

November 13, 1916

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Mr. G. G. Nand,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed temporary assistant to the Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, the appointment to be effective for a period of fifteen days, beginning November 18, 1916. Your compensation will be \$5 per day, and you will be allowed subsistence expenses not exceeding \$4 per day, and the necessary steamer transportation expense.

You will please execute an oath of office in duplicate, blanks for which are enclosed, filing the same in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

November 15, 1916

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Mr. E. A. Rasmussen,
United States Commissioner,
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Judge:

Mr. G. G. Naud, the bearer of this letter, which whom I believe you are already acquainted, goes to Skagway on a secret mission at the instance of this office, the nature of which he will himself explain to you.

Mr. Naud may wish to consult with you regarding certain features of his work, and it will be appreciated if you will give him the benefit of your judgment in so far as it may be consistent with your duties as United States Commissioner. Anything you may feel at liberty to do to make Mr. Naud's work successful will be highly appreciated by this office. It is, of course, very desirable that Mr. Naud's connection with this office, as well as the purpose of his visit to Skagway, be entirely unknown to anyone there except yourself.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, December 2, 1916. O. B.

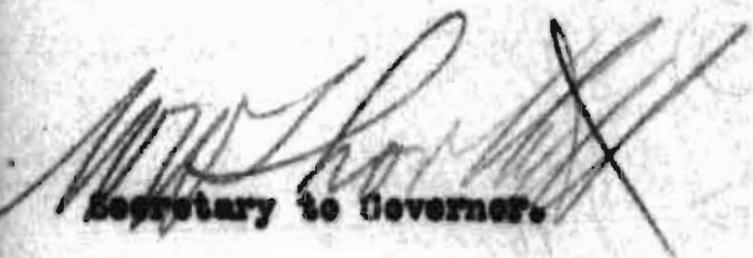
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Geo. C. Hand,

Skagway.

Commission will be extended to completion trials and return to Juneau. Suggest return Juneau via mail boat Santa Rita on sixth if cases disposed of by that time. Wire this office soon as cases ended, advising what disposition made.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, December 7, 1916. O. B. ~~RUSH~~

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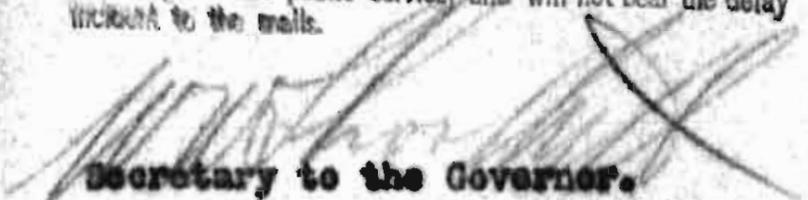
George Naud,

SKAGWAY.

Replying yours date it is not practicable to arrange for transportation on Sophia. Wait for Humboldt or other steamer next sailing from Skagway. Time will be extended to cover.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay without to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Steve Ragan,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of November 30, in which you ask if George Naud was an employee of this office, what his position was, what his duties were, and also who pays him.

I did not reply to your telegram, inasmuch as you, as an attorney, know that it would hardly be proper for me to do so. Furthermore, it was the opinion of this office that such information should not be furnished by wire. As a matter of fact, I may now add that Naud was in the employ of the United States government, under the direction of this office, and that he is paid in the usual way from a special fund under the control of the Governor.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 15, 1916.

Mr. A. E. Light,

Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Light:

Herewith checks Nos. 375 (\$254.06), 376 (\$270.50) and 377 (\$103.25), covering your expense accounts for the months of August, September, and October, 1916, respectively.

With reference to your August account please note that a correction has been made therein of 50 cents. Your sub-voucher No. 17, covering meals from dinner August 22 to Supper August 29, was made out for \$19.66. The correct amount is \$19.16 -- 7-2/3 days @ \$2.50.

Also in some cases you designated meals by initial abbreviations only, as "B", "L", "D". Meals should always be more definitely designated, as "Bkfst.", "Lunch" (or "Din."), "Sup.", etc. The Department has kicked a time or two about the use of initials only.

In future will you please place the numbers of your sub-vouchers in the upper RIGHT-HAND corners. When I fasten these sub-vouchers to the expense account voucher I staple them through the upper left-hand corner, and if the numbers are placed on that corner they are sometimes hard to find.

Best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.
Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and
S. D. A.

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the oath of office of G. G. Naud, executed in connection with his appointment by this office as temporary assistant to the Special Employee at Juneau. The appointment became effective November 18, 1916, and was originally for a period of fifteen days, but subsequent developments in connection with the work on which this man was engaged required an extension of the time to and including December 11. The compensation in this case was fixed at \$5 per day, with subsistence expenses not to exceed \$5 per day and allowance of necessary steamer transportation expenses.

The employment of a temporary assistant was made necessary by reason of the fact that the regularly employed Special Employee was not only in another part of the division at the time, but even had he been available, it is unlikely that he could have accomplished anything, since he is quite well known in Skagway, where the work was to be performed, and the utmost secrecy was necessary in order to accomplish results. It was, therefore, deemed advisable to employ a man who was an entire stranger to the people of Skagway.

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The particular work in question was that of apprehending two "blind pigs" in Skagway, which were alleged to be a source of supply for liquor to the natives of that place, one of whom had recently been assaulted and nearly killed in a drunken row in which two white men were concerned. The employment of the temporary assistant was amply justified by the results obtained, namely, the conviction of three "blind pig" operators, one of whom was fined \$800 and costs, and the other two \$200 and costs each. I believe that this will have the effect of stamping out the illegal liquor traffic in Skagway and thus eliminating the furnishing of liquor to Indians at that place.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

December 16, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of December 4 (Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), in which reference is made to the item of \$15,000 in the estimates for 1918, for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, as submitted by my office to the Department and included in the Department's estimates for the fiscal year; and you request to be advised as to the probable effect upon the operation of this office under such appropriation, of the recent action of the people of the Territory in voting for prohibition, effective informally on January 1, 1917.

In reply I have to advise you that by a vote of the people on November 7, a referendum submitted by the action of the Alaska legislature, session of 1915, "providing for an expression by the people of the Territory of Alaska, as to whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold in Alaska after the first day of January, 1918," was carried by a large majority. However, as the Alaska legislature exercises no control over the sale of liquor or the liquor traffic, in order to give expression to the action of the people of Alaska in voting for the prohibition of the

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liquor traffic, a prohibitory law must be passed by Congress or the Alaska organic act must be amended so as to vest the control of such traffic in the Territorial legislature.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the date provided for in the beginning of the operation of a prohibitory law is January 1, 1918, and not January 1, 1917, as stated in the Department's letter of December 4.

I have to state further that I believe it to be a matter of prime importance that the appropriation of \$13,000 for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska should be continued, inasmuch as if a prohibitory law be enacted to take effect January 1, 1918, it need not be expected that the sale of and traffic in intoxicating liquors in Alaska will be immediately abolished. On the contrary, if the experience of other states and territories be taken as a criterion, it may be expected that the bootlegging industry will increase and "blind pigs" will not be unknown immediately following the adoption of the prohibitory law and as a direct result. In this case, the natives will become, even more than now, the victims of unscrupulous white men who apparently, in most countries, are willing to violate laws if the prospective profits be alluring enough.

In view of these conditions, fixed as well as those which are bound to develop with the enforcement of a prohibitory

liquor law. I have earnestly to recommend that the present annual appropriation for the suppression of liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska be continued for at least two years longer, or until such time as it may be demonstrated that it may be reduced in amount or dispensed with altogether.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

December 19, 1916

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Mr. T. M. Italic,
Yakutat, Alaska

Dear Sir :

For the purpose of assisting in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Yakutat and vicinity, you are hereby appointed a native police officer, without compensation or expense allowance, the appointment to be effective from December 20, 1916.

Enclosed herewith you will find an official badge for use under this appointment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

December 20, 1916

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Hon. James Wickersham,
Delegate from Alaska,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of
a letter addressed by this office to the Department of the
Interior, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 27, 1916

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,

Special Employee,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 30, in which you state that court was in session at Valdez during September and October, and that you had 11 cases to present and, therefore, remained in town during the term of said court. As I have stated in another letter of this date, you seem to be getting some results as the fruit of your work.

