

December 15, 1915

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 3 (Hon. E. Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), respecting the administration of the federal appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska for the fiscal year 1916; also directing the attention of this office to the Department's telegram of July 27, 1915, in substance, requesting that, on or about December 1, a recommendation be submitted for the employment of persons in the above service, for the six months ending June 30, 1916, and asking an expression of my views as to the desirability of then employing Mr. Jack Robinson, in this service; the Department also directs attention to an extract from a letter of this office to the Department under date of July 27, 1915, with reference, among other things, to the employment of Robinson.

In reply I have the honor to advise that, on December 1, I forwarded a recommendation to the Department that the special employees now engaged in the service be again ap-

pointed for the six months ending June 30, 1916, for reasons, substantially, as given in my letter to the Department of July 21, namely, that, in order to make a place for Robinson, one of the present employees would have to be removed; and, inasmuch as, in my opinion, all are rendering faithful and efficient service, it would be an act of injustice to remove any one of them at this time. The fund available will not permit the permanent employment of another officer.

I wish to say that, personally, I have no objection to the appointment of Robinson, and I wish also to disclaim any personal or political interest in the matter of these appointments. All the special employees are permanent residents of the Territory, and Mr. Robinson is not, nor has he been since the spring of 1913, and I fear it would not be good policy to remove one of these men to make room for another who would, rightly or wrongly, be considered an outsider. I am stating this frankly for the consideration of the Department. This matter of patronage, petty and otherwise, is a source of continual, and often unreasonable, complaint, misrepresentation, and downright abuse or worse; so much so that I would gladly be relieved of even making recommendations, although in no way desirous of shirking or evading any responsibility devolving upon this office in

any public matter. I have to add that, if it is the Department's desire to appoint Robinson, I shall, of course, interpose no further objection, having fairly stated the case and outlined the situation as I view it, in accordance with what I conceive to be my duty as between the Department and the people of the Territory.

The special employees now in the service, with their post office addresses, are:

First Judicial Division, Joseph A. Snow, Junction

Second Judicial Division, Thomas Gaffney, Reno

Third Judicial Division, Joseph A. Bourke, Valdez

Fourth Judicial Division, A. E. Light, Ruby

Very respectfully,

Governor

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

December 16, 1915

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of November second, and thank you for the information contained therein.

The excitement resulting from the "late unpleasantness" has subsided, and matters are running along much as before.

It is not my understanding that the officers working under the direction of this office, are to be placed under civil service; at least, we have had no information to that effect thus far. The Governor recently forwarded to the Department a letter recommending the reappointment of the four special employees now on the rolls, and it is hoped that they will be reappointed for the six months ending June 30, 1916.

Neither the activity of an officer, nor the value of his work can be accurately measured by the number of arrests made within a given period. In fact, the ideal condition would be one in which no arrests were made, but we can hardly hope to realize the ideal for some time to come. There

has been a marked improvement in conditions among the natives, in so far as the traffic in liquor is concerned, during the past two years, and this improvement is due almost wholly to the activities of the special employees working under the direction of this office.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

December 17, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Dr. J. A. Baughman of Seward, in which he says:

"While I was at Soldovia, some of the people complained to me that the natives were making sourdough beer and getting drunk. I did not see any of them drunk, however.

"They say the best way to stop the brewing of beer is for the revenue cutter to call in and destroy all of the beer barrels they brew the beer in."

I am forwarding this for your information, as it may be possible for you to make an investigation, should you deem it necessary to do so. As for the revenue cutter calling at Soldovia and destroying the beer barrels, this, I believe, would be altogether impracticable.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 17, 1915

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 31, together with your several reports for that month.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is pleased to learn of the very noticeable improvement in the work of suppressing the liquor traffic among the natives in your district. This is, no doubt, largely due to the vigilance exercised by yourself and the other officers of the Government in the Fourth Judicial Division who are charged with the execution of the laws. It is also gratifying to know that saloon-keepers are now trying to obey the orders of the court and United States Attorney in the matter of keeping records of their sales. This is an admirable provision, and one which I wish could be adopted in all of the Judicial Divisions of the Territory. I believe that such a regulation is in force in the Second Judicial Division, but not in the First and Third.

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I am also pleased to know that the general health of the natives along the river is good, and that they have been enabled to secure plenty of fish. It is also to be hoped that the fur catch this winter will be good, as prices of furs seem to have advanced materially over those of last year.

I hear good reports as to the mining output of the Ruby district, and I hope that the camp will continue to prosper indefinitely.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Juneau, December 22, 1915. O. B.

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McDonald, Agent Alaska S. S. Co.,

SEWARD.

Please advise what your first-class fare was between Seward and Anchorage
in July last, quoting number and date of tariff sheet covering.

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.

January 6, 1916

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Miss Lula Graves,
School Teacher,
Eagle, Alaska

My dear Miss Graves:

The receipt of your letter of December 6, with reference to matters pertaining to your school, and affairs in the native village, is acknowledged. I have noted carefully your statements, and I regret exceedingly that the missionary seems to have placed himself in a position of such hostility to the welfare of the Indians of the community. In fact, such attitude is almost inconceivable and I must frankly confess, I fail to understand it. However, you must make the best of the situation, trusting that it will be clarified in due season, and that the handicaps under which you labor will be speedily removed, and a better condition established. It is a matter, of course, over which I have no jurisdiction, and can only express my sympathy with you in the work that you are trying to do.

I satisfied myself, during my brief visit at your village last summer, that your work is bearing fruit, and that

the condition of the Indians has been greatly improved through your painstaking efforts in their behalf. It is not the intention of this office to appoint a native police in the place of Jim Juneby, deceased.

If you can secure any additional information with respect to the pollution of the Yukon waters by oil-burning steamers, I will thank you for it, as stated in my letter to you of November 9, enclosing a copy of a letter received at this office from Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. I have no doubt that, if the waters are polluted, by oil-burning steamers, to such an extent that it is detrimental to salmon fishing in those waters, some action will be taken by the Department of the Interior to prevent it.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 8, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your telegram of December 27, in which you state that you propose to leave for the Yukon Delta on January 3 to investigate violations of the liquor laws there, and also at the new camp at the mouth of the Koyuk River en route.

I trust that your trip will be productive of results. I have to advise you that your report of conditions in the Delta country, made last year, was incorporated in the annual report of the Governor for the fiscal year 1915, a copy of which will be forwarded to you as soon as the reports for distribution have arrived. It is assumed that you will return to Nome in about sixty days.

I would be pleased if you would advise me as to conditions in the Second Division, political and otherwise, and trust that a delegation to the forthcoming Territorial Convention will be selected that will be favorable to the federal administration, and to the Territorial administra-

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tion as well. I think that both deserve endorsement. You will kindly consider this paragraph as personal and not official.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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I remember Billy Newman, to whom you refer, but did not know that he had fallen so low that he had become a bootlegger. It is too bad, but I suppose such was to be expected.

I hope that the Indian potlatches passed off without being attended by violations of the law or debauchery of any kind.

I also note what you say as to there being no deputy marshal at Nulato. According to information received at this office, Mr. Berg, the deputy formerly stationed there, will be returned to Nulato. I hope that he will, at all events.

The last annual report of the Governor will be forwarded to you within a few days, or as soon as a supply is received from Washington for distribution. In this report I have again recommended that a launch be supplied for your work in the Fourth Division, and that another be provided for the employee in the Third Division.

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your very interesting report of your work of November 2. I appreciate the fact that, notwithstanding the freeze-up and the consequent stoppage of navigation, you have been enabled to keep busy, and apparently have done some excellent preventive work. Your policy of keeping in touch with trappers and wood-cutters will no doubt be fruitful of results, and enable you to keep informed as to the distribution of whiskey among the natives in your district.

It is a good sign when the natives get peeved because of the fact that their supply of liquor has been shut off. It shows that some good work is being done in spite of themselves and their desire to drink booze. It is an old saying that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and, somehow or other, the longer I live the more I am impressed by the truth of this homely proverb. I am also glad to note that the natives, generally, are in good condition, and that they have plenty of food, also that sickness is at a minimum.

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With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

JUNEAU, JANUARY 12, 1916. O. B.

Thomas Gaffney,

HOME.

**Secretary Interior reappoints you for period January one to
June thirty, same salary and expense account.**

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.

JURAU, JANUARY 12, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL from Heleshi.

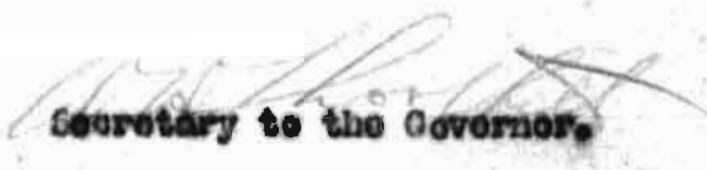
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RUBY.

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STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU, JANUARY 12, 1916. O. B.

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Joseph A. Bourke,

VALDEZ.

Secretary Interior reappoints you for period January one to June thirty same
salary and expense account.

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 mail.


Secretary to the Governor.

January 17, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the fifth instant (E. Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), transmitting letters of reappointment for special employees Bourke, Gaffney, Light and Snow, for the period January 1 to June 30, 1916, in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska. The letters of appointment are being transmitted to the officers in question, together with oath-of-office blanks, with instructions to execute the oaths of office, and mail them to this office. As soon as the same have been received, they will be forwarded to the Department.

The officers in question have been granted the same monthly expense allowance as that heretofore in effect.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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January 17, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith letter of appointment issued to you under date of the 31st ultimo, continuing your services for the period of six months beginning January 1, 1916. Accompanying the letter of appointment is an oath of office in duplicate, which you will please execute and return to this office.

