

October 29, 1917

The Pacific Steamship Co.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

On the 13th instant, Mr. Charles H. Hill, working under the direction of this office, shipped on your steamer Farragut, Juneau to Cordova, four crates of live deer, consigned to Harry Thisted. Payment of the freight charges has not yet been made, pending adjustment of the rate. Mr. Hill advises that when he inquired of the agent of your company as to the rate, he was advised that it would be \$16 per crate. This he believes is entirely too much, being twice the rate charged by the Alaska Steamship Company on some live deer which were shipped in crates from Juneau to Cordova in the latter part of September or early October.

I shall be glad if you will kindly advise as to the proper charge for the transportation of the deer shipped by your line on the 13th instant, as above stated, so that a voucher may be issued you to cover the same.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Mr. E. A. Cummings,  
60 Harrison Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to the request of Mr. J. A. McGuire,  
editor of Outdoor Life, Denver, you will find enclosed here-  
with pamphlets containing the Alaska game law and regulations  
in force thereunder.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

October 29, 1917

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Mr. J. A. McGuire,  
Editor Outdoor Life,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that a copy of the Alaska game law and regulations be forwarded to Mr. E. A. Cummings, of 60 Harrison Street, New York City, Mr. Cummings having in contemplation a hunting trip to this Territory.

In reply I have to advise that we are today forwarding to Mr. Cummings a pamphlet containing the game law and regulations to date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 30, 1917

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I enclose some salary voucher blanks, together with a letter addressed to Charley Klontsch, a native of Sitka, who holds an appointment as special game warden. May I trouble you to look him up and have him sign the vouchers and mail them back for future use?

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Faithfully yours,

October 30, 1917

Mr. Charley Klentech,  
c/o Hon. A. G. Shaup,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find some salary voucher blanks which please sign, for use in making payments on account of your salary as a special game warden. A franked and addressed envelope is enclosed with this letter for use in mailing the vouchers to this office after you have signed them.

Respectfully yours,

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

Encs.

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The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit canceled check No. 442. On August 10 last I made requisition for a book of blank checks in connection with the disbursements from the appropriation, "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska," and used this check as a sample of the form desired.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Juneau, October 31, 1917. O. B. RUSH

Nordale, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday you are authorized to make trip into Iditarod and the  
Kuskokwim country as suggested. Advise by wire when leaving Fairbanks, and keep  
in touch with office by telegraph when available.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

72/77  
Juneau, October 31, 1917. O. B. Govt. Night paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior,

Washington.

Request credit with Treasurer US of sum of four thousand from appropriation for protection game Alaska and three thousand from appropriation suppressing liquor traffic Alaska both for fiscal year nineteen eighteen, and ask be advised by telegraph when credits given. Balance subject to check per my books this date these appropriations and the incidental appropriation for increase compensation is nine hundred eighteen dollars fifty cents.

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

SHORTHILL? S. D. A.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, October 31, 1917. <sup>76/31</sup> O. B. Govt. Night paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

My approval hereby given to telegraphic requisition this date for total credit of seven thousand dollars from game and liquor appropriations.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, ~~State~~ November 1, 1917. O. B.

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Nordale, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday you may exceed quarterly allowance two hundred dollars as requested. Be very careful that all subvouchers and bills are properly itemized.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, November 1, 1917. O. B.

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M. L. Bahrt, deputy marshal,

SITKA.

Replying yours date nothing in law to prevent shipment deer carcasses from one Alaska port to another if deer killed in open season, but no person can ship more than three deer.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

--Mr. W. B. Rodman, p. 2.--

and he will then forward the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

November 1, 1917.

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Mr. W. B. Rodman,  
Box 547,  
Verona, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing postal money order in the sum of \$15 and requesting the issuance of permits for the shipment of three grizzly, or brown, bear skins, now held at Skagway, Alaska.

We wired the agent of the Express Company at Skagway on the 29th ultimo asking whether the required "shipper's affidavit" was with the papers covering the shipment of trophies to which you refer, and he replied that there were "No papers with Rodman shipment."

The Alaska game law requires each resident who ships game trophies from the Territory to execute an affidavit for the information of the customs and other officers who inspect such shipments. There is enclosed herewith a draft of such an affidavit, for you to use in having one prepared for execution in connection with the shipment now held at Skagway. This affidavit should be prepared in duplicate, and both copies should be sent to this office. On receipt of them we will issue the necessary shipping licenses and send them, with the affidavit, to the agent of the Express Company at Skagway.

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--Mr. W. B. Rodman, p. 2.--

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Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

November 3, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, in reply to office letter of the 29th ultimo, on the subject of freight charges on four crates of deer shipped from Juneau to Cordova.

I note what you say with regard to the classification of this shipment and the rate charged, also your suggestion that we "pay the freight charges as they stand now and then take the matter up with us again with a view to obtaining a direct ruling on this class of freight."

Inasmuch as payment of the freight must be made from a Territorial appropriation, the matter would be somewhat complicated if we were to make payment and then take the matter up with the view of a refund; besides, it appears to us that the proper way to handle the matter is to obtain a direct ruling first and then pay the proper amount of freight charges. With this end in view, I have to kindly ask that you take the matter up with the proper officers of your company and secure a direct ruling on this class of freight so that an early adjustment of the matter may be made.

Respectfully yours,

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November 5, 1917

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Honorable Arthur G. Sheup,

Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Sheup:

I have just received the voucher blanks which were sent to you a few days ago, with the request that you have Charlie Klontsch sign them. I regret to say that they were not signed in the proper place, and I am, therefore, unable to use them. I enclose some more blanks and beg to trouble you again to see Klontsch and have him sign them. Please see that he signs them on the line indicated by the stamped words "Sign here," and not on the line near the bottom of the blank which is intended to be used by the disbursing officer.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and am sorry that I must trouble you again.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Ernest Kirberger,

Kake, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31, in which you ask whether it is unlawful to have venison in ones possession after the close of season, provided that such venison was legally taken during the open season.

In reply I have to advise you that it is perfectly lawful to have venison in your possession under the circumstances named. It is not the intention of the law to place a ban upon the use of venison in the close season, always provided, of course, that the venison was legally killed. As a matter of fact, venison in Juneau is kept in cold storage after the close of the open season until such time as it has been consumed.

For your further information, I enclose herewith a copy of the game law and regulations.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

November 7, 1917

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The collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, on the third instant, to Hjalmar Oleson, of Juneau, general game shipping license No. 71, covering the shipment of one deer head, which will be consigned to Mr. Oleson at Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 8, 1917

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

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit statements in duplicate, required under the provisions of section 2 of the sundry civil act, providing for appropriations for the fiscal year 1918, made up in form as prescribed in Department circular of July 18, 1917, covering game wardens appointed by this office for the protection of game in Alaska and special employes appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and working under the direction of this office in connection with suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

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November 8, 1917

The Collector of Customs,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise that there have been received and delivered at the port of San Francisco one brown bear skin covered by Alaska shipping license No. 48, of June 25, 1917, and one brown bear skin covered by Alaska shipping license No. 55, of August 9, 1917. You add that you fail to find any notification from this office of the issuance of these licenses.

By reference to our records, we find that on June 25 last we advised you of the issuance of shipping license No. 48 to J. L. Starckman, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, consigned to himself at San Francisco, but apparently we failed to notify you of the issuance of shipping license No. 55, of August 9, to the same party, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin to San Francisco.

Respectfully

Secretary to the Governor

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November 10, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find general game shipping license No. 76, issued to Leo Sidenverg of Nome, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to Louis Garfinkle, Seattle.

The fee for this license was forwarded to this office with a letter, under date of October 16 last, from the deputy collector of customs at Nome, who advised that the shipment would go forward on the next trip of the steamer Victoria and requested that the license be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 10, 1917

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Mr. R. W. J. Reed,  
Deputy Collector of Customs,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a bank draft in the sum of \$5 and requesting the issuance of a shipping license to Leo Sidenverg, to cover the shipment of one brown bear skin to Louis Garfinkle, Seattle.

General game shipping license No. 73 has today been issued to Mr. Sidenverg to cover the trophy in question, and we are forwarding it to the Collector of Customs at Seattle, as requested by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 10, 1917

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Mrs. A. Kilborn,  
Chtina, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$5 and requesting the issuance of a permit for the shipment of one brown bear skin to Los Angeles, Cal.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 72, issued to you this date, to cover the trophy in question. Two blank affidavit forms are also enclosed for your use when forwarding the shipment.

We are advising the Collector of Customs at Seattle that the trophy will be consigned to yourself at Los Angeles.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

November 10, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Alaska game law, you are advised of the issuance of general game shipping license No. 72 of this date, to Mrs. A. Kilborn, of Chitina, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to herself at Los Angeles, Cal., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 13, 1917.

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Mr. H. A. Ludy,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Sheldon Jackson School,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant asking what interpretation is to be put upon the section of the Alaska game law under the head of "Exemptions."

In reply I have to advise you that the exemptions simply provide that natives may kill game animals when in need of food or clothing, and miners or explorers may do so when in need of food, and the interpretation of this office in respect to the exemptions is that it is only permissible to kill game animals for food or clothing when no other source of food or clothing is available; as sometimes happens in the case of natives out hunting, or in the case of miners or prospectors who are out in the hills and who are temporarily caught short of food.

In my opinion it would be absolutely improper to permit the killing of game animals for food by any public institution, such as the Sheldon Jackson School. I fully appreciate the good work that this school has done and is doing for the native children of the Territory, but I am also unalterably 31

of the opinion that, to permit the killing of game animals in the close season for the use of the school, would be bad policy and must necessarily leave an impression upon the minds of the children that some laws, at least, are to be evaded.

The deer of Alaska are decreasing very rapidly, according to the reports of game wardens and others who have investigated the situation, due in part no doubt to violations of the game law, and probably also to the ravages of severe winter weather. It seems to me that it should be the endeavor of every person living in Alaska to preserve as far as possible this valuable animal, and the only way to do so is by as rigid an enforcement of the law as is possible under the circumstances.

In view, also, of the manifest purpose of the Sheldon Jackson School to train the native children in the ways of a higher civilization, and to fit them for citizenship, it seems to me that it would not be best to waive any of the requirements of the game law.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

November 14, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the second instant (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), transmitting a list of differences in my accounts for the period July 29 to September 30, 1917, appropriation "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1917."

I am today writing to special employee Bourke, requesting that he furnish the detailed explanation asked for by the Department in connection with voucher No. 3, covering travel expenses for the month of June, 1917. I have no doubt that the explanation will be satisfactory to the Department and will forward the same as soon as it has been received from Mr. Bourke.

Respectfully,

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

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

November 14, 1917

CIRCULAR NO. 11

TO ALL GAME WARDENS:

There is being forwarded with this circular to all game wardens 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 familiarize himself with the Department Circular and should conform to the requirements thereof.

This office has made request for 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 certificate 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 game warden 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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Enc.

November 19, 1917.

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Mr. R. D. Kelsey,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing exchange in the sum of \$10 and requesting the issuance of shipping licenses for two brown bear skins which you wish to ship to Seattle.

Enclosed find general shipping licenses Nos. 74 and 75, of this date, issued to cover the trophies in question.

You did not advise to whom the trophies are to be shipped, and it is necessary that we have this information in order to notify the Collector of Customs at Seattle, as provided by law. Will you therefore kindly advise by return mail the name of the consignee of the shipments.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 19, 1917

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Mr. Thomas G. White,  
Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 9, in which you state that you had been advised by Mr. George Haselet that the Territorial legislature had made an appropriation for the purpose of stocking certain islands in Prince William Sound with Sitka deer.

In reply I have to advise you that you were correctly informed and that a Mr. Charles H. Hill, of Cordova, last fall secured a few deer and placed them, I believe, on Hinchinbrook Island. He is also now engaged in securing other deer for the purpose of placing them on Hinchinbrook, Hawkins and, I understand, Montague islands, provided that he can secure a sufficient number, which I much doubt. I agree with you that Big Kayak Island would be an ideal place for deer, and, so far as this office is concerned, I would like to see a number placed there---always provided that they can be procured. Deer are becoming very scarce and Mr. Hill is having great difficulty in securing even a small

number.

Mr. Hill is now out in the field and when he returns to  
Juneau, I shall take this matter up with him and advise you  
further.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 20, 1917.

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance by this office on the 25th of October, of general game shipping license No. 70 to J. R. McDonald, of Seward, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, the same to be consigned to himself at Seattle.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 21, 1917

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Mr. W. E. Redman,  
Hotel Frye,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing an affidavit in duplicate for use in connection with the shipment of three brown bear skins now in the possession of the express agent at Skagway.

You failed to show in the affidavit the name of the consignee and the point of destination of the shipment of the bear skins, and, as it is necessary that we have this information, I am returning both copies of the affidavit to you herewith and would request that you fill in the information and return the affidavit to this office. The matter will then be in shape for the issuance of licenses which will be forwarded to the express agent at Skagway, together with your affidavit and he will be authorized to forward the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 21, 1917

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the personal service voucher blank just received from you and beg to call your attention to the fact that you signed the same in the wrong place. If you had given a little closer inspection to the voucher you would have observed the stamped words "Sign here," in the middle of the voucher blank, which indicate the place for your signature.

I enclose two additional personal service voucher blanks which please sign on the proper line and return to this office. The other one you may destroy.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, Nov. 21, 1917. O. B.

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Charles Neuhaus,

HOME.

Referring to your September expense account forward by first mail statement in duplicate showing in detail the meals and lodgings covered by each subvoucher. The account in present form will not meet requirements of Department and auditor.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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November 22, 1917.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 9th instant (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary) with respect to my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1917, covering the appropriations "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1916," and "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1916," and enclosing List of Differences.

Error in footing of Voucher No. 11, Thomas Gaffney, July, 1917, expense account, resulting in an overpayment of \$2 to this officer, is conceded, and on the 21st instant I deposited with the First National Bank, Juneau, the sum of \$2, for credit to my official account, symbol 69004, to cover the overpayment. Duplicate certificate of deposit No. 1, Liquor, is herewith enclosed. I have made the necessary credit entry in my books.

Respectfully yours,

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

Encl.

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November 21, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16, together with a copy of the opinion of the judge of the district court for the Fourth judicial division, in the case of the United States of America v. George L. Morrison.

I have read your letter and the opinion with interest. It is regretted that the court was compelled to make such a finding, but I am inclined to believe that he was entirely within the law. The trouble is with the law itself, which is notoriously inadequate to meet existing conditions, and until such time as we can secure the passage of a new law or important amendments, I realize fully that it will be difficult to secure convictions of violators of the law who certainly should be convicted. However, the vigilance of all game wardens should not be relaxed; as a matter of fact, with such an interpretation of the law, it is incumbent upon the game wardens that they exercise still greater activity in order to prevent violations of the law even if they are unable to prosecute.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

November 21, 1917

Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter, from an Anchorage source, concerning alleged game violations in your district, which, if true, should not be permitted to exist. I deem it advisable at this time to withhold the name of the writer, but your attention is directed to the following excerpts taken therefrom:

"I was told by a man here who wintered down at Kachemak Bay last winter, that the Scholand brothers have been killing moose indiscriminately and using the same for dog and fox feed. As you know, I am usually in a position to find out who the malefactors are, such as game hogs, hootch peddlers, etc., especially as I am not a public servant. Tom Tallock, an ex-convict, living at the entrance to Kachemak Bay is another slaughterer of game. He is killing moose to furnish fox feed to Schuler, who has a fox ranch at Anchor Point, and as foxes thrive well on meat, Schuler has some exceptionally fine pelts, which he exhibited at the fair here and took the big prize money for silver blacks. Henry Lindstrom, a drunken Finn, and a proper brute, is the worst offender of all, as he is too lazy to take his kill out of the woods, but takes only what he can conveniently pack and leaves the rest to rot, and if anyone wishes to go for the balance, he won't even tell them where they can find it. This fellow lives with his woman and boy on Staritsky River, just below Mileok. I am told he beats his boy with a club when in liquor. I have just been told that Charles Patterson is furnishing Schuler

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the Anchor Point fox r anchor, with moose meat this winter.

"Unfortunately, our game warden, who I am told is a nice fellow and a dancing man, does not pay much attention to his job, but allows things to drift. Some moose meat has been sold here in town, but none, as far as I know, to restaurants. One fellow, by the name of Worcester, who killed two moose, is, I understand, applying for the warden's job. I am also told that this Worcester sold all the meat except one hind quarter. I am giving you this as it is given to me. Perhaps it may be useful."

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, Dec. 4, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

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Nordale, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours date have not received your expense accounts for September  
and October.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Dec. 6, 1917. O. B. RUSH.

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Hordale, Game Warden,

FAIRBANKS.

It will be all right to hold Godfrey subvoucher and take up in  
March or April account.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Dec. 7, 1917

O. B.

RUSH

McDonald, Game Warden,

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Replying your telegram sixth, sheep meat should be delivered to  
deputy marshal to be disposed of by him under orders district  
court.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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December 8, 1917

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Mr. Rudolph L. Dalager,  
c/o Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire regarding a license to hunt game in this Territory.

All nonresidents who desire to hunt game in this Territory and required to secure hunting licenses, except where they wish to confine their hunting to deer and goats, in which case they are permitted to hunt without licenses, but there is no provision of law for the shipment of trophies out of the Territory in such cases. Hunting licenses are issued to citizens of the United States upon payment of the fee of \$50; aliens are required to pay a fee of \$100. Each license is accompanied by shipping coupons covering various trophies, as specified in section 5 of the Alaska game law. Where moose trophies are obtained south of latitude 62°, special "moose shipping licenses" are required, and the fee for each such license is \$150.

If you will call upon Dr. J. A. Dougherty, game warden at Seward, he will supply you with the game law and regula-

tions and can give you any further information which you may  
desire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 10, 1917

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

Sir:

I beg to again refer to Department letter of November 2 (Hon. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with which was transmitted a list of differences in my accounts for the period July 29 to September 30, 1917, under the appropriation "Suppressing Traffic in intoxicating liquors, Alaska, 1917."

Enclosed herewith will be found letter of November 23, 1917, addressed to this office by special employee Joseph A. Bourke, in which he explains at length the circumstances and conditions which occasioned the unusual expense of \$75 for launch hire from Seldevia to Iliamna Bay, this expense being covered in voucher No. 3 of my accounts for the period above mentioned, for traveling expenses of special employee Bourke for the month of June, 1917.

The explanation furnished by officer Bourke covers, I believe, all of the points upon which the Department wished further information. It appears that Mr. Bourke made every effort, in the interests of economy and only employed the launch which was used on the occasion in question when it

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was found impossible to obtain any other. It appears also that he endeavored to secure other passengers for the trip so as to minimize the cost, but was unable to do this.

The conditions obtaining in the Cook Inlet country, in the matter of water transportation, are quite as unusual as is the price which was paid in this particular instance.

Respectfully,

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

December 10, 1917

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Mr. A. Christensen, Manager,  
Land and Industrial Department,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 24 (your file 139), in which you ask to be supplied with 25 copies of the game laws and regulations. Under separate cover we are sending you 25 copies of Circular No. 4, containing the full text of the game laws and all of the regulations which were in force on November 1, 1916, including acts passed by the 1915 session of the Territorial legislature. We are also sending you the same number of copies of Biological Survey bulletin No. 15, issued August 1, 1917, containing amendments to certain of the regulations. Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of regulation No. 1, issued on October 19 last by the Secretary of Agriculture, to prevent the destruction of game by dogs on the Kenai Peninsula. We have not as yet been furnished with a supply of printed copies of this circular for distribution.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 10, 1917

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to again refer to Department letter of November 3 (Hon. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with which was transmitted a list of differences in my accounts for the period July 29 to September 30, 1917, under the appropriation "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1917."

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December 15, 1917

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am advised by game warden Aldrich that the fishing boats Myrtle and Mabel, and probably others, sailing out of Ketchikan, are violating the game laws by shooting deer during the close season, and salting the meat. Mr. Aldrich states that he is informed that the Myrtle and Mabel, some weeks since, salted no less than forty barrels. While this does not seem probable, I have to suggest that these vessels, upon their arrival in port, should be examined to see if any salted or fresh deer are on board.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 13, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the original of your November expense account and beg to call your attention to the fact that you signed and executed the oath on the carbon copy and not on the original, as should have been done. Please complete the original copy by signing it and having it properly authenticated by a notary public, and return it to this office.

The Department rules require that originals and not duplicates be forwarded with the quarterly accounts of disbursing officers. Please be more careful in the future.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

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December 13, 1917

Mr. Alfred Cramer,  
Tyee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the recommendation of Game Warden Aldrich, you are hereby designated a Special Game Warden, the appointment to be effective from this date and to continue until further notice. The appointment carries no compensation nor expense allowance, and an oath of office will not be necessary.

Enclosed you will find a badge, for which please sign the receipt form and mail to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

P. S.:

Supply of badges exhausted; therefore none enclosed

December 13, 1917

Mr. H. J. Maycock,  
Box 872,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the recommendation of Game Warden Aldrich, you are hereby designated a Special Game Warden, the appointment to be effective from this date and to continue until further notice. The appointment carries no compensation nor expense allowance, and an oath of office will not be necessary.

Enclosed you will find a badge, for which please sign the receipt form and mail to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

P. S.:  
No badge enclosed---supply exhausted.

December 20, 1917

Mr. C. F. Madison,  
P. O. Box 534,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30, which I have read with interest. I am glad to note the interest that you take in the preservation of the game of Alaska, and I regret the steady decrease of the deer family in southeastern Alaska especially.

I note you state that you are willing to do what you can to enforce the game laws of the Territory without compensation, and this being the case, I shall issue you an appointment as special game warden. The condition of the game fund will not permit the appointment of additional game wardens on a salary. We have a number of volunteer game wardens, however, who are doing their best to enforce the law. -Your appointment will be made at once.

Thanking you for your letter and the assistance offered,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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December 21, 1917

Mr. A. F. Runnels,  
c/o Sam Bartholomew,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing \$5 in currency and requesting the issuance of a shipping license for a pair of deer horns and cape, which it is understood are to be consigned to yourself at Seattle.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 80, which has been issued to you this date, to cover the trophy in question. Also find enclosed two copies of an affidavit form which should be executed by you when arranging for the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 21, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of the following shipping licenses, covering trophies of Alaska game animals for shipment to the States:

License No. 80 to A. F. Runnels, of Ketchikan, Alaska, covering the shipment of one pair of deer horns and cape, which will be consigned to Mr. Runnels at Seattle.

License No. 81, to Leo Margules, of Seward, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to C. Marg, San Francisco, Cal.

License No. 82, issued to Leo Margules, Seward, Alaska, covering the shipment of one caribou head which will be consigned to C. Marg, San Francisco, Cal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 20, 1917

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Mr. Leo Margules,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a post office money order in the sum of \$15 and requesting the issuance of shipping licenses to cover the shipment of one brown bear skin and one caribou head, which will be consigned to C. Marg, San Francisco.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 81, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, and license No. 82, covering the shipment of the caribou head. You will also find enclosed an affidavit form in duplicate, which should be executed by you when the trophies are shipped.

We are advising the Collector of Customs of the issuance of the licenses and that the trophies will pass through that port en route to their destination.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 23, 1917

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Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 11, with reference to my letter of November 21, and note what you say in reply.

You will please understand that the letter which I sent you was written simply in the course of the ordinary, official, routine business of this office, as I felt that you would like to be advised of its contents, of the truth of which, of course, I did not attempt to judge. I may say that I have had very few complaints concerning your services as game warden and those that I have received I did not consider meritorious.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 31, 1917

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Mr. W. B. Rodman,  
Hotel Frye,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This office has just received from you corrected affidavit for use in connection with the shipment of three brown bear skins which are now at Skagway. We have today mailed to the agent of the express company at Skagway the licenses and affidavit, and no doubt the trophies will be forwarded to you by an early boat.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Dec. 31, 1917

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance, on the 21st of November, of general game shipping licenses Nos. 76, 77 and 78 to W. B. Rodman, of Tanana, Alaska, cash license covering the shipment of one brown bear skin.

Mr. Rodman advises that these trophies will be consigned to himself in care of the Hudson Bay Fur Co., Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 31, 1917

The Agent,  
Wells, Fargo & Co., Express,  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping licenses Nos. 76, 77 and 78, issued to W. B. Rodman, of Tanana, Alaska, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. You will also find enclosed an affidavit in duplicate, executed by Mr. Rodman, for use in connection with the forwarding of these trophies from Skagway to Seattle.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise when the shipment goes forward?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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January 2, 1918

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Mr. Chris. Madison,  
P. O. Box 534,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the recommendation of Game Warden Aldrich, you are hereby designated a Special Game Warden, the appointment to be effective from this date and to continue until further notice. The appointment carries no compensation nor expense allowance, and an oath of office will not be necessary.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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January 3, 1917

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Messrs. Ralph Young, F. D. Price, P. J. Liberty,  
Committee of the Native Brotherhood of Alaska  
Sitka, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 17th ultimo, together with a copy of a circular letter sent to the Sitka public school teacher on April 5, 1917, by Superintendent Hawkesworth. It is noted that one of your young men killed a deer for his own use, out of season, and was arrested by game warden Charles Tlantiech; and you, therefore, ask this office to explain circular No. 5.