I note, with a great deal of interest, your comments on the cases of Frank Lund and Gus Stevenson. You state that they were found not guilty by the jury on the technical point that the persons they gave the liquor to were not Indians, owing to their mode of living, and, following this, the jury would not believe the same natives as witnesses because they were Indians. This is, indeed, paradoxical. There is an old saying, which you no doubt have heard, that "the Lord only knows what a petit jury may do, and sometimes he is in doubt." However, I am aware of the fact that the status of the natives of Alaska generally is in an unsatisfactory state, and this is especially true of those in the

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third division, in view of the admixture of Russian blood in their veins. There is no doubt that many of these Indians enjoy the dual position in which they find themselves, and it is at times very convenient for them. Sooner or later their status must be defined, not only for their own protection but for that of the white people with whom they come in contact. As you are aware, the Territorial legislature, session of 1915, passed a law providing for the admission of Indians as citizens upon their compliance with certain qualifications enumerated in the law so passed, but, in the case of the natives of your division, I epine that many of them claim that they are white rather than Indians.

I note what you say with reference to Father John Orloff. I had previously heard of his unsavory reputation, and I regret to state that he is now living at Killisnoe, and I suppose I will soon have complaints concerning his drunken proclivities. I have to thank you for the information, and will try to see that he is watched as closely as possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 29, 1916

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Mr. George C. Nand

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed temporary assistant to the special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives in the first judicial division, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue for a period not to exceed ten days. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$5 per day and, in addition, you will be allowed actual transportation and subsistence expenses when necessarily absent from Juneau on official business.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Jameau, December 30, 1916. O. B.

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A. E. Light,

Koyukuk.

August, September, October expense checks mailed December fifteenth.

Your November account not yet received.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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January 3, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the following subvouchers submitted with your October and November expense accounts:

1. Subvoucher No. 1, October account. This subvoucher covers fare from Valdez to Anchorage on the steamer Admiral Watson and bears the notation "No extra charge above first-class fare," but does not show whether meals and berth were included in the charge. Your attention has heretofore been called to the fact that where a payment for steamer transportation includes meals and berth, the subvoucher covering the same should bear the notation, "Including meals and berth without extra charge over regular first-class fare." Please complete the notation on both copies of the subvoucher and return it to this office.
2. Subvoucher No. 1, November account, covering supper at railroad commissary camp at Moose Creek, on November 6. The subvoucher is signed by W. S. Jones. If the commissary at Moose Creek is operated by the Alaskan Engineering Commission the subvoucher should bear the name of the Commission, and should show Mr. Jones' title or position as evidence of his authority for signing the receipt. Kindly have the signature completed on both copies of the voucher.
3. Subvoucher No. 2, November account, covering fare on the railroad from Moose Creek to Anchorage. The original of this subvoucher bears the signature of F. L. Knight, while the duplicate bears the signature of "Alaska Eng. Com. R. R., by F. L. Knight."

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The signature on the original of the subvoucher should be completed and both copies should show Mr. Knight's title or the name of the position which he holds with the Commission.

4. Subvoucher No. 7, November account, covering transportation on the Admiral Evans, from Anchorage to Seldevia. The same criticism applies to this subvoucher as to the subvoucher referred to in item No. 1 herein. Kindly complete the information on both copies of the subvoucher.

I must again ask that you exercise more care in making out your subvouchers and in securing signatures thereon. It is useless for me to pass the subvouchers when submitted in the incomplete form of those mentioned above, for to do so would be merely to delay the reference of them back to you for correction, for neither the Department officers nor the Auditor would be likely to accept them.

As soon as I receive the corrected subvouchers from you, your accounts for October and November will be settled.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

January 8, 1917

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Mr. Charles Nickett,
Game Warden,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, together with your reports as game warden and special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians for the month of December. I note what you say with reference to August Starkleff, a notorious booze peddler operating on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Snow today, and within a short time some steps will be taken to arrest Starkleff, providing this can be accomplished. Mr. Snow is now busy in court, but I shall discuss this matter further with him in a few days, with a view to determining the best plan of action to be followed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 9, 1917

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Captain William Quick, et al,

Killisnoo, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30, in which you state that a man named, or known as Old Joe, or Joe Toy, employed by the Alaska Fish Salting & By-products Co., has been guilty of giving whiskey to two of your native women, one of them a woman of bad repute and one named Florence Nelson, and a young school girl about 14 years old, and you ask that this matter be investigated.

In reply I have to advise you that just as soon as it is possible to make the necessary arrangements, an investigation will be instituted, and I trust that you will aid whoever should be sent to Killisnoo in securing the necessary evidence to convict this man of the crime that he has committed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 18, 1917

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Captain William Quick,
Killisnoo, Alaska

My dear Captain Quick:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, with reference to certain conditions in Killisnoo. In reply I have to advise you that I have read your letter carefully and I fully understand that you are actuated only by a desire to preserve law and to do that which would be beneficial to the welfare of the people among whom you reside. As to the man, John Foy, who has been charged with giving whiskey to natives, his case will be investigated in due course. I sincerely trust that such men will be brought to punishment, as they are a menace to both white and native people.

I also may be permitted to express the hope that a spirit of harmony will prevail among the natives of your section, of all classes and denominations, as it is only by harmony that successful work can be accomplished and a sure foundation for the future laid.

I am pleased to learn that Mrs. Quick is improving in

health, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 30, 1917

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Mr. Hjalmar Nordale,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sir:

You are hereby appointed a special employee in connection with the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, with headquarters at Nonana, without compensation or expense allowances, the appointment to become effective February 1, 1917.

Your work as special employee will be incidental only to your duties as game warden. Where violations come to your notice, you should secure all possible evidence and either bring the offenders before the court yourself, or turn the evidence over to the nearest deputy marshal or other proper officer. Mr. A. E. Light, of Ruby, is the regularly employed special employee for the fourth judicial division, and he should be communicated with whenever you secure information which might be of use to him in his work.

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

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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February 7, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 18. In reply I wish to state that I am pleased to know that you have sufficiently recovered to enable you to begin active field duty once more, in which I trust you will be successful in every way.

I note what you say concerning the care of the indigents in your division, and I am pleased to know that Judge Brown is taking steps in necessitous cases as reported by you. I have to request that in your travels throughout your district, you report to this office from time to time any extraordinary conditions which you may note, and I shall be pleased to receive suggestions for their betterment.

Wishing you success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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February 14, 1917

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Mr. G. G. Naud,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Naud:

I enclose herewith an affidavit, in triplicate, which the Governor has asked me to prepare and send to you, with the request that you kindly execute it and return all three copies to this office. I enclose a franked and addressed envelope for the return of the affidavit.

The affidavit above mentioned is desired to substantiate the voucher issued to you, covering your services as temporary assistant to the Special Employee, in connection with your work at Skagway and Juneau in November and December last. Since you were paid at a per-day rate, the Department requires a statement showing that you actually worked each day and that it was necessary for you to work on Sundays and holidays. The affidavit, I believe, sufficiently covers the situation.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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February 16, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14, together with your reports for the month of December. I have read these with much interest, and note that you are maintaining your good record in the discharge of the duties with which you are entrusted. I am also glad to know that the general health of the natives of your section is as good as can be expected, and that the supply of feed will be sufficient to maintain them until the spring.

I understand that Mr. Snow, of your city, reached Juneau last night, but I have not seen him yet, though probably will within a day or two.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time with regard to conditions in your district, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 27, 1917

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Mr. C. F. Richardson,
United States Government Teacher,
Heenah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 24, with reference to a native who is charged with giving liquor to other natives in the village of Heenah. I note you advised Mr. Snow, Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic, at Juneau, and that he advised you that it would be impossible for him to leave Juneau at present to attend to the case. Upon investigation I find that this is true, as Mr. Snow is now a witness in cases pending in the District Court. It is possible that he may be able to leave on the steamer tonight for Heenah to investigate the matter referred to in your letter. If not, he will go to Heenah just as soon as he gets through with his duties here.

I have to suggest that hereafter, in cases of this kind, you communicate with this office directly instead of with the employee, inasmuch as if the latter should be absent, this office can get in immediate touch with him.

I want to say that I shall be glad to cooperate with you in every way in the elimination of the liquor traffic among the natives.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 27, 1917

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Reverend George J. Beck,

Hoonaah, Alaska

My dear Mr. Beck:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, with reference to conditions in your village, especially the evidence you have against one man who has been guilty of supplying liquor to natives. I note you say that, while your town council has perfect evidence against the man, they did not wish to punish him because they felt that five days in the town jail would not be a sufficient punishment to fit the crime.