Your expense allowance during the period of the appointment in question will be the same as that heretofore in effect.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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January 17, 1916

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Mr. Albert E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith letter of appointment issued to you under date of the 31st ultimo, continuing your services for the period of six months beginning January 1, 1916. Accompanying the letter of appointment is an oath of office in duplicate, which you will please execute and return to this office.

Your expense allowance during the period of the appointment in question will be the same as that heretofore in effect.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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January 17, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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January 17, 1916

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

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Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, January 19, 1916. O. B.

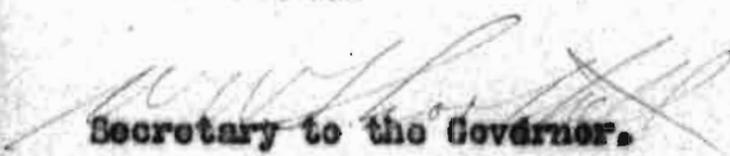
Thomas Gaffney,

HOME.

Wire amount your November and December expense accounts.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, January 18, 1916. O. B.

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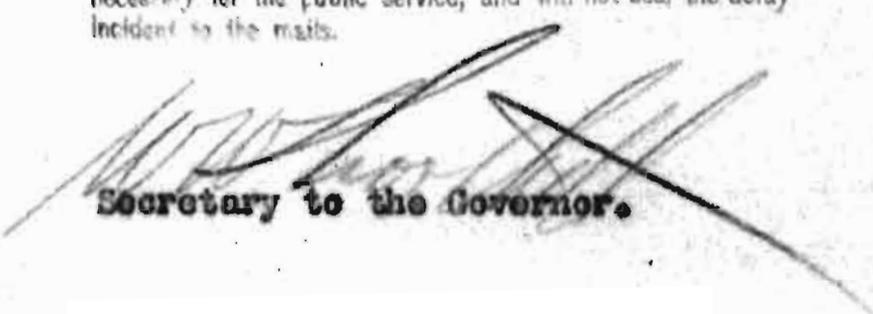
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Secretary to the Governor.

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I am pleased to note that your efforts in enlisting the Indians against drinking whiskey, is having its effect, and that fewer violations of the law are reported and less drinking is apparent. I hope that they will continue to make good, and that their resolutions will not fall by the wayside.

I am surprised to learn that the men of the United States Signal Corps give out information as to your whereabouts. This is a direct violation of their oaths, and I shall make it the occasion of a complaint, through the Interior Department, to the War Department, if you believe it would be advisable to do so.

With reference to the unprime fox skins referred to in your letter, I have to advise you that I wired the Inspector of Fisheries yesterday, who is also fur warden, at Wrangell, to look into the cases complained of.

I note what you say with reference to the need of a doctor at Ruby and, in this connection, let me say that I hope Mrs. Light has fully recovered her health. I met Doctor Lamb while at Nulato last summer, and was very favorably impressed with him.

I also note that you say our old friend, O. K. Snow, has struck splendid pay on a tributary of Birch Creek. I hope

February 3, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your very interesting report of January second. I am pleased to learn that the general condition of the natives is improved, that they have some money among them and sufficient provisions to last them for some time.

I trust that they do not impoverish themselves during the potlatch, and wish it were possible to secure legislation to abolish the holding of potlatches by the natives. I fear, however, that legislation of this kind cannot be obtained for some time. Therefore, the only way that remains is to discourage the practice through the education of the natives, and the inculcation of the idea that potlatches are altogether bad and pernicious in their effect upon the native people. I may say, in this connection, that potlatches among the Indians of coastal Alaska are now almost practically unknown. This condition has been brought about through education and example, the Indians having learned that potlatches were discountenanced by the white people, and that they were of no benefit to the Indians, as a people.

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that he will secure the well-filled pike which we often read about but which we so seldom see.

There are many complaints regarding the inefficiency of the mail service this winter. We have even cause for complaint here in Juneau, where several times we have not received mail for ten or twelve days from Seattle. Therefore, you, no doubt, are suffering, too, as a consequence.

We have had some very severe weather of late—high winds and the mercury touching about 14 below zero. As a result havoc has been wrought with plumbing in the different houses about the town, and the plumbers will shortly reap a harvest; that is, as soon as the pipes begin to thaw and leaks are apparent.

Wishing you continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

February 5, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 3, with reference to the selling of extracts to Indians by numerous grocery stores and general merchandise stores throughout the First Judicial Division.

I have to thank you for your letter, and I wish to advise you that I will at once cause an investigation to be made of the alleged violation of the law by the aforesaid grocery and general merchandise stores.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 5, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, together with your report for the month of December, and a letter received by you from Mr. Chesley W. Cook, teacher of the public school at Tatitlek, with reference to the drunken conduct of Father Orloff, the Russian priest located at that place. While it is to be regretted that a priest of any church should be a drunkard, either public or private, it is a matter in which we cannot interfere in any way.

I note what you say with reference to the sourdough whiskey cases at Seldevia, and I trust that the method adopted by you to prevent the woman mentioned from brewing this mixture, will be effective. I also note that you have been instructed, by the United States Attorney's office to the effect that Chapter 51, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, which amended section 2022, Compiled Laws of Alaska, is inoperative, and that native liquor cases hereafter be dealt

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with under the previous law. I understand that this procedure is also being followed in the First and other judicial divisions.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 9, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of December 11, 1915 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in reply to office letter of November 30 last, in which inquiry was made as to the procedure to be followed in the case of Jim Juneby, formerly native police officer at Eagle, Alaska, who died on November 6 last. At the time my letter of November 30 was written, it was understood that Juneby left no estate or family, and the Department's letter of December 11, above mentioned, was based upon the same understanding. It appears, however, that Juneby did leave a family consisting of a wife and three small children. This information was conveyed to the Department in office letter of December 9, 1915.

In view of this state of facts, I have the honor to request instructions as to the procedure to be followed in making settlement with the widow of the deceased, covering the amount of \$34 due to Juneby as salary at the time of his death.

Respectfully yours,

Benjamin D. Antero

Governor

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February 16, 1916.

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

Sir:

I have the honor again to refer to Department letter of September 1, 1915 (Assistant Secretary Be Sweeney), returning certain documents in connection with my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriation for Suppression of Liquor Traffic, Alaska, 1915, for the final quarter of that fiscal year; and in which exception was taken to the form of execution of sub-voucher No. 9 accompanying voucher No. 3, Thomas Gaffney, Special Employee.

I now transmit sub-voucher 9, above alluded to, which I have cancelled, together with a corrected sub-voucher of the same number and covering the same items, and bearing the same date, which has been properly executed by the St. Michaels agent of the Northern Commercial Company. I trust this matter is now in proper form for approval and reference to the Auditor.

Respectfully yours,

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

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February 23, 1916

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Mr. W. C. McCallister,
Albion, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 8th instant, requesting information with regard to the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, and asking for an application blank for employment in that service.

In reply you are advised that the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of this Territory is carried on under the authority of an act of Congress which annually appropriates the sum of \$15,000 for this work. The work is carried on under the direction of the Governor's office, four officers being employed throughout the year.

There is no form of application blank in use, and, owing to the limited appropriation available, it is not possible, at the present time, to add to the personnel of the service, nor are any changes anticipated therein.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, February 25, 1916. O. B.

Thomas Gaffney,

HONOR.

Can increase your expense allowance for period March first to June thirty.
Wire estimate amount you can use to advantage.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR.

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Juneau, February 25, 1916. O. B. Via mail from Holeski.

A. E. Light,

Ruby.

Wire estimate amount you can use for expenses during period March first to June thirty. Can allow material increase over present limit.

STRONG, GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 25, 1916. O. B.

J. A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Wire estimate amount you can use for expenses during period
March first to June thirty, figuring on all possible necessary travel. Can
allow material increase in expenses during period named.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 25, 1916, O. B.

Andrew Heoy,

Game Warden,

TANANA.

Referring recent telegram and letter relative transfer to Tanana you are advised transfer is temporary only and your expenses at Tanana may be covered in your monthly expense account. Request you wire estimate of amount you will require for all expenses during period March first to June thirty.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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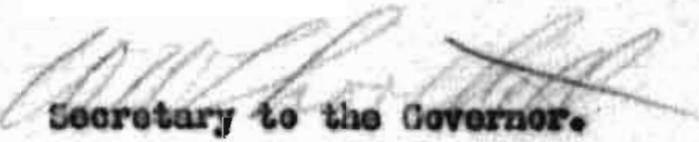
Juneau, February 25, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM CORDOVA.

Peter S. Erickson,

Game Warden, McCarthy.

Submit estimate of amount you will require for expenses during period from
March first to June thirty. Put in form of telegram and mail to cable office
Cordova for transmission by cable from there.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

February 26, 1916

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Rev. Guy H. Madara,

Chena, Alaska

My dear Mr. Madara:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 2 with reference to liquor traffic among the natives of the Nenana and tributary districts.

I have noted carefully what you say in your letter. I am not surprised at what you tell me concerning James Duke, who, although I do not know him personally, has a reputation as being a notorious character, and apparently a man without scruples of any kind. It would please me very much, indeed, if evidence could be secured sufficient to insure Duke's conviction and sentence to a penitentiary for a time. This at least, if it did not reform him, would put him out of the way of doing harm, for a limited time, at least.

I have also had a letter from Mr. Hoey with regard to conditions at Nenana and outlying districts, and I am now considering the transfer of Mr. Hoey to Nenana upon the opening of navigation. While Mr. Hoey receives his compensation from the game fund, he is also an ex officio special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, without pay, however.

