

March 15, 1918

Mr. Aren Ericson,  
Game Warden,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your resignation as game warden for the Third judicial division, to take effect March 31 next.

Thanking you for the faithful services which you have rendered at all times in the discharge of your duties, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secre Governor

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Hon. Luther C. Hess,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hess:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, endorsing Mr. J. H. Russell, of Fairbanks, for the position of game warden. As you will no doubt have been advised, Mr. Foeter, of Nenana, was appointed to that position, as it was necessary, owing to game conditions existing in the Territory, as I viewed them, that a warden be permanently located near Nenana, so as to be as close to the big game country as possible.

I believe I had no less than 14 applications from the town of Fairbanks for this position and only one from Nenana, who had endorsement, it appeared, from the entire town almost, including the Commercial Club, Council of Defense and many citizens, all of whom recommended Mr. Foeter most highly and as eminently qualified for the position. From Fairbanks the applicants all had endorsements, political or otherwise, and no doubt were all good men, and personally I would have been pleased if it had been possible to appoint all of them to some position, but manifestly this could not be done, as the selection in cases of this kind, must be made, no matter how many others are disappointed.

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Appointments to offices are one of the unpleasant sides of the appointing power of an official, because those disappointed almost invariably look upon it from the personal side and each believes that his claim should be paramount and receive the first consideration.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 19, 1918

Mr. F. J. Herbster, Layman,  
N. A. T. & T. Company Mines,  
Napoleon Creek,  
Franklin, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5,  
which I have read with much interest. I note what you say concern-  
ing Messrs. McRae and Larson and others in connection with viola-  
tions of the game law during both the close and open season.

Your letter will be given due consideration, as occasion  
may require. Thanking you for the information therein contained,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Major Clarence A. Dougherty,  
Camp Zachary Taylor,  
Kentucky

My dear Major Dougherty:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 21, which, in some way or other, escaped my attention until the present moment.

In the first place, I recall very well that I had the pleasure of meeting you at the Governor's office and enjoyed my chat with you very much, indeed.

I note what you say with reference to getting your moose trophy out of Alaska. The law, over which I have no control, as you can readily understand, provides that a permit costing \$40 must be obtained in order to ship such trophies from the Territory, unless obtained south of latitude 62°, in which case the fee for a shipping license is \$150. I may state my belief that the law should permit the export of these trophies by the person taking them, the number, of course, being limited. But the law is the law and must govern in the premises until it is repealed or changed.

The draft is coming along slowly in the Territory, due to the vast distances that have to be covered and the difficult, slow and

uncertain means of communication, with all of which you are familiar.

Now, with best wishes for your success in every way, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 19, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of March 16, and I note what you say with reference to deer and weather conditions. I appreciate the fact that little can be done at this time. I also indulge the hope that there may not be a great decrease in the deer of this section because of the deep snows we have had during the winter.

A badge will be forwarded you just as soon as one is received.

I have to thank you for the great interest that you have shown in your work, inasmuch as I shall shortly retire from office. I trust that, in any event, you will maintain your interest in the preservation of the game of this section.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 20, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

You are advised that under date of February 28 last the Department of Agriculture issued permit No. 486, granting permission to an authorized representative of the Colorado Museum of Natural History, Denver, to collect in Alaska, during 1918, and to ship from any port in the Territory, the following specimens of big game:

4 Alaska moose  
5 Osborn's caribou, and  
6 white sheep

Provided that these specimens are not collected on the Kenai Peninsula. Packages containing these specimens are to be marked "Specimens for scientific purposes," and the first shipment to be accompanied by the permit.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 20, 1918

The Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This office has, both in annual reports on the administration of the game law and in letters relative thereto, called attention to the difficulties under which game wardens work in Alaska, due to the fact that the possession of game meat in the close season is not a violation of the law. Attention has been called to the fact that it is almost impossible to secure a conviction, except where the defendant voluntarily enters a plea of guilty, since in most cases where game meat is found in his possession after the close season, it is only necessary for the defendant to make the claim that the meat was obtained in the open season in order to secure a release or acquittal. Manifestly, it is impossible for the Government to prove the date of killing and, in the absence of such proof, the defendant escapes. This condition is met with so frequently that the enforcement of the game law has at last become practically a joke and game wardens are laughed out of court.

There have recently come to the attention of this office four cases which strikingly illustrate the situation above mentioned, and I am enclosing herewith duplicate sets of documents covering

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these several cases, and respectfully request that they be given a careful perusal, so that the Department may be fully informed as to the facts which were brought out in investigations and which facts illustrate, in a general way, the situation which arises in practically every attempt made to enforce the game law. The cases referred to are as follows:

The United States v. W. S. Peckevich and Radoica Loxov, brought in the justice court, Juneau precinct, on complaint filed on February 23, 1918, charging the unlawful killing of deer out of season, the unlawful killing of fawn and the selling of deer carcasses out of season; an amendment to the complaint being also filed, charging the killing of does out of season.

Inasmuch as the game law does not provide for the issuance of a search warrant, the game warden had some difficulty in procuring such warrant, but after a conference with the United States Attorney, was able to secure the warrant upon the theory that the defendants were in possession of deer meat which they were holding for the purpose of disposing of the same, contrary to law---the general Territorial law providing for the issuance of search warrants, containing the provision that where property is held for the purpose of committing a crime, a search warrant may issue.

When the game warden visited the mining camp where the defendants were living, he searched the various buildings, and in the attic

over the messhouse and in an attic over the residence of defendant Peckovich, he found a total of 49 pieces of dried deer meat, all of which was taken in possession and exhibited to the jury at the trial. The managers of the three butcher shops in Juneau were subpoenaed by the Government as experts in connection with the charges of killing deer and fawns. An examination of the testimony will show that each of these experts absolutely identified certain pieces of the meat as being parts of does and fawns.

The game warden was, of course, unable to produce any evidence as to who actually killed the deer and he was also unable to produce definite testimony as to the date of killing; the defendants, of course, claiming that the meat was obtained in the open season.

It will be noted, in examining the defendants' case, that the defendant, Losev, was not placed upon the stand, the reason for this being evidently that in the month of January, 1918, he had been arrested by the game warden for unlawfully killing deer in the closed season and had entered a plea of guilty before the same court in which the case against Peckovich and Losev was tried. It was left to Peckovich to swear the case out of court, which he did in the most approved manner; in fact, his whole attitude throughout the trial was that of a man who was sure of his ground and prepared to make any statement necessary to guarantee an acquittal. It will be noted that Peckovich, in relieving himself and Losev of the responsibility of killing the deer, unhesitatingly

swore the offense upon six of the men employed at the mine, of which Peckovich was superintendent. He was careful, however, not to reveal the identity of these men. It will also be noted that Peckovich attempted to relieve himself of responsibility in connection with the possession of the deer meat by the introduction of a so-called contract between his company and eight of his countrymen who were engaged in driving a tunnel on the mining property, the contract purporting to show that the men were to drive 1,000 feet of tunnel at \$9 per foot and that they were to provide themselves with all necessary supplies, provisions, etc. It developed, however, that Peckovich did all the ordering of supplies for these contractors and knew that they were not buying fresh meat, and he also knew, as shown by the testimony, that they had stored deer meat in the attic over his house, but claimed it had been done during his absence in Juneau. It did not appear, however, that he had required them to remove the deer meat, and, in fact, as already stated, a considerable portion of that seized by the game warden was found in the attic of the residence occupied by Peckovich.

Particular attention is invited to the testimony of T. Ben, a Japanese, on pages 25 to 34 of the transcript, who was the game warden's chief witness, in regard to game meat used in the messhouse by the men employed at Funter Bay under defendant Peckovich. This witness testified that during the time he was employed as cook in the messhouse (October 17, 1917, to January 30, 1918)

he served approximately ten pounds of deer meat per day to the men who boarded there. Upon this basis there was approximately 1,000 pounds of deer meat served in the mess house during the period October 17, 1917 to January 30, 1918, representing the carcasses of about 18 deer. In addition to this, the 49 pieces seized by the game warden represented, according to the estimate of the game warden and others who examined the meat, the carcasses of 15 to 20 deer. It was not claimed by the defendants that any persons other than the six referred to by defendant Peckovich, killed any deer for use in connection with the messhouse. Therefore, it may be assumed that these six men were responsible for the killing of not less than 35 to 40 deer, although under the law, each was entitled to only three deer, or an aggregate of 18 for the six.

The case against defendants Peckovich and Loxov was lost, however, because of the inability of the game warden to fix upon them the responsibility for the actual killing of the deer and because, in the face of the alleged contract presented in evidence, it was impossible to convince the jury that the defendants, to all intents and purposes, sold deer meat by serving it to the men in the messhouse.

An interesting feature in connection with this case is the fact that the seized meat was left over night in the room in which

the trial was held, in the Federal court house at Juneau, and at some time subsequent to the finding of the verdict by the jury on March 8, 1918, at about five o'clock in the evening, and before 10 o'clock on the morning of the 9th, ten pieces of the deer meat disappeared, including several pieces which had been identified by the experts as parts of does or fawns, one of them being the hind quarter of a doe with the milk bag attached thereto. The game warden found only 39 pieces of meat on hand at ten o'clock on the morning of the 9th, and, although he made inquiry of the United States marshal's office, which office has charge of the Federal court house at Juneau, he was unable to obtain any trace of the meat.