On receipt of your letter I sent for Mr. Snow, the Special Employee, and he said that he advised you he would come over to Hoonaah just as soon as certain cases now pending in the District Court were disposed of. I find that this is the case and that Mr. Snow has been compelled to stay here, awaiting the trial of these cases. He will try and leave on tonight's steamer for Hoonaah; that is, provided the cases now in court have been reached.

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I need scarcely assure you of my hearty cooperation in this matter, and I have to suggest that hereafter, in cases of this kind, you will advise this office direct and not through an employee, inasmuch as, should the employee be absent, this office can more readily get in touch with him.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 1, 1917

Mr. Harry F. Merton,
Deputy United States Marshal,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, wherein you tender your resignation as Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation is accepted. I have to thank you for the service which you have rendered in this connection, and trust that in your new duties you will still be able to render some assistance in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of your district.

Permit me also to extend my congratulations upon your appointment as Deputy Marshal.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 10, 1917

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Mr. John E. Adanson,
Sergeant, Company B, 14th Infantry,
Fort Gibbon, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Department of the Interior, I am in receipt of your letter of January 12, addressed to the Honorable Perl D. Decker, Representative from the 15th district, Missouri, in which you ask to be appointed as a special employe for the suppression of the liquor traffic in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that there is now no vacancy in the service, and the available funds will not permit another appointment. As these appointments are made by the Governor of Alaska, your letter will be filed for future reference and consideration, should a vacancy occur in the service.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1917.

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Mr. Seward Kuns,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed a Temporary Special Employee for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, with headquarters at Juneau. Your appointment will be effective this date, and continue until June 30, 1917, unless sooner revoked. You will be paid the nominal sum of Five Dollars per month for your services.

Enclosed is an oath of office, in duplicate, which you will arrange to execute today, filing both copies in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, March 14, 1917. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney.

NOME.

Replying yours tenth, no cases have been brought in this division under Alaska law which prohibits giving of liquor to any Indian. This office concurs in opinion of United States attorney your division that law referred to is not applicable to Indian women married to a citizen.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to the Governor.

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March 21, 1917

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Mr. Irving W. Kraus,
Copeland, Idaho

Dear Sir:

There has been referred to this office, by the Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., your letter of the 28th ultimo, in which you express a desire to secure a position as special officer to suppress the liquor traffic among the Indians of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that the work of suppressing the liquor traffic among the natives is carried on under the supervision of the Governor who makes recommendations for appointments to this service. Only four salaried officers are irregularly employed in this service, the limited appropriation not permitting a larger force. There are no vacancies in the service at the present time, nor are any changes contemplated in the near future.

I may add that it is the policy of the Governor's office, as well as that of other offices in the Territory, to give preference to Alaskans.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

March 26, 1917

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Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines Mission,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23, with reference to infractions of the law relating to the suppression of liquor selling among the natives of Haines and vicinity.

In reply I regret that such a condition exists, and I beg to assure you that just as speedily as I can secure the services of some competent man, I will cause an investigation to be made to the end that this illicit peddling of booze to the Indians be exterminated, if possible. The difficulty in securing a competent, reliable man for that work is no ordinary one, as it requires honesty, discretion and the desire to secure results. I have in mind a suitable man for that purpose, but it may probably be two or three weeks or even a month before his services can be secured. In the meantime I have to ask that you consider this communication entirely confidential, as the man I shall send

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will be a complete stranger in your locality, and, in view of the conditions existing there, it would be well to preserve the strictest silence concerning the matter.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in this work and thanking you for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 26, 1917

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Mr. Henry L. Bahrt,
Deputy United States Marshal,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 12, with reference to the illegal sale of liquor at Sitka, and in which you express the belief that, in order to apprehend the violators, it will be necessary to have a man unknown to the people engaged in the traffic.

In reply I have to advise you that I will give this matter consideration in the near future, and shall arrange, if possible, to send some capable man to look into the matter. I have to advise you, in any event, not to divulge in any way the presence of an investigator in Sitka, should I be able to find a suitable person. You will be good enough, however, if called upon, to cooperate with him in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 27, 1917

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Mr. George G. Hand,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed temporary assistant to the special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, at a compensation of \$150 per month. You will also be allowed your actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, when absent from Juneau on official business under this appointment. The appointment will be effective this date and continue until your return from a special investigation of conditions at Sitka.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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April 9, 1917

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Mr. Geo. G. Hand,
c/o Henry L. Bakrt,
Sitka, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 3, with reference to conditions at Sitka, and note you state that you believe it would take you longer to accomplish results along the line indicated in your former instructions.

In reply I have to advise you that it would be well for you to stay until such time as you have the situation well in hand, or you are recalled by either letter or telegram.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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April 12, 1917

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Sir:

Herewith I beg to enclose the oath of office of Seward
Kans, who was appointed by me on the 13th ultimo, as temporary
special employee for the suppression of the traffic in interdi-
cating liquors among the natives of Alaska, with headquarters
in Juneau. The compensation of this officer has been fixed
at the nominal sum of \$5 per month, with no expense allowance.

The appointee above named is a half-breed resident of
the Indian village adjacent to the town of Juneau, and has
been employed for special work in the village.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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Juneau, Apl. 13, 1917.

NAUD,

SITKA.

Marshal Bishop says for you to go with Bahrt on Krause
hunt and marshal will pay you for that trip.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Sec'y to Governor.

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April 20, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of March. It is also noted that you have reason to believe that certain dredging companies had intended to secure their game meat for their mess during their mining operations, and that you had advised them that the law would be strictly enforced. You are to be commended in this action, for there is no reason in the world why concerns like this should depend for their fresh meat upon the game of the country.

You are, therefore, instructed to enforce the law in all cases of this kind to the utmost.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, April 21, 1917

O. B.

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Joseph A. Bourke,

Special Employee,

Valdez

Please wire amount your March expenses and estimated April expenses. Can you use during remainder fiscal year more than regular allowance of one hundred fifty per month? Have considerable surplus in appropriation which desire to use if good of service thereby furthered.

STRONG, Governor


Secretary

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Juneau, April 21, 1917

O. B.

Thomas Gaffney,

Special Employee,

Nome

Please wire amount your February and March expenses and estimated April expenses. Also advise if you can use to advantage of service an increased allowance for remainder of fiscal year. Have considerable surplus in ~~the~~ appropriation which desire to use if possible.

STRONG, Governor


Secretary

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Jackson, April 21, 1917

O. B.

A. E. Light,
Special Employee,

Ruby

Please wire amount your March expenses and estimated April expenses. Also advise if you can use to advantage of service an increased allowance for remainder of fiscal year. Have considerable surplus in ~~the~~ appropriation which desire to use if possible.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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April 24, 1917

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), together with a copy of a letter from the President of the United States Civil Service Commission, dated April 10, 1917, and an enclosure from Mr. M. W. Griffith, of Nome, preferring charges against Thomas Gaffney, one of the employees in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic, alleging pernicious activity on his part in Territorial politics, as well as drunkenness, and you request that I cause to be made a careful examination as to the truthfulness of this allegation, and that if they are sustained, his services should be dispensed with.

In reply I have to advise you that inasmuch as the overland mail communication with Nome has ceased, I cannot begin this investigation until the opening of navigation in the Bering Sea about June 1 next, when this matter will be given immediate attention.

I may add that this is the first complaint I have had concerning Mr. Gaffney; and, I regret to say, the campaign

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last fall, and since has developed considerable political activity in federal officials in Alaska, holding much higher positions than that occupied by Mr. Gaffney, not connected with the Interior Department, however.

For your information, I may add that Mr. Gaffney is a former member of the House of Representatives of the Territorial legislature, and I had never heard it charged that he had been a bartender at any time, either in Nome or elsewhere. It is possible that he may have been in the early days of Nome, when men of many kinds and professions accepted employment in an industry that was at that time second only to mining.

I shall, however, cause a complete and thorough investigation to be made of all the charges preferred against Mr. Gaffney.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

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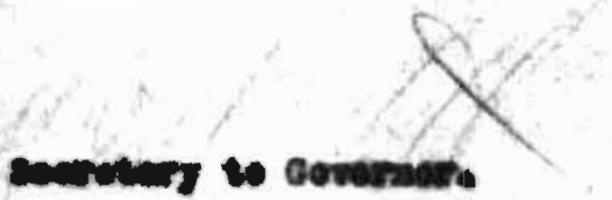
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A. E. LIGHT,

RUET.

Referring your message April twenty fourth, you will be allowed seven hundred fifty dollars for May and June expenses, if necessary for good of service.

STRENS, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, April 30, 1917. O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,

NOME.