I have recently taken up with the Department the advisability of employing special agents from time to time temporarily in this work, these to be compensated during the period of their services. The matter is now pending in the Department, and I have not been advised as to its action, but probably will be within a short time. I fully appreciate your statement that Nenana will be a more important center next year, because of the activity which will be manifested at that place, owing to railroad construction. I am sure that, if Mr. Hooy is stationed there, he will render efficient service, as I have found him always to be a capable and conscientious man.

I have to thank you for your letter, and I wish to again assure you that this office will be, at all times, pleased to hear from you, and will give due consideration to any suggestion that you may have to make, as I appreciate fully the whole-hearted interest that you are taking in the welfare of the natives and, incidentally, the whole people of your district.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 1, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your several reports for the month of January and note your continued activity. I am pleased to know that there seems to be a decrease in the violations of the law relating to the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, as well as the game law. This must be due, in great part, to the activity and intelligence displayed by yourself and other officers connected with the service. It is gratifying to know that your work is being commended by the great majority of the people. I understand that the winter has been very severe in interior Alaska, and, of course, I knew that this interfered with your movements.

I expect to leave for southern California for a vacation about the middle of March. My health has not been good at all, and I want to get a little sunshine. During my absence I shall probably visit Washington and discuss with the Department, matters affecting the welfare of the Territory. I shall also, if possible, endeavor to secure an appropriation for a swift launch for your use on the Yukon

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River, but I may say that it is problematical whether I shall be successful. We also need a swift launch in western Alaska .

With very best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor

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JUNEAU, MARCH 1, 1916. O. B.

A. E. Light,

GIBBON.

Replying yours yesterday additional expense allowance March ^{first} to June thirty amounting to four hundred fifteen dollars, for purposes stated by you, will be allowed.

STROM, GOVERNOR.

Letters, as well as telegrams for official business, and
articles for the public service, and will not bear the delay
incident to the mails.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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February 28, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of the first instant, and note that you are out of expense account blanks and the latest form of letter-head, but that you have an ample supply of the old letter-head form. I am mailing you today a number of expense account blanks in letter envelopes, which will, no doubt, reach you without unnecessary delay. As there is a supply of stationery on the way to you and you have a quantity of the old letter-head form on hand, I shall not forward any more letter-heads until further requested by you.

Am sorry to learn that you were so badly used by Jack Frost. The winter in this section was one of the worst that even the proverbial old-timers ever saw.

A copy of the Governor's last report was mailed to you a couple of weeks ago; I think you will find the same very interesting. Have also sent you a number of copies of his annual report on the Alaska Game Law.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 1, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 6, in which you state that you expected to leave Nome for the Yukon Delta on January 3. I notice, however, by the Nome newspapers, that weather conditions prevented you from leaving your headquarters until January 6. Of course, by the time this reaches you, you will have returned to Nome. I trust that your trip was productive of results, directly and indirectly, and I shall await your report with much interest.

I expect to leave about March 15 for a vacation in southern California, and I shall probably visit Washington during my absence. While in Washington I shall discuss with the Department heads, matters appertaining to the welfare of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 1, 1916

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Mr. Andrew Hoey,
Game Warden,
Tanana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report of activities for the month of January. I have also noted carefully the statements that you make with reference to the case of one James Duke, whom I know too well by reputation as a persistent violator of the law which forbids the traffic in liquor with natives. It would give me much pleasure if sufficient evidence could be gathered to convict Duke; that he is guilty of flagrant violations of this law is apparent.

I also note what you say with reference to the anticipated activity at Nonana next summer, and I am inclined to agree with your statement that there will be doubtless more or less trafficking in liquors by bootleggers and "hootch" peddlers. It is possible that there also may be many infractions of the game law. I am, therefore, considering the suggestion that you be transferred from Fairbanks to Nonna, at least during the summer months. The order for this transfer will be issued in due course. In this connection, I would like to be advised as to the best time for taking up your headquarters at Nonana. You can advise me of

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this in the meantime. I have in mind that probably about June 1 would witness the beginning of railroad activity at Nonana. In the meantime, you are under instructions to remain at Tanana until further notice. However, the fact that you are on the ground at all times puts you in close touch with conditions, and if, in your opinion, you believe that your services would be productive of more good elsewhere, I have to suggest that you use your own judgment in this respect.

Mr. McDonald has written me with reference to duplicating the trip that he made last spring, namely, up the river as far as Eagle, visiting different places en route. I do not believe that such was accomplished by him on this trip, and should like to have your opinion as to this.

Write me fully, making any suggestions that you may have in mind for the good of the service—either in enforcing the provisions of the game law or the law for the suppression of the liquor traffic among natives.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 4, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your report of activities for the month of January, dated at Kaltag on January 31. I note that you were on your way to the Yukon Delta, and trust that you found conditions in that section as good as might be expected, under the circumstances. This office is pleased to note that your work in all the places which you visited last winter has borne good results.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, March 9, 1916. O. B.

Gaffney,

NOME.

When replying telegram February twenty fifth advise also amount year February expenses.

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.

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Juneau, March 9, 1916. O. B.

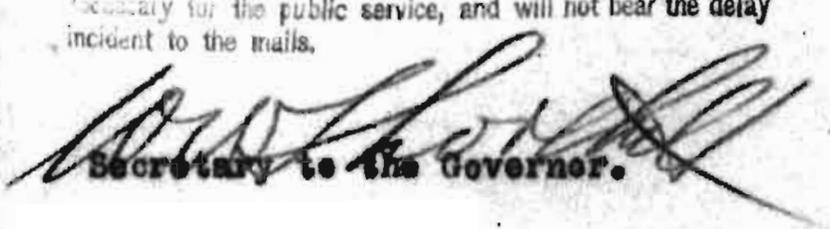
BOURKE,

VALDEZ.

When replying telegram February twenty fifth advise also amount your January and February expense accounts.

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.

March 17, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The Interior Department has requested that the supplies covered by your subvoucher No. 1, submitted with your September, 1915, expense account be itemized. This subvoucher is dated at Seldevia September 8, 1915, and covers "food taken and used on launch trip in Cook Inlet, September 8 to 17", the amount being \$6.40. The subvoucher is signed by Anton Johansen.

In accordance with the Department's request, please furnish an itemized statement of the articles purchased, showing the quantity, unit price and cost of each.

Respectfully yours

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, March 14, 1916. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

St. Michael.

Replying yours yesterday can allow you four hundred fifty March expenses. Wire this office April first or soon as reach telegraph office after that date and you will be advised as to allowance for April.

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.

Wm. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

March 18, 1916

CIRCULAR NO. 9

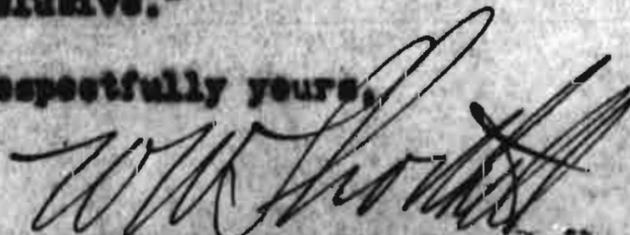
To All Special Employees:

In future, when making out your subvouchers and expense accounts, please observe the following instructions:

1. Dates should always be specified by the names of the months, and not in figures only; thus: March 25, not 3/25. Recognized abbreviations of the names of the months may be used as "Jan." for January.

2. In the case of subvouchers covering the purchase of groceries and provisions for use on trails, etc., it is requested that where such purchases cover supplies for a particular trip, that is, a trip to some definite town or place, the subvoucher contain the explanation that the provisions are "for use on trip to _____," designating the name of the place. Where provisions are for use on several trips, it is requested that, when making up the expense account at the end of the month, the places visited during the time the provisions were being used, be specified on the expense account form itself, as a part of the explanation of the item. For example, provisions purchased by the warden at Fairbanks for a trip to Salcha River and return would be covered by a subvoucher on which would be written the explanation: "For use on trail trip to Salcha River and return, March 10 to 15, inclusive." In the event provisions were purchased for a general trip of investigation in which a number of places were to be visited, the subvoucher need not show these places, but on the expense account form itself, at the end of the month, the warden would enter the item with the explanation: "For use on trail trip to Salcha river, Goodpastor river, Delta, Clear Creek, and return to Fairbanks, March 15 to 25, inclusive."

Respectfully yours,



Secretary to the Governor

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March 18, 1916

Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to recent telegraphic correspondence relative to estimated expenses for the period March 1 to June 30, I beg to confirm the Governor's telegram of the first instant, addressed to you at Fort Given, advising that an additional expense allowance of \$415 would be allowed for the period in question. This, with your regular allowance of \$325 per month, will make a total for the period of \$1315, the full amount of which it is hoped that you will be able to use to the advantage of the service, since we do not wish to turn back any funds into the United States Treasury if the money can be made use of in connection with the work.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 18, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

I write to confirm telegram of the 14th instant, addressed to you at St. Michael, in reply to yours of the 13th, in which you were advised that you would be allowed \$450 for March expenses, and in which you were directed to communicate with this office, by telegraph, on April 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, for instructions as to your allowance for April.

The returns are not all in, as yet, from the various special employees, and it is impossible at this time to determine just how much each of these officers can be allowed for expense money up to and including June 30. It is expected that, by April first, however, these returns will all be in, and it will probably then be possible to advise you definitely as to how much will be available for your expenses, not only for the month of April, but also for the months of May and June. We, of course, do not wish to turn

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any funds back into the United States Treasury at the end of the fiscal year, if the money can be advantageously used in the service, and on the other hand, we must be careful to keep our authorisations within the limits of the fund available.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, March 23, 1916. O. B.

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J. A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Authorized expense for March one hundred fifty, April two hundred fifty.
May first wire actual amount April expense and you will be advised as to
allowance for May and June.

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.