Notwithstanding the undisputed evidence in this case of violations of the game law, in the killing of does and fawns, it was impossible to bring the violators to justice. It will be noted that the defendants' witness, Jelich, corroborated the statement of Peckovich as to the killing of deer by the men at the mining camp and admitted that he himself had killed deer; his statement that he had killed "only three" causing a laugh throughout the courtroom.

If the game law made the possession of deer meat in the close season a violation of the law, it would have been possible to secure a conviction of the defendant Peckovich, for he did not deny that there was deer meat stored in the attic over his residence. The law being as it is, however, the defendants simply swore and

laughed the case out of court.

There is also enclosed a duplicate set of certified papers in the case of the United States v. Radoica Lozev, brought on the 25th day of January 1918, by game warden Aldrich at Juneau, in which the defendant was charged with unlawfully killing deer in the closed season. In this case the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid. This case is somewhat illuminating when taken in connection with the one against Peckovich and Lozev above alluded to.

There is also enclosed duplicate set of documents in connection with the case of the United States of America v. George L. Morrison, which originated in the commissioner's court at Hot Springs, Alaska, where the defendant was found guilty and from which he appealed to the district court at Fairbanks, which court dismissed the case upon the ground that the facts stated in the complaint did not constitute a crime under the Alaska game law. The complaint in the case charged the defendant with being unlawfully in possession of game meat in the close season, but since the game law does not make mere possession a violation of the law, the case was dismissed upon a rehearing in the district court. The correspondence and the decision of the court in this case will be found interesting. The defendant Morrison did not, of course, deny possession of the moose meat which the game warden found in his cold storage shaft or cache, but denied that he was

holding it for disposition as a "dealer." In fact he claimed that he had bought it in the open season for fox feed and admitted that he had used about ten moose for the same purpose subsequently to the date on which the moose season opened. Even though the defendant in this case had no intention of violating the law by selling the moose meat in question, it is submitted that the purpose for which he claimed to be holding it, namely, for food for foxes on his fox farm at Hot Springs, Alaska, presents a situation which should be speedily remedied. It can hardly be argued that the framers of the game law, when permitting a certain quantity of game to be taken for human consumption, intended that permission should also be given for using game meat as feed for foxes held in captivity on fox farms in the Territory.

As further illustrating the situation with respect to the possession and use of game meat in the close season in this Territory, I am enclosing a duplicate set of correspondence relating to the case of one James Casso, a native Indian, located on Tenakee Inlet, southeastern Alaska, who owns and operates a logging camp at that place and who, according to the reports of the game warden, has admitted killing deer in the close season for use at his logging camp.

This Indian, according to information furnished this office by the game warden, employs quite a number of men, some of whom have their families with them but others of whom are furnished

with beard in a messhouse at the logging camp, which messhouse is run by Casco. The game warden claims to have evidence that Casco has served in the messhouse, to the men employed by him, meat of deer killed in the close season, and a few days ago the game warden visited Tenakee with the view of proceeding against Casco along the lines indicated in the letter of the United States district attorney to the United States commissioner at Tenakee, which letter is included in the correspondence herewith transmitted on this case.

It is very probable, however, that the game warden will be unable to establish the actual killing by Casco himself, or, even if he is able to establish the actual killing by Casco, he will probably be unable to establish the fact that the killing was done in the close season, and, notwithstanding the fact that it will probably be admitted that the deer meat was used in the messhouse, it is quite likely that Casco will escape punishment, although the game warden may possibly be able to secure a conviction upon the charge of "selling" the game meat in the close season by serving it to the men employed by him who obtain their meals in the messhouse.

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It is very probable, however, that the game warden will be unable to establish the actual killing by Casco himself, or, even if he is able to establish the fact that the killing was done in the close season, and notwithstanding the fact that it will probably be admitted that the deer meat was used in the messhouse, it is quite likely that Casco will escape punishment; although the game warden may possibly be able to secure a conviction upon the charge of "selling" game meat in the close season, on the theory that the serving of it by Casco to the men employed by him and who obtain their meals in the messhouse, is a "sale" within the meaning of the law.

The several cases above referred to illustrate very clearly the urgent necessity for an early amendment of the Alaska game law so as to make the "possession" of game meat in the close

season a violation of the law and punishable in the same manner as any other violation of that law.

With the gradual increase of population in this Territory, the construction of roads through game regions, etc., the game supply will be rapidly diminished if more rigid measures are not enacted for its protection. This is especially true of the deer in southeastern Alaska. Hundreds of these animals are illegally slaughtered every year, both in and out of season, and yet it is practically impossible to proceed against violators of the law under the present conditions. Many of these violators, too, are foreigners who not only have no interest in the enforcement of the laws of the country, but are antagonistic thereto. Even the natives, who have special privileges under the law, are disposed, in many cases, to abuse the privilege; and I am of the opinion that it will not be long until they, too, will have to be placed under more stringent regulations in their use of game animals for food.

It will be noted that Judge Bunnell, in his decision in the Morrison case (page 13 of the enclosed record in that case) states---

"An examination of the statutes of the several states discloses the fact that, almost without exception, the having of game in one's possession during the close season constitutes an offense."

While the conditions in Alaska at the present time are probably not such as to warrant a law making it an offense to have any

kind of game in one's possession during the close season, it is my opinion that the conditions obtaining in southeastern Alaska with respect to deer, do warrant such a provision of law; in fact, I firmly believe that unless such a provision is speedily enacted, it will be only a comparatively short time until the deer will have been exterminated. Hundreds of them die every winter from lack of food, due to the extremely heavy snowfall which obtains in this section of the Territory, and they are at all times subject to the ravages of the wolves, the brown bear and other natural enemies, which take a large toll. If the unlawful killing which has continued during years past and which still obtains, is not speedily checked in large measure, there will soon be no deer in southeastern Alaska to protect.

In response to a suggestion from this office two or three years ago, that the possession of deer meat in the close season be made an offense under the law, the Department expressed the opinion that such a provision of law would meet with opposition on the part of the public, and that it could not be enforced. I beg to say, however, that the people of Alaska are, as a rule, strongly in favor of the proper protection of the game animals of the Territory; the residents of southeastern Alaska would, I believe, with few exceptions, strongly support a provision of law making the possession of deer meat in the close season an offense. The only people who would seriously object to such provision are

those who now violate the law with impunity and who would, of course, be opposed to any law or regulation looking to the protection of game.

I have already alluded to the fact that the enforcement of the game law is at the present time largely regarded as a joke. This, however, is not because the public is opposed to the enforcement of the game law, but because that law is so faulty that violators almost invariably escape on some technicality, although there is seldom any question as to their actual guilt. Such a condition of affairs, when it continues for an indefinite period, naturally leads to a condition of mind on the part of the public where the enforcement is regarded as a joke, since the efforts of the officers are almost invariably futile, irrespective of the facts.

A provision of law making it an offense to have deer meat in one's possession in the close season in southeastern Alaska, would result in no serious hardship upon anyone, especially if, as is now the case, miners, prospectors and Indians were permitted to kill game at any time when in need of food. There are but few communities in southeastern Alaska which are not within a reasonable distance of markets, where fresh and prepared meats may be obtained in any desired quantity. No serious consequences would result from such a provision of law, and its speedy enactment is highly desirable.

It seems to me, also, that the law should prohibit the killing of game animals for the purpose of providing feed for foxes or other fur-bearing animals, or in fact, for any purpose other than human consumption. The game law should also make provision for the issuance of a search warrant where the officer applying for the same has good reason to believe that game meat is being unlawfully held in possession, whether in the open or close season.

The game law should also not only prohibit the use of dogs in hunting, but should prohibit their being allowed to run at large in any locality which is the habitat of game animals, and game wardens or other persons should be authorized to kill such dogs as are found running at large.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

March 21, 1918

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Mr. Harry R. Brown,  
Deputy U. S. Marshal,  
Talkeetna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter with reference to the game conditions in your district and your recommendation that a game warden be stationed therein, I have to advise you that the fund at the disposal of this office at this time will not permit the appointment of additional game wardens. It is hoped that Congress will increase the appropriation this year so that the number of game wardens now employed may be increased to a considerable extent.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 22, 1918

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Mr. M. A. Horner, Dictator,  
Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1425,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, in which you advise that your lodge has been endeavoring to secure a moose trophy to send to Mooseheart, Illinois, the same to be placed in the Alaska Building, for educational and scientific purposes. It is noted you say that, in response to a letter written to the Department of Agriculture, you have been advised that you should take the matter up with this office, which could grant a permit for the purpose.

In reply I beg to advise that I do not know of any provision of the Alaska game law which authorizes this office to grant a free permit for the shipment from the Territory of moose or other game trophies. The law prohibits the shipment of game trophies (except those for scientific purposes), unless accompanied by proper licenses issued by this office, for the issuance of which licenses a fee is required.

The Secretary of Agriculture may, under the law, issue permits for the free shipment of game trophies which are intended for

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certain specified institutions, but the one mentioned in your letter is not included in the list.

I enclose a copy of game circular No. 4 and beg to call your attention to the marked portions thereof, in connection with the subject-matter of your letter. I should be very glad to assist your lodge in carrying out its desire in the premises, were I authorized to do so, but, as stated above, the game law does not authorize the Governor to issue any free permits.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

March 23, 1918

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Mr. Thomas C. Price,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 3, in which you recommend Mr. Fred A. Martin for appointment as game warden in your district, in place of Mr. Arca Eriksen. Inasmuch as Mr. Eriksen will not retire until April 1 and that I expect to retire from office within a very short time, I shall not make any appointment, but shall leave that duty to my successor. I apprehend that this will be satisfactory both to yourself and Mr. Martin.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1918

Mr. Charles M. Hill,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 4, in which you state that you will notify cannery men to instruct their workmen in regard to deer and also as to the penalty for killing any of them, etc. It is also noted that you have had printed a few notices for posting at the canneries and where the clam diggers live.

If you will send properly certified vouchers to this office, the accounts will be paid. I am glad to know that the deer are doing nicely and trust that the efforts that you have made in stocking Hinchinbrook and Hawkins islands will be of great value to the people of your section in the years to come. I have further to advise that recently Hawkins Island was made a deer preserve, Hinchinbrook island having been made a preserve a year or so ago.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your reports as game warden and as special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives, for the month of February. It is noted that your operations were confined to the vicinity of McCarthy and, therefore, you have no expenses to report. It is assumed that no violations of the game law reached you.

I may say here that I have recently received telegraphic advices concerning the murder of a woman named Rose Silberg at McCarthy, but received no details. I have received a wire from United States Marshal Brenneman, asking for a Territorial appropriation to be used in running down the perpetrator of this crime. The appropriation has been made and I understand that an officer is on the way from Seward to make a thorough investigation, which I hope will be successful.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1918

Mr. J. A. Baughman,

Game Warden, Seward

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the month of February. It is noted that you have been unable to learn of any violations of the game laws in your district and that moose and sheep are in especially fine condition. This is a gratifying condition, which I hope will be maintained.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 27, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

I enclose check No. 506 of this date for \$395.00, in settlement of your January expense account. You will note the check is for one dollar less than your account was submitted for. The difference is accounted for as follows:

On your subvoucher #1 you show the same as being "for 3 meals, rate of \$1.00 per meal and 1 lodging rate of \$1.00, from supper Jan'y. 17" to dinner Jan'y 18" inclusive," and then you itemize the account thus:

Jan'y. 17"	1 meal	\$1.00
"	" 1 lodging	1.00
" 18	1 meal	<u>1.00</u>
		3.00

The total of the subvoucher, however, is given as \$4.00, and the same amount appears on the expense account. The discrepancy in the explanations on the face of the subvoucher would no doubt be the subject of inquiry by the Department if the account went in as submitted, and I have therefore changed the total to \$3.00 and made the necessary correction on the expense account. Under other conditions I would simply suspend the item and refer the subvoucher back, but since there may at any time be a change in the office here, I have thought it best to simply eliminate the dollar and approve the balance for payment.

(Gaffney, Special Employee, p. 2)

I dislike to make you lose the dollar, but I think you will see  
the wisdom of my course, owing to the probabilities in the case.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.

Juneau, March 27, 1918. O. B.

Arna Ericson,

Anchorage.

Reference your wire twenty fifth. Your services may be terminated whenever you wish it but appointment of successor will remain in abeyance for present.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

March 27, 1918

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith original oath of office of Stephen R. L. Foster, who was recently appointed to the position of game warden at Nenana, Alaska, vice R. S. McDonald, resigned, the appointment being effective March 1, 1918.

The compensation of this officer is \$1800 per annum, plus the increase of compensation authorized by the 1918 appropriation act. In addition, he is allowed necessary travel and subsistence expenses when absent from headquarters on official business.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Juneau, March 27, 1918 O. B.

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Aron Ericson,  
Anchorage

Your telegram twenty-fifth. As I expect to retire from office in very short time, no successor to you will be appointed and that duty will be left to my successor as it is quite likely that if I were to make an appointment, the appointee's services would be brief; furthermore, I do not anticipate that the Service will suffer materially if no appointment should be made for a brief time.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, April 1, 1918. O. B.

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Hamilton, Game Warden,

KETCHIKAN.

Following just received from reliable source quote: Reported that parties in Port Benschlere killing deer shipping to west coast and bring <sup>in</sup> here. Mail boat on west coast run said to have picked up box venison at Shakan for delivery further south. Boats Wanderer and Winfred D having headquarters Benschlere suspected and quote. Arrange make thorough investigation and report.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

April 1, 1918

Mr. E. P. Walker,  
Fisheries Agent,  
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Walker:

The Governor requests me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of this date and to thank you for the information contained therein, which has been wired to game warden Hamilton, at Ketchikan, with instructions to make a thorough investigation and report to this office. We have also written Mr. Hamilton, advising him that the information was received through you and suggesting that he confer with you, if he thinks it necessary in order to obtain further information in running down the reports.

We wish to thank you for passing the information along to this office so that an investigation may be made.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 1, 1916

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Mr. Patrick Hamilton,  
Game Warden,  
Ketchikan

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find confirmation copy of telegram just sent you.

The information quoted in the telegram was received this date in a telegram from Fisheries Agent E. P. Walker, Wrangell. This is for your personal information; we did not care to divulge the source of the information in the telegram. The Governor desires a thorough investigation made at the earliest possible moment, with a view to prosecuting the guilty parties, if the necessary information can be obtained. If necessary, it is suggested that you confer with Mr. Walker regarding the source of the information received by him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.



April 4, 1918

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit my accounts as special disbursing agent for the collection and disbursement of license fees under the Alaska game law for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1918.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

April 5, 1918

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Mrs. Marie A. Skuse,

Mendenhall, via Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Skuse:

I have just received your letter of this date, with reference to the extension of the school term at Mendenhall for an additional month.

In reply I am glad to advise you that a few days ago the Mendenhall board was notified that the school would be continued for another month and the board was also advised to submit supplemental estimates to defray the cost thereof.

Thanking you for your good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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April 8, 1918

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Mr. R. F. Norton, Clerk,  
Mendenhall School District,  
Mendenhall, via Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, we have today issued a requisition for the sum of \$121.40 and have mailed the same to Mr. Pratt, treasurer of your school district. This is for the purpose of extending your school term one month.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 8, 1918

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Mr. M. S. Pratt, Treasurer,  
Mendenhall School District,  
Mendenhall, via Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find requisition upon the Territorial school fund for a total of \$121.40, covering additional funds required for the maintenance of your school for one month, thus giving you a six months' term during the school year 1917-18. This requisition has been made upon the basis of information furnished in your letter of the 29th ultimo received from Mr. R. F. Norton, clerk of your school board.

Please sign your name on the original of the requisition and return it to this office, retaining the duplicate for your files. A warrant for the amount of the requisition will be mailed you in due course by the Secretary of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 9, 1918

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Mr. T. E. Phillips,  
Jackwade, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 5,  
concerning game conditions and other matters in your precinct.

In reply I have to advise you that inasmuch as I shall  
retire from office within a few days, your letter will be  
brought to the attention of my successor for such action as he  
may see fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 9, 1918

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Mr. B. M. Stone,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Stone:

I received your telegram of April fourth, with reference to the appointment of Thomas L. Owens as game warden. Inasmuch as I am about to retire from office, it was not expedient for me to make the appointment, because of the fact that these appointments must be first passed upon by the Department of the Interior, and in that case my successor would have been in office before such endorsement could be received; and I further felt that Riggs should have a free hand in this matter, especially as I believe that any appointment that I might make would be speedily canceled.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 9, 1918

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Mr. J. W. Ward, Manager,  
Anchorage Times,  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Wilbur:

I have for acknowledgment of your telegram of April fifth, stating that Thomas Dyer had the endorsement of citizens of Anchorage for the position of game warden.

In reply I have to advise you that inasmuch as I shall retire from office within a few days and because this appointment must be first submitted to the Department of the Interior, Washington, for approval, I did not deem it expedient to make the appointment, as the new Governor would be in office before such appointment could be approved by the Department, and I further felt that my recommendation might not receive the Department's endorsement, in view of the fact that a new Governor was about to come in.

Will you kindly explain this to Mr. Dyer, whom I have known for many years and whom I esteem heartily! It would, indeed, have been a pleasure for me to have given him the appointment, had it been possible for me to do so.

I trust that you will be successful in your campaign for the legislature, and with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 12, 1918.

