

April 12, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to advise that Charles Nickett, game warden, with headquarters at Ketchikan, Alaska, tendered his resignation early in March last and the same was accepted, effective March 31.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith the original oath of office of Mr. Patrick Hamilton, who was appointed game warden, with headquarters at Ketchikan, Alaska, vice Charles Nickett, resigned, the appointment being effective April 1, 1917.

The salary of Mr. Hamilton will be the same as that of his predecessor, namely, \$125 a month, and he will be allowed an expense account of not to exceed \$75 per month.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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April 13, 1917

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Mr. J. P. Kunkel,

Jack Wade, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing \$15 in currency, and requesting the issuance of three shipping licenses for brown bear skins which you wish to take to the States with you.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping licenses Nos. 41, 42 and 43, issued to you this date, each license covering the shipment of one brown bear skin.

Two blanks are herewith enclosed for your use when arranging shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Mr. C. L. Magill,  
Kenai, Alaska

My dear Mr. Magill:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a sight draft for \$10, and requesting the issuance of a shipping license for one caribou head and cape which you wish shipped to John Beresky, of Dayton, Washington.

General game shipping license No. 40 has been issued to you today, covering the trophy in question, and the license is herewith enclosed. You will also find enclosed duplicate blanks for the affidavit which you are required, under the game law, to execute when arranging shipment of the trophy.

With reference to the moose head specimens which you say you would like to donate to Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, I beg to advise that this is a matter which you should take up with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The authority of this office is limited to the issuance of regular game shipping licenses for which fees are required. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, is authorized to issue free licenses for the shipment of trophies for scientific and

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exhibition purposes. I have no doubt the Governor would be willing to endorse your application to the Secretary, and, if you wish such endorsement, I would suggest that you forward to this office your letter addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, and it can then be sent on to the Secretary with the Governor's endorsement.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska game law and beg to refer you to Appendix A, which contains the full text of the law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

April 13, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, this date, of general game shipping licenses Nos. 41, 42 and 43 to Mr. J. P. Kunkal, of Jaskwads, Alaska, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, which trophies will be consigned to himself at Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 12, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance on this date of general game shipping license No. 40, to C. L. Magill, of Kenai, Alaska, covering the shipment from the Territory of one caribou head and cape, which will be consigned to John Borefsky, Dayton, Wash., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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The First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$9 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

(General license No. 40,  
4-13-17)

April 13, 1917

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The 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

(General license Nos.  
41-42-43, 4-13-17).

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to submit my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917, covering disbursements from the appropriations "Protection of game in Alaska, 1915," and "Suppressing traffic in intoxicating liquor, Alaska, 1917," the records including the following documents:

1. Joint abstract of disbursements.
2. Joint account current.
3. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 57, inclusive.
4. Liquor vouchers Nos. 1 to 28, inclusive.

Respectfully,

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

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU



April 16, 1917.

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THE UNITED STATES in account with J. P. A. STONE, Governor, Special Disbursing Agent for the collection, disbursement and deposit of license fees under the Alaska Game Law, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917; under bond of August 23, 1915.

License No.	YKR.	Issuance fee deducted.	Deposited to Credit of Treasurer of United States. Amount.	Cert. No. and Date.
<i>(General Shipping)</i>				
33	5	\$1	\$ 4	1242 -- 1-15-17
34	5	1	4	1243 -- 1-15-17
35	5	1	4	1244 -- 1-16-17
36	5	1	4	1244 -- 1-16-17
37	5	1	4	1244 -- 1-16-17
38	5	1	4	1270 -- 3-12-17
TOTALS . . . .	30	6	24	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of all game license fees collected, disbursed and deposited by me under the Alaska Game Law, during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917.

Governor of Alaska, S. B. A.

(License Memorandum stubs and Duplicate Deposit Slips accompany this statement.)

April 17, 1917

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Mr. Charles Madsen,  
King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 2, in which you state that complaints have been made to chief game warden Baughman, of Seward, charging you with giving natives in Port Moller permission to hunt for the camery last summer. I have noted your statements in contradiction thereof.

In reply I have to say that I have heard no such complaints. We have received none at this office, nor has Dr. Baughman advised me that any have been presented to him. In any event, I may assure you that such complaints would not be acted upon hastily, and, as a matter of fact, I may add that I do not believe such statements have been made. It is a very common thing for people to make complaints against officials no matter what position they may fill nor with what fidelity they may discharge their trust. The mere fact that one has created enemies in the discharge of his duties tends to show that he is attending to them. Hence the complaints. I have no reason to believe that you have

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not done excellent work in the preservation of the game of your section, and also in the preservation of law and order, and I hope that you will continue along these lines, hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may. In the honest discharge of your duties you may always rely upon the support of this office in every respect. I would advise you also not to pay much attention to the complaints that violators of the law or disgruntled persons may make.

You also state that a charge has been brought against you to the effect that you receive compensation from the Pacific American Fisheries Co. for service which you render outside of your official duties during the fishing season at Port Moller. As to this, I have to say that the compensation that you receive from the government is not such as to require that you give your entire time to your duties as special game warden and special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. Therefore, there is no merit in any such charge.

I am glad to know that Mr. Forbes has expressed his willingness to cooperate with you in every way for the preservation of law and order.

I trust that you will do the best you can under all circumstances, as I am sure you will.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 17, 1917

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting Superintendent of the National Park Service, which also includes the newly created Mount McKinley National Park, stating that inasmuch as Congress has not as yet made an appropriation to prevent the injury to natural objects and the destruction of game within the forest reserve, it would be desirable to have the game warden instructed to give whatever attention they possibly can to the preservation of game within the reserve.

Of course, this office understands that the Mount McKinley Park region is situated a long distance from Fairbanks, and that it is impracticable to detail a game warden to that region at the present time. You are instructed, however, to give the Park such attention as may be possible.

In this respect, I wish to direct your attention to the January number of the National Geographic Magazine, pages 80 and 81, in which it is stated:

"I have tried to make plain the fact that the area within the proposed National Park is a game country without a rival in America. That is certainly true today, but unless this famed refuge is immediately reserved, a few years may see these great herds destroyed beyond hope of

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re-establishment. Even today the encroachments of the market hunters are serious. True, there are game laws in Alaska, but they are by no means everywhere strictly enforced, and many sled loads of wild meat are carried into the towns during the winter. The town of Fairbanks, about 100 miles away from the new park and the largest settlement in the interior, is the destination of most of the wild meat killed on the north side of the Alaskan Range. The mountains just south of Fairbanks and east of the Nenana River offered a convenient field for the market hunter, and for years large numbers of mountain sheep were killed for the Fairbanks market.

"Within the last few years, however, the sheep herds in the near mountains have been so depicted that the hunter has been forced to go constantly farther from his market and now finds the most satisfactory hunting ground within the limits of the proposed reserve. I talked with several men who took sheep meat to Fairbanks for sale and one of them estimated that each winter, for the last three years, 1500 to 2000 sheep have been taken from the basin of Toklat and Toklanika river. Only a part of this reached Fairbanks, for the sled dogs must be fed during the hunt and on the trail, and some hunters leave behind all but the choicest hind quarters."

This is a terrible indictment, and if only half true, it seems to indicate that the protection of game in interior Alaska is very much a farce. The author of the article from which the above quotations are made, is Stephen R. Capps, of the United States Geological Survey, and it is not comprehensible that Mr. Capps would make such statements without having verified them.

I have, therefore, to request that you will, upon the receipt of this, write me fully as to the statements contained

in the above quoted remarks.

I am also forwarding a copy of this letter to game warden Nordale.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, April 18, 1917. O. B.

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R. S. McDonald, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Forward expense account now and Nordale may do the same if his April account is complete. Advise in reply hereto the amount each of you estimate you will require for months of May and June.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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April 19, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your report for the month of March last and your request that you be furnished with any records in this office bearing upon the matter which W. D. Elliott, of Anchorage, complained of in a letter to this office, namely, the right to sell game trophies.

While the game law seems to expressly forbid the sale of trophies for export, except when taken by a person holding a license from the Governor's office, there does not seem to be any reason why these trophies could not be sold in the Territory, always provided that they are to be retained in the Territory and not exported. It is noted that Mr. Elliott, in his letter to you, claims that it would be a queer law that would allow one to use only the meat of a goat killed in the open season and be obliged to throw away the head and hide. His contention seems to be eminently fair, and this office holds, after due consideration, that under the circumstances, the point raised by Mr. Elliott is well

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taken. Where game is killed in the open season, it would seem to be only right that use be made of every serviceable part of the animal so killed; and to say, for instance, that a goat head should not be mounted and sold within the Territory would be, in the opinion of this office, an arbitrary act.

I am enclosing, for your information, a memo interpreting section, 4 of the Alaska game law, prohibiting the sale of game trophies. You will notice that this memo covers the case to which you referred in your letter, namely, that of Mr. Tolman, then game warden, against the Alaska Commercial Company at Kodiak.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 19, 1917

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Mr. W. A. Alcorn,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you have a bear hide which you wish to send to the States to have made into a rug and ask if it may be shipped out of the Territory without a permit.

Under the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, a shipping license will be necessary for the shipment of your trophy, unless it be that of a black bear, for the shipment of which no license is required. The cost of a shipping license for a brown bear skin is \$5. No license will be required for the return of the trophy to the Territory.

In case you desire to ship the hide a license will be issued to you for that purpose upon receipt of a letter from you, asking for the issuance of a license, enclosing a remittance in the form of a postal money order in the sum of \$5, payable to the Governor, to cover the legal fee, and advising to whom and where the trophy will be shipped.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the game law circular.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 19, 1917

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Mr. J. J. Egan,  
Deputy United States Marshal,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 12th instant, addressed to Mr. Ball, clerk of the district court, has been referred to this office, and, in response thereto, we are sending you a dozen copies of our latest game law circular, and also a dozen cloth game posters, which you may be able to put to good use.

Thanking you for your interest in the enforcement of the game law, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 20, 1917

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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 March, and in reply to your statement that you would like to see a law passed prohibiting "bohunks" from hunting moose and other game animals of the Kenai Peninsula, I have to say that this would be indeed desirable, but it seems to be an absolute impossibility to secure any amendments to the game law. As a matter of fact, I have grown weary in pointing out to the Department of Agriculture and Congress the necessity that exists for a more efficient game protection. Perhaps, in the course of time, we shall secure a better game law, but possibly not until the game has become practically exhausted.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 23, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,

Game Warden,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will 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.

A supply of official stationery, game circulars and expense account voucher blanks is being sent you under separate cover.

With reference to expense accounts, your careful attention is directed to the enclosed circular 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 will note that the provisions of an act of Congress limit the allowance for subsistence (meals and room rent), to \$5 a day. In con-

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section with the purchase of groceries and provisions for use when absent from headquarters (Ketchikan), on official trips, you should note particularly the instructions contained in circulars 3, 8 and 9.

Mr. Charles Nickett, your predecessor, will no doubt be quite willing to assist you in the preparation of your expense account should you so desire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 23, 1917

Mr. J. A. Baughman,

Game Warden,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your expense account for the month of March and to call your attention to the fact that your subvoucher No. 1, made out to cover "four days dog team hire, at \$12 a day, including board at 50 cents a meal," does not show the proper detail, inasmuch as you have failed to designate the particular meals had.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to regulation 12 of the enclosed Department circular. I may add also that I believe your attention has heretofore been called to this particular provision of the Department regulations.