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March 25, 1916

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Mr. J. W. Coleman,
Government teacher,
Unalaska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d
instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the sup-
pression of the liquor traffic among the whites and natives
of the Aleutian Islands and the Bristol Bay region.

Governor Strong is now in the States, and will not re-
turn to Juneau until about May 1. I am forwarding your let-
ter to him for consideration, and you will, no doubt, hear
from him in due course.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

MEMO

March 25, 1916

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a letter of the 23d ultimo just received from Mr. J. W. Coleman, Government teacher at Unalaska, with regard to the liquor traffic among the natives and others in that section. Mr. Coleman expresses a willingness to serve as an officer during the period June 1 to September 1, but does not say whether he would be willing to do so without compensation. Even if he would be willing to serve without compensation, he would, no doubt, expect to receive his traveling expenses.

Under the present distribution of the liquor appropriation, it would seem hardly feasible to use Mr. Coleman. It occurs to me that, since Mr. Bourke seems to be having comparatively little trouble in the field usually covered by him, it might be possible to transfer him for a few months during the summer to Unalaska. The various places named by Mr. Coleman, in the first page of his letter, are in the near vicinity of Unalaska, and Mr. Bourke's presence there for a few months would, no doubt, have a very good effect.

I have acknowledge receipt of the letter, advising Mr. Coleman that it is being forwarded to you for consideration.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

March 30, 1916

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Messrs. D. Appleton & Co.,
29-35 West 32d street,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, advising of the forwarding on that date of the 1916 edition of the American Year Book for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. The book has been received and placed on the shelves of the library.

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher covering your bill of \$3 for the volume in question. Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company, and upon its return to this office, a check will be sent you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 3, 1916

Rev. George B. Burgess,

Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 13 last, addressed to the Governor, advising the death of Jim Juneby, native police officer, and inquiring as to the payment of a bill due the Eagle Trading Company for goods furnished Juneby prior to his death, beg to advise that since it appears that Juneby left a wife and children, the amount due him from the Government at the time of his death will have to be paid to the widow.

It is requested that you kindly advise this office what, if any, estate other than the \$34 due from the Government, was left by Juneby at the time of his death. Also please advise the amount of the Eagle Trading Company's bill. The only way in which the Eagle Trading Company could obtain payment of this bill (other than by the voluntary payment thereof by the widow), would be to institute proceedings and ask for the appointment of an administrator for the estate. Upon the appointment of such administrator, the company could then file and publish its claim for payment from any funds which might be derived from property belonging to the estate. It is prob-

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able, however, that the expense of such proceedings would be more than the amount of the bill, and that the company would not care to take such action.

Also will you please advise what, if any, expenses were incurred in connection with the burial of Juneby, and whether or not the same were paid by the widow. This information is necessary in the preparation of an affidavit to be executed by the widow in connection with her claim for the salary due to Juneby at the time of his death.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 4, 1916

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Mr. Charles Neuhaus,
Game Warden and Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11th last, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to what steps can be taken against natives for soliciting liquor.

In reply you are advised that, unfortunately, there seems to be no way of stopping this practice. Some two or three years ago, in this division, an Indian was arrested for soliciting a white man to buy liquor for him. The case was instituted upon the theory that the common law was in force in the Territory of Alaska, and a conviction was obtained in the lower court upon the charge of "inciting another to commit a crime," which was a misdemeanor under the common law. However, upon an appeal being taken to the Circuit Court, the action of the lower court was reversed and the defendant ordered discharged, the Circuit Court holding that the common law is not in force in Alaska.

There is no provision of the Criminal Code of Alaska which covers a case of this kind. The Alaska Territorial legislature, at its 1915 session, attempted to cover this

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phase of the liquor situation by the enactment of Chapter 61 of the 1915 session laws, which makes it a misdemeanor for any person to sell, barter, or give any Indian any intoxicating liquors or extracts. The act also provides that every Indian who shall wrongfully and wilfully solicit, incite or induce any person to furnish him or her with such liquors, shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in the section. A copy of the act referred to is enclosed herewith.

I may say, however, that this act has been held to be void, at least in so far as the selling or bartering of liquor is concerned, since, to that extent at least, it exceeds the authority granted to the legislature by Congress. Section 9 of the act providing for a legislative assembly in Alaska, contains, among other things, the proviso that the manufacture and sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors shall be carried on only under such regulations and restrictions as Congress shall provide. This provision evidently precludes the legislature from enacting any legislation which affects the manufacture or sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors. I am informed that the Attorney General has sent instructions to each of the United States Attorneys in the Territory, advising them to disregard the Territorial act

referred to and proceed under the federal law as heretofore,
in all cases involving the furnishing of liquor to natives.

Apparently, therefore, there is no way of reaching the
Indian who solicits unless, of course, after receiving the
liquor he in turn furnishes it to some other native, in which
case he can, of course, be prosecuted for furnishing liquor
to an Indian.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 5, 1916. O. B.

Gaffney,

St. Michael.

Replying yours yesterday your April expenses will be limited to four hundred twenty five dollars. On first of May wire actual amount April expenses and you will be advised as to allowance for month of May.

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 attendant to the mails.

~~Secretary to the Governor.~~

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MEMO

Juneau, April 8, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

A few days ago a letter was received from Mr. Neuhaus, game warden and special employee, Nome, stating that there have come to his mind quite a number of cases of Indians soliciting white men to furnish them with liquor, and inquiring whether or not there was no way of proceeding against such Indians. Mr. Neuhaus explained that he had submitted the matter to District Attorney Saxton, who had been unable to find any law covering this particular class of cases.

You will remember that two or three years ago one or two Indians in this division were prosecuted for soliciting, the prosecution being based upon a section of the federal statutes which made the common law effective in Alaska, except as otherwise provided—or words to that effect. One of these cases, commonly known as the Dan Let case, was appealed to the Circuit Court which held that the common law does not apply in Alaska; on the theory, I suppose, that our civil and criminal codes have been enacted for the very purpose of eliminating the common law procedure. This, of course, removed the only possibility of prosecuting this

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class of cases.

The 1913 session of the Alaska legislature passed an act (Chapter 22, Session Laws, 1913), making it a misdemeanor for any person to wilfully and knowingly solicit, incite or induce another to commit any act declared to be a misdemeanor in this Territory. Since, however, the crime of furnishing liquor to an Indian is a felony and not a misdemeanor, this chapter fails to cover the case of an Indian soliciting a white man to furnish him liquor. The 1915 session of the legislature, as you will remember, passed an act (Chapter 51, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915), attempting to amend section 2022 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, by making the furnishing of liquor to an Indian a misdemeanor, and by providing that any Indian soliciting liquor should be subject to the same punishment as the person furnishing the liquor. Since, however, this act affected the sale of liquor, it violated the inhibitions of the act creating the legislature, and Judge Jennings, in a case brought under this act, took the view that, while it might be possible to prosecute either the white man or the Indian in a transaction where liquor was given, no prosecution could follow in a case where liquor was sold. I understand that the Attorney General has issued instructions to the United States Attorneys in the Territory, advising them to continue the prosecution of all Indian liquor cases under section 2022 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, and to disregard chapter 51 of the 1915 Session Laws.

From the foregoing, therefore, it would seem that there is absolutely no way, at the present time, of prosecuting an Indian who solicits liquor, and yet there is nothing more desirable than that there should be a way of proceeding criminally against such Indians.

I have written the foregoing, thinking that you might deem it advisable, while in Washington, to take the matter up with the Secretary of the Interior and, perhaps, the Department of Justice, with a view to the amendment of section 2022, above mentioned, so as to provide a means of proceeding criminally against Indians who solicit liquor from white men. As you know, there is considerable popular demand for the prosecution of Indians, in connection with the liquor traffic among them, and an amendment providing for such prosecution would not only be effective in further limiting the traffic, but would meet this popular demand for the meting out of some kind of punishment to the Indian.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

April 14, 1916.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, calling attention to an apparent discrepancy in the amount of my check-book balance for December 31, 1915, symbol 69004, and suggesting a possible error in reporting total checks issued during that month.

Upon an examination of my accounts I find that an error was made in reporting the total amount of checks issued in December; the amount being given as \$855.08, whereas it should have been \$1513.42. The record of the checks issued was contained on parts of two pages of the check-record sheets, and in making up the report I overlooked the second sheet, the amount of issued checks shown thereon for December being \$658.34. The correct total of checks issued in December, therefore, is \$1513.42, and the check-book balance for the month \$1995.00, as previously reported.

Respectfully yours,

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

The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

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April 14, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith check No. 306 of this date in the sum of \$12, covering your January expense account, and check No. 307 of the same date, in the sum of \$145.42, covering your February expense account as corrected in this office. Your February account, as submitted, was for \$145.80, but upon checking the same I found an error of 13 cents in the item covered by subvoucher 9, and an error of 25 cents in the item covered by subvoucher No. 14. It was, therefore, necessary to make a reduction of 38 cents in your expense account. Your subvoucher No. 9 covers 7-3/4 days, meals and room, at \$4.50 per day. The correct amount of this voucher is, therefore, \$34.87, instead of \$35, as shown by you. Subvoucher No. 14 covers meals and room rent for 3 1/2 days at \$4.50 per day. The correct amount of this subvoucher is \$15.75 instead of \$16, as shown by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, April 15, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM MELOZI.

A. E. Light,

RUBY.

