were the control of the game and fur-bearing animals and fish vested in the Territory, it would be a much easier matter to furnish the necessary protection and prevent their extinction and depletion, but so long as Congress controls these resources of the Territory, so long will there be inadequate protection. I have given a great deal of study to these matters and have made many recommendations during the time that I have been Governor, but I confess that very little progress has been made, speaking generally. Efforts are being made at all times to protect the game and to establish close periods of three years wherever it seems to be necessary from time to time. In this way some good has resulted, but I am cognizant of the fact that there is much room for improvement yet to be made. I shall continue however, to do what I can to the end that the game of Alaska be preserved so far as possible, as I recognize, in common with yourself and the miners and prospectors that the game of Alaska is an important resource, especially in its mineral

development. Of course, the Indians take no thought of tomorrow and they follow the course followed by their ancestors for generations---when there is a plentiful supply, they eat to repletion; when there is not, they tighten their belts and fast; and it seems difficult to teach the Indian the necessity of preserving the game of the Territory. I find that they believe they have a perfect right to kill game at any season of the year; and they have, if threatened with starvation, of course, but only under these conditions.

I have to thank you for your illuminating letter, and shall do everything within my power to secure at all times as full an enforcement of the laws as is possible in all circumstances.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,  
Special Employee,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 10, in response to a telegram from this office, addressed to you, inquiring the meaning of the largely signed petition, and some fifty or sixty letters received from Nome, endorsing J. B. Williams for the position of game warden in the Second judicial division. These letters and petitions, including one from the Women Pioneers of Nome, arrived in a bunch, and inasmuch as I had never heard any complaints concerning Neuhaus, they came as a surprise; hence my reason for wiring you as to the matter. I note what you say in your letter concerning the hostility to Neuhaus, and I have to say, however, that it is not my intention to make any change in the office, and I have already so advised Mr. Williams, and shall later reply in like tenor to those who have endorsed him for the position.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. M. O. Selberg, and  
Mr. Phil Ernst,

Nome, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of March 11, as follows:

"Reference to telegram to Gaffney, we have heard of no complaint against Neuhaus. Williams appealed very strongly for signatures and people did not like to refuse him or hurt his feelings; that is all federal officials and Wickershamites don't like Neuhaus' policies. That is all to it. Letter follows."

In reply I have to advise you that I wired Gaffney because of the receipt, by this office, of a largely signed petition, including a petition from the Women Pioneers of Nome, and about sixty letters from prominent business men and others of your city, recommending Mr. Williams for the position of game warden. I have never received any well authenticated complaints against Mr. Neuhaus, and I therefore wondered why such an influx of letters and petitions asking for the appointment of another man to the place.

I have to thank you for your telegram, which illuminates the situation. It is not my intention to make any change in the office of game warden at this time.

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With expressions of my personal esteem, I am,

Cardially yours,

Governor

March 14, 1917

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Captain J. P. Hubrick,

McCarthy, Alaska

My dear Captain Hubrick:

I am just in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, in response to one forwarded to him on February 17, in which was incorporated the information that I received from you in regard to mountain sheep on the headwaters of the Chitina River and on Bounday Mountain. As I advised you, I wrote the Secretary, recommending that a close season be established on the females and the young mountain sheep in that region. The Secretary, in his reply, states that the Department is in sympathy with this movement and appreciates the importance of affording protection to ewes and lambs of mountain sheep. Under the Alaska game law, sheep are protected until August 1, and prior to that date, the Secretary assures me, amendments to the regulations will be promulgated, incorporating this provision and such other changes as may be necessary in the regulations for the protection of game in Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

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Dr. W. G. Cassels,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, in which you discuss what appears to be the unfairness of the recent appointment of game warden in the fourth judicial division. Your letter intimates that I made the appointment before receiving the correspondence which you had advised me was en route, concerning this office. In this you are mistaken as your and other letters endorsing Mr. Hall were received on January 17, and the appointment of Nerdale was not made until January 29.

In my former letter I stated the reasons that impelled me to appoint Nerdale, and I wish to add that, besides receiving the endorsement of the local Democratic committee, which was wired me, later being confirmed by letter, the appointment of said Nerdale was recommended by Hon. W. T. Burns, chairman of the Territorial Democratic Central Committee, and Judge C. E. Bunnell of the Fourth judicial division. I did not at that time know the attitude of the members of the divisional committee, which endorsed Nerdale. 212

toward myself or other federal officials of the Territory; nor do I believe I should have permitted this to influence me, in view of what may be termed the regular endorsements which he received at the hands of a recognized Democratic committee. Of course, this is no reflection, whatsoever, upon your endorsement or those of others who endorsed Mr. Hall. It should be needless, I believe, for me to say that your endorsement for any person for office would go a long way with me.