Please furnish in duplicate an itemized statement showing the meals had on the trip in question so that it may accompany the voucher, payment of which will be withheld pending the receipt of such statement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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April 26, 1917.

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First National Bank,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of Forty-nine Dollars (\$49.00) in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Htg. Lic. #22.- 4-26-17.)

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**Juneau, April 30, 1917. O. B.**

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**Geo. H. Rey,**

**Fairbanks.**

**Referring your letter sixteenth advise by wire what trophies you intend shipping, and to whom and where in states they will be shipped.**

**STRONG, Governor.**

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

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

April 30, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that you have not yet received the game warden badge and special employee badge which were supplied your predecessor, Mr. Nickett.

Kindly show this letter to Mr. Nickett and ask him to turn these badges over to you, and when he has done so, you will deliver to him the enclosed receipt which was given by him to this office for the two badges in question.

When you have received the badges from Mr. Nickett, kindly sign and mail to this office the enclosed receipt for them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 1, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, on the 26th ultimo, of hunting license No. 22 to Mr. John S. Lawrence, of Philadelphia, Pa., whose trophies will be consigned to Edward S. Lawrence, Philadelphia, Pa., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 30, 1917

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Mr. H. J. Kingsley,

Salisbury Center, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, and in response thereto you will find enclosed herewith a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska game law, in Appendix A of which appears the full text of the Alaska game law and all regulations now in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1917

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Mr. John McRae,

Franklin, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4, in which you state that the people of your district are dissatisfied because there are two men running over your district with dog teams, namely, the game warden and the fish and fur inspector, and you suggest that these offices should be combined.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no jurisdiction over the fish and fur wardens, those being appointed directly by the Bureau of Fisheries. The game warden only is appointed by the Governor. It is to be regretted that there is lack of co-ordination in this respect, but it is a matter over which this office exercises no control, as indicated above. Neither will it be possible to take a referendum, as you suggest, for the reason that it would be impossible to secure the endorsement of the Bureau of Fisheries. I trust that that the game warden, at least, is giving satisfaction to your people and that he is discharging his duties in a satisfactory manner.

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I am glad to note your commendation of Commissioner Donovan, whom I have known for a good many years and who has my confidence and respect.

I can assure you that I shall do everything possible for the promotion of the welfare of the people of your district, and shall give the substance of your letter to the Bureau of Fisheries, in the hope that some action may be taken to secure the cooperation of government agents in your section.

I have to thank you for your kind words in my behalf, and with very best wishes and the assurance that I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 4, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the original of your expense account for the month of April, together with the subvouchers which accompanied it.

In the first place your expense account should be submitted in duplicate, as per instructions heretofore given you. In the second place, a portion of your expense account (that covering the bill of E. A. Heath & Sons), is not made up in proper form, and there is only one copy of the bill submitted. This bill, as well as the others, should be in duplicate. The items entered on the expense account form do not, in all cases, agree with the items in the bill of Heath & Sons, and you show in the column headed "Sub-voucher No.," numbers from 4 to 17, inclusive, opposite the items contained in the bill of E. A. Heath & Sons.

It is unnecessary to enter in detail the items from your subvoucher or receipted bills upon the expense account form. It is sufficient if reference is given to the date

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of the subvoucher, a general statement as to what it covers, and the name of the firm, and the total amount of the subvoucher. In this case, the bill of E. A. Heath & Sons should be shown as subvoucher No. 4 in your expense account.

Please make up your expense account again in duplicate, and in the form suggested above, and forward both copies to this office, together with duplicate receipted bills.

Your expense account should contain the statement that the articles covered by subvoucher No. 4 (bill of E. A. Heath & Sons), were used by you "while absent from headquarters on official business," and you should state, in a general way, the trips made by you during the month and the number of miles traveled. This statement may be made on the expense account immediately following the statement of the items covered by the account.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Juneau, May 8, 1917. O. B.

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Howard Cutting, care Captain  
O'Brien, S. S. Mariposa,  
ANCHORAGE.

Am advised by wire from Clifford Meers of Seward that you hold permit from Department Agriculture for collection game specimens, and that game warden Baughman has warned you not to hunt without regular license. Have wired Baughman for information as to what your permit covers, as this office has had no information from Department relative thereto. Ordinarily Department does not issue permits for other than scientific purposes, and does not include moose or caribou in Kenai Peninsula. For moose in Kenai regular hunting license is necessary, while caribou are absolutely protected there. In any event permit could only be used in open season as fixed by game law and regulations. Immediately upon receipt advice from Baughman will advise you and him further.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, May 5, 1917. O. B.

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Game Warden Baughman,

Seward.

Am in receipt wire from Clifford Meers of Seward that one Heyward Cutting on Mariposa has permit from Department Agriculture for game specimens, but that you have warned him not to hunt without regular license. Did you see permit held by Cutting and if so can you state what it covers, and whether for scientific or other purposes. He must of course observe all provisions of game law as to seasons and restrictions relative to moose, caribou and sheep in Kenai, no matter for what purpose his permit was issued; and if trophies are for himself he should obtain regular hunting license. Please advise.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, May 7, 1917. O. B.

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Laughman, Game Warden,

REWARD.

Yours even date received. You may advise Cutting that his permit does not authorize him to take any trophies not specified therein, that it does not authorize him to kill any game animals out of season, and that he can take no trophies for himself unless he first obtains regular hunting license. No Department permit ever/ authorizes the violation of game law or regulations, and Cutting must obey them the same as anyone else. If he does not, you are instructed to prosecute him. This office willing to extend every possible courtesy, but cannot permit violations.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is an official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear any delay in regard to the rates.

Secretary to Governor.

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**EXPLANATION COVERING LIST OF DIFFERENCES ACCOMPANYING DEPARTMENT LETTER OF APRIL 26, 1917, RELATIVE TO ACCOUNTS OF W. W. SHORTHILL, S. D. A., FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1917.**

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**Suppressing Liquor traffic, 1917.**

Voucher No. 9, Joseph A. Bourke, traveling expenses, October, 1916. Itemized schedule states amount of voucher as \$30.50, whereas the face of the voucher states the amount as \$35; check No. 388 was issued in payment for the sum of \$35. The three items in this voucher total \$30.50, but through some inadvertance or oversight, the amount was shown on the face of the voucher as \$35, and this amount was also carried into my account books. It is evident, therefore, that there was an overpayment of \$4.50 on this voucher, and I am today writing special employe Bourke at Valdez, explaining the matter to him and instructing him to remit \$4.50 to me in the form of a postal money order so that I may deposit it to the credit of the appropriation.

Voucher No. 28, Joseph A. Snow, traveling expenses, February, 1917. Itemized schedule states the amount of this voucher as \$7.10, while the correct addition of the items (two), is \$9.10. Check No. 407 was issued on March 31, for the sum of \$7.10. There was, therefore, an underpayment on this voucher of the sum of \$2. An examination of the duplicate voucher shows that the special employe totaled the account as \$7.05 and it was corrected by me to \$7.10, whereas it should have been corrected to \$9.10.

An adjustment of the underpayment on this voucher will be made in my accounts for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 1917, due reference being made therein to the error in the March accounts.

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

May 7, 1917

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 26th ultimo (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), advising administrative examination of Mr. Shorthill's accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917, of disbursements from the current federal appropriation for suppressing liquor traffic and protection of game in Alaska, and the forwarding of the case to the Auditor for the Interior Department, approved with the exceptions noted in the list of differences accompanying the Department letter, and regarding which explanations are asked.

Attached hereto will be found an explanation, signed by Mr. Shorthill, covering the differences referred to in the Department's letter.

Mr. Shorthill has been instructed to forward his "Account Current" in duplicate in future.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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May 7, 1917

Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Department of the Interior has called my attention to an error made by me in the payment of your expense account for October, 1916. The amount of the expense account, as submitted by you, was \$30.50, but through an inadvertence on my part, when making up the account, it was entered on my books as \$35, and check No. 388 was issued to you for the sum of \$35 on February 3, 1917. You were, therefore, overpaid \$4.50, which amount I will ask you to remit to me, in the form of a postal money order, so that I may deposit it to the credit of the appropriation.

The items in your October account were:

Oct. 28, fare, Valdez to Anchorage, s. s. Admiral Watson.....	\$34
Oct. 31, meals, subvoucher No. 2.....	2.50
Oct. 31, room rent, Oct. 30 and 31, subvoucher No. 3.....	3.00

Respectfully yours,

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

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May 10, 1917.

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First National Bank,  
City.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$40 in cash, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(HTG. LIC. #23 -- Hayward Cutting,  
May 10, 1917.)

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Juneau, May 10, 1917. O. B. DAY.

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Game Warden Baughman,

Seward.

Hunting license number twenty-three issued  
this date to Hayward Cutting. He may proceed without further delay.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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May 10, 1917.

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,

Game Warden,

SEWARD.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find confirmation copy of message of this date to you, advising the issuance of hunting license No. 23 to Mr. Heyward Cutting on this date.

The hunting license for Mr. Cutting is also enclosed, and you will kindly deliver it to him upon his return to Seward, together with the affidavit of shipment blanks which accompany it.

We are advising the Collector of Customs at Seattle that any trophies shipped under the hunting license will be consigned by Mr. Cutting to himself at New York City. If this is not correct, please advise.

The fee for the hunting license was remitted by the Harrison National Bank of Seward, through the First National Bank, of Junction.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 12, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 21, with reference to the change of headquarters of warden Nordale from Nenana to Fairbanks, and other matters relating to game preservation.

In reply I have to advise you that Nordale's change to Fairbanks was suggested by two of the members of the legislature. I must confess that I was somewhat doubtful of the propriety, and since the receipt of your letter, I am satisfied that a game warden should be located at that place, and I shall take steps to transfer Nordale again to Nenana; or, if he should not desire to go there, of course, it will be necessary that a successor to him be appointed. The reports that I have received since Nordale's transfer as to game conditions at Nenana have not been at all satisfactory. It may be that it will not be necessary to locate a game warden at the latter place---that is, Nenana---until near the opening of the game season. It is necessary for the protection

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of game that wardens be stationed at the most vulnerable points, so to speak.

I might have suggested that you take the Nenana station, but I had understood that you had your own home in Fairbanks and, therefore, I did not wish to work any hardship upon you and so designated Nenana as Nordale's headquarters.

I have noted your statements with regard to game conditions in the Kantishna and other sections, also the case against Polson. I trust that you will not permit your activities to cease at any time, as I believe that game violations are likely to increase in number rather than be diminished.

Recently I had a telegram from the Fairbanks Commercial Club, urging that the game laws be suspended during the period of the war because of the high price of domestic meats, etc. The Commercial Club also advised that they had taken up this matter with Mr. Sulzer, and asked me to cooperate in securing action in this respect by Congress. I am very doubtful that this should be done, and I would like to have your advice upon the matter, setting forth frankly your opinion in full, upon this matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 14, 1917

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Mr. A. J. Nordale, President,  
Fairbanks Commercial Club,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your wire of April 22, quoting a telegram sent to Honorable Charles A. Sulzer, at Washington, and requesting my cooperation. Your telegram urges that certain sections of the Compiled Laws of Alaska be amended so as to change the open season for killing game from August 1 to September 1, and making other recommendations in consonance therewith.