Referring your wire twenty first you will be allowed two hundred seventy five dollars for May expenses and two hundred fifty for June, if necessary for good of service. Keep this office advised by wire as to your movements at all times when possible to do so.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

Bureau, April 30, 1917. O. B.

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Joseph A. Bourke,

**Special Employee,
VALDEZ.**

**Can allow you two hundred twenty five
dollars per month for expenses for months of May and June if necessary for
your work and good of service.**

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

May 4, 1917

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Mr. H. F. Norton,
Deputy United States Marshal,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On August 7, 1916, while you were employed as jailer in the United States jail at Juneau, you borrowed from this office one "billy," for which we hold your receipt. It will be appreciated if you will kindly arrange the return of this article of self-defense at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 14, 1917

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Mr. Floyd W. Davis,

Nome, Alaska

My dear Davis:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 12, with reference to securing an appointment as special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic in the Second judicial division.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no vacancy at this time, and whether there will be or not, I cannot now determine, but I may express the opinion that the incumbent will be continued in office. Your application will be filed for future reference, however, should a vacancy occur.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 16, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Snow:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, in reply to mine relative to your April expense account, which I am holding pending your return. I note you expect to visit a number of outlying points after your court matters are disposed of. Your April expense account can await your return to Juneau, provided you reach here not later than June 30, which is the end of the fiscal quarter.

Faithfully yours,

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

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May 14, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check covering your March expense account.

I also enclose both copies of sub-voucher #18, submitted with your April expense account, and have to ask that you endorse on the back of the sub-voucher a statement showing the various meals had on the trip in question, and the rate per meal; after which, return the sub-voucher to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 22, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith certain correspondence received by me through the Department of the Interior, which is self-explanatory, and I have to request that you will make such replies to the charges made against you by M. W. Griffith, of Nome, to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., alleging pernicious political activity, etc., in the election of 1916. You will complete your reply, including as many corroborative statements as you may deem fit and proper and forward them to this office as promptly as may be, for transmission to the Department of the Interior. It is specifically urged that you use every diligence in answering the charges enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, May 22, 1917. O. B.

Thomas Gaffney,

HOME.

Replying yours date. You may use part of June allowance in present month if necessary or if service requires additional allowance of thirty dollars over previous amounts you may incur the expense. Maloney here, Burns in Fairbanks. Kjegsted should wire application to Washington at once if has not already done so, and should forward written application there by first mail. It cannot properly be sent from here as it must be signed by him.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

June 1, 1917

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Corporal Harry J. Newell,
Co. G, 32d Infantry,
Schoefield Barracks, H. T.

Dear Sir:

The Department of the Interior has forwarded to this office a copy of your inquiry of the 24th of April last, in which you request information regarding employment as special officer to assist in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are only four officers regularly employed in this service, and at the present time there are no vacancies, nor are any changes contemplated in the immediate future. Appointments to this service are made by the Secretary of the Interior, upon recommendation of the Governor of Alaska, and with the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, June 1, 1917

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a rough draft of a letter addressed to the Secretary, recommending the reappointment of the four regularly employed special employees for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, for the year beginning July 1, 1917.

I have not had this letter written in regular form for the reason that some time ago you intimated that you intended to recommend the appointment of someone else in place of Joe Snow. If it is your intantion to do so, the letter should, of course, be changed accordingly. As these officers have only one month more to serve under their present appointments, the matter should be presented to the Department as soon as possible, I take it, so that there may be no question as to their time beginning on July 1. It might be a good idea, perhaps, to have the Department wire this office, advising the reappointment of these men so that we may, in turn, notify them promptly.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

June 1, 1917

Mr. Seward Kunz,
Temporary Special Employee,
Juneau

Dear Sir:

Please arrange to call at the Governor's office as soon as you can conveniently do so, in connection with a matter relating to your employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 12, 1917

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Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 17th ultimo (Mr. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), transmitting the appointment of Seward Kuns, special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska; also a copy of Department letter of April 12, 1915, relative to the manner in which these appointments should in future be made.

Mr. Kuns's appointment has been delivered to him and there is herewith returned the personal record card which accompanied the appointment and which has been signed by Mr. Kuns.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

June 19, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

On the seventh of May last, I addressed a letter to you, advising that my attention has been called by the Department of the Interior to an error in payment of your expense account for October, 1916, as a result of which you were overpaid the sum of \$4.50. You were requested to remit that amount in the form of a postal money order so that it could be deposited to the credit of the appropriation. I have not yet received the remittance mentioned and am again writing to ask that you give the matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours,

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

June 27, 1917

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

My dear Governor Strong:

There has just been received from the Comptroller of the Treasury a reply to the letters of June 1, which were mailed to you for your signature, in which a ruling was asked as to whether the increases provided under section 7 of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation act of March 3, 1917, and under section 2 of the sundry civil appropriation act of June 12, 1917, are applicable to the salaries of the janitor for the Governor's office, the caretaker for the executive mansion and the game wardens and special employees.

The Comptroller states that there appears to be no reason why the percentage increases should not apply to the janitor, caretaker and game wardens, subject to limitations with respect to rates. As to the special employees, however, the Comptroller states:

"As this appropriation is not to be disbursed, nor expended, under your direction, I am without jurisdiction to decide this question at your request."

The appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives (page 51, public No. 21), as contained in

the sundry civil bill for the fiscal year 1918, approved June 12, reads as follows:

"For suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, \$15,000."

Only in a technical sense is it true that the appropriation in question is not expended under your direction, for, while the special employees are appointed by the Secretary, they are appointed upon your recommendation, and their salaries and expense allowances are fixed in accordance with the recommendations of this office. The appropriation is disbursed by the Governor's secretary, as special disbursing agent, and the vouchers and accounts are approved by you as Governor. The officers also work entirely under the orders given by the Governor's office.

However, the technicality does not stand in the way of our obtaining a ruling. I suppose it will be necessary to ask the Secretary of the Interior to call for the ruling of the Comptroller in the premises, and for this purpose I enclose a letter which may be used, if you think it is in proper form. So far as the regular special employees are concerned, I suppose that only one of them (Bourke) will come within the provisions of the percentage increases.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

June 27, 1917

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Sir:

Under date of the first instant, I addressed a letter to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in accordance with section V of Treasury Department circular No. 77, relating to forms of pay roll for 5 and 10 per cent increases in compensation, and asked to be advised as to the applicability of the percentage increases to persons employed under the appropriation for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska. In that letter, I mentioned the four officers regularly employed in this service, only one of whom receives a salary less than \$1800 per annum. The Comptroller has replied to my inquiry as follows:

"As this appropriation is not to be disbursed by you nor expended under your direction, I am without jurisdiction to decide this question at your request."

The appropriation referred to is found on page 51 of the sundry civil bill of June 12, 1917 (public No. 21).

I have the honor to request that I be advised as to the applicability of the percentage increases above mentioned to the special officer regularly employed in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska whose salary is less than \$1800 per annum and as to its applicability to

to persons who may be employed for short periods as temporary assistants and whose compensation may be at a rate less than \$1200 or less than \$1800 per annum. The temporary assistants are sometimes paid at a per-day rate and sometimes at a per-month rate. As you are aware, my secretary is special disbursing agent of the appropriation referred to, as well as the appropriation for the protection of game in Alaska and his accounts, under both appropriations, are subject to my approval.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

June 29, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith Department of the Interior memorandum which was sent you some time ago and which you filled out but failed to sign. Please attach your signature and mail the memorandum to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 1, 1917

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

Sir:

In connection with the work of suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska under the federal appropriation for that purpose, I have the honor to recommend the reemployment, for the year beginning July 1, 1917, of the following-named officers who are regularly engaged in this service, namely:

Joseph A. Bourke, of Valdez, at a salary of \$1600 per annum and with an expense allowance of approximately \$1800 per annum.

Thomas Gaffney, of Nome, at a salary of \$2100 per annum, and with an expense allowance of approximately \$900 per annum.

A. E. Light, of Ruby, at a salary of \$2100 per annum and with an expense allowance of approximately \$2100 per annum.

I have also to recommend the appointment of J. F. McDonald, of Juneau, as special officer in this service, for the first judicial division of the Territory, at a salary of \$2200 per annum and with a total expense allowance of approximately \$1380 per annum; this appointment to be effective Aug. 15, 1917. Mr. McDonald has served for some time as game warden under ap-

pointment of this office and has rendered very efficient service in that position. He has also assisted in enforcing the law against the furnishing of liquor to Indians and is quite familiar with that work. I am recommending his appointment as special officer in place of Joseph A. Snow, of Juneau, whose reappointment I cannot recommend for reasons set forth in another letter of this date.