On May first wire actual amount your March and April expense accounts. Upon receipt of such that information you will be advised by wire as to allowance for May and June. It will probably be necessary materially reduce allowance for these months.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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April 15, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

On receipt of this letter, please wire me the amount of your March expense account, if you have not in the meantime forwarded it to this office. On May 1, please wire me the amount of your expense account for April, and on June 1 the amount of your May expense account. Upon receipt of your telegram advising your actual April expenses, you will be informed by wire as to your allowance for May and June.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 19, 1916

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Mr. Joseph A. Snow,
Special Employee,
c/o United States Deputy Marshal,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

In response to your request of the 15th instant, I am sending herewith a few expense account voucher blanks. I note that you expect to remain in the Ketchikan section for some time and hope that the weather conditions will be such that you will be able to cover a large amount of Territory.

Did you incur any expense during the month of March? If so, I have not as yet received your expense account.

Will you please wire me on May 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, the amount of your April expenses and also an estimate of your May expenses.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 21, 1916

Mr. Joseph A. Snow,
Special Employee,
c/o Deputy United States Marshal,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

Mr. Morton has just been in to tell me that Sam Tenaka, whose arrest you caused a year ago for selling liquor without a license is now foreman of the cannery crew at Quadra Bay, which is, I believe, in the vicinity of Ketchikan. Mr. Morton suggested that I advise you of this so that you might, if you should be in the vicinity of Quadra Bay cannery, look in on Tenaka and see if he is behaving himself. Mr. Morton states that he would be pleased to reserve a room for Tenaka if he is now following the straight path.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 21, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Gaffney :

I enclose herewith check No. 309 of this date, in your favor, for \$406.75, in settlement of your January expense account.

I have also received your February expense account, but am unable to issue a check in settlement until I have received additional credit with the Treasurer of the United States. I have made requisition for this credit, but have not yet received advice that the requisition has been honored. A check will be issued, however, at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 22, 1916

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit, on behalf of the Governor, the names of office of the following-named special employees who are engaged in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, under appointment by the Department for the six months period ending June 30, 1916: Joseph A. Bourke, Valdez, Alaska; Albert E. Light, Ruby, Alaska; Joseph A. Snow, Juneau, Alaska. The oath of office of Special Employee Thomas Gaffney of Nome has not yet been received. It will be forwarded to the Department as soon as it has reached this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington.

Enc.

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Junoia, May 2, 1916. O. B. Via Helena.

Night Letter
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A. E. Light,

HINT.

Your expenditures for May and June must be limited to four hundred dollars for the two months. Reduction necessary account heavy expenditures yourself and Gaffney in previous months.

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.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 2, 1916. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

St. Michael.

Heavy expenditures yourself and Light since first of year necessitate reduction in allowances for May and June. You are therefore limited to a total of not to exceed three hundred dollars for the two months. Please wire amount your March expense.

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.

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Juneau, May 2, 1916. O. B.

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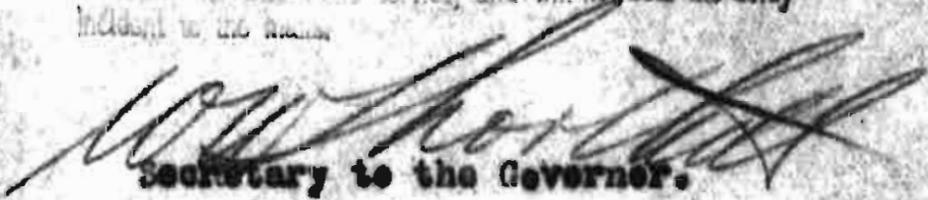
J. A. Bourke, Special Employee,

VALDEZ.

Unless otherwise advised you will be limited to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for travel expenses during the months of May and June. Send as possible wire amount of your March and April expenses.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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May 3, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Snow,
Special Employee,
United States Marshal's Office,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

I have just completed a careful check of the expenditures from the liquor appropriation up to the first of May, and find that it will be necessary to make a slight reduction in the allowances for expenses of the special employees during the months of May and June. You will be allowed the sum of \$90 for May and \$85 for June, or, in other words, a total of \$175 for the two months. This may be divided between the two months in any way that you may find most convenient for travel purposes so long as you do not exceed the total of \$175 for the two months.

The special employees in the Second and Fourth divisions have done an unusual amount of traveling since the first of January and their expense accounts have been more than double the usual limit. In order that we may not exceed the amount now available for the remainder of the year, it is therefore necessary, as above stated, to reduce the allowances for the remaining two months of the fiscal year.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

P. S. Under separate cover I
am sending you a supply of report
books, as requested in your telegram.

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May 10, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The Department of the Interior has asked for further information in connection with your December, 1915, expense account. This account covers the hire of launch Helen B. on December 4, 5 and 6—3 days at \$12 per day, including feed and bed, represented by subvoucher No. 1; also similar service on December 17, 18, 19 and 20, covered by subvoucher No. 2 for \$48. The Department asks whether the bed and feed were supplied to you or to the driver of the launch. Also it is desired that the cost of the bed and feed and the hire of the launch per day be stated separately. This, of course, is for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not your expenditures for subsistence exceeded the maximum allowance of \$5 per day. It is requested also that you furnish a statement of the meals had on each of these trips. This is in accordance with the provisions of Departmental regulation No. 12, which requires that "charges for meals must be itemized by meal in every instance."

Please furnish all of the above information by return mail, if possible, and show in the statement the points to which you traveled on each of these trips and the approximate mileage covered.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 11, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith requisition, in duplicate, for the sum of \$3,000, for credit to my account as special distorting agent (symbol 63004), of the appropriation: Suppressing liquor traffic, Alaska, 1916."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

Juneau, May 17, 1916. C. B. RUSH.

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Joseph A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Wire at once your proposed itinerary for May and June.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

JUNEAU, MAY 19, 1916. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

HOME.

Forward by mail first boat statements showing routes of travel and mileage covered during months of January, February and March, and if April report does not show this information for that month include statement covering same. Department requires information as to points visited and distances travelled in all cases where expense accounts cover provisions purchased for trips or payments for hire of dogteam.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

May 24, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, in reference to monthly reports which were received in the same mail, I beg to advise that, while this report form was prepared primarily to cover prosecutions for furnishing liquor to Indians, we have found it very convenient for use in covering all cases prosecuted upon information obtained by the special employees whether directly concerned with the traffic in liquor to Indians or not. For instance, in the fourth division the special employee frequently prosecutes Indians for being drunk and disorderly, or for disturbing the peace; also there have been occasional prosecutions on evidence obtained by this officer for selling liquor without a license. All these cases have been regularly reported upon the form, referred to, and the information has been made use of by this office in summarizing the operations of the officer.

In future, therefore, you will please include in your monthly and quarterly reports, which are made out on the blank

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in question, all cases brought by you in connection with the liquor traffic whether Indians are directly concerned therewith or not. This will include such cases as those referred to in your letter of the above date, against the three women at Keneb for selling liquor, in which they were prosecuted for selling liquor without a license. Unless the cases reported are those in which the charge is that of furnishing liquor to Indians, you should note in connection with them the specific charge on which the prosecution was based. For instance, if an Indian is prosecuted for being drunk and disorderly, the report should show that that was the charge against him. Unless such special notation is made on the report, this office will assume that the prosecution was for furnishing liquor to Indians under Sec. 2023 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska.

In this connection I beg to refer to your reports for August and October last, in which, on the former, you reported the arrest of one Wase Tulomung on the 17th of August, and showed that, upon hearing before the commissioner, he was found guilty and sentenced to 130 days in jail. You do not, however, make any explanation as to what the charge was against this defendant. Please explain as to this. In the October report you show the arrest of one Nick Pycen on the 28th of that month, and that, upon hearing before the commissioner, he was found guilty and sentenced to 60 days

in jail. Kindly advise also as to the charge against this
man.

It is very gratifying to note the good work which you
have been doing, and I have no doubt that the prosecutions
which you have caused to be made will have a very good effect.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 23, 1916

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Mr. J. W. Coleman,
Unalaska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23, with reference to the suppression of the liquor traffic among the whites and the natives of the Aleutian Islands, and the Bristol Bay region.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has supervision only of the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. While thanking you for your letter and the information contained therein, I have to advise that the fund at the disposal of this office will not permit the employment of other special employees. Mr. Joseph A. Bourke, special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic for the third judicial division, has been instructed to visit the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands during the present spring and summer, I will thank you if you will render him such assistance as it may be possible for you to do, to the end that those guilty of furnishing liquor to natives receive adequate punishment.

It is to be regretted that the funds at the disposal of this office for this purpose will not permit the employ-

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ment of additional officers, but, as it will not, we are under the necessity of making the best use of it that is possible. The long distances to be covered by these officials, I am aware, render their work harder and frequently ineffective, and it is only by the genuine co-operation of the people themselves who are interested in seeing that liquors are not furnished to natives that any real good can be expected to be accomplished.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles Madsen,

King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Governor has today issued to you a letter of appointment as a Special Employee in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. An official badge for use under this appointment, is herewith enclosed. Please sign the receipt form which accompanies the badge and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which is attached to the receipt.

Under separate cover, there is being sent you a supply of stationery for your use in connection with your official duties as Special Game Warden and Special Employee.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 27, 1916

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Mr. Orando W. Grant,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir :

This office has been advised by Mr. Warder, of your city, that you have expressed a willingness to assist in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. Accordingly, the Governor has today issued you a letter of appointment, designating you as a special employee, which letter is herewith enclosed.

In the event of your acceptance of the appointment, it will be understood, of course, that your work thereunder will be only incidental to your regular work as chief of police of the town of Ketchikan.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Orlando W. Grant,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the work of suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, I hereby appoint you a Special Employee, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective June 1, 1916, and to continue until further notice.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

May 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles Madson,
King Cove, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the work of suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, I hereby appoint you Special Employee, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective June 15, 1916, and to continue until further notice.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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June 2, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your several reports is acknowledged, and I learn, with pleasure, that you have not only covered considerable ground, but that you have been successful in securing results, which is the thing most to be desired in your work.