In reply I have to advise you that most of the recommendations contained in your telegram have been hitherto made by me while personally visiting Washington and in my several reports on game conditions to the Secretary of Agriculture. It has seemed impossible, up to the present time, to secure such changes in the law as would make it more effective. I shall be glad, however, to do anything that I can in securing needed changes, as I fully appreciate the inefficiency of the present law.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

May 14, 1917

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Mr. R. C. W. Lett,  
Tourist and Colonisation Agent,  
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway,  
Winnipeg, Man., Canada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant (J-18.), addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with six copies of the Governor's recent report on the Alaska game law and any printed matter which may be of interest to game hunters, tourist and others. Under separate cover, we are sending the six copies of the report on the game law, together with several copies of a general circular of information regarding the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 15, 1917.

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Mr. H. P. Gallagher, Agent,  
Pacific Steamship Company,  
CIT<sup>1</sup>.

My dear Mr. Gallagher:

Pursuant to our phone conversation I enclose herewith envelope addressed to Mr. J. Stanley Foster, who is a passenger on your S. S. "Admiral Evans". The envelope contains a letter to Mr. Foster, with hunting license No. 24 issued to him, and other papers in connection with the matter.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly arrange to deliver the envelope with its enclosures to Mr. Foster upon arrival of the steamer this evening, and collect from him the sum of \$50 for the hunting license.

If at any time we can reciprocate, please feel free to call upon us.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

May 13, 1917.

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Mr. J. Stanley Foster,  
On Board S. S. Admiral Evans,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to your Harconigram of the 9th instant addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith hunting license No. 24 of this date, with the usual shipping coupons attached.

The fee for the license is \$50, which kindly pay to the agent of the Pacific Steamship Company, Juneau, who is authorized to receive the same and deliver the license to you.

There are also enclosed herewith two blanks for affidavit to be executed by you when making shipment of trophies, and a copy of the game law and regulations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

**Juneau, May 16, 1917. O. B.**

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**J. A. Baughman, Game Warden,**

**SEWARD.**

**Referring your letter May first you are authorized make trip to  
Kachemak bay keeping expense within estimate if possible. Trip must not  
extend beyond June thirty.**

**STANLEY, Governor.**

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
NECESSARY for the public service, and will not bear the cost  
incurred to the mail.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
**Secretary to Governor.**

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May 16, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 5, in reference to Mr. H. Cutter (Cutting), who arrived in Seward on the Mariposa, intending to hunt for big game on the Alaska Peninsula, both for himself and the Smithsonian Institute.

This matter had already been the subject of telegraphic correspondence between this office and yourself and had been disposed of prior to the receipt of your letter by the issuance of hunting license No. 23 to Mr. Cutting, upon request of the Harriman National Bank, of Seward, through the First National Bank at Juneau. We telegraphed you on May tenth, advising the issuance of the hunting license and stating that it would be in order for Mr. Cutting to proceed without further delay.

Your action in this matter is commended in every particular. The fact that a man holds a permit issued by the Department of Agriculture for the collection of game specimens

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for scientific or other purposes, gives him absolutely no authority or right to hunt on his own account without a license, nor does it give him authority to take game out of season, for neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor anyone else can suspend the game law. The law permits the Secretary of Agriculture to issue regulations placing further restrictions upon the taking of game, but does not authorize him to remove or suspend the provisions of the law.

I note you say that Mr. Cutting "has a permit to kill three bear, three caribou and sheep anywhere in Alaska." Inasmuch as the killing of caribou on the Kenai Peninsula is prohibited until August 1, 1916, by Department regulation No. 8, issued July 24, 1916, it would appear that Mr. Cutting's permit would not be good for caribou in the Peninsula.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. F. McDonald, the game warden located at Juneau, has recently received two communications from one J. C. Boyer, of Anchorage, asking for information regarding hunting licenses, etc. The last letter was received on yesterday, in which Mr. Boyer stated that he wished to be advised regarding securing a license to hunt north of 62°. The game warden replied to this letter as he had replied to the former one, advising Mr. Boyer to confer with you.

I would suggest that you endeavor to get in communication with this man and find out just what he wants. It seems a little strange that he should know about a game warden in Juneau, but should not know that there is one in his own town from whom he could obtain the desired information. If Mr. Boyer is a bona fide resident of the Territory, he does not, of course, require any hunting license; if he is not a bona fide resident, he cannot hunt without a license.

Kindly advise this office of the result of your investigation.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you stated you were enclosing reports and vouchers which had been sent back by this office for correction. I beg to say, however, that the reports and vouchers were not enclosed with your letter.

Kindly forward them at an early date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 17, 1917.

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First National Bank,  
CITY.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of Forty-nine Dollars (\$49.00), which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing HUNTING licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(HFC. LIC. #24.--J.S. Foster.)

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to advise you of the issuance by this office on the 15th instant of hunting license No. 24 to Mr. J. Stanley Foster, of New York City, whose trophies will be consigned to himself, at that place, passing through the port of Seattle en-route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 17, 1917

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Mr. Joseph A. Snow,  
Special Employee,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

Game warden McDonald has recently obtained some information regarding an alleged violation of the game law by a logger in the Rodman Bay section, and has been informed that a quarter-breed Indian named Steve, who is now in jail at Ketchikan, knows something of the case. This Indian was arrested in Ketchikan recently for having in his possession some fishing gear which it was believed was stolen, and McDonald understands that his case was to come before the court at this term.

As the report reached McDonald, it is claimed that the logger at Rodman Bay, some time ago, salted down some deer meat. McDonald would like to have you interview this man Steve and find out what he knows about the case and whether he would be willing to appear as a witness. Of course, he would be of no value unless he has first-hand information.

Please look him up and find out all you can regarding the matter and report it to this office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 17, 1917

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Honorable J. F. Pugh,  
Collector of Customs,  
Juneau

Sir:

Mr. J. F. McDonald, game warden with headquarters at Juneau, and whose jurisdiction includes the first judicial division of the Territory (his particular field of operations being, however, chiefly limited to the northern half of the division), has suggested that he could be of considerable assistance to your department in the matter of the inspection of gas boats, launches, etc., if he were given an appointment as deputy collector of customs, without compensation, and at the same time such an appointment would at times facilitate his work as game warden, in that it would permit him to go aboard boats and launches and ascertain if there were any evidences of violations of the game law.

If agreeable to you, I shall be pleased if you will kindly give Mr. McDonald an appointment as above suggested, for such period as your judgment may dictate.

Respectfully,

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Governor

May 21, 1917.

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of the original of your April expense account, with sub-vouchers, also the form of receipt sent you to cover the two badges which your predecessor, Mr. Nickett, was supposed to turn over to you.

As to the receipt of the badges by you from Nickett, it does not appear that you have as yet received them; or if so, you have not receipted to this office for them, since your signature is not affixed to the receipt form, which is herewith returned. If you have received the badges from Mr. Nickett, please sign the receipt form and return it to this office; if you have not yet received the badges, please see Mr. Nickett at the earliest possible moment and then sign the receipt and send it to this office.

As to the expense account, I am enclosing herewith a new one, which I have prepared, and which you will please sign and execute in the proper manner. Also, please note the form in which it is made out, and I would suggest that you make a copy of it <sup>on</sup> one of the blanks which you have, and keep it for future reference. Please note, also, that you should send two copies of the expense account to this office, with all sub-vouchers in duplicate; the original expense account to be signed and sworn to, the copy being simply for filing here.

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I shall destroy the expense account which was received from you today, as soon as I have received back from you the one herewith enclosed.

For filing with sub-voucher covering groceries purchased from E. A. Heath & Sons, please send with the voucher a statement in duplicate showing that the supplies were for use on official trips away from your headquarters. The statement should be substantially as follows:

"I certify that the supplies purchased from E. A. Heath & Sons were used by me while absent from my official headquarters on business connected with the game service.

Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden."

Also, please make up a statement in daily diary form, covering the dates during April on which you were absent from Ketchikan on official business, showing for each date the points between which you travelled, and the miles run on each date. If you remained for a day or more at any given place, the statement should show that fact. This statement should be in duplicate, also, both copies being sent to this office for filing with the vouchers (expense account).

Respectfully yours,

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

Encls.

May 21, 1917

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Dr. W. P. Shertridge,

c/o Phoenix Packing Co.,

Hersenden Bay, via Sand Point, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request a permit to take from the Territory two caribou heads, two brown bear skins, and a few fox skins. You state in your letter that one each of the trophies mentioned is for Doctor Robert T. Oliver, Chief Dental Surgeon, United States Army, stationed at Fort Worden, but you fail to advise to whom the other trophies will be shipped and where. Before licenses can be issued, it will be necessary for you to give this office the names of the consignees and points of destination of all of the game trophies which you wish to ship. This does not apply to fox skins, however, for the shipment of which no permit is required.

With reference to the matter of licenses for game trophies, your attention is directed to the second paragraph of section 5 of the Alaska game law (page 3 of the enclosed game circular No. 4). You will note that provision is made for the issuance

to a resident of the Territory of a \$40 license, which permits the shipment of a total of 13 game trophies. Provision is also made for a \$10 license covering the shipment of a single head or trophy of caribou or sheep and a \$5 license covering the shipment of a single head or trophy of any goat or brown bear.

For the game trophies mentioned in your letter you will require, first, two \$10 licenses for your caribou heads, and, second, two \$5 licenses for your two brown bear skins, a total cost of \$30 for the four trophies. Should you contemplate the shipment of any other game trophies in the near future, you might wish to secure one of the \$40 licenses rather than pay \$30 for the four single licenses mentioned.

When replying hereto, kindly give the necessary information with regard to the names of consignees and points of destination of the several trophies which you propose to ship, and remit, in the form of a postal money order, the necessary fee for the license or licenses which you desire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 23, 1917.

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Mr. Geo. H. Roy,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find general game shipping license No. 44 of this date, issued to you. The license is made out to cover all of the trophies specified in the game law as covered by a \$60 license, although it is understood from your letter of the 2d instant that the particular trophies which you have for shipment are: 1 moose head, 1 sheep head, and 1 bear hide.

The Collector of Customs at Seattle is being advised of the issuance of the license to you, and that the trophies will pass through that port enroute to San Francisco, addressed to yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 23, 1917.

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First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$30 in cash, which please place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as: "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing SHIPPING licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Gen. Spg. Lic. #44--5-23-17.)

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May 24, 1917

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Mr. J. Knottenbelt,  
344 West 19th St.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 15, in which you ask as to the opportunity for obtaining a position as park ranger in the National Park, or as game warden or game keeper in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the game wardens of Alaska are appointed from actual residents of the Territory, and you, therefore, would be ineligible for a position of that kind. As to obtaining a position as park ranger, you are advised to address the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D. C.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 26, 1917

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Hon. Dan Driscoll,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Driscoll:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 5, in which you state that you have a pair of moose horns, unmounted, the jaws saved in two, together with a nose piece, which you wish to ship out of the Territory. It is noted that the horns were given to Mrs. Driscoll in Dawson in 1900 and, therefore, were not taken in Alaska but were imported from a foreign country.