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

Sir:

Herewith I beg to submit my accounts as special disbursing agent of the appropriations: "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1918," "Increase of Compensation, 1918," "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1918," and "Increase of Compensation, 1918," for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1918. The accounts include the following documents:

1. Account current, in duplicate.
2. Joint Abstract of Disbursements.
3. Game vouchers Nos. 1 to 58 inclusive.
4. Liquor vouchers Nos. 1 to 31 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

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

April 12, 1918

Utica-Duxbak Corporation,

Utica, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of April third, I have to say that the control of the game of Alaska is vested in the United States Congress and not in the Territorial legislature. There have been no changes made in the game law since its passage in 1908, but a number of regulations thereunder have been promulgated.

There will be no special conditions this year that will make any material difference in the regulations governing hunting, so far as I am advised.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding a copy of the Alaska game laws and regulations.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, April 13, 1918, O. B. Ass.

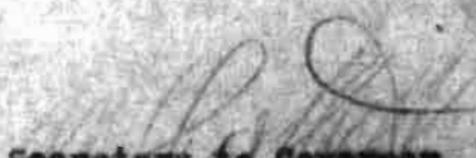
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Steel, Game Warden,

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No record of issuance brown bear license to Kemp.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, April 13, 1918. O B Nite Govt. paid CASH.

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Secretary Interior.

WASHINGTON.

~~Juneau~~ Request official credit two thousand dollars from appropriation for protection game Alaska and same amount from appropriation for suppressing liquor traffic, fiscal year nineteen eighteen, and that I be advised by telegraph as soon as credits given. Combined balances these two appropriations and increase compensation accounts this date two thousand one hundred seventy one dollars. Governor hereby approves this requisition.

SMITHILL, Disbursing Agent.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, April 20, 1918

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Charles H. Hill,

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Replying yours yesterday, see chapter thirty-seven, Session Laws nineteen fifteen. Reference killing dogs, suggested you notify owners of dogs if known, or post notices in several prominent places if owners unknown, giving few days' notice under law referred to after which any person interested in protection of deer will be authorized to kill dogs found running at large.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 20, 1918

Mr. Charles H. Hill,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office has just received your telegram of yesterday's date, reading as follows:

"Wire instructions. Dogs killing deer on Hinchinbrook Island. Brought in part of deer. Everybody complaining."

The Governor has just wired you, suggesting a course of action in this matter, a confirmation copy of which message is herewith enclosed.

By reference to chapter 37 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, you will note that section 3 provides---

"Whenever any dog habitually annoys reindeer, sheep, cattle or horses, or other domestic animals or domestic fowls, or evinces a disposition which renders it likely that it will, without provocation, bite such animals or fowls, it shall be lawful for any person to kill such dog when at large;"

the remaining portion of section 3 provides for the giving of a notice to the owner or keeper of the dog, if known, with a reasonable opportunity to restrain the dog before it shall become lawful to kill it, under the provisions of the act.

While the act in question does not specifically include the deer on Hinchinbrook Island, it is the opinion of this office that in view of the purpose for which the deer on Hinchinbrook Island were transported from southeastern Alaska to the islands of Prince William Sound, the proper protection of these deer very naturally brings them within the spirit, if not the letter, of chapter 37, and it is believed that public opinion will amply justify this position and any action which may be taken in accordance with it. It might be well to publish, in your local papers, a notice to all owners of dogs warning them against permitting their dogs to run at large on any of the islands on which deer have been placed. Persons residing on these islands should be particularly warned in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 23, 1918

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Mr. A. W. Ingalsbe,  
Circle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing currency in the sum of ten dollars and requesting the issuance of a permit for one pair of caribou horns and cape.

Enclosed herewith you will find general game shipping license No. 90, issued to you this date to cover the trophy in question. It is impossible to issue the permit in a form to authorize more than one shipment under it. However, the permit is good until used and you can retain the horns until you are able to secure a suitable cape and then make the shipment.

You did not advise by what route the trophy would be shipped, but we assume that it will pass through Seattle en route to San Francisco and are advising the Collector of Customs at Seattle of the issuance of the license, as required by the game law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 23, 1918

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Alaska game law, you are advised of the issuance this date of general game shipping license No. 90 to A. W. Ingalsbe, of Circle, Alaska, covering the shipment of one caribou head, horns and cape, which will be consigned to himself at San Francisco, passing through the port of Seattle en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 23, 1918

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Mr. E. M. Axelson,  
Yakutat, Alaska

My dear Mr. Axelson:

I have just received your letter of the sixth instant, with reference to a shipment of glacier bear skins and skulls held at Seattle. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which the Governor has today written to the Collector of Customs at Seattle, advising him that, so far as this office is concerned, the shipment may be released. We do not consider that the glacier bear comes within the provisions of the Alaska game law.

The Governor wishes to thank you for your kindly expressions and good will and to convey to you his sincere regards.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 23, 1918

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The Collector of Customs,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. M. Axelson, of Yakutat, Alaska, in which he advises that a shipment of five glacier bear skins and skulls, consigned by him to the Field Museum of Natural History, is being detained at Seattle, pending the receipt of a shipping permit.

From the information furnished by Mr. Axelson, this office is satisfied that the shipment is not one which comes within the provisions of the Alaska game law as requiring a permit, the trophies in question not being those of brown bear. You are advised, therefore, that this office has no interest in this matter and that, so far as the Alaska game law is concerned, the shipment may be released.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

April 23, 1918.

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Mr. Charles Hudson,  
Ikroavik, via King Cove, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of March 20th, acknowledging receipt of check No. 959 for \$137.50. You ask if the check previously received was for services from October 1 to December 30 (1917), the amount of the check being \$87.50, or if it was the amount due you for the remainder of the previous year.

Upon an examination of my accounts today I find that on January 21, 1918, I issued a voucher covering your salary from October 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917, inclusive, the amount being \$82.50, and check No. 947 was written to cover this voucher. This is the check you refer to as having been received prior to the one for \$137.50 (No. 959), and the amount, as stated, was \$82.50 instead of \$87.50 as stated in your letter.

I also find that on March 1, 1918, I issued a voucher to you for services from October 1, 1917, to February 28, 1918 (a total of 5 months) the amount of which was \$137.50, and check No. 959 was written to cover the same. This is the check mentioned as having just been received at the time you wrote your letter.

You will note that I made a mistake when issuing the second voucher, and paid you again for the period from October 1 to December 31, 1917 (that having already been covered by the voucher and check for \$82.50 above mentioned), the amount of the over-payment being \$55.00. The voucher issued

(Mr. Chas. Madison, page 2.)

on March 1, 1918, should have covered the months of January and February, 1918, and the amount should have been \$55.00.

I sent in my quarterly accounts for March 31st, early in April, but have not yet heard from them. However, the Department will, of course, disallow the over-payment of \$82.50 made to you, and I shall be called upon to refund the amount to the game appropriation. In turn, I shall have to call upon you to refund the amount to me, since you were not entitled to it, of course. I shall be glad if you will, upon receipt of this letter, send the amount to me, by postal money order, or by check, so that I may be in a position to refund it to the appropriation when directed by the Department. I cannot deduct the amount from your salary due subsequent to February 28th, since the checks must be issued in your name and you are the only one who can endorse them, therefore I am obliged to ask that the amount be sent to me for deposit to the credit of the game appropriation.

I assure you I greatly regret that the error should have occurred, for it puts us both in a very undesirable position. However, it was just one of those oversights that once in a while occur. I believe this is the first instance, in over seven years spent in this office, that I have made such a grievous error. However, that does not make it any less disagreeable to me, nor to you.

You will remember that when you were first paid a compensation, you received \$25 per month, which was paid up to June 30, 1917, the check for June, 1917, being No. 820, issued on July 5, 1917. Your appointment ended June 30, 1917, and was not renewed until October 1, 1917. Hence you did not have any pay coming for the time between June 30 and October 1, 1917.



April 24, 1918

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Mr. Thomas Dwyer,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Dwyer:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the sixth instant, and in reply I want to state that it would have given me very great pleasure, indeed, to appoint you game warden for the Anchorage district, but, as I wrote Mr. Ward, the fact that I shall retire from office as soon prevented me from so doing, as I believed that my successor would desire to make his own appointment, and therefore the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Erickson has not been filled.

I regret very much that conditions with you are not at all good; rest assured, if I could do something for you, it would be done. I need not say anything to you about the untoward events which have transpired, but I trust that time will set all things right, hard as they are now to bear.

Your services on the local board have been most painstaking and patriotic and they are appreciated by this office.

With very best wishes at all times, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 23, 1918

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, tendering your resignation as game warden for the First Judicial division, to take effect May 1, 1918.

In reply I have to advise you that your resignation has been accepted to take effect on that date.

Thanking you for the splendid service that you have given to the Territory in your official capacity, and with very best wishes for your future success and welfare, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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November 4, 1913.

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Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 29th last in respect to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum collection, the present location of the same, the size, location and character of the building in which the collection is housed, in whom the title to the land and building is vested, and as to what steps have been taken toward properly indexing the books, maps, etc., and placing a caretaker in charge, I have to state that the institution known as the Alaska Historical Library and Museum exists under authority of section 52 of the civil code of Alaska, approved June 6, 1900, and derives its revenues from the sources mentioned therein. It receives practically all of the United States Government reports, publications, etc., as well as many State reports and other publications. A file is kept of all newspapers published in Alaska. At the present time there are probably more than twenty thousand books, reports, pamphlets, maps, etc., in the Library. Quite a number of these were left in storage at Sitka when the capital was removed from that place to Juneau in 1906. As the Governor is the special custodian of the Library and Museum property, the collection has always been housed in the building used for the Governor's offices.

Prior to November, 1911, the Governor's offices were located in a private residence building in Juneau containing only six rooms and there

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was no space available for properly shelving any considerable portion of the Library collection and the major portion of it, together with all of the Museum property, was stored in such rooms as were not used for the Governor's offices. On November 1, 1911, the Governor's offices were moved to the present building, which in former years had been occupied by a Presbyterian mission school for natives. The building had been idle, however, for eight or ten years, and was in a rather bad state of repair. The land on which this building is situated was purchased by the United States Government some time prior to November 1, 1911, as the site for the Federal post office and custom house building which was authorized by the public building act of 1910. Under authority of the Treasury Department repairs were made to the rooms on the first floor of the building referred to, a steam heating plant was installed, and five of the rooms on this floor were fitted up as offices for the Governor, the sixth room, which is quite large, being used as a general storage room. A small portion of the Library collection of books occupies the limited amount of shelf room which is available in the five rooms comprising the Governor's offices. The remainder of the library collection and all of the museum collection is stored in five rooms which comprise the second floor of the building, containing approximately 1800 square feet of floor space with walls 8 feet high. Owing to the great lack of space for shelving the books and publications of the library and properly displaying the museum collection, no attempt has been made to fit up the rooms of the second floor of the building for library and museum purposes and they merely serve to provide storage space until such time as proper provision

is made for quarters for the Library and Museum. The museum collection contains some very fine specimens of Alaska game animals and a large collection of Indian basketry and native ivory work, comprising some twelve to fifteen hundred pieces. At the present time all of these, with the exception of a few of the larger game specimens, are boxed and sealed to prevent deterioration.

The building above referred to is a two-story frame structure, the ground dimensions being 32 by 60 feet. It is situated on the northwest corner of the Federal post office and custom house site and it is presumed that it will not have to be removed prior to the construction of the Federal building. It is the understanding of this office that when the plans for the Federal post office and custom house building are prepared in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, some provision will be made for space for the Library and Museum collections.

In that portion of the report of Special Agent W. J. Lewis which is quoted in your letter, it is noted that he gives it as his opinion that the Museum (by which I assume he means the collections belonging to both the museum and the library) should be purchased by the National Government and made the nucleus of a complete historical museum. He further recommends that "it should be installed in a suitable fireproof building which should be erected for this purpose within the limits of the National Monument". There may be some question as to the advisability of transferring the ownership of the Library and Museum from the Territory to the National Government; but there can be none as to the desirability of having these collections, etc., in a "suitable fireproof building".

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As to the location of this building, however, it undoubtedly should be in Juneau, the Capital and the largest town in the Territory. If Mr. Lewis, in recommending that the building be erected within the limits of the "National Monument", means that it should be erected within the limits of the "Sitka National Monument" which comprises the major portion of the Indian River Park at Sitka, Alaska, the suggestion would undoubtedly meet with great opposition on the part of the people of the Territory. The town of Sitka, which was formerly the Capital of the Territory, is a relatively unimportant place, and situated some two hundred miles out of the usual route of steamer travel between Seattle, Washington, and Juneau and Skagway (and the route to the interior of Alaska from the latter point), in southeastern Alaska, and the line of steamer travel between Seattle and Cordova, Valdez, Seward and other coast points in southwestern Alaska, which latter steamer route connects with the overland routes to interior Alaska, via Cordova and Valdez.

No attempt has been made to index or catalog the collections of the Library and Museum, but a list is kept of all bound volumes received by the Library. The employees of the Governor's office give such attention as is necessary to the Library and Museum collections.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Mr. James I. Parker,  
*Acting Assistant Secretary*  
Chief Clerk, Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

November 6, 1913.

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The American Law Book Company,

15-27 Cedar Street,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo, together with a set of indexes to the Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure intended for use of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. Inasmuch as the Historical Library does not contain <sup>the</sup> Cyclopaedia but a set is owned by the court library in this city, I am taking the liberty of turning the indexes over to the Honorable Robert W. Jennings, United States District Judge for this division.

I trust this action will meet with your approval.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 6, 1915.

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Honorable Robert W. Jennings,  
United States District Judge,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

This office has received from The American Law Book Company, New York, a set of card indexes of the Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure which were intended for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. Inasmuch, however, as the library does not contain a set of the cyclopaedia the set of indexes is being turned over to you for use in connection with the cyclopaedia owned by the court library.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 7, 1913.

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Mr. John Armstrong Chaloner.

Cobham, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo addressed to The Librarian, Public Library, Sitka, Alaska, which has just reached this office, together with the two books mentioned therein. I shall be pleased to place these books on the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which I am the official custodian, and I wish to thank you for the courtesy of your letter and for your donation to the Library.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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November 17, 1918.

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Frederick & Nelson, Inc.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Please quote us your lowest price f. o. b. Seattle on one  
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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Please quote us your lowest price f. o. b. Seattle on one  
"Y. & B." Vertical Blue Print Cabinet, size No. 450, as described on  
page 17 of your 1911 catalogue.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 17, 1918.

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Mr. George Simpkins,  
c/o Simpkins & Frisman,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of some days ago relative to the binding of the Alaska newspapers belonging to the Alaska Historical Library & Museum, I beg to advise that I have taken this matter up with the Governor and he has requested me to ask you to call when it is convenient and see just what binding is required and furnish us with prices on same.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 26, 1913.

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The American Law Book Company,  
15 - 27 Cedar Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant in reply to mine of the 6th, with reference to a set of indexes to CYC which were recently received at this office, and which were turned over to the Judge of the U. S. District court for use in connection with a set of the CYC which is in the Court library; the Alaska Historical Library not containing a set of the CYC.

Your first letter was addressed to "Mr. Wm. W. Shorthill, Historical Liby & Museum, Federal Bldg., Sitka, Alaska," and was dated Oct. 3, 1913 -- being evidently a circular form of letter. I enclose the front of the envelope in which the letter was contained, bearing the address as given above, with correction made at Sitka, directing it to Juneau, which is the capital of Alaska. The letter is also enclosed, since it is of no particular import to this office at the present time.

I am unable to say just what address was on the package containing the card index of CYC referred to, but presume it was the same as that on the envelope containing your circular letter

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of the 13th ultimo above referred to and herewith returned.

Trusting this will enable you to locate the matter in your files, I am

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

Juneau, December 10, 1913. O. B.

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Frederick & Nelson,  
Seattle, Wash.

Referring to your letter of second instant does your quotation of fifty dollars cover latest type of cabinet with solid dust-proof front and near-leather pockets?

STRONG, Governor.

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

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Secretary to the Governor.

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December 13, 1913.

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Mr. Charles Winsky.

- Fair, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 10th last, addressed to the Governor, in which you advised that you were forwarding a stone vessel which you had found on your ranch on Fish Creek, near Fair, it being your desire to present the same to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I beg to advise that as yet the vessel has not been received. I give you this information thinking that you might wish to trace the shipment.

From the description which appears in the affidavit accompanying your letter the vessel would undoubtedly be a most interesting addition to the Museum collection, and I trust that in due course of time it will come to hand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 12, 1918.

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Louisa & Harford Co.,  
616 First Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with your quotation of November 26th last I have to request that you will ship to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, care of this office, one #150 "Y. & E." vertical blue print cabinet with solid front and wear leather pockets, price for same to be \$56.00 f. o. b. Seattle.

Please make bill in duplicate against the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and send the same to this office. Please have the shipment covered by marine insurance and include the cost of same in your bill.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 19, 1913.

Miss Mabel Miller,  
853 E. 146 St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your inquiry of the 29th of November relative to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau (to which point it was removed from Sitka, some 7 years ago), and the possibility of securing employment in connection with the same.

No provision has yet been made for the proper housing and shelving of the Library and Museum property, and it is kept in the building at present occupied by the Governor's offices, which building is not large enough to permit of any general public use of the library or display of the museum collection. The property may be said to be simply in storage until suitable quarters are provided by Congress or the Territory. The employees of the Governor's office at present give such attention to the work as is required to list and store the books, etc., and no attempt has yet been made to systematically catalog the library.

I have no doubt your services would be of value in cataloging and listing the property were that time at hand, but at present nothing can be done other than to file your

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letter for reference at some future time; and in the meantime you will, I trust, obtain a position elsewhere which will be both profitable and pleasant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 5, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith bill in duplicate of the Alaska Daily Empire, dated the 1st instant, covering one years subscription of the Library to the Alaska Daily Empire for the period from November 2, 1913, to November 2, 1914, amount \$10.00.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 7, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith bill in duplicate from Winter & Pond Co., Juneau, of date the 2nd instant, covering the framing of a photograph of President Wilson for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. Will you kindly arrange payment from the Library fund in due course, and oblige.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 12, 1914.

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Wells Fargo & Co.,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

This office has received notice of the 7th instant addressed to "State Law Librarian, Juneau," and advising that you have a package addressed to that official upon which charges of 90 cents are due. To aid us in ascertaining whether or not the package in question is intended for the Alaska Historical Library, at Juneau, will you kindly advise the name and address of the consignor. If upon receipt of such advice it appears that the package is intended for the Alaska Historical Library, the amount due you will be sent you so that the package may be forwarded to Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 14, 1914.

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The John Clark Co.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the Librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, at Juneau, and in reply I beg to advise you that owing to a lack of room the library and museum is only nominally open to the public at the present time and practically no books are being purchased.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 14, 1914.

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Miss Mabel Miller,

658 East 146 St.,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant in further reference to libraries in Alaska. A few of the incorporated towns in the Territory have from time to time endeavored to maintain public libraries, but almost without exceptions these efforts have failed owing to a lack of funds.

As to a public library at Nema, I am informed that there is no such institution in that town at the present time. The organization known as the Arctic Brotherhood maintains a library there for the use of its own members, and a Catholic organization maintains a library primarily for the use of its own members, but to which the public has also access. Neither of these organizations, I believe, employs a librarian. The public library at Sitka to which you refer, I am inclined to believe is the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, which until 1906 was located at Sitka, but in that year was transferred to Juneau when that town became the capital of the Territory. If there is a public library at Sitka at the present time, it is undoubtedly a very small affair and it is not likely that a librarian is employed.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the 1913 report of the Governor and also a circular of general information with reference to Alaska,

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which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 20, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit bill of the Wrangell Sentinel covering the Alaska Historical Library and Museum's subscription to that paper for the year ended January 1, 1914, the amount of the bill being \$2.50.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 21, 1914.

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Sir Richard McBride,

Prime Minister of British Columbia,

Victoria, B. C.

My dear Sir Richard:

Please accept my thanks for the maps of British Columbia which were received today. These will be given a conspicuous place in the library of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, at Juneau.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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January 22, 1914.

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Hon. A. G. Shoup.

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Upon checking over the Library files I find that copies of the annual reports of the Governor of Alaska for the following years are missing:

1894	1894
1896	1895
1897	1903
1898	1904
1895	1908

It occurs to me that possibly some of these reports may be among the books and documents which were left in Sitka when the capital was moved to Juneau, and if it would not be too much trouble, I shall be glad if you will kindly have a search made with a view to locating these reports. In the event you do not find them among the Library property, do you know of anyone in Sitka who has copies of the reports for the years above mentioned and <sup>who</sup> would be willing to sell them to the Library so as to complete its file?

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance in this matter, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 22, 1914.

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The Superintendent of Documents,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to refer to your price list No. 32, second edition, issued in May, 1911, covering United States public documents relating to non-contiguous territory, etc., and to ask whether or not copies of the annual reports of the Governor of Alaska for the years 1894, 1903, 1906 and 1908 may be obtained upon payment of the prices quoted in the price list above referred to.

We are desirous of obtaining copies of the reports for the years mentioned to complete the files of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 23, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit bills in duplicate from the Times Publishing Company, Fairbanks, Alaska, covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Fairbanks Daily Times for the period of July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1914, amount \$91.00; and subscription to the Fairbanks Weekly Times for the period of May 1, 1912, to May 1, 1914, amount \$20.00. If these bills agree with the records of your office, they may be paid in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 28, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit bills in duplicate from the Times Publishing Company, Fairbanks, Alaska, covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Fairbanks Daily Times for the period of July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1914, amount \$24.00; and subscription to the Fairbanks Weekly Times for the period of May 1, 1912, to May 1, 1914, amount \$20.00. If these bills agree with the records of your office, they may be paid in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 26, 1914.

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Mr. George H. Simpkins,  
Alaska Bindery,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant submitting a bid on binding of newspapers, etc. Your bid was submitted on a basis of putting two years' weekly papers in a volume, and I do not recall that it was definitely understood as to what style of stitching was to be used -- whether whip stitching or wire stitching. In any event, after conferring with L. Freiman Company it was thought best to put but one year's weekly papers in a volume and their bid is made on that basis. They have also submitted alternate bids on the binding, depending upon the style of stitching: that is, one bid for the work if the papers are wire stitched, and another if the papers are whip stitched.

In order that you may be on the same footing, the matter is called to your attention in case you should wish to make any change in your bid of the 22nd instant, both as to style of stitching and as to the putting of but one year's weekly papers in a volume instead of two.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 26, 1914.

Mr. George M. Simpkins,  
Alaska Bindery,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant submitting bids on binding of newspapers and on mounting of maps, it is desired by this office that the bid on mounting of maps be disregarded and that you submit a new bid thereon, in accordance with the following which, in substance, has also been given to the L. Freiman Company, Juneau:

At the present time we have on hand a total of 234 maps, charts and blue-prints (there are but few of the latter) which have been grouped according to sizes as follows:

16	--	of approximate size of 21 x 26 inches	
19	--	" " " " 24½ x 34 "	
9	--	" " " " 24 x 53 "	
9	--	" " " " 26 x 41 "	
18	--	" " " " 27 x 30½ "	
10	--	" " " " 27 x 33 "	
8	--	" " " " 31 x 44 "	(these to be trimmed to <u>30</u> x 44 inches)
70	--	of approximate size of 33 x 44 "	(these to be trimmed to <u>30</u> x 44 inches)

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(George M. Simpkins, p. 2)

10 -- of approximate size of 36 x 51 inches

1 -- of size 36½ x 74 inches

64 -- of approximate size of 38 x 46 inches

The "approximate sizes" given above are in each case the maximum dimensions of the various maps included in each particular group -- some of the maps being smaller, but all approximately of the size stated for the group.

In submitting your bid for the mounting of these maps, etc., you will please quote the unit price on each size; the understanding being that if the work should be awarded to you it will be done to the satisfaction of this office, and that the best grade of map-mounting cloth will be used and all maps, etc., which are smeared with dust or dirt will be cleaned so as to present a good appearance, and all will be neatly trimmed after mounting so as to show an even, squared edge on all sides.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 26, 1914.

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L. Freiman Company,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to our conversation of a few days ago relative to mounting of maps, charts and blue-prints, an as-sorting and counting of these now on hand belonging to the Alaska Historical Library & Museum shows that we have the following quantities and approximate sizes:

16	--	of approximate size of 21 x 26 inches
19	--	" " " " 24½ x 34 "
9	--	" " " " 24 x 53 "
9	--	" " " " 26 x 41 "
18	--	" " " " 27 x 30½ "
10	--	" " " " 27 x 33 "
8	--	" " " " 31 x 44 " (these to be trimmed to <u>30</u> x 44 inches)
70	--	of approximate size of 33 x 44 inches (these to be trimmed to <u>30</u> x 44 inches)
10	--	36 x 51 inches (approximate)
1	--	36½ x 74 " "
64	--	38 x 46 " "

The approximate sizes given above are in each case

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<sup>maximum</sup>  
the dimension of the various maps included in each group; some of the maps being smaller, but all approximately of the dimensions stated for each group.

In submitting your bid for the mounting of these maps, charts and blue-prints )there are but few of the latter( you will please quote the unit price on each size, the understanding being that if the work should go to your firm the mounting will be done to the satisfaction of this office, and that the best grade of map-mounting cloth will be used, and all maps which are smeared with dust or dirt will be cleaned so as to present a good appearance, and all will be neatly trimmed after mounting so as to show an even, squared edge on all sides.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 29, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is bill (one copy only) of the Alaska Times Printing & Publishing Company of Fairbanks, covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library to the Alaska Times for the period from May 1, 1913, to January 1, 1914, amount \$2.00. If the bill agrees with your records it may be paid in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 29, 1914.

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Honorable Charles S. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is bill (one copy only) of the Alaska Times Printing & Publishing Company of Fairbanks, covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library to the Alaska Times for the period from May 1, 1913, to January 1, 1914, amount \$2.00. If the bill agrees with your records it may be paid in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 31, 1914.

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Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,

Secretary, National Association of Audubon Societies,

1974 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

Permit me to extend my thanks for a copy of the Ninth Annual Report of the National Association of Audubon Societies, which has been read with much interest and placed on the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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February 3, 1914.

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Hon. Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith bill in duplicate of the Daily Alaska Dispatch, Juneau, amount \$5.00, covering the printing of 500 copies of a form used by this office in tracing missing numbers of the Alaska newspapers received for the files of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum. No formal contract was entered into for this printing.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 16, 1914.

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Miss Florence Gandolfo,  
2045 Teeler Way,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the "Secretary, Library Board", has been received at this office, the postmaster assuming evidently that you refer to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian. In reply I beg to advise you that owing to a lack of available space for the Library and Museum, it has been found impracticable to classify and arrange the books and collections so as to be of general public use. Such attention as is required for the receiving and storing of the books, publications, etc., for the Library is given by the employees of the Governor's office.

Your letter will be placed on file for reference.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 18, 1914.

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L. Freiman Co.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

You are hereby advised that the bids heretofore submitted by you for mounting of maps and binding of newspapers belonging to the Alaska Historical Library & Museum, Juneau, and those submitted by the Alaska Bindery (Mr. George W. Simpkins) have been rejected by the undersigned, who is the official custodian of the Library & Museum.

You are further advised that you may submit a new bid for the work referred to, should you wish so to do, such bid to be delivered to this office not later than 5 p. m. February 25, 1914, and to be in accordance with the memorandum specifications contained in the two sheets hereto attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 18, 1914.

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Mr. George M. Simpkins,  
Alaska Bindery,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the bids heretofore submitted by you for mounting of maps and binding of newspapers belonging to the Alaska Historical Library & Museum, Juneau, and those submitted by the L. Freiman Co., have been rejected by the undersigned, who is the official custodian of the Library & Museum.

You are further advised that you may submit a new bid for the work referred to, should you wish so to do, such bid to be delivered to this office not later than 5 p. m. February 25, 1914, and to be in accordance with the memorandum specifications contained in the two sheets hereto attached.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 21, 1914.

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The Superintendent of Documents,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant advising the forwarding of one copy each of the annual reports of the Governor of Alaska for the years 1903, 1906 and 1908 and enclosing invoice covering the same. Enclosed herewith is a postoffice money order in your favor in the sum of 40 cents to cover the cost of these reports.

The invoice (No. 2578) is herewith enclosed with a request that it be receipted and returned to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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MEMORANDUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR MOUNTING OF  
MAPS AND BINDING OF NEWSPAPERS FOR THE ALASKA HISTORICAL  
LIBRARY & MUSEUM,  
JUNEAU.

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MAPS.

Mount on good quality of map cloth, and trim all edges after mounting, to give an even, square edge, the following maps; bid to show price per map for each group listed below;

16 maps of approximate size of 21 x 26 inches

10	"	"	"	"	"	24½ x 34	"
9	"	"	"	"	"	24 x 53	"
8	"	"	"	"	"	26 x 41	"
18	"	"	"	"	"	27 x 30½	"
10	"	"	"	"	"	27 x 33	"
8	"	"	"	"	"	31 x 44	" TO BE TRIMMED

TO SIZE OF 30 x 44 inches.

70 maps of approximate size of 33 x 44 inches TO BE TRIMMED

TO SIZE OF 30 x 44 inches.

10 maps of approximate size of 36 x 51 inches

1	"	"	"	"	"	36½ x 74	"
64	"	"	"	"	"	38 x 46	"

The <sup>v33</sup>"approximate size" given above is in each case the maximum size of the maps in the several groups.

All maps must present an even, smooth surface when mounted, and dust, dirt, etc., must be removed from them.

BINDING OF NEWSPAPERS.

Daily and weekly Alaska newspapers to be bound in full grey canvas over heavy tarboard, and to be punched and tied with good quality of heavy cord so as to insure a first-class job. Papers

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must be sorted and arranged in date order, and must be properly dampened and allowed to stand under heavy press for a sufficient length of time before binding to insure a neat appearance when in bound form.

Daily papers are to be bound 6 months to the volume, and weekly papers 2 years in a volume. Where a date is missing, a blank sheet, of the size of the particular paper, shall be inserted in lieu of the missing date, with a notation thereon of the missing date, such notation to be followed by the written or stamped signature of the bindery.

There are on hand at the present time sufficient daily and weekly papers to make approximately 60 bound volumes.

BID TO SPECIFY the price per volume complete, including lettering on the back of each volume -- such lettering to contain the name of the paper and the first and last date in the volume, with the year.

The general plan to be followed in binding will be to follow the calendar years; weekly papers being bound with two calendar years' issues in a volume, and dailies being divided into two six-month volumes per year.

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February 27, 1941

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The L. Franklin Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Your bid of the 20th instant for mounting of maps belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum is hereby accepted as to the following items:

				each		
19 maps approximate size	24 1/2 x 36	65 cents				\$11.97
70 "	"	57 "				40.00
	(to be trimmed to	30 x 44)	57			
18 maps approximate size	27 x 36 1/2	65 "				11.90
64 "	"	58 x 48	65 "			41.60

The total number of maps included in this acceptance is 171, cost of mounting same in accordance with your bid being \$105.47.

It is requested that you arrange to have this work done within a reasonable time, the same to be in accordance with the specifications accompanying my letter to you under date of the 10th instant.

The Alaska Ministry having submitted a lower bid for the mounting of the other maps listed in the specifications referred to and for the binding of the newspapers, its bid as to these items has been accepted.

Respectfully yours,

Signature

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MEMORANDUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR MOUNTING OF  
MAPS AND BINDING OF NEWSPAPERS FOR THE ALASKA HISTORICAL  
LIBRARY & MUSEUM,  
JUNEAU.

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MAPS.

Mount on good quality of map cloth, and trim all edges after mounting, to give an even, square edge, the following maps; bid to show price per map for each group listed below:

- 16 maps of approximate size of 21 x 26 inches
- 19 " " " " " 24½ x 34 "
- 9 " " " " " 24 x 33 "
- (8) 8 " " " " " 26 x 41 "
- 18 " " " " " 27 x 30½ "
- 10 " " " " " 27 x 33 "
- 8 " " " " " 31 x 44 " -- TO BE TRIMMED

TO SIZE OF 30 x 44 inches.

70 maps of approximate size of 33 x 44 inches -- TO BE TRIMMED

TO SIZE OF 30 x 44 inches.

10 maps of approximate size of 36 x 51 inches

- 1 " " " " " 36½ x 74 "
- 9 " " " " " 38 x 46 "

The "approximate size" given above is in each case the maximum size of the maps in the several groups.

ALL MAPS must present an even, smooth surface when mounted, and dust, dirt, etc., must be removed from them.

BINDING OF NEWSPAPERS.

Daily and weekly Alaska newspapers to be bound in full grey muslin over heavy tarboard, and to be punched and tied with good quality of heavy cord so as to insure a first-class job. Papers

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must be sorted and arranged in date order, and must be properly dampened and allowed to stand under heavy press for a sufficient length of time before binding to insure a neat appearance when in bound form.

Daily papers are to be bound 6 months to the volume, and weekly papers 2 years in a volume. Where a date is missing, a blank sheet, of the size of the particular paper shall be inserted in lieu of the missing date, with a notation thereon of the missing date, such notation to be followed by the written or stamped signature of the bindery.

There are on hand at the present time sufficient daily and weekly papers to make approximately 60 bound volumes.

BID TO SPECIFY the price per volume complete, including lettering on the back of each volume -- such lettering to contain the name of the paper and the first and last date in the volume, with the year.

The general plan to be followed in binding will be to follow the calendar years; weekly papers being bound with two calendar years' issues in a volume, and dailies being divided into two six-month volumes per year.

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February 27, 1916.

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Mr. G. E. Shipman,  
Alaska History Co.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant submitting bids for mounting maps and binding newspapers belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, you are hereby advised that your bid is accepted for the binding of the newspapers at \$1.75 per volume and the mounting of the following quantities and sizes of maps:

16 maps approximate size 21	x	26	50 cents each, total \$	8.00	
9 "	"	25	75 "	6.75	
8 "	"	26	75 "	6.00	
10 "	"	27	\$1.00	10.00	
8 "	"	22	1.00	8.00	
[to be trimmed to		20	x	26)	
10 maps approximate size 21	x	22	1.50	15.00	
1 "	"	24 1/2	x	7 1/2	2.50

The total number of maps included in this acceptance is 62, the total cost of mounting the same to be \$51.75.

It is requested that you arrange to begin this work as soon as possible and complete it within a reasonable time, the same to be done in accordance with the specifications accompanying my letter to you under date of the 26th instant.

Respectfully yours,

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CHAS. H. ...

March 10, 1914.

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To the Secretary,

National Geographic Society,

Sixteenth and M Streets, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Governor, who is the official Custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, desires to obtain the "National Geographic Magazine" for the archives of the Library. To this end I am enclosing nomination of J. P. A. Strong, Custodian of Alaska Historical Library & Museum, Juneau, Alaska, for membership in the Society. I do this for the reason that I do not understand that an organization of library can obtain membership in the Society. If I am in error in this, and the Library can be listed as having membership, then you may consider the nomination as in that form.

Kindly render your bill in duplicate, and it will be paid from the Library Fund upon receipt.

Under separate cover I have pleasure in sending nomination of Governor Strong for <sup>personal</sup> membership.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Rev. A. P. Kasloversoff,

Juneau,

Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a list of books, etc., owned by Mr. Scholoff, of Juneau, and which he offers to sell to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. The Governor has asked me to refer this list to you with the request that you kindly give this office the benefit of your knowledge of the value of the various books and documents mentioned in the list.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a receipted bill from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., covering the purchase of one copy each of the annual reports of the Governor of Alaska for the years 1903, 1906 and 1908, the amount of the bill being 40 cents.

The copies of the reports referred to were purchased by the Governor to complete the Alaska Historical Library and Museum's file of Governor's reports. Will you please arrange a refund voucher in favor of J. F. A. Strong for the amount of the bill enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1934.

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Mr. J. H. Bender,

General Manager, Inter-Collegiate Press,

Kemper Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to order for the Library one copy of Dr. Albion J. Small's latest book Between Wars from Capitalism to Democracy. This copy is to be of special library edition, bound in silk buckram. Please forward your bill in duplicate against the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and payment will be made immediately upon receipt of the book.

Enclosed herewith is a franked addressed envelope, which you will please use in forwarding the book.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Funk & Wagnalls Co.,  
354-60 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am directed by the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to order one copy of your New Standard Dictionary, bound in full goat skin, indexed, price \$17.50 net. Kindly send your bill in duplicate and payment will be made from the Library Fund immediately upon receipt of the dictionary. Bill is requested in duplicate for the reason that all vouchers drawn on the Library Fund must be made in duplicate.

Enclosed herewith is a franked addressed envelope, which you will please use in forwarding the dictionary.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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The Miner Publishing Co.,

Ketchikan,

Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Returning herewith your circular of the 26th ultimo addressed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I beg to say that if you will make out a bill in duplicate against the Alaska Historical Library to cover the subscription of the Library to the Ketchikan Miner for the period stated in the circular and transmit the same to this office, we shall be glad to arrange payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 19, 1914.

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Mr. L. Rice,

415 West 115th St.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant addressed to the Librarian, Public Library, Juneau, Alaska, in which you stated that you were forwarding to the library a presentation copy of the book "Reminiscences, Sermons and Correspondence" by Augustus E. Stetson. The book has also been received.

I am in doubt as to whether it was your intention to present the book to the public library of the town of Juneau, or to the Alaska Historical Library, which is a Territorial institution and of which I am the legal custodian. If you will kindly advise as to this, I shall be pleased to see that the book goes to the proper library.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 25, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear General:

The act of June 6, 1900. (21 Stat., L. 323; Sec. 327, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913) establishing the "District Historical Library fund" provides, among other things, that the fund shall be disbursed "on the order of the Governor". As this act places upon the Governor the responsibility for all expenditures from the Library fund, it is believed that all purchases of supplies, etc., for which payment is to be made from the Library fund, should be passed upon and approved by the Governor before orders for the same are placed.

May I request, therefore, that this plan be followed in future in respect to any supplies for the office of the Secretary of the Territory which it is desired to pay for from the Library fund.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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March 23, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska.

Juneau.

My Dear General:

I enclose herewith duplicate bill of L. Freiman Co., Inc., Juneau, dated the 27th instant, against the Alaska Historical Library and Museum covering the mounting of 171 maps, the amount of the bill being \$112.99. These maps were mounted in pursuance of a contract entered into with the L. Freiman Co. This contract is in correspondence form and includes the following papers:

1. Letter of February 18, 1914, addressed by me to the L. Freiman Co., Juneau, advising the rejection of bids previously received for the mounting of maps and binding of newspapers belonging to the Library and Museum, and advising that a new bid on this work might be submitted if the company so desired. Memoranda of specifications accompanied this letter.
2. Letter of February 20, 1914, addressed to me by the L. Freiman Co., submitting its bid for the mounting of maps.
3. Letter of February 20, 1914, addressed to me by the L. Freiman Co., submitting its bid for the binding of newspapers.
4. Letter of February 20, 1914, addressed to me by the L. Freiman Co., in reference to its bids.

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5. Letter of February 27, 1914, addressed by me to the L. Freeman Co., advising the acceptance of its bid for the mounting of 171 maps, as therein specified, at the prices contained in L. Freeman Co's bid and amounting in all to \$112.00.

One original and one duplicate set of papers constituting the contract herein are transmitted with the duplicate bill above referred to. It is requested that you kindly arrange payment from the Library fund to the L. Freeman Co. of the sum of \$112.00 in settlement of their bill and contract, in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

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April 11, 1914.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear General:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate from The Inter-Collegiate Press, Kansas City, Missouri, covering the purchase of one copy of book entitled "Between Eras from Capitalism to Democracy", price \$1.65. Copy of the letter ordering this book was sent you on the 17th ultimo. The book has been received and the bill may be paid in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 13, 1914.

Honorable Charles H. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear General:

Enclosed herewith you will please find bill in duplicate from the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C., covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the National Geographic Magazine for the year 1914, the amount of the bill being \$2.00. This subscription was recently ordered by the Governor as Custodian of the Library and Museum. Will you kindly arrange payment in due course, sending voucher and check to Mr. C. P. Austin, Secretary of the Society.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. O. P. Austin,  
Secretary, National Geographic Society,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of bill of the 1st instant, covering subscription of J. F. A. Streng, Custodian Alaska Historical Library & Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to the National Geographic Magazine for the year 1914. I am today forwarding the bill to the Secretary of the Territory who will issue voucher and check in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 21, 1914.

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Honorable Charles H. Davidson,

Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau.

My dear General:

Enclosed herewith is a bill from the Funk & Wagnalls Co.,  
New York, in the sum of \$17.50, covering the purchase of one copy of  
Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary of the English Language, which  
the Governor recently ordered for the Alaska Historical Library and  
Museum. A copy of the letter ordering this book was sent to you at the  
time -- March 17 last,

It was requested that the bill be rendered in duplicate, but  
the Company failed to do so. The dictionary has been received in good  
order and is now on the shelves of the Library.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 21, 1914.

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Mr. P. Steamer,

127 East 23rd St.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your card of the 6th instant, addressed to the Society of Alaskan Natural History and Ethnology, Sitka, has been forwarded to this office, there being no such society in this Territory as that to which your card was addressed. In reply to your inquiry I beg to advise that I do not know where you can obtain a copy of Holly's Ethnographical Memoranda concerning the Arctic Eskimos in Alaska and Siberia. The Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, Washington, D. C., has a very large library of Alaska publications, etc., and it is possible that he may be able to advise you where to obtain a copy of the book which you desire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 20, 1914.

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Mrs. P. J. Mabens,

Chairman, Library Committee, Draper Club,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

There have been received at this office two sets of the following books:

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,  
by Mary Baker Eddy.

Reminiscences, Sermons and Correspondence,  
by Augusta E. Stetson, U. S. D.

Poems, by Augusta E. Stetson, U. S. D.

One of these sets is intended for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian, and the other for the Juneau public library. They have been presented by Mr. L. Rice, of 415 West 115th St., New York City, who desires to obtain an acknowledgment of the gift from each library. As the Juneau public library is not yet in existence I write to ask whether or not you, as Chairman of the Library Committee of the Draper Club, will receive the set of books intended for the Juneau public library, and make due acknowledgment thereof to the donor, the books to be turned over to the Juneau public library when that institution becomes a reality. If you will be good enough to do this, I shall be glad to send the books to you.

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I enclose herewith a franked addressed envelope for a reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 29, 1914.

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Mrs. Lena Louise Mahone,

Chairman, Board of Directors, Juneau Public Library,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 24th instant, written in response to mine of the 20th, stating that as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Juneau Public Library, you will be glad to receive the set of books donated by Mr. L. Rice, of New York City, to the Juneau Public Library. Accordingly, I send you the books by messenger herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 4, 1914.

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Honorable A. G. Shoup,

Sitka,

Alaska.

My dear Mr. Shoup:

Local papers a few days ago conveyed the information that the old warehouse at Sitka had been partially destroyed by fire and Captain Whitney, who recently returned from a trip to Sitka, advises me that it is his understanding that quite a number of the books and documents belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, which were stored in this building, were damaged or destroyed.

I shall be glad if you will kindly advise me what you know as to this and what disposition, if any, has been made of the damaged books and documents, as well as of any which may not have suffered any damage. Also, can you advise approximately the number of volumes on hand there belonging to the Library. With this information we may be able to determine whether or not it will be possible to arrange for taking care of these documents in the building occupied by the Governor's office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 4, 1914.

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Mr. H. Lee Whitney.

Assistant State Librarian, Vermont State Library,  
Montpelier, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd  
ultimo, addressed to the Territorial Library (Alaska Historical Library  
& Museum), of which the Governor is the official custodian.

Regarding your request for legislative documents, etc., I beg  
to advise you that at the present time there are very few such documents  
published in this Territory. The only documents published in connection  
with the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature were the  
session laws and the Senate and House journals. No provision has yet been  
made by the Territorial Legislature for the publication of strictly Terri-  
torial documents other than the journals and laws mentioned. There are,  
of course, a great many documents relating to Alaska published by the  
various departments of the National Government. These you are no doubt  
receiving from the Superintendent of Documents, at Washington.

I note you say that within a short time you expect to go through  
your files of reports of different officers and institutions in this Terri-  
tory and you offer to return to us any duplicates which you may find, if  
we should care to have the same. In this connection I beg to say that if