These recommendations are submitted with the view of having the appointments made under the provisions of schedule A, subdivision VIII, section 16 of the Civil Service Rules.

Respectfully,

Governor

August 1, 1917

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Sir:

Today I forwarded you recommendations for the reappointment of the special employees for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians, assigned to the second, third and fourth judicial divisions. For the first judicial division I recommended the appointment of J. F. McDonald instead of Joseph A. Snow, and I stated that I recommended McDonald as special employee for reasons that I would set forth in another letter of even date.

In compliance with this statement, I have to state that for some time past Snow's official services have not been satisfactory to this office, inasmuch as in cases that had been reported to him, he has been inclined to follow the line of least resistance in the discharge of his duties; further, he has not exhibited that degree of loyalty to the office that is required for effective work, and has been unduly active in partisan politics, expressing himself in terms on some occasions that could not but result in disorganization of a service that had been perfected and built up to a satisfactory standpoint in the other three judicial divisions. Mr. Snow, when charged with such activity, admitted his dereliction in that respect, but I took no action at that time, believing that after ad-

monishing him he would conduct himself in such a manner as would call for no further investigation. This I believe he has not done, and I am satisfied that his continuance in the service will not be productive of the results which ought to be required and which I do require.

I have, therefore, to again suggest the appointment of McDonald, who is a game warden for this judicial division and ex officio special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and who has shown that he is thoroughly qualified for this position. He has had a large experience in police work and I have found him, during the last three years of his service under the direction of this office, trustworthy and capable in every way.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

July 31, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a money order payable to him, in the sum of \$4.50, which amount was recitted in response to office letters of May 7 and June 19. The amount is being placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States for refund to the liquor appropriation.

Respectfully yours,

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

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July 20, 1917

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

My dear Sir:

I return herewith your expense account for the month of June, together with all subvouchers, and beg to call your attention to the following discrepancies which should be corrected:

1. The oath on the original voucher is not signed by you.
2. None of your subvouchers shows your official title, which, as you know, should appear on all subvouchers.
3. On the back of subvoucher No. 3 you show details of meals had, and the total charge for meals on the third is shown as 95 cents, whereas the items show 90 cents and you have carried 90 cents into the total of the voucher.
4. Subvoucher No. 6, covering purchase of butter and meat, should be attached to a certificate slip, showing that the supplies were for use while absent from your official headquarters, and giving the dates on which they were used. You have heretofore been furnished with a supply of these yellow certificate slips.
5. Subvoucher No. 4 covers hire of launch El Nido at \$15 a day, including meals and berth. The regulations require that in such case the meals and berth charges be itemized.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

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August 10, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your reports for the months of May and June, which I have read with much interest. I note you have been active and that you have accomplished excellent results. I note the big seizure of whiskey made from Palmer of Knik, and it is a matter of some wonderment to me that men in legitimate lines of business will descend to such outrageous violations of the law. I have to commend your work and hope that you will be successful in all future endeavors.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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August 15, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover we are sending you one book of government transportation requests, Nos. 25,301 to 25325, inc., and one pad of government bills of lading, Nos. 45,801 to 45,825, inc. These are for your use when you have occasion to travel over the government railroad from Seward to Anchorage.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 16, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your general report of July 24, which I have examined with much interest. I am glad to know that such a decided improvement has been made in the moral and material condition of the natives under your jurisdiction.

I shall include your report in my forthcoming annual report to the Secretary of the Interior.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, August 22, 1917. O. B.

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J. A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Keep this office advised as to progress of case against
Palmer liquor smuggler. Wire any important developments.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 29, 1917 O. B.

Joe Snow,

c/o Marshal's office,

Ketchikan

Return to Juneau by first steamer.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

August 30, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Thomas Gaffney, special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, for the second judicial division, together with affidavits of himself and others, in reply to the charges made against him by M. W. Griffith, of Nome, to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, alleging pernicious political activity, etc., in the election of 1916.

I wish to add that I have known Mr. Gaffney for seventeen years, and I have at all times found him to be a man of integrity in all respects. He was appointed special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives for the second judicial division in August, 1914, and his work has been exceedingly satisfactory to this office. He has been indefatigable in his work and has exercised rare intelligence in not only securing convictions, but in the prevention of the liquor traffic among the natives. He is a man of broad intelligence and experience, and I consider him one of the very best men in that or any similar service in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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August 30, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your monthly reports for July, which I have read with interest, and, while no arrests are reported, I take it that a large amount of preventive work was accomplished, and this is the end to be desired at all times, considering the old saying that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and this applied to the work in which you are engaged.

I have to advise you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Department, dated August 18, from which the following excerpt is made:

"With regard to your recommendation that Joseph A. Bourke, Thomas Gaffney and Albert E. Light, special officers for the suppression of the liquor traffic, be reemployed for the year beginning July 1, 1917, I beg to state that when they were reappointed effective July 1, 1916, their appointments stated no limit as to continuance, and the Department letter of July 8, 1917, transmitting them to you, contained the following paragraph:

"It will be noted that the limitation as to the term of these appointments has been omitted, and accordingly it will not be necessary for you to file biennial recommendations for continuance beyond July 1, 1916, of service of these appointees."

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The Secretary adds that, therefore, it does not appear to be necessary to issue appointments to these special officers so long as they are retained at the same salaries stated in their last appointments.

In the first judicial division I have made a change, Joseph A. Snow, who was appointed in 1913, having been dismissed upon my recommendation, and J. F. McDonald, of Juneau, has been appointed in his stead. Snow proved himself a poor official in many respects, and besides, when I "put him on the carpet," shortly after the canvassing board's decision, he acknowledged that he had been disloyal. He is now reaping the reward of disloyalty.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau
August 21, 1917 O. B.

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Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome

Permission granted to investigate complaints in Koyuk section and you
are authorized to use part of your October expense allowance if
necessary.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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Sept. 8, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I have your reports for the month of August.

With respect to the reported sales of liquor to
Indians at Chitina, you are advised to investigate closely
these cases and to prosecute the law violators to the full-
est extent of the law, provided you can secure sufficient
evidence to do so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 10, 1917

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Sir:

This is to advise that the services of Joseph A. Snow, as special employe for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, terminated on August 31 last. Mr. Snow was paid for the full month of August, for the reason that the Department letter, advising the removal of Mr. Snow as of date August 14, did not reach this office until a few days before the end of the month, and at the time Mr. Snow was in the Ketchikan district. A telegram was immediately sent to him, instructing him to return by first boat to Juneau. He reached Juneau on August 31 and was immediately handed the Department letter of removal. Under the circumstances, it was deemed but fair to allow Mr. Snow the full month of August since he had been engaged in his official duties throughout the month.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Sept. 10, 1917

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to enclose the original oath of office of John F. McDonald, who was recently appointed Special Employee for the First judicial division of the Territory, in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, vice Joseph A. Snow, removed.

For reasons stated in another letter of this date, McDonald's services as special employee did not begin until September 1.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington

Sept. 26, 1917

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Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 21, with reference to the illegal sale of liquor to Indians at Haines.

In reply permit me to express my astonishment at such a condition of affairs. That such debaucheries as you outline in your letter should exist and be known to sworn officers of the United States Government, without these officers taking any steps to eradicate the evils, is almost beyond belief, but I know that your statements are unfortunately too true. It is an unfortunate condition that officials of the Department of Justice are more concerned in pernicious political activity than in the enforcement of law, and, therefore, it is not to be wondered that the abhorrent conditions which you picture in your letter are prevalent.

I shall, within a few days, send a competent man to Haines to inquire into conditions and see if an improvement cannot be effected. His visit, of course, will not be known to the people, but I have instructed him to consult with you, and I am sure that you will render him every assistance

within your power. The man I have in view is now in Juneau, in attendance upon the grand jury, but probably will be relieved within a few days, when he will proceed to Haines. I have instructed him to go after all violators of law, without fear or favor whatsoever, and I am confident that he will do so, as he has done much valuable work in this line under the direction of this office.

I have to thank you for your kind wishes toward myself, but it is by no means certain whether I shall be continued in the office of Governor or not. My opponents, who, in my opinion, represent the lawless and not the law-abiding people of Alaska, are doing everything within their power in the way of politics to prevent my reappointment. However, so long as I continue in the office, I shall endeavor to enforce the laws as well as I can. I have only to say that I have tried to make my administration of the office of Governor a credit to the people of Alaska, and I am well satisfied that I have the support of all the good people of the Territory; and, as for the other sort, I would sooner have their opposition than their aid.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Sept. 26, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report for the month of August. I note what you say with reference to the sale of lemon extract, and I have to advise you that no doubt, after the Territory goes dry, there will be an increased sale or attempts to sell these extracts, not only to natives but to whites; and you are instructed to leave nothing undone to prevent such traffic at all times. It may be that an extra supply of lemon extract may have been taken to Nome during the open season of navigation, and it will be your duty to make such investigations as you can along this line. Of course, these must be conducted quietly.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 6, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of the fourth ultimo, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$20, payable to Mr. H. C. McGown, the same being your contribution to the fund which is being raised for the purpose of providing an "Interior Department" bed in one of the hospitals in France.

I am forwarding the money order to Mr. McGown, who will no doubt make due acknowledgment of the same. Permit me to express my personal appreciation of the generous assistance which you have thus rendered the movement.

I mailed you on the third instant a supply of letter-heads, second sheets, linen envelopes, expense voucher forms and monthly report forms, which I trust will be sufficient until the opening of navigation next year.

I was much interested, a few days ago, in going over your reports for the last year and making up a summary of the same for our annual report. While the special employee for the First judicial division holds the record for number of

cases during the year (quite a number of which were actually secured by the game warden at Juneau), you easily hold the record for variety of charges under which persons were apprehended. I was particularly impressed with the lack of sympathy which seems to exist in the Interior for persons who are arrested on the charge of vagrancy. Apparently "the way of the transgressor is hard" in your bailiwick.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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

October 13, 1917

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Special Employee
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the second instant, with reference to the liquor traffic among the Indians in your district. I am pleased to know that you are giving close attention to this matter and that you are cooperating with deputy marshal Feaster at Chitina, and I sincerely trust that your combined efforts will result in success. It is a fortunate circumstance that the dry law will go into effect in Alaska within two months and a half, when I trust that there will be a great diminution in at least the illicit sale of liquor among the natives, who must be protected, inasmuch as they seem incapable of protecting themselves. I hope and trust that prohibition in Alaska will mark the beginning of a new era for the Territory, as the way I look at the matter, there are only three institutions that will suffer by reason of prohibition, namely, the lunatic asylums, the jails and the beerhouses.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, October 17, 1917. O. B.

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J. A. Bourke,

Valdez.

Matter referred to in your wire of third being given attention
but nothing definite to report. Will advise if any developments.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to Governor.

October 19, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a telegram forwarded to you in reply to yours of October 3, with reference to a fishing boat alleged to be under contract in Juneau until October 10, after which she is to leave for Anchorage with several hundred cases of whiskey. The telegram explains the situation, and I only wish to add that up to this time it does not appear that there is any intention on the part of the owner of any gas boat of the dimensions given in your letter, to leave for Anchorage with liquor.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 24, 1917

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Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Winterberger:

I have your letter of the 20th, and in reply I have to state that I was, indeed, surprised that Mr. Hawkesworth should have made the statement that he did. He probably did it unwittingly, however. How he obtained that information, I do not know, as I am sure it did not come through this office, nor do I believe it came from Mr. McDonald. However, he may have surmised only that such would be the case.

For your information, I may say that Mr. McDonald has been delayed in visiting Haines for the reason that he has been detained in court, through the slow movements of that body, for several weeks and is still detained there in the trial of cases in which he is a witness. Just as soon, however, as he is relieved, he will give the Haines matter immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 5, 1917.

Mr. David Millard,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby designated a Temporary Assistant to the Special Employee, for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Natives of Alaska, for the first judicial division, the appointment to be effective this date and to continue until further notice, but not to cover a period of more than one month. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$5 per day for each day actually employed, and you will be allowed your actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses when absent from Juneau on official business.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 10, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,
Special Employee,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in which you report "that no violations of the liquor law came under my observation during the month of October, 1917."

We assume that you have reference to violations of the law with respect to furnishing liquor to Indians. However, the functions of the game wardens and special employees are not limited to the enforcement of the game laws and the laws for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. Their duties as officers requires them to report the violations of other laws which may come under their notice or be brought to their attention. This office is continually hearing reports of large amounts of liquor reaching Anchorage and an almost wholesale business being carried on by blind pigs and bootleggers in that place; and a recent issue of one of the Anchorage papers contains charges of gross violations of the regulations prohibiting the traffic in liquor at Anchorage, and, if the charges are true, it does not seem possible that

your attention has not been called to the conditions which are alleged to exist.

You are, no doubt, aware that special employee Bourke, acting in conjunction with the deputy marshal, was instrumental in the seizing of a large amount of liquor consigned to Anchorage on a schooner owned by one Palmer of Kaitik. This was not a case where the Indians were directly concerned, but the seizure of the liquor was eminently proper and indirectly in line with the special employee's work. If you have not heretofore understood the matter, I trust you now understand it and that in future you will not confine your observations, with regard to violations of the liquor law, solely to those cases in which the Indians are directly concerned. Any person who violates any law or regulation with regard to the liquor traffic will, if opportunity affords, violate the law prohibiting the furnishing of liquor to Indians. Therefore, the prosecution of such persons is at all times proper and highly desirable, and this office expects every officer working under it to act accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, November 10, 1917. O. B.

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Thos. Gaffney,

NOME.

Reference your letter October twenty sixth cannot allow compensation to officer for his own dogteam under department regulations but will arrange increased expense allowance so as to permit more travel after January first and to this end please wire your estimate of amount needed for your expenses for January February and March and will try and cover it.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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November 10, 1917

Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26, in which you express your fear that wholesale violations of the liquor laws will be evident after the Territory enters the dry column on January 1 next, and you also state that vigilance and decisive action are the best remedies to thwart outlawry of this kind, and you also suggest that your monthly expense allowance be increased in order to meet the situation which you believe will inevitably arise.

In reply I have to advise you that your expense allowance will be substantially increased, either from the Federal fund, if it will permit, or from a Territorial appropriation made by the next legislature which is solely under the control of the Governor. You will be notified of the increase of your allowance by wire prior to January 1.

It gives me pleasure to commend the excellent work that you have done ever since you received your appointment in the suppression of the liquor traffic. You have shown a rare fidelity to duty in all respects.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

November 14, 1917

CIRCULAR NO. 21

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TO ALL SPECIAL EMPLOYEES:

There is being forwarded with this circular to all special employees a copy of Treasury Department circular of October 22, 1917, containing instructions with regard to shipments of state or government property, transportation of officers or employees of the United States or any state or territory, and with respect to telegraph service, etc. Each officer should be careful to familiarise himself with the Department Circular and should conform to the requirements thereof.

This office has made request for a supply of certificate blanks for use in connection with the purchase of tickets for transportation of officers, and these will be distributed as soon as they have been received from the Department.

With respect to the certificates required in connection with telegraph, telephone or radio messages, the form of certificate heretofore required to be made contains the statement that the message is on official business, etc.; and if the words "Not for private purposes" are added thereto, the requirements of the enclosed circular will be substantially complied with.

Each special employee is directed to make prompt acknowledgment of the receipt of this circular and its accompanying enclosures.


Secretary to the Governor
and S. D. A.

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November 14, 1917
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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,
Special Employee,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a "list of differences" sent me by the Department in connection with my accounts for the period July 29 to September 30, 1917, under the liquor appropriation. You will note that approval of voucher No. 3, covering your travel expenses for the month of June, 1917, has been suspended, pending the receipt of an explanation relative thereto.

Please furnish detailed explanation covering all of the points mentioned in the memorandum contained on the enclosed sheet. Kindly furnish this explanation in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

Secretary, and S. D. A.

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November 17, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your several reports for the months of August, September and October, which I have read with much interest. I note that you have been active and have accomplished some excellent results.

It seems to me that Anchorage has achieved a most unenviable reputation as a "dry" town. I have heard from other sources that liquor was almost as plentiful as water at that place, and reports received would seem to confirm the statement.

I note what you say with reference to cider, and I suppose that it will be necessary to establish its alcoholic content before convictions can be made. I also note your seizure of 19 5-gallon cans and a 20-gallon keg of alcohol, which I gather was the product of a local distillery.

This suggests to me the desirability of pointing out that with the going dry of the Territory on January 1 next, there will undoubtedly be a great deal of illicit distillation of liquor, and, in addition to the federal fund available for

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the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, there is a Territorial appropriation which will be available for the apprehension of violators of the dry law. You are therefore, requested to advise this office as to the desirability of employing one or more assistants in the suppression of the liquor traffic for a limited time, at least.