It is the opinion of this office, therefore, that a permit is not needed by you for the purpose of exporting this trophy to the States. I have to suggest that you file an affidavit with the transportation company through which you propose to ship the trophy, and one with the the customs officer, sending a copy with the trophy and stating where the trophy was secured, the time and such other information as may be available. You may also present this letter to the transportation company, the collector of customs, or my deputy collector of customs, and I do not anticipate that you will have any trouble in exporting the trophy to Oregon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 29, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, on the 23d instant, of general game shipping license No. 44 to George H. Rey, of Fairbanks, Alaska, covering the shipment of the several game trophies which, under the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, may be shipped under a \$40 shipping license. In this connection, I beg to say that Mr. Rey advised that the particular trophies which he intends to ship are one moose head (taken north of latitude 62°), one sheep head and one brown bear skin. These trophies will be consigned to Mr. Rey at San Francisco, Cal., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 29, 1917

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Miss Alta Harris,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that during your period of residence in the Territory you have been given a number of Indian curios, included among which are two deer skin rugs which you have had for some months and which you would like to consider as "permanent fixtures" and take with you to your home in the States.

This office has, in the past, ruled that a brown bear skin rug comes within the provisions of the game law which requires that a license must be obtained for the shipment of a brown bear skin, and there would seem to be no marked difference between a brown bear skin rug and a deer skin rug in so far as the provisions of the law are concerned. You will note that section 5 of the Alaska game law (see page 3 of the enclosed circular), requires a resident of Alaska to obtain a license covering the shipment of deer trophies as well as trophies of other game animals. In order to ship the two deer skin rugs which you have, it would be necessary for you to secure two \$5 licenses.

Should you wish to obtain this license, kindly advise this office to that effect and remit the sum of ten dollars, stating also the point in the State to which the rugs will be shipped. The licenses will then be issued and forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 29, 1917

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Mr. LeRoy Hedges, Secretary,  
Commission on Economy and Efficiency,  
703 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,  
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to the system practiced in this Territory with respect to the purchase of supplies for executive departments and state institutions.

In reply I beg to advise that there is no uniform rule or regulation in force in the Territory of Alaska with respect to the purchase of supplies for the various departments, but the usual practice, where any considerable quantity of supplies is to be obtained, is to issue a call for bids, the contract being let to the lowest bidder. Emergency purchases are made in the open market without bid.

The Alaska Pioneers' Home at Sitka is the only strictly territorial institution at present maintained. There are some seventy inmates in the Home. Supplies for this institution, such as staple articles of food, fuel, etc., are purchased under contract to the lowest bidder. Perishable articles of

feed are purchased in the open market without bid, as are also such supplies as are necessary for emergency use in connection with the Home.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 21, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 19th instant (H. A. Meyer), with enclosures, in which I am instructed, on or before June 24 next, to renew my bond as special disbursing agent of the appropriations "Protection of game in Alaska," and "For the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska."

This matter will receive my attention, in accordance with the Department's instructions.

Respectfully,

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

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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May 31, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of general game shipping license No. 45 to Joseph A. Silverman, of Valdez, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to J. Stanley Foster, President of The Bowery Bank, New York City, via Wells Fargo express. The shipment will pass through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 31, 1917

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The 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 the Governor

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May 31, 1917

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Dr. Joseph A. Silverman,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing five dollars in currency and requesting the issuance to you of a permit for the shipment of a brown bear skin to J. Stanley Foster, President of The Bowery Bank, of New York City.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 45, issued to you this date to cover the shipment of the trophy referred to. The Collector of Customs at Seattle is being advised of the issuance of the license and that the shipment will be consigned to Mr. Foster, New York City, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, May 31, 1917

My dear Governor Strong:

I attach hereto a copy of H. R. No. 4374, being a bill introduced by Mr. Sulzer, to regulate the killing and sale of certain game animals in northern Alaska during the existing state of war, etc.. You will remember that we discussed this bill a few days before you left Juneau, and at that time you expressed your intention of taking the matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture with a view to enlisting his opposition to the bill. You did not, however, write a letter to the Secretary on this subject before leaving Juneau, and I am, therefore, sending the bill to you, thinking you may wish to take the matter up with the Secretary in person while you are in Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

June 5, 1917

Sir:

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 25th ultimo (Mr. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), transmitting, for the information of this office and the files of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, a copy of House of Representatives Executive Document No. 124, 40th Congress, 2d session, embodying a message from the President, dated January 27, 1868, and accompanying report from the Secretary of State and the documents to which he refers in relation to the formal transfer of the Territory from Russia to the United States, in accordance with the treaty of March 30, 1867.

The Document will be placed in the Historical Library files and will form a most interesting and valuable addition thereto.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

June 4, 1917

Mr. E. L. Harwood,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you endorse the application of Mr. W. C. L. Beyers for appointment as game warden for the Cordova section.

Mr. Beyer's application, together with a petition signed by quite a number of residents of the Cordova precinct has also been received and, with your letter, will be placed before the Governor for consideration upon his return to Juneau some weeks hence. There is no doubt need for better supervision in the Cordova region, as well as in many other places in the Territory, but the difficulty in providing for such supervision lies in the fact that the appropriation is limited and it is impossible to obtain an increase.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 4, 1917

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Mr. Wm. C. L. Boyer,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you make application for the position of game warden for the district to be made of the Cordova precinct, and enclose a petition addressed to the Governor and signed by numerous residents of the Cordova precinct, asking that you be appointed.

Your letter and the petition will be placed before the Governor upon his return to Juneau some weeks hence. I may say, however, that owing to the limited appropriation available, I believe it is somewhat doubtful if a way can be found to arrange for the appointment of another game warden. However, the Governor will advise you definitely on his return.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 4, 1917

Mr. Woodbury Abbey,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Pursuant to your conversation with Governor Strong, prior to his departure for the States, you are hereby appointed a Special Game Warden, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until further notice.

It is understood that your particular field of work (which will be entirely incidental to your regular employment by the government), will be in the fourth judicial division and more particularly in the vicinity of the Heena coal region.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly report to the Governor's office from time to time your observations with regard to game conditions in the regions visited by you and any other matters which you think will be of interest. The regular game wardens for the fourth judicial division are Hjalmar Nordale and R. S. McDonald, of Fairbanks, and Robert E. Steel, of Eagle, to whose attention you will kindly call any matters which you think should be looked after by them.

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An official badge is enclosed herewith, for which you will kindly sign the accompanying receipt. A supply of official stationery and copies of game law circulars will be mailed to you at Nenana.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

June 5, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,

Game Warden,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise that you lost your game warden badge recently by pulling it out of your pocket with your watch and dropping it overboard.

Herewith another badge is being sent you, for which you will kindly sign the accompanying receipt and mail it to this office. In this connection, permit me to suggest that if you will wear your badge in the proper place, namely, on your vest underneath the left lapel of your coat, you will perhaps not be so likely to lose it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 7, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, on this date, of hunting license No. 25 to Mr. T. L. Bradford, of Dallas, Texas, the license having the usual shipping coupons attached thereto. Mr. Bradford's trophies will be consigned to himself at Dallas, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 7, 1917

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Mr. H. S. Ewing, Agent,  
Pacific Steamship Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ewing:

On the first instant this office received a letter from Mr. T. L. Bradford, of Dallas, Texas, stating that he expected to leave Seattle on one of the Admiral steamships on June 4, and requesting that a hunting license be prepared and left with you for delivery to him upon arrival of his steamer at Juneau.

In accordance with Mr. Bradford's request, a hunting license has been issued to him and the same is enclosed with other papers in the envelope herewith transmitted, addressed to him. It will be appreciated if you will kindly see that the papers are delivered to Mr. Bradford upon his arrival at Juneau. Mr. Bradford will pay to you, for delivery to this office, the sum of fifty dollars, the same being the legal fee for the hunting license.

Your courtesy in this matter will be appreciated by both Mr. Bradford and this office, and if at any time we can be of service to you, please feel free to command us.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

June 7, 1917

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Mr. T. L. Bradford,  
c/o Agent, Pacific Steamship Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith hunting license No. 25 of this date, with the usual shipping coupons attached thereto, together with an affidavit of shipment blank in duplicate, for use when you are ready to ship such trophies as you may obtain.

Payment of the fee of \$50 for the hunting license may be made to Mr. H. S. Ewing, local agent of the Pacific Steamship Co., or to Mr. H. P. Gallagher, assistant agent. The Collector of Customs at Seattle is being advised of the issuance of a hunting license to you and we have informed him that your trophies will be consigned to yourself at Dallas, Texas, passing through the port of Seattle en route. If this information is not in accordance with the plan you have in mind in the shipment of your trophies, please advise so that we may give the Collector the proper information.

I trust that your hunting trip will prove satisfactory to you in every way.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 9, 1917

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The First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$49, which please place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as "Miscellaneous receipts, fees for issuing hunting licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

GOVERNOR,

By

Secretary to the Governor

(Hunting License #25,  
T. L. Bradford)

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June 12, 1917

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Honorable J. F. A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska

My dear Governor Strong:

As a reminder, I enclose herewith notice received a few days before your departure for Washington, from Mr. Swornstedt, of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., in connection with premium due on your bond as disbursing officer of the game license fund. The premium, as you will note, becomes due on July 26 next.

Faithfully yours,

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June 12, 1917

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Mr. W. H. Ransom, Inspector,  
Interstate Commerce in Game,  
1107 Indiana Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request copies of the latest report of the Governor of Alaska on Alaska game laws.

In response to your request, there are being sent to you, under separate cover, five copies of the report of the Governor on the Alaska game law, for the year ended June 30, 1916, and five copies of game circular No. 4, issued by this office. These are the latest issues and contain the game laws and regulations up to date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 14, 1917

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The First National Bank,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I hand you the sum of \$25 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 guide 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

Enc.

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June 14, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,

Game Warden,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of the application of Mr. Thomas W. Odale, of Anchorage, for appointment as a licensed guide, the application bearing your endorsement and being accompanied by the necessary affidavit and money order to cover the required fee. A letter of appointment has this day been issued to Mr. Odale for the usual period of two years, and the same is being forwarded to him, together with identification card No. 47.

Kindly arrange to furnish Mr. Odale with an official badge and report to this office the number of the badge which you give him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 14, 1917

Mr. Thomas W. Odalo,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor and making application for appointment as a licensed guide and enclosing an affidavit and postal money order in the sum of \$25 to cover the fee for the license. It is noted that your application has been endorsed by Mr. Aren Ericson, game warden at Anchorage.

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter of appointment of this date, issued to you by the Acting Governor, for the usual period of two years. There is also enclosed identification card No. 47, with a card case for the same.

Game Warden Ericson is being instructed to provide you with an official badge.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 14, 1917

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Mr. Thomas H. Odale,

Anchorage, Alaska

Sir:

Under the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, you are hereby appointed a Licensed Guide of the first class, for the Kenai Peninsula, for the period of two years from this date, unless this license be sooner revoked.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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June 13, 1917

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The Collector of Customs  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

On April 13 last this office issued Mr. C. L. Magill, of Kenai, Alaska, game shipping license No. 40, for the shipment of one caribou head and cape, which was to be consigned to John Borefsky at Dayton, Washington, passing through the port of Seattle en route. You were advised in the usual manner of the issuance of this license.

Mr. Magill has just called at this office and advised that the trophy in question is now held in Seattle for the reason that the shipping license did not accompany the shipment. Mr. Magill states that he inadvertently overlooked having the license attached to the papers covering the shipment and that it is now at his home in Kenai.

It is requested that upon receipt of this letter you will kindly release the shipment, accepting this letter in lieu of the original shipping license.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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Juneau, June 15, 1917.

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First National Bank,

Juneau.

Dear Sirs:

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

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Genl. Licenses #46 and 47.)

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June 15, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, this date, of general game shipping licenses Nos. 46 and 47, to C. L. Magill, of Kenai, Alaska, each license covering the shipment of one goat head and cape. These trophies will be consigned to John Berofsky, Dayton, Washington, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 16, 1917

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The Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, who is now in Washington, D. C., I write to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the fifth instant, with reference to the case of Mr. Heyward Cutting, a collaborator of the Bureau of Biological Survey, who holds permit No. 474, for the collection of specimens of six caribou and three brown bears needed for use in the scientific investigations of the Biological Survey, these specimens to be collected on the Peninsula of Alaska.

The information which this office had in regard to Mr. Cutting, is that upon his arrival at Seward the game warden interviewed him and was informed that he held a permit from the Department for the collection of certain game specimens and that he also wished to take some specimens for his personal use. The game warden informed Mr. Cutting that, while he could take the specimens authorized under the Department permit, he could take no specimens for his personal use unless he obtained a regular hunting license. Mr. Cutting demurred to this, and, according to the game warden's statement, in-

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sisted that he had a right to collect some specimens for his own use without taking out a hunting license. The game warden then communicated with this office by telegraph and was instructed to notify Mr. Cutting that under no circumstances would he be permitted to take any trophies for his own personal use, unless he first obtained a hunting license. Upon being thus advised, Mr. Cutting arranged for a hunting license, which was issued to him.

This office has never undertaken to dictate in any way to persons holding permits from the Department for the collection of game specimens. Its only interest has been in seeing that the specimens were collected in accordance with the law and the provisions of the permit.

The Governor has, however, always insisted that where such persons wished to obtain trophies for their personal use, they shall first take out a hunting license.

The game warden at Seward is being communicated with in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Department's letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, June 18, 1917. O. B. Ass.

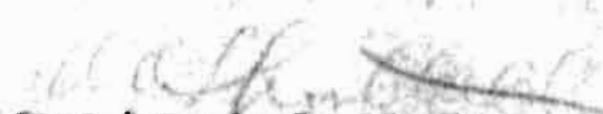
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Game Warden McDonald,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday if trip mentioned absolutely necessary in interests of game protection you are authorized proceed, limiting expense to seventy five dollars.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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June 18, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the first instant, I have just mailed to you a supply of stationery and expense vouchers. Have also included a number of certificate blanks for use with subvouchers. These blanks were printed for use of special employees, but may be used by you by simply striking out the words "special employee" and adding the words "game warden."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 18, 1917

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Mr. George Deoley,  
Chief of Police,  
Cordeva, Alaska

My dear Mr. Deoley:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the application of Wm. C. L. Beyers for appointment as game warden in your section.

The Governor is absent from Juneau and will probably not return for at least a month, and it is unlikely that anything will be done in this matter in the meantime. As a matter of fact, unless the appointment in question could be made outside of the regular game service, it is unlikely that anything will be done for the reason that the appropriation is limited and the full amount is necessary for the salaries and expenses of the wardens now in service.

The last session of the legislature made some provision for stocking certain islands in your vicinity with deer and the appointment of a caretaker. No action has been taken, looking to the appointment of a caretaker, but should Mr. Beyers wish to be considered in that connection, I am sure

that the Governor will give his application due consideration,  
along with any others which may be received.

Your letter will be placed before the Governor upon his  
return.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 18, 1917

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The Auditor for the Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, advising settlement of my account for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1916, by certificate No. 12915, of the same date as your letter, showing a debit difference of thirty cents, which is explained in the letter.

I have this day deposited with the First National Bank of Juneau the sum of thirty cents to cover the suspended items, the same being deposited for credit to my disbursing account under the appropriation "Protection of game in Alaska, 1917." I enclose herewith duplicate certificate of deposit No. 1, of this date, which covers the deposit mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

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

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June 19, 1917

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Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that on the tenth ultimo, this office issued Mr. Hayward Cutting, of New York City, hunting license No. 23, with the usual shipping coupons attached thereto. Mr. Cutting's trophies, obtained under authority of the license mentioned, will be shipped to Wilson Potter, 337 Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Mr. Cutting also holds Department of Agriculture permit No. 474, authorizing him to collect certain game specimens in Alaska for the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. The trophies under this permit will be consigned to the Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 19, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Referring to office letter of the 17th ultimo, advising the issuance of hunting license No. 24 to Mr. J. Stanley Foster, New York City, in which you were advised that Mr. Foster's trophies would be consigned to himself, I now have to advise that Mr. Foster's trophies will be consigned to J. L. Clark, 1160 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York City, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 19, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you herewith the subvouchers which were submitted with your expense account for the month of May, and beg to call your attention to the following matters which should receive your immediate attention:

1. Subvoucher No. 1 calls for "M chops, \$1." This subvoucher should be completed by showing the quantity and unit price, and your title should also be shown under your name on the bill.

2. Subvouchers 2 and 4 call for 200 pounds of coal each. There is no explanation as to the purpose for which this coal was purchased, nor a statement showing whether it was used at headquarters or while absent therefrom, except that these bills appear to be included in the blanket certificate which accompanied your expense account. This certificate, however, fails to show the particular purpose for which this coal was used.

3. Subvoucher No. 7 covers certain provisions purchased from the Tongass Trading Co. The second item is probably in-

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tended to read "3 tins corned beef," but one has to make something of a guess to reach that conclusion. The fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth items fail to show proper information as to quantities and unit prices. This information should be entered on the subvoucher.

Kindly add the necessary information to the various subvouchers above mentioned and return them to this office. Once more, permit me to suggest that you examine the circulars of instructions which have been issued by this office relative to the matter of expense accounts. It is absolutely useless to send accounts to this office when information is lacking in connection therewith. To do so simply causes unnecessary work for this office and trouble for yourself, and I trust that in future you will carefully examine all subvouchers before making up your expense accounts and see that in every particular they meet the requirements. If you will do this, it will lessen the work on the part of all concerned and facilitate the payment of your expense accounts.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

June 19, 1917

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Mr. Robert E. Steel,

Game Warden,

Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have just received your expense account for the month of May, and upon examining the same I find it in proper form, with the exception of voucher No. 4, which is returned to you herewith. Permit me to call your attention to the fourth item, which reads, "Crackers 50." No quantity is stated. Kindly furnish this information and return the subvoucher and settlement will be made.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Juneau, June 20, 1917. O. B.

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Robert E. Steel, Game Warden,

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Replying yours yesterday leave absence thirty days is granted for purpose stated.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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June 21, 1917

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Mr. C. W. Andrews, Librarian,  
The John Crerar Library,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, in further reference to the circular requested in your letter of the 24th ultimo.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of game circular No. 4, and also a copy of the Governor's last annual report on the Alaska game law.

Inasmuch as previous circulars on the game law are obsolete, it is not believed that they would be of any service to you.

The name of your library will be placed upon our mailing list for future issues of game circulars and reports. We already have it on our mailing list for the Governor's annual report to the Secretary of the Interior on general conditions in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 22, 1917

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Sir:

Again referring to Department letter of the 19th ultimo, directing me to renew my bond as special disbursing agent of the appropriations "Protection of game in Alaska," and "Suppressing traffic in intoxicating liquors in Alaska," I have the honor to transmit herewith my bond and oath of office, executed in duplicate, three signature cards and New York exchange in the sum of \$16, payable to the American Surety Company, New York, to cover the premium on the bond for the period of one year.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

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June 22, 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 May, and I note your request for traveling expense voucher forms and certificate slips. A supply of each of these forms is being sent to you under separate cover. We are out of the regular game wardens' certificate slips, but am sending you a supply of a similar form which is used by the special employees in the liquor service. The form will be all right for your use by simply striking out the words "Special Employee" under the signature line and inserting the words "Game Warden."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 23, 1917

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Miss Eda Green,  
c/o Starr-Collinson Pkg. Co.,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Miss Green:

In the absence of the Governor, I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you request a permit to take with you to your home in Oregon next fall, a fawn which has been given to you.

Permits for the shipment from the Territory of live game animals are issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. This office will be pleased to endorse your application for a permit to ship the fawn. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., asking for a permit for the shipment of the fawn, stating in the letter the region where the fawn was captured, approximately the date of its capture and saying that it has been given to you. You should also, in your letter, state from what port the fawn will be shipped and the probable date of shipment. If you will write such a letter of application to the Secretary of Agriculture and forward it to this office, it will be sent to the Secretary with a letter from this office, endorsing your application.

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and asking that the permit be issued to you.

I enclose herewith a copy of our game circular No. 4, and would suggest that you read the same, particularly sections four and five.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 25, 1917.

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First National Bank,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find the sum of Four Dollars which please place to credit of Treasurer of United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing shipping licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Shpg. Lic. #48 - 6-25-17.)

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June 25, 1917

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Mr. L. W. Sturdevant,  
c/o Alaska Packers' Association,  
Larsen Bay (P. O. Uyak),  
Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for permission to take one brown bear skin to San Francisco next fall.

Enclosed you will find general shipping license No. 48, issued to you this date, to cover the trophy in question. The Collector of Customs at San Francisco is being advised of the issuance of the license to you and that your trophy will be consigned to yourself at San Francisco. Should this not be correct, please advise promptly.

The fee of five dollars for the shipping license has been paid to this office by Mr. G. W. Felts, of Juneau, upon request of Captain George H. Whitney.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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June 25, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, you are hereby advised of the issuance, this date, of general game shipping license No. 48 to Mr. L. W. Sturdevant, of Larsen Bay, Alaska, covering the shipment, from the Territory, of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to himself at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAU, JUNE 26, 1917. O. B. GOB HIGHT paid CASH. 4

Governor J. F. A. Strong,  
Hotel Raleigh,  
WASHINGTON.

Please present this message to Interior Department with your approval endorsed thereon for credit to my account as special disbursing agent game and liquor appropriations as follows: Five hundred dollars for protection game in Alaska fiscal year nineteen seventeen and twelve hundred dollars for suppressing liquor traffic Alaska same fiscal year. My balances subject to check this date are game two thousand six hundred forty one dollars liquor two thousand four hundred six dollars. These funds needed to complete fiscal year nineteen seventeen.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1917

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Honorable J. F. A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a note addressed to me by Mr. C. L. Magill, principal of the Kenai school and United States commissioner at that place, who recently passed through Juneau. With the note you will find a number of photographs of a moose which was driven into the town of Kenai on April 20 last by a pack of some 20 dogs, belonging to residents of the town. Mr. Magill states in his note that hundreds of moose, mostly young ones, are killed yearly by dogs in the vicinity of Kenai. In a conversation with Mr. Magill, he informed me that during the last year he had himself seen carcasses of some forty moose which had undoubtedly been killed by dogs, and that it is a very common thing to see moose on the Kenai Peninsula whose hind legs have been lacerated and torn by dogs in their efforts to kill the animals. He tells me that some of these packs of dogs scarcely ever visit a human habitation, but live entirely in the woods, feasting on moose. He stated that in so far as he could do so, he was requiring residents of Kenai to keep their dogs from running at large, but that

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there are a great many dogs in that vicinity without owners and that these dogs run at large at all times and are a menace to moose and other game. He informed me that the dogs not only attack moose and other game animals but that on several occasions they have actually attacked domestic livestock belonging to residents of the town.