I understand, however, that there is a peculiar situation in the Democratic Party of the fourth judicial division, and I did not, for a moment, apprehend that a small office like this, carrying only a salary of \$150 per month would create such friction, and furthermore I am pained to learn of it. It is episodes like this which make a public official feel the undesirability of holding public office. It is impossible to please everyone, no matter how earnestly one may strive to do so. Nordale was recommended to me as being a young man in every way fitted for the place, and I made it plain to the committee that the man appointed must be one who would render the very best service and who was a man of integrity in all respects, and Nordale was recommended to me not only by the committee, but by other people as well. I may add that I am not asking any favors at the hands of the Democratic Central Committee, although, of course, it would be only natural for me to desire, in the interest of

harmony, to consider their recommendations, as the positions which they hold would supposedly warrant them in voicing the sentiments of the majority of the Democrats in that division; However, if they acted arbitrarily and did not do so, I was in no position to determine that fact. United States Marshal Erwin is now here, but I have seen him only for a moment, he having called the other day while I was otherwise engaged and I had time to say "How do you do," only to him. However, your statements need no confirmation from any one, and I only regret your point of view in this matter, which, of course, I must and do respect.

I also regret your resignation as Assistant Health Commissioner. Your services in that office have been more valuable and have been highly appreciated by me, but, under the circumstances, I can only, with regret, accept your resignation. I would ask, however, that you continue in office until I can find a successor, of whose appointment you will be advised by wire.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 14, 1917

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Messrs. F. H. Burley, F. S. Polet, et al.

Nome, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your petition of January 24, in which you ask for the appointment of J. B. Williams, of your city, to the position of game warden for the second division of the Territory of Alaska. I have noted what you say with reference to Mr. Williams, and know that he is an honest, conscientious and capable man. However, I have to advise that there is no vacancy in the office of the game warden for the second judicial division, and, therefore, I am unable to accede to your request. The fund for the protection of game is limited, and will not permit the appointment of an additional game warden in your section at the present time.

Your petition will be placed on file for future reference, should a vacancy occur.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

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Mr. C. E. Darling,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Darling:

I have just received your letter of February 1, endorsing "Dad" Williams, of Nome, for the position of game warden in your division.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no vacancy; nor am I advised that one is impending. In the meantime, your letter will be filed for future reference, should a vacancy occur.

I trust that you and Mrs. Darling are in your usual excellent health. Be kind enough to extend to her my best wishes, as well as those of Mrs. Strong, and with assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 14, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Kiceola,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, in which you endorse Mr. J. B. Williams for appointment as game warden. Of course, you will recall that I know Mr. Williams very well and know that he is deserving, but I regret to state that there is no vacancy in the office of game warden in the second judicial division at this time. I don't know how such a report got started that a vacancy was likely to occur. So far as this office is advised Mr. Neuhaus has been discharging the duties probably as well as could be expected under all the circumstances. I know of no other way in which I can be of any assistance to Mr. Williams, unfortunately. When his application came in for an allowance under the pension law, I was only too glad that he got the maximum amount. There is little I can do, however, in any other way, much as I would like to.

I trust that you are getting along nicely and that your business is good. Mrs. Strong and I often talk of you and

other friends whom we know so well during our residence in  
Nome. There are a number of Nomeites who are now making their  
residence in Juneau, all of whom I think you know, among them  
being Billy Kirk, Joe Montgomery, Jimmie Connors, and many  
others.

All the members of the legislature from your division  
are now here, and I have met them all a number of times,  
including the celebrated Alaskan musher, Scotty Allen.  
Scotty is getting along fine, as in fact are all the others.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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March 14, 1917

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Mr. John Nestor,

Nome Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31, in which you endorse the application of Mr. J. B. Williams, of your city, for appointment as game warden.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no vacancy in that office at the present time. Your letter, however, will be filed for future reference, should a vacancy occur.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Similar letter mailed to:

O. S. Weaver  
W. H. Pearson  
I. Kristan  
Ira M. Rank  
R. S. Pallister  
F. R. Cowden  
W. R. Hays  
Hill's Pharmacy  
A. Wetttenberg  
E. A. Young  
B. H. Burgh  
F. J. Bourdon  
J. A. Melin

