

August 19, 1914.

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Mr. R. W. De Armond,
Treasurer Sitka School District,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to your annual report for the school year 1913-1914 which was recently received at this office, and by direction of the Governor to request an explanation as to why the expenditures for janitor's services, school supplies and incidentals exceeded the estimates submitted by the Board under date of July 15, 1913, and which estimates were approved in full by the Governor. The differences between the estimates as submitted and approved and the expenditures made for the items in question are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approved Estimate</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Janitor's services	\$180.00	\$194.35	\$14.35
Incidentals	50.00	72.90	22.90
Supplies	35.00	128.86	93.86

The Sitka School Board has been advised by this office from time to time in regulations issued by this office and copies of which have been sent to the Board, that the expenditures under a given heading must in no case exceed the approved estimate unless the matter has first submitted to this office and authority given for such excess expenditure. Our records for the school year 1913-1914 do not show

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that the Sitka School Board made any representations to this office showing the necessity for exceeding the approved estimates in any respect during that year.

Before taking any action looking to the approval of your accounts or the making of a requisition for funds for 1914-1915 the Governor desires a very full explanation in regard to the differences above referred to.

I return herewith deposit slips and paid checks which accompanied your report as these are not required for our records. They should be filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures

Secretary to the Governor.

August 19, 1914.

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Mr. W. H. Seagrave,
Treasurer Blackburn School District,
Kennebect, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the requisition made by this office on the 18th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of the Blackburn school for the school year 1914-1915. In the Board's estimates there was contained an item of \$75.00 for additional furniture, etc. Fifty dollars of this amount is included in the item "School supplies, \$135.00," and twenty-five dollars in the item "Incidentals, \$50.00." When you have received the United States Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing giving the number and amount thereof.

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

Yours respectfully,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the requisition made by this office on the 18th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of the Craig school for the school year 1914-1915. When you receive the United States Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing giving the number and amount of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Olaf Arness,

Treasurer Seow Bay School District,

Seow Bay via Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the requisition made by this office on the 18th instant on the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of the Seow Bay school during the school year 1914-1915. When you receive the treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing giving the number and amount thereof.

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

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 20, 1914.

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Mrs. Carrie Strong Millard,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith Certificate issued to you this date
by the Governor authorizing you to teach in the white schools
of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 30, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Ora Rykondall of Slaton,
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 Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Mrs. Carrie Strong Hillard of
Kodiak, Alaska, 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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Mrs. Augusta McKay,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith Certificate issued to you this date by the Governor authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 20, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Mrs. Augusta McKay of Kodiak, Alaska, 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 Ora Ruykondall,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing certificate issued to you by the State Department of Education of Texas, and requesting the issuance of a certificate authorizing you to teach in Alaska, you having been engaged to teach in the Hendenhall School District during the ensuing school year.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate issued to you this date authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

The certificate which accompanied your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. J. R. Whipple,
Treasurer Thano School District,
Thano, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of the Thano school during the school year 1914-15. The estimates of the Board have been approved in full by the Governor.

When you have received the Treasury warrant for the funds in question, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and date, and the amount, of the warrant.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Susan B. Bristol,

Appointment Secretary, Committee on Recommendations,

Leland Stanford Junior University,

California.

Dear Madam:

I beg to return herewith papers received at this office some months ago containing confidential information in respect to the qualifications of Mr. Philip Arnold Knowlton, Fairbanks, Alaska. I understand that Mr. Knowlton has been engaged by the Ruby School District for the ensuing school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 22, 1914.

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The State Teachers' College,
Greeley, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I beg to return herewith papers and photograph which accompanied your letter of May 23 last with reference to Miss Lorena Vanderlip who was supposed to have made application to this office for a position as teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

As has been explained in previous letters, this office exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska. I may add that I do not find that Miss Vanderlip has ever communicated with this office in regard to a position as teacher.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 22, 1914.

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The State Teachers' College,
Greeley, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I beg to return herewith papers and photograph which accompanied your letter of June 1 last with reference to Miss Harriet Alke Anderson who was supposed to have made application to this office for a position as teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

As has been explained in previous letters, this office exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 23, 1914.

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Miss Ida M. Rider,
Vancouver, Wash.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your inquiry of June 20 last I beg to advise that while manual training is taught in some of the white schools of Alaska, there are no specific requirements as to that particular branch. Instruction in manual training is entirely at the option of the respective school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 24, 1914.

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Miss Helen L. Youngborg,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Referring to the Governor's letter of the 11th instant transmitting teacher's certificate issued to you on that date, I beg to enclose herewith the State Normal School certificate which accompanied your letter of the 3rd instant and which was inadvertently overlooked when the certificate issued by the Governor was mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 24, 1914.

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Mrs. Edith L. Hiller,
4045-1/2 Fourteenth Avenue Northeast,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for your letter of the 17th instant addressed to the Governor enclosing California State Normal School certificate issued to Miss Hilma L. Youngberg and which was inadvertently enclosed with the Governor's letter of the 11th instant to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 24, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to advise that a letter was addressed to you by this office on the 19th instant, enclosing copy of requisition made by this office on the 18th instant for funds for your school district for 1914-1915.

The United States Treasury warrant for the funds in question should reach you in about a month and in the meantime you will no doubt have to defer payment of bills since you have no funds to your credit. Upon receipt of the warrant you may either cash the same or deposit it to your official credit and issue checks against the account in payment of the bills of the school district. This is a matter which is entirely within your discretion, this office being concerned only in a proper accounting being made by you at the end of the school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith requisition of this date for funds for the maintenance of the Candle school for the school year 1914-1915 and wish to call attention to the item "Rent for school year, \$375.00". Early in the month of March last the school building belonging to the Candle School District, together with all contents thereof, was burned to the ground. The school board has arranged to secure the use of a suitable building at a rental for the school term of \$375.00, which, under the conditions obtaining in that section of the Territory, I deem a reasonable figure. Since there is no other means by which suitable quarters for the school may be provided, I have included the item of rent in the estimates and respectfully urge its allowance in full. The town of Candle is a small community situated in a remote section of the Territory, some two hundred miles north of Home, and the residents of the school district cannot afford to pay this expense themselves. To require them to do so under the circumstances would be a manifest injustice and would undoubtedly result in the closing of the school which

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would be little short of a calamity.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for maintenance of the Candle school for the school year 1914-1915.

In accordance with letter of the 10th instant addressed to Mr. Almer Rydeen, former clerk of the Candle School District, a copy of which was sent to his successor, Mr. Humbor, the requisition in question includes \$75.00 for rent of school building during the school year 1913-1914, and \$45.66 for supplies purchased in that school year, these expenditures being in excess of the funds on hand for 1913-1914. These amounts, together with the regular expenditures for 1914-1915, should be taken up in your accounts for that year.

A letter of explanation with reference to the rent item accompanies the requisition to the Secretary of the Treasury

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and it is hoped that the explanation contained therein will result in an allowance of the rent item. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant please advise this office in writing giving the date and amount thereof.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 26, 1914,

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Mrs. Alyse E. Anderson,
Teacher Ninilchie School,
Ninilchie via Seward, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

My Secretary has called to my attention your letter to him under date of the 7th instant referring to a conversation which we had on the occasion of your recent visit to Juneau in respect to the holidays and vacation periods to be observed by the schools maintained under the supervision of this office in communities outside of incorporated towns in Alaska.

You are advised that the only holidays and vacation periods which the schools referred to are authorized to observe are: (a) Saturdays; (b) Christmas and Easter vacation periods according to the Gregorian Calendar; (c) the statutory holidays in Alaska as designated by Chapter 2, Laws of Alaska, as enacted by the Alaska Territorial Legislature at its first session which convened in Juneau on March 3, 1913. No other holidays or vacation periods will be recognized by this office. The statutory holidays designated in Chapter 2, 1913 Session Laws of Alaska are as follows:

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Sunday; January 1, commonly called New Year's Day; February 22, commonly called Washington's Birthday; May 30, commonly called Memorial Day or Decoration Day; July 4, commonly called Independence Day; the first Monday in September, commonly called Labor Day; October 18, commonly called Alaska Day; December 25, commonly called Christmas Day; ; the day on which a general election is held throughout the Territory - being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November biennially (in 1914, 1916, 1918, etc.); and any day designated by public proclamation of the President of the United States or of the Governor of the Territory as a legal holiday or as a day of thanksgiving.

Respectfully yours,

Governor and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

August 27, 1914.

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Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,
Minilchie, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

There is enclosed herewith a letter addressed to you by the Governor in reference to the matter of observance of holidays and vacation periods which you discussed with him while you were in Juneau recently, and regarding which you also wrote me prior to your departure from Juneau. Signed copies of the Governor's letter are being sent to Reverend Father Studora, Kenai, Mr. Grassan Oskolkoff, Custodian, Minilchie, and Mr. Anton Olesen, Clerk of the Minilchie School District.

The Governor's letter is explicit and I imagine you will have no further difficulty as regards the holidays and vacation periods.

With very best wishes to yourself and daughter in which Mrs. Shorthill joins, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 26, 1914.

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Mr. Grassam Oskolkoff,

Custodian,

Ninilichik via Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith for your information a copy of his letter of this date addressed to Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson, teacher of the Ninilichik school, in respect to the observance of holidays and vacation periods.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 26, 1914.

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Reverend Father Gudera,
Kona, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith for your information a copy of his letter of this date addressed to Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson, teacher of the Hinalahie school, in respect to the observance of holidays and vacation periods.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 26, 1914.

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Mr. Anton Olesen,

Clerk Ninilchik School District,
Ninilchik via Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith for the information of the Ninilchik School Board a copy of the Governor's letter of this date addressed to Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson, teacher of the Ninilchik school, in respect to the observance of holidays and vacation periods.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 26, 1914.

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Mr. J. G. Moroy,
Clerk Chitina School Board,
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 20 in which you state that your school district has secured the services of Miss Irma Smith, a graduate of the Seattle High School, as teacher in your school. Miss Smith will be given a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years, upon presentation of her credentials. These may be forwarded to this office and in the meantime she is authorized to begin her work pending the receipt of the permit.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor and ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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August 26, 1914.

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Mr. Simon Kvaanikoff,
Treasurer Ninilchik School District,
Ninilchik via Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915. The estimates as submitted by the school board have been approved in full. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant please advise this office in writing giving the number and amount of the warrant.

There is also enclosed herewith formal notice of the approval this day of your accounts for the school year 1913-1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,
Teacher Hainilchic School,
Hainilchic via Seward, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

The accounts of Treasurer Evasnikoff for 1913-1914 have been approved by the Governor today and a requisition has also been made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for 1914-1915, the Governor approving the Board's estimates in full. A copy of the requisition is being forwarded to Mr. Evasnikoff in a letter of this date, together with formal notice of the approval of his accounts for last year.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. A. J. Campbell,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I again beg to call your attention to the fact that the annual report of the Tanana School Board for the school year 1912-1913 has not yet reached this office. On January 9 last you telegraphed that the report referred to had been given to Mr. R. R. Stoddard who went outside in the month of December. You advised that you would look into the matter, but nothing has been heard from you since that date. I enclose herewith blanks on which to make out the report and would ask that you kindly have it forwarded at once.

In this connection I enclose herewith copy of office letter of October 13, 1913, addressed to Mr. Stoddard, Treasurer of the Tanana School District, in regard to his accounts for the school year 1912-1913. I shall be glad if you will kindly take this matter up with Mr. Stoddard to the end that the information and receipts asked for in the letter may be furnished at an early date. Mr. Stoddard's accounts cannot be finally approved until the receipts and information asked for have reached this office.

Respectfully yours,

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Governor.

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August 29, 1914

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G. & C. Merriam Co.,
Springfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to advise that inasmuch as the courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not yet been standardised, it is practically impossible to furnish you with an official list of text and reference books used in these schools. There is enclosed copy of circular form used by this office in which, among other things, you will find a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 29, 1914.

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Mr. William H. Ashby,
R. F. D. No. 1,
Lucas, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant addressed to the Governor has been received and in reply I beg to advise that you have been misinformed as to the appointment of teachers for white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns. The teachers for these schools are appointed by the school boards of the respective districts the same as is done in the schools in incorporated towns in the Territory. The Governor is ex-officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory but exercises only a general supervision.

Whether or not your certificate would be accepted in this Territory would depend entirely upon the requirements of the school boards and since our school system has not yet been standardised the requirements as to qualifications of teachers

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are by no means uniform. If you were to obtain employment as teacher in one of the Alaska schools the Governor would no doubt issue the usual two year certificate to you.

Salaries of teachers range from \$80. to \$150. per month as a rule, the average being about \$100. The courses of study vary somewhat in the different schools but generally are similar to those of Washington and Oregon.

There is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office which will give you some further information and in which you will find a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 31, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Elora G. Cinther, of
Craig, Alaska, 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 31, 1914.

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Miss Elnora G. Ginther,
309 Madison Street,
Oregon City, Ore.

My dear Miss Ginther:

There is enclosed herewith a certificate issued to you this date by the Governor, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for a period of two years. This in response to the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant.

The three letters of recommendation which accompanied your application, are herewith returned.

I trust that your sojourn at Craig will prove a most pleasant one and am glad to know that you are to have charge of one of our white schools.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Office Note:

Letter and Certificate mailed to Craig as per request.

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September 2, 1914.

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Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Treasurer Cusinkie School District,
Cusinkie, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29 last addressed to the Governor, with reference to reports of the Cusinkie School District. These reports are now on file in this office with the exception of the report of Treasurer Peter Postrikoff for the school year 1913-1914. After a most thorough search of our records and files in connection with school matters I am unable to find this report and can find no letter from the treasurer transmitting the same to this office, nor do I find any letter from this office to the treasurer returning the report for correction. Since we file in two separate places two carbon copies of every letter which we write, it is scarcely possible that the report could have reached this office and have been returned to the treasurer without our having some record thereof. I note you say in your letter that the report was received by this office and returned for correction, but I am inclined to think you must have had in mind some previous report.

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In any event the report is not now on file in this office and I am enclosing herewith blank forms on one of which I shall be glad if you will have former treasurer Pestrikoff make out a complete report for the year 1913-1914 and forward the same to this office at the earliest possible date, with accompanying receipts, etc. If you or Mr. Pestrikoff have any record in the way of a letter from this office showing the return of the report for correction, I shall be glad if you will kindly give me the date thereof.

On the form of treasurer's report of qualifications, etc., filled out by you under date of August 15, and which accompanied your letter of July 29, you make the following statement:

"The ex-treasurer, Peter Pestrikoff, is unable to write his report, and on examining his receipted bills find there is a balance of \$4.36 due the Casinkio School District from Lowman & Hanford, so I have assumed the responsibility of collecting same and ask that you please do not delay the funds for another year, since the treasurer's report reaches you late."

The portions of this statement just quoted, which I have underscored, would indicate that the treasurer's report had not been made out at the time you filled out the report of qualification - August 15, 1914.

I am sending you herewith two copies of a form of report of teachers employed and would ask that you kindly have the clerk of your district fill out the same for the school year 1914-1915, forwarding one copy to this office and filing the other with the school

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records.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

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Secretary to the Governor.

September 2, 1914.

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Mr. Peter Nielsen,
Clerk Sanak School District,
Sanak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

There was recently received at this office a document signed by you as Clerk of the Sanak School District and purporting to be a school report for the period July 1, 1913 to June 30, 1914. The report contains the information that school was maintained during twelve months; that there was an enrollment of 27 with an average daily attendance of 15, and that a teacher was employed at \$175. per month.

Under date of February 17, 1913, the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at Valdez advised this office that he had received a petition from the citizens of Sannak Island asking for the establishment of a school district there. He stated that the petition had been sent back for correction and in the meantime asked for certain information, which was given him by this office. Nothing more was heard regarding the proposed school district until the receipt of the above mentioned document signed by you. Upon making inquiry of the Clerk of the Court

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at Valdez he advises under date of August 24 as follows:

"The Sanak School District was established on the 2nd day of February, 1914; a petition from said District showed that there were 112 persons, 29 families and 25 resident school children of the white race within the boundaries of said District. On said date an Order and Notice of First election and all the other necessary papers with instructions in regard to the same were forwarded to Sanak, which is in the Uga Recording Precinct, Alaska. No returns have been made to this office as yet for said first election."

The Governor requests that you advise this office as follows:

1. What steps, if any, were taken for the holding of a school election, and if an election was held, please give the date thereof?
2. Give the names of the persons elected as director, clerk, and treasurer, of the school district.
3. On what date did the persons so chosen qualify by executing oaths of office?
4. Did the treasurer execute a bond, and if so, on what date and for what amount?
5. What was done with the election returns, oaths of office of school board, and treasurer's bond?
6. Who was employed as teacher and how was the salary of such teacher paid?
7. What arrangements were made for a school building?
8. On what date did school open and when did it close?
9. What arrangements were made for books, desks, fuel, lights,

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etc., and how were they paid for?

I enclose herewith copy of the Act under which white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns are established and maintained and would ask that you kindly give the same a careful perusal. You will note among other things that after the Clerk of the Court has issued an order establishing a school district upon proper representations being made to him in a petition signed by the requisite number of residents within the proposed district, it is necessary that a school election be held and that the treasurer chosen at such election execute a bond which must be approved by the Clerk of the Court. It is necessary for the Clerk of the Court to issue an order of election and to appoint judges or supervisors thereof, and the election returns, oaths of office of school officers chosen at such election, and the treasurer's bond, must be sent to the Clerk of the Court.

The document signed by you, as above mentioned, would indicate that school was maintained from July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1914, and yet it appears from the letter received from the Clerk of the Court at Valdez under date of August 24, 1914, that the Senak School District was not established until February 2, 1914 - six months later than the date shown on the purported school report as the opening date of the school term.

It appears from the Clerk's letter (paragraph quoted above) that he issued an order and notice of first election on February 2, 1914,

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and sent them with all other necessary papers and instructions to Sanak for attention of the proper persons. It seems, however, that he has never received the election returns and, I take it, no other papers in connection with the election.

You will note the school law requires that the school board "shall immediately report in writing to the Governor the number of children in the school district between the ages of six and twenty that intend to attend a public school, and the wages per month for which a teacher can be obtained;" and yet it would appear that a school had been maintained for a year before such a report had been forwarded to this office.

Under separate cover there is being sent to you copies of regulations issued by this office for the guidance of school boards, and a supply of blanks of various kinds on which this office requires school boards to submit estimates and reports.

- If a school election was held in accordance with the notice and instructions issued by the Clerk of the District Court, and the persons chosen at such election qualified by executing the required oaths of office, it may be possible to secure funds to cover the expenses of the school board from the date of such election upon the filing of complete election returns, oaths of office of the school board, and treasurer's bond, with the Clerk of the District Court at Valdese, and the forwarding to this office of the Board's

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estimates of expenditures from the date of such election to the end of the 1913-1914 school year, which, according to the document sent in by you, appears to have been June 30, 1914. There is no provision of law, however, under which any expenses incurred prior to the date of the school election can be covered by moneys from the "School Section" of the Alaska fund. In case such an estimate is submitted, the treasurer should then prepare a report of expenditures covering the same period, the same to be made out on the blank form which is being sent you. This report should be accompanied by receipts in accordance with the regulations issued by this office.

If it is desired that school be maintained during the school year 1914-1915 an election of officers for that year should be held, if this has not already been done, and the election returns and bond of the new treasurer should be sent to the Clerk of the District Court at Valdez. The newly elected school board should then submit its estimates on the form provided for same, for the school year 1914-1915.

Such estimates and reports as are made out and sent to this office should be executed in duplicate, the originals to be forwarded to the Governor and the duplicates to be filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

September 2, 1914.

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Mr. L. L. Middlekamp,
Treasurer Ellamar School District,
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th
ultime enclosing various reports, etc.. of the Ellamar School Board.

Enclosed you will find copy of requisition of this date upon
the Secretary of the Treasury, for funds for the maintenance of
your school for the school year 1914-1915. When you receive
the Treasury warrant for the funds in question, kindly advise this
office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

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

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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September 3, 1914.

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Mr. W. H. Seagrave,
Treasurer Blackburn School District,
Kennebecott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

To aid the Governor in determining whether or not it will be possible to arrange a division of the present Blackburn School District so as to provide separate schools for the children at Blackburn and those at McCarthy, will you kindly advise the total number of white children of school age (6 to 20 years) now resident at Kennebecott, and whether or not it is probable that these children will remain in the district throughout the ensuing school year. Also kindly advise how far from Kennebecott the Blackburn school building is situated; whether or not the building could conveniently be moved to Kennebecott, and the probable cost of such removal.

In the event of the establishment of two school districts, one for McCarthy and the other for Kennebecott, in place of the present Blackburn school district, the dividing line between the two districts would probably be in the vicinity of the Blackburn school building. Will you please advise whether or not, if such a division were made,

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any children other than those at Kennecott would be resident within the probable boundaries of the Kennecott School District.

The Governor does not wish to deprive the children of Kennecott of the privilege of a school. At the same time it seems somewhat desirable to provide a school at McCarthy instead of maintaining one school for the two places.

You understand, of course, that the consideration of this matter will not in any way affect the Blackburn school at present, and it is assumed that it will open at the proper time and continue heretofore unless after due investigation the Governor shall see his way clear to follow some such course as that suggested above.

It will be appreciated if you will give this matter your early attention.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 3, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of requisition made by this office on the 2nd instant for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915. When you receive the warrant for these funds, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

The accounts of your predecessor were approved on the 2nd instant and formal notice of approval is being sent to him in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 3, 1914.

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Honorable William H. Spence,
United States Attorney,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 29 relative to the school situation at McCarthy and Kennecott, I have to advise you that this office is now investigating the school situation at those places with a view to establishing a school at McCarthy should conditions warrant it. When a school was established at Kennecott the school house was constructed, I understand, midway between the towns of McCarthy and Kennecott with a view to accomodating the children of each place. I have hesitated about taking action for the establishment of a school at McCarthy, fearing that the children of Kennecott would thus be deprived of educational opportunities. If my investigation ^{shall} ~~will~~ show that the establishment of a school at McCarthy will not necessitate the closing of the school at Kennecott, I shall take the necessary steps for the creation of a new school district and the opening of a school at McCarthy.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

September 5, 1914.

--14-3--

The Clerk of the School Board,

Dear Sir:

Some time ago there was sent to you a form on which to make a report to this office of certain information desired relative to your school for the school year 1913-14. To date the report has not come to hand. I enclose another blank form, and would ask that you kindly have the same filled out as soon as possible and forward it in the franked, addressed envelope which accompanies the blank.

In the meantime, will you kindly furnish, for use in the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, the following information, sending it in one of the franked addressed envelopes enclosed herewith:

1. No. of teachers employed.
2. No. of children of school age in your school district on June 30.
3. Cost of maintaining the school during 1913-14.
4. Length of school term.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

*Cordova,
Haines,
Iditarood
Juneau
Ketchikan
Valdez.*

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September 5, 1914.

--14-3--

Dr. L. P. Dawes,
Clerk, Wrangell School Board,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In a report furnished this office under date of May 23d last, covering statistics of the Wrangell school for the school year 1913-14, I am unable to determine the exact cost of maintenance of the school from the figures as they appear in the report. For the total amount paid to teachers during the year there appears, in pencil figures, \$3467 $\frac{1}{2}$, and following this amount is the pencil notation "2660". Nothing is shown for cost of maintenance, nor for cost of improvements and repairs, although space for these items was provided on the form.

In order that we may be definitely informed, will you please advise as follows:

1. What was the total amount paid to teachers during the school year 1913-14?
2. What was the total cost of maintenance for the year?
3. What was the total cost of repairs and improvements?

I enclose franked, addressed envelope for your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 8, 1914.

14-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,
Treasurer Sitka School District,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

This office has not yet received your report of qualification and we cannot make a requisition for funds for the current school year until this report is on file, nor can we approve the report of the treasurer for last year until we are officially advised that he has turned over to you the unexpended balance on hand at the close of that school year. I enclose herewith two copies of report form for use in this matter, one of which should be sent to this office, the other to be filed with the school records.

In checking over the accounts for the 1913-1914 school year it was noted that in several instances the school board had exceeded its estimates for certain items of expenditure. This matter was taken up with former treasurer De Armond, who has explained the matter satisfactorily. I enclose herewith three copies of regulations issued by this office under date of November 20, 1913, one of which I have marked for your particular reference. It is important that

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the school board comply with all of the regulations, those relating to expenditures being quite as important as any of the others.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 8, 1914.

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Mr. S. A. Adams,
Clerk U. S. District Court,
Wono, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the subject matter of your letter of July 11 last, the Governor requests me to say that upon investigation he finds that it has heretofore been the practice for the clerks of the U. S. District Court to furnish to the school districts outside of incorporated towns all forms required in connection with school elections, including a form of treasurer's bond. This being the case, and for the further reason that this office has no funds from which could be paid the expenses incident to the printing of the forms which you suggested in your letter of the above date, the Governor does not deem it advisable to attempt to make any change in the practice referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 10, 1914.

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Mrs. F. E. Johnson,
Treasurer, Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant, kindly notify this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

I enclose, as well, blanks for report to be made by you. It is the rule of this office to require this report to be on file before a requisition is made for funds for the new school year, but since you may not have understood this, the requisition has been made without waiting for the report. Kindly fill out both copies of the report form, sending one to this office and filing the other with your school records. The unexpended balance which should have been turned over to you by former treasurer Weiss, as shown by his annual report, is \$47.75. Mr. Weiss' report will not be approved and his bondsmen released until your report as above has been received.

I send, also, copy of the estimates submitted by the Board, as it appears from a notation on the original that you

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--Mrs. F. E. Johnson, Treas., p. 2--

did not have blanks enough when making out the estimates. The one enclosed should be filed with the school records unless you already have one on file.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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

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Juneau, Sept. 10, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

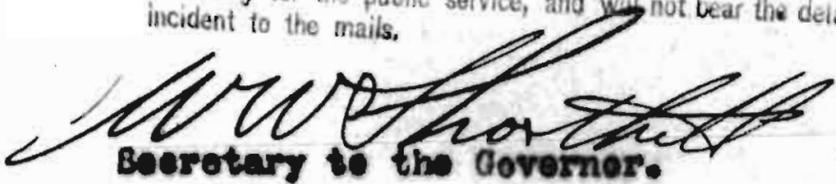
C. L. Magill,

Wrangell.

This office exercises no functions in connection
with employment of teachers.

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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September 14, 1914.

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Miss Erna Smith,
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the Governor making application for a permit to teach in the Chitina public school and advising the forwarding of your Seattle High School diploma, which has also come to hand.

Enclosed herewith is a certificate issued to you this date by the Governor authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years. Your Seattle High School diploma is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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September 14, 1914.

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Miss Louise Tramountin,
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo addressed to the Governor making application for a certificate to teach in the Ellamar School District. In support of your application there was received at this office on the 8th instant a letter signed by the members of the Ellamar School Board giving their endorsement thereto.

There is enclosed herewith a certificate issued to you this date by the Governor authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for a period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. 1

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 14, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Erna Smith, of Chitina, Alaska, 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 Superin-
tendent of Public Instruction.

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September 14, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Louisa Tronstad, of Ellsworth, Alaska, 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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September 14, 1914.

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Mr. Wallace Johnson,
Treasurer Council School District,
Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith copy of requisition made by this office today for funds for the maintenance of the Council school for the year 1914-15. The requisition includes all of the items in the estimates of the Board except the item "Filing case for Clerk of Board, \$25.00", which the Governor has ordered cut out. The item of "School supplies, \$153.75" includes that item as submitted by the Board (\$125.00) and also the items: Filter tank, 10 gal. \$10.00, Bell for school house, 24 in., \$10.75, and Flag, 8 x 10 feet, \$8.00. The Board's estimate of \$125 for school supplies seems excessive if it is intended to cover only those items which were contained on a list which accompanied the estimates, and which are set forth in the enclosed letter to Lowman & Hanford, Seattle. It has been allowed as submitted, but the Governor wishes to caution the Board that excessive estimates should not be submitted, as they are very apt to be reduced when the requisition is made. An explanation is desired from the Board as to this item.

The item "Repairs, \$205.00" covers a similar item in the estimates of the board, but in view of the large amount expended by the board in 1913-14 for repairs the Governor has had some doubts

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as to the propriety of allowing this item. It is requested that the Board submit an explanation showing the necessity for this expenditure.

Attention is called to the fact that the estimates of the Board, so-called, were in fact not signed by any of the members of the Board, but were sent in with a letter from the Clerk, Mrs. Bahlke, under date of June 11 last. Forms for estimates and all reports were sent out to all of the school boards long before the time for submitting them to this office, and they should have been used for the estimates as well as for the other reports which have been submitted by the Board. A complete supply of all these forms is being sent to you herewith, for use at the proper time in connection with reports for 1914-15 and 1915-16, and it is requested that these be used in all cases, and that they be signed by all the members of the Board where the form calls for such signatures.

In reference to the item of School Supplies, there was submitted with the estimates and Mrs. Bahlke's letter of June 11th last, a list headed "School books, etc." and which contained the various items of supplies which appear in the accompanying copy of letter to Lowman & Hanford. Mrs. Bahlke's letter, copy of which is also enclosed, is not clear as to whether the Board was ordering the supplies or wanted this office to do so. However, in order to be sure that the school does not fail in getting them, the Governor has directed me to write to Lowman & Hanford, as indicated in the copy of letter to them herewith. In this connection please see that all the members of this Board and the succeeding one understand that this office does not have anything to do with the actual ordering of any

supplies for any of the schools under its supervision. All such matters must be looked after by the members of the school boards. The Council district has once or twice before asked this office to place its order for supplies, and to save delay it was done; but in future you will please note that this office will refuse to have anything whatsoever to do with the ordering of supplies. The school board must attend to that itself. In the present instance Louman & Hanford have been asked to fill the order as contained in the list submitted by Mrs. Bahlke with the board's estimates, provided they have not already received an order from the Board direct. This is a very unsatisfactory method, as it might easily lead to a duplication of orders and needless expense to the school district.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-14 is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. In accordance with request in yours of the 8th of August a telegram is being sent to Mr. Adams, Clerk of the Court, Reno, advising him of the issuance of the requisition today and allowance of all estimates except that for filing case.

September 14, 1914.

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Messrs. Louman & Hamford,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

On the 13th of July last this office received from Mrs. Helen Bahlke, Clerk of the Council, Alaska, School Board, a letter submitting estimates of expenditures for the school year 1914-15. Included in the estimates was an item covering school supplies, and with the estimates was a list of supplies as copied below. It is not clear from Mrs. Bahlke's letter whether it was the intention of the Board to order the supplies direct, or whether the Board wished this office to place the order. To avoid further delay the Governor has directed me to write you and to give you the list, with the request that, if you have not already had a similar order from the Council School Board or one of the members thereof, you will kindly have it filled and shipped direct to the Council School Board, Council, Alaska, via Home, sending your bill in duplicate to the Board. If you have had a similar order from the Board, you are not to duplicate it, of course, but disregard this letter. Also, should you receive an order from the Board subsequently to the receipt of this letter, you will please ship on such order only those items which are not included in the list given below. Kindly advise what action you take in the premises, for the information of this office.

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The list above referred to is as follows:

- 4 doz. practical writing books, smooth paper
- 4 Fourth Readers, Jones.
- 2 doz. perforated designs.
- 8 only Teacher's arithmetics for all grades.
- 1/4 ream Foolscap paper for examination work.
- Assortment of Primary busy work.
- 4 doz. rubber erasers.
- 4 " spelling books.
- 8 " pencils, Faber's H & B
- 4 " latest report cards.
- 1 reliable Encyclopaedia.
- 1 latest large school dictionary.
- 1/2 gal. of ink.
- 1 only 10-gal. Filter tank, price about \$10
- 1 only ball for school house, 24 ins., price about \$10.75
- 1 only U. S. Flag, 8 x 10 ft., price about \$6.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Copy to

Wallace Johnson, Treasurer,
Council School District.

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

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Juneau, Sept. 14, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

Adams, Clark,

None.

Requisition this date covers Council school board
estimates except filing case.

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 its mailing.


Secretary to the Governor.

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September 15, 1914.

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Mr. W. B. MacMillan,
School Director,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram and letter relative to the action of Mr. C. L. Magill in attempting to start school in your district, he not having been engaged as teacher therein.

Some time ago Mrs. Thompson, Clerk of your board, wrote me that the board had engaged Miss C. L. Magill of Chichagof as teacher. Knowing that Mr. Magill had been the teacher at Chichagof during the past year I wrote Mrs. Thompson asking her if she were not mistaken in the sex of the teacher employed, and I heard nothing more of the matter until I received your telegram.

Mr. Magill called here a day or two ago and made a complaint against the Craig school board because he was not permitted to open the school. He was advised that this office exercises no functions in the employment of teachers for the school districts of Alaska, but that the matter is solely under the control of the school boards of the various districts.

I trust that your school will prosper and will be a benefit to your community.

Respectfully yours,

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September 15, 1914.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date on the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1914-15. When you receive the warrant from the Treasury Department, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

The Governor directs me to say that he has not allowed the Board's estimate for an additional teacher, since he is not yet satisfied from the showing made by the Board, that the necessity for a second teacher exists. While the Board's report for 1913-14 showed that there were "40 or thereabouts" children of school age then resident in the district, the report also showed that for the 1913-14 term the maximum attendance was only 18, while the average was but 15.7 per day. It is noted that you say, in a letter dated September 7th, relative to your accounts for 1913-14, that there are more children in the district than the Board reported, and more coming. If the Board will submit further evidence of the necessity for a second teacher, showing the actual number of children in attendance at the beginning of the 1914-15 term, the total number of school age

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resident in the district who will avail themselves of the privileges of the school during the present school year, and any other information tending to show that two teachers are necessary, the Governor will give the matter further careful consideration. It is not the desire of this office to deny any of the school districts anything in connection with the school which is actually necessary and the expense of which is within reasonable limits, but on the other hand the Governor wishes to be fully advised in all such matters and to be assured that the apparent demand is not merely temporary, and due to fluctuating conditions which may not obtain for any considerable period.

The approved estimate for teacher's salary is the same as that for last year, \$125 per month. It is assumed that in making its estimates the Board contemplated employing one teacher as principal at \$180 per month and the other as assistant at \$125. Since only one has been authorized, the salary has been placed at the same figure as last year's salary.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

September 15, 1914.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant in reply to mine of the 16th of August, relative to a difference of 43 cents in your accounts for 1913-14. I note you say "The difference you called my attention to was a mistake in adding, as you could clearly see without holding up our school for more than a month." On the contrary, however, the difference is not one which I "could clearly see", and it was for that reason that I wrote you about it. The various items of expenditure which you showed in your report totalled \$1760.96, just as you footed them, so that I could not discover any "mistake in adding". Your total cash received was \$1902.50, total expenditures \$1760.96, which would give a balance of \$141.54. But you showed a balance of \$141.97 -- 43 cents more than the apparent correct balance. I could not find any error in the items of your report nor in your additions of them, hence was at a loss to understand how you could show a balance of \$141.97 unless you had made some mistake in listing your expenditures, or else had not figured correctly in deducting the total expenditures from the total receipts. And since you say in your letter of the 7th that the difference is due to a "mistake in adding" I am still unable

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to determine wherein the error lies, but am of the opinion that it is one of subtraction and not addition. Will you please advise if the correct balance of cash actually on hand at the end of the 1913-14 school year was \$141.54 or \$141.97. As the report stands it should show a balance of \$141.54, as I have already stated.

As for my holding up the school for more than a month, I beg to say that you are in error as to this, since any action I take with respect to school matters is taken only after consultation with the Governor and is in accordance with his instructions. It is a rule of this office that a requisition for funds shall not be made until the accounts of the treasurer for the preceding year have been received, audited and approved by the Governor, and also there must be on file the report of the treasurer's successor unless he has been re-elected for the ensuing year. To do otherwise would result in endless confusion in the accounts. As a matter of fact this office has frequently deviated from this rule in order to avoid unusual delay in receipt of funds by the school districts, and this is being done in the present instance, as the requisition for funds for your school for 1914-15 has been made today, despite the fact that your accounts for 1913-14 are not yet disposed of.

I can fully appreciate the difficulties under which you look after the school accounts at Knik, and have no desire to add to your troubles. But you will grant, I think, that this office must know that accounts are correct before approving them, and it would be unwise for me (who have to do the auditing) to do any guessing

as to what figures were correct and what might be incorrect. The only right way to do is to refer such matters to the treasurer whose accounts are under consideration.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

September 15, 1914.

14-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,
Treasurer, Sitka School District,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

A word of explanation about the requisition made today for funds for your school for 1914-15, which covers the Board's estimates in full as submitted.

The item "Repairs, \$70.00" covers the Board's estimates for "Repairs to Blackboards, \$20.00" and "Material and labor for building new fence in rear of lot, \$50.00".

The item of "School supplies, \$35.00", covers the Board's estimates for "Fifteen gallons Dusting, \$15.00", and "Cleaning the school house, renewing stove pipe, etc., previous to the opening of the term, and during the holidays, \$20.00".

The Governor directs me to say that the cleaning of the school house "during the holidays" should be regarded as a part of the janitor's regular work, and no additional expenditure should be made on this account. Cleaning the building "previous to the opening of the term" is properly a subject of expenditure outside of the janitor's wages. Also, "renewing stove pipe", insofar as it covers new pipe, etc., is a proper charge outside of the janitor's wages.

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At a later date this office will forward to all school boards a supply of blanks for reports and estimates -- covering reports for 1914-15, and estimates for 1915-16 -- and it is requested that the Board and officers make out these reports, etc., on the blanks furnished therefor. This has not always been done in the past.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 18, 1914.

14-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,
Treasurer, Sitka School District,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of the Sitka school for the school year 1914-15.

Formal notice of the approval of Treasurer De Armond's accounts for 1913-14 is being sent to him in this mail.

When you receive the Treasury warrant for the funds requisitioned for, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 15, 1914.

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Mr. H. B. Tweet,
Treasurer, Teller School District,
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1914-15. The item of "Repairs, \$45.00" includes the Board's estimates for repairs of roof, \$25, and sodding around foundation, \$20. The item of "Incidentals, \$55" includes the Board's estimate of \$5 for carting garbage and cleaning yard, and \$50 for incidentals.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

Formal notice of the approval of the accounts of former Treasurer Luther is being mailed to him today.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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

14-1

Juneau, September 19, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate.

Humber, clerk school Board,

Candle, via Nome.

Treasury department has issued warrant full amount estimates, including
rent.

STUBBS, 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.

Wm. H. ...
Secretary to the Governor

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September 21, 1914.

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Mr. Simon Kvasnikoff,
Treasurer Ninilchic School District,
Ninilchic, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find copy of supplemental requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for \$185 to cover the services of the manual training instructor in your school for the current year.

In making up the original requisition on the 26th ultimo this item was inadvertently omitted. The total of items as shown in the original requisition was also in error and has been corrected by the Auditor to \$1715 for which a warrant has been issued by the Treasury Department and which you will receive in due course. The supplemental requisition is being mailed today and will no doubt be covered by a treasury warrant which will reach you in due course of time. Kindly advise this office in writing upon receipt of each of the warrants referred to, giving the numbers and amounts of them.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

c. c. to Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,
Teacher.

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September 21, 1914

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant addressed to him, and to say that inasmuch as a requisition was issued by this office sometime ago to cover funds for your school district, the Governor does not deem it advisable to allow an additional twenty dollars to cover the purchase of desks. Can you not arrange to pay for these out of the amount allowed for incidentals.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 21, 1914.

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Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Auditor for the Interior Department dated 11th instant advising certification on that date of the sum of \$2,715 due from the United States to Simon Kvasnikoff, Treasurer of the Ninilich School District, Ninilich, Alaska.

Through an error in the writing of the requisition for funds for the Ninilich School District, the item of \$130 to cover services of an assistant teacher, was omitted from the requisition. I enclose supplemental requisition to cover this item and respectfully ask that the same be allowed.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

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W. D. MacMillan,
Treasurer Craig School District,
Craig, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the Governor advising the opening of your school on the 8th instant with Miss Ginther as teacher, and asking if you should mail a copy of the Teacher's Contract to this office. In reply I beg to advise that this office has never required the school districts to file copies of their contracts with teachers.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 23, 1914.

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Mr. A. H. Mittendorff,

Treasurer Nushagak School District,

Nushagak, Alaska. (C/O H. Lieben & Co., 167 Post St., San
Francisco, California.)

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your annual report for the school year 1913-14, together with other reports, and letters of August 22 and 31, and September 14.

I enclose herewith a copy of your report showing corrections made in this office. As explained on the form, the typewritten portion shows the report as submitted by you, while the red ink portion shows the corrections made in this office. As the report was made up prior to the receipt by you of the warrant for \$1438.55 from the U. S. Treasury (receipt of which you acknowledged in your letter of September 14) you of course could not show this amount under your Receipts. As corrected, however, the report shows the amount of the warrant as a part of your receipts, and, with the unexpended balance from 1912-13, \$61.45, makes your total cash for the year \$1500.00. Your total receipts, as shown in the report as well as in two separate statements of expenditures submitted by you, were \$1118.95. Deducting this sum from the total receipts (\$1500.00) leaves a balance of cash on hand at the end of the school year 1913-14 of \$381.05, instead of \$319.60 as shown by you. It would appear that in arriving at the balance on hand you did not include

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the \$61.45 from 1912-13 in your cash, but, apparently, took into account only ^{not} the amount of the requisition made by this office for funds for your district for 1912-13, namely, \$1438.55. The correct balance of cash on hand at the end of the 1913-14 school year, then, should be \$331.05. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of this letter and to advise that you have corrected your accounts in accordance with the foregoing, so as to show the proper unexpended balance of \$331.05. When this is done formal notice of the approval of your accounts for 1913-14 will be sent to you.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that certain of your expenditures were not covered by receipts, although there would seem to be no good reason for the omission. I refer to the following items:

4 pr. Window sash	16.00
1 H. K. Door lock	.60
2 Window panes	.40
1 bot. ink	.20
1 coal shovel	.40
1 parlor broom	.60
2 boxes tacks	.20
25 gunny sacks @ .10	2.50

I return herewith duplicate copy of bill for seal, as only one copy is required for filing with your report in this office.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to the Clerk of your School District, for the information of the other members of the Board in your absence from Nashogak.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

September 23, 1914.

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Mr. A. E. McLean,
Clerk, Nushagak School District,
Nushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of letter of this date addressed to Mr. A. H. Mittendorff, Treasurer of your school district, in respect to his accounts for the school year 1913-14; together with copy of his report showing same as submitted to this office (typewritten portions) and as corrected in this office (red ink portions). These are sent you for the information and guidance of the Clerk and Director of the district in the absence of the Treasurer. You will note that the correct balance of unexpended funds on hand at the end of the 1913-14 school year is \$381.05, instead of \$319.60 as shown in the report as submitted by Mr. Mittendorff. This office will show the correct balance (\$381.05) in the requisition which will be made this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15, and Mr. Mittendorff's accounts will not be formally approved for 1913-14 until he has advised this office that he has corrected his accounts to show the correct balance as above.

In this connection I wish to call attention to the fact that as yet the annual report of the school board for 1913-14 has not come to hand. I enclose herewith two copies of form for this purpose, which you and the Director should fill out and sign, forwarding one copy to this

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office and filing the other with the school records. Kindly give this your prompt attention in the event the report has not already been forwarded.

If Mr. Mittendorff has authorized anyone to act in his place in keeping his accounts as Treasurer, during his absence, I will thank you to show such person the enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Mittendorff and the copy of his report as corrected, so that the proper correction may be made in the accounts for 1913-14 and for 1914-15. I will thank you to advise this office what is done in this respect.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

September 23, 1914.

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Mr. A. H. Mittendorff,
Treasurer Nushagak School District,
Nushagak, Alaska.

(Mail to H. Liebes & Co., 167 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15. The Governor has allowed the estimates of the Board in full, as you will note. Under "Repairs, \$175." has been included the item for floor repairs, \$50, as submitted by the Board, and \$125 to cover desks, etc., which were listed under the Board's estimate of "Supplies, \$200". The item of supplies has been reduced correspondingly to \$75. Otherwise the items are as submitted in the Board's estimates.

Please note that the unexpended balance from 1913-14 is shown as \$381.03, in accordance with correction made in your report for that year, as explained in another letter to you this date.

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant for the funds requisitioned for, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Clerk of the school board for the information of the other members of the Board during your absence from Nushagak.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. A. E. McLean,
Clerk, Nushagak School District,
Nushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of letter this day addressed to Mr. A. H. Mittendorff, Treasurer of the Nushagak school district, transmitting to him a copy of the requisition made today by this office for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15. This is sent you for the information of yourself and the Director in the absence of the Treasurer.

The requisition covers the following items: Teacher, \$900; janitor service for term, \$20; 4 tons coal, \$80; 2½ cords wood, \$20; Lights, \$5; Repairs, \$175; School supplies, \$75; and Incidentals, \$50; a total of \$1325.00. From this is deducted the unexpended balance on hand from 1913-14 (as shown by corrected report of Treasurer for that year, referred to in another letter to you of this date) amounting to \$381.05, leaving a net amount for which a U. S. Treasury warrant has been requested, of \$943.95.

In this connection the attention of the Clerk and Director is called to the fact that while the requisition covers 4 tons of coal at \$20 per ton, as estimated by the Board, it is noted that in the accounts of the Treasurer for 1912-13 and for 1913-14 coal is shown as having been purchased for \$12.50 per ton. Additional expense was incurred in handling coal, and for sacks for same, but the total did not bring the average price per ton up to \$20 which the Board shows in its estimates for 1914-15. The members of the Board are advised that this office will expect the coal for 1914-15 to be purchased at the same rate as for the two years previously, namely, \$12.50 per ton. The cost of handling, sacking, cost of sacks for coal, etc., should be included as a part of the cost of the coal, and not shown under incidentals as in the report for 1913-14.

I wish to call attention to the fact that as yet this office has not received from the Board its "Report of teachers employed" for 1914-15. Blanks for this are enclosed, which you and the Director will kindly fill out, sending one to this office and filing the other with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,
FOR THE GOVERNOR

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Secretary to the Governor.

September 21, 1914.

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The Fisk Teachers' Agency,
2161 Shattuck Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 15th instant with its enclosures, I beg to advise that this office exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska; that matter is left entirely to the school boards. Teachers for the native schools are engaged through Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education, Seattle, Washington.

I enclose a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, in which, among other things, you will find a complete list of the white schools both in and outside of incorporated towns of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 22, 1914.

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Mr. John B. Nielson,
Clerk of School Board,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 16 in which you ask that the people of your district be given permission to use the school building one evening a week as a social center. In reply I have to advise you that your school board has sole control of the building and therefore permission to use it for the purpose named is not necessary from this office. I may add, however, that I know of no better use to which it could be put one evening or more a week, and so far as this office is concerned you have full permission to use it, and I hope with profit to all.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 22, 1914.

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Dr. P. P. Claxton,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry as to whether any attempts have been made recently anywhere in Alaska, either in rural or urban communities, to teach adult illiterates to read and write, or to extend the education of natives of adult immigrants who are only barely able to read and write, I have to advise you that I understand in nearly all the schools of incorporated towns in Alaska such attempts are being made through the medium of night schools, and in some cases in schools, both white and native, outside of incorporated towns. I regret, however, I am unable to give you the number of schools carrying on this line of work.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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C. S. Brown,
Vice-Principal Vernon High School,
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 14 I beg to advise you that salaries paid to principals of high schools in Alaska range from \$150 to \$175 per month for the school term of nine months. As the school term usually begins on the first Monday in September, I believe there are no vacancies now existing in any of the schools of the Territory. Should you desire to do so, you might put yourself in communication with some of the schools of the incorporated towns in Alaska with a view to securing a position next year.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 25, 1914.

14-4

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to office letter of November 19, 1913, transmitting certain reports of school boards in districts outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, and in which it was stated that report of the Tanana School Board would be forwarded as soon as returns had been received from the school district.

Returns from the Tanana School District have at last come to hand and I beg to enclose herewith a summary thereof for your information and records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

The Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

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September 25, 1914.

14-1

Mr. R. R. Stoddard,
Treasurer Tanana School Board,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised of the approval this date of your accounts as Treasurer of the Tanana School District for the school year 1912-1913 and you and your bondsmen are hereby released from further responsibility under bond dated March 2, 1912, furnished by you as Treasurer of said school district for the school year 1912-1913.

Respectfully yours,

Governor and ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.

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September 25, 1914.

14-1

Mr. J. C. Dehn,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant addressed to the Governor in reply to the Governor's letter of the 26th ultimo addressed to Mr. A. J. Campbell in respect to the annual report of the Tanana School Board for the school year 1912-1913, and to certain matters in connection with the report of Treasurer Stoddard for that year.

The Governor has this date approved Mr. Stoddard's accounts for 1912-1913 and I enclose formal notice of approval herewith in an envelope addressed to Mr. Stoddard at Tanana. I am not sure whether Mr. Stoddard now resides at Tanana but if he does will you kindly hand the letter to him, or if he has moved from Tanana kindly forward the letter to him at the proper address.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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September 25, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Charles A. Traeger,
Treasurer St. Michael School District,
St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose copy of requisition of the 22nd instant made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915.

When you have received the U. S. Treasury Warrant covering these funds kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure

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September 25, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Charles A. Fraeger,
Treasurer St. Michael School District,
St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith an envelope addressed to Mr. C. W. Carlson containing formal notice of the approval of his accounts as Treasurer of the St. Michael School District for the school year 1913-1914. I understand that Mr. Carlson has moved from St. Michael but am not informed as to his present address. Will you please be good enough to mail the letter to him at his proper address.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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September 25, 1914.

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Mr. Oscar Lundin,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

The records of this office show that in a letter addressed to you by my predecessor under date of November 27, 1912, certain items of expenditure in your accounts as Treasurer of the Tanana School District for the school year 1911-1912 were disallowed and you were instructed to restore these amounts to the school treasury. The items disallowed aggregate \$66.25.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Tanana School District for the school year 1912-1913 it appears that the above amount, i. e., \$66.25, was restored to the school treasury by you or your bondsmen. The instructions of my predecessor having been complied with I hereby approve your accounts as Treasurer of the Tanana School District for the school year 1911-1912 and you and your bondsmen are released from further responsibility under the bond dated March 2, 1911, furnished by you as Treasurer of said District for the school year 1911-1912.

Respectfully yours,

Governor and ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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September 25, 1914.

14-1

Mr. J. C. Dehn,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith envelope addressed to Mr. Oscar Lundin containing formal approval of his accounts as Treasurer of the Tanana School District for the school year 1911-1912.

I am not informed as to Mr. Lundin's present address and would ask that you kindly note the same on the enclosed envelope and mail it to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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September 26, 1914.

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John J. Reagan, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith copy of the Act of Congress approved January 27, 1905, providing for the construction and maintenance of roads, the establishment and maintenance of schools, and for other purposes, and beg to refer to Sections 5 to 7 inclusive, relating to schools, and to request your opinion upon the following question:

Under the act in question, where a school district has once been established by the Clerk of the district court, and funds have been provided, upon requisition of this office, for the maintenance of a school, including the construction and equipment of a schoolhouse, and a school has actually been maintained for a term or two, can such school district be legally divided so that one portion may remain within the original district and another portion be included in a new district to be established by the Clerk of the court upon petition, etc., of residents of the proposed new district?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 26, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Gus Holmberg,

Sannak School District Treasurer,
Sannak, via Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find copy of requisition of this date made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., covering the estimates of the Sannak school board for funds required for construction of a school building and maintenance of the school for the school year 1914-15, amounting in all to \$2909.00.

The Board's estimates of \$30 for 2 heaters and \$30 for a school bell have been included under the head of "Supplies, \$135.00" in the requisition, and the cost of these should be charged to the account of "Supplies" on your books and so reported to this office. The school law allows only \$1,000 for "construction and equipment" of a schoolhouse, hence the necessity of putting the heaters and bell under supplies.

When you receive the Treasury warrant for the funds requisitioned for, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

Copies of regulations, forms, etc., issued by this office were sent to Mr. Nielsen, Clerk of your district, recently, and it is presumed that he has submitted these to the other members of the board

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for their information and guidance.

In this connection your attention is called to the necessity of the Board's making a report to this office (on form sent to Mr. Nielsen) of the name, etc., of the teacher employed for the school year 1914-15. Kindly have this report made out and forwarded in due course, if not already mailed.

I enclose copy of circular letter issued by the Governor under date of February 14, 1914, relative to the observance of legal holidays and vacation periods. Kindly see that the members of the Board and the teacher understand these instructions as well as all others issued by this office.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 28, 1914.

14-1

Mr. F. C. Driffield,
Treasurer Unga-Peninsula School District,
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not yet received your annual report for the school year 1913-1914. The requisition for funds for your school district cannot be made until your report for last year has been received and approved. kindly forward the same at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 23, 1914.

14-1

The Afognak School Board,

Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that, although several months have elapsed since the close of the 1913-14 school year, this office is not yet in receipt of the annual report of the treasurer for that year, nor of the estimates for 1914-15. And, although it is presumed that school has again opened, no report has come to hand of "Teachers employed" for the current school year.

Every year, thus far, this office has experienced long delays in the matter of the receipt of reports from the Afognak school district, and has had to write for these reports in order to expedite the affairs of the school. Few, if any, of the other districts have been so dilatory in sending in reports.

I have to request that you will immediately arrange to send in the reports above mentioned, if they have not been forwarded before this letter reaches the Board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 28, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the District Court, Third Division,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 22 together with certified copy of returns of the Seldovia school election for the year 1914. In reply to your inquiry as to whether it is not possible to have the school board of Seldovia School District, which was elected on the 15th day of January, carried over to the spring election, I have to advise you that this office sees no objection to that procedure. Under the law the school directors remain in office until such time as their successors are elected and qualify, and this would seem to give the necessary authority for the school directors to discharge the duties to which they were elected, until such time as another election is held and their successors are elected and qualify, which will be in April next.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 28, 1914.

15-1

Mr. H. E. Kratz,
The School & College Bureau,
21 East van Buren Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 17 in which you state there are some good vacancies for superintendents and teachers to fill in the schools of Juneau and other Alaska towns. In reply I have to advise you that this office knows of no such vacancies. The school term in the various incorporated towns began on September 8 with the necessary teachers in the various departments.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and
ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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September 28, 1914.

14-1

Mr. A. E. Todd,

McCarthy, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Todd:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 9 with reference to the McCarthy school matter.

In reply I have to advise you that I have referred the problem presented in your letter, that is, the division of the Blackburn School District, to the United States Attorney for an opinion as I myself am doubtful of the procedure to be followed. As soon as I shall receive the opinion I will advise you further.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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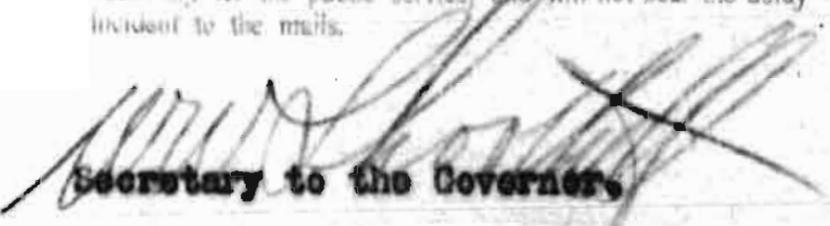
Juneau, September 23, 1914. O. B. Govt. rate COLLECT. (Via Wireless from Malato)
Bain, Clerk Otter School,

Discovery, Otter Creek, via Iditarod.

**School term of five months authorized on showing made, and requisition
for funds will be made on that basis. Janitor service twenty per month
only.**

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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September 28, 1914.

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Mr. J. H. Kelley,
President Colorado State Normal School,
Gunnison, Colo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 16 I have to advise you that the Colorado State Normal School will be placed on the list of schools whose degrees and certificates are fully accepted in the schools of Alaska outside of incorporated towns over which this office exercises jurisdiction.

I am

very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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September 28, 1914.

14-1

Mr. John Brownlow,

Hope, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 13 with reference to the establishment of a school at Hope, the securing of a teacher and the necessary supplies for conducting a school at that place. In reply I have to advise you that this office has received no official notification of the establishment of such school district from the Clerk of the Court for the Third Judicial Division. Upon the receipt of this notice and of the filing and approval of the Treasurer's bond in your school district, also the requisition of the school board for money for the maintenance of the school, this office will endeavor to comply with your wishes as expressed in your letter of September 13. I do not believe Miss Anderson to whom you refer in your letter, is at present in Juneau. However, it will not be a difficult matter, I believe, to secure a teacher for you.

Assuring you of the desire of this office to cooperate with you in every way and expressing the wish that your school may be successful in all particulars, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis,

Treasurer, Garden Island School District,

Grauhl, via Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of the 28th instant made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15. When you receive the Treasury warrant for these funds, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for 1913-14 is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 29, 1914.

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Mr. A. E. Todd,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for the information of yourself and other signers of a petition asking for the establishment of a school at McCarthy, Alaska, copy of opinion of United States Attorney John J. Reagan of the First Judicial Division, to whom I submitted the question. Briefly, the United States Attorney holds that the clerk of the court who is empowered by law to establish school districts, once having acted in the matter and created a school district, as provided in the act, has no more power in the matter, as Congress did not see fit to endow the clerk with any further authority; and the United States Attorney adds that whatever may be the school needs in the Territory, which have not been already provided for, these seem to be a subject for legislation either by Congress or the Territorial legislature.

In view of this opinion, therefore, this office seems to be without authority to act in the matter of authorizing the establishment of a school at McCarthy.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ^{official} Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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September 29, 1914.

14-1

Mr. A. E. Gain,

Clerk Otter School District,

Discovery, Otter Creek, via Iditarod, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I confirm my telegram of September 28th as follows:

"School term of five months authorized on showing made and requisition for funds will be made on that basis. Janitor services twenty per month only."

and have to advise you that a school term of five months, as stated above, was deemed advisable instead of the full term of nine months, because of the small number of school children in your district. In your letter of August 21 you state that "there is a probability that there will be six pupils for the ensuing school term, making an average attendance of about five." This is a small average attendance and sufficient to warrant the closing of the school indefinitely. A report of the grand jury sitting at Iditarod last summer directed attention to the high cost per pupil of maintaining a school in the Otter School District. However, it is not the desire of this office to deprive the children of any school district of the opportunity to secure an education, but in view of the showing made in attendance it has been deemed advisable to limit the school term to five

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months, this being the term authorized in the law providing for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns. The Otter School Board will therefore govern itself accordingly.

With reference to the examination papers of Miss Mary Coolidge, you will be kind enough to forward them to this office and if found satisfactory, a permit to teach for two years will be issued to Miss Coolidge. Pending the issuance of the permit this letter may be taken as authority for the school board to employ her as teacher.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

September 30, 1914.

14-4

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

My dear Doctor Claxton:

In accordance with the request contained
in your letter of September 10 I am enclosing herewith a list
of names of heads of families with their postoffice addresses,
who, I think, will appreciate the book descriptive of the birds
of Alaska prepared by the National Association of Audubon Societies.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

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September 30, 1914.

14-4

Professor Henderson,
Superintendent Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mrs.
Fannie Fern Andrews of Boston, concerning the organization
of an Alaskan branch of the American School Peace League,
for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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September 30, 1914.

14-4

Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews,
405 Marlborough Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of September 4 with reference to the organization of an Alaskan branch of the American School Peace League, I have to advise you that there is not an Alaskan Teachers' Association in existence. I have therefore transmitted your letter to Professor Henderson, Superintendent of the public schools of this city, for such action as he may see fit to take in the premises.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 3, 1914.

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Miss Elnora G. Ginter,
Teacher, Craig School,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultime in which you request that your salary as teacher at Craig be increased from \$90 to \$125 per month. In reply I have to advise you that the estimates submitted by the Craig school board called for a salary of \$90 per month for a term of 9 months. This office increased the salary to \$100 per month, believing that the board's estimate was too low when the cost of living at that place was taken into account. The requisition of this office for funds for the school was covered in full by the Treasury Department, hence your salary should be paid at the rate of \$100 per month. As the Treasurer of the school district has already received the funds for the maintenance of the school for the current year, it is impossible for this office to have a further increase in salary made for this term.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 1, 1914.

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Mr. W. H. Songrave,
Kennebott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Governor directs me to thank you for your letter of the 18th ultimo written in response to letter from this office of the 3d ultimo, relative to the number of children at Kennebott, and so forth.

Since the receipt of your letter an opinion of the United States Attorney for the First judicial division, Juneau, has been asked on the question of dividing the school district, and he has reached the conclusion (already entertained by this office) that there exists no authority of law for such a division. A copy of the opinion is enclosed for your information and that of the members of the Blackburn school board.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 3, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of August 19, 1914, transmitting to you a copy of the requisition made by this office for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15, your attention is called to the fact that upon receipt of the Board's estimates for funds for the school the Governor changed the estimate for salary of the teacher from \$90 to \$100 per month, for the 9-months term, and the requisition made by this office included the increase. As the U. S. Treasury warrant received by you was for the full amount asked for in the requisition of this office, the Board should arrange to pay the teacher at the rate of \$100 per month throughout the term, instead of \$90. The Governor did not consider \$90 per month sufficient, when compared with salaries paid in other schools similarly situated.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR;

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 9, 1914.

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Mr. F. R. Barnes,
United States Commissioner,
Chitina Precinct,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, directing my attention to a misunderstanding on my part as expressed in my letter to Honorable Wm. H. Spence, United States Attorney, Valdez, with reference to the location of the present schoolhouse between the towns of McCarthy and Kennecott, for which I thank you.

With reference to the establishment of a school at the town of McCarthy I have to advise you that this question was submitted to the United States Attorney for the First judicial division, and he has submitted an opinion to this office in which he reaches the conclusion that under the school law there is no authority for the division of a school district once established. For your further information I enclose a copy of the opinion.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Governor.

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October 3, 1914.

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Professor Fred C. Ayer,
Dean of the University of Oregon,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 28th ultimo there is enclosed herewith copy of the act containing the law relating to white schools in the Territory of Alaska.

Am also sending copy of regulations issued by this office relating to schools outside of the incorporated towns, and copy of circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Our school system is unorganized, the courses of study are not standardized, and there is no examination of teachers -- certificates being issued upon presentation of State certificates, diplomas, etc., or other satisfactory evidence of ability, etc. The courses of study adopted in the various schools follow quite closely those of the states of Washington, Oregon, and California, and the schools are doing good work despite the lack of organization.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 6, 1914

14-1

Mr. W. A. Keller,
Clerk, Seldovia School District,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in respect to a school at Seldovia, and requesting that this office arrange to send you desks and other furniture, school supplies, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that it is the policy of this office not to attempt to order supplies, etc., for the various school districts under its supervision, as to do so would involve endless work which this office can ill afford to undertake with its limited force, and in general such a plan would result in delay rather than expedition of school affairs. In one or two instances, where school boards have sent complete lists of supplies to this office, orders for the same have been placed without referring the matter back to the boards; but to attempt to make up such a list, especially of school supplies, would be almost impossible, since this office has no way of knowing the particular needs of the children of your district in the matter of courses of study, etc. If, as you say, you have a teacher (Miss Anderson) there waiting to open the school, it would seem that the best method or procedure would

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be for the Beard and Miss Anderson to get together and make up a list of all furniture and supplies needed for the school, and send the same to some responsible firm in Seattle to be filled.

In this connection I beg to call attention to the fact that although your school board was elected in January last, and blanks for estimates were sent to the board some time ago, we have as yet received no estimates of funds required for the maintenance of the school during the current school year. New blanks for this purpose are enclosed herewith. They should be made out in duplicate, one copy being sent to this office and the other filed with the records of the district. Items of expenditure should be estimated for as shown by the various headings on the blank. These estimates are necessary in order that this office may make a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for the funds.

I note that you are making application to the Bureau of Education for permission to use the school building owned by the Bureau at Seldevia. It is assumed that if this arrangement is made you will not have to pay any rent.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

October 6, 1914.

14-1

Mrs. Carrie S. Millard,
Teacher, Kodiak School,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ultime, in which you request that your salary be increased. In reply I have to advise you that the requisition for funds for the Kodiak school for 1914-15 was made by this office some time ago, and the Treasurer of the district has already received the U. S. Treasury warrant to cover same. It is, therefore, impracticable to arrange for an increase for this year, but one may be authorized for the school year 1915-16.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned, as you may wish to use them again.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 6, 1914.

14-1

Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Treasurer Ouzinkie School District,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23d ultimo asking if the Territorial compulsory school law can be enforced, I have to advise you that the law is inoperative at the present time owing to a lack of funds for its enforcement, and it will probably remain so until the Territorial legislature has made an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of the law. This may possibly be done at the next session, which convenes in Juneau in March next.

In reference to the delayed report of former treasurer Peter Pestrikoff, you are advised that his report should be forwarded at once, and you are requested to see him and aid in the making up of the report in proper form. Blanks are enclosed for this purpose. The report must be filed in this office without further unnecessary delay.

With reference to funds for 1914-15, the rule of this office will be deviated from in this instance and a requisition will be made for these funds; but no such deviation will be made in future.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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October 5, 1914.

14-1

Mr. O. L. Grimes,

Treasurer Ouzinkie School District,

Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15, the same including all items estimated for by the Board.

You will please note that the requisition shows an unexpended balance on hand from the 1913-14 school year of \$34.97. This is arrived at from your report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer, in which you acknowledge receipt of \$30.61 from former treasurer Pestrikoff, and add a note to the report to the effect that there is the sum of \$4.36 due the district from Louman & Hanford, Seattle, for the collection of which you have assumed responsibility. It is assumed, therefore, that this amount should be added to the amount received by you from your predecessor, making a total of \$34.97 of cash unexpended at the end of the 1913-14 school year. The report of treasurer Pestrikoff should show that balance when it is made up and sent in to this office. The Governor has written you regarding this in another letter of this date.

Your attention is called to the regulations of this office a copy of which goes to you with the Governor's letter. These should be carefully followed by the board in all respects.

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--Mr. O. L. Grimes, Treasurer, p. 2--

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant for funds for the current year, you will please notify this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant.

Will you kindly advise where your place of residence is located; that is, whether in Ousikkie or in Kodiak.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

October 8, 1914.

14-3.

Professor L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent, Juneau Public School,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing letter of Whitaker & Ray Company, San Francisco for attention of this office, and inquiring as to the nature of the annual report which this office has asked the Clerk of the Juneau school board to furnish for the school year 1913-14.

A list of the white schools of the Territory is being mailed to Whitaker & Ray Company, in response to their request, and a similar list is enclosed herewith for your information.

As to the annual report of the Juneau schools: There is enclosed a copy of the Act of January 27, 1908, providing, among other things, for schools outside of the incorporated towns of the Territory. Attention is called to Sections 3 and 6. In addition to the data which the law specifies shall be included in the report of the schools in incorporated towns to this office, the Governor has had a form prepared which provides for other information of use to this office and which it is believed can easily be furnished by the several school boards. A copy of the form is enclosed, and

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may be used in making out the desired report.

It is true that the annual report of this office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, has been completed and forwarded to Washington. We were unable to get complete returns from all of the schools in the incorporated towns and therefore could not include statistics of those schools in the report. However, the annual report of each school is desired for the information and files of this office; and it will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly assist in the preparation of the report of the Junction school.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

October 8, 1914.

15-6

Whitaker & Ray Company,
770-776 Mission St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, Juneau, has been referred to this office for attention by the official to whom it was addressed. I am not sure whether he has answered your inquiry relative to the erection of a new school building in Juneau, or not; but in the event he has not done so will say that I think it is extremely doubtful if such a building is erected in the near future, as there are no funds available for the purpose.

In response to your request for a list of the schools of Alaska I enclose herewith such a list, for the white schools only, together with copy of circular letter form used by this office which contains some other information as well.

For a list of the schools for Natives you should address Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the U. S. Bureau of Education, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA, 1915."

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Juneau, October 8, 1914. O D Govt. rate.

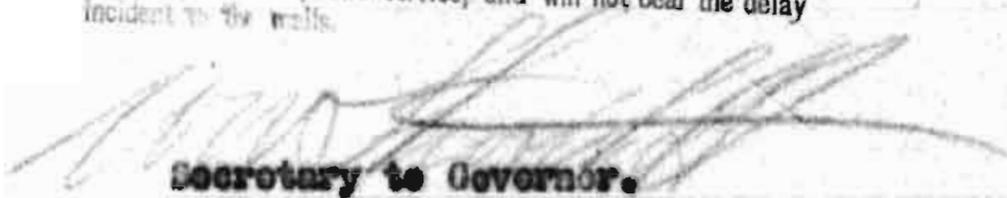
Clerk Court,

Fairbanks.

Wire result election incorporation Ruby soon as you
have definite information.

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 Governor.

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October 12, 1914.

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Mr. Peter Jepsen,

Treasurer Ruby School District,

Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find formal notice of approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-14, showing unexpended balance of \$13.91 on hand at the end of the school year, in accordance with letter from this office of August 19, 1914, and your reply of September 6, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

1 encl.

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October 12, 1914.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of your school district for the school year 1914-15; the Governor having approved the estimates of the Board as submitted.

When you have received the U. S. Treasury warrant, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 10, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Theo. Knudson,
Hendonhall School Board,
Hendonhall, via Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Knudson:

Referring to the enclosed bills of the C. W. Young Co., dated October 1910, \$3.25, and October 14, 1911, \$1.25, for supplies for the Hendonhall School District, I beg to advise that I am unable to determine from the records of this office whether these bills have ever been paid or not. There were, apparently, no receipts submitted with the treasurer's report for the school year 1910-11, and the report for 1911-12 does not contain any of the items mentioned on the bills enclosed herewith. So far as the records go it would seem that probably the bills had not been paid, but on the other hand it seems almost incredible that any firm would let bills run for four years before attempting to collect them, especially where, as I believe is the fact, bills of later dates have been collected against the district by the C. W. Young Company.

It may be, too, as you suggested when you left the bills with me, that you included their amounts in payments of your own personal bills to the firm in question. Under all the circumstances it would seem that payment should not be made unless the firm can thoroughly satisfy the school board that it has never

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--Mr. The Knudson, p. 2--

received payment for the articles furnished to the district.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

3 enclosures.

October 14, 1914.

15-5

Mr. Ira B. Fee,
Superintendent of Schools,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant I have to advise you that the rural schools in Alaska, that is, schools outside of incorporated towns, are supported directly by the Federal Government, from moneys collected within the Territory. The funds for this purpose are ample, and teachers are paid good salaries. There are 31 schools outside of incorporated towns in the Territory, and 16 schools in incorporated communities, some 9 of them maintaining high school departments.

As a rule the teachers employed in the schools of Alaska are graduates of normal schools or colleges. In general it may be said that the teachers are progressive. The population, however, of Alaska is scattered and teachers have not the advantages of co-operation that they have in the more thickly populated States of the Union.

The schools alluded to above are those maintained for white children. There are, in addition, some 90 schools for natives, those being under the supervision of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Trusting this information will be of some use to you,

I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 15, 1914.

14-1

Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,
Teacher, Niniichic School,
Niniichic, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

I have yours of the 3d enclosing the copy of Auditor's letter of the 11th ultimo to the Governor relative to the requisition for funds for your school. As you will no doubt learn before this reaches you, the difference of \$130 was occasioned by an error of mine when writing the requisition. I left out the item for manual training teacher, \$135, and made a mistake in my footings as well. A supplemental requisition for \$135 was made on the 21st of September, copy being sent to Mr. Kvasnikoff, and a copy of my letter to him being addressed to you. I am sorry that I gave you this scare, but glad that it was only a scare. I have no doubt you need all the money your school has been allowed.

I return the enclosure which accompanied your letter, for the records of your school district.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

1 encl.

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October 16, 1914.

14-1

Miss Juanita Anderson,
Seldovia, Alaska.

My dear Miss Anderson:

I have your letter of the 7th instant in respect to Seldovia school matters, and have referred it to the Governor and discussed with him the questions asked by you.

A letter recently received from Mr. Keller, Clerk of the Seldovia school district, requested this office to arrange to send desks, school supplies, etc., for the school at that place, and stated that the board was making application to the "Gov. School Board" (presumably Mr. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education), at Seattle, for permission to use the government school building. As this office has no information as to the supplies needed for the school, nor as to what grades will be maintained, and hence no way of knowing what books, etc., should be ordered, the Governor replied to Mr. Keller, on the 6th instant, telling him that it was impossible for this office to comply with his request and that the school board should arrange to order all desks, furniture and supplies needed.

I note you say the board is sending out for books and paper and other necessary equipment, so assume that that matter has been attended to ere this.

You say that at the date of the writing of

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your letter the Board had heard nothing "about the requisition that they made in August." If the Board sent in a requisition in August it has failed to reach this office, as we have none on file and have been wondering why it had not been received. The Governor called Mr. Koller's attention to this when writing him on the 6th instant, and sent estimate blanks to be used in submitting estimates for the expenses of the school for this year. I take it that the matter will receive the attention of the Board as soon as the Governor's letter is received by Mr. Koller.

Now, as to the school house again. If the Bureau of Education arranges to turn over the building in which the native school has heretofore been maintained, it will probably be done through the Secretary of the Interior, who, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education for the native schools of the Territory, will formally transfer the building to the custody of the Governor, requiring that it be kept in reasonable repair, etc. This was done some years ago at Kodiak, Afognak, and one or two other places in that vicinity. As yet we have heard nothing of the matter other than Mr. Koller's reference to it in the letter above mentioned. If the building is formally turned over to this office for the use of the Seldovia school, it will be proper to make needed repairs on it, of course, to fit it for proper use for school purposes. However, this would hardly apply to the fitting up of quarters for the teacher, since the school law does not authorize such

an expenditure. In a few cases quarters for the teacher have been provided in the school building, as, for instance, at Mendonhall, where the upper half-story is used for living rooms for the teacher. This involved but little expense. The furnishing of the quarters, however, was at the teacher's expense, I believe. If the government native school building is turned over for the use of the white school, the necessity for the \$1,000 for a building can hardly be said to exist, hence we would be limited to actual necessary repairs to the building to make it fit for school purposes. And unless the building is formally transferred to the custody of this office we would hardly be authorized in making any expenditures for repairs.

We can, of course, get a reasonable allowance for furniture, etc., for the school, in addition to the other necessary items, such as salary of the teacher, janitor service, fuel, lights, books, etc., etc.

Yes, if a manual training department is maintained in connection with the school we can no doubt get an allowance for tools and material for this branch, the same as we do at Kodiak, Longwood, and some other places.

I enclose copies of the school law, regulations of this office, etc., for your information. All necessary blanks for reports, etc., have been sent to the board, and before the close of the school year a complete supply will be sent to insure the board's having them on hand at the proper time.

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

October 19, 1914.

14-1

Mr. W. E. Ross,

Newkan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to him, and in reply thereto have to advise as follows:

The act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law", authorizes the establishment of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns in Alaska; petitions for the establishment of such districts to be signed by not less than twelve persons of adult age who are citizens of the United States or have declared their intention to become such and who reside within the boundaries of the proposed district. The petition must specify the location and boundary of the proposed district as near as may be, the number of people, the number of families, and the number of children of school age (6 to 20 years) resident therein, etc. The petition is addressed to the Clerk of the District Court for the judicial division in which the petitioners reside. A copy of the act referred to is enclosed. By reference to Sec. 5 you will note, among other things, that the school districts authorized "shall not embrace more than forty square miles of territory nor contain less than twenty WHITE children between the ages of six and twenty years." This office construes the words "white children" to mean those whose parents are both white; children of mixed blood, al-

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though entitled to attend such a school once it has been established, cannot be counted as a part of the "twenty white children between the ages of six and twenty years" which are necessary to the establishment of the district.

A careful reading of Sec. 5 will, I think, enable you to determine whether or not your community is entitled to a school under the law. If so, the petition should be addressed to the Clerk of the Court at Juneau, giving him all the necessary information in the premises, and if he is satisfied that a proper showing has been made he will establish the district and designate a date for the first election and appoint the supervisors therefor and issue the necessary instructions.

I enclose a copy of regulations issued by this office for the information and guidance of school boards, a perusal of which will give you an idea of the manner in which the school affairs are conducted. If a petition is sent to the Clerk it might be well at the same time to advise this office of that fact, whereupon we will keep in touch with the Clerk and as soon as he issues the order establishing the district we will forward blanks for estimates of funds needed, etc., so that the school board, when elected, can act promptly.

The estimates of school boards usually cover salary of teacher, expenses of janitor work where it has to be paid for, fuel, lights, books, stationery, pencils, etc., etc., and if a school building is to be rented an item for rent should be included, or if a building is to be constructed, the estimates should include \$1,000 for "construction and equipment of the schoolhouse", as provided in the law. This is the maximum amount which can be allotted under the law, although manifestly inadequate in many

districts. It is customary, also, to allow not to exceed \$50 for "incidental" -- items which the school board cannot well anticipate and cover by specific estimates.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

2 enclosures.

October 19, 1914.

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Mr. D. A. Ellsworth,
Secretary, Kansas State Teachers' Association,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 9th instant I have to advise you that there is no Teachers' Association in Alaska, nor any organization of teachers whatsoever, owing, chiefly, to the fact that the schools are in many cases so remote from each other that it is practically impossible for teachers to get together, lack of quick transportation preventing even where remoteness does not.

I enclose copy of circular letter form used by this office, which will give you some other information relative to the white schools of this Territory, as well as a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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October 20, 1914.

14-1

Mr. Angus McBride,
Clerk of the District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 3rd instant you are advised that this office received the election returns and Treasurer's bond of the Chatanika School District, from you on the 24th of June, last. On the 10th of September a requisition was made by this office for funds for the maintenance of the school for the school year 1914-15, and a copy was mailed to Mrs. Johnson, the Treasurer of the District. No doubt she has received it since the date of your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Territory of Alaska, 1915."

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Juneau, October 22, 1914. O B Govt. rate.

Clerk Court,

Fairbanks.

Has bond treasurer Otter school district been approved and for
what amount?

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is no 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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October 23, 1914.

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Exchange Department,
University of California Library,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Responsive to your request of the 16th instant there are enclosed herewith copies of documents containing the school laws of Alaska. No reports are issued in connection with the white schools, other than brief mention of them in the Governor's annual report on conditions in the Territory. You will be placed on the mailing list for these reports in future. For laws and reports relating to the schools for natives, you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., under whose supervision these schools are maintained.

Respectfully yours,

2 enclosures.

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 23, 1914.

F. C. Sterbert Co.,
29-35 West 32d Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of the 30th ultimo you are advised that there are no universities or colleges in Alaska. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries, in which will be found a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. A number of these, particularly in the incorporated towns, have small libraries, but this office does not have complete information on this subject at the present time.

For information relative to schools for natives (of ^{there} which/are some 90 or more, you should address the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. The Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools, but his functions are of the most general nature only, most of the details being left to the respective school boards and teachers.

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