You will be good enough to consider this entirely confidential.

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 20, 1917

Mr. E. H. Hall, Auditor,
Pacific Steamship Co.,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I am transmitting a letter of the 16th instant, addressed to this office by Mr. J. F. McDonald, special employee of the Department of the Interior and who is working under this office in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska. The letter is, I believe, self-explanatory and is accompanied by a certificate signed by special employee McDonald, covering the ticket in question, together with a duplicate copy of the receipt given him by your agent at Ketchikan, covering the purchase of the ticket and the war tax in question. The original of the receipt has been retained by Mr. McDonald, as he is required to submit it with his expense account. The refund of \$1.10 should be made to Mr. J. F. McDonald, special employee, Juneau, as he can only include the sum of \$14 (the regular charge for fare between Ketchikan and Juneau) in his expense account.

This matter is being referred to you at the suggestion
of your Juneau agent Mr. H. S. Ewing.

Respectfully yours,

Governor



November 21, 1917

Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

I enclose herewith a copy of "List of differences" just received from the Department in connection with my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended September 30 last, from which you will note that an error was made in footing the items in your July expense account, the same having been totaled \$71, whereas the correct amount is \$69. This resulted in an overpayment of \$2, which amount I am today depositing from my personal funds to my official account as disbursing agent, and will ask that you kindly forward a postal money order payable to me in reimbursement of the amount.

Since this error got by both of us, it shows, I suppose, that even good men sometimes make mistakes.

Faithfully yours,

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

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November 21, 1919

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

Dear Sir:

I return herewith both copies of your subvoucher No. 1 for October, the same covering hire of launch belonging to the Alaskan Engineering Commission. The name "Alaskan Engineering Commission" does not appear upon the subvoucher as the payee, and there is nothing on it to indicate that either of the parties who signed it are in any way connected with the Alaskan Engineering Commission. I beg to call your attention also to the fact that your title does not appear upon the subvoucher.

Kindly supply the information and take the subvoucher up in your next expense account.

Your October expense account has been reduced to \$100.50.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

Juneau, November 23, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

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Dave Willard in care of
E. L. WINTERBERGER,

Haines.

Replying your message even date if any doubt as to result of cases
before commissioner at Haines return here with evidence and we will
have matters presented to next grand jury.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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November 28, 1917

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Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from the Department of the Interior, for your information, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

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December 15, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of October, also your very interesting and informative letter of November 6, which I have read with much interest. I note what you say with respect to conditions of various kinds throughout your district, and that there is to be noted an improvement, so far as the observance of the laws is concerned.

I assume of course, that while your territory goes dry on January 1, there will still be a good deal of whiskey left in the country and that its effects will probably be seen for some time to come. I know, of course, that you will give the very best that is within you to the strict enforcement of the law. I assume that you have a copy of this law and that you have noticed that it is a "bone dry" law in every particular, and its provisions should be comparatively easy of enforcement, inasmuch as the officers who are entrusted with its execution are clothed with pretty liberal powers.

I was much grieved at the death of Mr. Filbin, and I know that Ruby will miss him and also the interesting paper which he published.

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Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Cardially yours,

Governor



Handwritten signature or scribble.

December 23, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, with a clipping concerning one Thomas J. Dowling, for which I thank you.

From what I have been able to learn concerning the Alaska Dowling, the one referred to in the Hartford newspaper cannot be the same man, as I am advised that Dowling is now in Seattle. He was formerly of this city where he was quite well known.

Appreciating your prompt action, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

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Mr. Peter S. Erickson,
Special Employee,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 7 and note the result of your conference with the district attorney. I trust that conditions will continue to improve with the elimination of the liquor business, as suggested by the district attorney.

I am also glad to know that your local board of health has taken up the question of venereal diseases and that an effort will be made to stamp out this evil. This action is being taken in many towns of the United States at the present time, and especially in those towns which are near army cantonments. The district attorney, having visited your town and investigated conditions, I suppose that, if he deems further action necessary, he will take it.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 2, with respect to conditions along the Yukon River. I am glad to know that conditions are satisfactory and I trust that the winter will pass by as pleasantly as can be expected.

I am forwarding to your address a few copies of the Alaska dry law---about all that we have left in the office. I trust that these will be useful to you. The law is a drastic one, as you know, and should be comparatively easy of enforcement.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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January 9, 1918

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Mr. Earl M. Davis,
Chicken, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 24, in which you ask if special officers will be appointed for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and state that, if so, you would like to be appointed for the Fortymile precinct.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not intended at this time to make any special appointments of such officers. It is naturally expected that, with the Territory dry, the liquor traffic will be practically suppressed, although it is expected that bootlegging and the illicit manufacture of liquors may be continued for a time. Should an emergency arise, it might be possible to appoint a few special officers for a limited period.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 9, 1918

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Mr. Earl M. Davis,
Chicken, Alaska

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Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

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Mr. E. H. Hall, Auditor,
Pacific Steamship Company,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 20 last a letter was addressed by the Governor, with respect to a refund of \$1.10 due Mr. J. F. McDonald, special employee working under the direction of this office in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska. The amount in question represents a war tax charge on a ticket purchased by officer McDonald for transportation from Ketchikan to Juneau on November 9, at which time the officer had not been furnished with certificate of exemption blanks for use in connection with the purchase of transportation, and the agent, therefore, required him to pay the war tax. Our letter was accompanied by a letter of November 16, addressed to this office by Mr. McDonald, explaining the circumstances, and by a certificate signed by Mr. McDonald, certifying that the transportation was obtained on account of official business and not for private purposes and that the same was exempt from the tax imposed by the act of October 3, 1917.

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Mr. McDonald advises that he has heard nothing with respect to the refund, and at his request I am again writing you and will appreciate advice as to what disposition has been made of the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 4, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12, containing your report for the month of October on operations in connection with the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. It is noted you say you had five cases before the district court on several different charges and that four of the defendants pleaded guilty. You failed, however, to give any information with regard to these cases, and the information contained in your letter is of little value for that reason. Please furnish us with a statement, giving the names, addresses, the charges upon which they were arrested, the penalties imposed upon those who pleaded guilty, and any other information which might be of value to this office.

In future, please furnish like information in connection with any cases which you may have.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1918

Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth of January last, enclosing postal money order in my favor, in the sum of two dollars, to cover overpayment, of which I wrote you some months ago.

Thanking you for the remittance, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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



Juneau, March 4, 1918. O. B.

Steve H. L. Foster,

Kenaga.

Incidental to your appointment as game warden you are designated special employee for suppression of liquor traffic, without compensation or expense allowance unless specially authorized by this office for a particular case. Arrange transfer from McDonald of badge, official correspondence and other property relative to liquor service, similar to that with respect to game warden.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.



March 4, 1918

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Mr. Steve R. L. Foster,
Special Employee,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with your appointment as special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic, you are advised that you should make out, at the end of each month, a report stating, in a general way, the work done by you in this service during the month, and advising this office of any important investigations made of cases prosecuted under the liquor laws.

Mr. A. E. Light is a regularly employed special employee in this service, his headquarters being at Ruby. Should you at any time come into possession of any information which would be of value to him, you should communicate the same to him either by letter or telegraph. Mr. Light, in connection with his services as special employee, has also been designated as game warden without compensation, and he will be advised of your appointment and instructed to advise you from time to time of any information which may come to his knowledge and which might be of interest or value to you, in connection with your work as warden.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 4, 1918

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

My dear Mr. Light:

This is to advise you that game warden R. S. McDonald, Fairbanks, resigned, effective February 1, and that Mr. Steve R. L. Foster, of Nenana, was appointed to succeed him, the appointment being effective March 1. Mr. Foster will make his headquarters at Nenana, leaving Mr. Hjalmar Nordale to look after the Fairbanks section.

Mr. Foster has been designated a special employee, without compensation, in connection with his appointment as game warden, and has been instructed to keep in touch with you on matters affecting the enforcement of the liquor laws as occasion may require. He has been advised that you will communicate with him, should you at any time obtain information which you think might be valuable to him in connection with the enforcement of the game laws.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 4, 1918

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Mr. Steve R. L. Foster,
Game Warden,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a confirmation copy of a telegram of this date, advising you of your appointment as a special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, without compensation or expense allowance, unless especially authorized by this office for a particular case.