As you know, the game wardens in the Kenai Peninsula have frequently referred to the large number of dogs running at large throughout the Kenai Peninsula which live off the game and undoubtedly are responsible for the killing of great many moose and other game animals in the Peninsula. A recent letter from Game Warden Erickson at McCarthy, contains a similar complaint of dogs running at large and killing game and also contains the statement that he has received a report that a couple of men in that section have taken a pack of some sixty dogs over into the Chisana country to take care of during the summer and that they will feed these dogs on game meat. If the Secretary of Agriculture would issue a regulation prohibiting owners of dogs allowing the animals to run at large in the game regions, such a regulation would no doubt do much to conserve the game supply, particularly in the Kenai Peninsula, where the game is so easily accessible. If the regulation could also include authority to the game wardens to kill dogs found running at large in the game regions, these animals would soon cease to be the menace to game which they now are.

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Game Warden McDonald tells me that he has been advised that a large logging concern, operating in the vicinity of Ketchikan, is making a practice of supplying its camp with deer meat. He had a conversation with Mr. Weigle a few days ago, while the latter was in Juneau, and the statement was corroborated by Mr. Weigle, who added that the game warden at Ketchikan had never called at his office for any information regarding violations of the law which might have come to his attention. I am today writing a letter to game warden Hamilton at Ketchikan, instructing him to go to the Forest Service office at Ketchikan and get a complete list of all logging outfits operating in his district and to arrange to visit these logging camps and check up on violations of the game law.

This suggests the desirability of an amendment to the game law which you recommended to the Department a year or two ago, but which at that time the Secretary believed inexpedient, namely, that the possession of game meat in the close season be made a violation of the law and punishable accordingly. You will remember that the Secretary, in referring to your recommendation on this point, stated that he feared such a provision would meet with so much opposition that the law would be inoperative and referred to some state which had tried a similar law and found it impossible of en-

forcement. The only people who would oppose such a law in this Territory are those who would violate any game law, if given the opportunity to do so. The great majority of Alaskans would be in entire sympathy with such a law; and, owing to the peculiar conditions which obtain here, it is, as you know, practically impossible to prosecute anyone for violating the game law unless he is willing to plead guilty. There is not one case in a thousand where a game warden ever catches a game hunter in the act of killing a deer, and it is very seldom that evidence of a sale of deer meat can be obtained, and yet it is a matter of common knowledge that the law is being violated throughout the close season and in some cases quite flagrantly. It occurs to me that, since you are in Washington and in a position to talk to the Secretary instead of having to write, you might be able to convince him of the importance of a more stringent law for the protection of deer and other game animals and secure his endorsement of an amendment to the law, as suggested above.

You will recall that game warden McDonald has, a number of times, referred to the fact that there are a great many deer on Douglas Island. Occasionally someone shoots a deer on the Island, but as it is not generally known that they are plentiful there, most of the hunters go to Admiralty Island. It seems to me that it would be a very good idea to add Douglas Island

to the list of islands in southeastern Alaska on which deer  
are protected throughout the year. Since practically no one  
hunts these animals on the Island, it would seem that there  
could be little objection raised to protecting them throughout  
the year.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

June 26, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Information has reached this office to the effect that certain logging outfits in your district are making a practice of using deer meat to supply their camps. I beg to suggest that you call at the office of the Forest Service at Ketchikan and get a complete list from them of persons known to be operating logging camps in your district. It may be possible that Mr. Weigle or some of his men may be able to give you some information with regard to violations of the law by certain of these outfits. We have been advised that a large outfit is now operating about 20 miles from Ketchikan, having recently moved camp from a place some forty miles distant from Ketchikan and that this outfit relies almost entirely upon deer for fresh meat. This is a matter which should be thoroughly investigated by you at the very earliest moment.

Game Warden McDonald is planning on making a trip shortly after the first of July, to the southern end of his district and he has suggested that if you can arrange to meet him at Kake about the ninth or tenth of July, he would very

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much like to have a conference with you in regard to game matters and I would suggest that if you can arrange your affairs so as to meet Mr. McDonald at Kake, it would probably be a good idea for you and he to have a conference with regard to game matters in the first division.

On receipt of this letter, please advise whether or not you will be able to arrange to make a trip to Kake to have a conference with warden McDonald about July 9 or 10.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, June 27, 1917. O. B. Ans.

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Baughman, Game Warden,

Seward.

Replying yours date if Cutting has Department letter giving him authority kill out of season there is nothing to do but let him proceed. Department letter to this office did not state that he was authorized to kill out of season.

Shorthill, Secretary.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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June 28, 1917

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

My dear Governor Strong:

You will no doubt recall that some time prior to your departure for Washington, we received telegrams from Seward and Anchorage relative to a Mr. Heyward Cutting, who had a Department permit for the collection of certain game specimens and who wished to obtain some specimens for his personal use. We required Mr. Cutting to take out a hunting license as authority for the taking of game specimens for his personal use. On the fifth of Juneau the Secretary of Agriculture addressed a letter to this office, advising the issuance of permit No. 474 to Mr. Cutting on April 14 last, for the collection of six caribou and three brown bears, needed for use in the scientific investigations of the Biological Survey, these specimens to be collected on the Peninsula of Alaska. The letter further stated that Mr. Cutting had taken out a regular paid sportsman's license for his personal use and that he had written the Department that he had been informed by the game warden at Seward that the latter had been instructed by this office to notify Cutting that he could collect only the three

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bears named in his Department permit. The Secretary thought that some misunderstanding had arisen and asked that the game warden be instructed in the premises. I replied to the Secretary's letter under date of the 16th instant, setting forth briefly the facts as they had come to the attention of this office and advising what instructions to the game warden had been given. Briefly stated, I informed the Department that our information was that, upon Mr. Cutting's arrival at Seward, the game warden interviewed him and was informed that he held a permit from the Department for the collection of certain game specimens and that he also wished to take some specimens for his personal use. The warden informed Mr. Cutting that while he could take the specimens authorized under the Department permit, he could take no specimens for personal use unless he obtained a hunting license. Mr. Cutting demurred, but finally took out the hunting license. I advised the Department that this office has never undertaken to dictate, in any way, to persons holding permits from the Department for the collection of game specimens, its own interest being to see that the specimens were collected in accordance with the law and the provisions of the permit. On yesterday the following telegram was received from game warden Baughman:

"Mr. Cutting has arrived with two caribou which he killed out of season, on his permit 474 and claims that he has a right to do so. Advise by wire what I shall do. He received letter from Biological Survey dated June 4, stating that he had a right to kill out of season and that you would be so advised by the Department of Agriculture."

I replied to game warden Baughman as follows:

"Replying yours date, if Cutting has Department letter, giving him authority to kill out of season, there is nothing to do but let him proceed. Department letter to this office did not state that he was authorized to kill out of season."

As stated in the telegram, there was absolutely nothing in the Department letter of June fifth to this office to the effect that the permit issued to Mr. Cutting authorized him to kill out of season, but since it appeared from Baughman's telegram that Mr. Cutting had a letter from the Biological Survey, stating that he had such right, I thought it best to let him proceed with his trophies. If it is true that the Department authorized Mr. Cutting to kill game animals out of season, it seems to me that the Department is setting a most dangerous precedent and one which, if followed, will result in the practical nullification of the game law, in so far as its enforcement against residents of the Territory is concerned. It most certainly cannot be expected that residents of the Territory will obey the game law and not kill out of season, and especially when the killing is for food purposes, if the Department gives to nonresidents the right to come here and take game animals out of season. Apparently, the authority given to Mr. Cutting to kill out of season was based upon the proviso in section 6 of the game law, a copy of which I enclose. It may be that this proviso was intended to permit killing out

of season for scientific purposes, but, if so, it does not help the enforcement of the law against residents of the Territory who can hardly be blamed for taking the position that the killing of game for food purposes out of season is quite as necessary in many cases as is the taking of specimens for scientific purposes.

I do not know that you will care to take this matter up with the Department, but have written in detail regarding it so that in case the matter should be mentioned to you by the Department officials, you will understand the situation as it exists at this end.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 5, 1917

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Mr. Wm. B. Stadtfeld,  
Manager Sales Department,  
Selby Smelting & Lead Company,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you say you would like to publish, for customers in this Territory, a brief tabulation of the game laws now in effect, and ask if we have anything in a more condensed form than our game circular of November 1, 1916.

Enclosed herewith you will find one of our cloth game circulars, used for posting, which contains a summary of the most important features of the Alaska game law and regulations. I think perhaps this will serve your purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 5, 1917

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Miss Eda Green,  
Moira Sound, via Ketchikan,  
c/o Starr-Collinson Packing Co.,  
Alaska

My dear Miss Green:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to this office and enclosing a letter of the same date addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., requesting a permit for the shipment of the fawn which has been presented to you.

Your letter is being forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture, with a letter from the Acting Governor, in which he has endorsed your application for a permit.

I trust that you will receive the permit in due course and that you may have the pleasure of adding the fawn to your collection of animals at your home in Oregon.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit a letter of Miss Eda Green, Moira Sound, Alaska, dated the 29th ultimo and addressed to you, requesting a permit for the shipment from Alaska of one fawn which she received as a gift and which she wishes to take to her home in Oregon next fall. Miss Green explains that the fawn was captured about the middle of May last on the north arm of Moira Sound, about 30 miles from Kotzebik.

I take pleasure in endorsing Miss Green's application for a permit to ship this fawn from the Territory. It appears from statements contained in her letter that she wishes it for exhibition purposes.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Acting Governor

The Secretary of Agriculture,  
Washington

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Mr. O. M. Anderson, Clerk,  
Otter School District,  
Flat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th of April, addressed to the Governor, enclosing estimates of the Otter school district for the school year 1917-18.

It is noted you say that the school board for the school year 1916-17 has not received any money. This is correct, and the fault lies entirely with the school board. This office has been making repeated efforts during the past school year to secure the necessary certified copies of the election returns and treasurer's bond for the Otter school district for the school year 1916-17, but up to this time these papers have not come to hand. Nor does it appear that they have been received by the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks, to whom they should have been sent from the school district.

Under date of January 9, 1917, the Governor sent your treasurer, Mr. I. Wales, a telegram advising him that the election papers and treasurer's bond had not been received and that no appropriation could be made for the school until these papers had reached the clerk of the court at Fairbanks

and the treasurer's bond had been approved by him. Since that time the only information we have had on the subject is the letter from Mr. Wales, dated March 12 last, in which he claimed that his bond and the certificate of election had been delivered to Mr. Henry Roden, who was to deliver them to the clerk of the court; that subsequently the deputy clerk at Iditarod had been informed that there was some mistake made in the certificate of election and that attorney Stanton had corrected them and had stated that he would forward them to the clerk at Fairbanks.

It is noticed, in going over the files of the Otter school district in this office, that the board has always been very prompt in submitting its estimates of funds needed for the support of the school, but that each year we have had no end of trouble in securing certified copies of the election returns and the treasurer's bond. If the members of the Otter school board would be as careful to see that the election papers and treasurer's bond are promptly forwarded to the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks as they are to see that their estimates are made out and forwarded to this office, there would be no difficulty about securing funds, and very little delay.

The estimates submitted by the board for the school year 1916-17 called for a total of \$2431. It is noted that your letter states the expenses for the year at about \$2600. Mr. Wales, the treasurer, was advised, under date of July 23, 1916,

by letter from this office, that the Governor had on that date passed upon the estimates submitted by the board and approved the same in full. The board had no authority to exceed the estimates.

As has already been advised, the making of a requisition for funds to cover the expenses for the school year 1916-17 will await the receipt of certified copies of election returns and treasurer's bond. If these papers have been lost, they should be substituted by certified copies in so far as this may be possible, and the treasurer for that school year should execute a new bond, which should be sent to the clerk at Fairbanks for his approval.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, July 9, 1917. O. B.

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Deputy Collector Customs,

Ketchikan.

Game shipping license number forty nine issued this date to Gilbert Utter of Anchorage for shipment one brown bear skin which he has on board steamer Alameda which sailed from Juneau last night. This telegram will be your authority for passing shipment and you will please attach message to shipping papers so that it may also serve as authority for Collector of Customs at Seattle to pass shipment there in lieu of license which will follow in mail.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

July 9, 1917.

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First National Bank,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I transmit the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) in cash which you will please place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Miscellaneous Receipts, fees for issuing shipping licenses under the Alaska game law."

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

By

Secretary to the Governor.

(Gen. Shpg. Lic. #49--7-9-17.)

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of general game shipping license No. 49 to Gilbert Utter, of Anchorage, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin taken out by him on the steamer Alameda, which sailed from Juneau on last evening.

Mr. Utter's steamer arrived in port 11 o'clock at night, and as his application and remittance had been placed in the mail which was on board the steamer, he could not secure his license before the steamer sailed from Juneau. It was, therefore, arranged to issue his license today and a telegram was sent to the deputy collector of customs at Ketchikan, advising him of the issuance of the license and authorizing him to pass the shipment. That officer was requested to attach the telegram to the shipping papers covering the trophy, so that it might also serve as your authority for passing the shipment upon its arrival at Seattle.

As Mr. Utter had the trophy with him, our records have been made to show that it was consigned to himself at Seattle.

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A shipping license is being mailed to Mr. Utter at the Palace Hotel, Seattle, as per your request.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Gilbert Utter,  
Palace Hotel,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 49, issued to you this date, covering a brown bear skin taken out by you on the steamer Alameda, as per our conversation of last evening, a telegram was today sent to the deputy collector of customs at Ketchikan, advising him of the issuance of the license and authorizing him to pass the shipment. He was also requested to attach the telegram to the shipping papers so that it might serve as authority for the collector of customs at Seattle to pass the shipment at that point. Your letter did not indicate to whom or where the trophy was being shipped and I have therefore made our records show that you have shipped it to yourself at Seattle. This will suffice to meet the requirements.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. William H. Bolcher,  
Private, Signal Corps,  
Tanana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th of May last, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, has been referred to this office for attention.

With reference to your request for a permit to take from Alaska to the States two pair of moose antlers and one pair of caribou horns, I beg to advise that before a license can be issued to you covering the shipment of game trophies from the Territory, it will be necessary for you to make application to this office, stating the number and kind of trophies to be shipped, the name of the person, to whom they are to be shipped and the point of destination in the States, and to remit the necessary fee for such license.

By reference to the second paragraph of section five of the Alaska game law, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, you will note that provision is made for the shipment of trophies by residents of Alaska under permits costing respectively \$40 and \$10 and \$5. The \$40 license covers the shipment of one moose, if killed north of latitude 62°, four deer, two caribou, two sheep, two goats and two brown bears, but no more of any

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one kind. The \$10 license permits the shipment of a single head or trophy of caribou or sheep.

The only way in which you could ship two moose trophies from the Territory would be by obtaining two \$40 licenses. In order to ship a pair of moose antlers and the pair of caribou horns which you have, it will be necessary to secure one of the \$40 licenses; or you can secure a \$10 license, which will permit the shipment of the caribou horns alone.

The provisions of the Alaska game law give this office no discretion in the matter of issuing shipping licenses, nor do they permit the issuance of licenses without payment of the specified fees.

You will note all licenses are issued by the Governor's office, to which applications should be addressed and remittances made.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

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Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,  
Bureau of Biological Survey,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, in reference to mine of the 14th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, in regard to the permit issued to Mr. Cutting to take large game animals in Alaska.

I agree with you that the difficulties which Mr. Cutting encountered grew out of a misunderstanding. However, I believe that the game warden did what he thought was proper in the line of duty in questioning Mr. Cutting's rights, pending definite instructions from this office.

It is believed that a repetition of Mr. Cutting's troubles can be avoided in the future, as instructions will be given to the game wardens, covering the matter and advising them as to the scope of authority which a Department permit carries with it.

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I may add that on one or two previous occasions parties holding Department permits experienced some difficulty by reason of the game warden questioning their right to do the things they claimed authority for under their permits. With a view to avoiding such occurrences, a couple of years ago it was suggested to the Department that this office be promptly advised of the issuance of each Department permit so that proper instructions could be given to game wardens. We have received copies of quite a number of Department permits since that time, but usually there has been some delay in their receipt. If it could be arranged so that this office could be immediately advised of the issuance of a permit and informed as to the authority contained in it, we could then issue such instructions to game wardens as would insure the holder receiving assistance from wardens, rather than being delayed by them through a misunderstanding of their authority.

When Mr. Cutting returned to Seward from his hunting trip, the game warden questioned his right to take his caribou trophies out for the reason that they had been taken in the closed season. He wired this office, stating that Mr. Cutting claimed authority under his permit, and the warden was promptly advised by telegraph to let Mr. Cutting proceed.

I thank you for the information contained in your letter.

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and shall communicate with the game wardens on the subject,  
to the end that future misunderstandings may be eliminated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have today received the original of your expense voucher for June, together with daily report and duplicate subvouchers. You failed, however, to enclose the duplicate copy of the expense voucher, and I write to ask that you forward the same so that I may have it for filing in this office. The original, you understand, has to go to Washington with my quarterly accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

July 12, 1917

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Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,  
Bureau of Biological Survey,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This office has received one copy of B. S. Dec. 107,  
issued June 14, 1917, containing extracts from federal laws  
covering the shipment of game.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly arrange to  
have forwarded to this office a supply of copies of the  
above-mentioned document for distribution to game wardens  
and those who may be interested.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Aron Eriksen,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, advising the issuance of badge No. 5 to Thomas M. Odale, who was recently appointed a licensed guide for the Kenai Peninsula.

With reference to the enclosure which accompanied your letter, the same being a letter addressed to you by the head of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, calling attention to transportation circular No. 73, covering the matter of transportation of employees, material and supplies for other departments of the government, I beg to say that this matter will be brought to the attention of the Governor upon his return to Juneau about the 20th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, July 16, 1917 O. B.

McDonald, Game Warden,  
Fairbanks

Referring your letter twenty-seventh ultimo, desire you prosecute case vigorously, cooperating with District Attorney, whose duty it is to handle the case. Officer whose opinion you suggest obtaining absent from Juneau and will not return for some time. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,

Game Warden,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Governor, advising the purchase by you of an 8 x 10 tent, subject to the approval of this office. The purchase is approved and the item will be passed in your accounts.

Enclosed herewith you will find a game warden badge and a special employee badge for your use. Kindly sign the receipts for them which accompany this letter and transmit them to this office.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a further supply of expense account voucher forms.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 27, containing a report on the case against George L. Morrison of Hot Springs, reached this office this morning and a telegram was immediately sent to you in the Governor's name, stating that it was the desire of this office that the case in question be vigorously prosecuted.

While you may have difficulty in establishing the fact that Morrison has been selling moose meat, this office does not believe that a case as flagrant as the Morrison case appears to be, should be overlooked; even though you may not succeed in securing a conviction upon the appeal, the very fact of the prosecution will undoubtedly have a deterring effect not only upon Morrison, but upon others who might be disposed to violate the law.

With reference to your suggestion that an opinion of Attorney-General Grigsby be obtained on this case, I beg to say that Attorney-General Grigsby's functions primarily relate to Territorial laws, and as the game law is a federal act, the opinion of the Attorney-General would probably have lit-

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the weight with the court, and, of course, it would in no way be binding upon the court. If we cannot obtain convictions in cases such as the Morrison case, it will only be a question of time until the law will be amended or regulations will be issued by the Secretary of Agriculture which will still further restrict the taking of game. Morrison appears, from your statement of the matter, to have violated the spirit of the law, if not the letter, and certainly the framers of the game law did not anticipate that game meat would be used in connection with the maintenance of a fox farm in the Territory. The permission to kill game during certain seasons is manifestly a provision intended to meet the requirements of human consumption and not with a view to providing food for foxes or other fur-bearing animals in captivity.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 16, 1917

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Mr. Herbert Lee,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, with reference to the disposition of the matter of the case against the captain of the fishing boat Active, who was recently arrested by Deputy Marshal Egan of Tenakee, on a charge of violating the game law, by killing a deer out of season. It is noted that the Commissioner dismissed the case upon the explanation made by the captain that all of the members of his crew were Indians and that one of them had killed the deer.

This office cannot agree with the conclusion arrived at by the Commissioner in this case. The members of the crew are presumably provided with food by the captain or whoever employs them. Certainly it would be a strange arrangement if they were employed with the understanding that they must procure their own food. Such Indians do not, in any sense, in the opinion of this office, come within the provisions of the exception in the game law which permits Indians to kill game out of season "when in need of food or clothing." The very

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nature of the employment of these persons would be prima facie evidence of a guarantee of a sufficient food supply. The situation is all the more ridiculous from the fact that these persons are employed on a fishing boat which is employed in the gathering of food fishes. It would certainly be straining a fine point to argue that such persons should be entitled to kill game meat out of season because they were in need of food.

The abuse by the Indians of the privileges extended to them under the terms of the game law, will sooner or later result in these privileges being taken away from them, and such cases as that of the fishing boat Active will only hasten this result. The Governor's office is continually receiving reports of the killing of deer by natives under conditions which are quite on a par with the case to which you refer--- cases in which the Indians have not, in any sense, been in need of food, but have simply taken advantage of the privileges allowed them under the game law. To all intents and purposes they have violated the game law; that is, they have violated the spirit of it, although not the letter.

Please do not understand this office as expressing any criticism of the Commissioner's action in the case against the captain of the fishing boat Active. We have no criticism to offer. As a rule, the commissioners exercise their best judg-

ment in matters of this kind and, therefore, criticism is out of place. However, we believe that if the average commissioner were as generally aware of the disposition on the part of the natives to take advantage of the game law as this office is aware of that fact, they would be inclined to show less leniency in such cases.

I wish to thank you for calling this case to the attention of this office and for the information contained in your letter. Our game wardens make every effort to prosecute Indians when it is possible to do so under the game law, but the exemption in their favor in the law makes it a very difficult matter to secure convictions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 16, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, in which you call attention to the fact that during the summer months first-class mail for Fairbanks forwarded by way of Chitina reaches its destination at least a week sooner than if forwarded by the river route.

I wish to thank you for calling this to my attention, and in future when sending mail to you and game warden Nordale, we will mark it via Cordova, so that it will go by stage from Chitina.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 17, 1917

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American Surety Company of New York,  
Suite 520-30 Southern Building,  
Corner 15th and 8th streets,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the ninth instant, I enclose herewith bond application which has been filled out and signed by me this date to cover the bond recently signed by me and which was executed by you on the 7th instant and filed with the Department of the Interior.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

Enc.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent letter, enclosing a letter from Commissioner Edes, with regard to transportation after August 1, 1917, I beg to say that this office has requested the Secretary of the Interior to have forwarded a supply of requests for transportation and government bills of lading, for distribution to the officers who may have occasion to travel on the government railroad in connection with their official duties. As soon as these forms are received, a supply will be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sir:

For the use of game wardens and special employees operating under the direction of this office, I have the honor to request that there be forwarded for distribution to these officers, a supply of government requests for transportation and bills of lading. These are desired for the use of officers who may have occasion to travel on the government railroad now building in this Territory.

The game wardens at Seward and Anchorage have recently been advised by the Alaskan Engineering Commission that it will be necessary for them to be provided with these requests and bills of lading to cover transportation which may be desired by them in connection with their official duties after August 1, 1917. There are at the present time not to exceed four officers who will probably have occasion to use these forms.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Sir:

I have the honor to advise that the Governor's accounts as special disbursing agent covering receipts and disbursements of game license fees collected under the Alaska game law, cannot be mailed until after the 20th instant. This for the reason that the Governor has not yet returned to Juneau and the date of his return is as yet uncertain. The accounts in question are ready for the Governor's signature and will be mailed immediately upon his return.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington.

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July 19, 1917

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Mr. Andrew Hooy.

Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hjalmar Nordale, game warden, in which he asks to be supplied with badges under his appointments as game warden and special employes. He states that you did not have any badges to turn over to him.

Inasmuch as badges were furnished to you as game warden and special employes and I do not recall that you ever reported their loss, I shall be glad to have you advise what became of them.

I enclose a franked and addressed envelope for your use when replying to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. J. A. Baughman,  
Game Warden,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith subvoucher No. 1, submitted with your expense account for the month of Juneau, covering steamer fare from Seldevia to Seward, amount \$11. I have suspended this item in your June account and have passed the balance for payment. This subvoucher is incomplete in the matter of explanation. In addition to the information now shown on the voucher, it should contain the words "including meals and berth without extra charge over regular first-class fare." Kindly add this to both copies of the subvoucher and when this has been done, you are authorized to include the amount of the voucher in your next expense account.

Once again, let me ask you to give closer attention to the form in which your subvouchers are made out. By doing so you will save this office and yourself considerable inconvenience.

In making up your vouchers at the end of the month in future, please do not fill in anything above the oath or af-

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firmation form. The necessary information required in the  
blanks appearing above the oath form will be written in when  
the vouchers are completed in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 17, 1917

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that it will be impossible for me to mail my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriations "Protection of game in Alaska, 1917, and "Suppressing Traffic in intoxicating liquors, Alaska, 1917," until after the 20th instant, for the reason that these accounts require the approval signature of the Governor, who has not yet returned to Juneau and the date of whose arrival in Juneau is as yet uncertain. The accounts are ready for the Governor's signature and will be mailed immediately upon his return and approval of the same.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 30, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,

Game Warden,

Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing voucher blank with the request that I fill the same out as a duplicate of your June voucher. I have filled out the duplicate voucher, but upon checking the voucher with the subvouchers, I find that I am obliged to return subvouchers 1 and 4 to you, as the information shown on them is incomplete.

Subvoucher No. 1 should show your title as well as your name, and the quantities and unit prices of the last two articles should be shown.

Subvoucher No. 4 should show your title as well as your name, and the quantity and unit price of the first item (pilot bread) should be shown.

I need hardly to explain that it is impossible to make an intelligent check of a bill which does not show the amount and unit price of a given article.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Encs.

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,  
Game Warden,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith subvouchers 10 and 16, which accompanied your expense account for the month of May. Subvoucher No. 10 contains two items which I have questioned and regarding which items it will be necessary for you to submit a statement, in duplicate, before they can be approved for payment. These items cover the purchase of gasoline and engine oil. There is nothing on the subvoucher nor in the expense account which explains why it was necessary for you to purchase the gasoline or engine oil, nor is there any explanation as to the use to which they were put. I assume that you had some arrangement for the use of a gas boat, but nothing in the accounts shows this.

I have questioned four items in subvoucher No. 16. This for the reason that the quantities of the various articles purchased do not appear on the subvoucher, and it is necessary that this information be shown before the account can be paid.

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Kindly furnish the necessary statement with regard to the two items in subvoucher No. 10 and have the quantities added where necessary in subvoucher No. 16; and, when this has been done, you are authorized to take these two subvouchers up in your next expense account, following the items covering the month for which that account is made out, and they will be covered in the check issued upon that voucher. In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the printed certificate slip should be attached to duplicate as well as original subvouchers.

I have deducted the amount of these two subvouchers, \$21.75, from your May expense account, and am passing the balance (\$65) for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 19, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to subvouchers Nos. 4 and 5 submitted with your May expense account, the former covering dinner for yourself and auto car driver at the Eighteen-mile roadhouse on May 16, and the latter covering gasoline for use on the trip with the auto car to the Eighteen-mile road house, I have to ask that you will kindly submit a statement, in duplicate, explaining the circumstances which occasioned these items of expenditure. Nothing in your expense account, nor on the face of the subvoucher, explains in any way why you should have paid for the driver's meal; nor is there any explanation as to why you purchased gasoline for use on the car.

I am passing the account for payment, but it will be necessary to have the explanation herein asked for in order that it may be attached to the voucher before it is forwarded to the Department with my accounts at the end of this quarter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith subvouchers one and two, which accompanied your expense account for the month of June. These subvouchers cover meals had by you on trips out of Anchorage, and I assume they were obtained on board of some launch or gas boat. If this is the case, a notation should be made on each subvoucher to show that the meals were had on board of a launch, and the name of the launch should be given.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

Dear Sir:

I return herewith both copies of subvoucher No. 1, which accompanied your expense account for the month of May. This subvoucher does not contain all of the information required by the regulations. In addition to that appearing on the subvoucher, there should be added the words "including meals and berth without extra charge over regular first-class fare."

It will be appreciated by this office if you will give closer attention to the preparation of your subvouchers covering steamship fares.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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July 28, 1917.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith requisition for \$1084.95 from the appropriation "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1917" and requisition for \$2235.82 from the appropriation "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1917."

Acting under telegraphic instructions from the Department this date (per Mr. E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary) I have closed my accounts under the two appropriations mentioned, under my bond of July 1, 1913, and have drawn checks in favor of the Treasurer of the United States for the unexpended balance in each appropriation, which balance is, in each case, the same amount as asked for in the enclosed requisitions. The checks have been enclosed to the Department with the accounts alluded to.

As there are some unpaid expense accounts of game wardens and special officers in the liquor service, which are payable from the appropriations for the fiscal year 1917, I have made the enclosed requisitions for funds with which to meet these expenses.

My new bond, dated July 7, was approved by the Department on July 9th, being in the sum of \$8,000.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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July 28, 1917.

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

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriations: "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1917," and "Suppressing Liquor Traffic, Alaska, 1917," for the period July 1, 1917, to July 28, 1917, inclusive, being the closing accounts under bond dated July 1, 1913. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Joint abstract of disbursements.
2. Joint Account Current, in duplicate.
3. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 19 inclusive.
4. Game check No. 835, this date, favor of Treasurer of United States, covering unexpended balance to my credit this date under the bond above mentioned, the amount being \$1084.95.
5. Liquor check No. 437, this date, favor of Treasurer of United States, covering unexpended balance of \$2235.82 to my credit this date under the bond above mentioned.

The accounts have been closed this date in accordance with Department telegram of today's date signed by Mr. E. J. Ayers, Acting Assistant Secretary, to me with respect to my accounts.

Respectfully yours,

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

Encls.

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Juneau, July 20, 1917. O B Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington.

Referring telegram twenty eighth from Acting Assistant Secretary Ayers my accounts were closed on twenty eighth in accordance Department telegram and they are now in mail together with checks favor Treasurer US for expendable balances aggregating three thousand three hundred twenty dollars seventy seven cents. Have also mailed delayed accounts for June quarter.

SHORTKILL, S. D. A.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 26, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

I hereby approve telegraphic requisition of this date made by Shorthill disbursing agent for credits from game and liquor appropriations fiscal year nineteen eighteen totaling four thousand five hundred dollars.

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 the Governor.

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Juneau, July 26, 1917. U. S. Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Respectfully request credit two thousand five hundred dollars from appropriation for protection game Alaska and two thousand dollars from appropriation for suppression liquor traffic Alaska, fiscal year nineteen eighteen and that I be advised by telegraph when credits placed. Combined balance under both appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen seventeen is three thousand three hundred twenty one dollars this date on my books.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 27, 1917

O. B.

Collector of Customs,

Seattle

General shipping licenses numbers fifty and fifty-one issued today to I. G. Breen and numbers 49 fifty-two and fifty-three issued to M. L. Adams, each license covering the shipment of one mountain sheep head. The persons named are passengers on steamer Northwestern passing through Juneau today and have trophies with them.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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July 27, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of the following general game shipping licenses to residents of Alaska, covering the shipment of game trophies from the Territory:

No. 50,	to I. G. Brown,	Anchorage,	1 mountain sheep head
No. 51.		do	
No. 52,	to M. L. Adams,	Fairbanks,	do
No. 53		do	do

The persons above mentioned are passengers on the steamship Northwestern, sailing from Juneau today, and their trophies are consigned to themselves at Seattle. As there is not time to get this letter in the mail for the Northwestern, we are advising you by telegraph of the issuance of the licenses so as to avoid delay of the shipment at Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith requisition in duplicate, for the sum of \$150 from the indefinite appropriation for "increase of compensation, fiscal year 1918," under the sundry civil appropriation act of June 13, 1917. This amount is desired for use in providing for the increase of compensation due to game wardens in the Territory of Alaska and whose regular compensation is paid from the appropriation for "Protection of Game in Alaska," of which appropriation I am the special disbursing agent.

Respectfully,

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

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Mr. Charles Neuhaus,  
Game Warden,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, containing your report for the month of June. I note that you have combined in the letter your report as game warden and your report as special employee. If you will refer to the instructions which were given you at the time you were appointed, you will note that you were directed to make these reports separately. In future please do this. As letters referring to game matters are not kept in the same file with those pertaining to the suppression of the liquor traffic, it is confusing to have both subjects covered in one letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 30, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, this date, of general game shipping license No. 54 to Schuyler B. Gregg, Fairbanks, Alaska, covering the shipment of one moose head (taken north of latitude 62°), two caribou heads and two mountain sheep heads.

The trophies in question will be consigned to H. H. Woolan, Rising Sun, Ohio, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 30, 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 June 30, 1917. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Abstract of disbursements
2. Account current (in duplicate)
3. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 42, inc.
4. Liquor vouchers Nos. 1 to 29, inc.

Respectfully,

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

Encs.

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

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July 30, 1917

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my account as special disbursing agent for the collection, disbursement and deposit of license fees under the Alaska game law, for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1917. The account is accompanied by license memorandum stubs and duplicate certificate of deposit slip covering the licenses issued and the fees collected, disbursed and deposited.

Respectfully,

Governor and Special Disbursing  
Agent

Encs.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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July 30, 1917

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Mr. Schuyler B. Gregg,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Surveyor General, has been referred to this office, together with the enclosure accompanying it.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 54, issued to you to cover the trophies mentioned in your letter. There are also enclosed two copies of an affidavit form which is necessary to be used when making the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 31, 1917

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Sir:

Referring to Department letter of April 26 last, addressed to the Governor, enclosing list of differences in my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917, in connection with disbursements from the appropriations for the suppression of the liquor traffic and the protection of game in Alaska, I beg to enclose herewith duplicate certificate of deposit No. 1 of this date, covering deposit of the sum of \$4.50 for credit, subject to check in my special disbursing account under the appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic. This deposit covers an overpayment of \$4.50 in voucher No. 9, Joseph A. Bourke, traveling expenses, October, 1916.

Respectfully,

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

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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