In reply I have to advise you that the circular seems to be plain enough so far as it refers to the killing of deer by natives, namely, "That natives and prospectors may kill deer when in need of food, but game animals when so killed during the close season, shall not be shipped or sold." The construction that this office has placed upon that section of the law is that natives are entitled to kill deer only when actually in need of food; that is to say, when they may be out in the field or camping. It is not believed that the law should be construed so as to apply to

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those living in towns and villages, where they may secure domestic meats and fish, canned goods, etc. It should be the object of every Alaskan, whether white or native, to see that the game laws are enforced so far as it is practicable or possible to do so, because only in this way can the deer of southeastern Alaska be preserved from absolute extinction. I would, therefore, earnestly urge that your people assist in the protection of the game as a food resource, if you desire that it be preserved indefinitely.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 5, 1918

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of general shipping license No. 84 to F. W. Williamson, of Juneau, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin which will be consigned to W. F. Sanville, Pittsburg, Pa., passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 7, 1918

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Mr. Charles W. Ilgenfrits,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, in which you state that you have a mounted bald eagle which you desire to ship to Luther-ville, Maryland; and you inquire as to the necessity for a permit.

In reply I beg to advise you that no permit is necessary for the shipment of the mounted specimen referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 8, 1918

Mr. H. B. Joseph, Secretary,  
Nenana Commercial Club,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, with reference to game meat in Alaska, and I note the suggestion of your club that the game warden or the deputy marshal be given some discretionary power to permit game to be killed and placed on the market when in his judgment this is deemed necessary.

In reply I have to advise you that under the existing law this could not be done, as game only in limited quantity can be lawfully killed during the open season. If it should be deemed advisable or necessary to kill game and place it on the market out of season, legislation by Congress will be necessary.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I have your report for the month of December and have noted its contents. I am pleased to know that moose are in such excellent condition, and I trust that the winter will not be such as will decimate them to any extent.

I also note what you say with reference to the killing of caribou on the Alaska Peninsula by fox ranchers and the use of their meat for fox feed. This is an atrocious act, viewed from any standpoint; but, in view of the inadequacy of the law and the remoteness of that section, it would probably be impossible to take action to convict these men. I believe that the law is sufficient to cover just such cases, but the trouble that I find is to get sufficient evidence to secure convictions. As a matter of fact, the game laws need thorough revision, or repeal rather, and the substitution of a new and more comprehensive law which will adequately protect the game of this Territory. I notice a tendency on the part of some, however, to throw down the bars, so to speak, rather than to initiate any new measures for the further protection of game. This is

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especially true in interior Alaska, notably the Fairbanks section, where it would seem that the people, or some of the people, would make an abattoir of the game of that section, and put it in cold storage for indefinite use. I do not believe that such a law would act in any other way than to still further deplete the game of the Territory. There are usually enough violations of the game laws to satisfy the most law-breaking individual, and a law such as would give the privileges above mentioned, would, in my opinion, be an open invitation to extend the needless slaughter of game.

Whether we shall be able to secure an adequate game law or not from Congress, I cannot say, in view of war conditions, but I shall continue to labor toward that end so long as I am in the executive office.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January second, with reference to game conditions in your district, for which I thank you. I note your commendation of the appointment of Charlie Klantech, and your suggestion that he be supplied with a boat to work from Sitka to the hot springs in order to prevent halibut fishermen from killing deer in the neighborhood of the springs and Katlina Bay on Krusef Island.

In reply I have to say that we are always confronted by the fact that we insufficient funds to adequately patrol the game districts of the Territory. I am also not unmindful of the fact that unless we can secure a more efficient patrol which means more money and more personnel, the deer of Alaska, for this and the further reason of the hard winters, are bound to be depleted. I shall, as soon as possible, see what may be done to secure an additional appropriation for Klantech that will enable him to secure a boat if for no other than temporary use.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,  
Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8, with respect to the arrest of Henry Burns, Harry Luckey and Henry Knight, for violation of the game laws. I note the disposition of the cases and also of the meat. It is regretted that the meat could not have been sold for the purposes you mention, but some years ago I took this matter up with the United States attorney and tried to get a ruling, but about the only satisfaction we got was a reply that game meat taken under similar circumstances might be used in the various Federal jails of the Territory. This being the case, that is the only disposition that can be made of it.

I note what you say with reference to the inadequacy of the fund for the protection of game. I have made the recommendation that it be largely increased, but, in view of conditions created by the war, I do not know whether we may expect favorable action or not.

Recently, from a member of the Alaska Road Commission who passed through Juneau, I learned of flagrant violations of the game law in the Kuskokwim district, in and about Tacotna, and

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other places in that section. This man told me that sheep were killed indiscriminately in that district by market hunters who sold the meat to the people of the various little camps nearby. I note that Nordale now proposes to visit that section, and I sincerely trust that some benefit may arise from his visit.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 10, 1918

Mr. Frank A. Aldrich,  
Game Warden,  
Tenakso, Alaska

My dear Frank:

I have just received your letter of January 6, and am pleased to note that you have made a seizure of contraband deer meat and are on the track of the game law violators. Let the good work go on. You cannot be too active, as I fear that there are too many violations of this kind with the violators of the law getting away with it without let or hindrance. I know that you will use your utmost endeavors not only to prevent the killing of deer, but to bring the offenders to justice.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Jan. 12, 1918 O. B.

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Herdale, Game Warden,

Tanana

Replying yours yesterday, additional allowance two hundred  
fifty granted, but attention called to Department regulations  
which permit expenditure not exceeding five dollars day for  
meals and room.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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January 14, 1918

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The University Libraries,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th of November last, requesting to be supplied with copies of the Governor's annual report on the Alaska game law for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912. You are advised that our supply of copies of the reports mentioned has been exhausted, and it is, therefore, impossible to comply with your request. It is possible that you might be able to secure copies of these reports from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Secretary to the Governor

January 14, 1918

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Mr. Charles R. Fraser, Jr.,  
P. O. Box 121,  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 7th ultimo, in which you ask to be supplied with a copy of the Alaska game laws, and inquire as to the best places for hunting sheep, moose and large brown bear, there is enclosed herewith copies of circulars containing the Alaska game law and regulations in force thereunder.

Sheep, moose and brown bear may be obtained in the Kenai Peninsula, where most of the nonresident hunters secure their trophies. The Kodiak brown bear, which is the largest of the brown bear species found in Alaska, is, however, found only on Kodiak Island.

For more detailed information as to hunting localities, expenses, outfits, services of guides, etc., you are referred to Mr. J. A. Baughman, game warden, Seward, Alaska, who is thoroughly familiar with game conditions in the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent territory.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a copy of the Governor's last annual report, in which you will find a fairly good map. We have no map showing the distribution of game in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 14, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter of the second instant, addressed to me, by Mr. Powhatan Robinson, of New York City, whose address until March 1 will be in care of the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, Ill., together with a copy of my reply of this date.

After reading the enclosed letters, will you please write to Mr. Robinson, giving him such information as you think may be of assistance to him in determining just where would be the best place for him to hunt, and making such suggestions as your experience will enable you to make regarding economy of time and money in connection with the proposed trip.

Please return Mr. Robinson's letter, with a copy of your letter to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. Chris. F. Madison, Special Game Warden,  
P. O. Box 534,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 6, in which you ask if a game warden does not carry on his person a star or badge in order to show his authority.

In reply I have to advise you that this is usually the case, but this office is out of badges and, until some can be prepared from the States, we shall be unable to supply you with a badge. In the meantime, your letter of appointment will be sufficient to show your authority as game warden.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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JUNEAU, JANUARY 15, 1918. O. B. Govt. ~~RIGHT PAID CASH.~~

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Request there be placed my official credit four thousand dollars from appropriation for protection game Alaska and two hundred dollars for increase compensation game wardens, current fiscal year, and that I be advised by telegraph when credit given. Combined balances game liquor and increase compensation accounts this date per my books two thousand three hundred six dollars fifty three cents. Governor approves this requisition.

SHORTHILL, DISBURSING AGENT.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. Powhatan Robinson,  
Illinois Athletic Club,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, in which you inquire regarding hunting in Alaska. I reply to your inquiries in their numerical order, as follows:

1. Enclosed you will find copies of circulars containing the Alaska game law and the regulations now in force thereunder. The bulletin referred to by you contains, I believe, practically all the regulations found in the enclosed circular. These regulations which expire during the year 1918 will probably be renewed for another year or two.

2. The largest of the brown bear species in Alaska, known as the Kodiak brown bear, is found on Kodiak Island. However, the brown bears found on Admiralty Island in southeastern Alaska, and on the Kenai Peninsula, as well as the Alaska Peninsula, southern Alaska, are frequently sought for by nonresident hunters and many fine specimens have been secured. Transportation to the Alaska Peninsula is, as you suggest, uncertain.

No. 3. This office does not know of any reliable guides at Yakutat. The only section of the Territory in which non-resident hunters are required to employ "registered" guides is the Kenai Peninsula. It is probable, however, that Indian guides could be obtained at Yakutat. This village is a small one, which, except during the summer cannery season, has a population of not more than 200, including a few white people.

No. 4. The blue bear may be hunted without a license, and no permit is necessary for the shipment of trophies of this animal.

