

Sept. 26, 1917

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The Pacific Fisherman,  
Smith Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith you will find voucher made out to cover the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, to the Pacific Fisherman for the year beginning September 1, 1916, and ending August 31, 1917.

The amount has been left blank on the voucher, for the reason that I am not sure whether it should be two or three dollars. Our records show that the voucher previously issued covered the period September 1, 1915 to August 31, 1916, the amount being \$2. It is noted, however, that your bill of September 1 shows the rate as \$3. This bill, however, is made out to cover the advance subscription from October, 1917 to September, 1918. As a rule we do not make advance payment of subscriptions for publications intended for the Library.

Please insert the proper amount on both copies of the enclosed voucher, have the same signed by your cashier or other authorized officer and return the same to this office,

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when it will be placed in way of payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 24, 1917

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Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge Gunnison:

I have your letter of the 12th instant, with reference to the works of Mary Baker Eddy on Christian Science for the Alaska Historical Library.

In reply I beg to advise you that we have received a number of copies of the Christian Science Monitor and the Christian Science Sentinel, but no other of Mrs. Baker Eddy's works have been received at this writing.

Now, with respect to cataloguing, I beg to advise you that books received at the Alaska Historical Library are not catalogued at present. We simply mark them with the Library stamp and place them on the shelves. This is necessitated by the fact that we have not the shelving capacity nor shelves needed. It is hoped, however, that in the not distant future a suitable building will be erected in which to house the books and archives of the library and museum.

Thanking you for the interest taken, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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October 25, 1917

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Miss Geneva Brock,  
Madera, California

My dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 13, in which you inquire as to organized libraries or central stations for the distribution of books throughout Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the only libraries that we have in Alaska are those found in some of the larger towns, such as Juneau and Fairbanks. There is no system of traveling libraries, whatsoever. Alaska, as you may know, is a country of magnificent distances, and traveling libraries would, under the present conditions, be entirely out of the question. In my opinion, Alaska has not yet reached a state of development sufficient to merit attention along this line.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 8, 1917

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The National Geographic Society,  
Hubbard Memorial Hall,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have been informed that it is now possible to obtain printed indexes to the National Geographic Magazine. It will be appreciated if you will kindly forward two sets of indexes for the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917. One of these sets is desired for the Alaska Historical Library and Museum and the other for Governor Strong.

If any charge is made for these indexes, kindly forward your bill and payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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In view of the war in which the nation is now engaged, however, when this building will be even commenced is exceedingly problematical.

Yours very truly,

Governor



November 10, 1917

Mr. Charles W. Thornton,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 19, in which you advise that Doctor Neuman, of Nome, has an interesting collection of Eskimo antiquities which he would sell to the Territory for a sum of \$20,000 or thereabouts.

In reply I have to advise you that while I have no doubt this collection would be a most valuable addition to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, there are no funds at the command of this office to make such purchase. Under the present law, all additions to the Library and Museum are made through the instrumentality of a fund known as the Library Fund, which at the present time approximates about \$10,000. As a matter of fact, no purchases, either for the Library or Museum, have been made in recent years, for the good and sufficient reason that we have no storage room for them, and it is my opinion that no purchases should be made until such time as the Government shall have erected a building suitable for the purposes of the Library and Museum. Room for this purpose may be provided in the proposed public building to be built at Juneau.

In view of the war in which the nation is now engaged, however, when this building will be even commenced is exceedingly problematical.

Yours very truly,

Governor



November 20, 1917

The J. K. Mill Co.,  
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find voucher covering your bill of the 2d instant for 200 mailing tubes furnished to Charles E. Davidson, Secretary of Alaska, Juneau. Kindly have the voucher signed by your cashier and return the same to this office and it will be placed in way of immediate payment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 4, 1918

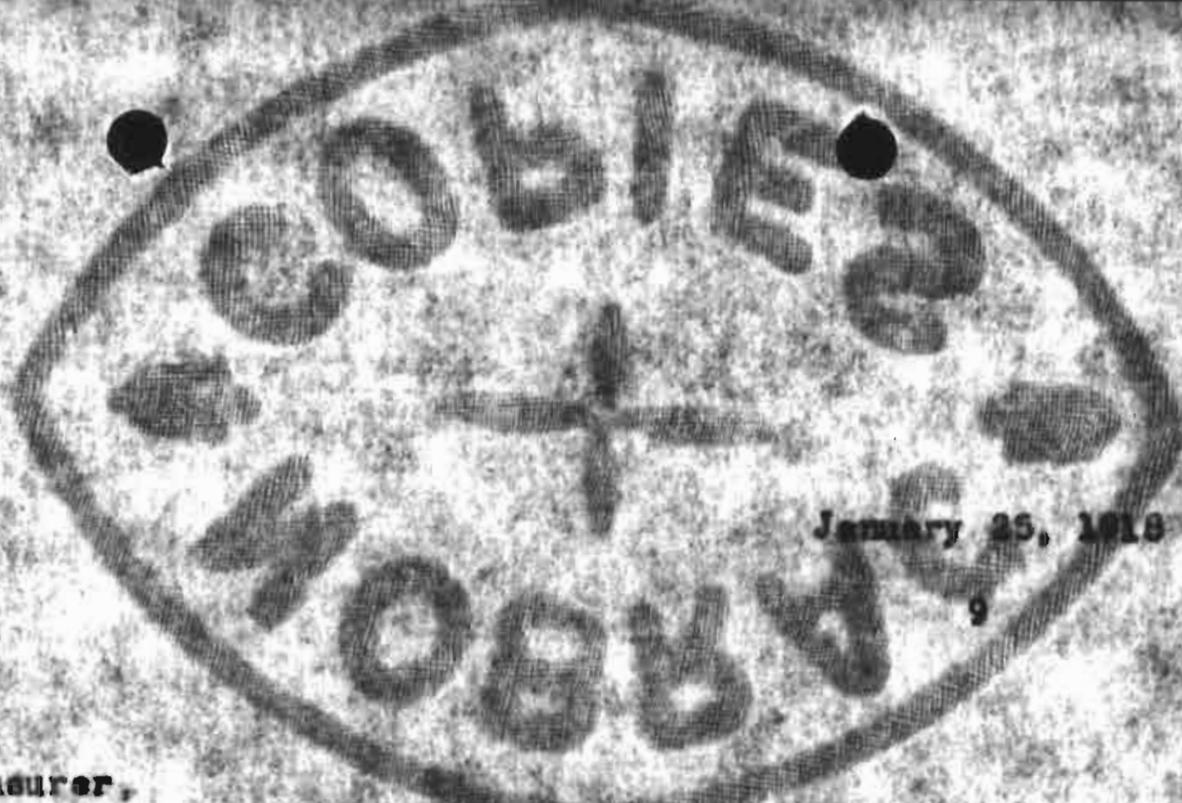
Mr. Benjamin Lewton,  
Chief Game Guardian,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt  
of and to thank you for the annual report of the Alberta  
Department of Agriculture for the year 1916.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor



January 25, 1918

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The Treasurer,  
The Washington University State Historical Society,  
University Station,  
Seattle, Wash.

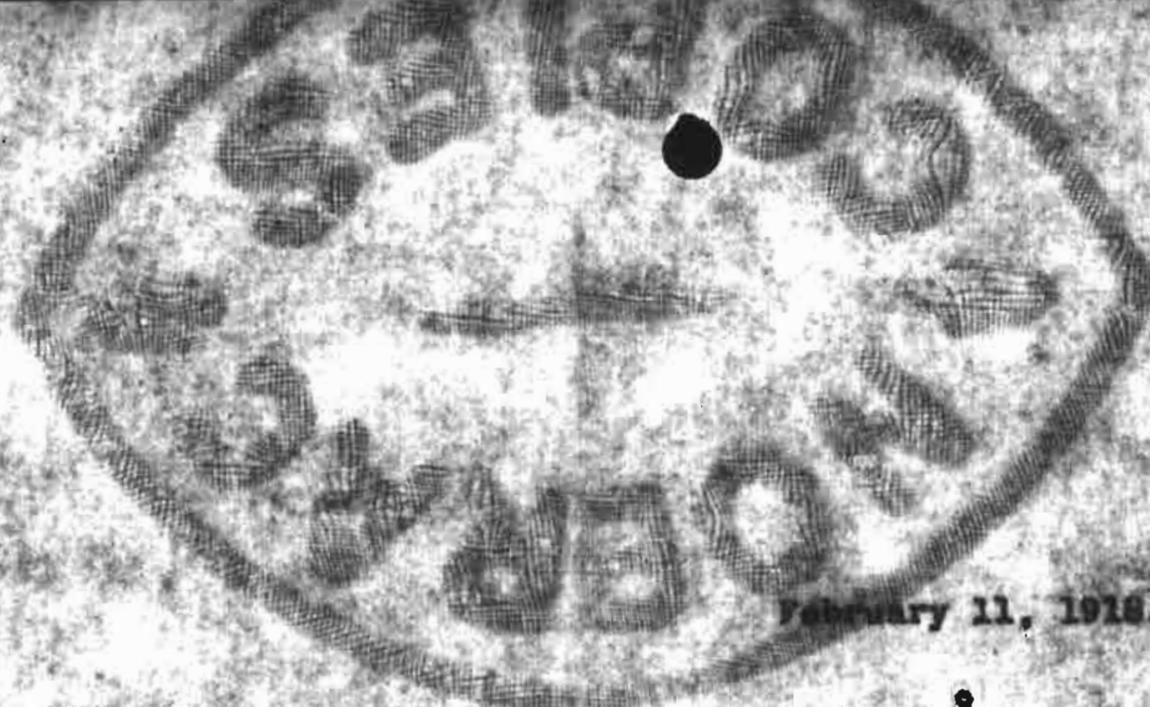
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a voucher which has been filled out to cover the renewal of the subscription of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum to the "Washington Historical Quarterly," for the calendar year 1918. Please sign the voucher and return it to this office and a check will be sent you in payment of the subscription.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.



February 11, 1918.

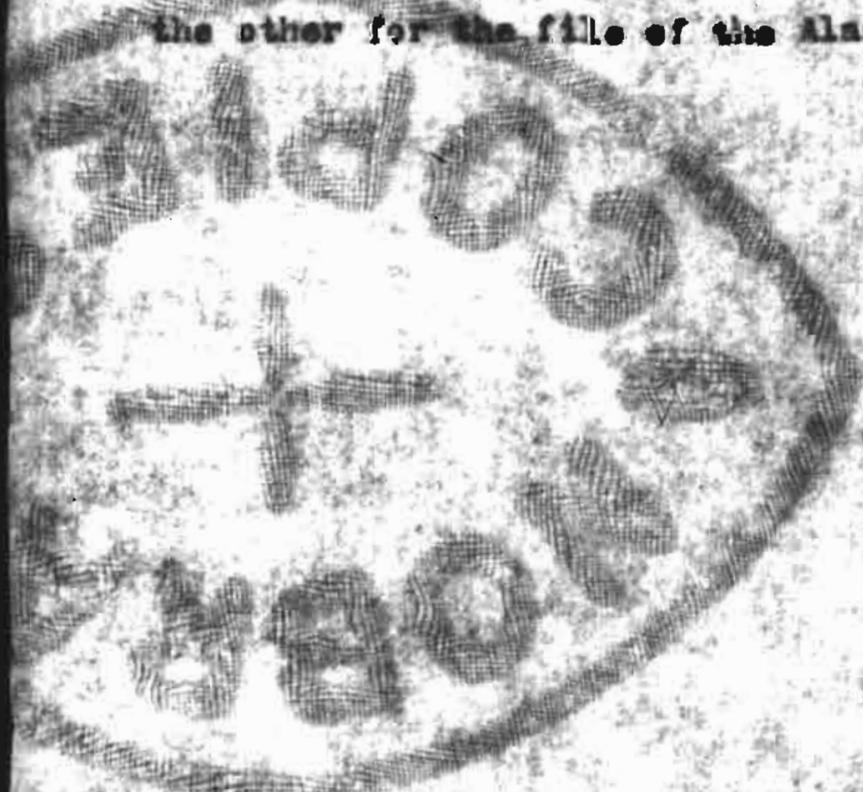
National Geographic Society,  
Hubbard Memorial Hall,  
Washington, D- C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please mail to the Governor's office, Juneau, Alaska, two copies of the Index to the National Geographic Magazine for the period July-December, 1917. One of these is wanted for the Governor's personal file and the other for the file of the Alaska Historical Library & Museum.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



February 15, 1918.

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Washington Historical Society,

University Station,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

A check of our library files shows that we lack the following issues of your Historical Quarterly to complete our file of that publication:

October number, 1916

January " 1917

April " 1917

January " 1918

It will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly forward one copy each of these missing issues.

Respectfully yours,

ALASKA HISTORICAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

By

Secretary to the Governor.

February 15, 1913.

Washington Historical Society,  
University Station,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to letter of this date relative to missing issues of your Historical quarterly, I now find that we have just received the issue for January, 1910, and you may therefore disregard the reference to that issue in the letter mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



March 15, 1918

Mr. James L. McCloskey  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed to the position of Acting Librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, Alaska, of which institution the Governor is the legal custodian, vice C. C. Nichols, resigned. Your appointment to this position will be effective March 16, on which date you will please execute and file in this office the enclosed oath of office. Your compensation will be at the rate of \$300 per annum.

Respectfully yours,

Governor



March 21, 1918.

D. Appleton & Co.,

29-35 West 32d Street,

NEW YORK.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find voucher covering your bill of March 8, 1918 (No. 742--89001) for one copy of the American Year Book, 1917, amount \$3.00. You have billed the volume to the Territory of Alaska, Governor's Office, but it is for the Alaska Historical Library & Museum, of which the Governor is the official custodian; therefore the voucher is made on a Library form.

Kindly have the voucher signed by your Cashier or other authorized officer, and return it to this office in the envelope which accompanies it, and payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

March 20, 1918

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the original oath of office of James L. McCloskey, who, on the 15th instant, entered upon his duties as acting librarian of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, Juneau, vice C. C. Nichols, resigned.

The compensation of Mr. McCloskey will be the same as that paid his predecessor, namely, \$300 per annum.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 28, 1918

Mr. Elias J. Lion,  
State Librarian,  
Minnesota State Library,  
St. Paul, Minn.

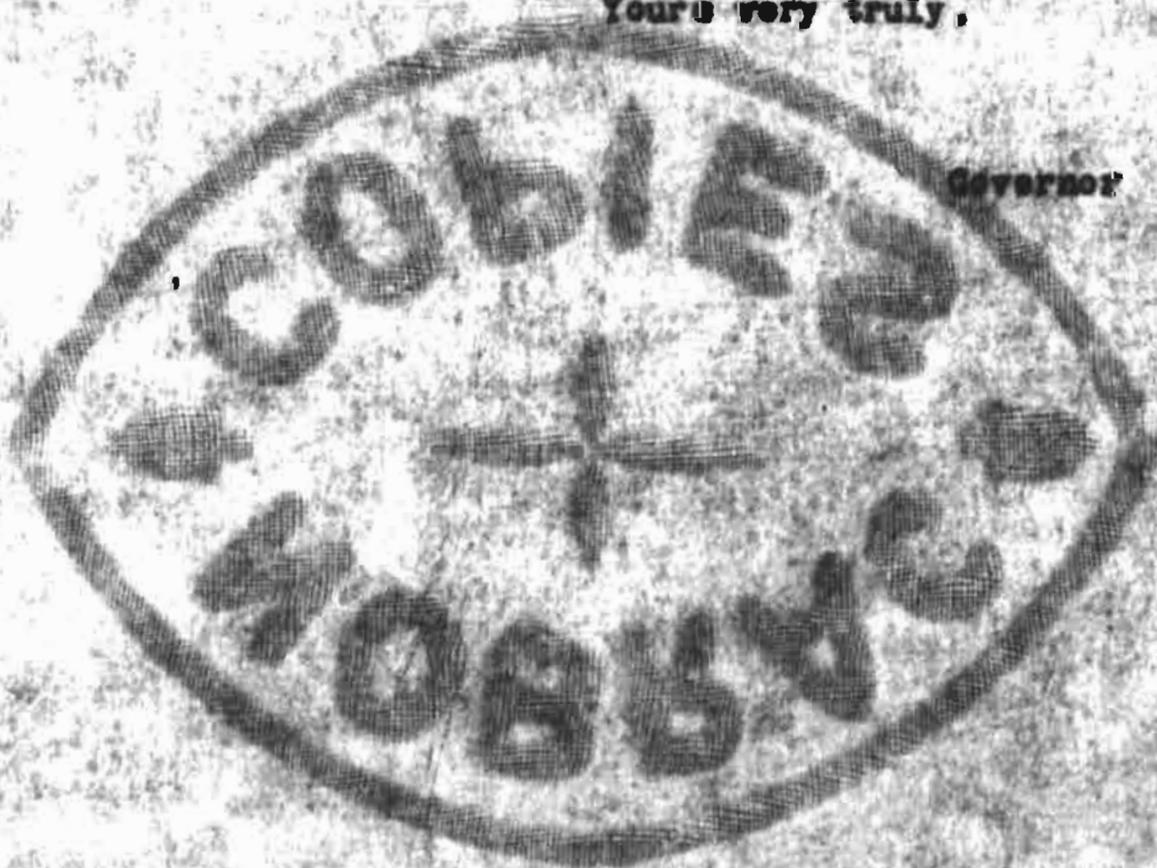
Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 20, under separate cover I am forwarding to your address a volume of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1917.

Inasmuch as no special sessions of the legislature have been held, there are no copies of any special laws in existence.

Yours very truly,

Governor



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

My dear Sir:

I beg to refer to Department of the Interior letter of date December 10, 1917, addressed to you by Mr. H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary, with reference to your accounts as disbursing agent of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum fund for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1917. In the letter mentioned, attention was called to an apparent overpayment of \$1 to the Nome Daily Nugget on voucher No. 23, issued March 5, 1917, purporting to cover subscription for the period October 15, 1915 to June 30, 1916, charged as nine months, at \$2 per month, \$18.

In your letter acknowledging receipt of the Department's letter, I believe you advised that the overpayment to the Nome Daily Nugget on voucher No. 23 above mentioned, would be corrected in the next voucher issued in connection with the Nugget's subscription. However, upon further investigation of the matter, I find that the amount of voucher No. 23, namely, \$18, was correct

and that the error in the voucher was in the beginning date of the year's subscription, which should have been October 1, 1915, instead of October 15, 1915. In confirmation of this, I would refer you to voucher No. 64, issued September 26, 1914, to the Nome Daily Nugget in the sum of \$20, covering payment of subscription "for the year ending October 1, 1915;" also to voucher No. 50, issued September 8, 1917, covering subscription to the Nugget for the period July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917.

Voucher No. 23, dated March 5, 1917, was issued in conformity with the plan which had been adopted of arranging all newspaper subscriptions so that they would fall due on June 30 and this voucher was issued to cover subscription from the date to which the previous payment had been made (voucher 64, for the year ending October 1, 1915) to June 30, 1916. The apparent discrepancy is evidently due to a typographical error in writing the beginning date as October 15 instead of October 1, the latter being the correct date. Inasmuch as the correct amount was paid to the publishers of the Nome Daily Nugget on voucher No. 23, no adjustment will be necessary in connection with the next voucher issued to them.

Faithfully yours,

Governor, Custodian of Library

April 17, 1918

Mr. C. F. M. Cole, Manager,  
The McCarthy Weekly News,  
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your bill of January first against the Alaska Historical Library for one year's subscription to the News.

We do not, as a rule, make advance payments of newspaper subscriptions, since the Department at Washington, which passes upon the expenditures made in connection with the Library and Museum, does not favor that plan. We have been arranging with the publishers of the various Alaska newspapers to submit their bills as of June 30 in each year, so that there may be uniformity in the expiration dates of the subscriptions. By reference to our files, we find that we have the McCarthy News from the date of its first issue (November 3, 1917), with the exception of Nos. 3 to 6, inclusive, which are missing from the files. If you can supply a copy each of these missing numbers, it will be appreciated. If you will make up your bill on June 30 to cover the Library's subscription to the News from November 3, 1917 to June 30, 1918, and forward it to this office, payment will be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 20, 1918

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

My dear Sir:

The Governor directs me to ask that the following information be furnished this office at the earliest possible date, the same having been asked for by the Secretary of the Interior, who states that it is desired for the information of the House Committee on Appropriations:

1. Price per volume charged for the 1915 Session Laws; total amount received from sales of such laws, and disposition made of moneys so received.
2. Price per volume charged for the 1917 Session Laws; total amount received from sales of such laws, and disposition made of moneys so received.

It is suggested that the information be furnished in statement form in triplicate.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Liquor  
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JACKET NO. 1.

DUPLICATE CARBON LETTER FILE

(Substitute for tissue copies.)

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FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1913,

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November 1, 1913.

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Mr. A. E. Light,

Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Light:

I enclose herewith check No. 72 in the sum of \$175.00 to cover your salary for the month of October. Check for your September expense account will be forwarded in a day or two.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Enclosed herewith for \$76.05  
*[Signature]*

November 3, 1913.

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Mr. Charles Brown,

Box 16,

Nome, Alaska.

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of October 10th and am glad to hear that you escaped the ravages of the storm which worked such havoc to the good town of Nome. I have been interesting myself in every way possible in the raising of funds to aid the distressed and to enlist the activities of the government in behalf of the people of Nome. I sincerely trust that there will be no want or distress in Nome during the winter and that the monies received will be sufficient to again put the town in fair shape. The reports which we received from Nome have been very conflicting as to the extent of the damage done by the storm and it has been impossible to get the exact truth as to conditions. I know, however, that they must be bad enough under any circumstances, as I have seen a storm rage on Bering Sea not once but several times. You do not state in your letter whether your house on the spit escaped destruction or not, but I take it that it was saved.

I am sorry that Wesley has given up his idea of going to college, but I suppose it is the only thing for him to do. Should he come to Juneau I will try to do what I can for him.

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With regard to the appointment as agent for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives in the Second division, I have to say that nothing can be expected in that line now before next year. There are no funds at my command at this time for that purpose.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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September 6, 1913.

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Sir:

My accounts as disbursing agent of the appropriation "Suppressing of the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1914," for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1913, were not mailed by me to the Auditor until October 22 last, the delay being due to a large amount of work in this office in connection with the preparation of the Governor's annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, which was not completed until October 16 last, and the consequent accumulation of official correspondence which required attention immediately upon completion of the annual report. For these reasons it was impossible to transmit the accounts within the period of twenty days after the close of the fiscal quarter, and I have the honor to request that the Secretary of the Treasury be asked to waive the delinquency in view of the explanations made above.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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November 11, 1913.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letters of the 7th instant enclosing corrected expense account for the month of July and expense accounts for the months of August, September and October. I note that owing to the lack of blanks you have not forwarded duplicates of the August, September and October accounts, but will do so as soon as you receive the necessary blanks. I am sending to you by first mail a supply of personal service and traveling expense vouchers.

In future when certifying to an expenditure for which you have not taken a receipt, please send the <sup>certificate</sup> receipt in duplicate as it is desirable to retain a duplicate copy with the duplicate expense voucher in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 11, 1913.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following checks of this date payable to your order:

No. 76 \$471.11 covering salary from July 15 to Oct. 31. inc.