Chas W. Reed  
Ralph Lomen  
Leo. Seidenverg  
F. J. Mielke  
C. E. Littlefield  
C. W. Lewis  
Geo. T. Maynard  
J.A. Swartzell  
Begerstrom & Hagen  
W. J. Keene  
Stadie & Seibel  
C. H. Milot  
F. W. Petersen

A. G. Oliver  
S. L. Lewis  
A. L. Kemp  
F. M. Kiesel  
George Prosser  
A. J. Mueller  
E. C. Divine  
F. J. Krichek  
Chas. Caney  
J. H. McLean  
E. Grimm  
E. W. Carleton  
J. H. Young

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Wm. Stipek  
E. L. Holt  
James Haughey  
H. H. Moller  
J. W. Rose  
A. D. Potest  
Jas. J. Stokes  
Barney Gibney  
C. E. Roberts  
D. E. Crowley

S. G. Miles  
Mrs. Marie Niebling  
A. Cole  
Charles L. Ross  
Dr. J. L. Wesley  
O. H. Flowers  
Albert Hartman  
Thoralf Lehmann  
J. E. Hewitt  
W. H. Webb

March 17, 1917

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Dr. E. Lester Jones, Supt.,  
United States Coast & Geodetic Survey,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Jones:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, with reference to complaints that have been made against the methods used by guides on the Kenai Peninsula and how they have "bled" the sportsmen and hunters who go there from without the Territory to hunt and tramp over the region indicated.

In reply I have to advise that this is the first complaint of the kind that I have heard, but, nevertheless, it may be true. As you know, guides are licensed by this office for a period of two years each, on payment of a fee of \$25. Under the regulations, they are allowed a maximum of \$10 a day, while packers are allowed \$5 a day for their services. I shall take this matter up with the game wardens upon whose recommendations these guides are appointed, and ask them to make a strict investigation of this matter, and if I shall find that any guide has been guilty of grafting or extorting money from hunters or hunting parties, through false representa-

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tion and by leading them on long trails in order to increase their expenses, they shall be summarily dismissed from the service. I shall not, for a moment, tolerate grafting or exorbitant charges of any kind by guides, if the matter is brought to my attention and it can be authenticated. I have to thank you, therefore, for thus directing my attention to this matter.

As to reducing their fee to \$5 a day, I doubt, if this were done, that competent men could be had. However, I shall take this matter under advisement and consult with the game wardens of the district who are both reliable and honest men, as I firmly believe.

The failure of Congress to enact legislation for the efficient protection of the fisheries of Alaska is a matter of regret, as, in my opinion, unless the fisheries laws are amplified and rigidly enforced, the salmon fisheries of southeastern Alaska, at least, are in danger of depletion. The special session of Congress may, however, do something in this respect.

In regard to the threatened loss of the halibut shipping industry of southeastern Alaska to Canada, this is a distinct menace, but I have noticed recently that there is some hope of an adjustment being made between the two governments.

I trust that we will have the pleasure of meeting you  
in Alaska during the coming summer; allow me to suggest that  
you bring Mrs. Jones with you.

With very best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 21, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to again refer to the Department's letter of the second ultimo (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), relative to the administrative examination of Mr. Sherthill's accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, covering disbursements from the current federal appropriations for suppressing the liquor traffic and the protection of game in Alaska.

There is enclosed herewith a letter in duplicate, dated the fourth instant, from game warden Robert E. Steel, in explanation of item five in voucher No. 14, protection of game, in which he makes a full explanation of the circumstances connected with the payment of freight on a Yukon river boat from Sheep Creek to Eagle.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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March 20, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, you are advised of the issuance, by this office, on March 12, 1917, of general game shipping license No. 38 to Dr. B. F. Finn, of Ruby, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, which will be consigned to Dr. S. D. Van Meter, Denver, Colorado, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 22, 1917

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Mr. George W. Seay,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$5, and requesting the issuance of a shipping license for one brown bear skin which you wish to ship to California to be mounted.

Before a shipping license can be issued, it will be necessary for you to inform this office as to the name of the consignee of the proposed shipment, and the point of destination in California.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 23, 1917

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Mr. Charles Neuhaus,  
Game Warden,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of November. I have to suggest that you do as much patrol work as is possible hereafter, inasmuch as complaints have reached this office that you do little or none of this kind of work. However of course, I know better, since your monthly reports show what you have been doing.

As Gaffney, no doubt, has told you this office was deluged with petitions and letters asking for the appointment of J. B. Williams, of Nome, as game warden. Not knowing what this avalanche meant, I wired Gaffney for information. Of course, I had no intention of making any change in the office of game warden for the second judicial division, and I am yet at a loss to know why such a movement was started at Nome.

Trusting that you are getting along nicely. I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of February. In reply I have to advise you that the headquarters of Mr. Nordale were removed from Nenana to Fairbanks recently on the recommendation of Hon. W. T. Burns and others who advised me that, in all probability, Nordale could do just as good, or perhaps better, work out of Fairbanks.

It will be necessary, however, in my opinion, to keep a strict patrol of the region through which the railroad is being built to the end that there be as few violations of the game law as possible. You are instructed to consult with Mr. Nordale as to the territory which you should cover so as to prevent, so far as possible, a duplication of the patrol work.

I am informed, from several sources, that the Kantishna country is the greatest game region of the interior. Will you kindly advise me as to this and suggest the best method by which it could be properly patrolled.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 33, 1917

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,  
Game Warden,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several letters of February 25, in relation to your appointment as game warden and as special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic without compensation or expense allowance. The receipt is also acknowledged of your receipt from Mr. Hbey, your predecessor as game warden, covering certain stationery and supplies in his hands.

It is noted that you have already received unmerited criticism and that you expect more in the future. In this it is very probable that you will not be disappointed. You will receive criticism whether you deserve it or not, but you can only do what you think is right and fair in all cases, and having done this, you may rest content.

On March 14 I telegraphed you that on the recommendation of Hon. W. T. Burns, your headquarters had been removed from Nenana to Fairbanks, Mr. Burns representing that you probably could do just as good work operating out of Fairbanks as from Nenana.

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I want both you and Mr. McDonald to give particular attention to the section of the country through which the railroad is being built, as it is quite likely that there will be more or less violations of the game laws even in the close season, and it is very desirable that these violations be prevented so far as it is possible to do so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1917

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Mr. Aron Erlsson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of February, and I note that you have been covering considerable ground and have been on the track of game violators.

In this connection, recently I had a letter from one W. D. Elliott, with reference to a sheep head which he had mounted and which was on exhibition in an Anchorage store. Elliott wrote what was apparently a very frank letter to the effect that he had killed the sheep in the open season for his own use and had the head mounted at his own expense, and that it was merely being exhibited in an Anchorage store, and had not been sold. I, therefore, advised him that I knew of no law to prevent such action on his part.

It is assumed that with active railroad building this summer in your district, that there may be numerous violations of the game law by men working on the road or railroad contractors, and you should devote strict attention to your

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duties to the end that there be as few violations of the game  
law as is possible in the circumstances.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 27, 1917

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Mr. George G. Naud

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a special game warden, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until your return from an investigation of conditions at Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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March 28, 1917

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska game law, I hereby appoint you to the position of game warden, vice Charles Hickett, resigned, the appointment to become effective April 1, 1917

Your compensation will be at the rate of \$1500 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$125 each; and you will be allowed a monthly expense account of not to exceed \$75 to cover actual and necessary expenses of subsistence, gasoline and oil for the launch owned by you and which will be used in your official travels. Instructions will be given you in another letter with regard to the taking of receipts for expenditures and making up your monthly expense account, etc.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which should be executed by you on April 2 and mailed to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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March 28, 1917

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Mr. Edward F. Medley, Secretary,  
Cordova Chamber of Commerce,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 25 was handed to me today by Mr.  
Charles Hill, of your city.

In reply I want to say that I shall be glad to cooperate  
with Mr. Hill in any way in making the object of his visit  
to southeastern Alaska a success. He will meet the local  
game warden tomorrow and discuss the best region in which to  
capture the deer needed. I shall also be glad to furnish  
him any other assistance that it may be possible for me to  
do.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, March 29, 1917. O. B.

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Patrick Hamilton,

Ketchikan.

Letter of appointment goes to you in first mail designating you as game warden in place of Nickett who has resigned, the appointment to be effective April 1st. Oath of office blanks enclosed with letter.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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 Governor.

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April 2, 1917

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Mr. J. Cameron,  
218 Fifth St.,  
Bremerton, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to your recent request, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the latest game circular, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 2, 1917

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Mr. J. H. Burton,  
Passenger Solicitor,  
Pacific Steamship Co.,  
808 Second Ave.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 22d ultimo, there are being mailed to you, under separate cover, 25 copies of our latest game circular, which contains the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 3, 1917

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Mr. Adolph Haaf,  
Special Game Warden,  
Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 7, with reference to game and fur conditions in your district. I note you say that grouse and ptarmigan seem to have left the country. This seems to be a general complaint, as from nearly every section of the Territory I have received similar information. Your intention is also noted of going to Chignik the coming summer for the purpose of seeing that the killing of caribou is stopped during the fishing season. This is a commendable idea, and I trust that you will be successful in abating, at least, some of the unnecessary slaughter of these animals.

It is also to be hoped that the selling of whiskey will be suppressed so far as it is possible to do so.

It is a matter of much regret to me that the appropriation available will not permit as efficient an administration of the game laws and the laws for the suppression of liquor

selling among the natives as I could wish. I hope, however, that this fund will be so increased as to enable this office to employ additional men permanently. This fact would seem to prohibit you from making arrests and taking the offenders to Unga. This authority could only be conferred upon you by the United States Marshal, who might issue you an appointment as special field deputy. I am not advised as to this, however, and it is quite probable that the United States Marshal would not be in a position so to do because of a lack of funds for that purpose.

I have read with much interest your statements about illegal fishing at Chignik. Of course, as you understand, the direction of the fisheries is solely under the control of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. The personnel at the command of the Bureau to enforce the laws is also insufficient. It is to be hoped, however, that in the near future the force will be increased to such an extent, at least, as will prevent this outlawry on the part of the canneries and fishermen. The waste of food fishes, as you point out, is a scandal to the nation, and in no other country would such a waste be permitted. In my several reports to the government, I have dwelt upon this prominently, and have urged strongly that these conditions be eliminated, if the fish of Alaska is to be conserved in an adequate manner.

Thanking you for your very informing letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 4, 1917.

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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 \$4 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 game 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.

(Gen. Lic. #39 --4-4-17.)

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April 4, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance on this date of general game shipping license No. 39, to George W. Seay, of Cordova, Alaska, covering the shipment from the Territory of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to W. S. Faulkner, San Francisco, Cal., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 4, 1917

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Mr. George W. Seay,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 39, issued to you this date, covering the shipment from the Territory of one brown bear skin which you advise will be consigned to W. S. Faulkner, San Francisco, Cal.

The Collector of Customs is being advised of the issuance of the license, the name of the consignee and the point of destination.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 4, 1917

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Mr. C. E. Gilbert,  
Wilsall, Montana

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of Alaska, has been referred to this office for attention.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the last annual report of the Governor of Alaska on the Alaska game law, in Appendix A of which will be found the complete law and all regulations now in force thereunder. By reference to section 2, page 9, you will note that brown bear may be killed at any time north of latitude 62°, while south of that latitude the open season is from October 1 to July 1. The open season for moose and sheep north of latitude 62° is from August 1 to December 10, while south of that latitude it is from August 20 to December 31. By reference to regulation 8, page 13, you will note that the killing of mountain sheep in the eastern part of the Kenai Peninsula, east of longitude 152°, is prohibited by law until August 1, 1918.

Practically all the big game hunters who visit Alaska go to the Kenai Peninsula for moose and sheep, and many of them also obtain their brown bear trophies on the Peninsula

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although those who wish to obtain particularly fine specimens of brown bear go to Kodiak Island, where the famous "Kodiak" brown bear is found.

I am writing Dr. J. A. Baughman, game warden at Seward, and Mr. Aron Ericson, game warden at Anchorage, requesting each of them to write you in regard to the best time to visit the hunting grounds, the approximate expense of an outfit, guide service, etc., and such other information as they may deem of value to you.

Hunting licenses are issued by the Governor's office. These may be obtained in advance or arrangements may be made to secure them upon arrival of the steamer at Juneau, as practically all steamers for the Kenai Peninsula touch at Juneau en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 4, 1917

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

Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

G. K. Gilbert, of Wilsall, Montana, has written this office, asking for information regarding the best time of the year to come to Alaska to secure trophies of brown bear, moose and sheep. We have replied, enclosing copies of the game law and calling his attention to the provisions relating to open seasons, etc.

Will you please write Mr. Gilbert, upon receipt of this letter, and give him as full information as possible with regard to the opportunities for securing the trophies which he desires, the approximate expense of an outfit if secured in Seward or Anchorage, the expense for guides, packers, etc.

Mr. Gilbert advises that a friend of his expects to join him in a hunting trip to the Territory during the coming season.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 4, 1917

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Mr. W. T. Young,

W. T. Young Bridge Co.,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th ultimo, in further reference to your contemplated hunting trip to Alaska, I am advised by the Collector of Customs at Juneau, that there will be no difficulty, so far as the United States customs regulations are concerned, about bringing trophies from Yukon Territory through by way of McCarthy and Cordova. He advises that the trophies may be brought to Cordova and forwarded therefrom to Juneau, where arrangements can be made for clearing them for shipment to Seattle.

It is assumed that you will pass through Juneau en route to the hunting grounds, and, if you do so, it is suggested that you advise this office in advance of your arrival so that we may secure a letter from the Collector of Customs, addressed to his deputy at Cordova, which will authorize the latter to allow your Yukon Territory trophies to proceed to Juneau for clearance.

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The Yukon Territory officials will, of course, inform you as to their requirements regarding the shipment of game trophies from that Territory. Probably you can arrange, when securing your hunting permits for the Yukon Territory, to secure letters or other authority for the shipment of your trophies across the line via McCarthy.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 4, 1917

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Mr. Charles H. Cosgrove,  
Notary Public  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to return both copies of the oath of office of Mr. Patrick Hamilton, game warden at Ketchikan, which was executed before you on the second instant. Permit me to call your attention to the provisions of chapter 10, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, which requires that a notary public shall show on every document executed by him the date of expiration of his commission.

Kindly show this information on both copies of the oath of office enclosed, and return the same to this office by first mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 5, 1917

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Mr. A. L. Nevotny,  
1444 Broadway,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In compliance with a request from Doctor J. H. Mustard,  
of Nome, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the annual report  
of the Governor of Alaska on game conditions in the Territory  
for the year 1916, which also includes the game laws and re-  
gulations in force in the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 5, 1917

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Hon. A. S. Burleson,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Burleson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 22, in which you state that your son-in-law, Mr. Richard Van Wyck Negley, and his brother, Mr. Walter Negley, are anxious to secure permits which will enable them to hunt in Alaska, their object being to study natural history and collect such rare specimens of game for scientific purposes and their own pleasure as may be possible.

In reply I have to say that, as you know, permits to persons desiring to collect specimens of mammals, etc., for scientific purposes, are issued only by the Department of Agriculture. Licenses to hunt any of the game animals of Alaska are issued by the Governor of the Territory, and I have to direct your attention to section 5 of the game law of Alaska, a copy of which is transmitted herewith. It will be noticed that the section above referred to provides that such applicant for a license shall pay a fee of \$100, unless he be a citizen of the United States, in which case the fee is \$50. Each license is accompanied by coupons,

authorizing the shipment of two moose, if killed north of latitude 62 degrees, four deer, three caribou, three mountain sheep, three goats, and three brown bear, or any part of said animals, but no more of any one kind.

I have to say further that I shall be much pleased to render Messrs. Negley<sup>d</sup> every assistance in my power, to the end that their hunting trip, if they shall come, be not only profitable in a scientific way, but pleasant as well. I believe I can assure them that they would greatly enjoy a trip of this kind through some of the game regions of the Territory. Will you, therefore, kindly advise the gentlemen, should they come to the Territory, to be sure and call on me, and I shall do everything possible to the end that their Alaskan trip may be one to be remembered most pleasantly.

Please accept the assurances of my great personal esteem,

I am,

Cordially yours,

April 5, 1918

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Mr. J. H. Hencken,

Jack Wade, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 16, in which you apply for appointment as game warden in the Eagle and Forty Mile districts.

In reply I have to advise you that I have not been advised that there is a vacancy in that office at this time, nor that the resignation of the present game warden is contemplated.

In the meantime, your application will be filed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 7, 1917

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Mr. F. M. Cook,

Twin Springs Hunting & Fishing Lodge,

Martinsdale, Montana

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Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 27th ultimo, we are mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of the game laws and regulations of Alaska, and a copy of the Governor's last annual report, which latter contains a map of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, April 9, 1917. O. B.

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Charles Neuhaus,

HOME.

Did you incur any expense in October and December last, and during January, February and March this year? If so, advise amount for each month. No monthly report received from you since November.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

*Wm. H. The...*  
Secretary to Governor.