Nos. 5 and 6. By reference to section 5, Circular No. 4 sent you herewith, you will note that the hunting license provided for is accompanied by shipping coupons, covering trophies of moose, caribou, mountain sheep, deer, goats and brown bear. These licenses are good only during the calendar year in which they are issued. Licenses are procurable only at the Governor's office. They may be obtained at any time upon payment of the fee and will be mailed to any address desired. Nonresidents are not permitted to hunt without a license, except for deer and goats. In the latter case, however, the law makes no provision for the shipment of trophies of deer and goats. It is necessary for every nonresident to secure a hunting license, regardless of the particular animal or animals he may wish to hunt, except in the case of deer and goats just mentioned.

You say that you would like to arrange a combination hunt for brown bear and white sheep, or glacier bear and white sheep. A combination hunt for brown bear and white sheep could probably be arranged in the Kenai Peninsula, but this office does not know of any section where glacier bear and white sheep are found in close proximity.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. J. A. Baughman, game warden, Seward, Alaska, together with a copy of my reply, and am asking him to write you more in detail, particularly with regard to economy of time and money in connection with your proposed trip.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1918

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is reliably informed that on or about December 25 last the halibut boat Tyee of the International Fishing Co., Ketchikan, was hunting deer at the Sitka hot springs. From time to time we receive reports similar to this, indicating that the fishing boats are making a practice of violating the game law. You are directed to give careful attention to the matter of inspection of fishing boats arriving at Ketchikan. It is a difficult matter, of course, to secure evidence in cases of this kind. Every effort should be made to keep a check on the fishing fleet and your frequent presence along the waterfront among these boats will no doubt have a tendency to minimize the violations of the game law, even though you are unable to secure any convicting evidence. I would suggest that you make a practice of requesting permission to inspect fishing boats arriving at Ketchikan and, if you find a disposition on the part of any of the masters to refuse your request, the matter should be reported to this office.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1918

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of general game shipping licenses Nos. 85 and 86 to Mr. W. K. Martin, of Juneau, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. These trophies will be consigned to Mr. Martin, Sacramento, California, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 16, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, we are mailing to you 175 copies of Biological Survey Circular No. 17, containing a printed regulation for the prevention of the destruction of game by dogs on the Kenai Peninsula, typewritten copies of which were sent you some time ago.

Please arrange for the distribution and posting of this regulation in the towns of Hope, Kenai, Rescevalt, Seldovia, Seward and Sunrise, and it will probably be well also to send some to game warden Ericson at Anchorage for posting and for distribution in that section. The Department advises that ten copies of the circular have been mailed to each of the nine licensed guides whose names appear on page 15 of the Governor's annual report on the game law for the fiscal year 1916.

It is hoped that this regulation will materially assist in the protection of game on the Kenai Peninsula.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 18, 1918.

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

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1917, under the appropriations: "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1918," "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1918," and "Increase of Compensation, 1918," the following documents being submitted:

1. Joint Account Current, in duplicate.
2. Joint Abstract of Disbursements, in duplicate.
3. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 55, inclusive.
4. Liquor vouchers Nos. 1 to 16, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Juneau, Jan. 18, 1918. O B

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Com Warden McDonald,

Fairbanks.

October November December expense checks already  
on way to you.

SHORTHILL.

~~Secretary to Governor~~

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THE UNITED STATES in account with J. F. A. STRONG, Governor and Special Disbursing Agent for the collection, disbursement and deposit of license fees under the Alaska game law; for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1917, under bond of August 23, 1915.

License No.	FEES.	Issuance fee deducted.	Deposited to credit of Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Amount.	C/D No. and Date.
(General shipping)				
62	5	1	4	1441 -- 10-31-17
64	10	1	9	1451 -- 10-17-17
65	10	1	9	1451 -- 10-17-17
66	5	1	4	1457 -- 10-23-17
67	5	1	4	1457 -- 10-23-17
68	10	1	9	1457 -- 10-23-17
69	40	1	39	1458 -- 10-24-17
70	5	1	4	1461 -- 10-25-17
71	5	1	4	1471 -- 11- 6-17
72	5	1	4	1473 -- 11-10-17
73	5	1	4	1473 -- 11-10-17
74	5	1	4	1477 -- 11-19-17
75	5	1	4	1477 -- 11-19-17
76	5	1	4	1501 -- 12-31-17
77	5	1	4	1501 -- 12-31-17
78	5	1	4	1501 -- 12-31-17
79	5	1	4	1490 -- 12-17-17
80	5	1	4	1492 -- 12-21-17
81	5	1	4	1492 -- 12-21-17
82	10	1	9	1492 -- 12-21-17
83	5	1	4	1492 -- 12-21-17
Totals	155	20	135	

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

Governor, Special Disbursing Agent.

(License memorandum stubs and duplicate deposit slips accompany this statement.)

January 18, 1918.

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

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit my accounts covering the collection, disbursement and deposit of game license fees, under the Alaska game law, for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1917.

It will be noted that shipping licenses Nos. 76, 77, and 78, to W. B. Rodman, were issued on November 21, but that the deposit of fees was not made until December 31. In explanation of this I have to state that after the license forms had been made out, on November 21st, it was discovered that Mr. Rodman, in his application, had not given information as to the consignee and point of destination of the trophies. The licenses were therefore held pending the receipt of this information, and also the receipt of the affidavit required by law, which did not reach this office until December 31st.

Respectfully yours,

Governor and S. D. A.

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January 17, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 1, tendering your resignation as a game warden for the Fourth judicial division, to take effect February 1.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation is hereby accepted, to take effect on the date named.

Permit me to express my appreciation of the services you have rendered during the more than four years past in the capacity of game warden for the Fourth division.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 15, 1918

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of general game shipping licenses Nos. 85 and 86 to Mr. W. K. Martin, of Juneau, each covering the shipment of one brown bear skin. These trophies will be consigned to Mr. Martin, Sacramento, California, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 22, 1918

Hon. Charles E. Bunnell,  
United States Judge,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 29, in which you state that you have offered the position of United States Commissioner at Nenana to R. S. McDonald, game warden for the Fourth judicial division, Mr. McDonald having expressed a willingness to accept the position.

In reply I have to advise you that I received Mr. McDonald's letter, tendering his resignation, which has been accepted. Mr. McDonald has rendered, I believe, excellent service as a game warden, and I have no doubt that you will find him equally satisfactory in the position to which you have appointed him.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1918

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Mr. Charles Tlanteach,  
Special Game Warden,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, and in reply I have to say that, so far as I have been advised, you are doing excellent work, for which I commend you. I have had no direct complaints against the manner in which you are serving the Government, but, on the contrary, I have had a number of commendations of it. Mr. Bahrt, the deputy marshal at Sitka, writes me that the services you are rendering in the enforcement of the game law and in the preservation of game are all that could be desired, and I hope that you will continue the good work.

It is not the desire of this office to impose unnecessary hardships upon anyone, but it is a vital matter that the game laws be enforced in order that the game of Alaska shall not be completely exterminated. It seems to me that not only white people but the Indians as well, should realize the importance of the preservation of the game animals, for if the law continues to be violated and game animals slaughtered needlessly, it is only a matter of short time when there will

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be no more, a matter which I think should be regretted by everyone.

I regret very much that there is not money enough in the game fund to enable us to secure fast gas boats that the halibut fishermen, whom we know are violating the game law, could be run down and punished.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, January 30, 1918. O. B. RUSH.

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Patrick Hamilton, Game Warden,

**KETCHIKAN.**

Reported to this office by Brown, special agent Bureau Fisheries that natives have been selling deer carcasses in Ketchikan. Brown on steamer Evans sailing from here last night seven o'clock. Arrange meet boat and look him up and get information and then give matter thorough investigation. Brown going through to Seattle.

**STRONG, Governor.**

  
Secretary to Governor.

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January 31, 1918

Mr. Aron Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from Doctor Hugh M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory.

Will you please advise this office as to the statements made by Mr. Gowen, the special warden referred to in Dr. Smith's letter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Mr. F. H. Shaver,  
Heonah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28, with reference to the utilization of skins of deer killed by natives and others for food during the open season. It is noted that you suggest the establishment of a tannery at some central point by the Government to handle such skins and the publication of a pamphlet to show how the skins should be taken care of for shipment, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that I agree with you in so far as the utilization of deer skins is concerned, but I may be permitted to express the doubt that the establishment of a Government tannery for such purpose would be advisable, inasmuch as the supply of deer skins, it seems to me, would not be such as to warrant the expenditure which would be necessary for that purpose. It is a well known fact that because of various conditions, such as extremely cold weather during the winter, violations of the game law by fishermen and others, the supply of deer in southeastern Alaska is diminishing, notwithstanding the steps taken to enforce the

law. It is a difficult matter, however, to enforce the law adequately because of the insufficient personnel employed and the great coast line of the district, enabling fishermen and others to violate the law with more or less impunity. In my annual report, now in preparation, I shall recommend that steps be taken to preserve the skins at all events. It is, it seems to me, a wilful waste of material that might be used to advantage, especially at this time.

I have to thank you for your letter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1918

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the original oath of office of Charles Madsen, which was duly executed on December 10, 1917.

Madsen holds an appointment under this office as game warden, his appointment being effective from October 1, 1917, and to terminate on June 30, 1918. His compensation is at the rate of \$300 per annum, plus the 10 per cent. increase of compensation. This officer makes his headquarters at Ikitan, Alaska, and is not allowed any expense.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 4, 1918

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Mr. Charles Neuhaus,  
Game Warden,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On November 21 last a telegram was sent you, requesting that you forward a statement in duplicate, showing in detail the meals and lodging covered by each subvoucher which accompanied your September expense account. On January 29 this office received from you what purported to be the statement asked for, but the statement does not contain the information desired with respect to subvouchers 1 and 3.

If you will take the trouble to refer to instructions which have been given you heretofore, with regard to expense accounts and particularly with regard to transportation on gas boats, etc., you will note that it is necessary to show, in connection with such expenses, the particular meals which are covered by payment made for travel on gas boats. It is insufficient, in such cases, to show that meals and berth were included in the charge; the particular meals had and the amount each must be shown, and if the payment includes accommodations as well, the charge for the sleeping quarters must also be shown.

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Immediately upon receipt of this letter, please make up a statement, showing in detail the meals included in the payment on subvouchers Nos. 1 and 3. If no particular berth accommodations are furnished on the gasoline schooner Belinda, it will be unnecessary to show separately the charge for berth, but the meals actually paid for should be itemized. If the sleeping accommodations, such as they are on the Belinda, are usually available in connection with the payment of transportation without any extra charge therefor, your statement should show that no extra charge was made for such accommodations.

I shall be obliged to delay payment of your September account until the receipt of the statement asked for therein.

Respectfully yours,

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

February 4, 1918

Mr. J. W. Armstrong,  
District Passenger Agent,  
Pacific Steamship Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of the 25th ultimo (file PM-1-1, J. H. Burton), we are mailing to you, under separate cover, 25 copies of our Circular No. 4, containing the Alaska game law and regulations, together with a like number of copies of a Department circular which contains additional regulations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, Feb. 4, 1918 O. B. Gov't Night PAID CASH

Secretary Interior,

Washington

Vacancy in office game warden Fairbanks district. Ask instructions.

See Department's letter December twenty-one last re Civil Service certification.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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February 4, 1918

Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, in which you state that you make it a point to spend most of your time watching the waterfront, going aboard fishing boats and searching them for deer meat, and that in nearly all cases you find meat, but the masters and crew claim that it was killed prior to the closing of the deer season.

In reply I have to advise you that such statements are to be expected, and it seems to me, while not an expert on salt meats, that it should be possible for you to tell by the appearance of the meat how long it has been in pickle. There must be a decided difference between freshly salted meat and that killed in October, prior to the close season. This is the only advice that I can give you, and you should exercise your best judgment in determining, as far as it is humanly possible for you to do so whether the meat has been killed during the closed season. It may be set down as a probable fact, however, that any pickled deer meat now found in the

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possession of any person was killed during the closed season  
and, therefore, its owner should be arrested on general princi-  
ples.

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 4, 1918

Mr. C. D. Garfield, Secretary,  
Southeastern Alaska Fish & Game Club,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to the request of your Club for an appropriation from some Territorial fund to carry on the work in which your Club is engaged, I have to say that I have carefully considered such request and regret to advise that I do not see my way clear, at this time, to make such an appropriation, for reasons that I believe I explained to you orally some time since.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, February 6, 1918. U. S. Mite Govt. Paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Replying telegram even date from Meyer vacancy game wardenship Fairbanks caused by voluntary resignation of McDonald present incumbent, effective February first.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, February 11, 1918. O. B. RUSH

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Wm. H. Newton,

McCarty, (via Valdez)

Replying yours even date permission granted to deliver game meat mentioned in your message provided you first execute affidavit setting forth facts as to date of killing and sale and on condition that killing and sale took place during open season. Mail affidavit to this office.

STRONG, Governor.

*Wm. H. Newton*  
Secretary to Governor.

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February 11, 1918.

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Mr. Dick Chapman,  
c/o The Chapman Milling Company,  
Sherman, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo is acknowledged, and you are advised that it is being referred to Dr. J. A. Baughman, Game Warden, Seward, Alaska, who will write you and give you full information relative to big game hunting in this Territory. The Kenai Peninsula, which is under Warden Baughman's supervision, is the favorite section for hunters, especially if they are looking for moose.

Hunting licenses for nonresidents who are citizens of the United States cost \$80 each, and are accompanied by shipping coupons for all trophies authorized to be taken, except that for moose taken south of latitude 62° special moose-shipping licenses are necessary, which cost \$150 each. Kenai Peninsula is south of latitude 62°. These licenses are issued by this office, and as steamers from Seattle to Alaska coast points all call at Juneau, arrangements are usually made for delivery of licenses upon arrival of steamers here.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith is a letter from Mr. Dick Chapman, of Sherman, Texas, who desires information relative to hunting. I have advised him that his letter is being referred to you for answer as to the actual hunting situation. I have advised him also as to the cost of hunting and special moose-shipping licenses, and have sent him the game law circular and department regulations in effect at this time. Kindly reply to his various questions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Via Wireless

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JUNEAU, FEBRUARY 12, 1918. O B NITE GOVT. PD. CASH.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Replying your wire tenth annual game report in course preparation. Will  
be forwarded Department Agriculture early mail.

STRONG, Governor.

*W. H. Shortell*  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, February 13, 1918. O B Hite Govt. Pd. Cash.

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SECRETARY INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

Reference your wire tenth have eleven applications for game wardenship Fairbanks all endorsed by politicians Fairbanks except one from Neenan who has strong endorsements from Council Defense, Commercial Club and many citizens that place. More applications expected. Service not suffer by delay and as therefore mailing all applications and endorsements to you tomorrow, your telegram indicating that political recommendations required.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 15, 1918. O. B.

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Chas. H. Hill,  
Cordova.

You are not authorized to incur any expense on account of deer on Islands of  
Prince William Sound after this date.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 15, 1916.

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Mr. Chas. H. Hill,

Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is voucher in duplicate covering amount due you on account of the statement and receipts sent to this office with your letter of January 25th. The amount is \$206.07 instead of \$208.03. The difference is represented by the war tax of 4 cents on shipment of 1 crate of deer, and \$1.92 on your ticket, Juneau to Cordova. Under the war revenue tax act the Territory is exempt from the tax, hence we cannot refund these amounts.

Kindly sign the voucher on the line indicated by the words "SIGN HERE", and execute the affidavit form on the back, on both copies, and mail to this office and settlement will be made.

The voucher for the Huggs, O'Neill Company is being sent to the Secretary's office for issuance of warrant which will be mailed to the Company.

Enclosed is confirmation copy of message sent you today by the Governor, advising discontinuance of expense.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

February 13, 1918

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Department's telegram of February 10 (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), as follows:

"Please submit recommendation for game warden Fairbanks, vice McDonald, with statement relative to qualifications and political recommendations."

I have this day wired you that I am forwarding all applications that I have received, and that I would forward them to you by mail, which goes forward tomorrow.

I am taking this action because political recommendation seems to be required, and inasmuch as all, or nearly all, are recommended by politicians of Fairbanks and the Interior, I believe you should be thoroughly informed as to the situation and the variety of men who seek this appointment.

Respectfully,

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Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
WASHINGTON-ALASKA MILITARY CABLE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEM  
TELEGRAM

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. ARMY

June 22, February 22, 1918. O. B.

Dr. M. E. Smith,

Kenana.

**Confidential. Please wire me the political affiliations of**

**Steve Foster applicant for appointment as game warden for**

**fourth division.**

**STRONG, Governor.**

**CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

**Secretary to the Governor.**

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February 23, 1918.

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The Collector of Customs,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find general game shipping license No. 87, this day issued to L. L. Bales, covering the shipment from Alaska of one brown bear skin.

This office is in receipt of a letter under date of January 31 last, from the Deputy U. S. Marshal at Unga, Alaska, enclosing \$5 for the license and advising that Captain Bales was leaving about that date for San Francisco on the schooner "City of Papeet," taking the trophy with him, and asking that a license be issued to cover the shipment, and sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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February 23, 1918.

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Mr. Wm. E. Sullivan,  
Fisheries Station,  
Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 10th instant you are advised that a shipping license is necessary for the shipment of the brown bear hide which you have. The fee for the license is \$5, which should be remitted in the form of a postal money order payable to: "Governor of Alaska," and should be accompanied by a statement showing:

1. The name of the person to whom the trophy will be shipped.
2. The point of destination in the States.
3. The port (Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco, as the case may be) through which the trophy will pass enroute to destination.

Upon receipt of the fee and information required, as above outlined, the license will be issued and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, Feb. 23, 1918. O. B.

R. S. McDonald,

Fairbanks.

Reference your January expense account please forward duplicate statement of items and costs covering charge of ten dollars for dog feed on subvoucher nine.

STRONG, Governor.

*Thos. H. B. [unclear]*  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report on the Alaska game law for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, February 25, 1918. O. B. and paid Night Letter (Nulato to Idit.) <sup>\$2.50</sup> -4-

Nordale, Game Warden,

Iditarod.

Unless trip to park can be made on present allowance do not make it. The game appropriation is limited and other requirements make it impossible to grant further expense allowance to you for special trip.

STRONG, Governor.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor.

NOTE: Commercial night-letter rate is less than Government rate.

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Juneau, February 25, 1918. O B NITE GOVT. PAID CASH. -4-

SECRETARY INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

Inasmuch as game warden should have his headquarters at Hanana I recommend appointment of Steve H. L. Foster for that position. Am advised Foster possesses necessary qualifications in all respects.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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FEBRUARY 25, 1918

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

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Chas. Hadsen, game warden, appointed by the Governor on September 8, 1917, for the period from October 1, 1917 to June 30, 1918, at compensation of \$300 per annum, plus the 10% increase authorized under the 1918 appropriation act. This officer's headquarters are at King Cove, Alaska, in the Aleutian Island region. No expense allowance is granted in this case.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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February 27, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

The Department has just called my attention to an error in your expense voucher for September, 1917, by which you were over-paid the sum of \$2.45. The error occurred in the following manner:

Sub-voucher #1, Sept. 1, 1917, covers 5 gals. Zeroline Oil at 49 cents, amount \$2.45; and 55 gals. naptha at 22 cents, amount \$12.10; the total of the sub-voucher being \$14.55. In entering on the expense voucher the items from the sub-voucher you did so as follows:

Sept. 1, 1/5 Gal. Zerolene Oil	\$2.45
55 gallons Naptha	14.55

In other words, you first entered the 1st item on the sub-voucher upon the expense voucher, and then for the 2d item you entered the TOTAL of the sub-voucher instead of the \$12.10 covering the naptha. This, of course, resulted in an over-payment of \$2.45, as I did not notice the error when passing upon the account.

It will therefore be in order for you to remit to me the sum of \$2.45 to cover this over-payment, which amount I will in turn deposit to the credit of the game appropriation.

I enclose copy of Department memo relative to the above, for your further information.

Respectfully yours,

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

Encl.

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Jamez, February 28, 1918. O. B. RUSH +

Steve R. L. Foster,

MEMANA.

You are hereby appointed game warden for fourth division vice H. S. McDonald resigned, the appointment to be effective from March first on which date you should execute oath office in duplicate and forward both copies here. Present this message to McDonald who will then arrange to turn over to you his supplies, badges and all official correspondence and property, taking receipt for same from you, a copy of which receipt should be sent this office. Your compensation will be at rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum plus five percent, and you will be allowed one hundred dollars per month to cover actual and necessary expenses of travel and subsistence when absent from official headquarters which will be at Memana. Letters follow.

SEMONO, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

February 28, 1918.

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Mr. Earl Faulkner,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of affidavit executed by you on the 16th instant, with postal money order for \$5 in favor of the Governor, covering a license for the shipment of one brown bear skin which you have.

Enclosed herewith you will find shipping license No. 89 issued to you today to cover the trophy named above, together with two affidavit blanks for use when making the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 28, 1918.

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Mr. A. H. Dahlin,

On Board S. S. "SPOKANE,"

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d instant enclosing \$5 in currency and asking for a shipping license for one brown bear skin, which you say you are taking outside for your own use.

Enclosed you will find license No. 88 of this date issued to cover the shipment in question, together with two affidavit blanks for use in case you have not already executed the required affidavit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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February 28, 1918.

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the issuance this date of the following game shipping licenses:

No. 88 to A. H. Dahlin, of Seward, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, which will be consigned to himself at Seattle, Wash.

No. 89 to Earl Faulkner, Anchorage, Alaska, covering the shipment of one brown bear skin, which will be consigned to Mrs. M. V. Faulkner, Anthony, Florida.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 25th instant, recommending Steve R. L. Foster, of Nenana, for appointment as game warden in the Fourth judicial division.

In this connection, I may say that so great has become the desire in Alaska for office of some kind, due to political trafficking and promising, that from the town of Fairbanks alone this office received fourteen applications for an office which pays a salary of \$150 a month. Too many people, unfortunately, believe that a public office in Alaska is a sinecure and that all they have to do is to loaf around town, do politics, look wise and draw their salaries. My recommendation of Foster, of Nenana, who has been appointed, was not made because of his great political activity, although I understand that his political faith is of the right sort, but because he was so highly recommended by all of the leading citizens of Nenana, irrespective of political faith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Feb. 28, 1918. O B

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Deputy Collector Customs,

Ketchikan.

If A. H. Dahlia on board steamer Spokane with brown bear skin this will authorize you to pass shipment if proper affidavit made. License number eighty eight issued today to cover shipment. Will mail license to Collector Customs Seattle.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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February 28, 1918.

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The Collector of Customs,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the attached letter, there is enclosed herewith license No. 88, issued to A. H. Dahlin. Mr. Dahlin advised, in his letter to this office, that he would be a southbound passenger on the steamer "Spokane," and asked that the license be left with the Agent at Junction. However, after the license had been issued it was found that the "Spokane" had arrived and sailed south early this morning, hence delivery was impossible. We have wired the deputy collector at Ketchikan of the issuance of the license and authorized him to pass the shipment, if accompanied by proper affidavit. We do not know, of course, that Mr. Dahlin was on board the "Spokane," but assume that he was, and therefore send the license to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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March 1, 1918

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Mr. Charles Madsen,  
Special Game Warden,  
Ikatan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith check No. 959 of this date, in your favor, for \$137.50. This check covers your services for the period October 1, 1917 to February 28, 1918, inclusive, at \$300 per annum--\$125 and the sum of \$12.50, "increase of compensation" authorized by the appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1918.

Respectfully yours,

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

Enc.

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March 1, 1918

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Mr. Peter Scott,  
Chief Game Warden, First District,  
Bottinesu, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 14th ultimo, we are sending you copies of circulars containing the game laws and regulations now in force in this Territory.

The Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, has not yet been received from the press. Your name will be placed upon the mailing list and a copy will be mailed you when the report is ready for distribution.

For copies of the fish laws and regulations and reports with regard to fisheries of Alaska, you should apply to the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, March 1, 1918 O B Govt Note Paid Cash.

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Secretary Interior,  
Washington.

Request official credit two thousand dollars from appropriation for protection  
game Alaska and same amount from appropriation for suppression liquor traffic  
fiscal year nineteen eighteen and that I be advised by telegraph when credits  
given. Combined balances these two appropriations and increase compensation  
accounts this date two thousand one hundred five dollars thirty seven cents.  
Governor hereby approves this requisition.

SHORTHILL, Disbursing Agent.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, March 2, 1918. O. B.

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Com Warden Neuhaus,

HOME.

Wire me at once stating what was first meal had on September eighth and what last meal on tenth on gasboat Belinda from Nome to York, and included in your subvoucher number one, and what was first meal had on September nineteenth and last meal on twenty fifth on same boat from York to Nome, and state price of each meal. Regulations require meals be reported separately from hire of boat. Information mailed by you not sufficiently detailed.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, March 2, 1918. O. B.

R. S. McDonald,

NENANA.

Referring your message February twenty eighth cannot make out meaning of the fourteenth and nineteenth words. These words read respectively as received quote butter quote and quote unable quote. In replying please also give as accurately as possible kinds and quantities of dog feed obtained. Must have something absolutely definite before can pass accounts.

SHORTHILL, S. D. A.

*W. H. Shorthill*  
Secretary to Governor.

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March 4, 1918.

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Mr. R. S. McDonald,

Kenana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to telegraphic correspondence relative to your sub-voucher #9, January expense account, item of dog feed, \$10.00, I beg to say that upon the statement contained in your telegram of the 24 instant that dogfeed should be described as meat scraps, 25 lbs. per day, at 10 cents per pound, I have today passed your account and issued check No. 967 in settlement, which is herewith enclosed.

It is understood, in making settlement of this account, that if the item of dog feed does not pass the Department or the Auditor at Washington, and is referred back, you will have to furnish such further data as the Department or Auditor may require, or else a refund of the amount will have to be made by you. I believe, however, that the account will go as it is, but cannot be certain of it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
S. D. A.

Encl.

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March 4, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith will be found copies of circulars of instructions to game wardens dated May 11 and October 23, 1914, and circulars Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive, which should be given careful perusal by you in order that your expense vouchers submitted to this office may be in proper form. Your predecessor, Mr. R. S. McDonald, will, no doubt, be glad to advise you with regard to the form of your accounts and the detail which is required to be shown both on the expense account and on the subvouchers which accompany it.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a supply of voucher blanks. It is assumed that the supply of stationery which you receive from Mr. McDonald will be sufficient to answer your purposes for the present. When you need more, you should advise this office.

You will be expected to submit a monthly report of your operations, made out in daily diary form so as to show your operations for each day of the month.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

February 28, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

Under the authority conferred upon me by the Alaska game law, I hereby appoint you to the position of game warden for the Fourth judicial division of Alaska, vice R. S. McDonald, resigned, the appointment to be effective March 1, 1918.

Your compensation will be at the rate of \$1800 per annum, in addition to which, during the fiscal year 1918, you will receive five per cent increase under authority of the sundry civil bill, carrying appropriations for that fiscal year. Your expense allowance will be at the rate of \$100 per month, but it will not be absolutely necessary that you limit your expenses in a given month to that amount. You should, however, limit your expenses to \$300 per quarter, unless specially authorized to exceed this limit.

Your official headquarters will be at Nenana and you will be allowed expenses of subsistence only when absent from headquarters. Your expense allowance will, of course, cover transportation as well as subsistence when you are traveling on official business.

I am wiring you today, advising you of your appointment and

instructing you to execute an oath of office in duplicate and forward it here, and to arrange a transfer of the official badge, correspondence and property from your predecessor, Mr. McDonald.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Juneau, Mar. 7, 1918. O. B.

Aron Ericson, Game Warden,

ANCHORAGE.

Your letter received. Can you continue in office until April first?

STRONG, Governor.

*Shortholt*  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, March 8, 1918. O B Nite Govt. Paid Cash.

Secretary Agriculture,

WASHINGTON.

Referring to the subject quote the deer of Alaska quote and particularly to last paragraph under that heading on page four of my annual report on Alaska game law for nineteen seventeen strongly recommend issuance regulation declaring closed season on deer on Haskins and Hinchinbrook Islands in Prince William Sound for period of two years.

STRONG, Governor.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor.

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FOSTER, Game Warden,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours yesterday this office did not give Newton permission to sell meat that was killed ~~in~~ season. The permission granted him was for delivery of meat which he claimed had been killed and actually sold in the open season, but the delivery of which had been prevented by bad trails and cold weather until after February first. Newton was advised that before making delivery he must execute an affidavit setting forth facts as to killing and sale having taken place during open season, and permission to deliver was dependent upon these facts. The law does not give this office any discretion in the matter and no permission can be given for sale of meat except as that permission is contained in the law itself. Must have full statement of facts in case you refer to before passing upon them.

Secretary to Governor.

STRONG, Governor.

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Mr. B. M. Stone,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Stoney:

I have received and noted the contents of your telegram of the 11th, and have not wired because of the fact that Eriksen's duties will not end until April first, by which time I do not expect to be in office. I, therefore, have considered it inadvisable to make any appointment, knowing the futility of such, as if I were to appoint Mr. Baldersten, as you suggest, he would, without doubt, be removed before he could scarcely qualify.

Therefore, in my opinion, it would not be worth while and I am sure you will, upon consideration, take this view of the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 19, transmitting a letter from Mr. W. J. Fenster of Chitina, I have to say that, in view of the statements contained in Mr. Fenster's letter, if you believe that these Indians killed the caribou in question during the open season and that they have no food and no money with which to buy food, they may be permitted to exchange such game meat for provisions. This permission is granted solely because of the exigencies of the situation and the fact that the Indians are in want of food, and must not be considered as a precedent thereafter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, March 14, 1918. O. B.

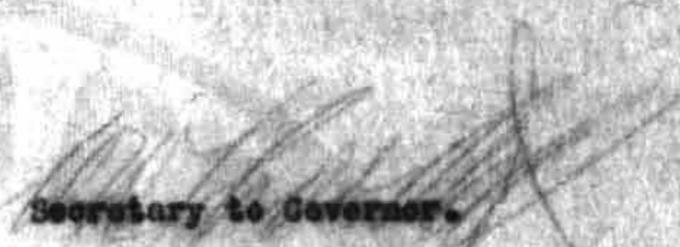
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Chas. H. Hill,

Cardova.

Secretary Agriculture has added Huskins Island to the list of islands on which it is unlawful to kill deer before August first, nineteen and nineteen. Please give publicity through your local paper.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, March 15, 1918. O. B.

Chas. H. Hill,

Cordova.

Replying yours even date you are advised that date in my wire of yesterday is correct. The Secretary of Agriculture has amended regulation five of last August by adding Hawkins Island to the list of islands mentioned therein. The amended regulation protects deer on Hawkins, Hinchinbrook and Montague islands as well as <sup>on</sup> several in S. E. Alaska until August first nineteen nineteen. Department will no doubt extend regulation beyond that date at proper time if necessary showing is made.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Charles H. Hill,  
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Sir:

On yesterday a telegram was sent to you, advising that the Secretary of Agriculture had added Hawkins Island to the list of islands on which it is unlawful to kill deer before August 1, 1919, and you were requested to give publicity to the matter through your local papers. We have today received your message, asking if the year referred to in message of the 14th should not have been 1922 instead of 1919, and have replied, advising you that the year given in yesterday's message is correct.

The Secretary of Agriculture has amended Regulation, 5, which was approved July 23, and issued on August 1, 1917, for the protection of deer on certain islands in Alaska, and added Hawkins Island to the list of islands contained in the regulation. There is enclosed herewith a copy of Department of Agriculture announcement No. 15, containing the original regulation referred to, to which I have added Hawkins Island so as to show you how the amended regulation will read. As soon as we receive copies of the amended regulation, a supply will be sent to you for distribution.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary to the Governor

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

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 15th ultimo (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with respect to my accounts for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1917, covering the appropriations, "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1918," and "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1918," etc., and enclosing a list of differences for adjustment.

With respect to the differences referred to I beg to advise you as follows:

Appropriation---Protection of Game in Alaska, 1918

Voucher No. 3, in favor of J. F. McDonald, expenses for July, 1917, overcharge \$1.25.

In explanation of the apparent overcharge, I enclose herewith statement signed by the cashier of Goldstein's Emporium, Juneau, showing the omission of an item amounting to \$1 in the copying of the bill in question from the original records, and an error in the last item on the bill amounting to 25 cents. The statement explains the apparent overcharge of \$1.25 and shows that the amount taken up by the game warden in his expense account, namely, \$27.85, was the actual amount paid by him for the provisions in question, and the bill should have totaled that amount.

Voucher No. 41, Patrick Hamilton, expenses for September 17, 1917, overcharge \$2.45.

The error resulting in the overpayment on this voucher is acknowledged, and on the 11th instant, there was deposited with the First National Bank of Juneau, the sum of \$2.45 to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for credit to the appro-

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priation, "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1918," on account of  
refund of the overpayment in question. I enclose herewith dupli-  
cate certificate of deposit No. 1534 as evidence of the deposit.

Respectfully,

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

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March 15, 1918

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

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the first instant (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), with reference to the appointment of Charley Klontech as a game warden.

In reply to the Department's inquiry, I beg to advise that this man is still in the service under his temporary appointment and will probably be continued in the service until June 30 next. I might add, for the information of the Department, that the temporary game warden is a native Indian and his particular work is among his own people.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, enclosing a postal money order in the sum of \$2.45, to cover overpayment made to you on your September expense account. I deposited the \$2.45 to the credit of the game appropriation on the 11th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Hon. Luther C. Hees,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hees:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, endorsing Mr. H. J. Russell, of Fairbanks, for the position of game warden.

As you no doubt have been advised, Mr. Foster, of Nenana, was appointed to that position, as it was necessary, owing to game conditions existing in the Territory, that a warden be permanently located near that point so as to be as close to the game country as possible. I believe I had no less than 14 applications from the town of Fairbanks for this position---all good men, of course, and I regret that it was impossible for me to appoint all of them, as I gladly would have done so.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Mr. John S. Heckey,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Heckey:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, in which you state that owing to an increase in the population of the country around the new railroad town of Talkeetna and the country adjacent to Mount McKinley, a game warden will be needed for that section, and you are, therefore, an applicant for that position.

In reply I have to advise you that as I expect soon to retire from office, no appointments can be made at this time.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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