This appointment, as explained in the telegram, is incidental to your position as game warden. You will be expected to at all times, be on the lookout for violations of the liquor laws, either as to furnishing liquor to Indians or in connection with the so-called "bone dry" law of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Enc.

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March 23, 1918

Mr. Thomas Gaffney,
Special Employee,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of January. I have to commend your vigilance in your work at all times, and, as this may be the last official communication I shall have with you, I desire to say that you have shown great diligence and intelligence in the discharge of your duties. I believe it is only just for me to say that if all officers of the Government would exercise the same good judgment, keenness of discrimination and activity in the enforcement of the laws with which they are charged, a vast improvement would be immediately noticeable. Too many officials, I fear, are more concerned in the arrival of pay day than in the just, equitable and efficient discharge of their duties. I know that it would be the part of wisdom for my successor to retain you in the service, but I suppose is scarcely to be expected, inasmuch as those who now seem to dictate the political policies of the Territory believe that offices are not public trusts, but private snags, to be used for personal benefit and the political advantages of the appointing

power. This, of course, is to be regretted; but the day will come---and speedily I trust---when efficiency in office will be the only determining factor for a man's fitness for it. The present war is turning the world upside down---it is being turned up, in fact---and out of the chaos will come a new order of things when right and not might will be the guiding principle of all civilized nations. Have we a civilization today? When I think of a war-mad Europe---no, war-mad world, and the crumbling of time-honored institutions and principles of government, I sometimes doubt it. The United States, France, England, Italy and their other allies are fighting a battle for the preservation of those principles which alone can be of benefit to the world at large. Today, as I read of the tremendous onslaught that the Germans are making on the allied lines, the fate of the world seems to be in the balance; and I am downcast and depressed, as must everyone be who believes that democracy should be made safe for the world and the world safe for democracy. Where it will all end, God in his heaven, alone knows.

I am sensible of the fact that this letter will not reach you perhaps until the opening of navigation, and, wherever your lot may be cast hereafter, I have to thank you for your loyalty, your kind consideration at all times, and to assure you as well as all those friends where I lived for so long a time, of my hearty appreciation of everything they have done in my behalf.

Most sincerely yours,

March 23, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of your reports on the suppression of the liquor traffic and the protection of game in your division, for the month of January. These reports show that you have been, as usual, active in the discharge of your duties.

It is gratifying to note the betterment of conditions which has been brought about by the operation of the dry law after only one month's time. It is also gratifying to note that the Christmas festivities and the celebration of the closing of the saloons, as well as the aftermath, showed not a drunken white man or native on the streets. There can be no two opinions as to the beneficial effects of the operation of the dry law. The reports received at this office from various sections of the Territory show a great decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness and other crimes arising from the excessive use of liquor. In Juneau, for instance, in the month of January, there has been one arrest for drunkenness, and I believe one in the month of February. The same is true of the other towns in this

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vicinity. Some arrests have been made and considerable quantities of liquors have been confiscated. The largest quantities reported to have been seized were in the Third judicial division, where the special employe did a wholesale business in the seizing of contraband liquor and effecting arrests. . . . Some of the violators have been fined as much as \$1,000 and, at Anchorage, one man was given a year in jail in addition thereto.

I believe it will not be very long before there will be no liquor to be found in the Territory, except that which may be distilled by "hootch" makers, and the activities of any such suspects should be carefully scrutinized. There was undoubtedly a considerable quantity of liquor in the Territory at the beginning of 1918, and, of course, this will gradually disappear, and it will be, I believe, a difficult matter to import liquors in the Territory, so much so, in fact, that the quantity will be practically negligible. California is the nearest source of supply, British Columbia, I understand, being now in the dry column, as well as Washington and Oregon; and it would not be surprising if California also went dry in the election next November, when, I understand, the question will again be submitted to the people of that state. I am satisfied that the operation, so far, of the Alaska dry law is such as to commend the wisdom of the people in voting for it. That Alaska will ever again be turned over to the saloon interests, I do not

believe, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Sulzer's so-called full form of territorial government bill provides for its re-submission to the people at any time. The people of this Territory, like those of the dry states of the nation, have learned that the saloon is a common enemy, and its exit forever from the nation at large is only a matter of a very few years. Intoxicating liquor has been the curse of the ages and, happily, now this fact has been borne in upon the minds of the people the world over, and those who have been in bondage to that curse will have their shackles forever removed, while the coming generation will know nothing of the temptations of the saloon or the artificially created desire for strong drink.

I trust that your activities will be continued and that your services will be retained by my successor, which, I may parenthetically add, probably is extremely doubtful, if I may judge the attitude of the men who now seem to be in control of the political destinies of the Territory. You have now been an employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic approaching five years, and I desire to say that the services that you have rendered have been satisfactory in all respects. When you began your duties the Territory covered by you was notorious in its disregard of law and order, especially so far as illegal selling and giving of liquor to natives were concerned. Your vigilance has largely aided the elimination of this nefarious traffic among the natives

before the advent of the dry law, and while no doubt a special agent will find plenty to do for some time to come, I indulge the hope that within a year or two the need for special agents in this line will have passed forever.

With best wishes for your future success in every way, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor



March 23, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28, addressed to Wm. A. Muuly, District Attorney, Valdez, with reference to an editorial in the Seward Gateway, and also a letter written to that paper by R. E. Hegner, Acting Secretary of the Socialist Party of Alaska. Your action in bringing this matter to the attention of the district attorney is to be commended.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir :

This office is just in receipt of your reports for the months of December, January and February last, and I desire to commend your work most heartily. The results which you have accomplished in the suppression of the liquor traffic by the seizure of such large quantities of liquor and the beneficial effect that such seizures must have in discouraging this illegal business, are most gratifying. Further, you hold the record, up to this time, in the extent and scope of your activities since the prohibitory law went into effect. It is also noted that the United States commissioners in the Third division, before whom you have brought cases, seem to appreciate the fact that the law is real and that it means something, as is evidenced by the fines and other punishments imposed. I regret that in some of the other divisions the commissioners do not appear to view violations of the dry law as gravely as do those in your division, as elsewhere some of the fines that have been imposed for bootlegging and being in possession of liquor, have

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been quite nominal. The only way to stamp out the evil is to enforce the law against it. The people of Alaska voted unmistakably for the dry law and, therefore, it should be strictly enforced, in accordance with their registered desire---that Alaska should henceforth be free from the course of liquor.

I trust that the good work will be continued until such time as the need of special officers for its enforcement will have passed. This will, no doubt, be some time, for the reason that it may be reasonably expected that liquor will be manufactured in the Territory in order to supply the demand of those who cannot control their thirst for intoxicants. A strict watch should be kept on all persons suspected of being "hooch manufacturers." If the law remains on the statute books, as it no doubt will, it will not be many years before there will be a generation that will know not John Barleycorn and, therefore, will have no use for whiskey or the saloon.

With best wishes for your future success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 27, 1918

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Mr. Isaac Evans,
Deputy United States Marshal,
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Evans:

I enclose herewith an envelope addressed to special employee Joseph A. Bourke, which contains a letter, of which the attached is a carbon copy.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly deliver this letter to Mr. Bourke upon his return and, in the meantime, if the information contained in it can be of any use to you, you are, of course, fully authorized to make use of it.

I trust I may, one of these days, have the opportunity of seeing you again and renewing our acquaintance which began twenty years ago. With kind personal regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 27, 1918

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,
Special Employee,
c/o Deputy U. S. Marshal Isaac Evans,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the case of one George Hogg, who owns and operates the gasoline power boat Buffalo.

In reply to your inquiries, I beg to say that upon conferring with the customs and the Steamboat Inspection Service officials here, I find that Hogg holds a motor boat operator's license, and that his boat is properly registered at the customs house. On May 24, 1916, in connection with his application for a license, Hogg made an affidavit which contains the following declaration among others: "I am a non-citizen." There is nothing in the record, however, to indicate Hogg's nationality. The Steamboat Inspection Service officials advise that Hogg is authorized, under his license, to carry passengers and freight on his boat.

It would appear from the foregoing that there is probably no way in which you can prevent Hogg from operating his boat, unless, of course, you should connect him with some liquor deal and secure his conviction and a jail sentence.

I am sending you this letter in care of Deputy Marshal Evans,
as requested, and am furnishing him with a carbon copy for his own
information, pending your return to Seward, should you be absent
when the letter arrives there.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor



Bureau, April 16, 1918

G. B.

Allen, US Commissioner,

Petersburg

Reference your telegram fourteenth to McDonald, please give more specific information regarding bootlegging situation. Where is deputy marshal?

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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