No. 77 40.50 expense account for July.

No. 78 63.00 " " " August.

No. 79 52.45 " " " September.

No. 80 51.05 " " " October.

I enclose herewith the duplicate vouchers for your August, September and October expenses which have been filled out on the first page, but require to be filled out in detail on the second page. Kindly give this your prompt attention and return these duplicate vouchers to me at the earliest possible date.

In connection with your August account I notice that in charging up meals had at Seward you show the price of each meal, but seem to have regarded each meal as one-quarter of a day's expense. As these meals seem to be had independently of room rent, you should simply have charged the price of each meal without any reference to the fractional portion of a day.

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The only instance where it is necessary to show a fractional day's expense is where board and room are obtained at so much per day for both, as for instance, the expenditure covered by your subvoucher No. 5 for August, which covers "board and room 18th to 24th inc. 5-3/4 days at \$3.00 per day". The last item of expenditure in your August account covering "board and room August 26th to 28th inc. 3/4 at 37 1/2 cents, at Iliamna, \$3.00," apparently should have been shown as board and room from supper of August 26 to dinner of August 28 inclusive -- two days at \$1.50 per day \$3.00. Please furnish a separate explanation covering this item so that it may be attached to the expense voucher.

Enclosed herewith I send you three personal service voucher blanks which you will please sign and return by first mail. I am also enclosing a supply of expense account voucher blanks for your future use.

In connection with your expense vouchers please note that it is unnecessary to make any entries under the heading "matters of travel performed upon transportation requests". This portion of the expense account is intended for use where printed forms of requests for transportation are furnished.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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November 15, 1913.

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Mr. Jim Juneby,  
Native Police Officer,  
Eagle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you three blank salary vouchers, to be signed by you on the line preceded by the stamped words "sign here", after which please mail them to me in the enclosed franked, addressed envelope.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disbursing Agent.

3 encls.

November 18, 1915.

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Mr. A. E. Light,

Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Light:

For purposes of record in this office will you please advise what property, stationery, et cetera, was turned over to you by your predecessor, Mr. F. C. Irons.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 19, 1913.

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Honorable E. S. Stackpole,  
United States Commissioner,  
Ketchikan, Alaska, /

My dear Judge:

Your letter of the 5th instant addressed to United States Marshal Faulkner, together with enclosure from Mr. W. Duncan, of Metlakatla, relative to the appointment of an Indian policeman at that place has been referred to this office. In reply I beg to advise you that the Governor of the Territory has no authority to appoint a policeman at Metlakatla, these Indians occupying a somewhat peculiar position with regard to the Territory and the United States for that matter. I believe that they should have a policeman as suggested by Mr. Duncan and probably if he would write direct to the Department of the Interior one might be provided.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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November 20, 1913.

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Mr. R. W. Beasley,

Manager, W. P. Mills Co., Inc.,

Yakutat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 12th with reference to the appointment of a deputy marshal at your town. In reply I have to advise you that I have already taken up this matter with United States Marshal Faulkner and have endeavored to impress upon him the necessity that I believe exists for the stationing of a deputy United States marshal at Yakutat. Mr. Faulkner has promised to investigate conditions and he will, if possible, visit Yakutat in person within a short time provided he can find the time necessary to make the trip. From investigations that I have caused to be made I am satisfied that a deputy marshal should be regularly stationed at your place. I shall again confer with Mr. Faulkner and urge his early consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor,

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Juneau

December 1, 1913.

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① Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,  
Valdez, Alaska.

② Mr. A. E. Light,  
Special Employee,  
Etah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you check of this date in payment of  
your salary as special employee for the month of November, 1913.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, &  
Special Disturbing Agent.

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Check No. ② 82 175<sup>00</sup>

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December 1, 1913.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke.

Special Employee.

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 27th with reference to your visit to Ellamar and other places in that vicinity. I am glad to know that there is very little intoxication on the part of the natives there and that the situation is generally good so far as the selling of intoxicating liquors is concerned.

With reference to the gambling question, I have to advise you that as a special employee of the Department it is not your duty to investigate gambling transactions, but I take it that you are at liberty to do what you please in this regard as a private citizen. Speaking generally, however, I do not think it would be a matter of good policy for special agents to devote their attention to any other duties than those in which they are specially engaged, as much as the gambling habit is to be deprecated. Were you to make the complaint as suggested by the United States Marshal, criticism would not doubt be directed against you on the ground that you were attending to gambling cases instead of the prosecution of those engaged in furnishing intoxicating liquors to the natives.

I shall be glad to hear from you on any matter of interest to

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--Mr. Joseph A. Bourke, P.S.--

the public service.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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December 15, 1913.

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

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find check No. 87 of this date in your favor for \$40.00, in settlement of your expense account for the month of November, 1913.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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December 15, 1913.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 86 of this date payable to you in the sum of \$103.00, in settlement of your October, 1913, expense account.

Your letter of November 9th is at hand, and I thank you for the corrected August and September sub-vouchers therewith sent, which I have substituted for those originally sent with the accounts. Of course I understand the expense accounts even when unit prices and quantities do not appear, from my general knowledge of conditions, etc., but the Auditor at Washington does not know or else is bound by so much red tape that he cannot use any discretion; hence we are obliged to be very careful with all sub-vouchers -- as you have no doubt discovered in your experience in government work in other places.

You mentioned in your letter of Nov. 9th that you were sending "two copies of a telegram sent the Governor", but I failed to find them with your letter or your October expense account.

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I note you say you had no voucher blanks for making up your December account, and that you were short of official stationery. I sent you a supply of voucher forms, letterheads, etc., some time ago, which will no doubt reach you in due course of time. I do not recall now whether I addressed them to you at Fairbanks or Ruby, but trust they will arrive all right. I will start another supply to you, at Ruby, however, so as to make doubly sure of the matter.

It is noted that you received a refund of \$12 from the N. C. Co. at Tanana, on a steamer ticket between that point and Ruby, and that you had expended \$8.50 of the amount for food, etc., having a balance of \$3.50 still on hand. It is assumed you will account for the \$3.50 when expended, in the same way as you have accounted for the \$8.50 -- that is, by letter.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year, I am

Faithfully yours,

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

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December 22, 1913.

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Honorable James J. Crossley,  
United States Attorney,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant with enclosures relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors at retail in the Fourth division of the Territory, for which I thank you.

I heartily commend the action you have taken in securing the adoption of rules regulating the retail liquor traffic. This will be of much value to the special agent for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives and I sincerely hope that the other divisions will adopt this or similar rules and regulations.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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December 23, 1913.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

Your expense account for November is at hand, and I enclose herewith check number 88 of this date in the sum of \$287.75 to cover same.

Your sub-vouchers are in fine shape. I do not think the Auditor can find any fault with them.

I note an item of expense at Fairbanks of dog-team hire,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days at \$15 per day. In the November expense account of Game Warden Hoey, of Fairbanks, I also note an item of dog-team hire, 15 days at \$5 per day. Quite a margin of difference in rates. Possibly Hoey has some special arrangement as to the team he uses; I do not know. If you have occasion to hire a team again at Fairbanks, it might be a good thing to consult Hoey or McDonauld. Hoey's rate, of course, is much below the usual charge.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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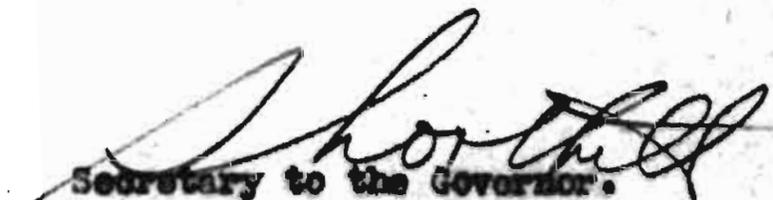
**Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 29, 1913, O. B.**

**Joseph A. Bourke, Valdez, Alaska.**

**As soon as possible after December thirty-one mail to this office a statement of all cases where arrests have been made by you or upon your complaint for furnishing liquor to Indians using following headings. Name of defendant; disposition by United States Commissioner; action of grand jury; action taken in district court and sentence imposed.**

**Strong, Governor.**

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

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

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December 31, 1913.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke.

Special Employee.

Valdes, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 89 of this date issued to you in payment of your salary for the month of December, 1913. There is also enclosed a blank salary voucher, which you will please sign and return to me.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

and S. D. A.

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January 2, 1914.

Mr. Jim Juneby,  
Native Police Officer,  
Eagle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 91 in your favor for \$100, covering your salary for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1913.

I find that I sent you the wrong form of voucher blank some time ago, but have used one of them for the payment of your August-December salary to avoid further delay. I have destroyed the other two which were signed and returned by you. I enclose herewith two personal service vouchers, which you will please sign and return to me in the envelope accompanying them. They will be used when paying your salary for the March and June quarters of 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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January 8, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts as Special Measuring Agent of the appropriation "Suppressing traffic in intoxicating liquors, Alaska, 1914", for the quarter ended December 31, 1913. The accounts referred to include the following papers:

1. Abstract of disbursements.
2. Account current.
3. Vouchers 1 to 24 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

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

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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January 9, 1914.

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Honorable H. L. Faulkner,  
United States Marshal,  
Jameau.

My dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the teacher of natives at Heonah and others of that place, which is self-explanatory.

In this connection I may say that upon the return of Special Agent Snow, who is now absent on official business, I shall direct that he proceed to Heonah and inquire into conditions alleged to be existing at that place. I shall be pleased if you can co-operate with him in any way.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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January 9, 1914.

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Mr. G. A. Danforth,  
Government Teacher,  
Koonah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of January 1st signed by yourself, Miss Esther Gibson and Rev. George E. Good, with reference to the enforcement of law and the illegal sale of liquor at Koonah, and asking that a secret officer be detailed for work at that place. In reply I wish to advise you that in all of southeastern Alaska there is but one special employe for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives and we are thus handicapped not only by lack of the necessary employes, but for money to pay for their services.

The special employe for this division is now absent on official business, but upon his return I shall direct that he proceed to Koonah and make an investigation of conditions there obtaining. You will be kind enough to treat his proposed visit as absolutely confidential, as if his proposed visit to your town is <sup>not</sup> known. He will have a better opportunity of securing results.

In this connection I would thank you if you would inform this office of the name of some reliable and thoroughly dependable native at Koonah who would be willing to co-operate with the special agent at a small compensa-

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tion for the services which he would render. A number of native officers were employed for a time at a number of Indian villages in southeastern Alaska, but their services were discontinued last summer owing to a lack of funds for their maintenance. There are now none of these employed anywhere in Alaska, except one at Eagle on the Yukon River.

I have to thank you for your letter and I wish to assure you that I shall do everything within my power and the means at my command to secure a betterment of conditions at Noonah.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

cc to Miss Esther Gibson,  
Noonah, Alaska.

Rev. Geo. E. Good,  
Noonah, Alaska.

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January 12, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 93 of this date payable to your order in the sum of \$14.87, in settlement of your expense account for the month of December.

Respectfully yours,

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

encl.



TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
Juneau

January 16, 1914.

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To all Special Employees:

The Governor's office has prepared a form for monthly and quarterly reports of the several Special Employees, a supply of which is being sent to each of said officers under separate cover.

Enclosed herewith will be found a sample form of the Monthly report and of the quarterly report, for the guidance of the officers in filling out their reports.

Immediately upon receipt of the supply of blanks each officer will make up a complete list of all cases brought by him up to December 31, 1913, listing them in the order of the arrest of the defendant, and beginning with number one and numbering them in consecutive order. Full information of the action taken in each case up to December 31 should be shown under the proper headings. This report may be designated as the quarterly report for December 31, 1913.

At the end of January (and similarly at the end of each succeeding calendar month) a monthly report should be made out to cover any cases begun during that month. The numbers of these cases will follow in consecutive order those reported up to ~~XXXXXX~~ December 31, 1913, and this system of numbering will continue to June 30, 1914.

On March 31 a quarterly report should be made out. This report should take up, first, any cases covered by the report of December 31, 1913, in which further action has been taken subsequent to the date of that report, and, second, cover any cases reported for January and February in which further action has been had subsequent to the dates of the reports for those months; and, third, include any cases begun during March (the report being, in this particular, a repetition of the monthly report for March).

Similar monthly reports will be made for April, May and June, and on June 30 a quarterly report should be made out which will cover any cases reported in the December 31 report and March 31 report in which action has been had subsequent to the quarterly report for March 31; and will then cover the April, May and June cases in the same way as outlined above in respect to the March 31 quarterly report. In other words: the quarterly report of June 30 will practically be a report of the work of the entire period.

In making out the quarterly reports it will not be necessary to give all the data in respect to cases which have been covered in a monthly report of previous date, but show

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the NUMBER of the case, and then the data, under proper headings, with respect to any action taken in regard to the case subsequent to the date of the monthly report in which it was first listed, or subsequent to such information as may have appeared in a previous quarterly report. See the enclosed sample of quarterly report, as to cases No. 111 and 113.

A perusal of the explanations of column headings, which appear at the top of the form, will show what this office desires in the way of information, and you will note that it is the purpose eventually to have a complete record of every case from date of arrest to acquittal or imposition of sentence in the district court.

The information under "N" should, of course, be given in the monthly report in which a case first appears.

For the purposes of this report a case will be regarded as begun on the date on which the defendant is arrested -- or, where a warrant is sworn out and the defendant eludes arrest, it may be regarded as begun on the date on which the warrant was issued; the report then showing proper information as to the disappearance of the defendant, etc., in lieu of the information called for by the headings of the report blank.

On JULY 1, 1914, you will start your list of cases for the fiscal year 1915 with number one, and report these in the same way as above outlined.

After June 30, 1914, all cases begun up to that date and not finally disposed of will be carried over as "1914 Cases" and reported at the end of each quarter only, on separate blanks from those on which the 1915 cases are reported. These 1914 cases will be reported from quarter to quarter until finally disposed of, so that ultimately this office will have a complete record of each of these cases.

It is suggested that each Special Employee start a record of his cases on the form referred to, and use it as a register of cases, entering thereon from time to time the data as to action taken with regard to the several cases. This record will then correspond to the one which will be kept in this office and will be convenient for purposes of reference.

Additional blanks will be sent upon application to this office, as they may be needed.

Respectfully yours,

(Sent to  
J.A. Snow, Juneau,  
J.A. Bourke, Valdez,  
A. E. Light, Ruby.

Secretary to the Governor. *J*

January 23, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

In a conversation with Mr. John L. Steele, of Valdez, yesterday, he informed me that you desired some special information as to the duties devolving upon you as a special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska.

Primarily, your duties are those that may be readily inferred from the title of the office which you fill. It is your duty so far as it is within your power to prevent the sale or distribution of liquor of any kind among the natives of Alaska. The means by which you will endeavor to accomplish this object must depend upon yourself and the conditions by which you are surrounded, exercising at all times the greatest vigilance to the end that the traffic may be suppressed. You will have to exercise your own judgment in this matter as manifestly it is impossible for this office at this distance to advise you upon all matters that may arise. These you must decide for yourself, always being careful to exercise the soundest judgment that you can command. Under the law the United States marshals and deputy marshals are required to render you every assistance within their power in the discharge of the duties imposed upon you.

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I desire to call your especial attention to the following excerpt from a letter received from Cordova concerning conditions at that place, and I have to advise you upon the receipt of this letter, or as soon thereafter as may be compatible with the discharge of any duties that you may have in hand, to proceed to Cordova and make a thorough investigation of conditions among the natives at that place and in that vicinity. The excerpt is as follows:

"The condition of the natives in this district is deplorable. The hootch peddlers seem to be on the job all the time and it is seldom you meet a native but that he is either intoxicated or partially so. A native woman was found dead in a white man's cabin in Nyak a few days ago, and the autopsy on the remains showed that she died of arsenic poison. The man in whose cabin she was was a taxidermist and it appears he used the arsenic in preparing skins. From the evidence at the hearing it appears that they were all intoxicated the night before and it is claimed the woman took the poison with suicidal intent. The man was discharged."

It appears from the above that Cordova and that section needs a thorough investigation and I trust that you will be able to secure some results. I have written Dr. W. H. Chase of Cordova, Assistant Health Commissioner, of your proposed visit and have asked him to render you any assistance within his power, and also to keep the object of your visit as quiet as is possible, as the least publicity that is given it the more good you may be able to accomplish.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, January 28, 1914. O. H.

A. E. Light,

Koyukuk.

When did you forward last lot of signed salary vouchers? Payment for December delayed account no vouchers at hand.

SHORTHILL, Secy. to Governor.

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



Secretary to the Governor.

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January 29, 1914.

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My dear Mr. Light:

Just received your wire from Louden in reply to mine of yesterday in reference to salary vouchers.

I do not know whether I overlooked sending some voucher blanks to you or what, but at any rate I had none for December and have not yet received any from you. The one referred to in your message today will no doubt arrive in due course and will be used to cover both December and January as soon as I get it. I am sending you herewith a number of these blanks to be signed and returned to me, and I hope that in future I shall not let my supply get so low. I always plan on keeping at least one or two more on hand than are required for regular use, so as to make sure that I can issue the salary vouchers promptly at the end of each month.

I trust the delay in payment of your December (and possibly January, also) salary will not inconvenience you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

Mr. A. E. Light, Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

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January 31, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 95 of this date in your favor for \$133.33, the same covering your salary for the month of January, 1914.

Kindly sign and return to me the enclosed blank salary voucher, for future use.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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MEMO of outstanding checks drawn on appropriation: "Suppressing  
 Liquor Traffic in Alaska, 1914", as of date February 9, 1914; sub-  
 ject to correction to show checks paid since November 30, 1913.  
 (Also subject to correction showing checks paid in May, 1913.)  
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Date. 1913.	No.	Payee.	Amount.
Mar. 31	14	John H. Robinson	\$ 160.00
"	15	Chas. W. Demmert	60.00
" <del>22</del>	16	Sam Johnson	60.00
Apr. 18	21	John H. Robinson	137.35
"	23	Lewis L. Harding	98.50
30	25	Lewis L. Harding	185.00
"	27	W. W. Shorthill	4.56
May 2	28	Lewis L. Harding	100.25
July 31	55	Jim Juneby	60.00
Aug. 22	62	A. E. Light	169.75
Oct. 6	69	A. E. Light	175.00
"	70	" " "	239.19
Oct. 31	72	" " "	175.00
Nov. 1	73	" " "	260.05
11	76	Joseph A. Bourke	471.11
"	77	" " "	40.50
"	78	" " "	63.00
"	79	" " "	52.45
"	80	" " "	31.05
Dec. 1	81	" " "	133.33
"	82	A. E. Light	175.00
"	83	Joseph A. Snow	175.00
3	84	" " "	72.80

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Dec.	11	85	J. F. A. Strong	4.30
	15	86	A. E. Light	103.00
	"	87	Joseph A. Bourke	40.00
	23	88	A. E. Light	287.75
	31	89	Joseph A. Bourke	133.34
	"	90	Joseph A. Snow	175.00
	"	91	Jim Juneby	100.00
1914				
Jan.	3	92	Joseph A. Snow	55.20
	12	93	Joseph A. Bourke	14.87
	31	94	Joseph A. Snow	175.00
	"	95	Joseph A. Bourke	133.33
Feb.	2	96	Dispatch Publishing Co. Inc.	8.75
	5	97	Joseph A. Snow	65.10

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CHECKS paid in May, 1913, as well as those which have been paid since November 30, 1913. The statement of Game appropriation checks is, also, subject to correction as to checks which have been paid since November 30, 1913.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

Auditor for the Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

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February 9, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, advising settlement of my account for period ended September 30, 1913, by certificate No. 8759, <sup>difference in the</sup> case showing a balance of 20 cents in favor of the United States, account errors in extensions on sub-voucher 1, Voucher No. 9, Joseph A. Snow, August, 1913. I will take this matter up with the officer and adjust it immediately upon his return to Juneau -- probably within ten days.

In response to your request to furnish a list of "outstanding and unpaid checks under each appropriation", I submit herewith statements showing outstanding checks of the Game and Liquor appropriations to February 9, 1914, as the same appear from my books and the November, 1913, statement of balance for each account which I have received from the Treasurer of the United States. I have no information as to what checks have been paid since November 30, 1913. In connection with the checks of the Liquor appropriation, I beg to advise that the Treasurer's statement for May, 1913, has been mislaid and I am unable to ascertain at this time what checks were paid during that month. The statement submitted herewith is, therefore, subject to correction as to

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CHECKS paid in May, 1913, as well as those which have been paid since November 30, 1913. The statement of Game appropriation checks is, also, subject to correction as to checks which have been paid since November 30, 1913.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

Auditor for the Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

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February 10, 1914.

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The First National Bank,

Juneau,

Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed I hand you herewith the sum of 25 cents in each, which I will thank you to place to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as "Refund to Appropriation Suppression Liquor Traffic, Alaska, 1914". Kindly transmit the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and the duplicate and triplicate to me.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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February 10, 1914.

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Auditor for the Interior Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo advising settlement of my accounts for the period ended September 30, 1913, by certificate No. 8759, the same showing a debit difference of 20 cents on account of errors in extension on subvoucher one of voucher No. 9, Joseph A. Sells.

I have this day deposited with the First National Bank, Juneau, Alaska, the sum of 20 cents in cash for credit to the Treasurer of the United States on account of "Refund to Appropriation Suppression Liquor Traffic Alaska, 1913", to cover the debit difference above referred to. Duplicate certificate of deposit is herewith transmitted.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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February 11, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

Enclosed find check No. 98 of this date  
for \$261.55, covering your December expense account, and  
99 for \$350.00, covering your December and January salary.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

*Handwritten initials and signature:*  
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C. E. C.

February 16, 1914.

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The Auditor for the Interior Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to refer to your letter of July 25, 1913, with reference to the settlement of my accounts as Special Disbursing Agent of the appropriation "Suppression of Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1913", for the period ended June 30, 1913, by certificate 8213. Particular reference is made to suspended item of \$5.00 covered by voucher No. 7, F. E. Hoyle (Bagler), sub-voucher 11, laundry. In response to my letter of August 5, 1913, addressed to the Manager of the Hotel Royal Alexandra, Dawson, Y. T., requesting itemized statement covering the laundry charges in question, I am today in receipt of the Manager's reply, which is enclosed herewith, together with statement slip from the Cascade Steam Laundry, Dawson, covering the item referred to.

Respectfully yours,

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

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February 17, 1914.

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Rev. S. Hall Young,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of the 4th instant, written at Chicago, enclosing a copy of the report of Rev. Edward Marsden respecting the sale of liquor and the violations of law among the natives under his supervision. In reply to your question whether I cannot suggest some way of reaching the evils depicted in Mr. Marsden's report, I have to advise you that this office is doing everything within its power and as far as the appropriation for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives will permit to suppress this illegal traffic. This appropriation permits the employment of one special employe only for this division for the purpose named. He is supposed to cover the entire judicial division and is constantly busy. The results obtained have been very good, but not to the extent that could be desired. Notwithstanding, the court records will show a large number of successful prosecutions. Other cases that have been tried have not been successful, due to what jurists claim is insufficiency of evidence, and the reluctance which the average jury seems to have in basing convictions upon evidence of natives.

The insufficiency of the appropriation has prevented the employ-

*H.H.*

ment of Indian policemen and I may say that in places where they were formerly employed, the services rendered have been reported to me as having been unsatisfactory and productive of few or no results. Recently I have endeavored to secure the services of an Indian policeman at Hoonah and my efforts were rewarded by the information coming from the missionary at that place and the United States school teacher that there is not a native there competent to fill such a position. I am now making an attempt to secure the services of an Indian at Ketchikan and another at Craig on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island, who will be paid from a surplus of a few hundred dollars that we have, or are likely to have, in the fund for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

If the annual appropriation could be increased so as to permit the appointment of additional employes for the First and Fourth divisions, I believe much greater results might be obtained. But always we are confronted by the apparent never ending "lack of funds". I need not say to you that I am sincerely desirous and most anxious to use every legitimate means at my disposal to stamp out as far as it may be possible to do so this notorious traffic, and to afford the natives the most ample protection and encouragement in their efforts to attain to a higher standard of living.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 18, 1914.

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Rev. Nelson Stuck,

221 Fourth Ave.,

New York City.

Dear Archbishop Stuck:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant recommending Mr. W. J. Ryder, of 813 Swifts Boulevard, St. Johns, Oregon, as a suitable man for appointment as special agent for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives on the Yukon River.

In reply I have to advise you that I have met Mr. Ryder and believe he would render as efficient services as is possible under the circumstances were he appointed. The present appointee, Mr. Light, seems to be doing good work and is getting some results, the first that have been obtained by a special employe. We are handicapped very much by a lack of funds for this work and I have recommended that an additional appropriation be made, and if it shall be possible for me to place Mr. Ryder, I shall be more than pleased <sup>to</sup> do so. I am sincerely glad that the Bishop and yourself were able to see the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General and urged upon them the importance of this matter.

I trust that you are enjoying your vacation to the fullest and hope that you will return with your "youth renewed as the eagle's". I read your article on the ascent of Mount Denali with very great interest and I

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wish to congratulate you upon the excellent article and the manner in  
which it was treated.

With best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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Mr. Frank Mercer,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 23, 1913, making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the government, and for other purposes, wherein is contained the following paragraph:

"For the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, \$12,000."

and under the authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose, I hereby appoint you a Special Employee under this office, with compensation at the rate of \$50 per month. This appointment is temporary only, and subject to revocation at any time. You will have your headquarters at Juneau, and will work under the immediate direction of Special Employee J. A. Snow, aiding, also, the U. S. Marshal and his deputies at Juneau and Douglas when you can do so. You will be allowed your necessary expenses of ferry fares between Juneau and Douglas, for which you should take receipts in duplicate and turn them over to Special Employee Snow, who will take

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them up in his monthly expense account and reimburse you.

You will arrange to take the oath of office, executing the same in duplicate and filing both copies in this office. Your compensation will begin on the date on which you take the oath of office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Snow:

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter of this date to Frank Mercer, Juneau, appointing him a Special Employee with headquarters at Juneau, to work under your immediate direction. You will note he is to be allowed his necessary expenses of ferry fare between Juneau and Douglas, for which he is to take receipts and turn them over to you to be taken up in your monthly expense accounts. If you prefer you may have the receipts made out to you direct -- and perhaps this will be the better way -- showing on the face of them that they cover the fare of Mercer as Special Employee.

Faithfully yours,

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

Encl.

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**SPECIFICATIONS FOR BADGES FOR SPECIAL EMPLOYEES.**

Make 6 badges, circular in form,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches diameter, similar to No. 114, page 345, Lowman & Hanford Co. 1911 catalog; german silver, nickel-plated, filled with black enamel. Safety-pin attachment on back of each badge for fastening to officer's clothes.

Lettering on circular rim of badges to be as follows:

Upper portion - "SPECIAL EMPLOYEE"

Lower portion - "SUPPRESSION LIQUOR TRAFFIC"

Lettering on star in center -- word "ALASKA", in upper portion of star, with lower portion filled in with some design to give proper balance to appearance of star.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle,

Washington.

Gentlemen:

Please have made in accordance with the specifications on attached sheet six badges for use of special employees. Enclosed is a blank voucher to be filled out and signed by your cashier or other officer to cover the cost of these badges.

Kindly ship these badges in the same package with ten badges for game wardens, which are covered by a separate order of this date, including the parcel post charges on the package in the voucher covering the badges for game wardens.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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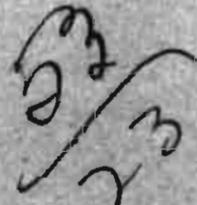
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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the original oath of office of Frank Mercer, dated the 25th instant. This man is a half-blood Indian, resident of Juneau, and I have appointed him to the position of Special Employee under the appropriation for suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of Alaska, the appointment being temporary only. Salary will be paid at the rate of \$50 per month. No expenses will be allowed other than ferry fares for such official travel as may be necessary between Juneau and Douglas. This expense will be taken up in the monthly expense account of Special Employee Joseph A. Snow, under whose immediate direction Mercer will work in Juneau and vicinity.

This appointment is deemed necessary on account of the continued activity of whiskey peddlers among the Indians at Juneau and the immediate vicinity, there being at present an unusually large number of worthless characters in the community. Mercer is well educated, of good character, and highly recommended.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment, the same to continue for such time as circumstances seem to make it advisable to keep Mercer at work



in the local field. The need is all the more urgent because of the fact that Special Employee Snow is frequently called to other towns in this division.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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

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February 25, 1914.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,

Special Employee,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find check No. 100 of this date issued to you in the sum of \$133.33 in payment of your salary for the month of February, 1913. Please sign and return to this office the enclosed voucher blank.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and

S. D. A.

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

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith, as per your request, check No. 101 of this date for the sum of \$175.00 in payment of your salary for the month of February, 1913.

Faithfully yours,

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

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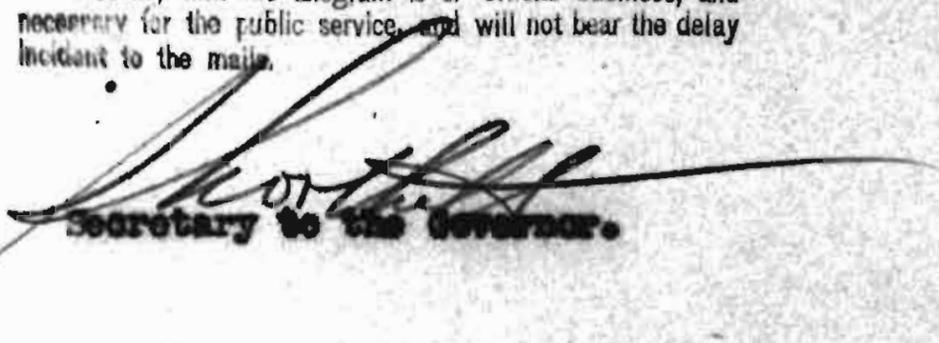
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Joe. A. Bourke, Copper Center.

You should visit Cordova soon as possible in accordance with instructions in letter mailed you Valdez dated January twenty-third.

Strong, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

Enclosed find check No. 103 of this date in your favor, in settlement of your January expense account which reached this office last night.

I note that your sub-voucher #9 of January 5th, signed by Thomas Wilson, and covering "Assistance rendered breaking trail", amount \$5, does not show the number of hours or other period of service. This, I imagine, the Auditor will insist upon. I suggest you send in a memo explanation for this item, stating that it covers services for 1 day or whatever the period was. I can then attach the memo to the voucher -- or send it in after the accounts have been forwarded, in case I do not receive it in time to send with them. Kindly furnish this memo in duplicate.

I also note that your message of January 6 to Long at Ruby is not certified by you as being on official business. The same applies to message of the 8th to Crossley, Fairbanks. No doubt you overlooked the certificate, as you of course understand that all official messages sent by you should be certified as official business, etc. The auditor may pass the items without question in this case, but it is best to be on the safe side by always making the certificate.

I am sending three more salary voucher blanks to be signed and returned by you. Am sorry that your February salary payment must await the receipt of a signed voucher from you, but hope it will be along soon.

The Governor has not been away from Juneau this winter. I send you under separate

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cover a copy of his annual report, which I think you will find interesting.

I trust you will have forwarded your report to December 31st, on the forms sent you some time ago, before this letter reaches you. I am waiting its receipt before making up a general report to be sent to the Department.

In this connection, I suggest that in your monthly and quarterly reports you show first of all such cases as directly relate to the suppression of the liquor traffic, that is, prosecutions for furnishing liquor to a native. As a separate report, for the information of this office, you might then show (using the same form, if you wish) those cases which are incidental to your regular work -- that is, prosecutions for being drunk and disorderly, or other crime or misdemeanor, in which you have had some part in bringing the guilty party to justice. Such explanation of each such case as you deem important to this office may be given. This will serve to show, in an "aside" as it were, the good results attending your operations, although you may not always be able to make out a case for violation of the act prohibiting the furnishing of liquor to a native. I note you have been instrumental in quite a number of such prosecutions. The blanks sent you are, of course, primarily for use in reporting cases involving infractions of the "liquor-to-Indian" act.

November,

I note that your expense accounts for December and January have amounted to a total of \$843.10. Your expenses for October, November and December were \$652.30. There was a saving of \$67.70 for those three months (your allowance being \$240 per month, or \$720 for the quarter). The January account was \$292.80, or \$52.80 in excess of the monthly allowance. In view of the savings in expense accounts to December 31st, the Governor recently employed a native here at \$50 per month, to assist Snow in his work in this vicinity. The length of time this man is employed will depend upon his usefulness and upon the amount of money which may be saved in expense accounts during the next two or three months. Of course, you are expected to run your expenses up to the limit of the allowance, if the work requires it. I merely

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mention the matter so that you may know that any saving in expense accounts is not at all in danger of resulting in funds being turned back into the U. S. treasury at the end of the fiscal year. We can easily use all that will be available, and that is what the governor is endeavoring to do -- to get the maximum of service and results on a minimum of expenditure.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disb. Agent.

Encl.

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February 28, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) be placed to my official credit with the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. from the appropriation: "Suppression Liquor Traffic, Alaska, 1914", under my bond dated July 1, 1913, for \$8,000. My balance this date for this account, as shown on my books, is \$1,339.46. Balance on my books this date of funds from appropriation "Protection of Game in Alaska, 1914", is \$2,889.59; the bond above mentioned covering disbursements under both appropriations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

*W. C. C.*

March 11, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check No. 104 of this date in your favor for \$4.75, in settlement of your February expense account.

You will note the check is for 25 cents less than the amount you showed as the total of your expense account. This for the reason that in your receipt (sub-voucher) NO. 12 you show 2½ days' meals @ \$4.50 as amounting to \$11.50, whereas you will find if you figure it out that is \$11.25. I have corrected the receipt and your expense account accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disbursing Agent.

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Juneau, March 11, 1914. O. B.

A. E. Light,

care Deputy Marshal,

Ft. Gibbon.

Letter February eleventh received. The report blanks sent you intended primarily for cases brought by you, but you may show on same form all other cases incidental to your operations, such as those mentioned in your letter. All reports remain here but summary of operations goes to Department from time to time. Have you forwarded salary vouchers recently?

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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March 11, 1914.

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Mr. A. E. Light,

Special Employee,

Ruby, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of the 11th ultimo in which you detail you work for the month of January. I notice you seem to have been busy and have accomplished some results, both directly and indirectly. In a footnote to your letter I note that you express the hope that the "Governor is not discouraged with the small showing you make". I fully appreciate the disabilities under which you labor and a man can do but his best and I believe you will do this at all times. It is necessary to secure the fullest enforcement of the law as it is possible under the circumstances by which you are surrounded and with which you have to contend. There is always criticism because of a lack of apparent results, but these critics do not take into consideration the indirect good that is accomplished in the way of discouraging the sale and use of intoxicants among the natives and which does not appear on the surface.

There was forwarded to me recently copy of a letter addressed by Bishop P. T. Rowe to the President concerning conditions among the Indians and Eskimos of Alaska. I desire to call your especial attention to the following excerpt taken from Bishop Rowe's letter:

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"The law prohibiting the sale and giving of liquor to Indians is to all intents and purposes a dead-letter law. Something should be done to enforce the same better than is done at the present time."

While I think the good Bishop has overstated the matter, still I know that no one in Alaska more sincerely desires the stamping out of the abominable traffic than the Bishop, but he should realize the great difficulties under which the special employees labor. In the first place, they must cover a vast amount of Territory by any means of transportation that might be available, and this the Bishop does not seem to have taken into consideration; neither does he understand that it is very difficult at times to secure the necessary evidence to procure convictions, although the special employe may be absolutely sure of the guilt of the persons charged with the crime.

I need not say that I believe you will exercise the greatest vigilance and activity in this respect.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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MEMO of cases brought by P. C. Irons, Special Employee, in reference to which further information is desired.

FISCAL YEAR 1913.

No.	Name of Deft.	Data furnished by Irons.
4	John Duyek, 30 Mile Fish Camp, June 18, 1913	Liquor to Indian; Bound over June 19, bond of \$2500 required. 2nd offense.
	INFORMATION DESIRED:	Was bond furnished? What done with case since?
5	Joseph Determerman, 30 Mile Fish Camp, June 18, 1913	Liquor to Indian; bound over June 18, bond of \$2500 required. 1st offense.
	INFORMATION DESIRED:	Was bond furnished? What done with case since?
2	Alex Thermoiler, Tanana, March 27, 1913	"Given 30 days". Report does not state what the charge was.
	INFORMATION DESIRED:	Specific charge on which defendant was arrested and sentenced; did he plead guilty or was he tried and convicted?

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MEMO OF CASES LISTED UNDER OPERATIONS OF A. B. LIGHT, SPECIAL EMPLOYEE.

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- | No. | Name of Defendant.                                                                                                                               |
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| 1   | Luke and Julius, Natives, Koyukuk, Aug. 15/13, disorderly conduct; committed; paroled and held as witnesses against man who sold liquor to them. |
| 2   | Monkey (native) Koyukuk, Aug. 15/13, interfering with officer, 30 days in jail.                                                                  |
| 3   | Johnny Lige, Tanana, Aug. 8, 1913, "disturbing" religious meeting. 6 mo. in jail.                                                                |
| 4   | Jimais Albert, Tanana, Aug. 10/13, same as #3; 6 mo. in jail.                                                                                    |
| 5   | Fred Nicholi, Tanana, Aug. 11/13, same as # 3 and #4; 6 mo. in jail.                                                                             |
| 6   | William Joseph, Tanana, Aug. 12/13, disorderly conduct; fined \$5 and costs; served 3 days in jail.                                              |
| 7   | Johanna Stephen (native) Ft. Yukon, Sept. 30; Charge ? Fined \$25 and costs -- total of \$48.75.                                                 |
| 8   | Robert (native) Ft. Yukon, Sept. 30; drunk and disorderly; Fined \$25 and costs -- \$27.50.                                                      |
| 9   | Big Stephen (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 1; drunk and disorderly; Fined \$25.                                                                        |
| 10  | Marcia (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 2; drunk and disorderly; fined \$25.                                                                             |
| 11  | Wm. Muttonhead (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 3; Charge ? Fined \$50, and given 30 days in jail.                                                       |
| 12  | Margaret Piler (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 6; drunk and disorderly; fined \$25 and costs -- total \$35.25.                                          |
| 13  | Charlotte Stephen (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 6; drunkenness; fined \$22.65, including costs.                                                       |
| 14  | Nathaniel (native) Ft. Yukon, Oct. 8; Charge ? Fined \$30 and costs of \$17.                                                                     |
| 15  | Scotty Robinson, near Ruby, Jan. 8, 1914; liquor to native; Bg.cover; bond \$1,000, not given.                                                   |
| 16  | Tommy Ross (where? date?) Jan. 3 warrant issued; eluded arrest. Charge: liquor to Indian.                                                        |
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17 Dan Kennedy, Koyukuk Sta., Jan. 4/14; liquor to Indian;  
Discharged. Search warrant issued, etc.

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March 14, 1914.

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My dear Mr. Light:

Your letter of the 11th ultimo reached here just one month later. The Governor has written you with reference to it, and, very properly, I think, has expressed his gratification at the success of your work thus far. He fully appreciates the difficulties of work in your division.

I wired you, care of the deputy marshal at Ft. Gibbon, on the 11th instant, in brief reply to your inquiries as to just what cases were to be reported on the form sent you, etc. Of course we want a report of all cases which you establish yourself, whether directly for furnishing liquor to natives, or incidental thereto, as, for selling without a license, being drunk and disorderly, assault, etc., etc. All these are directly or indirectly the result of your operations, and are properly to be considered as subject of report to the department. I have begun an office record of cases in the 4th division, and under your operations have 17 cases listed, as per memo of same which I enclose. The first 6 I have noted as "Reported by Light, but prosecuted by Vawter, deputy marshal at Tanana". Am I right as to all six, or were only the 4 at Tanana (Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6) Vawter's cases, and the first two (at Koykuk) yours? Please advise me, as I wish our office record to be as nearly correct as it is possible to make it.

Cases such as you mentioned in your letter, in which you are not directly instrumental in apprehending the guilty parties, but furnish information to other officers who are thus able to secure the arrest of the parties and have them prosecuted, should also be reported. These may be shown on the report form, following your own cases, or else may be mentioned in such detail as you can give, in your written report of operations. As full information as possible should be given of these cases, too, so that our record of them may be as nearly complete as circumstances will admit. Where you can arrange with the officers to whom you give information leading to prosecutions of violators of the law, to follow up the progress of these cases from time to time until their final disposition, it will be very acceptable to this office to have such further reports. Our aim is to show the progress of each case from the date of arrest to the final disposition of the case -- as you will note from the form sent you. Any case in which you make the arrest, swear out the complaint, or obtain the necessary evidence and turn it over to the District Attorney's office or other officer who thereupon causes the arrest, or a case in which you are a witness, is, of course, almost without exception to be regarded

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as your case, and to be reported as such, with proper number on the blank.

The information which you have given as to some of the cases listed in the accompanying memo I think is slightly in error. For instance: In the case against Johanna Stephen (NO. 1 on list) the "crime charged" is shown by you as "Giving liquor to native"; but I note the case was disposed of by the U. S. Commissioner by a fine of \$25 and costs -- total of \$48.75. Of course, a commissioner can only bind over on a charge of giving liquor to a native; hence I take it that the actual charge was "drunk and disorderly", or some such misdemeanor of which the commission had jurisdiction to try the defendant. Please advise as to this.

The same applies to case No. //X, against Wm. Muttonhead, who was fined \$50 and given 30 days in jail. You show that the charge against him was "giving liquor to native". Was it not another case of "drunk and disorderly"?

Also, case No. //B, Nathaniel (native), fined \$30 and costs of \$17, on charge of "giving liquor to native". Was not this a case of "drunk and disorderly", or some other misdemeanor?

I enclose, also, a memo of some cases reported by your predecessor, Mr. Irone, which remain "open" on our records. If you can obtain any further information as to these cases, it will be appreciated, as we would like to have a record of their final disposition.

In column "H" of the report form, in addition to other information relative to the defendants, will you please show in each case whether the liquor furnished to the native was given, or sold. This is of importance as showing whether the law is violated for "revenue only" or for the sake of "goodfellowship", etc.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. It will be assumed by this office that all cases regularly numbered and reported by you are for "furnishing liquor to Indians", unless some other charge is specifically named on the report. If a defendant is arrested on some other charge, as, "drunk and disorderly", your report should show the exact nature of the charge; otherwise it will be regarded as a "liquor to Indian" case.

March 18, 1914.

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The United States Attorney,

Valdez,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

During the spring of 1913 Mr. John H. Robinson, who was then acting as a special employe under this office in the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives of the Third division, reported to this office that he had filed a complaint against the Russian Priest at Tateotlok, near Elisuar, charging him with giving and selling liquor to natives at that place. Shortly thereafter Mr. Robinson left the service and this office has had no further report in connection with this case. It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise what, if anything, was done in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 18, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Snow:

A letter received from the Department today approving the appointment of Frank Mercer, suggests that his expenses for ferry fares be covered by an expense account rendered by Mercer himself, instead of carrying them in your account as heretofore arranged. Please see Mercer and advise him so that he may arrange to do this in case he incurs any expense for ferry fares. He should take receipts in the same form as those which you take, and turn them in at this office. I can then fix up his expense account and he can swear to it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disb. Agent.

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March 18, 1914.

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Honorable H. L. Faulkner,  
United States Marshal,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Faulkner:

I am transmitting herewith for your information copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. E. D. Johns, of Yakutat, relative to conditions there and the need that seems to exist for the appointment of a deputy marshal at Yakutat, if such appointment can be brought about.

I am also transmitting a copy of Mr. Johns' letter to Judge Robert W. Jennings.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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

My dear Judge:

I am transmitting herewith for your information copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. E. D. Johns, of Yakutat, relative to conditions there and the need that seems to exist for the appointment of a deputy marshal at Yakutat, if such appointment can be brought about.

I am also transmitting a copy of Mr. Johns' letter to United States Marshal Paulkner.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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*Notables attached to  
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Sir:

I have the honor herewith to make report on the results accomplished during the last half of the fiscal year 1913 and the first half of the fiscal year 1914, in connection with the appropriation for "Suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska". The work during the periods mentioned has been confined to the first, third, and fourth judicial divisions; the funds appropriated by the Congress not being sufficient to permit of the employment of officers in the second judicial division. The work accomplished in the first division is much greater than in the third and fourth divisions. This is due in part to the fact that there are more natives in the first than in the third and fourth divisions, but mainly for the reason that the native towns and villages in the first division are situated at comparatively short distances from one another, and transportation facilities are quite easily obtained and relatively inexpensive.

The results obtained during the periods covered by this report may be briefly stated as follows:

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DIVISION NO. 1.

--Last half of fiscal year 1913 (January 1 to June 30, 1913)--

A total of 20 cases were reported during this period by the one special employee operating in the division. 17 of the defendants were bound over by the United States Commissioners to await the action of the grand jury, and 3 defendants were released after preliminary hearings before the Commissioners. Of the 17 cases considered by the grand jury, indictments were returned in 12 of them, while in the other 5 cases the jury failed to indict. Of the 12 persons who were indicted, 8 plead guilty, 1 was convicted upon trial, and 3 were discharged upon motion of the United States attorney because of the death or removal of important witnesses. Table "A" which accompanies this report shows the important details of the 20 cases reported.

--First half of fiscal year 1914 (July 1 to December 31, 1913)--

A total of 22 cases were reported during this period by the one special employee operating in the division. 19 of the cases were taken up before the United States commissioners. 15 of these defendants were bound over to await the action of the grand jury, 3 were released after preliminary hearing, while in the one remaining case a warrant of arrest was issued but the defendant could not be found. 3 other cases were taken before the grand jury in the first instance. Of the 18 cases

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considered by the grand jury, indictments were returned in 16 of them, while in 2 cases the jury failed to indict. Of the 16 persons indicted, 11 plead guilty, 3 were convicted upon trial, 1 was outside the Territory and could not be apprehended, and 1 was awaiting trial on December 31, 1913. Table "B" which accompanies this report shows the important details of the 22 cases reported.

DIVISION NO. 3.

--Last half of fiscal year 1913 (January 1 to June 30, 1913)--

Work in this division was begun on January 29, 1913, by the appointment of John H. Robinson, with headquarters at Valdez. The special employee continued in service until May 20. A successor was not named until after the close of the fiscal year.

During Robinson's period of service he made extensive investigations as to conditions among the natives in the Cook's Inlet region, also at Afognak, Kodiak, Seward, Valdez, Cordova, Ellamar and other points. In general he found the conditions among the natives very good, there being but little evidence of a traffic in liquor among them. At Kenai evidence was obtained against the one saloon in the town which later was of material assistance in preventing a renewal of the license for the saloon. 3 persons at Cordova who were suspected of furnishing liquor to natives, but against whom evidence was lacking, were successfully prosecuted for being drunk and dis-



orderly. A Chinaman employed at the Orea cannery, near Cordova, was convicted of selling liquor without a license. A fine of \$100 and costs was imposed by the United States commissioner, and the liquors were seized.

--First half of fiscal year 1914 (July 1 to December 31, 1913)--

On July 15 Joseph A. Bourke was appointed special employee, with headquarters at Valdez. During the remainder of the period covered by this report this officer made quite thorough investigations of conditions in his division, visiting numerous places in the Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay region as well as in the vicinity of Valdez, Cordova and Seward. But little evidence was found of the use of liquors by the natives, and no cases were established.

DIVISION NO. 4.

--Last half of fiscal year 1913 (January 1 to June 30, 1913)--

On January 22, 1913, F. C. Irons of Fairbanks was appointed special employee <sup>with headquarters</sup> at that place. He continued in service until the end of the fiscal year. During this period 6 persons were arrested for furnishing liquor to natives. Of these, 2 were released at the preliminary hearings before the United States commissioner, and 4 were bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Two of these cases were later considered by the grand jury, which failed to return indictments although the evidence was very strong. The other two cases were not presented to the grand jury prior to June 30.

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Two persons suspected of furnishing liquor to natives, but against whom sufficient evidence could not be obtained, were successfully prosecuted for being drunk and disorderly. Another suspect against whom conclusive evidence was lacking, was successfully prosecuted on a charge of assault and battery committed upon an Indian girl. A fine of \$200 and costs was imposed by the United States commissioner. Table "C" which accompanies this report shows the important details of the cases above mentioned.

--First half of fiscal year 1914 (July 1 to December 31, 1913)--

On July 1, 1913, A. E. Light was appointed special employee, vice Irons, resigned, with headquarters at Fairbanks. During the period covered by this report no cases were established for furnishing liquor to natives. At Ft. Yukon the special employee successfully prosecuted 8 natives for being drunk and disorderly. Table "D" which accompanies this report shows the important details of the cases reported by the special employee. The first 6 cases appearing in the table were prosecuted by the United States deputy marshal at Tanana during the special employee's stay at that place. The remaining cases were instituted by the special employee.

Work in the fourth division is particularly difficult on account of the lack of adequate transportation

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facilities and the very high cost of same, by the fact that the native settlements are scattered over a very large territory, by the fact that means of communication are often extremely uncertain or entirely wanting, and by the further fact that the funds available will not permit of anything like an adequate allowance for travel expenses of the special employee. A further obstacle in the way of successful work in this division in particular, is the state of the public mind, which in many places is either wholly indifferent or openly antagonistic to the prosecution of persons who furnish liquor to the natives. Not infrequently, indeed, the white residents of a community aid the violators in the carrying on of their traffic and in evading the officer. Objection is not infrequently made to the special employee that the prosecution of persons who furnish liquor to natives interferes with legitimate lines of trade, and it is looked upon with much disfavor.

It is greatly to be hoped that the estimate submitted by this office for the fiscal year 1915, in which the sum of \$15,000 was asked for, will be covered in full by an appropriation by the Congress. The results obtained in the first division show beyond question what can be done where conditions are favorable, and an increase in the appropriation as asked for, will greatly aid in carrying on the work in sections where conditions are less favorable but where the need is quite as great as in the

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first division of the Territory.

In future an effort will be made to render quarterly reports. Since, however, reports from the fourth division are usually a month or more in transit, these quarterly reports will necessarily be somewhat late in reaching the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 19, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th ultime (Adolph G. Miller, Assistant to the Secretary) transmitting a copy of a letter from Rev. P. T. Howe, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, in which he states that the law prohibiting the sale and giving of liquor to the Indians of Alaska is to all intents and purposes a dead letter law.

In order to present an intelligent reply to the Bishop's allegations, it will be necessary to deal with the matter at some length. The statements found herein are based upon data now in this office and which has been collected from the reports of the special employes for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives and from court records. These show that in the First Judicial division during the period between July 1, 1911, when the special employes began work, to December 31, 1913, a total of 149 cases were reported; grand juries returned 109 indictments of persons charged with selling or giving intoxicating liquors to Indians and there were 34 failures to indict; 12 defendants were released upon preliminary hearings before United States Commissioners; 1 defendant left the Territory after being bound over and admitted to bail by the United States Commissioner; 3 eluded arrest after issuance of warrants and left the Territory; 1 died before preliminary hearing; 3 were convicted

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of "selling liquor without a license" upon evidence obtained by special employees; 2 were convicted upon charges of "inciting another to commit a crime" (Indians who gave money to witnesses with request to buy liquor for them) upon evidence obtained by the special employees; in 3 cases the United States Attorney conducted an inquiry as to the methods and required record of sales to be kept for inspection of two drug stores and one saloon in Juneau upon evidence submitted by the special employees. The two drug stores referred to were later order<sup>ed</sup> to discontinue sales of "extracts" to natives and the orders are still in force. Numerous other cases were investigated but the evidence did not warrant prosecutions, although in most of them there was little doubt as to the guilt of the parties.

Of the 100 indictments returned, as shown above, in 80 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty; 22 were convicted; 3 were acquitted; 9 were dismissed upon motion of the United States Attorney on account of death or removal of witnesses; 1 was turned over to the military authorities at Fort William H. Seward; 4 defendants left the Territory after release on bail; 1 left the Territory after release upon his own recognizance, and two are now awaiting trial.

It will be noted that 80 out of 100 persons were successfully prosecuted under indictments, and that of 22 persons who went to trial only 3 were acquitted. In addition to these 80 cases, there were 3 in which the defendants were convicted of other offenses, making a total of 83 successful prosecutions upon evidence obtained by the special employees.

The foregoing figures do not include numerous prosecutions upon evidence obtained by the various United States deputy marshals in the First

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judicial division, whose operations materially assisted in the suppression of the traffic. At the time the special employees began their work (July 1, 1911) it was no uncommon thing for the officers to see during a single night's operations from 10 to 50 intoxicated Indians in Junes and the Indian village adjoining. Within a year this condition had so materially improved that a drunken Indian was seldom seen, and the apprehension of violators of the law was accomplished only after the most careful watching of suspects. This condition has continued to the present time. It is also true as to the town of Douglas, where a large native village exists and where formerly there was quite as much drunkenness as at Junes. Other villages in the division have also been rid of peddlars and conditions improved in the same way. The operations by fiscal years were as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, cases reported	61
" " " " " 1913, " "	66
First half of fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, cases reported.	31
Total cases reported during 1½ years	158

In the Third Judicial division John K. Robinson, formerly a United States deputy marshal in the Fourth division, was appointed a special employee on January 29, 1915, with headquarters at Wilder. His services terminated on May 20, 1915. During his period of service he made extensive investigations of the towns and villages in the Cook Inlet region, also the towns of Afognak, Kodiak, Seward and a number of villages in the Kani Peninsula, including the town of Egan. At the latter place he obtained evidence of numerous violations of the law by the one saloon keeper there, and later on his evidence with much other furnished by the school teachers and other

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residents of Kanaai resulted in the refusal of District Judge Brown to renew the license of this saloon, so that Kanaai is now without a saloon and has been since September, 1913.

Robinson successfully prosecuted 3 persons at Cordova for being "drunk and disorderly". These persons were suspected of furnishing liquors to Indians but sufficient evidence could not be obtained to substantiate a charge against them for this offense. He also secured the conviction of a Chinaman at the Cree country, near Cordova, for selling liquor without a license, a fine of \$100 being imposed and the liquor seized. At Valdez he filed a complaint against the Russian Priest at Tatostok, near Ellamar, for giving and selling liquor to natives, but apparently no action was taken.

After Robinson's tour of investigation, above mentioned, he made a report (March 31, 1913) in which he stated that he had not seen a drunken Indian in all his travels and that he had found conditions in the Third division "respectably good". He gave credit to the various deputy marshals for this condition.

From May 20 to July 15, 1913, there was no special employe on duty in the Third division. On the latter date Joseph A. Burns, of Valdez, was appointed. He made extensive investigations in the Cook Inlet country and Alaska Peninsula during the two months following his appointment and reported that there was but little drunkenness among the natives and but few whiskey peddlers at work. Later he investigated conditions at Ellamar, Cordova, Seward and Valdez and reported conditions good at all these places. No violators of the law were apprehended up to December 31, 1913.

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In July, 1912, Special Employee Hagler of the First division was detailed to visit the Yukon region from Eagle to Fairbanks and to report on conditions and methods most likely to insure a successful enforcement of the law. He spent some two months investigating conditions in the region named and then returned to Juneau to continue his work in the First division. Upon his return Mr. Hagler reported that while there was considerable drunkenness among the natives along the Yukon in the region visited, that it was almost impossible for one officer to apprehend violators of the law inasmuch as a great deal of the traffic was carried on by men who were moving from place to place in small boats, often at night, and an officer could not keep track of them unless a power boat were at his disposal and even then he would be greatly handicapped through lack of means of obtaining information quickly. Mr. Hagler's observations have been confirmed by the experience of officers who were subsequently detailed for work in the Fourth division.

On January 22, 1913, P. G. Irons (formerly a game warden in that division) was appointed a special employee with headquarters at Fairbanks. He continued in service until June 30, 1913. Six persons were arrested by Irons for furnishing liquor to natives during his period of service. Of these 2 were released by the United States Commissioner at the preliminary hearings, while 4 were bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Of the 4 bound over to the grand jury two were released after the grand jury had investigated them and returned "not true" bills. The other 2 cases were undisposed of December 31, 1913.

Two persons suspected of furnishing liquor to natives, but against whom evidence to convict could not be obtained, were arrested for being

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"drunk and disorderly" and convicted upon trial before the United States Commissioner. Another suspect against whom evidence could not be obtained at the time was arrested for assault and battery upon an Indian girl and was fined \$200 and costs by the United States Commissioner.

On July 1, 1913, A. B. Light was appointed Special Employee with headquarters at Fairbanks. Up to December 31, 1913, he had not been able to apprehend any one for furnishing liquor to Indians, but had successfully prosecuted several minor cases in all of which liquor had been furnished to natives. These consisted of 3 convictions of natives at Fort Yukon for being "drunk and disorderly". The special employee reports that in many of the towns and villages along the Yukon where he has operated (Eagle to Dulato) the white residents are not at all friendly to the efforts to suppress the traffic in intoxicating liquor among the natives, and do all they can to aid the peddler and hinder the officer, claiming that their business is affected adversely by the prosecution of persons who traffic in liquor with the natives. This condition is borne out by the reports of other officers in the region mentioned and until a better public opinion obtains, it is unlikely that any considerable success will result from the efforts of the special employee. Much good has resulted, however, from the very fact that an officer is operating in that division.

No special employee is located in the Second Judicial division.

I am transmitting herewith for your further information tabulated statements A, B, C, and D, which show the cases brought in connection with the administration of the appropriation for "Suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the natives of Alaska" for the following periods

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Table A (Division 1) January 1 to June 30, 1913.

" B " " July 1 to December 31, 1913.

" C " " January 1 to June 30, 1913.

" D " " July 1 to December 31, 1913.

I am today transmitting a copy of this letter to Bishop P. T.

Howe for his information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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March 21, 1914.

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Mr. E. De Johns,  
Yakutat,  
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant relative to the whiskey traffic, beer making and woman slavery at Yakutat, for which I thank you.

The conditions there seem to call for immediate remedy, if such can be provided, and to this end I have forwarded a copy of your letter to United States Judge Jennings and United States Marshal Faulkner for their consideration. A deputy marshal should be provided at once, but the Department of Justice is sometimes exceedingly slow in making necessary appointments because of the extra expense that is entailed.

I wish to assure you that I shall do everything within my power to secure the appointment of a deputy marshal for Yakutat and as speedily as possible. United States Marshal Faulkner is absent from Juneau at this writing, but I shall personally take the matter up with him upon his return and urge that immediate action be taken in order to secure an amelioration of the disgraceful conditions at Yakutat.

I remember you very well at Katalla during the railroad days, and I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time touching conditions in your precinct.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

March 24, 1914.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed find one Special Employee's badge for your official use. This badge is to be kept by you until further notice. Please sign the receipt form on the bottom of this letter, tear the same off and mail it to me in the envelope which accompanies this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

RECEIPT FORM.

\_\_\_\_\_, 1914.

RECEIVED one Special Employee's badge this day from the Governor's office, the same to be kept and used by me until further notice, and to be returned or otherwise disposed of as may be directed by the Governor.

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Special Employee, Div. No. \_\_\_\_.

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March 25, 1914.

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Mr. Joseph A. Bourke,  
Special Employee,

Valdez, Alaska.

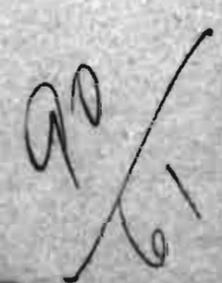
Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant explanatory of your expense account for February and other matters. I note that you have covered a good deal of ground and while no practical results were secured, no doubt your visit to the sections mentioned therein was productive of good, inasmuch as it serves to show activity on the part of the special employe for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives.

I have to suggest to you the advisability of visiting the Cook Inlet country and examining into liquor conditions in that section, especially in view of the fact that the cannery season will begin shortly. I am merely making this suggestion for you to consider as owing to your proximity to that region, you are better acquainted with the conditions there obtaining than this office possibly can be.

The utmost watchfulness and activity is recommended in order to as far as possible see that the law is strictly enforced.

Respectfully yours,

  
Governor.

March 25, 1914.

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Rt. Rev. P. T. Rowe,

Bishop of Alaska,

Seattle, Washington.

*c/o Arctic Club.*

My dear Bishop:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Department of the Interior transmitting a copy of a letter addressed by you to the President of the United States with reference to the law prohibiting the sale and giving of liquor to Indians of Alaska and other matters.

Nobody regrets more than myself the apparent inadequacy of the service for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians owing to conditions, of which you are thoroughly familiar. I have the honor to transmit herewith for your further information copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior in which the operation of the law for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives is sketched at length.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 26, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

In a report to this office dated January 1, 1912, Game Warden C. L. Larson, of Chicken, Alaska, who is still in the service, digressed from game matters to refer to a condition then existing which seemed to need attention but which this office could not look into, owing to lack of funds and the fact that there was no work being done in the 4th division looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives. I do not know that the condition still exists, but have concluded to quote from Mr. Larson's letter for your information, thinking you might some time have a chance to make some investigations, either personally or through some other officer. I quote at length as follows:

"I wish to make a remark about the illegal whisky peddling going on hereabouts. There was at one time 4 saloons here in Chicken, and a good deal of whisky was traded at Ketchumstock to the Indians and Signal Corps men. All this was done away with a few years ago, and things was running fairly smooth until the mail route was changed from Valdez to Skagway and White Pass. Since then there is whisky brought very often. At first the mail man took orders only, along the line from Eagle to Chicken, but it is now hinted if he brings more than is ordered he leaves it at the post offices, to be sold or handed out to the trusty ones. The Inspector at Eagle always searches the mail before it leaves, but it is easy to have the whiskey brought out from town beforehand and picked up by the mail as it comes along. Mr. Kemp, U. S. Commissioner at Steel, wrote to Fairbanks about the whiskey traffic, but did not get any satisfactory answer, so he would not bother any more about it, as he said he did not want to get mixed up about that affair. And there is others of the same way of thinking. As the selling of whiskey is not public, it is a rather delicate thing for anyone to tackle. As far as the people here at Chicken that is not in favor of illegal whisky traffic, it would be almost impossible for them to get proof strong enough to bring the guilty to justice. And it is a rather sad state of things when it has come to pass that the

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--Mr. A. E. Light, Special Employee, p. 2--

United States mail service and whisky peddling have become a mixed business."

Possibly if you were to write to Mr. Larson, telling him that I have called to your notice his report, and asking him to keep you advised from time to time, he might be able to be of some assistance to you.

Considering the field, the limited funds at your disposal, and the state of public opinion in your division, I think you have been doing very well, indeed; and I know the Governor feels the same way. Undoubtedly you have the most difficult field, viewed from almost any standpoint.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 28, 1914.

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check No. 107 of this date for \$7.55  
in payment of your bill of the 21st for 6 badges for Special  
Employees. Signed voucher accompanied your bill.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disb. Agent.

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March 31, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check No. 108 of this date in your  
favor for \$133.34 in full of your salary for March, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and S. D. A.

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March 31, 1914.

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Mr. Jim Juneby,  
Native Police Officer,  
Eagle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check No. 109 of this date in your favor  
for \$60.00, in full of your salary for the months of January,  
February and March, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Mr. Frank Mercer,  
Special Employee,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check No. 110 of this date in your favor  
for \$50, in full of your salary for the month of March, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor and  
S. D. A.

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March 27, 1914.

George R. Walker, Esq.,  
United States Attorney,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing copies of correspondence in reference to the Russian Priest at Tatitlik, against whom charges were preferred by former Special Employee Robinson. It is gratifying to know that this party was not permitted to continue his nefarious practices.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 31, 1914.

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My dear Mr. Light:

Enclosed find check No. 112 for \$350, covering your salary for February and March, and check No. 113 for \$112.25, covering your expense account for February. Vouchers and expense account arrived today. I enclose a couple more salary voucher blanks to be signed and returned to me. Hope to keep sufficient of them on hand now so as to avoid delay in payment of your salary.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disbursing Agent.

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

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Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor  
and Special Disbursing Agent.

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

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April 2, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Light:

I have your letter of February 28th enclosing salary blanks. I forwarded to you on the 31st ultimo a check for your February and March salary, and one for your February expenses.

I note what you say about the difficulty of obtaining information from the various Commissioners in regard to cases brought by you. I can easily appreciate the situation and realize that you are working under a great handicap. I wrote you on the 14th ultimo in regard to your cases and enclosed a memo of all cases listed up to that time. This list included 17 cases, the last one being that of Dan Kennedy, arrested at Koyukuk Station on January 4 last. Your report form for the month of February has been received containing data relative to the case of Tommie Ross, whom you finally succeeded in placing under arrest. By reference to the memo which accompanied my letter of the 14th ultimo, you will note that the Ross case is No. 16.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 6, 1914.

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

My dear Governor:

I enclose herewith my accounts as disbursing agent of the Liquor appropriation for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1914. The papers included are as follows:

1. Letter of transmittal addressed by me to the Secretary of the Interior, with envelope for same, to accompany accounts to the Department when you have approved them.
2. Abstract of Disbursements. To be approved by you.
3. A account Current (with cancelled check attached) to be approved by you.
4. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 21 inclusive, all of which require your approval signature.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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April 6, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit my accounts as disbursing agent of the appropriation: "Suppressing Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, Alaska, 1914", for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1914. The following papers are included:

1. Abstract of Disbursements.
2. Account Current; with cancelled check No. 105 attached thereto.
3. Vouchers Nos. 1 to 21 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor, and  
Special Disbursing Agent.

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*Memo*

Juneau, Alaska, April 10th, 1914.

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My dear Governor Strong:

Rev. Edward Marsden spent a number of days in Juneau during the past week and I had the pleasure of talking with him in regard to conditions among the natives at Ketchikan and in the native village of Saxman, just outside of Ketchikan, where Rev. Marsden is stationed. Mr. Marsden inquired as to the possibility of having a native police officer appointed for Saxman, saying that he believed such an officer would accomplish much good by the very fact of his presence there, and he said he believed conditions warranted such an appointment. I told him that the work for this year had been so planned <sup>that</sup> it was very doubtful if any funds could be spared for the purpose before July 1, when the 1915 appropriation becomes available. I told him that if he would write you setting forth the conditions as they exist and presenting facts tending to show the necessity for the appointment of a native officer, that I felt sure you would give the matter most careful consideration and would arrange for an appointment, if funds permitted.

I also had a talk with Rev. Wagoner, of Klawock, who has been stationed at that place for some 15 years and is thoroughly conversant with conditions in that vicinity. He told me that there is not a little trouble there on account of the natives obtaining liquor and that a considerable portion of it is received upon orders sent by the natives to dealers in Seattle, or supposed to be furnished upon <sup>the</sup> prescriptions of

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physicians at Wrangell, and which reaches Klawock under the guise of medicine. These parcels from Wrangell are, as I understood Mr. Waggoner to say, shipped on the launch which carries the United States mail. Unfortunately, I failed to ascertain definitely from Mr. Waggoner whether the parcels are shipped through the mails, or are merely handed to some one on the launch for delivery at Klawock. Mr. Harding a year or two ago reported a similar condition of affairs at Klawock, both as to the liquor received from Seattle and from Wrangell. Mr. Waggoner tells me that the cannery company at Klawock is doing everything possible to prevent the natives from receiving shipments of liquor from Seattle. He says that the manager of the cannery makes it a practice to inspect the ship's manifest on the arrival of a steamer there, and if any shipments of liquor for natives are found thereon he refuses to permit the same to be landed on the company's wharf.

Mr. Waggoner thought that the presence of a native police officer at Klawock would have a beneficial effect, but agreed with me that such an officer could do very little to stop the traffic above referred to.

I mention the above matters as tending to show the necessity for an increase in the appropriation for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors for the fiscal year 1915, which increase was asked for in the estimates submitted by you some time ago. It occurs to me that you might wish to back up the estimates by a little personal work while in Washington, for there is certainly no doubt that we should have the \$15,000 asked for.

I am pleased to say that in talking with Mr. Marsden he informed me that the opening of the Government school at Metlakatla had resulted in

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directing to that place a large number of the young men who have for some time been making their home at Ketchikan on account of the difficulties at Metlakatla and the lack of adequate school facilities. Mr. Harsden tells me that the return of these young men to Metlakatla has reduced the liquor traffic among the natives at Ketchikan and vicinity at least 80 per cent.

Faithfully yours,



Secretary.

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April 10, 1914.

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Mr. Guy H. Indara,

Supt., Tanana Valley Mission,

Chena, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you commend the work done by Mr. A. E. Light, Special Agent, in connection with the illegal sale of liquor to natives at Henana last winter. I shall be pleased to place your letter before the Governor upon his return to Juneau next month, and I am sure that he will be glad to have your words of commendation of an officer who is performing a very difficult work under circumstances which are most adverse.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 15, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 115 for \$108.88 in settlement  
of your expense account for the month of March, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

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

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April 17, 1914.

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Mr. George Watson,

Nome,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 23 last, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to your application for appointment as a special officer and interpreter in the Second Division. Governor Strong is now in Washington and will be absent from Juneau until about the first of June, at which time your letter will be placed before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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