

May 5, 1914.

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Mr. J. P. Schesser,
Treasurer, Fox School District,
Fox, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclose herewith you will find a copy of the material portions of requisition of this date made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15, the amount asked for being identical with that contained in the Board's estimates submitted some time ago.

I beg to call your attention to the items "repairs to building \$160" and "books, stationery and other supplies \$100" appearing in the requisition. These items are intended to cover the following items in the Board's estimates: "16 seats and desks at \$10 - \$160; constructing woodshed \$50; books \$35; stationery \$15." In other words, the estimate for seats and desks has been requisitioned for under the head of "repairs to building", while the estimate for the construction of a woodshed has been included with books and stationery in the item the estimates for "books, stationery and other supplies" appearing in the requisition.

I regret to say that owing to the fact that none of the other school districts have yet filed their reports for the school year 1913-14 and submitted estimates for the ensuing year, the making of the requisition for funds

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for your district has not received attention until today when a letter on the subject was received from the Clerk of your Board. The fact that your school is a summer school, so-called, had slipped my mind. I wired the Clerk of your Board this morning advising him that the requisition for funds will be forwarded to Washington in the first mail and explaining the cause of the delay, which I very much regret.

Enclosed you will also find formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-14.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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instead of \$10.68, the unexpended balance shown in your annual report.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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May 6, 1914.

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Mr. Victor E. Warner,

Former Treasurer, LaFouche School District,

LaFouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence in reference to the difference between the unexpended balance of funds on hand for the school year 1913-15, as shown in your report for that year, and the amount which you turned over to your successor, the difference being \$5.75, and your explanation of the matter being that this amount was due you as notary fees in connection with the 1913 school election and had been retained by you when turning the funds over to your successor.

Upon investigation by this office it has been found that through an error on the part of the Valdez cable office the LaFouche School Board did not receive the telegram which was addressed to it by this office under date of March 13, 1913. In view of this fact the expenditure is passed by this office, although the method which you employed in paying the amount to yourself after having submitted your annual report was certainly most unbusinesslike and entirely irregular. A copy of this letter is being sent to your successor, Mrs. Jeannette Johnston, and she is being authorized to show a balance of \$14.93 on hand from 1913-15 (this being the actual amount of cash turned over by you)

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instead of \$16.68, the unexpended balance shown in your annual report.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

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May 6, 1914.

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Mrs. Jeannette Johnston,
Treasurer, LaTouche School District,
LaTouche, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Again referring to the discrepancy between the amount of cash turned over to you by your predecessor as unexpended from the school year 1912-13 and the amount shown in his report for that year, the difference being \$15.75, which Mr. Warner held out to reimburse himself for notary fees in connection with the 1913 school election, I enclose herewith copy of a letter of this date addressed to Mr. Warner. Since the LaTouche School Board failed to receive the telegram of March 13, 1913, addressed to it by this office, the expenditure for notary fees is being passed. Accordingly, you are authorized to show in your accounts an unexpended balance of \$14.98 received from your predecessor, instead of \$18.68 for which you gave him a receipt.

I return herewith the receipt which accompanied your letter of November 25 last.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary to the Governor.

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May 9, 1914.

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Mr. W. W. Casey.

Clerk, Juneau School Board,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from Miss Margaret Fawcett of Portland, Oregon, which has been received at this office but which is evidently intended for your Board. I am advising Miss Fawcett that her letter is being forwarded to you, and have stated that it is my understanding that the Juneau School Board has already arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 9, 1914.

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Miss Margaret Fawcett,

530 - 20th St.,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Juneau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory. From a perusal of your letter, however, I take it that it was intended for the school board of the Juneau public schools, and I am forwarding it to the clerk of that board today. I might say, however, that I am informed that all of the teachers who will be required in the Juneau public schools for the ensuing year have been arranged for.

Enclosed is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Mr. George A. Learn,
Treasurer, Wood Island School District,
Wood Island, Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, endorsing the applications of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Folsom for certificates to teach in Alaska. This matter will be given attention upon the Governor's return to Juneau the latter part of this month. I have no doubt these certificates will be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Mrs. L. G. Felson,
Wood Island, Kodiak,
Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, together with certificate, etc., and requesting the issuance of a certificate authorizing you to teach in the Territory of Alaska.

The Governor is now absent from the Territory and will probably not return until late in the month. Upon his return, the matter will be brought to his attention and a certificate will no doubt be issued to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Mr. L. G. Pelecm,
Wood Island, Kodiak,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo,
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together with certificate, etc., requesting the issuance of a certificate
authorising you to teach in the Territory of Alaska. The Governor is
now absent from the Territory and will probably not return until late in
the month. Upon his return, the matter will be brought to his attention
and a certificate will no doubt be issued to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Miss Dora S. Leerson,

Teacher, Unga School District,

Unga, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, making application for a teacher's certificate and advising that your college diploma was being sent under separate cover. The diploma has not yet come to hand, but will no doubt be received in due course of time.

The Governor is now absent from the Territory and will probably not return until the latter part of this month. Upon his return, the matter will be brought to his attention and a certificate will no doubt be issued to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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The Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a so-called certificate of election, which has just reached this office with a letter from Dall Palmer, the clerk of the present board, who says: "As no blanks were to hand I send best statement available. If, however, this be not officially correct, will be glad to receive blanks and correct errors."

A recent letter received from you contained the information that election blanks had been sent to all of the school districts in your division sometime ago. However, those for the Knik district had not been received by the school board at the time the enclosed certificate was made out.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Miss Lissie Chichanoff, Secretary,

Kodiak,

Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation, addressed to Governor Strong, requesting his presence on the occasion of the commencement exercises of the Kodiak public schools which will be held on Thursday evening, the 21st instant. The Governor is now in Washington, D. C., and will probably not return to Juneau until the latter part of this month, at which time I shall be pleased to place the invitation before him, and he will no doubt make further acknowledgment of same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 11, 1914.

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Prof. C. Green,

Supt., Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be furnished with another supply of our circular letter form relative to the schools, and stating that the Senior Class wish the Governor to deliver the commencement address on the 20th instant.

Under separate cover I am sending you 25 copies of our circular letter form.

As I have not yet been informed of the Governor's departure from Washington, D. C., I am very much in doubt as to whether he will return to Juneau in time for the high school commencement exercises on the 20th instant. I hope to have information on this subject within the next few days and will then communicate with you further.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 11, 1914, O. B. Answer, Gov't Night Rate Collect.

Olxton, Commissioner Education, Washington, D. C.

Replying your wire May one number high schools Alaska nine, total enrollment
twenty-four,
one hundred thirty-three, total graduates twenty last year. Letter in detail
follows.

Shorthill.

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

Shorthill
Secretary to the Governor.

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May 12, 1914.

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Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith confirmation copy of my telegram of yesterday in reply to yours of the 1st instant.

None of the schools in communities outside of incorporated towns in this Territory provide any work beyond that of the eighth grade. Nine of the sixteen incorporated towns in the Territory provide high school work, the courses varying from two to four years. The following table contains in detail the information summarized in the telegram sent you on yesterday:

SCHOOL YEAR 1912-13.

T O W N	High School Enrollment	High School Graduates
Douglas	18	2
Fairbanks	25	5
Juneau	7	6
Ketchikan	5	-
Nome	30	6
Seward	2	-
Sitka	5	-
Valdez	14	1
Wrangell	10	-
Totals	131	20

The reports heretofore received from school boards in the incorporated towns have not been in any great detail and it has been necessary to communicate with the school boards of the towns mentioned above in order

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to furnish the information asked for in your telegram for the school year 1912-13. In the future this information will be separately shown in the reports which these schools render this office at the end of each school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Honorable P. P. Claxton,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, May 12, 1914, O. B.

Lang, Clerk District Court, Valdez.

Please refer to original order creating school district at Katalla and advise whether same is designated as Katalla or Kayak school district.

Shorthill, Secretary to Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 12, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the election papers and treasurer's bond for the Chitina school district and beg to call your attention to the fact that the name of the school district does not appear in the blank provided therefor in line 7 of the body of the bond. I would also call your attention to the fact that Mr. O. A. Nelson, principal on the bond, did not sign the same on the place provided therefor on page 2 of the form.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the provision of the law which requires that the election papers sent to this office by the clerk of the court shall be certified copies. The Chitina papers and treasurer's bond appear to be duplicate originals, but I apprehend that they should, nevertheless, be certified to by you when forwarding the same to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 12, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant transmitting election returns and treasurers' bonds for the Chitina, Kodiak, Knik, Kayak (Katalla), and Blackburn school districts, I beg to call your attention to the provision of the school law which requires that the copies of the election papers, etc., forwarded to this office by the clerk of the district court shall be certified copies. The papers received from you, as above noted, are apparently duplicate originals, but I take it that a strict compliance with the law would require that they be certified.

I wired you today with reference to the name of the school district at Katalla for the reason that the election certificates and oaths of office of the newly elected school board refer to the district as the "Katalla" school district, while in the treasurer's bond it is designated as the "Kayak" school district. I am just in receipt of your telegram stating that the original order creating the school district reads "Katalla School District". Since there is no Kayak school district and the treasurer's bond nowhere makes reference to the Katalla school district, I am in doubt as to the sufficiency of the bond in this respect. I shall call

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the matter to the Governor's attention upon his return the latter part of this month and if he deems a new bond advisable, I will so advise you. In the meantime, if you should deem it advisable to obtain such new bond, it is no doubt within your power to require the treasurer of the Mtalla school district to execute a new bond to correct the error in the one just received at this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 14, 1914.

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Professor G. Green,
Superintendent, Juneau Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 11th instant regarding the return of Governor Strong to Juneau, I beg to advise that on yesterday I received a telegram from him stating that he expects to leave Washington, D. C., on the 16th instant. In view of this it will, of course, be impossible for him to reach Juneau in time to deliver the address at the high school commencement exercises on the 20th instant.

In his behalf I beg to thank you and the graduating class for the courtesy and to express regret that he will be unable to accept the invitation so kindly extended.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 15, 1914.

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Mr. F. H. Bralley.

Director, Department of Extension.

University of Texas,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, advising the forwarding of a copy of Bulletin 525 on the University Home and School League, which Bulletin has also been received.

In response to your request to be placed on our mailing list for reports, etc., I beg to advise that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises only a very general supervision over these schools. No attempt has yet been made to standardize the courses of study or to perfect teachers' organizations, and no publications are issued in connection with these schools. Brief reference is made to these schools, however, in the Governor's annual report on conditions in the Territory, and I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of the report for the fiscal year 1913. I shall also be glad to place your name on our mailing list for future copies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 16, 1914.

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Mr. H. P. Shawkey,

State Superintendent of Schools,

Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Education for Alaska, in respect to blue print plans and specifications of school buildings.

In reply I beg to advise that no attempt has yet been made in this Territory to adopt a standard of architecture in the construction of school buildings and we have, therefore, no blue prints or plans which would be of any assistance to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 18, 1914.

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Mr. Almer Rydson,

Clerk, Candie School Board,

Candie, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find receipt in duplicate, signed by me for the Governor (who is now absent from the Territory), covering remittance made in response to instructions contained in the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913.

The other matters referred to in your letter will be brought to the Governor's attention upon his return to Juneau about the 27th instant, and he will no doubt advise you in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 18, 1914.

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Mr. Charles J. Strandberg,
Treasurer, Otter Precinct School,
Iditarod, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing postoffice money order, payable to the "Governor of Alaska" in the sum of \$7.65, to cover telegraph charges ^{of \$5.40} on a message of October 23, 1913, addressed by the undersigned to you, in regard to the Governor's approval of your school board's estimates for the year 1913-14. A receipt in duplicate to cover this amount was sent to you with my letter of October 23 last.

The remittance mentioned also includes the sum of \$2.25, sent in response to instructions contained in the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913. There is enclosed herewith a receipt in duplicate which I have signed for the Governor in his absence.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 19, 1914.

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Miss Lila G. Tulloch,

Box 242,

Patterson, Stanislaus Co., California.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to him, requesting information in regard to positions available for teachers in Alaska.

In reply I beg to say that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers; that matter being left entirely to the school boards. For this reason this office is seldom advised as to any vacancies and at the present time I do not know of any.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 18, 1914.

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The Clerk of the Blackburn School District,

Kennecott,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant replying to letter from this office under date of the 7th ultimo, which requested information regarding the course of study adopted in the Blackburn school. I note you state that you are following the Seattle course of study. It will be appreciated if you will furnish detailed information regarding the course, giving the various subjects taught in each grade, text books used, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 18, 1914.

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Mr. John Lyons,
Treasurer, Reservation School District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant transmitting your report as heretofore instructed by this office, with receipts for expenditures, and post office money orders for \$1117.56, payable to the Treasurer of the United States -- which amount you state to be the unexpended balance on hand on April 7, 1914, the date on which your accounts were closed.

In checking up your report I find that your footing of expenditures (2863.72) did not include the cost of the money orders (\$3.40), and the correct total of expenditures should, therefore, be \$2867.12. The total receipts, as shown by your report, were \$3985.00. Deducting the correct total of expenditures (2867.12), leaves an unexpended balance of \$1117.88 -- 32 cents more than the amount remitted by you. I have carefully checked over your receipts but find nothing to explain this difference of 32 cents. Unless you have made some expenditure which is not covered in your report, you should add this 32 cents to the amount remitted, to make the total unexpended balance of \$1117.88 as shown above.

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--Mr. John Lyons, Treasurer, p. 2--

If this amount (32 cents) represents some expenditure not covered by your report and you wish credit for it, you should submit a receipt or other sufficient evidence which will enable this office to authorize the credit; otherwise it will stand as a part of the unexpended balance of funds to be returned to the School section of the "Alaska Fund".

Kindly advise as to this difference at your earliest convenience so that your report may be finally passed upon.

In respect to the money orders which you enclosed with your letter and report, I note that they are drawn on the Juneau post office instead of on Washington, D. C. In their present form, therefore, they cannot be used, since there is no way of arranging payment as between the Juneau post office and the Washington, D. C., office; and, of course, there is no one here who is authorized to receive payment at the Juneau office. I am therefore returning the orders, and must ask that you have new orders issued, payable to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. These should be transmitted by you to this office, and upon the approval of your accounts they will be forwarded by the Governor to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for proper disposition, as was stated in letter from this office under date of March 27 last. In this connection you should have in mind the difference of 32 cents above referred to, and either add it to the amount represented by

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--Mr. John Lyons, Treasurer, p. 3--

the orders herewith returned, or submit proper explanation as above suggested. The cost of the new money orders may be charged to the school district, and should be taken up in your accounts, proper explanation being made in your records. Also, kindly obtain from the postmaster at Valdez an explanation of the error in drawing the money orders on the Juneau office in the first instance, if the mistake rests with the Valdez office.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 20, 1914.

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Mr. Jay W. Bell,

Clerk, U. S. District Court,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith certificates of election of clerk, treasurer and director of the Chichagof school district and oath of office of director. You will note that the oath of office was not executed before an officer authorized to administer the same, but was signed before R. E. Welch, who is the clerk of the present school board and was reelected to that position. Mr. Welch makes a notation on the form explaining why it was not executed in the regular way.

In this connection I beg to say that Mr. Welch in a letter to this office transmitting these forms states that Mr. Froeburn, the treasurer elect, has declined to take the oath of office and that he himself will resign as clerk. In view of this state of affairs I have advised Mr. Welch that the present school board should take the necessary steps to call a special election to fill the vacancies. May I request that you kindly forward to him another set of certificate and oath forms for use in the special election.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 30, 1914.

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Mr. R. E. Welch,

Clerk, Chichagof School District,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing certificates of election of clerk, treasurer and director, and oath of office of director of the Chichagof school district for the ensuing year. These certificates are being forwarded to the Clerk of the Court, at Juneau, to whom they should have been directed by you.

I note you say that Mr. Freeburn, the treasurer elect, declines to take the oath of office, and that while you were reelected as clerk, it was against your wishes and you tender your resignation. If you do not intend to serve as clerk during the ensuing school year, you should tender your resignation to the school board. Since Mr. Freeburn declines to qualify as treasurer for the ensuing year, the board should declare the office vacant. Proper steps should then be taken by the board to call a special election at which a clerk and treasurer should be elected. If the board for the 1913-14 school year has not yet finished its work -- that is to say, if the school has not yet closed and the annual reports of the school board have not been made up, it is my opinion that your resignation should be submitted to the old board and that that board should declare vacant the office

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of treasurer which Mr. Freeburn declines to accept; and this being done the same board should then give notice of a special election and proceed to hold the same in order to elect a clerk and treasurer and thus complete the new board.

The Governor has no authority to accept the resignation of a member of a school board, nor can he fill a vacancy existing in such board. Unless qualified residents of Chicago can be found who will serve as members of the board, the Governor will undoubtedly be forced to decline to make any appropriation of funds with which to maintain a school there during the ensuing school year. In the absence of a school board to manage the affairs of the school district, he would have no other alternative. I would suggest that this matter be brought to the attention of the good people of Chicago at once and that they get together and complete their school board for the ensuing year, so that the children may not be denied the privileges of the school simply because differences of opinion exist among some of the grown-ups. It would certainly be a sad commentary on the public spirit of the people of Chicago were they to permit such conditions to interfere with the successful carrying on of the school.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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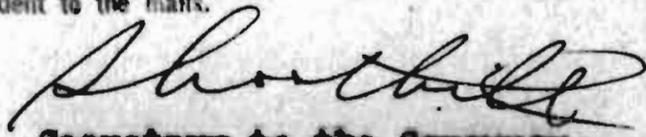
Juneau, May 23, 1914, O. B., via mail from Cordova.

W. J. Peaster, Chitina, Alaska.

School should be in session one hundred eighty days in term of nine months.

Sherhill, Secretary 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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May 25, 1914.

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Mr. W. J. Feaster,

Treasurer, Chitina School District,

Chitina, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Feaster:

I have your letter of the 18th instant in regard to the time of closing the Chitina school for the current year. I note you say that your school opened on the 8th of September and that you had only one week's vacation period during the Christmas holidays, and that the teacher desires to close the school the last of May, while you are of the opinion that she should teach during the first week of June in order to finish the nine months' term.

By reference to the calendar it will be observed that there are 190 days in the period from September 8th to May 20th, inclusive, not counting, however, Saturdays and Sundays. For holidays and vacation periods during this time there should be deducted, according to your letter, November 27th (Thanksgiving day), seven days' vacation during the Christmas holidays and January 1 and 2. This makes a total of ten days in which your school was not in session out of the 190 days above mentioned, leaving a total of 180 days during which school would be in session. As it is expected that school will be in session not less than 180 days during a term of nine months, it would appear that if school continues in session

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until May 29th, you will have had the full 180 days of school. Since you did not observe the full Christmas vacation period and apparently did not observe any portion of the Easter vacation period, there is no reason why the school should not close on May 29th instead of running through one week in June. Of course, if the full time had been taken for the vacation periods at Christmas and Easter, your school would have to remain in session during at least a week in June in order to give you the full 180 days of school during the term.

It is very desirable that, in accordance with circular issued by this office under date of February 14 last, specifying what constitutes a school month, etc., that the schools throughout the Territory observe all of the legal holidays, as well as the usual Christmas and Easter vacation periods. The school boards when employing teachers should be careful to see that the teachers understand that this will be done.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. I wired you this morning as follows:

"School should be in session one hundred eighty days in term of nine months."

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May 26, 1914.

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Mr. E. R. Snyder,
Commissioner of Vocational Education,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of the 11th instant requesting a copy of the school laws of this Territory and any supplementary material bearing on the subject of vocational education.

In reply you are advised that vocational education has not yet been the subject of legislation in this Territory. Some attention is given to it in a limited way along commercial lines in a few of the schools, but aside from this no effort has been made to make it a part of the school system. I enclose herewith a copy of the law applicable to the white schools of the Territory, together with copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which will give you some further information in regard to these schools, as well as a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 26, 1914.

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Miss Tacetta B. Dallow,

9 Custer Ave.,

Billings, Montana.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a position as teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

In reply I beg to advise that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, he exercises no supervision over the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely in the hands of the respective school boards. Enclosed herewith is copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you some information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same. The letters of recommendation which accompanied your letter are herewith returned as you may wish to use them elsewhere.

There are but a limited number of positions available for women in any line in this Territory, and as a rule the demand is met by the local supply.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

May 28, 1914.

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Miss Corie Crane,

Box 345,

Santa Ana, California.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant in which you express a desire to obtain a position as a grammar grade teacher in the public schools of Juneau. While the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, the employment of teachers is left entirely in the hands of the respective school boards, and this office is seldom informed as to vacancies. However, insofar as the Juneau schools are concerned, I am advised that arrangements have already been made for teachers for the ensuing school year.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which will give you some further information regarding the white schools of the Territory, and also a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 26, 1914.

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Miss Iva Cameron,
Box 101, R. F. D. No. 2,
Anaheim, California.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant in which you express a desire to obtain employment as a teacher in one of the schools of this Territory. While the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, the employment of teachers is left entirely in the hands of the respective school boards. This office is seldom in possession of information regarding vacancies, and so far as the Juneseu schools are concerned, I understand that arrangements have already been made for teachers for the ensuing school year.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

I return herewith the stamp photograph and copy of letter of recommendation which accompanied your letter, as you may wish to use them elsewhere.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 28, 1914.

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Miss Bessie Reed,

Superintendent, Ouray County Schools,

Ouray, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

In response to your request of the 20th instant, I enclose herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office containing information relative to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 1, 1914.

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Mrs. Eleanor Balderston,
Teacher, Katalla School,
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to thank you for your letter of the 6th ^{instant} ~~instant~~ calling attention to your failure to receive the letters of endorsement which were sent to this office some months ago with your application for a teacher's certificate.

Upon investigation I find that the letters were placed in our files instead of being forwarded to you. I enclose them herewith, and must say that I am very sorry for the oversight, and appreciate having it brought to my attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 1, 1914.

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Mr. F. E. Johnson,
Clerk, Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th ultimo in which you state that you are using the Berkeley course of study, subject to the limitations of local conditions, etc.

What this office wishes to obtain, however, is information in detail as to the various subjects taught in each grade. Can you arrange to furnish this information?

I enclose addressed and franked envelope for your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 1, 1914.

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Mr. H. W. Pavloff,
Clerk, Longwood School District,
Wood Island, Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing
express money order for \$2.25, payable to my order, the
same being sent in response to instructions contained in
the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913 to the School
Board.

A receipt in duplicate, signed by me for the
Governor, is enclosed, which you will please hand to
the Treasurer of your school district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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June 2, 1914.

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The Bureau of Recommendations,
State Teachers College,
Greeley, Colorado.

Sirs:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo addressed to the Governor, forwarding photo and credentials of Miss Bernice MacLeod, I beg to advise that inasmuch as this office exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers in the schools of Alaska, the enclosures which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, his supervision is of very limited scope, and the employment of teachers, as well as the general management of school affairs, is left in the hands of the school boards.

A letter is being addressed to Miss MacLeod advising her as above, in response to her inquiry of recent date.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 3, 1914.

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Mr. William C. Freeburn,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, written in response to my letter of May 20 to Mr. Welch, Clerk of your school district, in regard to the recent election and conditions in the district. I am grateful to you for your letter and the information which it contains, and am glad to be assured that no trouble exists in the district other than what seems to have been brought about through the actions of the teacher. I assume that the Board will take proper steps to prevent a continuance of this condition of affairs, and am glad that you and Mr. Welch have decided to qualify and act during the ensuing school year. It is probably the best course to pursue, although it can readily be understood why the management of the mining company should prefer that its officers do not become actively identified with school matters.

It is true that the teacher has written this office once or twice regarding conditions alleged by him to exist at Chichagof, but he was advised that the school board was expected to handle those matters, and his statements did

not prompt me to write as I did in reply to Mr. Welch's letter -- in fact, they had very little if any weight in the matter. I judged from Mr. Welch's letter that some difficulty had arisen, partly due to the actions of the teacher, which had caused a division among the good people there, and it was with this in mind that I wrote him. I assure you that I am glad to be set right by the information which you have given.

It is the policy of this office not to take part in local affairs in the school districts, nor to try to settle differences or disputes -- which, I am glad to say, we are but seldom advised of, for the very good reason, probably, that they do not exist.

I am sure that the Governor will be pleased to learn of the prospect of an increase in the attendance of your school during the coming year, for he is greatly interested in the schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 8, 1914.

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**THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MR. L. S. FOLSON, of Wood Island, Kodiak,
Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of his qualifications, is
hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two
years from this date.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.**

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June 8, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MRS. L. S. FOLSON, of Wood Island, British
Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is
hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two
years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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June 8, 1914.

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Mrs. L. G. Folsom,
Wood Island, Kodiak,
Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is letter of this date signed by the
Governor, authorizing you to teach in the Schools of Alaska
for a period of two years from date.

Under separate cover, addressed to Mr. Folsom,
I am returning the credentials submitted to this office by
yourself and Mr. Folsom.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 8, 1914.

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Mr. L. G. Folsom,
Wood Island, Kodiak,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find certificate of this date issued to you by the Governor, authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from date.

Under separate cover I am returning to you the credentials of yourself and Mrs. Folsom which were submitted with your applications.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 8, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MISS DORA S. LERCHER, of Unga, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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June 8, 1914.

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Miss Dora S. Leckrone,

Unga, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find certificate of this date signed by the Governor, authorizing you to teach in the schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

The credentials which were sent in with your application will be returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 8, 1934.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MISS MARGARET J. STROUP, of Eady, Alaska,
having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is hereby
authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years
from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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June 8, 1914.

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Miss Margaret J. Stroup,

Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed find certificate of this date signed by the Governor, authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years.

Under separate cover I am returning to you the certificate issued to you by the Bellingham State Normal School, which was submitted to this office with your application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 16, 1914.

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Mr. John H. Todd,

135 E. 51st Street,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant asking for information regarding the public schools of Alaska, and particularly as to vacancies in the teaching force.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies existing at this time. I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, in which you will find, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, for your further information.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 15, 1914.

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Mr. W. T. Thompson,

Principal, Afognak School,

Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 23d with reference to school matters in your district, and certain alleged irregularities in connection with the recent school election at that place. As you say that you expect to visit Juneau enroute to the states, I will take up the matters referred to in your communication upon your arrival here, so in that way I hope to get a better understanding of the exact conditions obtaining in your district.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 16, 1914.

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Mr. John Lyons,

Treasurer Reservation School District,

Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 23 returning the post office money orders originally transmitted to this office with your letter of May 15 last, and enclosing an additional order for 32 cents to cover the discrepancy in your report as submitted, I beg to advise that I on this day transmitting these money orders, aggregating the sum of \$1117.88, to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for redeposit to the credit of the School Section of the Alaska Fund.

Your report for the school year 1913-1914 has been corrected in this office to show an unexpended balance of \$1117.88 on hand April 7, 1914, and the records show that you have remitted this amount to this office to be returned to the U. S. treasury.

Formal notice of the approval of your account will follow in due course.

Respectfully yours,

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MEMO of money orders referred to in foregoing letter.

Orders dated May 13, 1914, as follows:

Office No. 05633, Serial No. 53070 for \$100

05633,	53071	100
"	53072	100
"	53073	100
"	53074	100
"	53075	100
"	53076	100
"	53077	100
"	53078	100
"	53079	100
"	53080	100
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		1117.88

W. H. King
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June 16, 1914.

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The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the sum of \$1117.88 in the form of thirteen post office money orders payable to the Treasurer of the U. S. This amount represents the unexpended balance of funds on hand in the treasury of the Reservation School District, Valdez, Alaska, at the close of business on April 7, 1914, and is transmitted for redeposit to the credit of the School Section of the Alaska Fund in the U. S. Treasury.

The Reservation school district at Valdez is included in a tract of land adjoining the town, which became a part of the incorporated town on April 7, 1914, under procedure had in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 76 of the 1913 Session Laws of Alaska, with respect to the enlargement of the boundaries of incorporated towns in the Territory. The school district, therefore, ceased to exist on that date, and the Treasurer of the district has remitted the unexpended balance as above.

It will be noted that the money orders referred to are drawn on the Juneau, Alaska, post office instead of the Washington, D. C. office; but the postmaster at Valdez has advised the Treasurer of the school district that the orders can be cashed at the

--The Secretary of the Treasur, p. 2--

Washington, D. C. office. Assuming that this is correct, I am transmitting the orders to you herewith for proper disposition.

It is respectfully requested that this office be furnished with a receipt in duplicate covering the amount herewith returned, one for the files of this office and the other to go to the Treasurer of the Reservation school district, if this is consistent with the rules and regulations governing.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 18, 1914.

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Miss Ethel L. Phelps,

Ames, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your question whether domestic science teachers are needed in Alaska, I have to advise you that domestic science is taught in some of the high schools of the Territory. I enclose herewith copy of a circular form used by this office in which you will find a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, as well as a list of the towns in which high schools are maintained. It might be well for you to communicate with some of the school boards, addressing the Secretary of the School Board in each case.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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June 18, 1914.

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Mr. R. B. Welch,
Clerk, Chicago School District,
Chicago, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find receipts in duplicate for May and June salary of G. L. Magill as teacher of your school, the checks having been delivered to him yesterday at this office. Also find enclosed three keys to the school building, which Mr. Magill turned over to the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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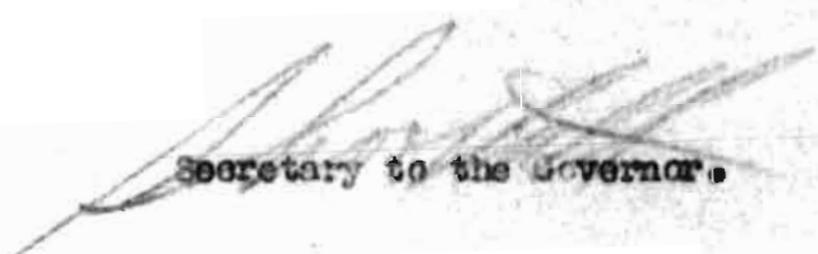
Juneau, June 20, 1914. O. B.

Clerk District Court,

Valdez.

Letter from Nushagak school board dated April second advises election blanks not received by board up to that time. This for your information.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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June 22, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Mr. Alexander E. McLean, of
Kushagak, Alaska, has presented satisfactory evidence of
his qualifications and is hereby authorized to teach in
the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period
of two years from this date.

Governor, ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.

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June 22, 1914.

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Mr. Alexander E. McLean,

Eushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith certificate issued to you this date authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 22, 1914.

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Mrs. R. W. Johnston,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant addressed to him, and to reply thereto.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Alaska road and school law, and by reference to sections 3 to 7 thereof you will find the law relative to white schools in the Territory. Sec. 5 contains the provisions authorizing the organization of districts outside of incorporated towns. You will note that, among other things, it is necessary that there shall be resident within the boundaries of a proposed school district "twenty white children between the ages of six and twenty years." As the community to which you refer contains but eight children (presumably all white, though your letter does not so state) it is not possible to secure the establishment of a district, unless, of course, there should also be a sufficient number of white children living near enough to the eight referred to so that the requisite 20 could be shown as residing within the "forty square miles of territory" which is permitted to be embraced within the boundaries of a district.

This office does not exercise any functions in connection with the employment of teachers. Applications should in all cases be addressed to the school boards. I enclose copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

With regard to your substituting for the regular teacher at Latouche on account of her illness, the Governor directs me to say that he entirely approves your course, since it would be manifestly unjust to the children of your district to close

--Mrs. R. W. Johnston, p. 2--

the school on account of the illness of the teacher if a satisfactory substitute were available. The matter of salary will, it is assumed, be satisfactorily adjusted as between the teacher and yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 24, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant quoting in full a letter received by you from Mrs. Isabel Ambler Gilman, government teacher at Seldovia, for which I thank you. I have read Mrs. Gilman's letter with much interest, and personally I agree with nearly everything contained therein. That many of the laws of Alaska are inequitable goes without saying, and in my opinion this is particularly true of that relating to the establishment of white schools in Alaska which seems to require that there be twenty white children of school age in a community before a school district can be established. I have been inclined to take a lenient view of this provision, and recently I have deemed it advisable to include a minority of half-breed children in the required number. I do not believe that it was the intention of the framers of the law to exclude half-breed children from white schools, hence this decision.

The other matters referred to in Mrs. Gilman's letter are worthy of consideration, and I shall make such use of

--Mr. Arthur L. Clerk, p. 2--

them as it is possible for me to do.

Again thanking you for the courtesy, I am

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 25, 1914.

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Miss Lina Mae Eldred,
4643 32d Street,
R #2, Box 75 0
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant I have to advise you that this office does not know of any vacancies for teachers in the white schools of this Territory. As you were previously advised, I believe, the employment of teachers rests entirely with the school boards, hence it is but seldom that we have any information with respect to vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 25, 1914.

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Mrs. Fanny D. Johnston,
Clerk, Garden Island School District,
Garden Island, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant in respect to the courses of study in the Garden Island school. What we wished to obtain, however, was a detailed statement showing the various subjects taught in each grade, etc. If you can arrange to furnish this it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 25, 1914.

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Deid, Mead & Company,

Fourth Avenue & 30th St.,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the 12th instant requesting a correct list of names and addresses of librarians and members of reading circles to whom your lists might be sent, I have to advise you that there are no Reading Circles and School Libraries in Alaska. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in which, among other things, will be found a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. You might send your lists to the school boards of these schools if you deem that course advisable. Letters addressed to the Clerks of the boards at the several places named will undoubtedly reach the proper officers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 25, 1914.

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Mr. C. H. Miller,

Secretary, National Conference
of Music Supervisors,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have to advise you that there are no Music Supervisors in this Territory, although some attention is given to music in a number of the schools, particularly those in the incorporated towns. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in which will be found a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. A letter addressed to the Clerk of the School Board, at any of the places named, will undoubtedly be received by the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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June 26, 1914.

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Mrs. Fanny E. Johnston,
Clerk, Garden Island School District,
Grasahl, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing Treasurer's check No. 34 for \$2.25 in response to letter from this office of December 12, 1913, and subsequent letter of April 21, 1914.

Enclosed you will find duplicate receipt signed by the Governor to cover this remittance, which please deliver to the Treasurer to be filed with his records. The original will be filed with the Treasurer's report and vouchers for 1913-14, as requested by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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June 27, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant in which you state that you find in some of the school districts that the delay in forwarding the election returns is caused by having no one in the districts who is authorized to administer an oath, and asking to be advised whether certification before the postmaster of the town would answer, I have to advise you that in school districts in remote communities, where there is no person duly qualified by law to administer oaths, an exception will be made in the case of the school clerk and the director, who may be permitted to qualify for office before the postmaster. Of course this ruling will not apply to the school Treasurer, as his bond must be executed and certified to before some person duly qualified by law to administer oaths.

In making the exception above noted, it must be understood that it in no way establishes a precedent, as it is only made to expedite matters in remote districts where there is no notary public or United States Commissioner.

Respectfully yours,

G. Overton

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July 2, 1914.

15-1.

Mr. C. C. Carpenter,
Forest Service,
Manitou, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo inquiring as to a vacancy in the Science Department of the Juneau High School for the coming school year. In reply you are advised that your letter is being turned over to the Clerk of the Juneau City School Board, Mr. W. W. Casey, who will no doubt advise you, although I may say that it is the understanding of this office that all teachers have been arranged for by the Board.

I enclose copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains information relative to the white schools of Alaska, which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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July 2, 1914.

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Mr. W. T. Casey,

Clerk, Juneau City School Board,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose letter received at this office from Mr. G. C. Carpenter, Manitou, Colorado, who inquires as to a vacancy in the Science Department of the Juneau high school for the coming year. I have advised Mr. Carpenter that his letter is being referred to you, and have also stated that it is the understanding of this office that the Juneau School Board has already engaged teachers for the ensuing year. However, you can no doubt advise him more definitely.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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July 6, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, Miss Sophia Sjoberg, of Afognak, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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July 6, 1914.

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Miss Sophia Sjoberg,

Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo with enclosures, addressed to the Governor, requesting the issuance of a teacher's certificate to you.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate in the usual form, authorizing you to teach in the schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 8, 1914.

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Miss Agnes L. Boquette,

c/o Normal Hall,

Dillon, Montana.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant asking if you can secure a permit to teach school in Alaska I have to advise you that a permit will be issued upon presentation of your certificates from North Dakota and Montana.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular containing certain information relative to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of them, which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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July 8, 1914.

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Mr. F. H. Foster,

Attorney at Law,

McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo with reference to the establishment of a new school district at McCarthy. I understand from your letter that the present school house is situated about midway between the town of McCarthy and the Kennecott mine, and that while McCarthy contains nineteen children of school age Kennecott has but six or seven. It would appear, therefore, that to establish a new school district at McCarthy would mean the elimination of Kennecott, thus depriving the children living there of school facilities and working a manifest hardship upon them. Under the circumstances, therefore, I do not see my way clear to taking the action requested; at least not until further advised in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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July 8, 1914.

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Mr. R. L. H. Marshall,

McCarthy, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo with reference to the establishment of a school district at McCarthy. In reply I beg to advise that inasmuch as McCarthy is already within the limits of the Blackburn school district, and the establishment of a separate district at McCarthy would result in leaving the Kennecott community without any school privileges, since they have not a sufficient number of white children resident there to obtain a separate district of their own, I do not see my way clear at this time to take the action which you and others have suggested.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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July 8, 1914.

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Mr. Chas. E. Herron,

Hope, Alaska.

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo with reference to the establishment of a school at Hope. In reply I have to advise you that this matter will be given due consideration upon receipt of the usual papers from the Clerk of the District Court for the 3d division. I note that you say there are 25 white children in and about Hope, and this being the case, a school will undoubtedly be established there.

I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 8, 1914.

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Major L. H. French,

Hope, Alaska.

My dear Major:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo with reference to the establishment of a school at Hope, and I have to say in reply that the matter will be given due consideration upon receipt by this office of the usual papers from the Clerk of the Court for the 3d judicial division. I understand that steps have already been taken by the residents of Hope, by way of a petition to the Clerk asking that he establish a school district. If a proper showing has been made he will no doubt take favorable action.

I am glad to know that you have decided to locate at Hope, and trust that you will be successful in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

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CHARGE: "CONTINGENT EXPENSES, TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

Juneau, July 13, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

Clerk Court,

Valdez.

Election returns and treasurer's bond Nushagak district for last year not yet received this office. Were corrected papers every returned you?

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 mail.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1914.

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Mr. John Lyons,
Treasurer, Reservation School District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of triplicate receipt issued by the Treasury Department covering the return to the School Section of the "Alaska Fund" of the unexpended balance of \$1117.88 on hand on April 7, 1914, in your hands as Treasurer, and which amount was remitted by you through this office.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT: "CONTINGENT EXPENSES,
TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, July 13, 1914. C. B. Govt. rate.

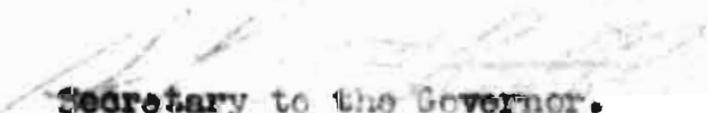
Clerk Court,

None.

Teller school treasurer's bond eighteen hundred dollars should be not less than thirty-six hundred fifty-five dollars. Instruct him furnish new bond full amount or additional bond for difference.

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. Hugh J. Lee,
Clerk, St. Michael School Board,
St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Governor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1st enclosing estimates of the Board for the school year 1914-15, and asking that the salary of the teacher be increased from \$150 to \$175 per month. The Governor has given this matter careful consideration, and has decided that, in view of the salaries paid to teachers of other schools under the supervision of this office, he cannot grant the increase. The estimates for teacher's salary, therefore, have been changed from \$1750 to \$1500. All other items in the estimates will be allowed as submitted. The item "Possible rent and fuel, not to be used if we are able to continue using our present school quarters in the Army post, \$200.00", will be allowed with the understanding that if it is not needed it will be shown as a part of the unexpended balance of funds on hand at the end of the school year -- in other words, if not needed for the purpose indicated, it is not to be diverted to some other purpose.

The election returns and Treasurer's bond have been received at this office, but the annual report of the Board and the Treasurer for 1913-14 have not yet come to hand. As soon as they

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have been received and the Treasurer's report has been approved, a requisition will be made for funds for 1914-15.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Fred Lewis.

Treasurer, Garden Island School District.

Garden Island, Graceli, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your annual report for the school year 1913-14, I beg to advise that upon checking the same I find all items properly covered by receipts and the total correct, with the exception of "Incidentals", the total of which you show as \$26.00, but for which you submit receipts totalling only \$25.00. The receipts are as follows:

Bill of E. R. Peoples	\$ 9.50
Chas. Johnston	1.75
Garden Island Grocery Co.	5.25
Exp. B. American Yukon Nav. Co.	6.25
Receipt from Governor	<u>2.25</u>
TOTAL	25.00

Unless you had an item of expense under Incidentals which is not covered by a receipt, it would appear that the total should be changed to \$25.00, which would make your total of all expenditures \$2188.05 instead of \$2189.05, and would leave an unexpended balance on hand of \$71.95 instead of \$70.95 as shown by you.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience as to this, and if the total of \$25 is correct for Incidentals, your records should

—Mr. Fred Lewis, Treasurer, p. 2—

be changed accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Ben Kraft,
Treasurer, Kodiak School District,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your report as Treasurer of the Kodiak School District for the school year 1913-14, received at this office on the 20th ultimo, with receipts covering expenditures. A check of the report shows the same to be in proper form and agreeing with receipts submitted, but the following items are called to your attention:

1. It is noted that the janitor was paid for the month that the school was closed on account of an epidemic of measles. While this office authorized payment to the teachers for this period, it was not contemplated that the janitor would be so paid. However, the Governor has decided to pass the item this time, but should a similar condition of affairs again exist the janitor should not be paid for time when the school is closed. He cannot be considered in any sense as on the same footing as the teachers, who by an almost universal custom are employed for a school year.

2. In connection with expenditures for "Repairs to buildings and furniture", you submit a receipt dated Sept. 4, 1913, covering payment to John Lohm of \$12.50 "for cleaning and washing school

--Mr. Ben Kraft, Treasurer, p. 2--

rooms, 50 hours @ 25¢." This item the Governor suspends for explanation, and unless you can satisfy this office that the payment was properly made it will be disallowed and you will be required to return the amount of the payment to the school treasury. Why did not the janitor, who was paid full time throughout the school year, perform this work? Just what does the Board regard as the proper work of the janitor, if "cleaning and washing the school rooms" does not come under that head?

Kindly reply to this letter at your earliest convenience, giving such explanation as may be deemed fitting in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. W. S. Lanthorn,
General Delivery,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant with reference to securing a position as teacher at Kenai, together with enclosures. In reply I have to advise you that this office is informed that application has been made to the Clerk of the Court for the 3d judicial division for the establishment of a school district at Kenai, but so far as this office is advised the establishment of the district has not yet been completed and it is not known at this time who the members of the school board will be.

This office has nothing to do with the employment of teachers, that being a function belonging exclusively to the school boards of the respective districts in the Territory. For this reason the enclosures which accompanied your letter are being returned to you herewith.

Should you be employed, however, as a teacher at Kenai or elsewhere in the white schools of the Territory, the necessary certificate of authority to teach will be issued to you by this office upon application and satisfactory evidence of qualifications.

--Dr. V. S. Lanthorn, p. 2--

I enclose herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office which will give you some information relative to the white schools of the Territory, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Governor.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Bessie Sjöberg, of Royalton, Minnesota, has presented satisfactory evidence of her qualifications and is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Miss Bessie Sjoberg,

Royalton, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant with its enclosure, making application for a certificate of authority to teach in the schools of Alaska, and advising that you have been engaged to teach in the school at Afognak.

Enclosed you will find a certificate issued to you by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, which authorizes you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

The enclosure which accompanied your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Willie Leahy, of Fort Worth, Texas, has presented satisfactory evidence of her qualifications and is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.

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Miss Willie Leahy,
2103 Lee Avenue,
N. Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant addressed to the Governor, making application for a certificate of authority to teach in the schools of Alaska and enclosing your New Mexico state certificate as evidence of your qualifications. It is noted, also, that you have been engaged to teach in the Afognak, Alaska, school, during the ensuing school year.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate issued to you this date by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

The New Mexico certificate which accompanied your letter is herewith returned to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Helen Bahlke,
Clerk, Council School District,
Council, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo with reference to the desire of the Council School Board to purchase the building formerly occupied by the De Soto mixing company for school purposes.

In reply I have to advise that inasmuch as the school building now in use in your district is owned by the government the appropriation which you ask for cannot be made, the district having heretofore received the amount allowed by law for a school building. I have no doubt that the building referred to would be excellent for the purpose, but this office has no discretion in the matter. Under the law the sum of one thousand dollars and no more is allowed for a school building in each district. In many cases this sum is altogether inadequate, but such is the law and the only way to effect a remedy is by act of Congress; and securing necessary amendments to the school law seems to be a slow and laborious matter. It is possible that by another year some amendments may be obtained which will meet just such cases as that now confronting the Council district.

---Mrs. Helon B. Hiko, Clerk, p. ---

Regretting that I am unable to comply with the request of
the Council School Board, I am

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. J. J. Cavana,
U. S. Commissioner,
Naknek, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 24 with enclosed petition from a number of the residents of Naknek asking for the establishment of a Territorial school at that place. I note that you say there are fifteen half-breed and quarter-breed children of school age in the vicinity of Naknek, and that there is not a government school within twenty miles.

In reply I have to advise you that Section 5 of the act under which these schools are established and maintained, provides that a school district must contain not less than 20 white children between the ages of six and twenty, and the petition for the establishment of the district must be signed by at least twelve persons of adult age, etc. A copy of the act is enclosed for your further information. It seems, therefore, that at the present time it will be impossible to secure the establishment of such a school district at Naknek, a matter which I exceedingly regret.

I have recommended that schools be established and maintained in communities having fifteen or more children of school age, but it is a hard matter to induce Congress to amend some of

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the laws of Alaska, including the school law. You will readily understand from a reading of the law referred to that this office has no discretion in the matter.

I might suggest, however, that you take the matter up with Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska division, Bureau of Education, Seattle, Wash., as it might be that he would see his way clear to establish what is known as a native school at Naknek.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mrs. I. Myhre Hofstad,
Clerk, Scow Bay School District,
Scow Bay, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 16th instant advising that the Scow Bay School Board has employed Miss Olga Klabeo as teacher for 1914-15, I return herewith Miss Klabeo's letter to the Board, which I assume you will wish to retain for the files of the District.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Eva C. Thompson,
Clerk, Craig School District,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant stating that the Craig School Board has been waiting for some time for replies to your last correspondence concerning the school at that place. In reply I have to advise that upon referring to the files of the Craig school in this office I find that all communications from the board or members of it have been answered by this office. Your letter of March 23 last was replied to on March 28th by the Governor, since which time we have had no letters from any member of the Board until your letter of the 6th and one from Treasurer Doty of the same date arrived today.

Mr. Doty's bond was approved by the Clerk of the District Court on March 7th, and a certified copy filed in this office on March 24th. It has not been the custom of this office to advise the approval of the bonds of treasurers, since the law places that responsibility upon the Clerk of the District Court. It is assumed that the Clerk notifies the treasurer in each case that the bond has been approved.

The only thing remaining to be done now is for the Board to submit its estimates to this office covering funds required for

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the school year 1914-15. Blanks for this purpose were sent to Mr. MacMillan before the school board was elected, but in case they may have been lost, I enclose another set herewith. Both should be filled out and signed by all members of the Board, one copy being forwarded to this office and the other filed with the records of the school district. The law allows but \$1,000 for the construction of a building and for equipment -- desks, tables, stove, etc. I understand, however, that you have a building at Craig which will answer for school purposes, and assume that the Board will include in its estimates an item for rent in lieu of construction. Desks, tables, stove, etc., will, of course, be proper items of estimate also. The usual term of school is 9 months.

As soon as the estimates have been received at this office they will be passed upon and a requisition made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount allowed by the Governor, and a copy of the requisition will be sent to the Treasurer of the district.

I enclose also a blank for use of the Board in reporting to this office the name of the teacher whom it shall employ. Send one copy and file the other.

I trust this will set the Board straight and am sorry that there has been any delay or misunderstanding.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

July 17, 1914.

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Mr. A. Z. Doty,
Treasurer, Craig School District,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant inquiring as to the status of Craig school matters. A letter has also been received from Mrs. Thompson, Clerk of the Board, to whom a full reply has been written. As explained to Mrs. Thompson, your bond was approved by the Clerk of the District Court on March 7th last and a certified copy filed in this office on March 24th, as required by law. This office does not advise treasurers of the approval of their bonds, as the law places that duty upon the Clerk.

This office has been expecting to receive the estimates of the Board for funds for the ensuing school year. Blanks for this purpose are being sent to Mrs. Thompson with explanations relative thereto. As soon as the estimates are at hand they will be passed upon and a requisition made for the amount allowed by the Governor. A copy of the requisition will be sent to you for your information.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1914.

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The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit requisition for funds for the Bushagak school district for the school year 1913-14. In explanation of the lateness of this requisition I have to advise that Bushagak is one of the most remote settlements in Alaska, having a very irregular and infrequent mail service. When the school election papers were sent in last year it was found that they were not in proper form and it was necessary to return them for correction. The corrected papers have only this day reached this office, although more than a year has elapsed since the school election was held.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Governor.

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July 31, 1914.

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Mr. L. L. Middlecamp,
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13th in which you ask for instructions regarding the closing up of last year's school accounts and the final report on expenditures, etc. In reply, I have to advise you that you may finish the repairs to the school building and withhold your report until these repairs have been made.

With reference to your statement that courses in domestic science and manual training would be of more benefit to the children of your school district than the old time reading, writing and arithmetic. I have to say that a number of children in the district, in my opinion, is not large enough to warrant the incurring of so much additional expense. I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor and Ex-Officio
Superintendent of Education.

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July 21, 1914.

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Miss Hilma L. Youngberg,
226 South Second St.,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 11th, I beg to advise you that a certificate to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you upon the presentation of your diploma from the San Jose State Normal. This may either be mailed direct to this office or presented in person. Should you mail it, it will be returned to any address which you may designate.

Yours very truly,

Governor and
Ex-Officio Superintendent of
Education.

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July 21, 1914.

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Mr. J. L. Dennis,
Clerk, Blackburn School District,
Kennebott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

A number of residents of McCarthy Precinct have petitioned for the establishment of a school to be located at the town of McCarthy. The petitioners claim that the location of the present schoolhouse, about midway between the latter place and Kennebott, is too far distant to permit the school children of McCarthy to attend school with comfort and safety, especially during the winter season.

It has occurred to this office that if a separate school district were established with schoolhouse at McCarthy, it would result in the discontinuance of the present school, inasmuch as it is believed by this office that there is not a sufficient number of children at Blackburn or Kennebott to permit of the establishment of an additional school at that place.

Kindly advise this office as to the situation from your point of view, together with all the facts at your command bearing on the matter.

Very truly yours,

Governor and Ex-Officio
Superintendent of Education.

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July 23, 1914.

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Miss Genevieve Berfolk,
606 East Thomas St.,
Seattle, Wn.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 18th, I am inclosing herewith circular containing information with reference to the schools of Alaska. Should you secure a school in this Territory a permit to teach for two years will be issued to you on presentation of your first-grade certificate from the State of Washington.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

1 Inclosure.

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July 22, 1914.

Miss Geneva Sheets,

Route 3,

Parma, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 15th I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies in the public schools of Alaska at this time. I am inclosing for your further information copy of a circular issued by this office containing a list of the school districts of the Territory with whom you might place yourself in communication.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

1 Inclosure.

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Miss Ida Rovang,

Orskine, Minn.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 15th, making inquiries concerning the schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that application for a position as teacher should be made direct to the school boards of the various districts, a list of which is contained in the circular herewith inclosed.

In order to secure a permit to teach in Alaska, the applicant must submit proofs of qualifications; these should be a certificate issued by some State Normal or University. Schools open on September first.

A teacher's living expenses vary with the district in which the school is located and probably vary from \$25 to \$50 per month. The wages paid are from \$90 per month on the Coast to \$175 in the Interior. I believe at this time the supply of teachers greatly exceeds the demand.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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July 22, 1914.

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Mr. O. S. Brown,

Bella Coala, B.C.

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C. I am in receipt of your letter of June 27th with reference to the opportunities for a school teacher in Alaska.

In reply, I have to advise you that there are three different classes of schools in this Territory, namely, schools in incorporated cities, schools outside of incorporated towns, and schools maintained exclusively for Indian children and children of mixed blood. Information concerning the latter may be obtained by addressing W. T. Lopp, Superintendent of Education of Natives of Alaska, 269 Colman Block, Seattle, Washington. White schools in Alaska are under the direct control of school boards of the different districts.

For your further information I am inclosing a circular containing additional information with reference thereto,

Yours very truly,

Governor.

1 Inclosure.

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July 27, 1914.

Miss H. R. Bass,
Badger, Benton Co.,
Washington.

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Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 15th, I am inclosing herewith copy of a circular containing information with reference to the schools of Alaska and how positions may be secured. This office has nothing to do with the appointment of teachers, this being done by the Board of School Trustees for the different districts.

Should you secure a school in Alaska a permit to teach for two years will be issued to you upon the presentation of the teacher's certificate which you now hold from the State of Washington.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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July 27, 1914.

Miss Anna Claude,
202 Prince George St.,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 16th with reference to securing a position of teacher in the Juneau public schools, I have to advise you that your application should be addressed to Mr. W.W. Casey, Secretary Board of School Trustees, Juneau, Alaska, as this office has nothing to do with the appointment of teachers.

Very truly yours,

Governor and
ex officio Superintendent of
Education.

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July 27, 1914.

Mr. C. A. Adams,

Clerk of the District Court, Second Division,
Nome, Alaska.

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My dear sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 11th with reference to the need of a uniform system of blanks for use in the various school districts of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that I will give this matter early attention. I may say that I fully agree with the suggestion that you make and feel that such system would be productive of much more uniformity in the conduct of the schools of the Territory.

Permit me to congratulate you upon your appointment of Clerk of the Court. It has been widely published in the newspapers of the Territory that you are a Republican. But I have disabused the minds of all those who have made that statement to me, assuring them that I had known you for many years and that your democracy is unquestioned. It is marvelous what a mass of deliberate information finds currency these days.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Mr. A. E. Bain,

Secretary, Board of School Trustees,
Discovery, Otter Creek, Alaska.
P.O. Flat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 24th with reference to school attendance and other matters in your district. In reply thereto I have to advise you that while the law is silent as to the daily average attendance of pupils necessary for the continuance of a school in Alaska, I am of the opinion that when the attendance has dwindled to the extent noted in your letter, that the school should be discontinued. I am certainly of the opinion that the Auditor of the State and other departments who pass upon the vouchers of the different school districts in Alaska would reject a voucher calling for the expenditure of \$550 per pupil. You state that the number of school children in your district has been reduced to three, and this being the case I cannot see how a request for the maintenance of the school can be honored. The law providing for the establishment of school districts in Alaska specifically provides that there shall be twenty children of school age within the district. It does not necessarily follow that there shall be an average attendance of twenty pupils, but it is the intent of the law that there should be a fair average attendance of that number. Therefore, as intimated above, where the children in the district have been reduced

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to such a small number, there can be no other course left, in my opinion, but to discontinue the school.

I have been inclined to put a liberal construction upon the law believing that the number required by law, namely, twenty, was excessive, when all the conditions in the various districts of Alaska are considered; but too great latitude, such as would be required in the case of your district, cannot be taken.

To enable a person to engage in teaching in the schools of Alaska outside of incorporated communities, it is necessary for that person to receive a permit to teach from the Governor's office. This permit is issued either upon presentation of a diploma or certificate from some recognised normal school or college, or upon personal examination of the applicant,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

July 28, 1914.

Mrs. Frieda Dilley,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Dilley:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 3rd with reference to educational conditions in Alaska. Permit me to say, in the first place, that I recall my pleasant visit to the Garden Island school last year where Mrs. Strong and myself had the pleasure of meeting Miss Baker, the teacher, and to learn in part the progress she was making in school work at that place. I am convinced that Miss Baker is exceptionally well fitted as an educator of particular merit, and it would give me much pleasure to see her maintain her connection with educational work in the Territory. I am therefore sorry that Miss Baker anticipates covering her connection with school work. At this time I do not know of any vacancy existing in the schools of the Territory, nor do I know of any way in which her services could be used at this time in the promotion of educational work. Juneau presents a good field but I understand all the positions have been filled for the ensuing term. I shall, however, bear Miss Baker in mind and if an opportunity should present itself to be of service to her I will gladly do so.

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

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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July 28, 1914.

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Miss Stella F. Daley,
327 North 4th St.,
Newark, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your inquiry as to whether a Michigan life certificate issued by the Michigan State Normal College will be valid in Alaska, I have to inform you that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the term of two years will be issued to you upon presentation of your certificate. Application for a position in the schools of Juneau should be addressed to Mr. W. W. Casey, Secretary of the Board of School Trustees, Juneau, Alaska. I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Art Publication Society,
Department of Publicity,
St/ Louis, Mo.

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Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of July 20th, requesting this office to forward to you an educational directory of Alaska, giving the school statistics, etcetera, I have to advise you that we have no such publication and I am therefore unable to comply with your request. There are no county superintendents of schools in Alaska and this office does not know the names of the principals of the various schools in the incorporated towns or the supervisors of music of the schools.

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, copy of the last annual report of the Governor of Alaska from which you may be able to glean some further information,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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July 29, 1914.

15-1

Mr. John Phenister,

31 Hamilton St.,

Govan, Glasgow, Scotland.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 6th with reference to your securing employment in the schools of Alaska and stating your educational qualifications. In reply I have to advise you that at this time I know of no vacancies in the schools of this Territory. I am inclosing herewith, however, a circular letter containing information which may be of some service to you. I should judge from your statements that you are thoroughly educationally equipped to discharge the duties of a teacher in Alaskan schools, or elsewhere for that matter. Salaries paid male teachers in Alaska vary from \$100 to \$175 per month for a school term usually of nine months.

Trusting that this information may be of some service to you,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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July 29, 1914.

Mrs. Eva C. Thompson,
Clerk, Craig School Board,
Craig, Alaska.

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Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 24th together with estimates of money needed for the support of the Craig school district for the school year 1914-1915. In reply I have to advise you that the requisition for the amount contained in your estimate will be forwarded in due course to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Are you not mistaken in the sex of the school teacher that you have engaged? You state that you are writing to a Miss C.L. McGill, of Chichagoff. I am acquainted with Mr. C. L. McGill who was a teacher at Chichagoff last term.

With best wishes for the success of your school, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 4, 1914.

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Miss Marion E. Brink,
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 22nd with reference to yourself and Miss Anna Strong securing schools in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that I would be pleased to assist you in your desire if it were possible for me to do so. Appointments to schools in Alaska, however, rest solely in the hands of the Board of Trustees of the respective school districts.

I have a letter from Governor Ammons of Colorado in which he highly recommends you and I have no doubt that if you could secure a school here you would do splendid work. I understand that the appointments to the Juneau schools have all been filled but I am not informed as to the other schools which you mention. However, if the trustees of Skagway, Wrangell or Seward should apply to this office for teachers, I shall be glad to give you a recommendation.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 4, 1914.

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Mr. B. A. Pinkston,
Sparta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28th I have to advise you that the usual length of school terms in the various schools of Alaska is nine months. Schools open on September 1st. Salaries range from \$90.00 to \$200.00 per month, according to location and kind of school. Permits to teach in the schools of Alaska are issued for a term of two years upon presentation of a license or certificate from some well known normal or university, or by examination.

I am inclosing for your further information copy of a circular issued by this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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Miss Laura Richardson,

Peru, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 14th asking for information concerning the schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies at this time in any of the schools. I am inclosing herewith copy of a circular issued by this office for your further information.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 4, 1914.

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Mr. W. H. Songrave,
Koonocott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 22nd with reference to the estimate of funds required by the Blackburn school district for the current year. In reply I have to advise you that the requisition has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and the appropriation will no doubt be made in due course and the treasurer of your school district duly notified. I may say that there is no probability of the estimate being disallowed and that you will be reimbursed for your kind act in guaranteeing the school expenses of the district in the interim.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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Mr. Stephen Birch,
Konnecott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 31st with reference to the application made to this office by some of the residents of McCarthy for the division of the Konnecott school district and the establishment of a school at McCarthy.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not the intention of this office to make any change in the present arrangement and the people of McCarthy have been so notified. Upon investigation I find that the Konnecott school is midway between the towns of McCarthy and Konnecott and that if the district were divided and a school established at McCarthy, it would probably be the means of depriving the children of Konnecott of a school inasmuch as the law provides that there shall be at least twenty white children in a district before a school is established. Therefore, the present arrangement will be continued until such time as a school may be established and maintained both at Konnecott and McCarthy.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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Miss Thora Smith,

Konnecott, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 18th with reference to the appropriation for the support of the Konnecott school. In reply I have to advise you that the requisition for the money for your school has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and I have no doubt it will be made in due course and the Treasurer of your school district will be promptly advised.

I am glad to know that your school is prospering and that the attendance is good. With best wishes for your success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 4, 1914.

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Mr. J. G. Morrow,
Clerk, Chitina School District,
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 22nd with reference to the report of the Treasurer of your school board for 1913-1914. In reply I have to advise you that the report has been received. The requisition for money for the support of your school will be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of the Treasury and no doubt it will be allowed. You are therefore at liberty to make such arrangements as you may deem advisable for the services of a school teacher for the ensuing term.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 4, 1914.

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Mr. Frank W. Miller,

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 23rd I have to advise you that in Alaska there is no uniform course of study for elementary and high schools. The courses most generally adopted by the schools of Alaska are those of Oregon, Washington and California. You might obtain the high school course by addressing the high schools maintained in the incorporated towns of Alaska, a list of which I am inclosing herewith for your farther information.

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 5, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Ben Craft,

Treasurer Kodiak School Board,

Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 23rd asking if your estimates for the 1914-1915 school term have been approved or not, I have to advise you that they have been approved so far as this office is concerned and requisition will be made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount needed for the maintenance of your school. At this time, however, I cannot advise you whether the item asked for the painting of your schoolhouse will be approved or not. I shall advise you as soon as the Treasury Department has passed upon the requisition.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 10, 1914.

14-3

Mrs. T. E. Elsenore,
School Director,
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 7th with reference to school affairs in your district, and asking permission, should you vacate the government schoolhouse, to use the seats, desks and teacher's chair now in said schoolhouse.

I understand the Petersburg schoolhouse was used prior to the incorporation of the town of Petersburg and that after the incorporation of the town your school district was granted permission to continue the use of such building. This being the case I see no objection to you making a transfer of the school furniture to your new location, with the express understanding that should it be needed for use in a territorial school elsewhere in Alaska it will be immediately available for that purpose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education

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August 11, 1914,

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Mr. Carroll F.E. Nelson,
1403-4th St., S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 30th in which you express your desire to secure a position as teacher in some public or private school in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that appointments of school teachers in Alaska are made by the Board of Trustees of the respective school districts. I am inclosing herewith a circular issued by this office, for your further information.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Hilna L. Youngberg, of Seattle, Washington, has presented satisfactory evidence of her qualifications and is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction,

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August 11, 1914.
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Miss Hilma L. Youngberg,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed you will find a certificate issued to you which authorises you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 11, 1914.

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Mrs. Edith H. Miller,
4045 1/2- 14th Ave., N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of August 7th, I have to advise you that this office has nothing to do with the appointing of teachers in the schools of Alaska, these appointments being made by the school boards of the respective districts. I am inclosing herewith a circular in relation thereto. I know of no vacancies in any of the schools of Alaska at the present time. The second grade certificate which you inclosed and which is herewith returned, will enable you to secure a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

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August 11, 1914.

Miss Maude Arnett,
Sullivan, Ind.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of July 28th I have to advise you that appointments to the schools of Alaska are made by the Boards of Trustees for the respective school districts. I am inclosing herewith copy of a circular letter containing further information on this matter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Education.

Inclosure.

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August 15, 1914

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The Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Sir:

Herewith I beg to return all papers received with your letter of the 25th ultimo concerning the school election at Latouche, and beg to call your attention to the absence of your approval of the treasurer's bond and to the fact that the papers have not been certified to by you as the law requires. Will you kindly give this your early attention and return the papers to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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The Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Sir:

I beg to return herewith all papers received with your letter of the 22nd ultimo in connection with the school election in the Ninilchik school district.

Please note that the Treasurer's bond does not bear your approval, and the papers are not certified to by you, as required by the school law. Please give this your early attention and return the papers to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. William C. Freeburn,
Treasurer, Chichagof School District,
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant relative to your bond, etc., I have to advise that the Clerk of the Court approved the bond on the 5th of June and a certified copy of it was received at this office on the following day.

Under the law it is not possible for the former Treasurer to act in your place. A special election would be necessary to fill the office if you should decline to act, and I trust that you will see your way clear to continue.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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August 15, 1914.

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The Clerk of the Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith what appear to be two complete sets of election papers and treasurer's bond in connection with the Nushagak school district for the school year 1914-18. These papers evidently were sent to this office instead of to you, since they are not certified to by you and the bond does not bear your approval. No doubt the members of the board failed to note your instructions carefully when mailing the papers.

Will you kindly return one set duly certified, etc., at your early convenience, so that we may arrange for the early issuance of a requisition for funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1914.

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Miss Marie Coolidge,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of a letter from Honorable Henry Roden in which he requests me to inform you as to what qualifications are required for a person desiring a position as teacher in a school outside of incorporated towns. In reply I have to advise you that a permit is issued by this office to teach school in Alaska in districts outside of incorporated towns, for a period of two years, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of the educational and other qualifications of the applicant, or the submission of a diploma from any recognized normal school or college.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular letter issued by this office for your further information.

I am very truly yours,

Governor.

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August 17, 1914

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Miss Adella Johnson,
356 Post Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 3rd instant in which you request information regarding opportunities for teachers in Alaska, I beg to advise that this office knows of no vacancies at the present time. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office containing information relative to the white schools of Alaska together with a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 17, 1914.

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Mr. O. A. Nelson,
Treasurer Chitina School District,
Chitina, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the Governor in respect to the appropriation of funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1914-1915.

The Governor directs me to say that upon the showing made in your letter and in letter from Mrs. Josephine Morey, clerk of the Board, dated May 20th last, the Chitina school will be continued and the requisition for funds for 1914-1915 will be made by this office in due course. You may therefore proceed with your arrangements for employment of a teacher.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1914.

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Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

This office is in receipt of a school report for the year 1913-1914 signed by Peter E. Nielsen, Clerk "Sanak School District." Inasmuch as we have no record of the establishment of the "Sanak" school district we are somewhat in doubt as to the character of this school. Will you kindly advise what your records show in the premises.

Yours respectfully

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1914.

14-1

Mr. John B. Nielsen,
Clerk Latouche School Board,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith duplicate copy of the annual report of the Latouche School Board for the year 1913-1914. The original has been placed in our files and the enclosed duplicate should be filed with the records of your school district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. D. McKay,
Clerk of the School Board,
Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McKay:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing financial statement of the Skagway School District for the fiscal year 1913-1914 and advising the forwarding under separate cover of copy of the course of study in use in the Skagway public school.

The pamphlet containing the course of study bears the notation "Please return and oblige." Before returning it, however, I write to ask if it is not possible for you to permit us to retain this pamphlet for our files inasmuch as we are endeavoring to obtain detailed information relative to the courses of study in use in the various schools of the Territory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1914.

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Mr. C. S. Lydens,
Clerk Teller School Board,
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 20th last addressed to the Governor in respect to the course of study in use in the Teller school. It is noted you say that you are following as nearly as possible the course of study used by the State of Washington.

It will be appreciated if in addition to the information contained in your letter you will kindly have your teacher prepare a detailed statement of the various subjects taught and text books used in each grade. When this statement has been prepared kindly forward it to this office for our information and files.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 18, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Ben Kraft,
Treasurer Kodiak School District,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of requisition which has been forwarded this date to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-1914 is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 18, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Charles E. Rudy,

Treasurer Mendenhall School District,

Mendenhall via Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of requisition which has been forwarded this date to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-1914 is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 18, 1914.

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Mr. B. H. Durkee,
Treasurer Katalla School District,
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of requisition which has been forwarded this date to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-1914 is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 18, 1914.

14-1

Mrs. Jeannette Johnston,
Treasurer Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to refer to your annual report for the school year 1913-1914 recently received at this office, and to call your attention to the following matters in respect thereto:

1. Under the head of receipts you show the following:

U. S. Treasury warrant	\$1197.81
Unexpended funds turned over by former treasurer,	<u>14.94</u>
Total	\$1212.75

Upon referring to our records I find that the net amount for which a requisition was made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury was \$1197.82 while the unexpended balance turned over to you by the former treasurer, as reported by you at the time, was \$14.93. The figures in your report have been changed accordingly, the total being the same as shown by you.

Under the head of expenditures you show items totaling \$1189.59. Deducting the total of your expenditures (\$1189.59) from your total receipts (\$1212.75) leaves a balance of \$23.16 whereas your report

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shows an unexpended balance at the end of the school year of \$23.39- the difference being twenty-three cents. I have been unable to ascertain wherein this difference lies and shall be glad if you will kindly examine your records and accounts and advise this office definitely as to what correction should be made in your report.

2. I beg to call your attention to the fact that you do not submit any receipts whatever covering payments made to the teacher and the janitor, nor have you submitted the receipt signed by the Governor and forwarded to you with my letter of January 5 last. The receipt in question was signed in duplicate by the Governor and one copy should have been submitted with your report, the other being retained for your records. I shall be glad if you will kindly advise why you failed to obtain receipts for the salary payments made to the teacher and the janitor and if you can still obtain these receipts you will please do so, taking them in duplicate, forwarding one copy to this office and filing the other copy with the records of the school district.

Please give this matter your prompt attention as under the rules of this office a requisition for funds for 1914-1915 cannot be made until your report for last year has been approved.

Your successor has not yet submitted his report of qualification and receipt of funds from the former treasurer. This report should be forwarded as soon as possible and I shall be glad if you will kindly speak to Mr. Schunaker about the matter. The new

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treasurer's bond was received at this office recently and was returned to the Clerk of the Court at Valdez for the reason that he had failed to formally approve the same. It will no doubt have been approved by him before this letter reaches you.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Samuel Magids,
Treasurer Candle School District,
Candle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your annual report for the school year 1913-1914 recently received at this office, and to say that while the report appears to be in the proper form and correct as to items and amounts, the receipts which accompany the report are in a most unsatisfactory form. Not a single receipt is dated and with two exceptions bills covering supplies, repairs, etc., contain no detail from which this office is able to make an intelligent check of your report. This is true even of receipts signed by the firm of Robinson, Magids & Company for books, stationery, lamps and oil, stove and incidentals, lumber, glass, nails, etc. There may be exceptional cases as for instance where supplies are purchased in Seattle or some other distant point in which it is not possible to obtain itemized bills in time to submit them with the treasurer's annual report, but certainly no such excuse can be offered for failure to show full details as to quantities and unit prices of the articles covered by the receipts signed by your firm.

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Since you have been re-objected for the school year 1914-1915, the foregoing matters are brought to your attention at this time so that the receipts which you take for expenditures during that school year may contain all necessary details as to dates, items, unit prices, amounts, etc.

As soon as this office has received from the Clerk of the Court for your Division certified copies of the election returns and treasurer's bond for the school year 1914-1915 your accounts for the school year 1913-1914 will be approved and a requisition will be made for funds for 1914-1915.

In this connection I beg to advise that we have not yet received the annual report of the school board for 1913-1914.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1914.

14-1

Mr. O. A. Nelson,
Treasurer Chitina School District,
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of requisition which we are forwarding to the Secretary of the Treasury today covering funds required for the maintenance of the Chitina school during the school year 1914-1915.

The treasurer's report for the school year 1913-1914 has been approved this date and formal notice thereof has been forwarded to Mr. Peaster.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. F. B. Cannon,
Treasurer Knik School District,
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your annual report for the school year 1913-1914 recently received at this office, and to advise that there appears to be an error in the amount which you show as an unexpended balance on hand at the end of the school year.

You show total receipts of \$1902.50 which agrees with the records of this office. Under the head of expenditures you show items totaling \$1760.96. If these figures are correct the unexpended balance should be \$141.54 instead of \$141.07 as shown in your report. You will note therefore that there is a difference of forty-three cents which does not appear to be explained in any way in your report. I will thank you to go over your records and accounts carefully in order that you may ascertain wherein this difference lies, and when you have done so kindly advise this office at once so that your report may be corrected accordingly. This matter should receive your prompt attention as the requisition for funds for the school year 1914-1915 cannot

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**be made under the rules of this office until the report for
the preceding year has been approved.**

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Almer Rydson,
Former Clerk Candle School District,
Candle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July first enclosing copies of expense accounts covering three months rent of building used for school house, \$75.00, and balance of \$45.66 due to The Robinson-Magide Company of Candle covering coal and supplies purchased for the use of the school. You are advised that in making a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of the Candle school for the school year 1914-1915, this office will include ⁱⁿ such requisition the sum of \$120.66 to cover the two expense accounts above referred to since it appears that the expense was necessarily incurred in connection with the carrying on of the school during the school year 1913-1914 and was occasioned by the burning of the school building and contents on March 12 last.

In this connection I beg to refer to your letter of March 15 last in which you advised with reference to the burning of the school building at Candle and suggested the purchase of a building

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for school purposes. Under the Alaska school law each school district outside of incorporated towns is allowed the sum of \$1,000.00 for the construction and equipment of a school building, but there is no provision in the law by which any additional amount may be obtained for such purpose. Since the Candle School District has already received this allotment for a school building there is at the present time no way of obtaining funds for a building to replace the one which was burned. An item covering rent for the school year 1914-1915 and the \$75.00 due for rent of the building used from March 13th to the end of the school year 1913-1914 will be included in the requisition which this office will make for funds for 1914-1915. A letter of explanation will be sent with the requisition urging allowance of the item for rent although there is a bare possibility that under a strict construction of the law it may be disallowed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to your successor, Mr.

R. H. Hunter,

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1914.

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National Tracing Cloth Company,

Saylesville, P. I.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ult. addressed to the State Department of Education, Sitka, Alaska, same having been forwarded to this office at Juneau which is the capital of Alaska.

In reply I beg to say that while the Governor is ex-officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of Alaska, he exercises no function in connection with the purchase of supplies, that being left entirely to the discretion of the various school boards. I enclose herewith a copy of circular letter form issued by this office which contains among other things a complete list of the white schools of the territory, which may be of interest to you. I may say, however, that there is at the present time but little demand for tracing cloth for use in the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

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Mr. Peter Jepsen,
Treasurer Ruby School District,
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your report for the school year 1913-1914 which was recently received at this office, and to call your attention to the following matters in respect thereto:

1. Under the head of incidentals I find an item "Printing election tickets, \$15.00." By reference to the regulations issued by this office from time to time and copies of which have been supplied to the Ruby School Board, you will note that it is specifically stated therein that no expenditure for printing ballots or notices of election, or for advertising school elections in the newspapers, will be approved by this office. The item of \$15.00 for the printing of election tickets which you have charged under the heading of incidentals is therefore hereby disallowed and you are directed to repay that amount into the school treasury, advising this office when you have done so.

2. In extending the items charged under incidentals in your report you show a total of \$58.69 whereas it appears upon checking

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the report that this total should be \$58.59. Deducting from this the \$15.00 disallowed as above, the total for incidentals should be \$43.59. It appears also that in arriving at the grand total of your expenditures you made an error of ninety-nine cents and that the grand total of expenditures as originally appearing in your report should have been \$2979.09 instead of \$2978.34. Deducting from this total the \$15.00 disallowed gives a total for expenditures of \$2964.09 which leaves a balance of cash on hand at the end of the school year of \$13.91. After refunding to the school treasury the \$15.00 disallowed as above, kindly correct your records and books to agree with the foregoing figures, and advise this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.