

March 18, 1915.

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Miss Clara D. True,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 5 in which you express a desire to secure a teacher's position in the Alaskan service. I judge from the tone of your letter that the position you seek is as teacher in the native schools of this Territory, and I have to advise that this office has jurisdiction only of schools for whites in Alaska, outside of incorporated communities, and your inquiry should therefore be addressed to either Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., or Mr. W. F. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, 1223 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

I am returning your enclosures, as per your request.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 18, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas A. Power,
Unalakleet, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Power:

I am in receipt of a petition from the Eskimos of Unalakleet, and contiguous villages, asking the assistance of this office in obtaining from the government a sawmill, planer and necessary attachments, in which is set forth the reasons of the petitioners for asking such machinery from the government. Messrs. Daly and Gatchell, of the Home delagation in the House of Representatives, called upon me today with reference to this petition of the Unalakleet natives and presented their case in an earnest and forceful manner.

Knowing the great interest you take in the welfare of the natives of your section of Alaska, I am addressing this to you and I shall ask you to inform the natives of Unalakleet of the general contents of this letter.

In the first place, permit me to say that I regret there is no fund at the command of this office which could be used for so worthy a purpose as that outlined in the request of the petitioners. I have long been an advocate of industrial training for the native peoples of Alaska, and I am glad to know that they have a realizing sense of the importance of being equipped to do business along the lines pursued by the white men of the Territory. Of the advantages accruing to the natives that would be afforded by a good sawmill equipment there can be no doubt, and such an industry would go a long way toward making the natives more self-reliant, industrious and self-sustaining. I therefore wish it were possible to induce the Congress to make appropriations for industrial equipments of this and other kinds for the use and benefit of the natives. This seems, however, to be an impossible task at the present time, and we can only trust to the future to secure a betterment of existing conditions.

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This is a matter that could be well taken up with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Education at Washington in an effort to secure his influence in obtaining an appropriation for industries among the natives of Alaska. Dr. Claxton, the Commissioner, I know has the welfare of the native peoples at heart and will do everything that he reasonably can to further their interests, both educational and industrial, as he realizes that industry is the handmaiden of education. Last spring, while in Washington, I went before the Committee on Appropriations and made an earnest plea for hospital and other aids for the natives of Alaska, in which work I was aided by Dr. Claxton, Mr. Lopp and others, meeting, however, with but indifferent success. When the next Congress convenes I shall again take up this matter in the effort to see what, if anything, can be done along this line.

Will you kindly convey to the natives of Unalakleet and other communities my appreciation of their desire to better their condition, and assure them that I shall do everything within my power to assist them in this and every other way that will tend to their material and moral progress.

Please accept my best wishes for yourself,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

March 18, 1915.

15-3

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss A. Mary Mitchell,
of Petersburg, 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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March 18, 1915.

15-2

Miss A. Mary Mitchell,
Principal Petersburg Public Schools,
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter
of March 13 I am enclosing herewith permit to teach
in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years,
as per your request.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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March 20, 1915.

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Mr. F. A. Shumaker,
Treasurer Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I enclose herewith a copy of the Act of January 27, 1905, making provision for the construction and maintenance of roads, the establishment and maintenance of schools, etc.

In reply to your question as to how long it is necessary for a person to reside in Alaska and within a school district in order to be eligible to vote at a school election, I beg to say that Section 5 of the Act above referred to covers this point insofar as schools outside of incorporated towns are concerned. You will note the section provides that the petition addressed to the Clerk of the District Court for the establishment of a school district "shall 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 reside within the boundaries of the proposed school district." With reference to the first election to be held in such a school district it is provided that "all persons qualified to sign said petition shall be qualified to vote at said election."

As the law contains no other or different provisions as to the qualifications of voters at subsequent elections it is obvious, I think, the intention was that the qualifications specified in connection with the first election should govern in all annual or special elections held thereafter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 22, 1915.

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Miss Juanita Anderson,
Teacher,
Seldovia, Alaska.

My dear Miss Anderson:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 11 with reference to the situation created by the death of Mr. Block, school treasurer of the Seldovia School District, and other matters.

You state that Mr. Block had deposited as treasurer of the Seldovia School District the sum of \$809.96 in the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, and you ask what method of procedure shall be followed in a case of this kind.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no similar case having arisen in connection with the schools of Alaska. I assume, however, that Mr. Block left a will, or, if not, his estate will have to be administered and an administrator appointed. In this event his successor as treasurer of the Seldovia School District, as soon as he has qualified and his bond is approved, should make a demand upon the administrator for the payment of the amount due the school district, and the sum due no doubt would be promptly remitted. Inasmuch as a requisition for funds for the support of the school for next year has not gone forward it will not be necessary for the new treasurer to increase his bond, as by that time the fund now on hand will have been exhausted.

I have also to advise you that a new treasurer must be elected and that you as teacher of the school would not be qualified to fill that position.

I may say that I had heard a good deal about Mr. Block and his qualities as a good citizen and a friend of all the people of his community. I am also glad to know that your school is making good progress and that you as the teacher are rendering such unqualified satisfaction to all the people of your district. With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

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March 23, 1915.

15-8

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Mrs. Eleanor Riggs
Balderston, of Katalla, 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 September 23, 1915.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 23, 1915.

15-3

Mrs. Eleanor R. Balderston,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 10 with reference to securing a certificate authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska. In response to your request I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for two years from the date of expiration of your last permit, namely, September 25, 1915.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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March 22, 1915.

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The Clerk of the School Board,
Haines, Alaska.

Sir:

The law relating to the maintenance and conduct of schools in Alaska makes it the duty of each school board to render to the Governor, as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, a report at the end of the school year.

An examination of the reports on file in this office shows that the Haines School Board has made no report for the school year 1913-1914, although a number of requests have been made direct to the Board for such report. Will you be kind enough to forward to the Board a report for the period named, with as little delay as possible.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 22, 1915.

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Mr. John D. Wright,

The Wright Oral School,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of March 8 as to upon whom would devolve the duty of establishing a public school for the deaf in Alaska, if such a thing were to be done, I have to advise you that this duty would primarily fall upon the United States Congress or the Legislative Assembly of Alaska. I may add that there is no school of this kind in the Territory.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 22, 1915.

15-2

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Flora Louise Sanborn,
of Loscore, California, 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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March 22, 1915.

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Miss Flora Sanborn,
Lemoore, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 11 together with your application for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, and enclosing a grammar school certificate issued by the Board of Education of Kings County, California.

In response to your request I enclose herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years. Your certificate is also returned herewith.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superin-
tendent of Public Instruction.

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March 22, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of March 16 in which you ask if it is permissible for the treasurer of a school board to hire his wife to teach the school, I have to advise you that the school law is silent upon this point and there is no rule or regulation governing it. I see no objection to the employment of a treasurer's wife as teacher providing she is competent and renders satisfaction to the school district. It is a plan, however, that I would not recommend for the reason that it is likely to lead to dissatisfaction.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 28, 1915.

15-5

Mr. H. J. Waters,
Kansas Agricultural College,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 18 I have to advise you that Alaska unfortunately has as yet no agricultural college. Consequently we have no courses of study. I may say, however, that a bill which passed Congress at its last session provides for the establishment of an agricultural college in Alaska, at Fairbanks.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 28, 1925.

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

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th instant, I beg to advise that it is the practice for the school board in each district to designate the election supervisors, or judges on the occasion of each annual election. It is also the practice for the school board to have a notice of election posted in three or more public places for a reasonable length of time before the election -- usually ten days, the same as in the case of the first election in a district. There is no printed form of notice furnished by this office, the usual method being for the school board to draw up a notice specifying the date, place, etc., so that all concerned may be duly advised of the election.

For both of office blanks and blank for the treasurer's bond, you should write to the Clerk of the District Court at Juneau.

The Governor is pleased to learn that your school is making good progress.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 24, 1915.

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Miss Alice Jewers,
Chico, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant requesting information in regard to the schools in Alaska, and the possibility of obtaining a position as teacher.

I enclose a copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which, I think, will answer your questions. In addition I would say that should you succeed in getting a position to teach in Alaska, the Governor will issue to you a two-year permit upon presentation of the credentials mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 24, 1918.

15-2

Miss Mina Miller,
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 23 with reference to securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that as a rule permits are only issued to persons who are graduates of some college or normal institution, or who have had experience in teaching and have certificates showing such to be the case. In the event, however, of your securing a school in Alaska, on the recommendation which has been forwarded to this office by Miss A. Mary Mitchell, principal of the Petersburg School, a permit to teach for two years in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 29, 1915.

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The Board of School Directors,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

I have much pleasure in recommending Miss Marjorie White as a capable teacher. Miss White is a graduate of the University of Washington, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, and comes from one of the pioneer families of that State, being the granddaughter of Dr. Whitworth whose work in behalf of Washington and Alaska is well known. I am assured that she is an educated and Christian young lady and in every way worthy of confidence.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Office Note: This letter sent to Miss Marjorie White.

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March 29, 1915.

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Miss Marjorie White,
4723 Seventeenth Avenue, N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 24 with reference to securing a position as teacher in the schools of Alaska, preferably Fairbanks. In reply I have to advise you that this office has nothing to do with the engaging of teachers in the public schools of Alaska. The appointments are made by the board of school directors for the several districts. Occasionally, however, inquiries are received from school directors asking us to recommend teachers and we invariably do so should we have any names on the waiting list.

I may say that I am in receipt of a letter from Reverend Doctor H. A. Matthews in which he commends you highly in every way, and I shall be glad to recommend you to the school board at Fairbanks, as being in every way a capable and painstaking teacher.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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March 29, 1915.

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Reverend Dr. M. A. Matthews,
First Presbyterian Church,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Doctor Matthews:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 22 with reference to the desire of Miss Marjorie White, of your city, to secure a position as teacher in the schools at Fairbanks, Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that appointments to teach in the schools of Alaska are made by the several school boards and not by this office. I have today, however, written to Miss White, enclosing a letter of recommendation to the school directors of Fairbanks, which I trust may be of some service to her. I am well satisfied that Miss White would be a great addition to the schools of Alaska and that she would render faithful service.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 1, 1918.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Leila Knapp, of
Lemoore, California, 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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April 1, 1918.

18-3

Miss Leila Knapp,
Lemoore, Kings County, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 11 in which you state that you have applied for a position as teacher in the Sitka school, and that you desire a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska; also enclosing copy of Grammar School certificate issued by the Board of Education of Kings County, California.

In reply I have to advise you that I am forwarding you herewith a permit to teach for a period of two years from this date.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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April 1, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Albert Monroe Graves,
Rouseau, Minn.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of March 26 I have to advise you that all appointments of school teachers in Alaska are made by the school boards of the several districts, and not by the Governor as ex-officio superintendent of public instruction. Your application, therefore, for a position as teacher in any of those schools, should be made direct to the school boards of the various districts. I am enclosing herewith a copy of circular letter form used by this office, which contains the names of the several school districts of the Territory.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 1, 1915.

15-2

Miss Larna E. Honor,
Fort Ross, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of March 16 I have to advise you that should you obtain a school in Alaska, a permit to teach for the period of two years will be issued upon presentation of credentials showing your qualifications as a teacher. A Sonoma County, California, Grammar Grade certificate would suffice.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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April 1, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Preston M. Willis,

Patch Grove, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of March 10 I have to advise you that all appointments of teachers in the schools of Alaska are made by the school boards of the various districts, to whom your application should be addressed. Salaries for teachers in the schools of Alaska vary from ~~\$80.~~ to \$175. per month, for a term of , usually, nine months. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter form regarding the schools in Alaska, for your further information.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 1, 1913.

14-1

Miss Grace M. Stevenson,
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 3 with reference to certain conditions in the conduct of the Teller school directors affecting yourself and the work in the school. In reply I have to advise you that I must express regret at the alleged conduct of the two members of the school board, as only by hearty co-operation can the best results be obtained. This ought to be manifest to any sane person. Of course, I am unfamiliar with the cause or causes which may have produced the conditions which you say exist between yourself and the resident members of the school board. I am not unmindful of the fact that in small towns and especially those which are isolated, as is Teller, petty grievances are greatly magnified, and without being more fully informed I have to advise you that I can only recommend to you the exercise of patience, cheerfulness and discretion under all circumstances no matter how trying they may be.

The cost of maintaining schools in small places is excessive and if the school is not properly appreciated and maintained in such places there will be but one thing to be done, and that will be to close the school permanently, or until such time as the school population has materially increased. During the coming summer I shall investigate the conditions at Teller in order to determine whether the school shall be continued or not.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 6, 1918.

18-1

Honorable J. M. Hawthorne,
319 New York Block,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Colonel:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25 recommending Miss Marjorie White of your city for appointment as teacher in the public schools of Fairbanks. In reply I may say that I have received letters from Miss White, Reverend Dr. Matthews and others, relative to her desire to secure a school in that town, to which I have replied advising her to apply direct to the Board of School Directors of Fairbanks by whom such appointments are made. If there is anything I can do to further Miss White's wishes in this matter it shall be cheerfully rendered.

Expressing the hope that you are in your usual good health and with assurances of my deep personal esteem, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 8, 1915.

15-2

Miss Bessie Dickie,
Lemoore, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 30 together with a copy of Grammar School certificate issued to you by the Board of Education of Kings County, California, and in which you request a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that a permit will be issued to you as soon as you have entered into a contract to teach, with the Board of Trustees of any of the school districts of this Territory. In the meantime your letter and copy of certificate will be filed for future reference.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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April 8, 1915.

15-1

Mr. T. F. Foley,
Box 16, St. Albert,
Alberta, CANADA.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 26 in which you inquire if teachers regularly certified in Alberta are given standing in Alaska, and in which you also state that you have a first grade certificate from the Irish Education Department and that you also attended for one full session the Connecticut Agricultural College.

In reply I have to advise you that provided you secure a school in Alaska, a permit to teach would be issued for the term of two years, upon presentation of your credentials.

In reply to your further inquiry as to the demand for teachers in this Territory I have to advise you that the supply exceeds the demand. I am enclosing herewith copy of circular form of letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 10, 1915.

15-1

Mrs. G. W. Buchan,
Box 121, Gordon, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant addressed to the Governor, enclosing a letter to the Sitka School Board, making application for a position in the school at that place for the ensuing year. At your request the application has been forwarded to the Sitka School Board.

As the various school boards of the Territory make their own arrangements for teachers this office is seldom advised as to vacancies and is seldom called upon to assist the boards in securing teachers. At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 10, 1918.

18-1

Mrs. G. W. Duchan,
Box 121, Gordon, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant addressed to the Governor, enclosing a letter to the Sitka School Board, making application for a position in the school at that place for the ensuing year. At your request the application has been forwarded to the Sitka School Board.

As the various school boards of the Territory make their own arrangements for teachers this office is seldom advised as to vacancies and is seldom called upon to assist the boards in securing teachers. At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 10, 1915.

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The Sitka School Board,
Sitka, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mrs. G. W. Bushan, of Gordon, Nebraska, I forward herewith a letter addressed to you making application for a position as teacher in the Sitka school for the ensuing year. The Governor of course has no recommendation to make in this matter, this office simply forwarding the letter at the request of Mrs. Bushan, as above stated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 10, 1915.

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Mr. G. P. Fouts,

General Manager, School Progress League, Inc.,

612-614 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 18th ultimo, I have to state that this office does not issue a directory containing the names and addresses of the superintendents, principals and teachers of the white schools in this Territory. I am enclosing herewith a form of circular letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which gives the names of the schools in both incorporated and unincorporated communities in Alaska. By addressing the school boards of these various districts, you can probably obtain the information you desire.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Alex Friedolin,
Clerk Afognak School District,
Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 19th ultimo I enclose herewith two copies each of blanks for annual report of school board and for the Board's report of teachers employed for the ensuing year. Your letter does not state which of these two blanks is desired and I therefore send both.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th ultimo addressed to the Governor, enclosing your annual report for the school year 1913-1914, the report being dated June 1, 1914. I note your explanation as to the delay in forwarding this report and must say that your oversight is certainly regrettable since it has greatly inconvenienced all concerned.

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

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

A requisition has this day been made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-1915. The requisition covers the Board's estimates in full, the total amount allowed being \$2,617.25. The net amount asked for in the requisition is \$2,590.21, there being in your hands an unexpended balance from last year of \$27.04.

The Board's estimates include a total of \$262. under the head of school supplies, and \$25. for incidentals. These have been changed in the requisition to \$237. for school supplies and \$50. for incidentals. These two amounts may be used interchangeably as circumstances may require. A copy of the requisition is enclosed herewith.

When you have received the Treasury warrant covering the requisition 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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April 12, 1915.

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Miss Ruby Rasch,
West Sound, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5 in which you express a desire to receive a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that before such permit is issued you must either undergo an examination in Alaska, or present a certificate from some recognized normal school, college or university, showing your educational and other qualifications to teach.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

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Professor Edmond S. Healy,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of April 6 I have to advise you that Miss White should apply directly to the Board of School Directors, Fairbanks, Alaska, for the position which she seeks in the schools of that city.

I have already advised Miss White to this effect.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

15-10

Miss Eva D. Williams,
305 Thatcher Street,
Edmond, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of March 23 I have to advise you that Alaska has no Territorial educational institutions other than common and high schools, the latter being maintained in most of the incorporated towns of Alaska. Our educational affairs are solely under the control of the United States Congress and a bill passed during the last session provides for the establishment of an agricultural college and school of mines to be located at Fairbanks, Alaska. It will probably be some years, however, before this institution is formally established.

A home for aged prospectors, miners and others who have spent their years in Alaska and have become incapable of earning a livelihood, was established in August 1913 at Sitka, Alaska. There are now fifty inmates of this institution. It is supported by appropriations made by the Territorial Legislature. Under separate cover I am forwarding to your

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address a copy of the annual report of the Board of Trustees of this institution, which will give you the information you desire.

The insane of Alaska are maintained at Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, under contract made by the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., with the Sanitarium Company.

I am also forwarding to your address a copy of the report of the Governor of Alaska for the last fiscal year, together with a pamphlet containing general information concerning Alaska and the report of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

April 12, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

This office has received a remittance from you through Mr. A. E. McLean, Clerk of the School District, of the sum of \$2.25 in cash sent in response to the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913, addressed to all school boards calling for pro rata payment to cover the cost of circulars and report forms which were printed under the direction of this office in November, 1913, and to cover the cost of a photo album for preserving photos of the school buildings in the various districts as part of the records of this office. A receipt in duplicate, signed by the Governor, is enclosed herewith to cover the remittance referred to. One copy of the receipt should accompany your annual report to this office and the other should be filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

14-1

Mr. S. O. Casler,
Treasurer Unga-Peninsula School District,
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo in reply to office letter of the 2nd ultimo with reference to the delayed report of the Treasurer for the school year 1913-1914. The Treasurer's report was received today and the same has been approved by the Governor who has also made a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of the school for the current year.

I very much fear that the treasury warrant covering the requisition will not reach the treasurer of your school district before the close of school, although it is possible that it may. I can readily see that its non-arrival will result in such inconvenience, to the teacher in particular, who, you state, is leaving at the end of this term. The fault, however, does not lie with this office but with Treasurer Driffield, as you are aware. I would suggest that it might be well for you and the clerk of the school district to make it a point to see that the treasurer attends to the duties of his office in the future and that reports are promptly forwarded to this office. I regret to say that Mr. Driffield seems to have a habit of being very dilatory in matters of this kind and I do not think this office has ever received a report from him without having to write for it.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 12, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28 last enclosing annual report of the school board for 1913-1914 and report of teachers employed for the school year 1914-1915, together with \$2.25 in cash remitted on behalf of the Treasurer and under instructions from this office.

There is enclosed herewith a letter addressed to
receipt
Treasurer Mittendorff transmitting in duplicate to cover the
remittance referred to. Will you kindly hand the letter
and its enclosures to Mr. Mittendorff, or his representative.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure

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April 13, 1915.

15-1

Miss Hazel Howe,
515 Wilson Avenue,
Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your inquiry of April 5 regarding the schools in Alaska which offer a course in domestic science, I wish to state that so far as this office is aware, at the present time the school at Ketchikan, Alaska, is the only one in the Territory which provides a full course in manual training and domestic science. Application to teach should be made to the Clerk of the School Board at that place.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 13, 1915.

15-1

Miss Hazel Seely,
R. R. 1, Box 1-0,
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of April 5 as to what requirements are necessary in order to teach in the schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, I have to advise you that the teacher must either hold a certificate of qualifications from an accredited normal school, college or university, or undergo an examination in Alaska as to qualifications. A permit is issued to teach for two years in Alaska schools.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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April 13, 1915.

15-3

Miss Leela Sanders,
West Sound, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 30, I have to advise that in order to secure a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska the applicant must be a graduate of some recognised normal school, college or university, or must undergo an examination in Alaska as to teaching qualifications.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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April 14, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Henry Landes,
Acting President University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25 endorsing Miss Marjorie White of your city for a position as teacher in the public schools of Fairbanks, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that Miss White should address her application to the Board of School Directors, Fairbanks, Alaska, as this office exercises no control in the matter of engaging teachers for the public schools of the Territory. Miss White has been advised to this effect.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio-
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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April 19, 1915.

15-3.

Miss Marie Dennis,
Kenecott, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of April 9 I wish to state that it is not the policy of this office to hold examinations for teachers in Alaska, or issue permits to teach unless in case of emergency, where trained teachers cannot be secured for schools outside of incorporated towns. It is the view of this office that the time has arrived when only trained teachers, that is, teachers who have graduated from some recognised normal school, should be employed in the schools of the Territory.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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April 22, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in
your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor,
I send you herewith two estimate blanks for the use of the
school board in submitting its estimates for the school year
1915-1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures 2.

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April 22, 1915.

15-1

Dr. Nena Jolidon Croake,

Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 3 in which you state that Mrs. Maria S. Drake, of Los Angeles, has applied to this office for a school in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that there is no record of such application on file in this office, and I wish to further advise you that applications to teach in the schools of Alaska should be forwarded direct to the boards of trustees in the several districts of the Territory as this office does not employ teachers.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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April 22, 1915.

14-4

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

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1 with reference to making on Peace Day, May eighteenth, a special appeal for international peace. In reply I have to advise you that I am in full accord with the statements contained in your letter and shall do everything within my power to the end that the special appeal to which you refer, be made on May eighteenth. The awful conflagration of war now ravaging the fairest portions of Europe is an object lesson in behalf of peace, so plain that he who runs may read.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 23, 1915.

15-5

Mr. Richard C. Bulger, Publisher,
The Gorham Press,
194 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 12th instant addressed to the State Superintendent of Education, which has been delivered to this office (the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory) I beg to advise that so far as this office is informed there are no "official reading circles" in Alaska. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains information relative to the white schools of the Territory which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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April 23, 1913.

15-5

The Dobbs-Herrill Company,
34 Union Square,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date addressed to the Governor as Superintendent of Education, containing matter descriptive of "A History of Travel in America," and in which you request a list of the schools, public and private, where advanced American history is taught in this Territory.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter used by this office in replying to various school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. There are no private schools in Alaska. None of the schools outside of incorporated towns provide courses of study extending beyond the Eighth Grade but you will note that High Schools are maintained by several of the incorporated towns.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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April 24, 1915.

15-1

Mr. K. F. Stage,
105 East Eighth Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the 15th instant addressed to the Governor, with respect to commercial courses in the high schools of Alaska. In reply I beg to advise that the courses of study in the Alaska schools are not standardized. Some of the high schools provide a commercial course, Juneau being one of these. The average salary in the high schools is about \$125. per month for the school year of nine months.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains other information that may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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April 24, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Walter Hoikle,
Harwood, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Governor, making application for a position to teach in the white schools of Alaska, and enclosing copies of credentials. I am returning the letter herewith and wish to state that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction in the Territory, he does not engage teachers. Teachers are employed by the school boards of the various school districts, or incorporated towns. For your further information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular form of letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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April 24, 1915.

14-1

Mr. G. A. Adams,
Clerk of the District Court,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 3rd ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I send you herewith a copy of school regulations issued by the Governor under date of November 20, 1913, and a copy of circular of February 14, 1914, containing further instructions to school boards. A supply of copies of the printed regulations is being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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April 26, 1915.

15-1

Mr. B. C. Aune,
Chimacum, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant addressed to the Governor, making application for a position to teach in the white schools of Alaska.

In reply I wish to state that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction in the Territory, he does not engage teachers. As stated in the circular form of letter sent you previously, teachers are employed by the clerks of the school boards of the various districts, or incorporated towns, to whom application should be made direct. This office is very seldom advised of vacancies occurring in any of the school districts, and makes no recommendations as to teachers unless requested so to do by the school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1915.

14-1

Miss Ethel M. Matthews,
1106 Colusa Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of April 18, there is herewith enclosed a circular containing the information which you require with reference to the high schools of the Territory. As elections of local boards of education in the various incorporated towns were held at the beginning of this month and their names have not as yet been received by this office, it is impossible to furnish you with the names of the personnel of the different boards. To be eligible to teach in the schools of Alaska the teacher must have a certificate from a normal school or university.

The climate of Alaska varies. On the Coast it is equable and there is considerable rain in summer and snow in winter, the thermometer, however, seldom going below zero. In the interior the summers are dry and warm and the winters dry and cold. Trusting this information may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

Governor.

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April 27, 1915.

14-1

Miss Grace M. Stevenson,

Teller, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 24 with reference to conditions in the Teller School District and to the relations existing between you and the Board of Trustees. In reply I have to advise you that on receipt of your former letter I discussed briefly the conditions as outlined therein and I shall not now enter into another discussion. It is to be regretted that such an unsatisfactory state of affairs exists. However, before this letter reaches you your school term will have closed, as it will be impossible for this letter to reach you before the middle of June. It is my intention at this time to visit Nome sometime during the summer and I shall then cause an investigation to be made of the matters of which you complain.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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April 27, 1915.

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Professor L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent of Schools,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Professor Henderson:

It will be appreciated if
you will kindly furnish this office with a few copies
of the teachers' application form which you use.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 1, 1915.

15-3

Miss Anne McGlinch,
Kennebott, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, requesting a certificate of authority to teach in the Blackburn School, near Kennebott.

Before a permit can be issued to you it will be necessary for you to submit to this office the State of Washington life certificate which you hold.

The register which you ask this office to send you, should be supplied by the school board. This office will request the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., to forward you a copy of the Alaska Bird Book to which you refer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 1, 1915.

14-6

Sir:

It will be greatly appreciated if you will kindly have forwarded to Miss Anne McGlinch, teacher, Kennecott, Alaska, a copy of the Alaska Bird Book recently distributed by the Bureau of Education.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

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Juneau, May 4, 1915. O. B. Ans. Collect/Homo to Council.

Helen Dahlke, Clerk,

Council.

Now school law does not affect status of established schools.

**Assistant superintendent public instruction and inspection provided
for.**

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.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

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May 4, 1915.

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Mrs. Ulu M. Thompson,
Katalia, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the Act passed at the recent session of the Legislature provides for the appointment of but one person to this position and that this person must be of the male sex. It was thought at the beginning of the session of the Legislature that a superintendent and an assistant for each of the four judicial divisions would be included in any law that might be passed. However, this plan failed to materialize for several reasons, chiefly financial.

With best wishes for yourself and family, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 4, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Bernard J. O'Reilly,

Kiana, Alaska.

My dear Barney:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 28 with reference to establishing a public school at Kiana. I have read with much interest your statements regarding the need of a school there. I have no doubt there is much truth in what you say and I have to advise you that I shall give this matter my serious consideration. A law passed at the recent session of the Legislature I think will cover the case of Kiana and that you may be assured of a reasonable prospect of a school being established there beginning with the next term in September. This will depend, however, upon the interpretation of the law and the amount of money available for schools coming under this category. I shall duly advise you of this hereafter.

I am glad to know that you and Mrs. O'Reilly are getting along nicely, and with best wishes for you both, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 4, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur G. Thompson,
Katalla, Alaska.

My dear Arthur:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 29 with reference to the machinery for the public instruction of the children of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that on the last day of the session the Legislature an Act relating to the schools was passed. This Act creates only the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the entire Territory, and necessarily the appointee must be a male. The law does not carry with it the appointment of Assistant Superintendent for each of the judicial divisions as it was expected to, according to some of the bills that were introduced in the Legislature relating to public schools. I regret to state, therefore, that there seems to be at this time no opening which Mrs. Thompson could fill.

With best wishes, I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-2

Miss Marion R. Schumacher,
Millersville, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your communication of April 23, together with your application for a position as teacher in the schools at Juneau, has been forwarded by this office to Mr. W. W. Casey, Clerk of the Juneau School Board, for such action as the Board may determine.

With reference to your request for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that such permit will be issued should you secure a school in this Territory, upon presentation of proper credentials.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-3

Mr. W. W. Casey,

Secretary of Board of School Directors,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a number of
communications which explain themselves.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

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May 4, 1915.

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Mr. L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent Juneau Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 1, being an application for the appointment of Assistant Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction, according to the terms of an Act passed at the recent session of the Territorial Legislature.

In reply I have to advise you that your application will be filed and given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-2

Miss Lacie G. Webster,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 26 in which you ask that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska be issued to you. You state that you have had no normal training but that you have had some slight teaching experience. In reply I have to advise you that it is not the policy of this office to issue teaching permits to untrained persons inasmuch as it is held that the salaries paid teachers in Alaska are large enough to secure trained teachers in the public schools. In case of emergency, however, that is, where it is impossible for a school district to engage a trained teacher, permits have been issued from time to time, but only in such cases. It is also the opinion of this office that the children of Alaska are entitled to the best educational facilities that can be provided under the law.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-3

Mr. Walter Meikle,
Harwood, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the period of two years, such permit having been issued upon presentation by you of a First Grade certificate from the State of Washington.

I am returning herewith the duplicate certificate, and note from Mrs. Josephine Preston, enclosed with your letter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Mr. Walter Heikle,
of Harwood, Washington, has presented satisfactory
evidence of his qualifications and is hereby authorized
to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska
for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-1

Miss Floy W. Kellogg,

Black Diamond, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I am enclosing herewith permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years, the Second Grade certificate from the State of Washington, presented by you, being the warrant for the issuance of such permit. I am also enclosing with this a circular containing information concerning the schools of Alaska. Your certificate enclosed with your letter is also returned.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosures 3.

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May 4, 1915.

15-2

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Floy W. Kellogg,
of Black Diamond, Washington, has presented satisfactory
evidence of her qualifications and is hereby authorized
to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska
for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 4, 1915.

15-1

Miss Maret L. Settem,
Cathlamet, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 28 I have
to advise you that should you secure a school in Alaska,
a two year permit to teach in the schools of the Terri-
tory will be issued to you upon presentation of your
Oregon and Washington certificates. I enclose herewith
a copy of the circular issued by this office, relating
to the schools in Alaska.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

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May 5, 1915.

15-5

Mr. J. H. Wendelken,

Registrar The Savage School for Physical Education,
308-310 West Fifty-ninth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th ultime addressed to the Secretary of the State Board of Education, Sitka, Alaska, has been forwarded to this office, the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Juneau being the capital of the Territory. The receipt is also acknowledged of the catalog of The Savage School for Physical Education, and the same has been placed on the shelves of our school library.

In response to your request for a copy of the yearly report of the educational work in this Territory I beg to advise that no report of the work in the white schools of the Territory is published with the exception of a brief reference to these schools in the Governor's annual report on general conditions in the Territory. A copy of this report is being mailed to you under separate cover.

Should you wish to obtain a copy of the annual report of the work in the schools for natives in the Territory,

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you can no doubt obtain the same by addressing the Commissioner
of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

May 6, 1915.

15-1

Mr. M. C. James,

Superintendent of Public Schools,

Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

It is a sincere pleasure for me to be able to commend to you Mrs. Carrie Shaw Rice whom I have known favorably for many years. Mrs. Rice is a well known educator and a lady of eminent literary attainments, and I am sure that she would be a valuable addition to the teaching staff of any of the schools of the nation.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 6, 1915.

15-1

Mrs. Carrie Shaw Rice,

Hotel Morse,

Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Rice:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 22 and in reply permit me to say that I shall be pleased to assist you in securing a school in Alaska if an opportunity should present itself. I trust, however, that you will be fortunate enough to be appointed to a school in Berkeley as you desire.

I am enclosing herewith a letter of commendation to Superintendent M. C. James, of Berkeley, as per your request.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 6, 1915.

14-3

Mr. A. D. Coulter,
1602 Garfield Street,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Coulter:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 23 in which you commend Miss Isabel Wilson for a teacher's position in the Juneau schools.

In reply permit me to state that I shall be pleased to say a good word for Miss Wilson on the assurance received from you. With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 6, 1915.

14-3

Mr. W. W. Casey,

Clerk of the Board of School Trustees,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Casey:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. A. D. Coulter, a friend of mine, of Seattle, in which he recommends Miss Isabel Wilson for the position of teacher in the Juneau schools.

I may say that I have known Mr. Coulter for about fifteen years and he is in every way worthy of confidence.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 6, 1915.

14-1

Mr. O. H. Anderson,

Flat City, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 3 with reference to the establishment of a school at Flat City. In reply I have to advise you that in order to obtain a school it will be necessary to address a petition to the Clerk of the Court of your judicial division in which it must be shown that the school district which it is proposed to create shall contain not less than twenty resident white children between the ages of six and twenty years. This petition must be signed by not less than twelve persons of adult age who are citizens of the United States or have declared their intentions to become such, and who reside within the boundaries of the proposed school district. This showing having been made, the Clerk will take the steps necessary to grant the petition, such as describing the boundaries of the school district, ordering an election for school trustees, etc.

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In view of the small attendance at the school at Otter it will be necessary to discontinue that school hereafter unless there shall be a largely increased number of children in attendance. During the last school year the average cost per pupil at the Otter school was, I think, about \$650. This great cost was commented upon by a grand jury sitting at Iditarod last year. I think it would be advisable for the school district of Otter and Flat to be consolidated. It may be, however, that Flat is already included in the Otter School District, but of this I am not advised. The law is mandatory as to the number of children residing within the school district which it is proposed to create, that is, not less than twenty must reside therein. I need scarcely assure you that I will do everything within the limits of my official power to aid the people of your district in obtaining school facilities.

A law passed at the recent session of the Legislature provides for the establishment of schools where there are less than twenty resident children. This law will not go into effect, however, until about August first, and furthermore, at this time I am doubtful of its legality.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

May 8, 1915.

15-1

Miss Frances O. Fuller,
410 West Fourth Street,
The Dalles, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of inquiry dated the 3rd instant, I have to advise you as follows:

The white schools of Alaska are of two classes: those outside of incorporated communities, called "Nelson" schools, and those in incorporated towns. The former are maintained by the Federal government and the latter by the respective municipalities. The government does not provide transportation to teachers in its employ in the white schools of Alaska, and as to those in incorporated towns the same conditions apply in this regard as to schools in the States. The school at Fairbanks is maintained by the city of Fairbanks. The time required to make the trip from Seattle to Fairbanks at this time of the year is from two to three weeks. The route would be via Skagway, Whitehorse, and river steamer down the Yukon River. The salaries paid to teachers in the white schools of Alaska vary, the average being about \$100 per month. The salaries paid in the Fairbanks school at the present time are, I believe, about \$175 per month.

For your further information I enclose herewith a copy of circular form of letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries.

Trusting that the above may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 8, 1915.

14-1

Mr. F. A. Shumaker,
Treasurer Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo written on behalf of the Latouche School Board with respect to the construction of an addition to the present school building. I note you state that the Board considers \$1,000 would suffice to enlarge the present building to take care of requirements for the next year or so.

As you are aware, the school law authorizes an allowance of but \$1,000 for the "construction and equipment" of a school building, and since the Latouche School District has received its allowance for this purpose it will probably be a difficult matter to secure any additional funds for building purposes. However, if the Board will include in its estimate for the school year 1915-1916 an item of \$300 for repairs this office will approve the estimate and make a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount stated. I wish to say, however, that while the requisition will be made, it is not at all certain that the Auditor will allow it and the Board should not take any steps looking to the enlargement of the school building until it has been advised that the Auditor has passed the item in the requisition.

This office is well aware of the fact that many of the schools are seriously hampered by reason of inadequate school room accommodations but until such time as an amendment can be secured to the school law it is practically impossible for this office to afford any relief in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

G O V E R N O R .

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May 11, 1915.

15-8

Miss Genevieve Hillman,
Rexburg, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May first I have to advise you that should you secure a school in Alaska your life diploma as teacher in the State of Idaho will be accepted in the Territory, and upon presentation of the same a permit will be issued to you to teach for the term of two years.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superin-
tendent of Public Instruction.

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May 11, 1915.

15-1

Mrs. Mary A. Chatfield Gibson,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 6 in which you state that the people of Hadley have asked that I appoint you as teacher there next term.

In reply I have to advise you that such application has not been received at this office. I have to further advise you that appointments of teachers are made directly by the school boards of the several school districts, and in no case by this office.

I may say that should you receive the appointment of teacher at Hadley, or any other school district of the Territory, in view of your excellent recommendations and qualifications a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the term of two years, will be issued to you. I return herewith the letters of recommendation which accompanied your letter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 11, 1915.

14-1

Mr. George L. Stanley,
Kiana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 27 in which you state that a number of residents of your section have petitioned the Clerk of the District Court for the establishment of a school district.

The establishment of school districts rests solely in the hands of the Clerk who, if the facts submitted for his consideration warrant it, will undoubtedly take the steps necessary for the creation of a school district and the election of a board of school directors. The school directors will then certify to the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, the amount of money necessary for the maintenance of a school not to exceed nine months in any calendar year. This office in turn makes a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for an amount sufficient in the discretion of this office to maintain the school for the specified period.

For your personal information I may say that the Federal school law provides that there must be at least twenty white children between the ages of six and twenty years resident in the proposed district. The law also provides that after the school has been established, children of mixed blood living a civilized life may be admitted to it. Why the former discrimination was made I am unable to state. I am merely stating the law. In all fairness, however, if you have thirty half caste children in Kiana, or even twenty, you are entitled to a school as this office is not disposed to raise the question of blood as the children of the Territory are surely entitled to an education. If the Clerk of the District Court should create the district I shall be pleased to co-operate in any way possible. I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 11, 1915.

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Honorable Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Judge Gunnison:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of May 7 endorsing Mr. L. D. Henderson, Superintendent of the Juneau Public Schools, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under an act of the recent Legislature creating that office. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be placed on file and given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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[Handwritten signature]

P. A. Knowlton
Juneau May 11, 1915
COLLECT, NIGHT RATE.

Fairbanks.

Credentials returned Stanford August last.

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May 11, 1915.

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Mr. Henry Landes,

Acting President of the University of Washington,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 5 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 11, 1915.

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Mr. Joseph K. Hart, Ph. D.,
Assistant Professor of Education,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 4 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 11, 1915.

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Mr. John A. Clark,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Clark:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 29 endorsing Mr. Philip A. Knowlton, of your city, for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, an office created by act of the Legislature at its recent session. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 13, 1915.

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Mr. P. A. Knowlton,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application, by telegraph, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under an act passed at the recent session of the Territorial Legislature. I have also received certain endorsements of your candidacy from various educators.

In reply I have to advise you that your application will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 12, 1915.

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Mr. F. J. Karrow,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application, by telegraph, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under an act passed at the recent session of the Territorial Legislature.

I have also received certain endorsements of your candidacy from various educators.

In reply I have to advise you that your application will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 13, 1915.

15-3

The Clerk of the School Board,
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On November 9 last this office addressed a letter to the Clerk of the School Board at Cordova requesting that he advise this office as to whether or not any instruction is given in your school on the subjects of domestic science and manual training. On April 5, 1915, the Clerk of the School Board was again communicated with on this subject, but to date no reply has been received.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this office the desired information at an early date so that our files on this subject may be complete. I enclose a franked, addressed envelope for your use in this connection.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 13, 1915.

15-3

The Clerk of the School Board,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On November 9 last this office addressed a letter to the Clerk of the School Board at Wrangell requesting that he advise this office as to whether or not any instruction is given in your school on the subjects of domestic science and manual training. On April 5, 1915, the Clerk of the School Board was again communicated with on this subject, but to date no reply has been received.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this office the desired information at an early date so that our files on this subject may be complete. I enclose a franked, addressed envelope for your use in this connection.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 13, 1918.

15-5

Mr. Edwin Wells,
Librarian Fifth District Normal School,
Maryville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of May 4 for a copy of the latest report of the public schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that such a report is not published. Brief mention of the schools of the Territory is made by the Governor in his latest annual report, a copy of which is being sent you under separate cover. For your further information I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to various school inquiries.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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May 13, 1915.

14-1

Mr. W. A. Keller,
Clerk of the Seldovia School District,
Care of Miss Juanita Anderson, Teacher,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th ultimo with respect to the accounts of Treasurer Adam Block, deceased, and other matters in connection with the school at Seldovia.

With respect to the accounts of former Treasurer Block, I have to request that the present Treasurer and the former Treasurer's bondsmen arrange to submit to this office a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements during Mr. Block's incumbency, using the form enclosed herewith. This report should be made out in duplicate and signed by the bondsmen and present Treasurer who should certify to its correctness; one copy of the report should be forwarded to this office and the other copy should be filed with the permanent records of the school district. The copy transmitted to this office should be accompanied by receipts or receipted bills covering the various expenditures made by the former Treasurer as required by regulations issued by this office, a copy of which you will find enclosed herewith. The report in question should show the unexpended balance of funds on hand at the time of Mr. Block's decease, and if this amount has been turned over to the present Treasurer that officer should forward to this office a report, made out on the form provided for that purpose, two copies of which are enclosed herewith. If the balance has not yet been turned over to the present Treasurer, that officer should forward to this office the report mentioned as soon as the funds have been turned over to him.

At the end of the 1914-1915 school year the present Treasurer should make out a report of receipts and disbursements for that portion of the school year during which she acted as Treasurer. Blanks for this purpose have already been forwarded to the Clerk of the School Board.

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With reference to the necessity for procuring more advanced books and other school supplies for use during the coming school year, you are advised that the Board may procure these books and supplies, the same to include a "Retary White Sewing Machine" at an estimated cost of \$45, including freight, and a small heating stove for use in the proposed sewing room.

With reference to proposed repairs to the school building, outlined in your letter of the above date, I beg to say that it will be necessary for the School Board to submit estimates of the probable expense involved in the making of these repairs. The various items of suggested repairs and improvements contained in your letter would seem to indicate that a considerable expenditure of money will be necessary for these repairs and improvements, and before any authority is given therefor, this office must be fully informed of the probable expense of each and every item. The estimates for these items should be submitted with the Board's estimate of moneys needed for the maintenance of the school during the school year 1915-1916, and on the form provided for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosures.

May 13, 1915.

14-1

Miss Juanita Anderson,
Teacher, Seldovia, Alaska.

My dear Miss Anderson:

I enclose herewith a letter addressed by the Governor to Mr. W. A. Keller, Clerk of your School District, in answer to the letter of October 10th last written to the Governor by you for Mr. Keller. If Mr. Keller has not yet returned to Seldovia, will you please refer the enclosed letter to the present Treasurer of the School District, and to former Treasurer Block's bondsmen, so that they may arrange to prepare the report called for therein. Upon Mr. Keller's return the letter should of course be given to him.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure

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May 13, 1915.

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Mr. W. E. Wilson,

Principal Washington State Normal School,

Ellensburg, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 7 endorsing Mr. Frank X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed with other endorsements of Mr. Karrer which have been received by this office, and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 13, 1915.

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Mr. Edwin J. Saunders,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter endorsing Mr. Frank X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed with other endorsements of Mr. Karrer which have been received by this office, and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 13, 1915.

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Mr. C. C. Van Liew,
565 Market Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 6 endorsing Mr. P. A. Knowlton for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed with other endorsements of Mr. Knowlton which have been received by this office, and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 13, 1915.

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Professor W. A. Schmidt,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 5 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of public instruction for Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed with other endorsements of Mr. Karrer which have been received by this office, and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 15, 1915.

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Professor Charles Forster Smith,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 6 endorsing Mr. Philip Knowlton for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska, an office created by the Alaska Legislature at its recent session. In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superin-
tendent of Public Instruction.

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May 15, 1915.

15-1

Mr. J. R. Bain,

Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 5 in which you inquire whether there are any summer schools in Alaska, I have to advise you that there are no such schools in the Territory. The school term begins, usually, on the first Monday in September and continues for a period of nine months.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 15, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Claude H. Higgins,
H. F. D. No. 4,
Junction City, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of inquiry of the 10th instant. In reply I enclose herewith a form of circular letter which contains information as to the number of schools in Alaska, the salaries paid, the length of school term, etc.

The regular steamship fare from Seattle to Juneau is \$30.; the cost of fares to other points in Alaska may be secured by addressing the passenger agents of the Alaska steamer lines plying out of Seattle, namely, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the Alaska Steamship Company, the Humboldt Steamship Company and the Pacific-Alaska Navigation Company. This office is not advised as to the cost of board in the various towns of the Territory.) this varies of course with the locality, in the coast towns being slightly higher than say, in Seattle, and in the interior being very much higher. In general,

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the cost of living in Alaska seems to bear the same relation to salaries paid, as it does in the States, especially those of the Pacific Coast.

Trusting that the above information may be of some service to you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

May 17, 1915.

15-6

The Storytellers' Magazine,
Room 1711, 80 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo requesting a list of the County and City Superintendents of schools in Alaska; also a list of the summer schools and institutes to be held during the coming summer and fall.

In reply to your first inquiry I have to advise you that there are no County or City Superintendents of schools in this Territory. I enclose herewith a form of circular letter containing a list of the white schools of Alaska and would suggest that you might communicate with the teachers of these schools through the Clerks of the School Boards in the respective school districts.

In reply to your second inquiry I beg to state that there are as yet no institutes or summer schools held in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 17, 1915.

15-1

Miss Clint Oldham,
Stanton, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 13th (to hand this morning) making application for a position as teacher in the white schools of Alaska, preferably at Juneau. In reply I have to advise you that I am advised the teachers for the Juneau schools for the coming term have already been engaged. In regard to a position elsewhere in Alaska I am enclosing herewith a form of circular letter which contains a list of the white schools of the Territory, together with information as to how to apply for a position, etc. etc., which I trust may be of some service to you.

I am returning herewith the photograph and copy of letter of recommendation from H. D. Johnson, enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures 2.

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May 18, 1915.

15-8

Mr. J. B. Spencer,
Department of Agriculture,
Publications Branch,
Ottawa, CANADA.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 28 addressed to the Secretary, Department of Education, Sitka, Alaska, has been referred to this office.

In reply I have to advise you that the school garden movement, to which you refer, has not as yet taken root to any a preciable extent in Alaska. Our School system is comparatively young and is undergoing a process of evolution. A law passed at the recent session of the Territorial Legislature provides for a uniform system of schools in Alaska, and with the increasing interest taken in the schools of the Territory, together with the steady growth in population, I believe that within a very short time we shall have a modern system of school education, of which the school garden movement will no doubt form a part. For the reasons above outlined we have no reports or other publications dealing with this movement. I have to thank you for the list of publications enclosed with your letter and I beg to assure you that we shall be pleased to reciprocate in every way possible.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, May 18, 1915. O B. Collect, Nulato to Iditarod.

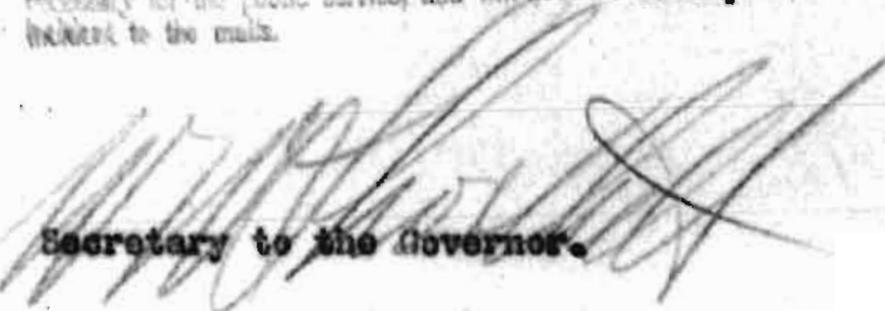
G. G. Geraghty,

Iditarod, via Nulato.

Original bond treasurer supposed lost in mail. Deputy clerk court Iditarod instructed February last have treasurer furnish new bond ~~and to approve same~~ and advise by wire. Nothing heard ~~of matter~~ since. Cannot provide funds until new bond arranged.

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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May 19, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. E. M. Keys,
Clerk Chatanika School Board,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28 requesting blanks for the estimate of moneys needed for the support of your school district; also instructions to the various members of the school board. In reply I beg to advise that on May 1st blanks forms, in duplicate, including those which you request, were sent you, but it may be that they have not as yet reached you and I am herewith enclosing estimate for moneys needed, in duplicate, together with three copies of instructions to the school board, and one typewritten copy of supplement thereto.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures 6.

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May 19, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am enclosing herewith two forms for estimates of moneys needed for the support of your school for the coming school year. Copies of all the necessary blanks, including the above, were sent you on May first but it may be that these have not as yet reached you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures 2.

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May 19, 1915.

15-1

Mr. Chas. W. Shidler,
4034 Seventh Avenue N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant requesting application blank and instructions necessary to receive the license or permit to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not the policy of this office to issue teaching permits to persons who have not been actually engaged to teach in the schools of Alaska. I would therefore suggest that after you have taken the teachers' examination at the University of Washington and have received your certificate, and provided that you are successful in obtaining a school in Alaska, a permit to teach for the period of two years will be issued by the Governor on presentation of the certificate from the University of Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

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May 21, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Charles J. Strandberg,

Treasurer Otter School District,
Otter Creek, via Iditarod, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of requisition of this date made by the Governor upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1914-15. The total amount of the requisition is \$35 more than that indicated in the Governor's telegram of September 20, 1914, to Mr. Bain, Clerk of your Board, in which it was stated that funds would be furnished for a five months' term. The extra \$35 has been added to cover cost of telegrams with respect to the election returns and your bond, etc., and you are authorized to include such charges in your accounts. Your annual report, when made, should cover the school year 1914-15, although of course the disbursements may not be made until after the close of that school year.

The long delay in the making of the requisition for funds has been due solely to the failure of this office to be advised of the giving of a second bond by you (the first one having, apparently, been lost in the mails,) and while there has no doubt been much inconvenience resulting from this delay, it has not been the fault of this office, which has repeatedly endeavored to obtain definite information on the subject.

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant for the funds asked for in the requisition of this date, kindly advise this office in writing,

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-Mr. Charles J. Strandberg, Treasurer, p. 2--

giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt
by you.

It is suggested that in future the School Board exercise more
care and promptness in the making out and forwarding of reports, election
returns, treasurer's bond, etc.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

May 22, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. G. Singer,
Treasurer, Kenai School District,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith you will find a copy of the requisition made by this office today upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the Board's estimates having been allowed in full.

In this connection I beg to call attention to the fact that the bond given by you is in the sum of \$3,000 only, whereas the school law requires that the bond of the treasurer of a school district shall be in a sum "not less than double the amount of funds that will come into his hands during the year". As the Board has asked for \$1949 for the ensuing year, your bond should be not less than twice that amount. I have therefore to ask that you take immediate steps to furnish an additional bond in the sum of \$1,000, which when executed by you and your sureties should be sent to the Clerk of the District Court at Valdez for his approval. I am wiring him today asking him to send you bond blanks for this purpose, so as to save time.

When you have received the U. S. Treasury warrant for the funds requisitioned for, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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May 23, 1915.

14-1

Mr. J. T. Freeman,
Clerk, Kenai School District,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant with respect to Kenai school matters, and submitting the Board's estimates of funds needed for the maintenance of the school during the year 1915-16.

You are advised that I have today made requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the full amount asked for by the Board. A copy of the requisition is being forwarded to Mr. Singer, Treasurer of the school district, who is also being instructed to furnish an additional bond in the sum of \$1,000, for reasons set forth in my letter to him.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, May 22, 1915. O. B.

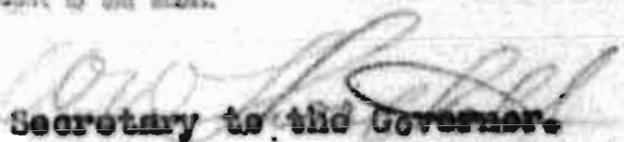
F. G. Davis,

Valdez.

Appointment assistant superintendent will probably be made
on or about June tenth.

STRONG, Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, May 22, 1915. O. B.

Hahn, President School Board,

SKAGWAY.

Replying yours nineteenth it is opinion this office ^{material} no radical change
will be made in courses study for ensuing school year.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to Governor.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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May 24, 1915.

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Mr. F. G. Davis,
Principal of Valdez Public Schools,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 13 together with your application for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under a law recently passed by the Territorial Legislature.

In reply I have to advise you that no appointment will be made until probably the middle of June, or perhaps later. I may add that I have received a number of telegrams and letters from gentlemen wellknown to me, endorsing you for the position. Your letter and endorsements will be placed on file for consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 24, 1915.

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Professor Edmond S. Meany,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Professor Meany:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of May 14 recommending Mr. F. X. Karrer
for appointment to the new position of Assistant Super-
intendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply
I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and
given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 24, 1915.

15-2

Mrs. Ula M. Thompson,
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I have your letter of May 16 with reference to your securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that the regulations of this office require that before a permit is issued the applicant therefor must first have secured a position as teacher. When this shall have been done a permit to teach for the term of two years will be issued upon the presentation of satisfactory credentials.

I may say that I sincerely trust that you will secure the Katalla school as I have no doubt whatsoever that you would render most excellent service.

I note with much pleasure that there are signs of renewed activity in Katalla and that region and I sincerely trust that it may still come to the front, thereby fulfilling the many predictions that have been made concerning its potential value as a producer of coal and oil.

Kindly convey to your husband, the Judge and Mrs. Thompson, my regards.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 24, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Ward Estey,
Treasurer Ellamar School Board,
Ellamar, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Estey:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 16 with reference to school conditions at Ellamar. In the first place permit me to say that I was glad to hear from you and I am also much pleased to know that you are identifying yourself with the school work in your district. I remember very well the excellent service you rendered the cause of education while Clerk of the Nome school board, and I am satisfied you will render the same excellent service in your new district as you did at Nome.

I also note what you say with reference to an appropriation for repairs of your school building at Ellamar, and the need of new desks, etc. I have therefore to advise you that when you make up your estimates for the ensuing school year you are authorized to include the sum of three hundred dollars for repairs to the school house, and also an estimate under the heading of supplies, a portion of which can be used, I believe, for the purchase of new desks. I need not urge upon you the exercise of economy and to say that only such supplies as are actually needed for the success of the school should be included in your estimate. The increase in the number of schools bids fair to exhaust our school fund this year and already we are compelled to begin the practice of economy, which in former years was not necessary. However, I am not unmindful of the fact that the children of Alaska are entitled to the very best facilities that are obtainable, and I shall always work with this end in view.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 24, 1915.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Ida H.
Rider, of Juneau, Alaska, has presented satis-
factory 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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May 24, 1915.

13-1

Miss Helen Snyder,
402 South Ninth Avenue,
North Yakima, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 29 together with enclosures from Honorable R. B. Milroy and Mr. Rodney Ackley, Superintendent of Schools for Yakima County. In reply you are advised that should you secure a position as teacher in any of the Alaska schools, a permit to teach for the term of two years will be issued to you, your credentials having been found satisfactory. This office does not issue permits to teach until the applicant has secured a school.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 24, 1915.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Miss Anne McGlinch,
of Kennecott, Alaska, has presented satisfactory evi-
dence of her qualifications and is hereby authorized
to teach in the white schools of the Territory of
Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.

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May 24, 1915.

18-2

Miss Anno McGlinch,
Koonocott, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 14 enclosing permanent First Grade Certificate from the State of Washington, I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the period of two years from this date.

Your Washington Certificate is herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosures 2.

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May 24, 1916.

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Mr. P. A. Knowlton,
Tanana Club,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 4 with reference to your application for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under the law recently passed by the Territorial Legislature. I have also received a number of telegraphic endorsements of your candidacy, together with letters from various people and institutions of learning. All these have been filed for future reference.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 24, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. Hilda Marshall,
Clerk of the School Board,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 14, I have to advise you that the maximum sum allowed for the construction and equipment of school houses in school districts outside of incorporated towns is \$1,000. By equipment is meant school desks, seats, etc. This office is cognizant of the fact that this sum is inadequate in many cases, but as the sum is limited by law this office has no discretion in the matter. Ever since I have been in this office I have endeavored to have the amount raised to at least \$2,000, but so far without success. You are also advised that it may be possible to allow some money for the equipment under the head of supplies. So soon as your estimates shall have been received this office will allow as great latitude as possible under the limitations under which it labors.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor and ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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May 24, 1915.

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Mr. V. I. Hahn,
President Skagway School Board,
Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hahn:

Your letter of the 19th instant was received on the 22nd and briefly answered by wire on the same day.

I conferred with the Governor immediately upon the receipt of your letter and he expressed the opinion that inasmuch as the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will probably not be made until sometime next month, there would be no material changes made in the courses of study in the various schools of the Territory during the ensuing year. The Assistant Superintendent will of course have to familiarize himself with the courses of study now in use in the various schools before he can make intelligent plans for any changes which may seem desirable. It is therefore probable that no radical changes in the courses of study will become effective until the beginning of the 1916-1917 school year.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 25, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Gus Helmsberg,
Treasurer Sannak School District,
Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your annual report for the school year 1914-1915 I beg to call your attention to the fact that you should submit with the report receipts or receipted bills covering the various expenditures which may be shown in the report. Your attention is called to printed regulations issued by this office under date of November 20, 1913, which explain in detail the manner in which the various school reports should be made out. Copies of these regulations were mailed to the Clerk of your school board together with various report forms, on the first of this month.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 25, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Gus Holmberg,
Treasurer Sannak School District,
Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing your annual report for the school year 1913-1914. Under the head of receipts you show the sum of \$455 received by you from the United States Treasury Department, while under the head of expenditures you show total disbursements of \$564.60. The first item of expenditure covers teacher's salary for two months and eighteen days at \$175 per month, or \$455. The remaining items cover coal, lights, rent and school supplies. It would appear therefore that you expended \$109.60 in excess of your receipts. In your letter you say: "Mrs. C. W. Hammond, the school teacher, has not been paid so I cannot send any receipt." Notwithstanding this you have shown in your report an expenditure of \$455 for teacher's salary. The requisition made by this office under date of January 15 last for the sum of \$455 for your school district was for the purpose of payment of the teacher's salary for the period from April 13 to June 30, 1914. The requisition did not include any other item or sum and this office is at a loss to understand why you have shown expenditures for coal, lights, rent and school supplies amounting in all to \$109.60, in this report for 1913-1914.

Your report is returned herewith and you are instructed to make out a new report showing the receipt of \$455 from the United States Treasury, and an expenditure of the same amount, covering teacher's salary for two months and eighteen days, taking a receipt in duplicate from the teacher and transmitting one copy thereof to this office with your report. The report should show no expenditures other than that for the teacher's salary since the requisition made by this office covered only the one item of teacher's salary, and no other expenditures for the period in question were authorized by this office.

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You are requested to explain fully the circumstances with respect to the expenditures for coal, lights, rent and school supplies which appear in the report which is being returned to you herewith. If these various items of indebtedness were incurred during the period from April 13 to June 30, 1914, the school board should submit an estimate to this office asking that a requisition be made to provide funds with which to meet the indebtedness.

Please give the matters referred to in this letter your prompt attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures:

- 2 Estimate Blanks
- 2 Annual Report of School Board, blanks
- 1 Treasurer's Annual Report - returned

May 25, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Peter E. Nielsen,
Clerk of the Sannak School District,
Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo advising that the Sannak School District has twenty-nine persons between the ages of six and twenty years, and that the wages of the school teacher have been fixed at \$175 per month.

It is not quite clear to this office whether you intended your letter to serve as an annual report of the School Board, or whether it was merely written to acquaint this office with the number of school children and the salary being paid to the teacher. If you intended it as an annual report I beg to call your attention to the fact that a blank form for the annual report of the school board is furnished by this office and copies of this blank, together with other school forms, were mailed to you on the first of this month. The various reports for which blank forms are provided by this office should be filled out by the school board and forwarded to this office at the proper time as indicated on the several forms.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 26, 1918.

15-1

Miss Pearl Shaw,
966 Bellamy Street,
Santa Clara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant in which you advise that a friend of yours and yourself are desirous of securing positions in the white schools of Alaska, and asking for certain information with regard to positions in these schools. In reply I beg to say that this office does not know of any vacancies at the present time. The various school boards in the Territory usually arrange for their teachers during the months of May and June so that those whom they wish to re-employ may be contracted with before they leave for their summer vacations.

As school elections have recently been held in the various towns this office is not yet fully informed as to the names of the newly elected clerks. Mr. W. W. Casey is clerk of the Juneau School Board, but this office is not informed as to the names of the clerks in Douglas, Fairbanks, Nome or Skagway. However, a letter addressed to the Clerk of the School Board, at any of these places will no doubt reach the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 26, 1915.

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Honorable Fred M. Brown,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 14 endorsing Mr. Frank G. Davis, of Valdez, for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under the law recently passed by the Legislature creating that office.

In reply I have to advise you that your endorsement of Mr. Davis will be filed and given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 26, 1915.

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Honorable C. D. Murano,
1401 L. C. Smith Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Judge:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 13 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer, of Fairbanks, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska, together with the endorsement of Mrs. Murano.

In reply I have to advise you that your endorsements will be placed on file and given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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May 26, 1915.

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Professor E. B. McGilvray,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of
May 8 endorsing Mr. Philip Knowlton for appointment
as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction
for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your
letter will be filed and given due consideration at
the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 26, 1915.

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Mr. Thomas E. Finegan,
Assistant Commissioner for Elementary Education,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter
of May 12, I have to advise you that the city school
systems of Alaska are organized under a general statute.
A law passed at the recent session of the Territorial
Legislature, a copy of which I am transmitting herewith,
provides for a uniform system of schools in Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure 1.

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May 26, 1915,

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Honorable John F. Dillon,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May first, for which I thank you. Your endorsement of Professor P. A. Knowlton, of Fairbanks, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been noted. At this time I have not decided upon a man for this place but I may say that Mr. Knowlton's candidacy together with his recommendations will be given due consideration at the proper time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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May 28, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Since August 18, 1914, this office has been in correspondence with you with reference to a difference of 43 cents in your accounts as Treasurer of the Knik School District for the school year 1913-1914. Several letters have been written to you requesting that you go over your records and advise this office regarding the matter, the last letter having been written under date of March 8, 1915. No replies have been received from you to letters from this office under date of September 15 and November 13, 1914, and March 8, 1915.

While the apparent discrepancy in your accounts is a small one it is absolutely necessary that it be explained to the satisfaction of this office before your accounts for the school year 1913-1914 can receive the approval of this office. It is also necessary that your accounts for that year receive the approval of this office before your bondsmen can be released from their responsibility under the bond given by you for the school year 1913-1914.

I must therefore ask that you give this matter your prompt attention and that you submit an explanation as to the difference of 43 cents in your accounts, above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.

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15-2.

CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT.

Department of Public Instruction.

THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Alta Harris who having presented a State of Idaho Certificate, and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 28th day of May, 1915.

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

Granted upon:

**State of Idaho Certificate
by Indorsement No. 1041,
dated January 19, 1915.**

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May 28, 1915.

15-2

Miss Alta Harris,
Pocatello, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, together with credentials as mentioned therein. In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the term of two years from date. I am also returning all the papers enclosed with your letter under acknowledgment.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosures.

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May 29, 1915.

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Mr. V. I. Hahn,
President Skagway School Board,
Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant endorsing Miss Margaret Keenan for the newly created position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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May 29, 1915.

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Miss Margaret Keenan,
Stagway, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 25 in which you make application for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska under a law passed at the recent session of the Legislature, together with recommendations, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that your application and recommendations will be filed and considered in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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Juneau May 28, 1915. O. B. Govt.

J. E. Clark

Clerk of the District Court,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Replying yours date director and clerk Anik school district should
call special election giving due notice thereof to fill vacancy
caused by failure of treasurer elect to qualify.

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.

W. H. Marshall
Secretary to the Governor.

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[Handwritten initials]

June 1, 1915.

15-2.

Mrs. Hildred Davies Brakine,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and under separate cover your Ellensburg Normal School Certificate and Kent High School Certificate. I note that you have been elected to teach in the school at Kodiak. In accordance with your desire I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the Territory for the term of two years from date, and under separate cover I am returning to you your State of Washington certificates.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

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CERTIFICATE BY INDORSEMENT.

Department of Public Instruction.

THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mrs. Mildred Davies Brukine, who having presented two State of Washington Certificates and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

Given at Juneau, Alaska, this first day of June, 1915.

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

Granted upon:

**State of Washington, Ellensburg,
Normal School Certificate.**

**State of Washington, Kent,
High School Certificate.**

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June 1, 1915.

15-3

Mr. M. H. Douglass,
Librarian University of Oregon Library,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of the 24th ultimo for a copy of the latest issue of the course of study of the schools of Alaska, I beg to advise that Alaska has not as yet a uniform course of study in the schools. An act passed at the recent session of the Legislature provides for a Territorial Board of Education and the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. One of the important duties of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction will no doubt be that of providing a uniform course of study for the white schools of the Territory. This will probably not be arranged, however, so as to become effective before September, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 2, 1915.

14-1

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

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 19 enclosing returns for the Sanak School District election for 1915, together with certain correspondence in connection with the organization of Sanak School District, and a copy of proposed nunc pro tunc order for issuance by the Honorable Fred M. Brown, Judge of the United States District Court for the Third Judicial Division, with relation to the election of a Board of School Trustees at the organization of the district on October 8, 1913.

In reply I have to advise you that in view of the showing made as to the organization of Sanak School District and the first election of school officers on October 8, 1913, this office is of the opinion that Mrs. Hammond the teacher of Sanak school, who began her duties in October, 1913, is fairly entitled to compensation for the period from October, 1913 to April, 1914. Therefore, if the nunc pro tunc order is issued by Judge Brown this office will make a requisition upon the Treasury Department for the amount of Mrs. Hammond's salary for the period named. Whether under the circumstances the requisition will be honored cannot be predicted at this time. A full statement of the facts in the case, however, will accompany the requisition.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor,

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June 2, 1915.

15-1

Mr. John D. Taylor,
Buchanan, Harney County,
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 22 I have to advise you that teachers in the public school service in Alaska are employed directly by the boards of trustees of the several school districts. For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing the names of the different school districts of the Territory.

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

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 2, 1915.

14-5

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

Dear Doctor Claxton:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22 with reference to the admission of native children into the white schools of Alaska because of the necessity that has compelled the Bureau of Education to withdraw from certain villages in which there is a small number of children of school age.

In reply I have to advise you that so far as this office is concerned no objection will be raised to the admission of native children to established white schools of the Territory. This is, however, a matter which in my opinion must be settled by the school boards of the various towns. I believe in a number of white schools full blood native children are sometimes admitted, especially if they are cleanly in their habits and are not diseased. As stated, however, undoubtedly the school boards of the different districts must determine this matter for themselves.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 2, 1915.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22 with particular reference to the increase in the salaries of teachers as indicated in the estimates of the Kodiak School Board for the 1915-1916 term.

In reply I have to advise you that it is not the intention of this office to increase the salaries of teachers at Kodiak or elsewhere. This office has received no requests from the teachers for such an increase, and furthermore, the rapid increase in the number of schools in the Territory renders it imperative that this office exercise the strictest economy in order that sufficient funds may be obtainable for the maintenance of the schools.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. H. Cockerille,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 26, signed also by Mrs. M. F. White and Mr. Charles G. Ganty, endorsing Mr. F. S. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. S. Blum,
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. E. E. Ritchie,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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Juneau 2, 1915.

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Col. W. P. Richardson,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. John Lyons,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 26 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Honorable William N. Spence,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 26 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Valdes, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 26 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdes for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 26 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis of Valdez for appointment to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Honorable B. F. Millard,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 recommending Mr. F. C. Davis of Valdez for my consideration for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska under the law passed by the Second Territorial Legislature.

I note with satisfaction that you say there is no better qualified man in Alaska for this position and your endorsement of Mr. Davis will be given careful consideration, and although, as you say, you are a Republican, I wish to assure you my dear Senator that it will have as much weight with me as though you were a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat. I wish to also add that any recommendation coming from Senator Millard will always be given due consideration by me so long as I am in office. I share your motto, to wit: "The best for Alaska, regardless of politics." I am glad, however, to know that Mr. Davis is a Wilson Democrat.

I trust that you and Mrs. Millard are in the enjoyment of your usual good health, and with assurances of my deep personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 2, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Carl Lyders,
Clerk of the School Board,
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Complaints have reached this office from time to time concerning the manner in which the teacher of the Teller School District has received her pay, the specific charge being to the effect that checks have been issued through Mr. E. A. Winfield who is not a member of the school board. Will you kindly explain why this has been done? Complaints are also made as to the insufficient lighting of the school house, lack of ventilation, insufficient heating, and other bad sanitary conditions alleged to be existent in the school room. This office requests that you make a full explanation of the charges thus made, at your earliest convenience, together with a statement of the condition of the school house both from an interior and exterior point of view.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. W. R. Leedy,
Berry P. O.,
Ester Creek, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10 in which you inquire whether the ladies of Ester Creek may use the school building for religious and social entertainments. You add that the building has not been occupied for school purposes since 1910 and that the directors moved away in 1911.

In reply I have to advise you that I can see no reason why the school house should not be used for the purposes indicated in your letter, provided that no discrimination is made as to religious denominations or in the matter of worship or in social entertainments. It must also be understood that no damage must be done to the building within or without and that it must be kept in as good condition as it was when opened for the use of the people. If you will take charge of the building and see that it is carefully looked after I shall be pleased to designate you as custodian of the building pending its reoccupation for school purposes.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mrs. George Lacy,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 in which you make application for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. The receipt is also acknowledged of enclosures from T. W. Potter and Charles L. Peabody.

While it is my belief that this position should be filled by a man, because of the vast extent of the Territory, the difficulties in transportation, etc. etc., your application will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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June 2, 1915.

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Mr. William A. Gilmore,
300-308 Central Building,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Gilmore:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer of Fairbanks for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska under the law passed by the legislature.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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