I note what you say with reference to the serving of meat at roadhouses along the Copper River in February, and I shall advise the game warden at McCarthy of the situation.

I trust that your work during the summer will also be beneficial. It is an old saying that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and eternal vigilance also applies to the duties of your position if the liquor traffic among the natives is to be kept under control as much as is possible under all circumstances.

Solely for your own information, I may say that considerable pressure was attempted to be placed upon me to have an outside man appointed to your position. This pressure was kept up for the past year or more, but I withstood it successfully, as is evidenced by the fact that you are

still in the service. The man recommended for the third division, however, has retired, and I have not heard anything of him or his application or endorsers for several months.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

June 5, 1916

Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Light:

I have your letter of May 23, which came to hand today, and which I have read with much interest. It is illuminating in many important particulars, and I am especially impressed with what you say regarding the lukewarmness (to use no stronger term), evinced by the various deputy marshals in the discharge of their duties.

Your criticism will apply to the first division as well as to the others, except that here in Juneau, at times, where the deputies are in close proximity, it is possible to secure some cooperation from them at times. Generally speaking, however, the situation is just as you picture it, and the deputies will not bestir themselves unless under pressure. This is a condition which should not exist, but, unfortunately, it does. I shall write United States Marshal Edwin and urge him to give strict instructions to his various deputies to cooperate with you and the game wardens wherever possible. Under the law, this is a part of their duties and, if they shirk that part, they are doing a gross injustice to the govern-

ment of which they are servants.

Some time ago I authorized game warden Hoey to remove his headquarters from Fairbanks to Nenana, and I suppose he is there at present, although I have received no official notification to that effect. Of course, there will always be violations of the liquor and game laws. With only a very few game wardens and special employees, and the vast distances which they must cover, it is a wonder to me that infractions of the law are not more frequent than they are. The number of special employees should be doubled and so should the number of game wardens, but it is literally worse than drawing teeth to induce Congress to make the necessary appropriations for these services. It appears to me that Congress will always find plenty of pork appropriations, but few for the actual needs and requirements of the government in Alaska. During my recent visit in Washington, where I spent two weeks, I did my best to portray, to the different departments and Bureaus which I visited and the committees before which I testified, the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the prosecution of offenders against the laws of this Territory. This is a matter, however, that requires constant attention, and I fear, as a matter of fact, that so far as actual results were concerned, I accomplished but little in the way of securing additional appropriations. For one reason, the Sundry Civil Bill appropriations had been closed before I reached Washington and, of course, could not

be reopened, and I knew that some of my recommendations were read and passed over without comment. This is true as applies to my recommendation that a launch be furnished for your use on the Yukon. I shall renew the recommendation again in my next annual report, and again take it up with the departments and the committee on appropriations, and it may be possible that the next session of Congress will be more liberal than has this one been, so far as Alaska is concerned. I find that when additional appropriations are asked for, many of the members of Congress will say, "Well, what's the matter with you fellows up there? Aren't we giving you \$25,000,000 to build a railroad?" Having done this, they seem to think that they have done their full duty toward this great territory. Furthermore, the preparedness campaign that is being waged throughout the United States will make great demands upon the national treasury, and with the usual results; Congress will save at the spigot and waste at the bung hole.

I am glad to know that Ruby and the interior country is so prosperous, and I trust that the new strike on the Dittus river will result in making a good camp in that section. I do not expect that I will visit the interior this summer.

You have already heard, no doubt, of the nomination of Charles A. Sulzer for Delegate to Congress, and of George B. Grigsby, of Nome, for Attorney-General. It seems to be the opinion in the first judicial division that Sulzer will make

a splendid run, and that he stands a chance of defeating Mr. Wickersham.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

June 7, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith your subvoucher No. 14, covering lunch hire on March 31; amount, \$15. This item has been eliminated from your March account, a notation being made on the voucher that the item is suspended account "insufficient explanation, to be taken up in June voucher."

The explanation on the subvoucher is as follows: "Use of power lunch, all included, one day." This would indicate that the charge covers not only lunch hire, but meals. By reference to travel regulation No. 12, you will note that charges for meals must be itemized by meal in every instance. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to show on this subvoucher the number of meals had and the amount paid for same, so that the actual lunch hire charge may be arrived at as well as the amount paid for meals. Kindly make proper notation on both copies of the subvoucher and take the item up in your June expense account.

I return also subvoucher No. 6, which accompanied your April expense account, the amount of the same being \$30. This

subvoucher covers use of launch at \$10 per day "all included." This subvoucher is subject to the same criticism as subvoucher No. 14, above mentioned, and should be corrected in the same manner. When this has been done, you are authorized to take the item up in your June expense account, as it has been eliminated from your April account, for the reason that the explanation accompanying it is insufficient to meet the regulations of the Department.

A copy of the Department regulations is enclosed herewith for use in case the copy previously furnished you is not readily available for reference.

It is my understanding that, as a rule, launch covers do not make any particular charge for meals or berth, their rates being so much per day for the launch and the passenger takes "pet luck" in the matter of meals, etc. In all cases except those where an actual charge is made for meals or berth, it would be well to note on the subvoucher "No charge made for meals and berth." This will avoid any question when the accounts reach the Department. Otherwise than as noted above, I wish to say that your March and April accounts are in splendid shape.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

June 9, 1926

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

I enclose check No. 225 of this date, in your favor, for \$236.20, in settlement of your April expense account. You will note that the amount of the check is 25 cents less than the amount for which your account was submitted. The difference is explained by the fact that your expenditures for subsistence on April 13 exceeded the daily allowance of \$5 by the sum of 25 cents, which amount I have been obliged to suspend from the account. The expenditures for the 13th appear on subvouchers 5 and 6, as follows:

Subvoucher No. 5, breakfast.....	\$1.25
Subvoucher No. 6, dinner.....	1.50
supper.....	1.50
bed.....	<u>1.00</u>
	\$5.25

I have therefore changed the last item in subvoucher 6 (bed), to 75 cents, so as to bring the expenditures within the legal limit.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 10, 1916

Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

I return herewith your office copy of report of arrests and convictions, which was sent to this office in February last. You later forwarded a report for the month of February, which is on file here. This report included cases 11, 12, 13 and 14 which appear on the second sheet of the office copy herewith returned.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 13, 1916.

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Mr. C. K. Bowden,

Killisnoo, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bowden:

No doubt you will have no difficulty in recalling that in September last you incurred some expense in connection with the prosecution of certain parties at Killisnoo who had been furnishing liquor to the Indians there. Mr. Beattie, Superintendent of the Native School Service for this division, advises that he took care of \$12.50 of this expense, leaving \$20 which he could not properly take up in his accounts. He took the matter up with this office some months ago, and the Governor promised to try and find a way of reimbursing you for the \$20. We have finally concluded to take the matter up in connection with the expense account of Special Employee Snow, and I enclose herewith a receipt, in triplicate, which I shall be glad if you will kindly sign and mail to this office. Upon return of Mr. Snow from Ketchikan we will have him send you a check for the amount. We have drawn the receipt to show the rendition of services by you as a temporary assistant to Mr. Snow, which is in accord with the facts, since your work did materially assist

--Mr. C. K. Bowden, p. 2--

in the work which he is regularly engaged in under the direction of this office.

We are glad to be able to handle the matter in this way and to reimburse you, for it is manifestly unjust that a private citizen should have to pay such expenses from his own funds.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

JUNEAU, JUNE 15, 1916. O. B. RUSH

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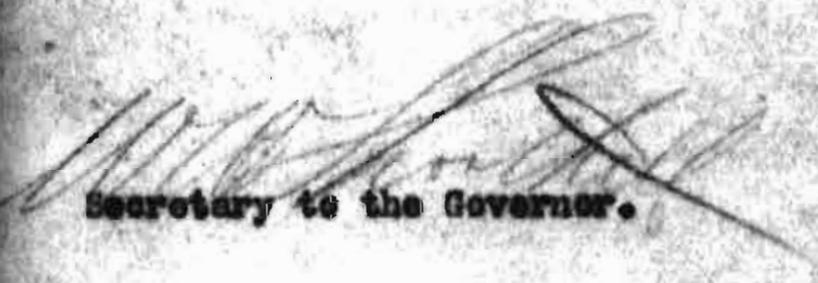
J. A. Snow,

care Marshal's Office,

Ketchikan.

Go to Kake and investigate conditions there. See Kirberger for
details.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

June 20, 1916.

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Mr. C. J. Alexander,
Superintendent, Hoonah Packing Co.,
Hoonah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. A. Snow, Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians of the First judicial division, advises me that you will be willing to act as a Special Employee in the above service, without compensation or expense allowance. Acting upon this information I have today issued a letter of appointment to you, which is herewith enclosed.

I have to thank you for the interest that you are taking in the welfare of the Indians of your community.

Stationery and an official badge will be forwarded to you in due course.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Encl.

June 20, 1916.

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Mr. C. J. Alexander,

Heesah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of the Interior, I hereby appoint you a Special Employee, to assist in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until further notice. The appointment carries no compensation or expense allowance. It will not be necessary for you to execute an oath office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

JUNEAU, JUNE 21, 1916. O. B. NIGHT, PAID.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Recommend reappointment special employees Joseph A. Bourke, salary
sixteen hundred, Thomas Gaffney, Albert E. Light, Joseph A. Snow, salary
twenty-one hundred each, effective July first, for suppression liquor
traffic among natives Alaska.

STROM, 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.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

Suppression of Liquor Traffic

CIRCULAR NO. 10

June 19, 1916

TO ALL SPECIAL EMPLOYERS:

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

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

(2) In the event of travel by launch or gas boat, the charge for the use of the launch (and for the driver, if his services are to be included), should be shown separately from any charge made for meals or bed on the launch. This for the reason that Department regulation No. 12 requires that charges for meals must in all cases be separately stated—the particular meals had, and the price per meal must be shown in every instance, as also the charge for bed. Where the rate per day for launch hire is made without any particular reference to meals or bed, it will be well to note on the subvoucher that the charge "does not include meals or bed." The points visited should be shown on subvoucher or on expense account itself.

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

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


Secretary to the Governor, and
Special Disbursing Agent.

June 22, 1916

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Mr. Alfred J. Racine,
5412 North Clark street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, beg to advise that there are no vacancies in the service of the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, and no changes are in contemplation. The appropriation for this work is so limited that only four men are regularly employed. It is impossible, therefore, to offer you any encouragement and, furthermore, it is the policy of the Governor to employ only bona fide Alaskans in the various positions at his disposal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916.

Mr. C. J. Alexander,
Heenah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor there is being sent you herewith a supply of official stationery, and an official badge. Kindly sign the enclosed receipt for the badge and mail it to this office.

It will be appreciated if you will free time to time write this office, advising us to conditions at Heenah and vicinity, and particularly as to your work in suppressing the liquor traffic among the natives.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

July 3, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to transmit herewith oath of office of Mr. Thomas Gaffney, of Nome, Alaska, executed under his appointment as Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, for the period of six months ended June 30, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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July 6, 1916.

Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

I enclose herewith checks Nos. 332 and 333 of this date in your favor for \$425 and \$189 respectively, in settlement of your April and May expense accounts.

In this connection I wish to say that I note one or two sub-vouchers taken by you from natives who could not write, their names being written on the sub-voucher by you and they making a mark, but no signature of a witness to their having made the mark. In all such cases you should either sign the sub-voucher yourself as a witness, or else have someone else who can write do so, writing the word "witness" under the signature to show that it is a witnessing signature to the mark made by the payee. The Department may question the sub-vouchers otherwise, and make trouble for all concerned. Please bear this in mind in future.

Your sub-voucher #1, May accounts, is made out to cover 6 meals and 2 lodgings, from breakfast May 1 to breakfast May 3 inclusive, but in the itemizing of the meals and lodgings you failed to enter the item of breakfast May 3d.

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--Mr. Thomas Gaffney, p. 2--

However, I am passing the item, since it appears evident that the breakfast of May 3d was simply omitted in the itemization, and I think it is sufficiently covered in the general explanation on the sub-voucher. It may be, however, that the Department will question it; if so, you will be duly advised.

Faithfully yours,

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

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Juneau, July 11, 1916. O. B. Ans.

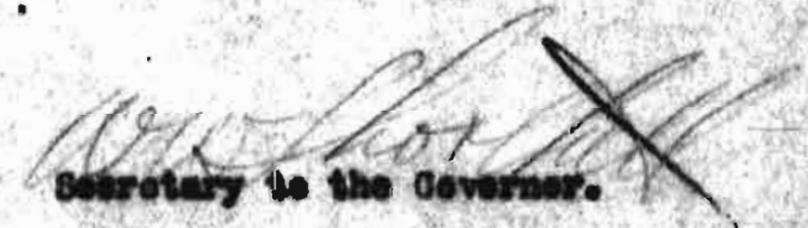
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Joseph A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Replying yours date concerning report from chief Geodlatas, you are authorized to make trip if expense will not exceed your regular monthly allowance.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

July 13, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your reports for the months of May and June. I note that you have covered considerable ground during the past two or three months and that you have been securing results, which are always desirable. I note what you say with reference to your having found an occasional Jap making pencil sketches of the country. It may be that these Japanese are acting in the interest of their government, or it is possible that they are self-appointed sketch-makers. It is well, however, for you to keep tab on these, and I shall appreciate any information that you may be able to obtain concerning their activities in this or any other line bearing relation thereto. I have to thank you for your watchfulness in the matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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July 19, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith your appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, as recommended by me, as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, together with a blank oath of office, which should be executed as soon as possible and returned to this office.

You will note that the limitation as to the term of your appointment has been omitted, and it will, therefore, not be necessary for this office to file biennial recommendations for appointments in this service hereafter. In other words, the appointment holds good until your successor has been appointed and qualified.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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July 19, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith your appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, as recommended by me, as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, together with a blank oath of office, which should be executed as soon as possible and returned to this office

You will note that the limitation as to the term of your appointment has been omitted, and it will, therefore, not be necessary for this office to file biennial recommendations for appointments in this service hereafter. In other words, the appointment holds good until your successor has been appointed and qualified.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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July 19, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith your appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, as recommended by me, as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, together with a blank oath of office, which should be executed as soon as possible and returned to this office.

You will note that the limitation as to the term of your appointment has been omitted, and it will, therefore, not be necessary for this office to file biennial recommendations for appointments in this service hereafter. In other words, the appointment holds good until your successor has been appointed and qualified.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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July 19, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith your appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, as recommended by me, as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, together with a blank oath of office, which should be executed as soon as possible and returned to this office.

You will note that the limitation as to the term of your appointment has been omitted, and it will, therefore, not be necessary for this office to file biennial recommendations for appointments in this service hereafter. In other words, the appointment holds good until your successor has been appointed and qualified.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 22, 1918

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Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of the following telegram from Major General Bell, of the War Department, at San Francisco, in response to a request made by this office that Territorial officials be granted permission to travel on War Department vessels on the Yukon and Tanana rivers:

"Request contained your letter eleventh instant for authority for transportation on War Department vessels, regular trips on Yukon and Tanana rivers, Territorial officials named therein, when traveling on official business, granted, subject accommodations available and payment of prescribed rates for subsistence. Commanding Officer, Fort Gibbon so advised."

This letter will be your authority to ask for such transportation on War Department steamers, in accordance with the above telegram.

Yours very truly,

Governor

To:

A. E. Light, Ruby;
Thomas Gaffney, Nome;
R. S. McDonald, Fairbanks;
Andrew Hoey, Nenana

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July 23, 1916

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Mr. Chas. L. Burton,
515 Main Avenue,
Hugo, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your undated letter, asking for information relative to the qualifications of special officers in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, I have to advise you that these appointments are made by the Secretary of the Interior, upon the recommendation of the Governor of Alaska. It is understood, however, that they have been certified into the civil service, and such information as you may desire as to qualifications may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 25, 1918

Sent to:

Chas. Nickett, J. F. McDonald,
P. S. Erickson, J. A. Baughman,
Aren Eriksen, R. S. McDonald,
Andrew Hooy, A. E. Light,
J. A. Snow, and J. A. Bourke

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the following telegram from the Secretary of Agriculture under date of July 25, which is self-explanatory:

"The regulations expiring this year on moose in southeastern Alaska, on sheep and caribou Kenai Peninsula, the shipment of moose and sheep from Kenai; the sale of deer and the protection of deer on certain islands of southeastern Alaska, are extended to 1918. The new regulations prohibiting the killing of mountain goats, does and fawns, and the protection of deer on San Juan Island, southeastern Alaska, are included in the amendments as approved yesterday, effective August 1. Copies of these regulations will be forwarded by mail."

In accordance with the above, you are therefore instructed to see that these regulations are observed to the very best of your ability. As soon as the regulations enumerated above have been received by this office, they will be forwarded to your address promptly.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 3, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith oaths of office, executed by Joseph A. Snow, who was recently re-appointed by you as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

Juneau, August 4, 1916. O. B.

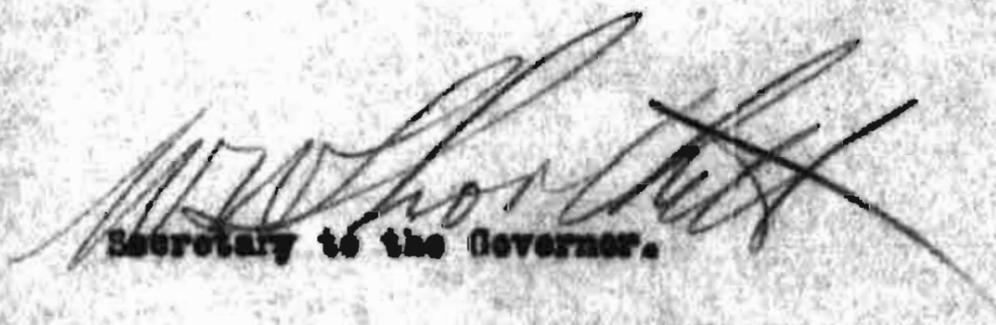
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Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Sub-voucher two with your June expense account is not properly made out. Forward
new one in duplicate dated June twenty third and show quantity and unit price
of each and every item and have Moller sign full name when receipting the bill.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

August 4, 1916

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Mr. Andrew Heay,

Game Warden and Special Employee,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report of July 1, concerning the suppression of the liquor traffic in your section. I note that through your instrumentality one conviction has been secured. Permit me to commend your activity in this respect.

I am also in receipt of your report as game warden for the month of June.

I have also to advise you that this office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Thomas Riggs, Jr., member of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, in reply to my request of July 11, that you be furnished, when needed, transportation facilities by the Engineering Commission. Mr. Riggs writes:

"It will give us great pleasure to assist the game wardens in any particular, and they are always welcome to travel on our launches when such travel does not interfere with their regular operation. I have notified Mr. Heay to this effect, and have also so informed the District Engineer."

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 3, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find checks Nos. 340 and 341, of this date, in your favor, for \$104 and \$207.75, respectively, in settlement of your expense accounts for the months of May and June, 1916.

The subvouchers accompanying your May expense account, which cover launch hire, contain the words "All included" in the explanatory notes on these subvouchers. As the explanations also contain the statement that meals and berth are not included, the words "all included" should have been omitted. Where you engage a launch with the understanding that the operator thereof is to furnish you with your meals, you should, in such case, submit an itemized statement with the subvoucher, showing the meals had and the price of each. This information can be shown upon the back of the subvoucher, if you ever make it up in this way.

Your June expense account, and the subvouchers accompanying it, I have found in most excellent shape, and I do not

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think that the Department or the Auditor will be able to
take any exceptions to the same.

Respectfully yours,

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

August 8, 1918

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the oath of office of Joseph A. Bourke, executed in connection with his reappointment under date of June 27 last, as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic in Alaska, the reappointment being effective July 1.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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August 17, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 4, together with your report for the month of July. I note what you say in reference to the case of Tuleung, charged with making sourdough beer, and that of Nick Pycen, who was charged with giving sourdough beer to another native. I also note that you spent considerable time in apprehending a man for giving liquor to two native boys of the Copper River tribe. I am glad to know that you succeeded in landing your man, and I hope that it will have a salutary effect.

I commend your action in referring to game warden Ericson the matter of which you learned in Cordova, namely, that one Wagner and son, at Kachemak Bay, had about four tons of mutton meat stored in their cellar on their ranch. It seems almost incredible that some men should kill that amount of mutton meat simply because they have the opportunity, and it is to be regretted that there is no way in which they may be reached by process of law.

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With reference to paying tips while traveling on steamers, you are advised that this office believes that tips to the extent provided in the travel regulations of the Department of the Interior may be paid by you and charged to your monthly expense allowance. Of course, your expense allowance is limited, and the amount that you pay for tips, while not exceeding those provided by the travel regulations, must be subject to the amount allotted for your monthly expenses.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 2, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith certificate of office of Albert E. Nght, executed in connection with his reappointment as special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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August 21, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of August 1, together with your report for the month of July. I am pleased to know that you have been diligent in the discharge of your duties, as is evidenced by your report and the statement which follows it. I have noted the disposition made of the various cases, all of which go to show that you have undoubtedly done your best in securing the enforcement of the law.

I also note your statement as to the general progress and development of the Ruby Mining district, and that the expenditure of \$70,000 on roads has brought quite a number of suspicious characters to your locality. You refer specifically to "Red Lewis," formerly of Juneau, who has a bad record, I understand, in this community, and who is well worth watching. I also note you state that the mining industry is hampered by lack of water, but I trust that the clean-up may be still good for the year. I also note what you say with reference to the new camp at Tolstoi, and that it will develop good pay.

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I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 20, 1914.

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 1st instant I am today mailing to you in one package the following supplies: Printed letter-heads, plain white second-sheets, plain yellow second-sheets, official printed envelopes, monthly report blanks, monthly expense account blanks, and certificate slips for use with expense accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 6, 1916

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Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith oath of office of Thomas Gaffney, special employe in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, Nome, Alaska, which was executed on the 7th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

September 13, 1916

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Mr. J. A. Snow,
Special Employee,
C/o Deputy United States Marshal,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Snow:

I enclose herewith subvoucher No. 2, submitted with your August expense account, the same covering the hire of the launch Dawn, August 15, 16 and 17. I note the rate of \$15 per day included meals and berth. This being the case, it will be necessary for you to itemize the meals had and the charges for berth, in accordance with instructions given in a recent circular.

Faithfully yours,

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

Enc.

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September 13, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

In checking over your July expense account, I notice that you have failed to comply with recent circular of instructions relative to the manner of designating meals. You indicate the meals had by the initial letters B., D. and S. only, whereas the instructions are to write the words out in full or use the abbreviations "brkfst.", "din." and "sup." Please be careful about this in the future.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that in making up your July and August expense account, you failed to write the word "oath" in the blank space in line one of the "oath or affirmation of claimant." Please see that this is not overlooked in the future.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Sept. 15, 1916

Mr. C. J. Alexander,
Heenah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 4, in which you note a decided improvement in your district so far as the illegal selling of liquor to natives is concerned. I may say that you have done excellent work and I must heartily commend the interest that you are taking in it. If we had more men like you who would take a real, practical interest in the natives, we might look for great improvement within a short time.

Again thanking you for the interest you are taking, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 15, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1, with enclosures, namely, letters from Mr. R. Elix, of Copper Center, and Mrs. E. Griffith, of Gulkana, with reference to the alleged killing of caribou in that section of the Copper River country.

I note you say that there has been no wild meat brought to the camps in the Nisina placer district during the closed season this year, nor has any been brought to McCarthy or Kennecott. I am glad to note this, and I have to advise that you keep a close lookout for market hunters during all seasons of the year.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 19, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date concerning your work in Ketchikan. I am pleased to know that you are achieving such success and trust that it will continue until you have effectually cleaned up the town. Mr. Sharpe called on me on Saturday and told me that good work was being done. So far as I know, conditions in Juneau are fairly satisfactory, as no complaints have reached this office since you left.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Sept. 19, 1916

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Mr. Wm. Carlo,
Federal Jail,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the ninth, in which you allege that you have been railroaded into jail at Ketchikan, by false witnesses. After the receipt of your letter, I was fortunate enough to meet deputy marshal Sharpe of Ketchikan, and I discussed the statements contained in your letter with him, and especially your allegations to the effect that you had been wrongfully convicted. Mr. Sharpe advised me, however, that he caught you in the act of taking liquor into the house where you were arrested; that two natives were drunk on the bed and that there were also two or more women present. He also stated that he summoned witnesses, clearly proving your guilt, as charged.

I am satisfied with Mr. Sharpe's statement and believe that, instead of being railroaded into jail, you were rightfully convicted. The mere fact that you were present in the house where there were drunken natives would seem to implicate you as being an accessory in some way or other, even if you

had not been drinking yourself. Mr. Sharpe, however, as noted above, alleges that you were caught with beer in your possession. I, therefore, cannot further consider the case.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 23, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Light:

I received your very interesting letter of September 13 in due course, and I was pleased to note that you are securing results from your work in the fourth judicial division. Of course, infractions of the law may be expected at all times, and I am satisfied that you are using your very best endeavors to secure a strict enforcement of the law. A matter that was brought to my attention a few days ago is in connection with the administration of the game law in the Circle district. A man named C. R. Reiger has a stock ranch in that region, and he complains that there is little market for his beef because of the constant infractions of the game law. He alleges that people in that district kill game throughout the year without respect to season, caching it in cellars for the most part.

You will readily understand that this is a difficult proposition to cope with, as many settlers in different parts of the Territory are imbued with the idea that they may take

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game at any season of the year. Of course, they are mistaken in this as the law is specific in this respect, as to who is legitimately entitled to kill game during the close season, namely, Indians and prospectors, and these, as a matter of fact, are only entitled to game meat when it is necessary for their existence. I do not believe that it was the intention of the law to permit miners and prospectors to kill game indiscriminately. It has been reported to me that this is done by many men, although their caches or cabins may be filled with canned goods of many kinds, bacon, etc.

I would thank you if you will make some investigation of the situation at Circle, as delineated through Ringer's complaint, if it is possible for you to do so, and report the result to this office. Of course, I apprehend the fact that you may not be in the vicinity of Circle during the winter, but if you should be, I would like to have you make a special investigation of conditions there existing.

I am glad to know that the army post at Fort Gibben shows a disposition to obey the game law. You are charged particularly to enforce the law as against the army post people who certainly have no right to take game as they may see fit.

I regret that more prosecutions cannot be secured against soldiers of the post in selling and giving "hootah" to native women in order that they may use them for immoral purposes. You are also instructed to spare no pains to bring offenders to justice, if it is possible to do so.

I have to thank you for the rules and regulations of the Nenana Indian Council, which, to say the least, are unique in every particular.

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

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 9, 1916

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Mr. A. E. Light,
Special Employee,
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Light:

I have your letter of October 3 and have noted your statements as to Mr. J. C. Owens, of Rampart House, and I fully concur in your conclusions therein. I am fully cognizant of the difficulties that are presented in the way of securing convictions for the illegal killing of game. Rieger, who has a stock ranch in the Circle district, complains that he is unable to find a market for his beef because the people violate the game law and secure a sufficient quantity of wild game for their uses, this being cheaper than buying domestic beef and thereby encouraging a splendid local industry. I believe, however, that I have advised you of this matter and shall not elaborate upon it.

I also note what you say with reference to the killing of fur-bearing animals by the use of poison. This is an "evil under the sun," as Solomon would say and one that should be abated, but it must be admitted that it is a difficult task. I cannot understand the psychology of the ~~w~~ who will use poison in this way, and I believe that wher

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a conviction is obtained, he should be given the maximum fine and sentence. The whole trouble with the protection of game in this country, incidentally with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, is that the appropriations are not sufficient for the proper enforcement of the laws. Many more game wardens could be used in the protection of game, and this is also true in the suppression of the liquor traffic. However, I think I can truthfully say that conditions have much improved during the last three years or so, or, not to put too fine a point upon it, since the present Governor and the officials under his direction have been on the job.

Just a word about politics, although, no doubt, you have as much information concerning that interesting pastime as we have here. It now looks as though Sulzer had defeated Wickersham, although the latter may nose out when all the returns are in. I regret to say that the result of the national election is still in doubt, and either Wilson or Hughes may be elected. Of course, it is needless to say that every good Democrat, and for that matter I believe that every good, patriotic American citizen, ought to hope for the re-election of Mr. Wilson; and there is nothing personal in this statement of mine, and I speak not as a public official

or one expecting further favors, but as a plain American
citizen who loves his country and believes that Mr. Wilson
has given the best that is in him to the direction of the
affairs of this republic.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor