

November 8, 1918

The Pacific Fisherman,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your bill of the 29th ultimo, covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the "Pacific Fisherman," which subscription was entered in response to the request contained in office letter of the 15th ultimo. If you will refer to that letter, you will note that it was stated therein the subscription accounts of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum are paid at the end of the subscription year. At such time, a bill, in duplicate, should be forwarded to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 26, 1915

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Miss M. R. Glenn, Librarian,
The American Bankers' Association,
Five Nassau Street,
New York City

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo, you are
advised that an examination of the files of the Alaska
Historical Library and Museum shows that we have no dupli-
cate pamphlets on American Banking and monetary subjects.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 26, 1915

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith bill of the Times Publishing Company, Fairbanks, covering the Alaska Historical Library and Museum's subscription to the Fairbanks Weekly Times for the year ended May 1, 1915, amount \$10; and the Daily Times for the same period, amount \$24.

This bill is transmitted for payment, if found to agree with your records.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 27, 1915

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MR:

An examination of the files of the Governor's office, and of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, shows that copies of the annual reports on the Alaska fisheries and fur industries are missing for the following years: From the first number to 1908, inclusive, and for the year 1910.

It is very desirable that both the Governor's office and the Alaska Historical Library and Museum should have a complete file of these reports, and, if you can furnish us with two copies each for the years above mentioned, it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

November 27, 1915

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Prof. C. C. Georgeron,
Special Agent in Charge,
U. S. Agricultural Experiment Station,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

An examination of the files of the Governor's office and of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, shows that copies of your annual reports for the following years are missing: From the first number to 1904, inclusive, and the reports for 1906 and 1907.

If you can supply us with two copies each of the missing numbers, it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 27, 1915

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The Commissioner of Education.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

An examination of the files of the Governor's office and the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, shows that annual reports on the introduction of the domestic reindeer into Alaska, are missing for the following years:

1891	1895	1906
1892	1896	1907
1893	1897	1908
1894	1898	1913
	1904	

It is very desirable that both the office and the library have complete files of these reports, and, if you can furnish us with two copies each of the reports for the years mentioned above, it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 30, 1915

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Mr. George S. Codard, Librarian,
Connecticut State Library,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22d instant, acknowledging receipt of the reports mailed on the fifth instant. I wish to thank you for the copy of your recent report, which you have kindly forwarded; I am sure that it will prove very interesting.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 4, 1915

Miss Marion V. Higgins,
G. A. C. Library,
Fort Collins, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12, with reference to the office of territorial librarian in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, while we have what is known as the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, it is not available for general use, due to the fact that we have no suitable building in which to house it, and, therefore, no librarian is employed, only a caretaker, who is a man and who receives but a small salary. I may add that it is not probable that a librarian will be employed for the Territorial Library until a building is erected, and that time is in the future.

I remember very well when you and your sister called at our home in Juneau, with Dr. T. L. Rogers.

Your enclosures are herewith returned.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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December 7, 1913

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Mr. A. G. Rice, Chief Clerk,
Bureau of Soils,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which institution the Governor is the official custodian. Receipt is also acknowledged of "The Annual Report of Field Operations of the Bureau of Soils, 1912."

An examination of the files of the library shows that the following reports and maps are now on file:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Documents</u>
1900	Book containing text and small maps, but no separate maps
1904	Text and two sets of maps
1905	do
1906	do
1907	do
1908	do
1909	Two sets of texts and maps
1910	do
1911	do
1912	Complete set of maps, and text

It will be appreciated if the library can be furnished with the missing texts, etc., so that our files may be complete.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 11, 1915

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The Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

By direction of the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I write to request that you forward one copy of the "Digest of Workmen's Compensation Laws in the United States and Territories, with Annotations," bound in morocco, the price of which, according to the circular recently received, is \$4.

Kindly forward your bill in duplicate, and payment will be arranged upon receipt of same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 14, 1918

Mr. L. F. Shaw, Editor,
The Cook Inlet Pioneer,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I write to call your attention to the fact that our files of the Cook Inlet Pioneer are very incomplete. During the past three months we have received only about half a dozen copies of the paper, although we understand that it is now a daily. We are very anxious to have as nearly a complete file of every Alaska newspaper as it is possible. It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this matter such personal attention as will insure our receiving the paper regularly in the future; and, if you can supply us with back numbers, please advise, and we will let you know just what dates are missing.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 15, 1915. O. B.

Alaska Citizen,

Fairbanks.

Your published annual subscription rate is ten dollars. Rate charged Alaska Historical Library and Museum last three years was twelve dollars per year, payment being made at end of subscription year. Department Interior questions twelve dollar rate. Please wire explanation.

STRONG, Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

December 15, 1915

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

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter under date of the second instant, from the Department of the Interior, returning the accounts of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum for the year ended September 30, 1915. Numerous exceptions are taken to the form of these accounts, and to other features in connection therewith. A change in the form of voucher to be used in payment of library expenses is also requested, and we are asked to use a regular Department form when purchasing supplies, etc. For your further information, I quote from the letter referred to, as follows:

"Respecting these accounts generally, it is directed that use of voucher form shown in the accounts be discontinued beginning with October 1, 1915, (next year's accounts), and in lieu of this form use voucher form 1-018j, of which supply has been forwarded you and is in use in connection with your accounts for disbursement of the contingent appropriation for your office. For contracting for minor purchases form 1-111, or similar, should be used, as in your accounts, and supply of the form has been for-

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warded your office. Sample is herewith. It is noted that vouchers in these accounts are apparently carbon copies of originals filed in some other place. This is a departure from practice in former accounts, as original vouchers have been forwarded to the Department in the past; and is not acceptable, because these accounts constitute a portion of the Department's original record in the matter of the Historical Library and Museum, and as such only original documents are desired. It will not be insisted that a new set of accounts be prepared in this case, but carbon copies will not be accepted in future accounts.

"In view of provisions of section 5 of the legislative act of March 4, 1915, reading

"Hereafter subscriptions of periodicals, which have been certified in writing by the respective heads of the executive departments or other Government establishments to be required for official use, may be paid in advance from appropriations available therefor,"

the requirement that service in newspapers or magazines be completed before payment is made will be waived in future, and subscriptions may be paid in advance from this Fund, vouchers covering payments, however, to be specially certified by the Governor of Alaska, as above specified.

"Exceptions are taken to special items in these accounts as follows:

"Vouchers 5, 8, and 12. These cover rent of Secretary's office from Sept. 14 to Dec. 31, 1914. Explanation is desired as to how this Fund is considered chargeable with rental of the Secretary's office. Also, copy of contract in the premises is desired as supporting these payments."

A supply of forms 1-015j and 1-111, referred to in the Department's letter, will be furnished you by this office.

It is requested that you submit an explanation with respect to vouchers 5, 8, and 12, mentioned in the last

paragraph above alluded to. You will also note that a copy of the lease is requested. Kindly furnish this explanation in duplicate.

In connection with the Department's objection to the forwarding of duplicate vouchers instead of the originals, I beg to ask if it would be possible for you to arrange to substitute the duplicates for the originals in your files so that we may send the originals to the Department with the abstract of receipts and disbursements and other papers, when reply is made to the Department's letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 16, 1915

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Mrs. A. P. Swineford,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

At the request of Mrs. Strong, there have been mailed to you, under separate cover, copies of such back numbers of the reports of the Governors of Alaska, as we have on hand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

December 16, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith
bill of the Petersburg Weekly Report, dated the 13th inst.,
covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library
and Museum to the Weekly Report for the year ended Decem-
ber 13, 1915; amount \$2.50.

Kindly arrange payment in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 16, 1918

Sir:

An examination of the files of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, at Juneau, shows that copies of the annual reports of the Alaska agricultural experiment stations, for the years 1909, 1900, 1902, 1903 and 1904, are missing. It is very desirable that the Library have a complete file of these reports and, if you can arrange to supply the missing numbers, it will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter of the third instant addressed to this office by the Hon. De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, with respect to certain vouchers in the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund for the year ended September 30, 1914, these vouchers covering payments to Frank Moon for messenger service. Exception is taken to the explanation contained in your letter of November 7, 1914, with regard to these ~~and other~~ vouchers, and explanation is requested, including a statement from yourself as to your understanding of the matter and the necessity for making disbursement from the Library and Museum fund for the purposes specified.

With return of the Department's letter, it is requested that you kindly submit, in duplicate, such statement as you deem proper in the premises.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 17, 1918.

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Mr. George Barron,
Secretary Town Trustees,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In June last certain repairs were made to the old Indian war canoe at Sitka which belongs to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and is in the custody of the Town Trustees of Sitka. On July 1st a voucher was issued in payment for these repairs, the same being in favor of one Sharkish, a native, for the sum of \$25. The voucher did not show any special period of service, but simply covered "labor performed in making repairs to Indian war canoe", etc.

The Secretary of the Interior, to whom a report is rendered annually covering receipts and disbursements of the Library fund, has asked for information concerning this work; whether a contract was entered into, the period of service, etc.

This office assumed when the voucher was issued that no formal contract was made with Sharkish, but that the arrangement was simply a verbal one covering a certain amount of repairs for the sum of \$25. Will you kindly advise fully as to the circumstances of this employment? If there was no formal contract kindly state just what the verbal understanding was, and whether anyone besides Sharkish was asked to figure on the work; also state how many days Sharkish was engaged in making the repairs. Also, could any other person have made the repairs, or was it necessary to have

--Mr. George Barron, Secretary, p. 2--

Sharkish, or at least some native, to do it? If a formal contract was made, kindly forward the original so that it may be attached to the voucher.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

December 18, 1915

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

Dear Sir:

In view of the numerous objections raised by the Department of the Interior to the manner and form of disbursements from the Alaska Historical Library Fund, I believe that it will be advisable, in the future, for this office to assume the responsibility for all expenditures from this fund. To this end, all calls for bids, for supplies, etc., will be issued, and contracts for the same will be made by this office. Vouchers covering supplies, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, and all other items of expenditure will be made up in this office and approved by me, after which they will be forwarded to your office for issuance of checks in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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December 22, 1915

Shorey's Old Beck Store,
Near Third & Cherry streets,
Seattle, Wash.

The Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of Juneau,
of which the Governor is the official custodian, is en-
deavoring to complete its file of the Alaska-Yukon Magazine.
This magazine was printed in Seattle for a number of years,
publication being suspended in the early part of 1913.

Enclosed herewith is a list of the issues of the
magazine which we wish to obtain. It will be appreciated
if you will kindly advise whether you can furnish any of
the missing numbers, and, if so, at what price per copy.

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

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

**MISSING NUMBERS
of the
ALASKA YUKON MAGAZINE**

(By months)

1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
January	May	February	January	February
February	June	April	February	June
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December 24, 1918

The Superintendent of Documents,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On behalf of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I have the honor to request to be supplied with a copy of your price-list No. 60, covering various publications relating to Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 29, 1915

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The Auditor of Express Receipts,
Wells, Fargo & Co., Express,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with the accounts of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1915, the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., in whose office these accounts are examined, has requested that expense bills be obtained covering two vouchers submitted with the accounts in question.

Voucher No. 3, of the accounts referred to above, covers express charges on a shipment of notary commission forms from Sherman & Co., Seattle, Wash., to the Governor's office (or the Alaska Historical Library and Museum), Juneau, Alaska, the amount of the charges being 80¢. The shipment was made from Seattle about September 26, 1914. The expense bill should show the weight, rate and points between which shipped.

Voucher No. 7, dated November 25, 1914, covers express charges on a dictionary shipped by Funk & Wagnalls, New York, on March 27, 1914, to the Governor of Alaska (or the Alaska Historical Library and Museum), the total charges, New York

to Juneau, being \$4.42. This expense bill also should show the weight, rate and points between shipped.

The local agent of your company advises that he is unable to furnish copies of these two expense bills for the reason that his copies were returned to you with his accounts some time ago. I have, therefore, to request that you kindly have a copy made of each of these expense bills, and that you forward them to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., stating that they are transmitted at the request of this office, for use in connection with the accounts above referred to.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

Mr. E. E. Williver, Librarian,
Law Library, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of December 20, I have to advise you that the latest compilation of the Alaska laws is the 1913 edition, published by order of Congress and entitled "Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1913."

There are two editions, however, of the laws enacted by the Alaska Territorial Legislature, sessions of 1913 and 1915, copies of which may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Alaska. The price is \$5 per volume.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 3, 1916

Mr. H. J. Fisher, Publisher,
Popular Science Monthly,
239 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the ninth ultimo, also sample copy of the Popular Science Monthly, which you were good enough to have mailed to me.

I note that the magazine was addressed to me as Librarian of the Territorial Library. For your information, I beg to state that the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian, is not as yet provided with suitable or ample quarters, and only those documents and publications which relate to Alaska are available for use by the general public. The Library is not subscribing for any magazines of a general character, and it is not practicable, at this time, to subscribe for your valuable publication.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1916

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The Petersburg Weekly Report.

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Petersburg Weekly Report, for the year ended December 12, 1915; amount \$3.50. Kindly have the voucher signed and mailed to this office, upon receipt of which a check will be mailed to you in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1915

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The Times Publishing Co.,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Herewith you will find a voucher covering your bill of May 1, 1915, for subscriptions of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Weekly Times and the Daily Times, for the year ended May 1, 1915, the total amount being \$34. Please have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company, showing his title under the signature. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a check will be mailed you in settlement.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

January 5, 1916

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Mr. F. Robertson Jones,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau,
89 Maiden Lane,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, enclosing bill in duplicate, covering one merocco-bound copy of "Digest of Workmen's Compensation Law in the United States," recently ordered by this office for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. The Digest has also been received.

Enclosed herewith is a voucher which has been prepared to cover your bill. Kindly sign the same and return it to this office in the enclosed franked and addressed envelope, and a check will be mailed to you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 5, 1916

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of the 2d ultimo (Assistant Secretary Be Sweeney), returning accounts arising from receipts and disbursements of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum Fund, for the year ended September 30, 1915, which were transmitted to the Department by the Honorable Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, who is the custodian and disbursing agent of the fund in question, the disbursements being made upon authorization of the Governor of Alaska. In reply to the Department's suggestions and inquiries, I have to advise as follows:

Beginning with October 1, 1915, it has been arranged to use Department vouchers, form 1-015j and form 1-111, in lieu of the special library vouchers heretofore in use. The forwarding of the duplicate, instead of the original vouchers with the accounts above mentioned, was an oversight on the part of the Secretary's office. The duplicates have been exchanged for the originals, which are herewith returned to the Department with the accounts in question.

With respect to the payment of subscriptions of period-

icals, it is noted that the provisions of section 5 of the legislative act of March 4, 1915, permit advance payments where the subscriptions "have been certified in writing by the respective heads of the executive departments or other government establishments, to be required for official use." In so far as Alaska publications are concerned, it is believed that advance payments thereof are inadvisable. Where, however, it is found advisable, or necessary, to make advance payments of subscriptions, the vouchers will contain the certificate specified in the act above referred to.

With reference to the Department's exceptions to special items in these accounts, I have to offer the following explanations:

Vouchers 5, 8 and 12: These vouchers cover rent of the Secretary's office from September 14 to December 31, 1914. There is enclosed herewith a letter of explanation from the Secretary of Alaska, which it is believed furnishes the explanation desired. The letter is accompanied by a copy of the lease in question.

Voucher 14: Explanation is desired as to why \$3 per volume was paid for binding Alaska newspapers, in view of the payment of \$1.50 per volume shown by voucher 6. On February 27, 1914, a contract was made with the Alaska Bindery of Juneau, after competitive bids had been obtained covering

the mounting of certain maps belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and something over sixty volumes of Alaska newspapers. The contract, in so far as the newspapers were concerned, provided for binding daily papers in two books per year (six months to the volume), and weeklies in one book per year, at the rate of \$1.75 per volume. This contract covered only sixty odd volumes then ready for binding. Later on (in October, 1914), it was desired to have eight volumes of newspapers bound, and the proprietor of the bindery was interviewed, and verbal arrangements were made to have the work done at the price of \$1.50 per volume. Voucher No. 6 was issued to cover this work. In March, 1915, other papers had accumulated and required binding, and the proprietor of the bindery was again called upon and asked to do the work at \$1.50 per volume. This, however, he stated he could not afford to do, but offered to do the work at \$2 per volume. As there was no other bindery nearer to Juneau than Seattle, and as it was entirely impracticable to send the papers to Seattle for binding, owing to the expense and the danger of loss involved, the work was arranged for at \$2 per volume and covered by voucher No. 24.

Since the work covered by voucher No. 24 was done, however, arrangements have been made with the proprietor of a

Alaska Bindery to bind all newspapers as they accumulate at a flat rate of \$1.50 per volume; weekly papers being bound in one book per year, and dailies in four books per year—a number of the dailies having six to eight pages, and two books to the year being found too large for convenient use. This arrangement has not been covered by formal contract, but, if desired, it can be embodied in a proposal and acceptance covering a period of one year, and which can no doubt be renewed at the same figure.

Voucher No. 211 This voucher covers the payment of subscription to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer at \$6 per year. The amount is questioned in the Department's letter, stating that the subscription price of this paper is shown by the American Newspaper Annual and Directory as \$5 per year. On May 11, 1915, at the instance of this office, the Secretary of Alaska forwarded to the Post-Intelligencer Company at Seattle a check and voucher for \$6 to cover the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Daily and Sunday Post-Intelligencer, for the year ending May 15, 1916. At that time a bill had not been received from the Post-Intelligencer Company, and it was assumed that the subscription price was \$6, as it had been theretofore. However, under date of May 19, 1915, the Post-Intelligencer Company returned the voucher and check with the fol-

leaving statement:

"We cannot accept \$6 as payment for a year's subscription of the daily and Sunday paper, as our regular rate is \$8 per year, and has been so since January 1. We have no special library rate. All special rates have been discontinued."

Accordingly, a new voucher and check in the sum of \$8 was forwarded in payment of the subscription in question, the voucher being No. 31 of the accounts herein referred to.

There is enclosed herewith a clipping from a recent issue of the Post-Intelligencer, which contains the subscription rates, and it will be noted that the rate for the daily and Sunday is \$8.

Vouchers 14 and 451 These vouchers cover subscription price of THE ALASKA CITIZEN, Fairbanks, Alaska, at \$12 per year. The Department questions the rate, stating that the subscription price of the Alaska Citizen is shown by the above Annual as \$10 per year. There is enclosed herewith a telegram of December 15, 1915, addressed to this office by the Alaska Citizen, in response to an inquiry with regard to its subscription rate. It will be noted that the \$10 rate applies on subscriptions paid in advance, otherwise the monthly rate of \$1, or \$12 per year, applies. As vouchers 14 and 45 cover payments of subscriptions at the end of the subscription periods, the rate of \$12 was the correct one.

Vouchers 2 and 7: These vouchers cover payment of express charges, and the request is made that they be supported by express bills showing weight and rate of shipment, and the points between which shipped. The local representative of Wells, Fargo & Co., Express, advises that he is unable to furnish copies of the Express bills covering these two shipments, he having forwarded his records and accounts to the Auditor of Express Receipts, Chicago, some time ago. A letter has been addressed to the Auditor of Express Receipts of Wells, Fargo & Co., Express Chicago, requesting that he have prepared and forwarded to the Department, for filing with these accounts, a copy of each of the express bills in question.

Vouchers 40 and 42: Voucher No. 40 covers payment to Sharkish, an Indian, for labor performed in making repairs to an Indian war canoe at Sitka, the property of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, the same being in the custody of the Trustees of the town of Sitka. This canoe was turned over to the custody of the Trustees of the town of Sitka by the Governor, as custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, during the summer of 1915. It had, for several years, been on the beach at Sitka, exposed to the elements, and was in a bad state of repair. The arrangement between

the Governor and the Trustees of the town of Sitka was that the canoes should be repaired and repainted at the expense of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, after which the town Trustees agreed to care for the same, and keep it in a proper state of preservation. The Governor requested the town Trustees to arrange for the repair and repainting of the canoes, stating that not to exceed \$50 would be allowed for these purposes. The Trustees accordingly made arrangements for the repair and repainting of the canoes and reported the expense to this office, and vouchers 40 and 42 were prepared to cover the same. The work was done by Indians under verbal arrangements only, no formal contracts being entered into.

In explanation of the work paid for by voucher No. 40, there is enclosed herewith the original letter of Mr. George Barron, Secretary of the town Trustees of Sitka, in answer to a letter from this office regarding the transaction. It will be noted that, in arranging for the work, all natives who undertook canoe making were asked to bid thereon, and that the next lowest bidder to the one accepted was \$50, or twice the amount actually paid to Sharkish for the work. The letter states that Sharkish was engaged in this work about ten days, part of the time with a helper, and that the repairs were of such a nature that they could not have

been made by any one except by an Indian skilled in canoe making.

Voucher No. 42 covers lumber used in the repairing of the canoe, the paint used in the repainting thereof, and labor of the man employed to do the repainting. Itemized bills are attached to the original voucher. The amount of lumber and paint required was so small that competitive bids, even if asked for, would in all probability have been of no avail. The price charged for the painting is only about half as much as would have been charged by a white man for the same work. This work was done by the hour and no formal contract was made.

Voucher 11 This voucher covers a charge of \$50 for 250 notary commissions obtained from the Sherman Printing and Binding Company, Seattle. The Department expresses the opinion that this is an unreasonable charge for printing notary public commissions, especially as express charges for delivery from Seattle were additional thereto. These express charges, however, amounted to but 90 cents, and it is not customary for printing houses, in Seattle or elsewhere outside of Juneau, to pay the transportation charges on supplies obtained from them. A sample of the commission blank is enclosed herewith.

It is suggested in the Department's letter, that

"If, as it is understood to be the case, this is a standard form which can be used without material change for an indefinite time to come, it might be more advantageous to have a plate for same electro-typed in this city (Washington), and supply of blanks printed therefrom as occasion requires."

If a saving can be had in the cost of these blanks, by obtaining them from Washington, this office would certainly offer no objection thereto. The fact is, however, that the form of blank makes it available for use only during the administration of the present incumbent of the Governor's office. The plate for these blanks was made upon an order placed with the Sherman Printing and Binding Company of Seattle by my predecessor in 1911 or 1912. When I assumed the duties of the office in May, 1915, an order was placed for new blanks and my name was substituted for that of my predecessor on the plate. Whether such a change could again be made, or whether a new plate would be required, I am unable to say. The supply of blanks now on hand may possibly be sufficient to last to the end of my term of office.

Vouchers 10 and 16: These vouchers cover a payment to the Juncoas Furniture Company for floor covering and window shades, and to George Quinge for the construction of book-cases, required in connection with the fitting up of the "library room" adjoining the office of the Governor in the

Mission Building at Juneau. The Department requests to be advised as to whether or not competition entered into any of these transactions, and suggests the use of proposal and acceptance form 1-111 for similar purposes in the future.

With respect to the floor covering and window shades covered by voucher No. 10, I beg to advise that verbal competitive bids were obtained from three of the leading dealers in Juneau, and the informal proposal and acceptance attached to the voucher was prepared to cover the lowest of these bids.

With respect to the transactions covered by voucher No. 16, I beg to advise that in each case competitive verbal bids were obtained from three or four of the leading building contractors in Juneau, and the proposals and acceptances accompanying this voucher were prepared and signed to cover the lowest of these verbal bids.

Voucher 111 The Department asks to be advised if further trace of the lost voucher and check has been found. In response, I beg to enclose herewith a letter from the Secretary of Alaska, dated the 21st ultimo, transmitting the original letter of Charles A. Derry, present proprietor of the Iditarod Pioneer, in which he states that he has no record of the voucher and check in question, but that he will bring the matter to the attention of the former proprietor

as soon as he learns his address in the States. It seems quite evident that this voucher and check were lost in transit.

Vouchers 4, 9, 21, 22 These vouchers cover payments of \$25 per month to the employee who is janitor for the Governor's offices (not the executive mansion, as stated in the Department's letter), for services rendered as acting librarian of the Library and Museum. The Department desires a statement as to what duties are required of this employee as acting librarian, what hours are given by him to such duties, and whether such duties are performed at such times as he is not actively engaged with his duties as janitor. The Department suggests that, since much of the property of the Library and Museum is practically in storage, the employment of a librarian would not seem to be necessary, but instead the services of a custodian would be more appropriate.

The designation of the employee as "acting librarian" was not made so much with a view to accurately defining his duties as to provide some specific title by which he might be regularly designated in the vouchers. The services performed, however, are a combination of those of librarian and custodian. Furthermore, since the Governor is designated as the custodian of the Library and Museum in the law

creating that institution, it would scarcely be proper to designate an employee of the institution as custodian.

With the vast number of government and state publications which are continually being received by the library, it is imperative that the person having charge of receiving and disposing of the same be possessed of rather more intelligence and judgment than would be required of one acting merely as a janitor. It is absolutely necessary that someone connected with the Governor's office give attention to the library property daily, and the only person whose time will permit of such attention is the one employed as janitor. His hours are from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., with one hour off for lunch.

It is next to impossible to obtain the services of a competent and trustworthy man to act as janitor at the small salary of \$75 a month, and it would be impossible to obtain the services of any person to look after the library property at \$25 a month. By combining these duties in one person, however, it has been possible to obtain fairly satisfactory services. The duties of the janitor are not such as to require him to be continuously at work throughout the entire period from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., but he is required to devote that much of his time to the position. The work in connection with the library requires several hours' time each day

in sorting, listing and filing the many government and state reports which are received in each mail, and in making available for the use of the public the publications which relate to Alaska. The library room adjoining the Governor's offices, which was fitted up in January, 1915, was arranged for the special purpose of placing at the disposal of the public the Alaska newspapers, and the various government documents, books of reference, law books, reports, etc., relating to the Territory. During the past year the facilities afforded have been made use of to a considerable extent by persons interested in investigations and research of various kind, and the results have fully justified the expense involved. In addition to making available the Alaska publications, reports, etc., as above stated, the other documents are filed away in rooms on the second floor of the Mission Building in such a manner as to be available for reference, although not so conveniently as those relating to Alaska, which, as already stated, are kept in the library room on the first floor of the building. To discontinue the payment of \$5 per month for this work would be to reduce the library to a state of chaos, leaving nothing available for reference or use, whether relating to Alaska or otherwise, since no other employee of the Governor's office has any time to devote to this work apart from his regular duties.

Such action would also compel this office to secure the services of another, and less efficient, janitor, since the present one would not remain on a salary of but \$75 per month, he having quit a job paying \$3 per day of eight hours, and on which he worked every day in the month, thus earning from \$90 to \$93 per month. Common laborers in and about the mine adjacent to Juneau earn \$3 per day of eight hours, and work every day of each month; hence a salary of but \$75 per month for a job requiring at least ten hours' time each day, offers little inducement. Certainly it would be impossible to get a janitor at that salary who would be willing, not to say competent, to devote several hours each day to the library work. I wish further to emphasize the fact that the duties performed by the janitor, in the library, are not embraced, or included in the duties he discharges as janitor of the executive offices, but are additional thereto.

The statements contained in my annual report for 1915 with respect to the Library and Museum were intended to apply to the institution as a whole; and as such it is true that certain of the collections of books, museum specimens etc., are of little use to the public; but as stated above,

the Alaska matter is now quite easily available for use and is being made use of to such extent as entirely justifies the small expenditure involved, and that expense should be continued.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Encs.

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

January 7, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's letter of December 3, 1915, (Assistant Secretary Bo Sweeney), requesting further explanation with respect to vouchers 23, 25, 31, 40, 47, 53 and 57, in favor of Frank Moon, covering payments of \$25 each, for messenger service in the office of the Secretary of Alaska, in connection with the Alaska Historical Library and Museum; the vouchers having been submitted with the accounts of the Secretary of Alaska, covering receipts and disbursements of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund for the year ended September 30, 1914.

There is enclosed herewith a letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to this office by the Secretary of Alaska, which contains a full explanation of the circumstances of the payments in question.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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January 17, 1916

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Hon. Walter H. Evans,
Chief of Insular Stations,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, advising of the forwarding of copies of the annual reports of the Alaska agricultural experiment stations for 1899, 1900, 1902, 1903 and 1904, to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau. The reports in question have been received and placed on the shelves of the Library, and I desire to thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

Upon again checking over the files of these reports, it is found that the report for the year 1898 is also missing. If you can have a copy of this report forwarded for the files of the Library, it will be greatly appreciated. When the check of the files was made previous to the writing of office letter of December 16 last, it was thought that a copy of the report for 1898 was on hand, but a closer inspection shows that what was supposed to be a report for 1898 was in fact a report for 1897 printed in 1898.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 18, 1916

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The Alaska Churchman,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to The Churchman, which began, I believe, with the August number, I beg to advise that the September and October numbers have not as yet come to hand, although we have received the November number.

In this connection, I beg to say that, if you can furnish us with all of the numbers of volume 9 back of August, 1915, we should be pleased to receive them and, in such case, you may date the subscription back to the first number, which would be, I believe, November, 1914. If you cannot do this, we shall be glad to receive at least the numbers for September and October.

It is our aim to have a complete file of each of the Alaska newspapers and publications, and we do not wish to make an exception in the case of The Churchman, which is a valuable publication in its own field.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 12, 1916

To the Treasurer,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a voucher covering the renewal of the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the National Geographic Magazine, for the year ending with the December, 1916, issue. Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to this office in the enclosed franked and addressed envelope. On receipt of the signed voucher, a check in payment will be mailed to you.

The subscription in question is in the name of J. F. A. Strong, custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 14, 1916.

Mr. W. F. Skoog,

Contractor,

JUNEAU.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your bid of the 12th instant covering the construction of two newspaper rack sections, I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the work has been let to Mr. George T. Quingo, his bid being the lowest one received.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

February 14, 1916.

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Mr. George T. Quinge,
Contractor, Box 452,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that your bid of \$20 for furnishing materials and constructing two newspaper rack sections has been accepted this date, copy of accepted proposal being enclosed herewith. As soon as convenient kindly call at the office with regard to the work in question.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

February 15, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant returning Library voucher #15 in favor of the Times Publishing Company, Fairbanks, and calling attention to the discrepancy in the date of expiration of subscription to the Daily Times. In order to avoid future confusion the voucher has been corrected to show payment of 11 months' subscription for the Daily Times, thus bringing the dates of the Daily and Weekly subscriptions to the same closing period -- May 1, 1915. The proprietor of the Times will be advised, and requested in future to render his bill for both the daily and the weekly from the date of May first.

The voucher is returned herewith, for attention in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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February 18, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed, by the Department of the Interior, to advise the Department, at the earliest practicable date, on the following points:

1. Names of banks, or other depositories, with which funds of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum have been deposited since the date of the commencement of the fund; periods of deposits in each case; and parties to whom credited.

2. Whether, in any case, interest has been paid by the depository to any person.

3. Whether, in view of the balances left with the depository for the periods above named, attempt has been made by any person in authority, in Alaska, to arrange for the crediting of interest to this fund from the depository.

I understand that, for some years, your predecessor, Hon. Wm. L. Dittin, carried this fund in a Chicago bank; and it is also my impression that no interest was received upon the funds of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum

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until after you assumed office. Will you, therefore, be kind enough to furnish me with such information as you may have in respect to this fund, its disposition, etc., for transmission to the Department of the Interior?

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 19, 1916

Sir:

Referring to the Department's letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, relative to estimate covering plans for the proposed library and museum building at Juneau. I am directed by the Governor to request that this office be furnished with the necessary blanks upon which to submit the estimate asked for in the Department's letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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

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February 24, 1916

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of February 3 (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), with reference to the funds of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, their disposition, etc., and asking specific information upon the following points:

1. Names of banks, or other depositories, with which these funds had been deposited since the date of the commencement of the fund; period of deposit in each case, and parties to whom credited.
2. Whether, in any case, interest has been paid by depository to any person.
3. Whether, in view of the balance left with the depository for the periods above named, attempt has been made, by any person in authority in Alaska, to arrange for the crediting of interest to this fund from the depository.

In reply I have to advise that I have caused an examination to be made of the records in the office of the ex officio Secretary of Alaska, who is the custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund, with the following result:

1. The first deposit made in the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund was on December 1, 1904, when \$2,694.56, comprising fees received for admission of members to the bar, and for notaries public, was deposited in the First National Bank of Chicago, Illinois. This is evidenced by copies of a telegram and letter of December 1, 1904, to the First National Bank of Chicago, and of a statement of December 2, 1904, enclosed herewith.

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The fees received from corporations for filing and recording articles of incorporation, annual statements, appointments and consents of agents, issuance of certificates, etc., from the time of the act of 1900, requiring such papers to be filed, until the act of March 3, 1905, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe fees for services performed by the Secretary of Alaska (which fees were prescribed on April 25, 1905), were utilized by the Secretary of Alaska in paying the person employed to perform the services, as noted in two letters of Feb. 10, 1905, to the Department, copies of which are herewith enclosed. Fees for members of the bar and notaries public were the only fees prescribed by the Code for the Secretary of Alaska (section 227, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913). The amount (\$2,694.56) has been checked with the cash book and found correct.

The Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund remained in the First National Bank of Chicago until January 1, 1910, when the fund, amounting to \$9,260.14, was transferred to the First National Bank of Juneau, Alaska, in which bank it has remained since, and is described as the Alaska Historical Library and Museum Fund.

2. and 3. With reference to these questions, I find that, until March 31, 1914, no interest was received on the deposits of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, to be credited to the fund, and it can be safely said that no interest, in connection with the fund, was paid to any person; nor does it appear that any attempt had been made to arrange for crediting interest to this fund. I am advised by the Secretary of Alaska that the bank expected exchange to be paid on checks deposited with it, and to this might be attributed the reason for former Secretary of Alaska Wm. L. Distin not requiring the bank to pay any interest on the fund, in consideration of the bank not exacting exchange on the checks deposited.

When the present ex officio Secretary of Alaska assumed office, and after checking over the accounts of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum on March 31, 1914, he insisted upon the bank allowing the fund interest on the amount deposited. While the bank management at first was averse to complying with this request, they finally consented to allow interest at the rate of 4% per annum on \$7,500 of the deposit, which was not to be subject to regular check. The fund on that date (March 31, 1914), amounted to \$6,470.06, which allowed \$970.06 subject to disbursement by check. One year's interest on the account, amounting to

\$300, was credited to the fund on April 1, 1915. The item of credit for the interest was contained in the report to the Secretary of the Interior of the receipts and disbursements of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum for the year ended September 30, 1915. The second year's interest will be credited in like manner on April 1, 1916.

The ex officio Secretary of Alaska also advises me that it is his intention, as the fund increases, to place additional amounts with the \$7,500 now drawing interest. At this writing there is, in addition to the \$7,500 on deposit drawing interest, the sum of \$2,257.14 subject to regular check. Of this amount, it is the Secretary's intention, on March 31, 1916, to place an additional \$1,000 with the sum now drawing interest, which will make the total amount drawing interest after that date \$9,000.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary to the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1916

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The National Geographic Society,

Hubbard Memorial Hall,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, has not, as yet, received the January copy of the National Geographic Magazine. A voucher was recently sent you, covering the renewal of the Library's subscription to the magazine for the year 1916, and it is requested that a copy of the January number be forwarded, so that we may have it for binding. The subscription is in the name of J. F. A. Strong, Custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 25, 1916

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The Arthur H. Clark Co.,
Canton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find voucher covering two books recently purchased from you for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. Please have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company and return it to this office, on receipt of which a check will be mailed to you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 28, 1916

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The Librarian,
The Connecticut State Library,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed cards which were received at this office several months ago, I beg to advise that the volumes listed therein have not as yet been received by the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian.

Unless these volumes, in some manner, went astray in the mails, it is quite possible that they were lost with the sinking of one of the Alaska steamers which was wrecked at about the time the volumes were en route.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 1, 1916

Miss Geneva Breck, Librarian,
The Carnegie Library,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th ultimo, inquiring as to where the libraries and public reading rooms in Alaska are situated.

The Alaska Historical Library and Museum which was created by an act of Congress some years ago, is the only Territorial institution of the kind at present in existence. The objects of the institution are similar to those of the libraries and museums in the various states. No provision has as yet been made for suitable quarters for the library and museum property, which has already attained considerable proportions, and, except in a limited way, the books and collections are of little use to the public.

Public reading rooms are maintained, in a limited way, in the towns of Juneau, Seward, Fairbanks and Nome.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 1, 1916

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Mr. M. L. Millard,
175 Newbury street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago there was received at this office for examination, with a view to purchase, for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, a copy of "Legends of Old Honolulu." The copy was forwarded from the Oregon State Library, which advised that it was being sent at your request. I am directed by the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, to advise you that owing to lack of space, the Library is not, at the present time, purchasing any books, nor has it done so for some time past. The book above mentioned is, therefore, being held subject to instructions from you as to its disposition.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 8, 1916

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Port Blakeley Mill Co.,
Port Blakeley, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The Alaska Historical Library and Museum was recently presented with a photograph of the wrecked steamer Politefsky, together with some pieces of the wreck. These have been placed in the museum section, and we are endeavoring to collect some data regarding this historical old craft. It has been suggested that possibly you may be able to supply some information concerning the boat, and, if you can do so, the courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 8, 1916

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The Librarian,

University of Washington Library,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In the January, 1916, issue of the "Washington Historical Quarterly," there appeared an article by Mr. C. L. Andrews, formerly Collector of Customs for Alaska, with respect to marine disasters in Alaskan waters, and in which a list of the vessels lost was given. The Governor, who is the custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, would like to obtain a copy of the publication in question so that the article by Mr. Andrews may be available for reference purposes in the Library. Can you furnish a copy of the publication, or refer this letter to the proper department for attention?

The courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1918

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Funk & Wagnalls Co.,
354-360 Fourth Avenue,
New York City

Gentlemen:

On March 17, 1914, the undersigned, by direction of the Governor, wrote you requesting that you forward to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, one copy of your new Standard Dictionary, bound in full goat skin, indexed, price \$17.50 net. The dictionary was forwarded by Wells Fargo & Co. express from New York to Juneau, reaching here about April 21, 1914, and payment was made to you for the dictionary on April 22. On October 2, 1914, you addressed a letter to the "Library Fund of Alaska," at Juneau, reading as follows:

"We made a shipment to you on a Wells Fargo Express Co. frank. We are unable to locate this shipment in our express books, but do not know what it consisted of, and the express company have asked us what the frank number of this shipment is. Can you give us this number or tell us what this shipment consisted of so that we may be able to locate it? The order may have been placed in the name of one of the employers and this may be the reason that we are unable to locate same. We are enclosing a stamped envelope, herewith, and trust that you will give the matter your prompt attention."

in reply to which on October 13, 1914, a letter was addressed to you by the undersigned advising that the shipment referred to in your letter was a copy of your new Standard Dictionary.

On October 30, 1914, you addressed a letter to the undersigned reading as follows:

"Replying to yours of October 17 with regard to a shipment that we made of the New Standard Dictionary, we beg to state that we could not send the New Standard Dictionary by mail and could not use the envelope that you sent us, as it weighs 37 lbs., and for this reason it will be necessary for you to pay the express charges to the Wells Fargo Express Company. They have been writing to us about these charges, but we are today referring them to you."

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise which of the offices of the Wells Fargo & Co. wrote you regarding the charges on the dictionary, reference to which was made in your letter of October 30, 1914, above quoted. We have been endeavoring to obtain a copy of the billing covering this shipment, but the local agent of the express company is unable to furnish the same, and, in fact, states that he can find no record whatever of the shipment, although we have his voucher covering the express charges.

It will be appreciated also if you will kindly obtain from Wells Fargo & Co. Express, New York, to which the dictionary was delivered by you for shipment, a copy of their billing covering the shipment of the same between New York and Seattle, or Junction, as the case may be, and kindly forward this copy to us with your reply hereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

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Mr. Ed. C. Russell,
Editor, Daily Alaska Dispatch,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. M. L. Millard of Boston, I
send you herewith a copy of "Hawaiian Legends," together
with a note addressed to you, which has been forwarded by
Mr. Millard with the request that it be delivered with the
book.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 22, 1916

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Mr. Victor H. Elfendahl,
Assistant General Manager,
Port Blakely Mill Co.,
Port Blakely, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of, and to thank you for, your letter of the 15th instant in reply to our inquiry of the eighth instant regarding the early history of the steamer Politkofsky. The copy of the newspaper article which appeared in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of June 5, 1909, is very interesting. May I ask if it was intended that we should retain this copy, or does Captain Verdi wish it returned to him?

I note you say that you have an old picture of the Politkofsky, and will be glad to send it, if it will be of interest to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum; also that your company is in possession of a small brass cannon from the Politkofsky, and that you will take up with the board of directors the matter of turning it over to the Museum. I beg to assure you that we shall be greatly pleased to receive either or both of these relics, and will be glad to pay the transportation charges on them. In case either or both are forwarded, the

shipment should be consigned to the Alaska Historical Library
and Museum, Governor's office, Juneau, Alaska.

Thanking you for your courtesy and for the interest which
you have manifested in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 22, 1916

Mr. W. E. Henry, Librarian,
University of Washington Library,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and also of a copy of the Washington Historical Quarterly for January, 1916, containing an article by C. L. Andrews on marine disasters in Alaskan waters, which was forwarded in response to office letter of the 9th instant. Permit me to thank you for your courtesy in this matter, and I trust that we may have an opportunity to reciprocate. The Quarterly has been placed upon the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 2, 1916

Mr. Thomas E. Schulte, Prop.,
Schulte's Book Store,
132 East 23d street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th
ultimo, requesting a copy of the report of the "State Library
Commission." In reply I beg to advise that there is no State
library commission, or other similar body in this Territory;
hence no report is available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 3, 1916

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Mr. Edward Antrim,
Marshal and Law Librarian,
Law Library of the Supreme Court,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in reference to an exchange of reports between the State of Ohio and the Territory of Alaska. I note that you now have volumes 89 and 91, Ohio State reports; volumes 1 and 3, Ohio Appellate reports; and volumes 105 to 106, Ohio Session Laws to send to Alaska. You ask to be advised whether these volumes and future ones should be addressed to the Supreme Court Library, or to whom they should be addressed in order that they may reach the proper destination.

In reply I beg to advise you that there is no Supreme Court Library in Alaska, for the reason that Alaska has no supreme court. There are four judicial divisions in the Territory, each of which has its United States District Court, and each of these courts has its own library. The Alaska Historical Library and Museum is the only Territorial institution of the kind authorized by law. It receives all the United States Government publications, and has also,

from time to time, received reports of session laws, etc., from many of the States. We now have some 22 volumes of the Ohio State reports.

In view of the foregoing it is suggested that the volumes which you now have ready for shipment, and such future ones as you may wish to send to Alaska, be addressed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Governor's office, Juneau, Alaska. Under the law creating the library and museum, the Governor is named as the official custodian thereof.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 22, 1916

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National Geographic Society,

Hubbard Memorial Hall,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

About March 13 there was forwarded to you by the Secretary of Alaska, a remittance to cover the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the National Geographic Magazine, for the year beginning January 1, 1916. The subscription is in the name of J. F. A. Strong, custodian, Juneau, Alaska.

The February number of the magazine has not as yet come to hand, and I write to call your attention to the matter thinking that possibly the renewal of the subscription may have been deferred, pending receipt of the remittance. We are having the magazine bound for the files of the Library and, therefore, do not wish to miss any of the numbers. The writer and other persons in Juneau who receive the magazine have had their February for some little time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 2, 1916

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Mr. H. R. Mollwaine, Chairman,
Public Archives Committee,
National Association of State Libraries,
c/o Virginia State Library,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, in which you request to be advised regarding matters of interest occurring in the past year in reference to the archives of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that very little of interest has occurred during the past year in connection with the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian. Unfortunately, no provision has as yet been made for suitable quarters for this institution, and at the present time its property is stored and cared for in the building occupied by the Governor's offices. The limited space available makes it impossible to place more than a small part of the archives at the disposal of the public. In fact, our efforts in this direction are limited chiefly to publications relating to Alaska. We receive practically all the United States Government publications and also quite a number of state laws, reports, etc., and a complete file is kept of all Alaska newspapers.

Respectfully yours,

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May 4, 1916

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Mr. George Milbank Hersey, Secretary,
George Washington Memorial Association,
Publicity Building, 44 Bromfield St.,
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, transmitting for the permanent files of the Library a copy of the prospectus of the George Washington Memorial Building to be erected at Washington, D. C.

The courtesy of your letter and its enclosure is greatly appreciated, and they will be placed in the permanent files of the Library. The proposed building will serve as a most beautiful and fitting memorial of the esteem of the American people for the first great American.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 9, 1916

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The Times Publishing Company,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher which has been prepared to cover the renewal of the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of Juneau, to the Daily and Sunday Times.

The present subscription expires on the 15th instant. You will note that the voucher has been made out to cover the period from May 15, 1916, to June 30, 1917. This has been done for the reason that we are arranging our renewals so that all subscriptions in future will expire on June 30th of each year. This plan will make it much more convenient for us in arranging renewals.

Kindly have the rate per year and the amount due entered on both copies of the voucher, and have the first copy signed by your cashier or other authorized officer. Upon the return of the voucher to this office it will be passed to the Secretary of the Territory for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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May 9, 1916

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The Post-Intelligencer Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher which has been prepared to cover the renewal of the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of Juneau, to the Daily and Sunday Post-Intelligencer.

The present subscription expires on the 15th instant. You will note that the voucher has been made out to cover the period from May 15, 1916, to June 30, 1917. This has been done for the reason that we are arranging our renewals so that all subscriptions in future will expire on June 30th of each year. This plan will make it much more convenient for us in arranging renewals.

Kindly have the rate per year and the amount due entered on both copies of the voucher, and have the first copy signed by your cashier or other authorized officer. Upon the return of the voucher to this office it will be passed to the Secretary of the Territory for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1916

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Miss Cornelia Marvin, Librarian,
Oregon State Library,
Salem, Oregon

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of May 10, with reference to libraries in Alaska, and in which you suggest that it may be feasible to establish a system of traveling libraries in Alaska with a general Territorial library, such as you have in Oregon.

In reply I have to advise you that libraries are maintained in most of the towns of Alaska. Some of these are quite pretentious, but for the most part the number of their books and variety are somewhat limited. The Alaska Historical Library and Museum is a Territorial institution located at Juneau, the capital. This library contains a large and varied assortment of books, etc., but we have not as yet any library building such as is needed to make them available for public use. As you have noted in the report of the Secretary of the Interior, for 1915, the need of such building is pressing, inasmuch as, if we had such building, constant additions could be made to the library shelves. I am hopeful that a library building will be constructed in the near future.

In view of the vast extent of this Territory and the great distances between the various towns and settlements, together with the lack of adequate transportation facilities in many instances, I do not believe that traveling libraries, such as are found in a number of the States, would be practicable. The expense entailed, in my opinion, would render the maintenance of such a system impossible.

I shall be pleased to furnish you any other information that you may desire, if it is possible for me to do so.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

May 18, 1916

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Miss Gertrude Hollenthal,

City

My dear Miss Hollenthal:

I am informed that it is your intention to leave for the States as soon as school closes, and I beg to ask that you will kindly arrange for the return of the books, borrowed from the library some time ago, before your departure for the south.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 23, 1916

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Mr. Edward Antrim,
Marshal and Law Librarian,
Law Library of the Supreme Court,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th of April, advising of the forwarding to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of certain Ohio reports. The reports have been received and placed upon the shelves of the Library.

We are today ordering from the West Publishing Company volume 4 of the Alaska reports, which is the latest volume issued. This volume will be mailed to you as soon as received from the West Publishing Co.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 23, 1916

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Mr. Victor H. Elfendahl,
Assistant General Manager,
Port Blakely Mill Co.,
Port Blakely, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24 instant, advising that your board of directors had approved your request to give the old cannon which formerly belonged to the steamer Politkofsky to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau. The cannon arrived in good condition, and we are now having it placed in position upon a platform in front of the Governor's office building. The Governor is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, and the property of the institution is cared for in the building in which the Governor's offices are located.

The Governor requests me to express to you his appreciation of the courtesy which you and your board of directors have extended the Library and Museum in this matter, and to say that the cannon will be appropriately marked to show that it became the property of the Library and Museum through the courtesy of the board of directors of the Port Blakely Mill Company.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 23, 1916

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The West Publishing Co.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

Please forward to this office one copy of volume 4 of the Alaska Reports.

There is enclosed herewith a voucher made out to cover the purchase of the above-mentioned volume. Kindly have the same signed by your cashier, or other authorized officer, and forward it to this office. Upon receipt of the book and voucher, payment will be promptly arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 24, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant in reply to office letter of the 22d ultimo relative to non-receipt of the National Geographic Magazine by the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, since January, 1916.

On March 14, 1916, a postal money order for \$2 was sent to the Society to cover renewal, or continuance, of membership of Governor J. F. A. Strong for 1916, on his personal account. The magazine has been regularly received thus far during the current year under this payment.

On about the same date the Secretary of Alaska, as disbursing agent of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund sent a remittance to the Treasurer of the Society for \$2, to cover renewal of subscription of the Library and Museum to the Magazine for 1916, upon voucher issued by the Governor as Custodian of the Library. This subscription stands, I believe, in the name of "J. F. A. Strong, Custodian," Juneau, Alaska.

It will be observed, therefore, that two subscriptions for the magazine have been carried; one under the personal membership of Governor Strong, and for his own files; the other under subscription for the files of the Alaska Historical Library and

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Museum. Possibly some confusion has arisen in your mailing department because of the fact that the name "J. F. A. Strong" appears in connection with both copies. If this is the case, I would suggest that the Library's subscription be entered in the name of "Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Governor's Office, Juneau, Alaska", and notation made to send bills to the Governor. This will avoid any future confusion of this subscription with the Governor's personal membership.

The Library and Museum has received no copies of the Magazine since the January, 1916, number, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly have the subsequent numbers mailed to us so that our file may be complete.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

May 25, 1916

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith Library voucher No. 26 of this date, in favor of The Times Publishing Company, of Seattle, for the sum of \$9.10, covering subscription to the Daily and Sunday Seattle Times for the period May 15, 1916 to June 30, 1917.

The voucher has been signed by the company, and it is requested that check in payment be remitted in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 25, 1916

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith
Library voucher No. 25 of this date, in favor of The Post-
Intelligencer Company of Seattle, Wash., for the sum of
\$9.10, covering subscription to the Daily and Sunday Post-
Intelligencer for the period May 15, 1916, to June 30, 1916.

The voucher has been signed by the company, and it is
requested that check in payment be remitted in due course.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 25, 1916

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Messrs. Stewart & Selby, Publishers,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your bill of April 27, covering subscrip-
tion to the Weekly Miner and to the Daily Prospector, I beg
to advise that the charge for the Weekly Miner is O. K. and
a voucher is enclosed herewith to cover this portion of your
bill. Please have the voucher signed by a member of your firm
and mail it to this office.

With reference to the charge for the subscription to the
Daily Prospector from September 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916, I
beg to advise that the only copies of the Daily Prospector
which we have on file for the period from September 1, 1915,
to date are the issues of May 15 to 20, inclusive. Under the
circumstances, therefore, it would seem that your charge for
the Daily Prospector should be corrected to cover the period
May 15 to June 30, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 25, 1916

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Messrs. Steel & Scheffler, Publishers,

The Alaska Times,

Corcoran, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

This office is in receipt of your bill dated the 18th instant, purporting to cover subscription of the Daily Times from June 1, 1914, to June 30, 1916, at therateof \$10 per year, the amount of the bill being \$21.

Our library files contain only the Weekly Times. If the Times has been issued also as a daily we have never received a copy of the daily issue. It would appear that your bill should be corrected to cover subscription to the Weekly Times for the period above stated, at the rate of \$3 per year, which is the subscription rate.

I am, therefore, returning your bill of May 18 and would request that a new bill be forwarded for the proper amount, covering the subscription to the Weekly Times.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

June 12, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose voucher No. 20
of this date on the Library & Museum Fund, in favor of the West
Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, for \$10, covering the
purchase of one copy of Vol. 4, Alaska Reports.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encl.

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June 13, 1916.

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Mr. Edward Antrim,
Marshal and Law Librarian,
Law Library of the Supreme Court,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to the subject matter of
office letter of the 23d ultimo, I beg to advise that we
are mailing to you today, under separate cover, Vol. 4,
Alaska Reports, covering the period from January 1, 1910,
to January 1, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 21, 1916.

Mr. O. P. Austin,
Secretary, The National Geographic Society,
Hubbard Memorial Hall, 16th and W Streets,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant in reference to the continuance of subscription under the name of

J. F. A. Strong, Custodian,
Alaska Historical Library and Museum,
Juneau, Alaska.

the subscription having expired last December.

You state that your records do not show receipt of remittance covering this renewal, but they do show renewal of the personal subscription of Governor Strong, as well as that of the writer.

In reply I beg to advise that on March 13 last this office forwarded to the office of the Secretary of Alaska a duly signed and approved voucher covering the renewal of the Library subscription above alluded to, the voucher having theretofore been forwarded to the Society for signature and duly signed and returned to this office. Upon receipt of the voucher the Secretary issued check No. 507, dated March 14, 1916, payable to the National Geographic Society, for \$2, which was signed:

"Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska".

This check was drawn on the First National Bank of Juneau, Alaska,

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and was stamped above the name of the Bank with the words:

"District Historical Library Fund".

An examination of the check, which is now in the files of the Secretary, shows that it was endorsed by the Society on March 24, 1916, with a rubber-stamp endorsement bearing the name of the Treasurer, John Joy Edson, and also your name as Secretary, and made payable to the order of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, which company also endorsed the check. Subsequent endorsements were made in due course, and the check was finally paid by the First National Bank of Juneau in April last, and duly returned to the Secretary of Alaska.

Apparently the check was sent you without a letter of transmittal from the Secretary's office explaining just what it was for, which may account for your failure to identify it with the renewal of the subscription of J. F. A. Strong, Custodian, Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska. Since the remittance was forwarded, a new chief clerk has taken charge of the work in the office of the Secretary, and he is unable to find any letter covering the forwarding of the remittance.

In view of the foregoing, I beg to ask that you will kindly have forwarded the February, March, April, May, and subsequent issues, of the magazine, for the Library files.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916

Miss Cornelia Marvin, Librarian,
Oregon State Library,
Salem, Oregon

My dear Madam:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June second, in which you ask whether any library legislation for Alaska would come through the legislature of Alaska or through Congressional legislation.

In reply I have to advise you that such legislation would primarily come through the Congress. A bill asking for an appropriation of \$625,000 for the purpose of erecting a federal building in Juneau, is now pending in Congress, and we hope that it will pass. If this appropriation should be made, the proposed building will contain rooms for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. It is quite possible that, with suitable housing facilities for the Library, the Alaska legislature would be disposed to make some appropriation for its further enlargement and upkeep.

Referring to your statements concerning traveling libraries in British Columbia, I beg to point out that conditions in British Columbia and in Alaska are entirely dissimilar; British Columbia has a very much larger population than Alaska; it has

good roads in every inhabited section and many towns, and, therefore, a traveling library would, of course, be feasible in that country, but in Alaska, where there is an almost total lack of good roads and where the means of communication is largely by water, I cannot see how a traveling library would be practicable.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 7, 1916

Mr. E. E. Van Ness,
Government Teacher,
Umanakleet, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first ultimo, in reply to a request for a bill covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to "The Northern Light." I note your statement that the paper is sent to this office as a complimentary number, and I beg to assure you that the courtesy is appreciated. We are retaining the issues in the files of the Library and they will be bound from time to time so as to form a part of the permanent newspaper files of the institution.

The paper is a credit to you and those who assist you in its publication.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 18, 1916

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Hon. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Shoup:

I have your letter of July 14, with reference to the library table belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, which Dr. Goddard wishes to purchase.. Now, as I do not know anything about the value of this table, as you intimate the doctor would probably expect to buy it at a small figure. I believe it would be better if we would retain it and not sell it at this time. It is quite possible that it might be of service when our new library is completed, if ever. In the meantime, you might advise me as to what the doctor would be willing to pay for it.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 24, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th in reference to payment of subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, and note that you say you received a check in March last signed "Charles E. Davidson", which was unaccompanied by a letter of instructions, and which was credited to the personal subscription of Mr. Davidson.

I have today taken this matter up with Mr. Davidson, who informs me that the last payment made by him on his personal subscription was on August 2, 1915. It would appear, therefore, that the check received by you in March should have been credited to the account of --

J. P. A. Strong, Custodian,
Alaska Historical Library and Museum,
Juneau, Alaska.

By reference to my letter to you under date of June 21 last you will note that check No. 507, dated March 14, 1916, for \$2, was sent you by the Secretary of Alaska -- Mr. Charles E. Davidson -- the check being drawn against the "District Historical Library Fund", which is the fund from which all expenses of the Library and Museum are paid. This check covered a voucher issued on March 13th to the National Geographic Society, for the Library's subscription for the year 1916.

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It is requested that you kindly make proper adjustment of the Library subscription account, and that the back numbers of the National Geographic Magazine for the months of February, March, April, May, June and July be forwarded to the Library to complete its files.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 12, 1916

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Mr. P. Schaeffer,

Verlin, S. W. 47.

Hagalberger Str. 20.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 20, in which you ask for a catalogue of the permanent educational museum and exhibition of objects for instruction in Alaska, I have to advise you that the only institution of this kind is the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, located at Juneau.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 17, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 11, in which you direct the attention of this office to the fact that there are a number of stuffed birds in the United States jail building at Sitka, that are gradually going to ruin, due to dampness; and you say that, unless they can be put where they can be cared for, they will have to be thrown away. You also recommend that they be turned over to Mr. E. W. Merrill, of Sitka, for safe-keeping. I also note that you recommend that the two show-cases and glass jars, together with a picture of Peter the Great, of Russia, should also be turned over to Mr. Merrill.

In reply I have to advise you that this will be your authority to turn over the birds, show-cases, and the picture to Mr. Merrill, taking his receipt therefor, with the understanding that the above-enumerated articles are to

remain in his custody only until such time as they shall
be demanded by the Alaska Historical Library and Museum.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

September 11, 1916.

Pacific Fisherman,

500 Mutual Life Building,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find voucher covering subscription of the Alaska historical library and museum to the "Pacific Fisherman" for the year ended August 31, 1916. Kindly have the voucher signed by your cashier or other authorized officer (showing title under his signature), and mail to this office. Upon receipt of the voucher a check will be sent you in payment.

Kindly continue the subscription for another year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 13, 1916

The Editor

Fairbanks Daily Times,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have again to write you with regard to missing numbers of your paper, and to request that you kindly make every effort to supply these missing issues so that the files of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum may be complete. The dates now missing are the following:

May 1 to 23, inclusive, and 28 to 31, inclusive; June 6, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30; July 1 to 5, inclusive, and 12 and 23.

As a rule, these papers come to us in packages containing five or more issues. The wrappers are very frequently badly torn or entirely missing, which, no doubt, accounts for our failure to receive some of the above mentioned missing dates. From a personal inspection of the wrappers, I note that, in most cases, the wrapper consists of but one thickness of paper, which, considering the distance and rough handling to which mail is subjected between Fairbanks and Juneau, is manifestly insufficient.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will give this matter your personal attention, to the end that, in the future, the papers mailed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum may be very securely wrapped so that there will be little likelihood of the papers being lost in the mail through the wrappers being broken and lost. I think you will appreciate our desire to have our files of the various Alaska newspapers as nearly complete as possible. In most cases we have been able to accomplish this result, and we do not wish the Fairbanks Times to be an exception to the rule. We are having all of the Alaska newspapers bound at regular intervals, in a substantial manner, so that they may form a part of the permanent records of the Library.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 9, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 2, together with a list of certain property belonging to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, which have been turned over to Mr. Merrill, of Sitka, for safe keeping, as per my letter of authority to you, dated August 17, 1916.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 12, 1916

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the original oath of office executed by Jacob Meyer, in connection with his appointment as acting librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, to succeed James Wyllie, resigned.

Mr. Meyer's appointment became effective October 11, and his compensation will be at the same rate as that paid his predecessor, namely, \$300 per annum.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

October 21, 1916

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The Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell,

Osgoode Hall,

Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September, in which you ask to have such Alaska publications as may be issued direct or through our public library, sent to the Riddell Canadian Library, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

In reply I have to advise you that the name of your library will be placed upon our list for such publications as we may issue or are under our control.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 27, 1916

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Hon. Chauncey M. Depew,
Grand Central Terminal,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6, together with a copy of your "Addresses and Literary Contributions," to be placed upon the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum.

In behalf of the institution, I desire to thank you for your kindly remembrance, which is fully appreciated not only by the Library itself, but by its many readers.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

November 8, 1916

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Corperation Trust Company of America,

486 Du Pont Building,

Wilmington, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18, and, under separate cover, a copy of the General Corporation Laws of Delaware, for which I thank you. This volume will be placed on the shelves of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum for the use of its patrons.

I am,

Yours very truly

Governor

November 8, 1916

Mr. Henry L. Bahrt.

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 31, in which you ask for authority to give to the Moose Lodge of Sitka, a set of shelves and a number of various books that belong to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum. You also state that, if at any time the Alaska Historical Library and Museum should have a place for this property, you feel that it would not find use for it and, therefore, it would be appreciated by the Moose Lodge of Sitka, which is arranging a reading room for the members and the public of Sitka, if this could be done.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no authority to give the items named to the Moose Lodge. They will be loaned, however, until such time as they may be required by the Territory. You are, therefore, instructed to take a receipt from the officials of the Moose Lodge, stating that these shelves and books are the property of the

Alaska Historical Library and are loaned to the Meese Lodge
to be returned upon demand of the said Library.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 9, 1916

Mr. R. Cappelly, President,

Institut International d'Agriculture,

Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29, in which you request that copies of all laws affecting agriculture, enacted in this Territory in the current year, be forwarded to your institute and that this be continued in the future.

In reply I have to advise you that all agricultural laws, rules and regulations, as applied to the Territory of Alaska, are passed by Congress, or promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture. You are, therefore, advised to address your request to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1916

The Daily Alaska Dispatch,

City

Attention of Mr. Kletzing

Beginning December 1, 1916, please discontinue the delivery of the Daily Alaska Dispatch by messenger to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum (Governor's office), and send the same to the Library through the mails.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916.

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

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith Library vouchers Nos. ⁵49 and ⁶50 of this date, favor of the Fairbanks News-Miner. Voucher No. ⁵49 covers the subscription of the Library to the "News-Miner" for the period August 1, 1915, to October 31, 1916, at the rate of \$2 per month, amount \$30. Voucher No. ⁶50 covers the same subscription for the advance period from November 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917, at \$10 per year, amount \$6.00.

In view of the delay in this matter the Governor suggests that the vouchers, with checks covering same, be sent the News-Miner people, and this office has written a letter of explanation regarding the matter, with which the vouchers and checks may be transmitted, if you will kindly turn them over to us when ready.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 24, 1916.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Davidson, ex officio Secretary of the Territory, has turned over to this office your bill of November 6th covering charge for subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum for the period August 1, 1915, to August 1, 1917, the charge being at the rate of \$2 per month.

Upon referring to the October 13 last, which is the last issue in our files, it is noted that, under the heading "Subscription Rates", you quote a price of \$1 per month, or \$10 per year, in advance, for the paper when mailed out of Fairbanks.

We are arranging our newspaper subscriptions so as to have them all expire on June 30 of each year. Where there is an advantage in price to be had by making advance payments of subscriptions we shall in future follow the policy of paying in advance. With this in view, we are enclosing herewith two vouchers and checks, as follows:

One voucher and check covering subscription from August 1, 1915, to October 31, 1916, at rate of \$2 per month, amount \$50.

One voucher and check covering subscription from November 1, 1916 to June 31, 1917, at \$10 per year rate, amount \$5.67.

Kindly sign the vouchers and mail them to this office in the franked and addressed return penalty envelope which is enclosed with them.
Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

November 25, 1916.

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**The Valdez Daily Prospector,
Valdez, Alaska.**

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find voucher covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Daily Prospector for the period from May 15 to June 30, 1916, amount \$1.50. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a check will be mailed you in settlement. A franked and addressed envelope is enclosed for your use when mailing the voucher, after it has been properly signed by an officer of your company, or member of the firm, as the case may be.

In future we shall arrange for prompt payment of subscriptions at the expiration of the year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 25, 1916.

The Manager of
The Citizen Publishing Company,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher for \$10.00, covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to the Alaska Citizen for the period September 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916. Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a check will be mailed you in settlement.

In future we shall arrange for prompt payment of subscriptions at the expiration of the subscription period.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 25, 1916.

The Manager of

The Record-Citizen,

Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher for \$18.00, covering the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to the Record-Citizen for the period from January 1, 1915, to June 31, 1916. Kindly sign the voucher and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a check will be mailed you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 25, 1916.

The Manager,

Home Industrial Worker,

Home, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find voucher for \$34.16, covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to the Industrial Worker for the period from October 15, 1915, to June 30, 1917.

Please sign the voucher and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. Upon receipt of the signed voucher a check will be mailed you in settlement.

In future we shall arrange for prompt advance payment of the subscription to your paper.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 25, 1916.

The News Publishing Company,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find voucher covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to the Nome Daily Nugget for the period October 15, 1915, to and including June 30, 1916, amount \$18.00. Kindly sign the voucher by an authorized officer of your company, whose title should be written under his signature, and mail the voucher in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it. Upon receipt of the signed voucher payment will be made by check.

Hereafter we shall arrange for prompt payment of all subscriptions, which we are arranging so that they will all expire on June 30 of each year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

November 27, 1916

Art Metal Construction Co., Inc.,

Janestown, N. Y.

Attention Mr. R. E. Ramsey

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to advise you that the Alaska Historical Library and Museum property is being cared for in the building occupied by the Governor's offices. This building is an old one formerly used for a mission school. Its present use as quarters for the Governor's offices is temporary, pending the construction of the federal post office and customs house building, which was authorized in the public buildings act of 1910, for the actual construction of which has not yet been begun.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 4, 1916

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The National Geographic Society,
Hubbard Memorial Hall,
16th and M Streets,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith find voucher covering renewal of subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the National Geographic Magazine for the year ending with the December, 1917, issue. Please have the voucher signed by your treasurer and returned to this office. Upon its receipt, a check will be mailed you in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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December 15, 1916.

Mr. Charles W. Smith,
Business Manager,
The Washington Historical Quarterly,
University Station,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, relative to the Washington Historical Quarterly, and to thank you for the copy of the October number which you were good enough to forward at the request of Mr. C. L. Andrews.

The Governor requests that you enter the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to the Quarterly, beginning with Volume VII. If you will kindly forward numbers 1, 2 and 3 our file will be complete, as we have number 4 -- the October issue sent by you, as above mentioned. We desire our subscription to continue until further notice.

Enclosed is a voucher for \$4.00, to cover the subscription for Volume VII and the advance subscription to Volume VIII. Kindly sign the voucher and mail to this office, and upon its receipt payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 18, 1916.

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Mr. J. W. Fritchett, Publisher,
The Wrangell Sentinel,
Wrangell, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Fritchett:

Herewith find voucher covering subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to the "Sentinel" for the period from October 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917, inclusive, amount \$1.87. Kindly sign the voucher and mail to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies it, and a check in payment will be sent you.

In explanation let me say that we are trying to get all our newspaper subscriptions arranged to so as run from July 1 of each year, and with this in view have been making payments during the present year in that way. This we believe will be much more satisfactory to the publishers, and a great deal easier for us to keep track of them. We will each year send out vouchers covering the subscription period, whether we receive bills for same or not, so as to keep all subscriptions paid up. This explains why the voucher enclosed runs only to June 30 next, instead of to October first, as shown in the bill which you sent us recently.

Do you know where the former owner of the Sentinel is? Our records show the subscription as unpaid for 1914 and 1915, and we would like to locate him so as to adjust the matter.

With best wishes for your success, I am
Faithfully yours,

Secretary for ever.

December 28, 1916.

Mr. J. W. Pritchett,
Publisher, The Wrangell Sentinel,
Wrangell, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Pritchett:

Referring to the matter of payment of subscription of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum to your paper, it is noted that in your letter of the 25th you state that your taking over of the paper included all unpaid accounts. We have therefore made up a new voucher (the other one has been destroyed) which covers the years 1914, 1915, and 1916, amount \$7.50. Kindly sign it and mail to this office in the envelope enclosed with the voucher.

At the end of June, next, a voucher will be made up to cover the half year, and thereafter the subscription will be paid annually, dating from July 1 to the following June 30 -- which is the way we are arranging all subscriptions.

Where a lower rate is made for advance payment of subscriptions we have in some cases taken advantage of such rate and paid a year in advance; but the Department at Washington does not seem to look with favor upon advance payments, hence we avoid them whenever we can do so. Our Library accounts have to be passed upon by the Secretary of the Interior.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 21, 1916

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Messrs. A. N. Marquis & Co.,
440-442 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Please forward to the Alaska Historical Library and
Museum, care of the Governor's office, Juneau, Alaska, one
copy of the 1916-17 edition of "Who's Who in America."

Enclosed herewith is a voucher to cover the cost of the
above volume. Kindly have the same signed by an officer of
your company and forward the same to this office. Upon re-
ceipt of the book and the signed voucher, payment will be
arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 29, 1916

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The Nenana News,

Nenana, Alaska

Our file of your paper for the current year is short Nos. 1 to 10, inclusive, of volume 1. It will be appreciated if you will kindly forward these back numbers so that our file may be complete from the inception of your paper.

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1917

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The Citizen Publishing Co.
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 550, in your favor,
in the sum of \$10, covering the subscription of the Alaska
Historical Library and Museum to the Alaska Citizen, for the
period September 1, 1915 to June 30, 1916, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 16, 1917

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Mr. C. L. Andrews,
1802 East 73d Street,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Andrews:

I have your letter of January 3, in which you ask that a copy of Tikhainof, of which we have duplicates in the library, be mailed to you, as per your request made when you were in Juneau.

In reply I have to advise you that the copy will be mailed to you under separate cover, to be returned promptly, of course, when you are through with it.

I am glad to know that your stay in Washington was pleasant and that you were accorded courteous treatment by the officials of the State Department.

Under separate cover I am sending to your address two copies of my report for 1916.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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January 19, 1917.

The National Geographic Society,

Hubbard Memorial Hall, 16th and M. Sts., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for \$2 in your favor, issued by the Secretary of Alaska. This check covers payment of the subscription of the ALASKA HISTORICAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM, to the National Geographic Magazine, for the calendar year 1917, as per your bill which accompanies the check. The subscription, as you will note, is in the name of: J. F. A. Strong, Custodian, Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska.

Kindly see that this is not confused with Governor Strong's personal subscription.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

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Mr. D. J. Kimmie,

Editor, The Gold Bar,

Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kimmie:

A few days ago this office received two copies of the January issue of THE GOLD BAR, these being addressed to the Governor. The publication is so replete with valuable information and statistics that I am prompted to write and ask if it will be possible to have the Alaska Historical Library and Museum placed upon your mailing list for future issues; also would it be possible for you to furnish the back numbers so that the Library may have a complete file? If the matter can be arranged as I have suggested, I assure you that the courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 5, 1917.

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D. Appleton & Company,

29-35 West 32d Street,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am directed by the Governor, Custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to order one copy of THE AMERICAN YEAR BOOK, 1916, for the files of the Library. Will you please forward the book addressed to the Library, in care of the Governor's Office, Juneau, Alaska.

Enclosed you will find a voucher covering the charge, which simply requires that the date be filled in and that it be signed by a representative of your Company, whose official title should be indicated. Upon receipt of the book and return of the voucher, payment will be arranged through the office of the Secretary of the Territorial government.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 5, 1917

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Hon. A. G. Shoup, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, with reference to the photographic negatives owned by Mrs. Albertstone, some of which you suggest may be of historical value.

In reply I have to advise you that if you have examined the negatives and think that they contain such value, it may be desirable for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to secure them. Therefore, examine them and advise me further.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 19, 1917

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Mr. Victor H. Elfendahl,
Assistant General Manager,
Port Blakeley Mill Co.,
Port Blakely, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, advising the forwarding of a reproduced photograph of the s. s. Politkofsky, which you say is presented to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum with the compliments of your company.

The photograph has been received, and, on behalf of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I wish to thank you and your company for your courtesy in presenting the photograph to the Library and Museum. A presentation slip will be placed upon the back of the photograph, showing the name of the donor.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Mr. C. L. Andrews,
1802 East 73d St.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Andrews:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14, together with the copy of "Tikmenif."

I also note that you are about to start East for the purpose of securing a publisher for your book, in which I hope you will be eminently successful, although, as you say, the time for such publication does not seem to be very propitious, in view of the present international war complications. I further note that you have written Dr. W. T. Hornaday, of New York, concerning the walrus situation.

I am well acquainted with Doctor Hornaday by reputation, and believe that if there is anything that can possibly be done in the matter, no better man than Doctor Hornaday could be selected to bring the matter of walrus protection to a successful issue.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 21, 1917

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Mr. Francis Holley, Director,
Department of Publicity,
Bureau of Commercial Economics,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 1, wherein you state that a heroic campaign of publicity was arranged at the recent Economic Conference at Paris, to reestablish and further develop trade and commerce throughout the world, and that motion pictures will be one of the principal means employed. You, therefore, state that if we have any motion pictures of Alaskan industries, or contemplate having any made, you will be glad to circulate them.

In reply I have to advise you that we have no such motion pictures, nor are any contemplated, so far as this office is advised.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 17, 1917

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Hon. B. D. Stewart,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11, with reference to the disposition to be made of what is known as the Wm. L. Distin Leving Cup Fund. It is noted that the committee in charge of the fund proposes to turn it over to the Secretary of the Territory, to be held by him, or deposited with the Territorial treasurer, to be disbursed upon the order of the Governor; that the amount on hand be placed in a savings account so that it will draw interest and be compounded semi-annually; that it be held until such time as permanent quarters are available for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, and that thereafter the funds or proceeds therefrom be used as the Governor may direct, for the purchase of books for said Library or specimens for said Museum, etc.

In reply I may say that I believe that the plan proposed should be satisfactory to all the subscribers to the fund, and personally it meets my approval.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

April 19, 1917

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Mr. C. C. Nichols,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

Effective this date, you are appointed Acting Librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau, Alaska, vice Jacob Meyer, resigned. Your compensation for the work performed by you, in connection with the position named, will be at the rate of \$300 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$25 each.

Enclosed herewith is an oath of office form in duplicate, which you are directed to execute and file today.

Respectfully,

Governor, Custodian Alaska Historical
Library and Museum

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May 8, 1917

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Mr. H. R. Melvain,
Chairman of the Public Archives Committee,
National Association of State Libraries,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request for data as to what has been done in Alaska in the past year in reference to public archives, I have to advise you that no forward step has been taken toward the erection of a suitable building in which they may be stored. These records are now as carefully safeguarded as is possible in all circumstances. Our collection includes many of the archives under the Russian regime.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, Custodian Alaska Historical
Library and Museum.

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May 17, 1917

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Dr. John R. Westervelt, Secretary,
The Beaver Club of Oregon,
Oregonian Building,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your circular addressed to me at Sitka, calling attention to the publication soon to be issued by your Club, entitled "Alaska Basketry," of which Miss V. V. Cavanaugh is the author.

I am authorized by the Governor, who is the official custodian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau, to place with you an order for one copy of the book for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum at Juneau.

I enclose herewith a voucher form, filled out, to cover the cost of the book. The voucher should be signed by you or by the treasurer of your Club and sent to this office with the book, and upon their receipt a check in payment will be mailed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 17, 1917

Hon. B. D. Stewart, Chairman,
General Distin Loving Cup Fund Committee,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16,
in which you advise me that the amount now to the credit of
the General Distin Loving Cup fund, amounting to \$378.97,
has been turned over by you to the Secretary of the Terri-
tory, as custodian of the Wm. L. Distin Memorial Fund.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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June 1, 1917

The Subscription Department,
The Times Publishing Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find voucher covering renewal of the subscrip-
tion of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of Juneau, to
the Daily and Sunday Seattle Times, for the year beginning
July 1, 1917, and ending June 30, 1918, at the usual rate of
\$8.

Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized repre-
sentative of your company, whose title should be shown. On
receipt of the signed voucher, payment of the subscription
will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 1, 1917

The Subscription Department,
The Post-Intelligencer Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher made out to cover the renewal of the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of Juneau, to the Daily and Sunday Post-Intelligencer for the year beginning July 1, 1917 and ending June 30, 1918, at the usual rate of \$8.

Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized representative of your company whose title should be appended thereto. Upon receipt of the signed voucher, payment of the subscription will be arranged.

Respectfully yours

Secretary to the Governor

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June 1, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with "back file and future issues of your circular." It is not quite clear to this office what publication you wish to obtain, but if you will kindly explain, we shall endeavor to furnish you with back numbers of the circular, if still available, and place your library on the mailing list for future issues.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 12, 1917

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Mr. L. B. Nelson,
Circulation Manager,
The Seattle Times,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, returning voucher recently sent and covering renewal of subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the Daily and Sunday Times for the year ending June 30, 1918. I note that the subscription price of The Times is now \$9 a year and the voucher has been corrected accordingly and is herewith returned for signature.

The subscription rate card which you stated as being enclosed with your letter, was evidently overlooked, as it was not with your letter when received at this office. I shall be glad if you will kindly enclose with the signed voucher, two copies of the subscription rate card so that one may be filed with each copy of the voucher.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 19, 1917

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The Post-Intelligencer Co.,
Subscription Department,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 570, issued to cover renewal of subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum of Juneau to the Daily and Sunday Post-Intelligencer, for the year beginning July 1, 1917. A signed voucher for this amount was recently received from you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 22, 1917

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Messrs. R. L. Polk & Co., Inc., Publishers,
Alaska-Yukon Gazetteer and Business Directory,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is a voucher covering an order recently placed with your Mr. R. W. Perry, for one copy of your 1917-'18 Alaska-Yukon Gazetteer and Business Directory, for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau. Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of your company and mail it to this office.

An order has been given your Mr. Perry for a copy of the book mentioned with the understanding that payment will be made upon delivery of the book, this being the usual practice in the purchase of books for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian.

When mailing the directory, kindly address it to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, in care of the Governor's office, and immediately upon its receipt a check will be mailed to you in payment for same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 2, 1917

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Dr. John R. Westervelt, Secretary,
The Beaver Club of Oregon,
The Oregonian Building,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

On May 17 last we placed an order with you for one copy of the publication "Alaska Basketry," by Miss V. V. Cavana, and enclosed with the letter a voucher to be filled out and signed, to cover the purchase price of the volume mentioned.

The booklet was received a day or two ago but the voucher has not yet come to hand. I enclose another voucher herewith for use in case the one previously sent has been lost or mislaid. The voucher should be signed by you or some other authorized representative of the Beaver Club of Oregon, and returned to this office, when a check will be issued in settlement and mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 17, 1917

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew,

New York City

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a complimentary copy of your "Addresses and Literary Contributions on the Threshold of Eighty-two," and on behalf of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, I beg to express appreciation of this addition to the Library. Permit me to express personally and on behalf of the Library the hope that you will be spared many years to your country.

With assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor