

February 1, 1916

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Mrs. Mary E. Cox,  
Crescent, Klamath Co.,  
Oregon

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 12, in which you express your desire to obtain a school in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no uniform course of study in the schools of Alaska. The courses of study usually followed are those of Washington, Oregon, or California, as most of the teachers employed in the schools of Alaska hail from these states. I may add that your Oregon State certificate, good until 1917, will be recognized in Alaska for a period of two years, should you secure a school in this Territory.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular giving general information on the schools of Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 1, 1916

14-1

Rev. T. K. Thorvilson,

Lutheran Missionary,

Petersburg, Alaska

Reverend Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 21, in which you ask if you can have the use of the old United States school house for the purpose of holding church services therein.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is not the custodian of the United States school house at Petersburg. You are advised, however, to address Mr. W. G. Beattie, Superintendent of Native Schools for southeastern Alaska, Juneau, Alaska. I have no doubt that Mr. Beattie would gladly turn over the school house to you for the purpose mentioned.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 2, 1916

15-6

Dewey Blueprint Co.,  
1155 Welton street,  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the fifth  
ultimo, requesting the latest directory of manual training  
teachers, or a copy of the regular school directory. In  
reply you are advised that no printed directory of teachers  
is published, but there is enclosed herewith a typewritten  
list of white schools, with the names of the principals  
thereof.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 2, 1916

15-1

Miss Bertha Neel,

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the schools of Alaska, the certification of teachers, literature dealing with the climate, conditions of living, etc.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter containing information with respect to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of these schools. The Alaska school law authorizes the Governor to issue certificates to teachers, and to prescribe rules and regulations governing the same. No printed regulations have been published. Practically all of the teachers employed in the schools of Alaska come from the States, and their certificates are issued upon presentation of State certificates, or college or normal school diplomas. Alaska certificates, or permits, are issued only to those persons who actually obtain employment in the Alaska schools and are for a period of two years.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular of general information regarding Alaska, which will give you some idea as to the climatic and other conditions.

Respectfully yours ,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 2, 1916

15-1

Mr. L. L. Mennot,

North Yakima, Wash.

My dear Mennot:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 22, enclosing a letter from your step-daughter, Miss Nord, with reference to her securing a school in Alaska, preferably at Wrangell.

In reply I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed by this office to Miss Nord, which is self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 2, 1916

15-1

Miss Boulah Nerd,

208 East Ninth street,

Ellensburg, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 23, in which you inquire about opportunities for securing a school in southeastern Alaska, preferably at Wrangell.

In reply I have to advise you that you should address your application direct to the board of school trustees, either at Wrangell or some other place where schools are maintained, as the matter of engaging teachers rests entirely with the respective school boards.

I am forwarding herewith, for your further information, a copy of a circular letter containing a list of the school districts of this Territory.

Expressing the hope that this may be of some service to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 2, 1916

15-1

Miss Elizabeth B. Haight,

Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, requesting information with respect to the opportunities for teachers in the white schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that this office does not know of any vacancies at the present time. The employment of teachers in the white schools of the Territory is left entirely to the respective school boards, although this office is sometimes asked to assist in securing teachers. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter containing information with respect to these schools, together with a complete list of them. Most of the schools outside of incorporated towns employ but one teacher.

Seward is an incorporated town and employs three teachers. For information as to opportunities there, it is suggested that you address "The Clerk of the School Board."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. NELLY D. McCULLAGH, of Anchorage, Alaska, who, having presented a State of Iowa First Grade Teacher's Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Iowa  
First Grade  
Teacher's Certificate,  
dated Feb. 1, 1911.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to HOWARD MCGINLEY, of Kodiak, Alaska, who, having presented an Indiana State Normal School certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of February, 1918

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Indiana State Normal  
School Certificate,  
dated June 28, 1906.

**Department of Public Instruction**

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**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. C. W. HAMMOND, of Sanaak, Alaska, who, having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska, for a term of one year from September 1, 1915, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mrs. Howard McGinley, of Kodiak, Alaska, she, having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska, for a period of two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 3, 1916

15-2

Mrs. C. W. Hammond,  
Sannak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 8, with enclosure, in which you apply for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. You state that your diploma and certificate were lost in a fire, but that if the enclosure is not sufficient, you will send outside and have evidence furnished that will be satisfactory.

In view of this statement, you are advised that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you, for the current school year. At the end of that time, if you will forward to this office a duplicate diploma, which you can, no doubt, procure from the school or state issuing it, a further permit to teach in the Alaska schools will be issued to you for the term of two years, on the expiration of the permit to be issued.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 3, 1916

15-2

Miss Sophia Sjöberg,  
Afognak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 11, with reference to this office issuing a permit to teach to Miss Nonna Petellin, of Afognak, I have to advise you that, as I note Miss Petellin is now attending the normal school at Bellingham, Washington, and as I assume she will be given a certificate by that school to teach in the schools of Washington, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to her upon presentation of her State of Washington diploma.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory under the circumstances, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 4, 1916

15-2

Mr. Frank W. King,  
c/o E. Beere,  
Decorah, Iowa

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your Iowa Provisional Certificate, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska certificate.

With return of your Iowa certificate, I am directed, by the Governor, to advise you that permits to teach in Alaska are issued only to such persons as actually obtain employment in the Alaska schools. Since you have not yet obtained such employment, a permit cannot be issued to you.

There is enclosed herewith a circular letter containing information with respect to the Alaska schools, together with a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 4, 1916

15-2

Mr. Howard McGinley,

Principal, Kodiak schools,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your Indiana State normal school certificate, and certificates issued to yourself and to Mrs. McGinley covering studies pursued during the summer session of 1915, at the University of Washington, Seattle, and requesting the issuance of Alaska permits.

Enclosed herewith you will find permits issued yesterday to Mrs. McGinley and yourself, for the usual period of two years. The certificates which accompanied your letter of the above date are returned herewith.

Please advise the date of the licenses at present held by Mrs. McGinley and yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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February 4, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Molly D. McCullagh,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th ultimo, together with your State of Iowa certificate, and in response to your request, the Governor has, under date of February 3, issued you an Alaska teacher's permit for the usual period of two years. The permit is enclosed herewith, together with your certificate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 5, 1916

14-1

Mr. Karl A. Petterson,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 31, enclosing a census of the school children of your district, the list showing that you have 121 children of school age therein.

This is a splendid showing, indeed, and I fully appreciate the necessity that exists for better and more extensive accommodations for the school. How to obtain this, however, is a difficult problem. The law, providing for the construction and equipment of school houses in Alaska, limits the amount that may be expended for these purposes to \$1,000, usually an altogether insufficient sum, but the amount being limited by law, this office cannot override it. By the terms of a bill now in Congress, it is proposed to transfer the control of the schools from the federal government to the territorial government, and, if this be done, I believe a way will be found to equip the various schools of Alaska in an up-to-date and modern way. I am thoroughly of

the opinion that the children of Alaska who are growing up in the Territory and who will become the future citizens of the Territory, are entitled to the best educational advantages that can be given them, and since I have been in this office, I have labored to the best of my ability to that end. You may rest assured that I shall do everything within my power to assist you in getting the necessary accommodations which your school district seems to require, in view of your large school population, and the unsatisfactory and crowded condition of the present school premises.

Wishing you much success in the conduct of your school,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 5, 1916

15-1

Mr. Joseph P. Byers, Executive Secretary,  
Committee on Provision for the Feeble-Minded,  
501-2 Empire Building,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 20, in which you ask for certain information concerning the establishment of special classes for retarded or backward children in the public schools of Alaska.

In reply I regret to advise that in none of the schools of Alaska has there been any provision made for this class of children. For further information, you are advised to address the following superintendents of schools in the towns named: L. B. Henderson, Juneau, Alaska; Miss Margaret Keenan, Skagway, Alaska; Mr. E. X. Karrer, Fairbanks, Alaska; O. W. Baird, Nome, Alaska; F. G. Davis, Valdez, Alaska; also the superintendents of schools of the following towns, whose names I do not know: Wrangell, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Douglas, Cordova, Seward.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 5, 1916

14-1

Mr. C. L. Magill,

Teacher, Public School,

Korai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 31, with reference to school matters in your district. I am pleased to learn that the differences have been amicably adjusted, and I trust that none will arise hereafter.

I note that you have a large school, and I may say that you must be very much overworked, and your school very much overcrowded. The matter of securing increased school accommodations for your district, I fear will be a most difficult one, unless the control of the schools of Alaska is vested in the Territorial Legislature, there being now a bill in Congress providing for this purpose. As you may know, under the existing school law, the maximum amount that can be allowed for the building and equipment of a school house in the Territory, is \$1,000—an entirely inadequate amount, of course. This is a matter that has given this office considerable concern in the past, and, with the steadily increasing population of the Territory, the need of a larger amount for school

buildings will become absolutely imperative. It is hoped,  
however, that some way may be found out of the difficulty  
through a change in the law in this respect.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 8, 1916

15-1

Mr. Charles A. Christian,

P. O. Box 15,

Noble, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 24, I have to advise you that salaries paid teachers in Alaska vary from \$100 to \$175 a month. Teachers are appointed by the board of trustees of the different school districts. In order to be eligible to teach in the schools of Alaska, the applicant must hold a diploma from some recognized normal school, college or university.

For your further information, I am enclosing a school circular issued by this office.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

February 8, 1916

15-1

Miss Clara E. Hawk,  
Sutton, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 26, I have to advise you that there is a certain demand for teachers in Alaska, in the white schools outside of incorporated towns. In order to teach in these schools, a teacher must hold a diploma from some recognized normal school, college or university, upon the submission of which to this office, if satisfactory, a permit to teach in the Alaska schools is issued, for a period of two years.

For your further information, I am enclosing a circular letter concerning the schools of the Territory outside of incorporated communities.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 8, 1916

15-1

Miss Zeralda Ingram,

Bolivar, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 25, I have to advise you that there is a certain demand for teachers in Alaska, in white schools outside of incorporated towns. In order to teach in these schools, a teacher must hold a diploma from some recognized normal school, college or university, upon the submission of which to this office, if satisfactory, a permit to teach in the Alaska schools is issued for a period of two years.

For your further information, I am enclosing a circular letter concerning the schools of the Territory outside of incorporated communities.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 10, 1916

15-10

Hon. Alvan N. White,  
Supt. of Public Instruction,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your 1915-16 educational directory, with enclosure accompanying same, and wish to thank you for your courtesy.

No report is published covering the work of the white schools of Alaska, nor is a directory issued in connection with them. Brief reference, however, is made to these schools in the Governor's annual report, a copy of which is being mailed to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 13, 1916

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Estey:

In reply to your letter of February fifth, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter issued from this office on February 4, 1914, which, I believe, answers your several queries.

Permit me to say that I was much grieved to hear of your accident, and I trust that you may have a speedy recovery.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

Enc.

**Department of Public Instruction**

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**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MR. O. W. BAIRD, who, having presented a University of Wisconsin Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

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

Granted upon:

**University of Wisconsin  
Life Certificate.**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

MISS MILDRED LEHMANN, of Nome, Alaska, having presented satisfactory evidence of qualifications, and being recommended by the Nome School Board, is authorized to teach in the Nome Public schools during the school year 1915-16, said year beginning September 1, 1915, and ending June 1, 1916.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

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

Graduate of Nome, Alaska,  
High School. Does not hold  
State certificate or diploma.

February 14, 1916

15-1

Mr. R. A. Bakke,  
Clerk of the Mendenhall School District,  
Box 175, Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to you by Miss Anna Feeney of Pakin, North Dakota, with copies of two letters of recommendation hereto attached. The letter, with enclosures, has just been received from the Superintendent of the Juneau schools, to whom it was evidently sent by mistake.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to ER. O. W. BAIRD, who, having present a University of Wisconsin Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:  
University of Wisconsin  
Life Certificate.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss EMMA LEE OWL, of Nome, Alaska, who, having presented a First Grade Certificate of the State of Kentucky, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Kentucky  
First Grade Certificate.

**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS HAZEL GARCELON, of Nome, Alaska, who, having presented a California State Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

California State  
Normal School  
Diploma

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS EDNA O'CONNOR, of Nome, Alaska, who, having presented a diploma of the University of California, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

Commissioner of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

University of  
California Diploma

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS RANNIE BAKER, of Nome, Alaska, who, having presented a First Grade Certificate of the State of Arizona, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

First Grade Certificate  
of State of Arizona

February 15, 1916

14-1

Rev. T. K. Thorvilson,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Reverend Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, with further reference to your securing the United States school house at Petersburg, in which to hold religious services for your denomination. I note, from your letter, that I was in error in believing this to have been a school house used by the United States Bureau of Education for native children.

In reply I have to advise you that you are hereby given permission to use this school building for the purposes mentioned, until further notice, or until such time as it may be required for other purposes. It is understood that the building will be kept in as good repair as it is at the present time, during your period of occupancy.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 15, 1916.

14-1

Mr. C. F. Roberts,

Operator in Charge,  
U. S. Signal Corps,

JUNEAU.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your verbal inquiry of this date relative to message of May 18, 1915, sent by this office to G. G. Geraghty, Iditarod, via Nulato, collect.

The message in question was a reply to one received from Geraghty on May 17, 1915, copy of which is shown on attached, together with copy of the answer thereto.

Geraghty was (and still is, I believe) U. S. Commissioner at Iditarod. The tolls on the message sent by this office should be paid by the Treasurer of the Otter School District, which is near Iditarod, the post office being Discovery, Otter Creek. The name of the Treasurer is Charles J. Strandberg. Geraghty simply acted in a friendly capacity, I take it, for the school board, but neither he nor his Department (Dept. of Justice) are responsible for the tolls on the message sent by this office. No doubt if the Wireless people send their bill to Strandberg he will arrange payment of it.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

February 18, 1916

15-1

Miss Jessie T. Corlett,

Red Lodge, Montana

My dear Miss Corlett:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31. In the first place, permit me to say that I was glad to hear from you again, and to know that you are still looking forward to Alaska after your trip last summer, which I know that you enjoyed immensely from what you told me.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter issued by this office, pertaining to the schools of Alaska, how to secure positions, etc. This office has nothing to do with the employment of teachers, but you are quite at liberty to use my name as reference should you apply for a position in any of the districts named in the circular enclosed.

Mrs. Streng advises me that she received your letter and that she will reply to it shortly. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and to render such assistance as I may be able, in connection with your securing a school in the Territory. Your trip of last summer gave you such a compre-

hensive knowledge of Alaska that I need not enter into  
details concerning the merits of any of the towns of Alaska,  
all of which you visited.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

14-1

Juneau, February 18, 1916. O B NIGHT. Via MAIL from Nulato.

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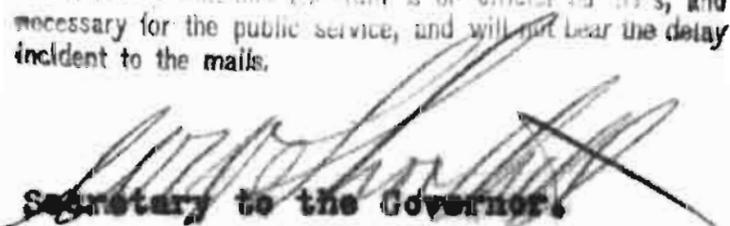
H. Donnelley, Treasurer/School District,

Iditarod,

Requisition made today for eighty dollars repairs and twenty-six dollars  
for wood response your letter January fourteen.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this requisition is approved by law, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

14-1

**Juneau, February 18, 1916. O. B. NIGHT. Via mail from NOME.**

**Samuel Magids, Treasurer,**

**Kiana School District,**

**KIANA,**

**Requisition made this date covering estimates of your school board with  
exception of salary of teacher which has been <sup>made</sup> ~~estimated~~ two hundred  
per month for seven months.**

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**

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

**Secretary to the Governor.**

JUNEAU, FEBRUARY 18, 1916. O. B.

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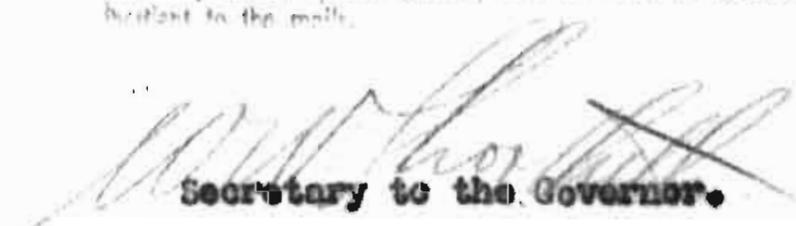
Clerk of Court,

Fairbanks.

Letter received this office November last from L. M. Drury of Meehan, Alaska, submitting requisition for funds for the Fairbanks Creek school district. No election papers or other advices received from you as yet. Please advise and do you know whether school has been opened yet?

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.

February 18, 1916

14-1

Sir:

I desire to direct the Department's attention to page 55 of my annual report for the fiscal year 1915, wherein, under the head "More Funds Needed," I discussed the threatened deficiency of funds for the maintenance of schools in Alaska, outside of incorporated communities. These schools are increasing in number annually, and, unless the percentage of the Alaska Fund, which is set aside each year for the support of such schools, is increased, the length of the school term must be either reduced, or new schools cannot be provided for. It is for this reason that I recommended that the percentage of the fund be increased to 50%; and I stated that, if this were done, there would still remain 40% of the fund to be used for road purposes, and 10% for the Indigent Fund. The suggested increase of 25% would be a sufficient amount for the maintenance of all schools now in existence or that may be established during the next few years. If it should happen that a surplus should remain in the school fund, it could be used, as formerly, for road and trail purposes.

House Bill 4648, introduced by Delegate Wickersham, provides for the placing of the control of the schools of Alaska in the Territorial Legislature. But, even if this bill should become law, it occurs to me that some provision must be made, in the meantime, for the increase of the school fund until such time as the Territorial Legislature could enact the necessary school laws, and make appropriations for their support; and, inasmuch as the Legislature will not convene in regular session until March, 1917, it seems to me to be imperative that congressional action should be provided. I have today also directed the attention of the Delegate from Alaska to this matter.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a memo of requisitions for funds for the 1915-16 school year. It will be noted that there are three districts which were organized this year, but which have maintained no schools. The maintenance of the schools in these districts will increase the cost about \$6,000 annually.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1916

14-1

Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I desire to direct your attention to page 55 of my annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, for the fiscal year 1915, under the head "More Funds Needed." I have nothing to add to the article which follows as therein is delineated a true concept of the situation. Even, I take it, should your bill (House Bill No. 4648) become law, some provision will have to be made, temporarily perhaps, for increased funds for the maintenance of schools in Alaska, outside of incorporated towns, for the school year 1916-17. The Legislature will not meet until March, 1917, and, therefore, it seems to me, action is imperative in the matter of providing more money for these schools, if they are to be continued with a full nine months' term, as at present.

I do not believe that I need to add anything more to this. The situation is as described in my report, and I believe the recommendations therein should be made effective;

how to make them so will be left to your judgment, as I take it for granted that you fully appreciate the situation with which the people of Alaska, who are vitally interested in the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns, are confronted.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a memo of requisitions for funds for the 1915-16 school year. It will be noted that there are three districts which were organized this year, but which have maintained no schools. The maintenance of the schools in these districts will increase the cost about \$6,000 annually.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. H. Donnelly,

Treasurer Otter School District,

Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memorandum copy of a requisition of the 18th instant on the Treasury Department, for an additional \$106 for the use of your school district for the current year. This requisition has been made in response to your letter of the 14th ultimo, to cover repairs and additional fuel required.

When you receive the Treasury warrant, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. Samuel Magids,  
Treasurer Kiana School District,  
Kiana, (via Nome), Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find memorandum copy of a requisition of the 18th instant made by the Governor upon the Treasury Department for funds for your school district for the current school year, the total amount asked for being \$2,293.

The only changes made in the figures submitted in the board's estimate were the following:

Teacher's salary changed from \$1500 for the term to seven months at \$200 per month; total \$1400. (The highest salary paid to any other teacher in the public schools outside of incorporated towns is \$175, and the Governor believes that a salary of \$200 for the teacher at Kiana is ample).

Janitor's services changed from \$223 to \$224 to make an even amount per month.

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly advise this office, in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. William S. Levy,

Clerk of the Kiama School District,

Kiama (via Nome), Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find blank form, in duplicate, for reporting to this office the name of the teacher employed in your district for the current year. Kindly have this blank filled out and mailed to this office immediately upon receipt, the duplicate copy being filed with the school records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. M. Finkelstein, Treasurer,  
Anchorage School District,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memorandum copy of a requisition of the 18th instant, upon the Treasury Department for an additional \$150 for your school district for the current year. When you receive the Treasury warrant, covering this requisition, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and the amount of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

ENC.

February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 2, addressed to the Governor, with reference to estimates of monies required for supplies for your school during the current year.

I am enclosing herewith one of the estimate blanks which accompanied your letter, the same being filled out to show the various items covered by requisitions of this office. The first requisition, which was made on January 7, was for a total of \$6,070, and a copy of it was mailed to you for delivery to the treasurer of your school district. The second requisition was made on yesterday, the same being for an additional \$150 to cover the item "Supplies at Seward."

With reference to the items, "4 fire extinguishers, \$28; and 34 window shades, \$30," you are advised that the Governor is of the opinion that these should be furnished by the owner of the school building at Anchorage.

You will note that an eight months' school term has been provided for by the Governor's requisitions.

Respectfully yours,

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Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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Junesu, February 19, 1916. O. B.

Clerk District Court,

Valdes.

Request that in future when you approve bond of a school treasurer you advise him by letter immediately upon such approval. This will materially facilitate business of school boards with this office.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 19, 1916. O. B.

Clerk District Court,

NOTE.

Request that in future when you approve bond of a school treasurer you advise him by letter immediately upon such approval. This will materially facilitate business of school boards with this office.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
will not bear the delay  
incident to its mailing.

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR.

February 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. Jay W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

To facilitate the transaction of school business, the Governor requests that, in the future, each school treasurer, whose bond is filed with you, be advised of your approval of such bond immediately upon such approval.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 23, 1916

15-2

Miss Rob Murph,  
Mesquite, Texas

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that a first grade teacher's certificate issued by the Department of Public Instruction of your state, would be accepted in Alaska, and would entitle the holder to an Alaska permit. These permits, however, are issued only to persons who have actually obtained employment in the Alaska schools.

There is enclosed herewith a circular letter relative to the Alaska schools, which will give you some further information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 24, 1916

15-8

Mr. Charles C. McCracken.

The Western College for Women,

Oxford, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 11,

I have to advise you that we have no normal schools or colleges for the training of teachers in Alaska. The teachers employed in this Territory, as a rule, are graduates of universities, colleges or normal schools of various states of the Union. My experience has been that the graduates of reputable normal schools give the best satisfaction as teachers in the schools of Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 24, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. A. Heath, Director,  
Charcoal Point School District,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19, with reference to the organization of the Charcoal Point school district. In reply I have to advise you that this office has not yet received, from the clerk of the district court, the report of the election of a school board, but assume they will come to hand in the near future.

I also note what you say with reference to the selection of a site of five acres of government land for school purposes, and such selection is hereby approved. I am glad to know that you have a centrally located site and that it meets with the general approval of the people of your district, which is the thing most to be desired.

You, no doubt, understand that the amount of money for the erection and equipment of a school house is limited, by law, to \$1,000. I know that you will agree with me when I say that this amount is altogether insufficient for the construction of a suitable building for school purposes. I have,

in the three annual reports which I have made, endeavored to have this amount increased to at least \$2,000, but, so far, without result. I hope, however, that we will get some relief at this session of Congress. It may be possible to allow you an appropriation for clearing your school grounds and putting them in some kind of decent order.

As you have between twenty and thirty children of school age in your district, you should be able to maintain a good school. I shall, at all times, be willing to co-operate with you in the interests of the school, and shall be glad, at any time, to render such assistance or advice as may be within my power.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 24, 1916

14-1

Hon. F. R. Brenneman,  
United States Marshal,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 23d instant, advising this office that Alexander McLean, Territorial school teacher at Kushagak, was arrested January 21 and held to the grand jury, for murdering his wife, McLean being now in custody at Dillingham.

I have to thank you for this information, and shall take such steps as may be possible for continuing the school at Kushagak.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

February 24, 1916

14-1

Miss Lula Graves, Teacher,

Eagle, Alaska

My dear Miss Graves:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 3, with reference to conditions at your village. I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of the three Indians, who you say were the pick of the village from every standpoint.

With reference to the friction developed between you and the missionary, of course, it is probably better to forget it and try to make things run as smoothly as possible.

May I be permitted to express my regret that you have decided to leave Eagle. I am satisfied that the native people of the village and that section will miss your energetic labors in their behalf, and I trust that your successor may evince as much interest in the work as you have.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. ELLA G. ENGSTROM (formerly Miss Ella G. Lindstrom), of Ketchikan, who, having presented a normal school diploma of the State of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twenty-fourth day of February, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon State of  
Washington Normal School  
Diploma (Whatecom), dated  
June 12, 1912, and Univer-  
sity of Washington Degree  
of B. S., dated June 16,  
1915.

February 25, 1916.

15-2

Mrs. Ella C. Engstrom,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Your Washington State Normal School Diploma, and University of Washington Diploma, have been received, and are being returned to you herewith, together with the Alaska permit for two years which has been granted upon them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

February 25, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Ella C. Engstrom,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Your Washington State normal school diploma, and  
University of Washington diploma have been received, and  
are returned to you herewith, together with an Alaska permit  
issued for the usual period of two years, which has been is-  
sued upon them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 25, 1916

15-1

Miss Lucy T. Woods,

629 Douglas,

Wenatchee, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, requesting information with regard to the high schools in this Territory.

At the present time, this office is not in possession of data showing the enrollment and number of teachers employed in the various high schools of the Territory. The salaries paid teachers in the high schools range from \$100 to \$150 per month. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter just issued by this office, which contains various items of information regarding the white schools of the Territory, including a list of the towns in which high schools are maintained. Four teachers are employed in the Juncos high school. The Juncos schools are the largest in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 25, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. E. Clark,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to office telegram of the 19th instant,  
reading as follows:

"Request that in future when you approve bond  
of a school treasurer, you advise him by letter  
immediately upon such approval. This will ma-  
terially facilitate business of school boards  
with this office."

and to your reply of the 21st, as follows:

"Please elucidate by letter your telegram of  
nineteenth."

The telegram sent you on the 19th instant was the same as  
those sent to the clerks at Valdez and Nome. A letter, sub-  
stantially the same as the telegrams, was also sent to the  
clerk of the court at Juneau.

During the past two or three years this office has ex-  
perienced considerable delay in the receipt of reports from  
school boards and officers, particularly in the case of new-  
ly elected treasurers, who are required to make a report to  
this office, showing that they have received notice from the  
clerk of the district court of the approval of their bonds,

and that the unexpended funds from the previous school year have been received from the outgoing treasurer. This form of report is required to be on file in this office before a requisition is made for funds for the new school year. In quite a number of instances where we have written newly elected treasurers asking for the report referred to, and inquiring as to the delay in forwarding same, the explanation given has been that the treasurers were waiting for advice from the clerk of the court as to the approval of their bonds. It appeared, therefore, that some of the clerks, at least, did not make it a practice to notify treasurers promptly of the approval of their bonds. It was with a view to establishing such practice that the telegrams above mentioned were sent to you and the clerks at Nome and Valdez, and a letter written to the clerk at Juneau.

I may say that, as a rule, this office has experienced less delay in the receipt of reports from the treasurers of school districts in the fourth division than from treasurers in some of the other divisions, which leads us to assume that your office has, in the past, made it a rule to notify treasurers promptly of the approval of their bonds. However, it was deemed best to make the same request upon each of the four clerks so as to insure uniformity in the particular mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 25, 1916

15-1

Mrs. Willard G. Benawa,

Craig, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Benawa:

In response to your request, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of a circular letter which this office has just had printed, which contains various items of information regarding the white schools of the Territory, as well as an up-to-date list of these schools.

With best wishes to yourself and Doctor Benawa,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 25, 1916

15-2

Mr. Robert L. Petty,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to office letter of December 14 last, addressed to you, relative to the matter of Alaska permits for the teachers employed in the Ketchikan schools. The certificates held by Mrs. Engstrom have been received by this office, and a permit was issued to her yesterday.

No reply, however, has as yet been received from you to the inquiry regarding Miss Mary Mitchell, who was employed as one of the teachers in your school. In the letter above referred to, you were advised that, on March 18, 1915, Miss A. Mary Mitchell, who was then teaching at Petersburg, was granted an Alaska permit, and it was requested that you advise whether the Miss Mary Mitchell, now employed in the Ketchikan school is the Miss A. Mary Mitchell who was employed in the Petersburg school last year.

Will you kindly reply to this inquiry by return mail, and oblige.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1910

14-1

Mr. Albert Fillmore , Clerk,  
Seldovia School District,  
Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the act under which the school district was established, and copies of regulations issued by this office for the information and guidance of the school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 26, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Thomas Stevens,  
Clerk of the Kasan School District,  
Kasan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following blanks.

1. Estimate of moneys needed for the support of your school district for the school year 1916-17.
2. Annual report of the school board for the school year 1915-16.
3. Board's report of teacher employed for the school year 1915-16.
4. Board's report of teacher employed for the school year 1916-17.
5. Treasurer's report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer.

From correspondence recently received from your school board, it is assumed that no school will be held during the current school year, the opening of the school being delayed until the beginning of the 1916-17 school year—about Sept. 1, next. Whether school is maintained during the current year or not, however, the board should fill out and forward to this office, the forms as above indicated for the year, and, if no school is held, notation to that effect should be written across the face of the blanks.

The estimate blank should be filled out and signed by the school board which will be chosen at the annual election to be held in April next. In making out these estimates, the board should, of course, take into account the funds now in the hands of the treasurer.

By reference to the enclosed copy of printed regulations issued by this office, you will note that a school election should be held early in April next, at which the officers for the school year 1916-17 should be chosen. This election should be held irrespective of the fact that there may have been no school during the school year 1915-16.

If the present treasurer should not be reelected at the April election, the newly elected treasurer, as soon as he has received advice from the clerk of the court of the approval of his bond, should present such notice to the present treasurer and arrange for a transfer of the unexpended funds. The newly elected treasurer should then fill out the enclosed report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer, and forward it to this office.

A letter is being addressed to Mr. Nelson, treasurer of the district, with respect to his annual report for the current year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. D. Nelson, Treasurer,  
Kasaan School District,  
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find blank form for your annual report for the school year 1915-16, which should be made out and forwarded to this office about June 1.

From recent correspondence received from one of the members of the school board, this office is led to believe that the board has decided not to open school until the beginning of the 1916-17 school year—about September 1 next. Whether school is maintained during any portion of the school year 1915-16 or not, you should submit an annual report for that year, showing the receipt of funds from the United States Treasury Department, any disbursements which may have been made, and the balance remaining on hand at the end of the school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. W. F. Stevens, Clerk,  
Charcoal Point School District,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following blanks for use of the officers of the Charcoal Point school district in submitting their estimates and reports to this office:

1. Blank for submitting estimates of funds required during the school year 1916-17.
2. Board's report of teacher employed for the school year 1916-17.

There are also enclosed herewith three copies of printed regulations issued by this office, and one copy of a type-written supplement to these regulations. These are forwarded for the information and guidance of the school board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. L. M. Drury,

Hechan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Some months ago this office received advice from you of the creation of the Fairbanks Creek school district. No further word having been received regarding the matter, a telegram was sent to the clerk of the court at Fairbanks, making inquiry regarding the matter, and the following reply was received:

"Hechan school district created under nineteen fifteen session laws by Commissioner Brown. Matters never came to this office. School has not yet been opened."

The act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, which attempted to amend the act of January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and the maintenance of schools in Alaska, has been held to be invalid in an opinion rendered the Secretary of the Interior Department by the Solicitor of that Department, said opinion having been obtained for the information and guidance of this office. As a consequence, no action has been taken, nor will any be taken by this office, looking to the providing of funds for any school district attempted to be organized under the act in question.

Section 3 of the act of August 24, 1912 (which act provided for the creation of a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, and for the conferring of legislative power thereon), expressly provides that the authority granted the Legislature to alter, amend, modify or repeal laws in force in Alaska shall not extend to the act providing for the construction and maintenance of roads, and the establishment and maintenance of schools in the Territory, and to certain other laws mentioned therein. The 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature, therefore, exceeded its authority in attempting to change the school law, and the act is, therefore, inoperative.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Karl A. Petterson,  
Clerk, Kenai School District,  
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to the additional funds which the Governor advised some months ago would be provided for your school district to cover the purchase of 30 new desks.

The issuance of the requisition for this money has been delayed until this time, owing to the large number of requisitions which have been made for school funds during the past few months, which have taken practically all available funds. However, it is believed the requisition can now be covered, and it is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for action in this mail. A copy is being mailed to Mr. Singer, Treasurer of your school district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 28, 1916

14-1

Hon. L. H. French,  
United States Commissioner,  
Dillingham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, with enclosures, being a certificate of election of a school board for the Dillingham school district, oath of office of the school board, and bond of the treasurer.

It is noted that this school district was established under Chapter 59, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. I have, therefore to advise you that this law was rendered inoperative by a decision of the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior, dated September 24, 1915, in which it was held that this act was without force and effect, and was violative of the inhibition against amendments made in the act of 1912, and this office was instructed that no action, looking toward the execution of this law, should be taken until it had been reported to, and favorably acted upon by, Congress. You will, therefore, note that the action taken by you in establishing the district is void and of no effect.

I have also noted what you say with reference to the necessity of a school at Dillingham, and, as the school at

Nushagak may probably be discontinued hereafter, you are advised to proceed in the organization of a school district at Dillingham under the provisions of section 324, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913. Owing to the inadequacy of mail and transportation facilities between Juneau and Dillingham, it is advisable that you take immediate action upon the receipt of this in order to secure the legal organization of your school district.

This office will be pleased to cooperate with you in any way possible within its power in securing educational facilities for the children of your precinct.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. Otto A. Larsen,  
Mr. Louis Hansen,  
Mr. Adolph Osterhaus,

Dillingham, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 4, in which you advise me that the United States Commissioner of Bristol Bay recording district, had established a school district under Chapter 59, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. I have also been so advised by United States Commissioner French to that effect, and I have this day notified him that the law providing for the establishment of school districts by United States commissioners, instead of the clerks of the courts, as provided by section 320, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, was, on September 24, 1915, declared inoperative and void by a decision rendered by the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Consequently, any school districts organized under the Territorial law, ~~1913~~, cannot be recognized as having been legally established. I have advised Doctor French to proceed, in the matter of organizing a school district, under section 320, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913. You should, therefore, take this matter up with him upon the receipt of this letter, in order that immediate action be had in the premises.

This office will be pleased to do whatever it can in order to aid you in securing the establishment of a school district for your community.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

February 28, 1916

15-2

Miss Elisabeth Bennet,

Knik, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise that you are the teacher of the Knik school, and refer to the fact that you hold a permit issued to you by this office.

The records of this office show that a permit was issued to you on August 20 last, but your letter was the first intimation we have had that you had been employed as teacher of the Knik school. The clerk of the school board on August 28 last reported to this office that Mrs. B. Lockhart had been employed as teacher, and, as no advice of a change had been received from the board, it was assumed that Mrs. Lockhart had continued as teacher. A letter is being addressed to the clerk of the school board requesting him to advise this office in the premises.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your prompt reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 28, 1916

15-2

Mr. Walter E. Howard,  
Clerk of the School District,  
Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 28, 1915, you filled out and forwarded to this office a form of report giving the name and salary of the teacher employed by the Knik school district for the current school year, the name of the teacher, as shown on the report, being Mrs. B. Leckhart. The teacher of the Knik school having failed to apply to this office for an Alaska permit, this office recently addressed a letter to her with regard to the matter, and we are in receipt of a letter, signed by Miss Elisabeth Bennet, who advises that she is the teacher of the Knik school. This is the first information we have had that Miss Bennet and not Mrs. Leckhart is employed as teacher of the Knik school. Upon receipt of this letter, you are requested to advise this office as to whether or not Mrs. Leckhart was employed at the time, or whether Miss Bennet had taught the school from the beginning of the current year. If the change was made in teachers after the date of the report sent in by you, as above mentioned, this office should have been promptly advise of the same.

There is enclosed herewith a report blank on which you are requested to report to this office the employment of Miss Bennet, shewing thereon the date on which her services began.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 29, 1916

15-1

Miss Blanche Dyas,

Lusk, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

Your letter, addressed to Mrs. Strong, has been referred to this office for reply. I am enclosing herewith a circular which contains most of the information which you ask.

Mr. L. D. Henderson is superintendent of the Juneau schools. I do not know of any families in this Territory who employ private teachers.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 1, 1916

15-8

Mr. E. W. A. Rowles,  
827 South Market street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th ultimo, you are advised that there is now law in effect in this Territory with respect to the equipment of school buildings.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 2, 1916

15-2

Miss Helen C. Kelse,  
R. F. D. No. 2,  
Fullerton, Cal.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to him, and also of the normal diploma and college certificate which came by registered mail.

With reference to your application for a certificate authorizing you to teach in the Alaska grammar schools, beg to advise that Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who have actually secured employment in the Alaska schools. As your letter does not state that you have obtained such employment, your request cannot, at this time, be complied with.

Your diploma and certificate are being returned to you in this mail, under separate cover.

There is enclosed herewith a circular letter containing information with respect to the white schools of Alaska, which has just been revised and brought down to date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 2, 1916

15-1

Prof. L. D. Henderson,  
Supt., Juneau Public Schools,  
City

My dear Professor Henderson:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Miss Eva B. Maxwell, of Guernsey, Wyoming, together with letters of recommendation and certificate referred to therein.

I note that Miss Maxwell has applied for a position in the Juneau schools, failing which she wishes her credentials to be sent to the Mendenhall school board. I am sending the letter and credentials to you for consideration and disposition suggested in Miss Maxwell's letter. Should you wish to refer the papers to the Mendenhall school board, they may be addressed to Mr. D. Bakke, clerk of the Mendenhall school district, box 175, Juneau.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 2, 1916

15-1

Miss Margaret E. Hanley,  
3707 Fruitvale Avenue,  
Fruitvale, California

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, in which you express a desire to apply for a position in the school at Fairbanks, Alaska, and ask to be advised to whom you should address your application.

In reply I beg to advise that your application should be addressed to Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman, clerk of the Fairbanks school board.

There is enclosed herewith a circular relating to the white schools of this Territory, which has just been revised and brought down to date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 3, 1916

15-2

Mrs. F. A. Shunaker.

Letouche, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th ultimo, in which you state that you hold a State of Washington third grade certificate, have taught four terms in the Territorial schools, and wish to obtain an Alaska teacher's permit.

In reply you are advised that, if your Washington State certificate is still in force, and you will submit it to this office for inspection, an Alaska permit will be granted you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 4, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. V. Daveler,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Thane, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the second instant, with reference to an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Thane school district for building purposes, etc. In reply I have to advise you that, in the preparation of your estimates, you are instructed to include the sum of \$1,000 for this purpose.

With reference to the statement that you had taken up with Mr. Thane the matter of conveying to the government a building at Thane, which could be converted into a suitable school building, providing the appropriation received from the government can be applied for that purpose, I have to say that I see no objection to such a plan provided that the expenditure of money for that purpose would furnish better school accommodations for the district. Before deciding on this matter, however, I would like to be more fully advised as to the size of the building, and any other matters in connection therewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

March 7, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,

Minilohic, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

I have your letter of January 30, with reference to the claim of Mr. J. A. Herbert, together with a copy of a letter addressed by him to you. In reply I have to advise you that Mr. Herbert has not, as yet, taken up the matter complained of with this office. I may add that it will be useless for him to do so, as I understand, from the records of this office, that the matter was closed some time ago.

I notice that you are having excellent success in the management of your school, and that you are maintaining a splendid average attendance. Of course, your knowledge of the people of that section, with your well known ability to get results, is thoroughly appreciated by this office.

I also note, with considerable amusement, that you are a great memory restorer, as witnessed in your experience with the boy from Stariska. Your memory persuader seems to have been most effective, and I have little doubt that, when you get tired of teaching school at Minilohic, you

would be very successful in starting a school of mnemonics  
at most any place where there are many people who are just  
as forgetful as the Stariska chap, and probably for the same  
reason.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

March 8, 1916

15-1

Mr. W. F. Houghty, Supt.

State Department of Instruction,

Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 17, recommending Miss Ethel Cox Sherman, of Texas, for a position as teacher in the public schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that appointments to the public schools of Alaska are made by the several school boards of the Territory, and not by this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. B. Kinne,  
Council, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kinne:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 20, with reference to school and other matters in your district. I have read carefully what you say with reference to existing conditions, so far as the conduct of the school is concerned. I sincerely hope that you have passed the worst, and that, from now on, conditions will be greatly improved.

The regulation recently promulgated by this office that teachers employed in the white schools of the Territory must have not only the requisite educational qualifications, but must be trained teachers as well, will be rigidly enforced so far as it is possible for it to be done. It may be, in case of an emergency, that a trained teacher could not be had in a remote district. However, this is a contingency, I believe, not likely to occur. As I stated in my former letter, the salaries paid to school teachers in Alaska are such as should command trained teachers. I need not say that I am vitally interested in the educational welfare of the children of Alaska; they are fairly entitled to the best educational facilities obtainable.

I also note what you say with reference to the non-attendance of some of the pupils of your school district. As you are no doubt aware, the Territorial Legislature, session of 1913, passed a compulsory school attendance law. This law has never been declared invalid, and is in full force and effect; and it can be invoked whenever necessary by the school board, or others interested, by making a complaint before a United States Commissioner.

The employment of teachers for commercial reasons, in order that someone may benefit thereby, cannot be too strongly condemned. It is viciously bad, and I cannot understand how a community with children needing education, can permit the education of its children to suffer for the mere gratification of the commercial instinct. No school can be successful where there is not harmony in the school district and unity of purpose on the part of its residents. Under such conditions, the school fails of its purpose, and the children are the direct and ultimate sufferers. It is, therefore, the purpose of this office to see that the schools be placed upon a higher plane than mere commercialism, if such be possible; and I think it is.

I have to thank you for your letter, and shall be pleased to hear from you at any time concerning either yourself or the welfare of your district.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

March 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. Ward Estey,

Treasurer of the School Board,

Ellamar, Alaska

My dear Mr. Estey:

I have your letter of March 4, with reference to school affairs in your district, and regret to note that you are disappointed because of the inefficiency of the school at Ellamar, and I fear that your criticism to the effect that the personal equation of the teacher in the small rural districts is the principal factor, is well founded. How to eliminate it is another question. The schools of Alaska will not be satisfactorily conducted until a proper and thorough system of inspection is inaugurated. This I trust we shall soon have.

I am glad to know that you suffered no accident, as it was reported here you had broken your leg, the item having been published in the local newspapers. Needless to say, I am glad to note that you suffered no such misfortune.

I have to thank you for your kind words about myself, and I wish to assure you that I have sincerely at heart the welfare of every resident of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent

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March 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. John Pitcher,  
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 4, with reference to school matters in your district. I note you say that, when your new school building was finished, you were short about 12 per cent. in the amount necessary to liquidate your bills; also that your school will be conducted for a period of eight months, instead of the usual term of nine months; that, therefore, there will be \$125 surplus in the amount allotted for the payment of the teacher, and a surplus of \$50 in the wood fund, and a certain amount in the oil fund, and you ask for permission to pay bills incurred from such surpluses.

In reply I have to advise you that you are authorized to use such portion of the funds remaining in your hands as treasurer in payment of the shortage alluded to, taking itemized vouchers for all such payments made by you. In this you may include window blinds and additional seats for the school.

I am pleased to note that your school is making good progress and that you have a competent teacher.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

March 13, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean, Treasurer,  
Chatanika School Board,  
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of February 18, in which you state that you are able to save the sum of \$30 on your wood contract for school purposes, and that you desire to use this surplus for the purchase of two more school seats, and a water cooler for drinking water. You state that the seats will cost \$20 and that the water cooler may be purchased for \$10. In reply I have to advise you that you are authorized to incur such expenditure, taking itemized vouchers, which you will forward to this office with your annual report.

I note what you say with reference to the favorable price at which you are able to purchase wood, but that this cannot be taken as a criterion for future purchases. This office will bear this fact in mind when your future estimates are received.

I trust your school is making good progress, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to CAMILLE PADDOCK, who, having presented a New York State Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1916-17, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this thirteenth day of March, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

New York State Normal  
School Diploma

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS HELEN R. O'NEEL, of Ken-  
necott, Alaska, who, having presented an Oregon State Teacher's  
Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character  
and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is  
hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for  
two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked  
for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourteenth day of March,  
1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Oregon State  
Teacher's Certificate  
dated Sept. 1, 1915.

March 14, 1916

15-8

Mr. W. K. Tate,  
Professor of Rural Education,  
George Peabody College for Teachers,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a questionnaire to be filled out to cover the Alaska schools. The questionnaire is returned herewith filled out in so far as it can be done, and giving the information called for.

There is also enclosed a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains information regarding the white schools of Alaska, together with a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 14, 1916

14-1

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the second instant, (Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary), in which it is requested that future requisitions for school moneys payable from the Alaska Fund, be forwarded to the Department in duplicate. The Department's request will be complied with and school requisitions will, in the future, be submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1916

15-2

Miss Camille Paddock,  
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting the issuance of a teacher's permit. In response thereto, there is enclosed herewith a permit of the 13th instant, issued to you for the school year 1916-17.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 14, 1916

14-3

Mr. F. T. Lepp,  
Chief Alaska Division,  
Bureau of Education,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith a letter of the fourth instant from Mr. Ralph M. Smith, of Loma Linda, California, who requests to be advised regarding medical work among the natives of Alaska. I am advising Mr. Smith that this work is carried on by the Bureau of Education, under your supervision, and that his letter is being referred to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 14, 1916

14-5

Mr. Ralph M. Smith,

Loma Linda, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, requesting to be advised with regard to medical work among the natives of Alaska. In reply I beg to advise you that this work is in charge of the United States Bureau of Education, the same being under the supervision of Mr. W. T. Lepp, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash., to whom your letter is being referred.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 14, 1916

15-2

Miss Helen R. O'Neal,  
C/o A. C. O'Neal,  
Copper River & Northwestern Ry. Co.,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the inquiry contained in your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, there has been issued to you today an Alaska teacher's permit which is for the usual period of two years. The permit is enclosed herewith, together with the Oregon State teacher's certificate which accompanied your letter of above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 15, 1916

15-1

Hon. Merris Sheppard,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, written in behalf of Miss Ethel Cox of Sherman, Texas, who desires an appointment in the Alaska school service.

A letter was received from Miss Cox on February 1, in which she expressed a desire to secure a position in one of the Alaska schools. Her letter was replied to on the same date, and she was quite fully advised with regard to Alaska school matters, and was informed that, while the Governor is ex-officio superintendent of public instruction, for the white schools of the Territory, he leaves entirely to the local school boards the selection of teachers. It is seldom, therefore, that this office is called upon to assist the boards in securing teachers, but, should an opportunity be afforded, it will be pleased to recommend Miss Cox.

Governor Strong is at present en route to California and may possibly visit Washington, D. C., before returning to Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

March 16, 1916

15-1

Miss Rachel E. Dunham,

Box 158,

Auburn, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that your name be placed on file as an applicant for the position of teacher in one of the Alaska schools. As you have already been advised, the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska is left entirely to the local school boards, and it is seldom that this office is called upon to assist in securing teachers. However, your name will be placed on file for future reference.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 17, 1916

15-2

Miss Hilda Teering,  
1669 Exeter street,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultime, addressed to the Governor at Sitka, and which was forwarded from that place to Juneau, the capital of Alaska.

With reference to your application for a permit to teach in Alaska, you are advised that these permits are issued only to persons who have actually secured employment in the Alaska schools. As it appears from your letter that you have not yet secured such employment, a permit cannot be issued you at this time.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which contains various items of information regarding the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of them. It is noted that you wish to teach in an incorporated town, and it is suggested that you forward a letter of application to the clerk of the school board at the town in which you would like to teach. A letter addressed to

"The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the towns listed in the circular, will reach the proper officer. As stated in the circular, this office exercises no function in connection with the hiring of teachers, that being left entirely to the local school boards.

The Oregon certificate and the Wisconsin certificate which accompanied your letter is being returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

March 20, 1916

14-1

Mr. R. W. DeArmond,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Governor, prior to his departure for the States, I write to advise you that, in the allowance of funds for the maintenance of your school district for the school year 1916-17, provision will be made for but two teachers. This is in accordance with the understanding had with the board on the occasion of the Governor's visit to Sitka some time prior to the beginning of the present school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

15-1

Mr. Karl Reiss,  
1568 Madison Avenue,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you enclose a copy of a State of Colorado teacher's certificate held by you, and requesting the issuance of a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. With return of the copy of your certificate, which accompanied your letter, I beg to advise you that Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who have actually obtained employment in the Alaska schools, and, since it does not appear that you have as yet obtained such employment, a permit cannot be issued to you.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which has recently been revised, and which contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

15-1

Mr. Theo. H. Coke,

Box 51,

Claremont, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information with regard to positions in the public schools outside of incorporated towns in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that the employment of teachers in these schools is left entirely to the local school boards, to whom all applications should be addressed. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

15-1

Miss Nettie Lee Phillips,  
300 Tillamook, street,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter, addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction," in which you request information regarding the opportunities for teachers in the incorporated towns of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that, while the Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of Alaska, he exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the local school boards, to whom applications should, in all cases, be addressed. I might say that, as a rule, the number of applicants far exceeds the number of teachers required in these schools.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Your Missouri certificate is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

15-1

Miss Mary Beattie Brady,  
506 Main Bldg., Vassar College,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, with respect to your application for a position in the public school at Sitka for the ensuing year.

Governor Strong is now in Seattle, en route to California, and I am forwarding your letter to him for such action as he may wish to take in the matter.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. Applications to teach in these schools should, in all cases, be addressed to the school boards. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the towns named in the circular, will reach the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 20, 1916

15-1

Hon. J. F. A. Strong,  
Governor of Alaska,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Governor:

I enclose herewith a letter just received from Miss Mary Beattie Brady, 505 Main Building, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who states that she has made application to the Sitka school board for a position during the coming school year, and who asks that you recommend her to that board. From the form of address and tone of Miss Brady's letter, I am led to believe that you are personally acquainted with her, and for this reason I am forwarding the letter, thinking that you might wish to make an exception in her case and write to the Sitka School board in her behalf.

I am advising Miss Brady that her letter is being forwarded to you, and am sending her a copy of our school circular.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

March 23, 1916

15-1

Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,  
Juneau Public Schools,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Professor Henderson:

Miss Rosina Cavett, whose address is Box 212, Shreveport, La., has written this office, expressing a desire to obtain employment in the Juneau or Sitka schools during the coming year. Her letter is being referred to the clerk of the Sitka school board, with the request that he inform her as to the opportunities there, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly advise her as to possible vacancies in the Juneau schools.

This office is advising her as to the action taken with regard to her inquiry, and is sending her a copy of our circular letter on the white schools of the Territory.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

15-1

Mr. R. W. DeArmond,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit a letter from Miss Roxina Cavett, of Shreveport, La., who expresses a desire to obtain employment in the Juneau or Sitka schools during the coming school year.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise Miss Cavett as to the possibility of obtaining employment in the Sitka school. The superintendent of the Juneau schools is being requested to advise her in regard to possible vacancies here.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 23, 1916

15-2

Miss Margaret Duryea,  
308 Lincoln Ave.,  
Pale Alto, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that it is doubtful whether a California high school teacher's certificate would be accepted in this Territory. I note you state that, in the coming May, you will have had five years of university work at Stanford University—four years for graduation and the fifth for educational work, and that, in connection with your work, you have had some experience in a local grammar school.

Permits to teach in Alaska are issued only to persons who actually obtain employment in the schools of the Territory. Should you obtain employment in one of the Alaska schools, your Stanford University diploma would entitle you to an Alaska permit.

For your further information, I enclose herewith a circular letter which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Enc.

JUNEAU, MARCH 24, 1916. O. B. Via MAIL FROM SEWARD.

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Miss Jennie Anderson,

SELDOVIA.

Replying your telegram of yesterday school treasurer is public officer and accounts are properly subject to inspection by any person qualified to vote at school election.

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.

March 24, 1916 .

14-1

Miss Juanita Anderson,  
Teacher, Seldevia School,  
Seldevia, Alaska

My dear Miss Anderson:

Your telegram of yesterday, addressed to the Governor,  
was received this morning, the same reading as follows:

"Can public demand treasurer to show school accounts?  
They are all right. Answer via Watson."

A telegraphic reply has been sent to you today, same to be  
forwarded from Seward by mail. It will probably reach you  
on the Evans, which sailed from here yesterday. I enclose  
a confirmation copy of the message.

As stated in the telegram, a school treasurer is a pub-  
lic officer, and his accounts are, quite properly, the subject  
of examination by any person qualified to vote at a school  
election. Sec. 5 of the act of January 27, 1903, copy of  
which is enclosed herewith, provides for the establishment of  
school districts outside of incorporated towns, upon petition  
of the residents of the proposed districts. The act further  
provides that "Said petition shall be signed by not less  
than 12 persons of adult age who are citizens of the United  
States, or have declared their intention to become such,  
and who reside within the boundaries of the proposed school  
district." The Act further provides that "All persons quali-

fied to sign said petition shall be qualified to vote at said election." Whether or not any persons other than those qualified to vote at the school election would be entitled to insist upon an examination of the treasurer's accounts is a question which has never been raised, but it is doubtful if such persons could rightfully insist upon such examination, although, under ordinary circumstances, there would seem to be no reason why any person sufficiently interested to inquire should be refused the privilege of inspecting the treasurer's accounts. One of the things which make for honesty in the disbursement of public funds is the fact that the accounts of the disbursing officer may rightfully be inspected by any person who is interested therein, and there is no reason why secrecy should be maintained in the matter of school disbursements.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 25, 1916.

11-1

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

My dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to hand you the application of Mr. C. H. Sandbacher, of Anchorage, Alaska, for appointment as a notary public, together with approved bond, oath of office, and the sum of ten dollars and fifty cents -- to cover the fee for the commission and the necessary revenue stamps which are required to be attached to the bond.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

March 25, 1916

14-1

Miss Ruth Spence,  
Teacher, Unga, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing specimens of work done by the children of the Unga public school during the present year.

The Governor is now absent from the Territory, but will return to Juneau about May 1, at which time your letter will be placed before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

14-1

Miss Jennita Anderson,  
Teacher, Seldevia, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, with which you enclose two snapshots of some of the children in your school.

Governor Strong is now in the States and will not return to Juneau until about May 1. Upon his return your letter will be brought to his attention, and he will, no doubt, write you in reply to your suggestions. At this time, however, I may say that there are now so many school districts that the question of their maintenance has become a most serious one. It is probable that, unless some relief is afforded by the present session of Congress, it will be necessary to reduce the estimates of the various boards for the coming year to the very lowest amount, and it may even be necessary to shorten the school term; the only alternative being to close some of the smaller schools, which would be little short of a calamity. However, by the time the Governor returns, the situation may be better than seems likely at present.

It is pleasing to note the enthusiasm which you manifest in your work, and I am sure that the children of the Saldavia school are receiving additional benefit because of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

14-1

Mr. Karl Armstrong,  
Deputy United States Marshal,  
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, endorsing the proposed application of the Kodiak School Board for an appropriation to equip a room for domestic science for the ensuing school year. A letter from the school board has also been received on this subject. These letters will be placed before the Governor for attention upon his return to Juneau about May 1. He is now in the States, having left Juneau on the 14th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

14-1

Mr. M. D. Snodgrass,  
Clerk of the School Board,  
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2d instant, addressed to the Governor.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley made application for Alaska permits and the same were issued to them early in February.

With respect to your inquiry as to the prospects of getting additional money for the Kodiak school during the coming year, for the purpose of constructing a small addition for domestic science work, I beg to say that I fear it is doubtful whether the allowance can be made. The receipts of the school section of the Alaska Fund have not kept pace with the increase in the number of school districts, and the maintenance of these schools has now become a very serious problem. In addition to this, the reports of the Kodiak school board, during the last two or three years, show that the average attendance is but a little more than one half of the number of children of school age resident in the district, yet, for the school year 1915-16, only one other district received as much money as the Kodiak district, and for several years past its school has received 25 to 30%

more than any other school.

Governor Strong is now absent from the Territory, and will not return until about May 1. Upon his return your letter will be placed before him for consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 25, 1916

14-1

Messrs. W. W. Harvey & Co., Inc.,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that there is a small balance still due you on account of lumber and other materials furnished the Mc Carthy school district last summer for the construction of the school building at that place.

In reply you are advised that, under date of the 11th instant, the Governor wrote a letter to Mr. John Pitcher, treasurer of the Mc Carthy school district, authorizing him to pay from funds on hand, not required for other purposes, certain amounts due on account of lumber and other supplies. Mr. Pitcher did not mention your firm in his letter, but it is assumed that your bill is one of those which he had in mind. He will, no doubt, arrange payment to you in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 27, 1916

15-1

Mrs. Carrie Shaw Rice,  
Spanish Fort, Utah

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the  
Governor, has just come to hand. The Governor is now in  
the States, and will not return to Juneau until about May  
1, at which time I shall be pleased to place your letter  
before him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 31, 1916

14-1

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith letter of the 20th instant from Delegate Wickersham, transmitting a copy of a letter of the 13th instant, addressed to him by the Secretary of the Interior, in reference to the subject-matter of your letter of February 13 last to the Secretary, regarding the necessity of providing increased funds for the maintenance of the schools outside of incorporated towns during the ensuing school year.

From what the Delegate has to say, it doesn't look very encouraging for an increase in the school funds.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

April 3, 1918

14-1

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

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting that blank forms oath of office and certificate of election be forwarded to you. These blanks are furnished by the Clerk of the Court at Juneau, who is being requested to send them to you, together with a blank for the treasurer's bond.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 3, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Bell:

Mrs. Eva E. Thompson, clerk of the Craig school board, Craig, Alaska, has written this office, requesting that blank forms of oath of office and certificate of election for the three members of the school board who are to be chosen at the election to be held this month, be forwarded to her. Will you kindly see that this is done?

I assume also that the Treasurer will require a bond form.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 3, 1916

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Miss Ruby Rogers,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Reverend Mr. Coker has just advised me of your desire to obtain the names of the clerks of the school boards in the school districts of the coast section.

Inasmuch as the various school boards hold their annual elections early in the month of April, our present list of clerks would hardly serve your purpose. I am, therefore, sending you a copy of a circular letter form which we use in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries, on the back of which circular you will find a complete list of the white schools, both in the incorporated towns and outside of them. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the places named, will reach the proper officer.

The Charcoal Point and Kasan districts have been organized during the past few months, and their first school session will begin in September next.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 4, 1916

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Far West Clay Company,  
224-228 Tacoma Building,  
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request a list of the names of the clerks of the school districts in Alaska.

As the school districts in which white schools are maintained held their elections early this month, our present list of clerks would, therefore, hardly serve your purpose. In lieu of such list there is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter containing information with respect to the white schools of the Territory, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the places named in the circular will reach the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 5, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, requesting permission to transfer from your light fund the sum of \$33.21 to your supplies account, and the sum of \$20.69 to your fuel account.

Upon the statement of facts set forth in your letter, the authority asked for is hereby granted, and you are authorized to make the transfer as suggested by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 5, 1916

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Mrs. W. H. Karr,  
General Delivery,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Karr:

In accordance with our conversation of yesterday, I give you herewith the names of the clerks of the school boards at Douglas, Thane, Treadwell and Seward:

Douglas .....Mr. Nick King  
Seward.....Mr. Curtis R. Norford  
Thane.....Mr. E. V. Develar  
Treadwell.....Mrs. Lillian W. Daniele

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form relating to the white schools in the Territory, which contains also a complete list of these schools. As stated in the circular, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards, but the Governor, as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, requires that all teachers employed in the white schools shall obtain Alaska permits which are issued upon presentation of the certificates held by the teachers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 5, 1916

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Mr. E. D. Heppenstall,  
Deputy United States Marshal,  
Wiseman, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Daniel Webster, dated at Wiseman February 28 last, stating that he has been asked by the parents at Coldfoot, Alaska, to aid them in their efforts to obtain a Territorial school at that place. Mr. Webster states that you and he had just returned from an investigating trip to the Coldfoot region. His letter states that, at the present time, there are five families residing in that section with a total of 14 children, nine of whom are of school age.

As you probably knew, the act of January 27, 1903, providing for the construction of roads and trails and the maintenance of schools in Alaska, requires that there shall be not less than 20 white children of school age (6 to 20 years) resident within the boundaries of the proposed school district before such district can be established. Each school district is limited to an area of not to exceed 40 square miles. From the statements contained in Mr. Webster's let-

ter, it appears that only one of the men whom he names as having families in the Coldfoot section has a white wife, the wives of the others being natives, and in one case the man is a Japanese. This man's children could not be counted in making up the 20 necessary under the law, and it is a somewhat mooted question whether half-breed children can be counted. In any event, however, it is apparent that, at the present time, there are resident in the Coldfoot section less than one half of the number of children required by law for the establishment of a school district.

An effort was made by the 1915 session of the Territorial legislature to amend the school laws referred to by giving the United States Commissioners in the Territory authority to organize school districts in communities in which there were ten or more children of school age. The act passed by the legislature covering this matter has, however, been held to be void, since the act creating the legislature specifically prohibits it from amending the road and school law. Governor Strong in his last two annual reports, has made urgent recommendation that the school law be amended so as to permit of the establishment of school districts in communities where there are 15 or more children of school age, but, as yet, no action has been taken by Congress looking to the amendment of the law. A bill has been intro-

duced in Congress by the Delegate from Alaska, proposing, among other things, to turn over to the Territory the license and trade tax moneys now collected outside of the incorporated towns and paid into the United States treasury for credit of the "Alaska Fund." Should this bill become a law, it will, no doubt, give the Alaska legislature jurisdiction over school matters, and it will then be possible to secure such amendments to the school law as will make it possible to establish districts in smaller communities than under the present law.

Governor Strong is now in the States and, before returning to Alaska, will visit Washington, D. C., in connection with Alaskan matters now pending before Congress. Upon his return to Juneau, Mr. Webster's letter will be placed before him, and it is possible that he may have something more encouraging to say in reference to school matters than can be said at this time. He is heartily in sympathy with the extension of the school system to every community in the Territory, believing that ten children in a community are quite as much entitled to school privileges as 20 would be.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 7, 1916

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Mr. W. F. Stiven,

Clerk of the Charcoal Point School District,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to the estimates submitted by the Charcoal Point school board under date of the fourth of March last, calling for a total of \$1958.50, exclusive of the cost of a school building, clearing grounds, etc., I beg to advise that not more than \$1,000 can be allowed for the "construction and equipment" of a school building. This is the maximum amount allowed under the existing school law.

The acts of the 1915 session of the Territorial legislature relating to school matters, have been held void in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department. The act creating the Territorial legislature provides that that body shall not pass any laws altering, amending or modifying certain existing laws, among them being the one providing for the construction of roads and trails and the maintenance of schools in the Territory. This being the case, all school matters must be proceeded with in accordance with the provisions of the act of January 27, 1903, under which the Charcoal Point school district was established. The Governor is now absent from the Territory, and will not return till

about May 15. Upon his return each of the school requisitions as have been received at this office will be placed before him for consideration, and the school boards will be duly advised of his action in respect to them. I may add that, while it is possible that the Governor will make a small allowance for the clearing of the school grounds for your district, it is altogether out of the question for an allowance of \$1,000 to be made. The number of schools which must be maintained with the limited funds available absolutely precludes an allowance in any such amount.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 8, 1916

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Miss Ethel Cox,  
Sherman, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to your inquiry regarding employment in the schools of Alaska. In response to your request there are returned herewith the letters of recommendation from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the superintendent of the Sherman public schools.

As was stated in the circular letter sent you on February 1, in response to your letter of January 18, the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska is left entirely to the school boards. For this reason the Governor is seldom advised of vacancies or asked to assist in securing teachers. At this time we do not know of any vacancies.

Since your letter of January 18 was replied to, our school circular has been revised, and the list of schools brought down to date. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the new circular.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 8, 1916

15-2

Miss Nell B. Mauldin,  
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you make inquiry with regard to teacher's certificates in Alaska. In reply I beg to advise that these certificates are issued only to persons who have actually obtained employment in the Alaska schools. Where such employment has been obtained, Alaska permits or certificates issued on presentation of the State certificates or diplomas held by the teachers.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter relating to school matters, which contains also a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 8, 1916

15-1

Miss Decia McIntosh,  
Pendermie, Kansas

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that there is being sent to you, under separate cover, copy of a general circular of information regarding Alaska.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of Alaska, as well as a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 10, 1916

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Mr. Ward Estey,

United States Commissioner,

Ellamar, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Governor in which you refer to the provisions of Chapter 59, page 112, subdivision (1) of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, relating to school elections.

For your information, I beg to advise that all school elections in districts outside of incorporated towns should be held in accordance with the provisions of the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law." Chapter 59 of the 1915 session laws of Alaska, has, in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department, been held void for the reason that it violates the inhibitions of the act of Congress, creating a legislative assembly for Alaska. In the act creating the legislative assembly, the legislature is prohibited from altering, amending or modifying certain laws enacted for Alaska by Congress, among these being the act of January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and trails and the establishment and maintenance of school districts outside of incorporated towns.

Several communities in the Territory have attempted to organize school districts under the provisions of Chapter 59 of the 1915 session laws, but in each case this office has advised those interested that the act has been held invalid, and that this office will not recognize as legal any school district organized thereunder. The act of January 27, 1905, provides for the election of a director, a clerk and a treasurer each year in each school district outside of incorporated towns, and I shall be glad if you will kindly see that the Ellamar school board hold this election under the provisions of this act, and not under the provisions of the Territorial act referred to in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 10, 1916

14-1

Miss Edna Hilner, Teacher,

Candle, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th of February last, referring to an article in a newspaper published in one of the States, to the effect that, if the Government appropriation for Alaska fell short this year, the funds for a number of Alaska schools would have to be reduced, Candle being one of the schools to be affected.

This office does not know anything about the article referred to, but it may, perhaps, have been based upon a statement given to the local papers last fall in which it was stated, in substance, that the time had about arrived when a limit would have to be placed upon the number of school districts organized, or else the allowances to the different school districts would have to be materially reduced. During the school year 1915-16 there have been 38 schools maintained in districts outside of incorporated towns. Approximately \$80,000 has been available for school purposes during the year, and these 38 schools have required practically the full amount. During the year there have been organized a number

of new districts, and in the school year 1916-17, there will probably be between 40 and 45 schools. While the number of districts has increased, the amount of moneys annually paid into the "school section" of the Alaska Fund has not increased, and we are, therefore, facing a serious problem in school finances. Certain legislation is now pending in Congress having for its object the increasing of the funds available for school purposes, but it is not at all certain that favorable action will be taken thereon during the present session.

What you say regarding the needs of the children of the Candle school district in the matter of domestic science and manual training, as compared with mere book knowledge, is no doubt true, and this applies to the children in quite a number of other school districts as well. However, it is doubtful whether the Governor will be able to make provision for domestic science and manual training work in the Candle school during the next school year.

Governor Strong is now in the States and will visit Washington, D. C., before returning to Juneau. It may be that he will have something more encouraging to write upon his return about May 15, but, unless Congress should take some action in the meantime upon the pending legislation referred to, there will be little for him to add to what is contained in this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 10, 1916

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Miss Altha Warman,  
Supt., Rawlesburg Schools,  
Rawlesburg, West Va.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th  
ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be supplied  
with a copy of our educational directory for the present year.  
In reply I beg to advise that an educational directory is not  
published in this Territory.

I am enclosing a circular letter regarding the white  
schools of Alaska, which contains a complete list of these  
schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 10, 1916

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Mr. O. A. Nelson,

Treasurer, Chitina school board,

Chitina, Alaska

My dear Mr. Nelson.

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in reference to the number of days on which school should be in session in your district.

Under the regulations of this office, it is required that school shall be in session 180 days in each district during the school year. The statements contained in your letter do not seem to show such a condition of affairs as would warrant a waiver of this regulation.

Under the regulations above referred to, a school month is identical with a calendar month; that is, there are 30 days during which school should be in session in each month, the remainder of the days being Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, including the Christmas and Easter vacation periods. This office believes that it is advisable that the holidays and vacation periods be observed in all the school districts,

but it has not as yet insisted that the full time of the usual Christmas and vacation periods be observed. The one thing it has insisted upon, however, is that there shall be not less than 180 days during which school shall be in session in the period from September 1 to May 31, which is approximately the usual school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 10, 1916

Mr. Henry Gremer,

5437 46th Avenue, S. W.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 27th ultimo, you are advised that a diploma from the University of Washington or a State teacher's certificate would probably be accepted by any of the school boards in Alaska; but, in most cases, the boards require that in addition to the diploma or certificate held by an applicant, he or she shall also have had some actual experience in teaching.

Permits to teach in the white schools of this Territory are issued by the Governor as ex officio superintendent of public instruction. This permit is issued only to persons who are actually employed in the white schools of the Territory. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter regarding these schools which contains also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 10, 1916

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Miss Geneva Sheets,  
Chichagoff, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that, so far as this office is informed, no school will be maintained either at Eagle or Chena during the coming school year. The Kasan school district and the Charcoal Point school district (Ketchikan post-office), are both new districts in which the first school session will open in September next. I enclose herewith a revised school circular letter, on the back of which you will find a complete list of the white schools. The name of the district you inquire about is, no doubt, Kasan.

The 180 school days referred to in the regulations issued by this office mean 180 days of actual school sessions; holidays are not included. This makes the school month practically the same as a calendar month, and the school term, therefore, extends approximately from September 1 to May 31.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 12, 1916. O B.

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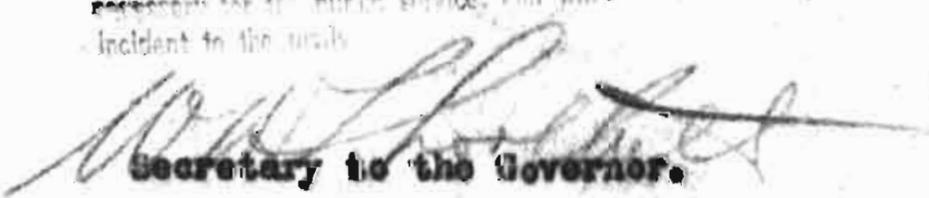
Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Newspaper reports indicate some school districts outside incorporated towns this year holding elections under act passed last session Alaska legislature. This act has been held invalid, and all school elections in districts referred to should proceed as heretofore under act January twenty seven, nineteen hundred five. Please examine carefully all election papers and refer back any which cover elections held under legislative act, with instructions to old board to call another election under federal act.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, April 12, 1916. O. B.

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Clerk District Court,

Valdez.

Newspaper reports indicate some school districts outside incorporated towns this year holding elections under act passed last session Alaska legislature. This act has been held invalid, and all school elections in districts referred to should proceed as heretofore under federal act. Please examine carefully all election papers and refer back any covering elections held under legislative act, instructing <sup>ed</sup> board to call new election under act January twenty seven nineteen hundred five.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, April 12, 1916. O. B.

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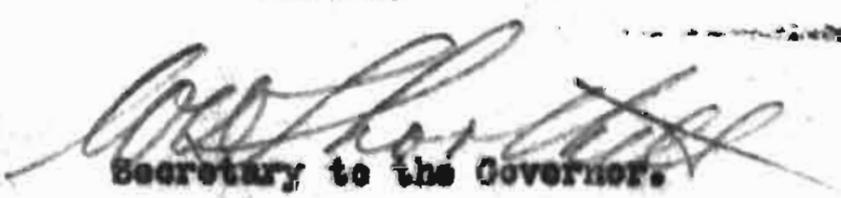
Clerk of District Court,

HOME.

According to newspaper reports some school districts are holding elections this year under school act passed by last session Alaska legislature. ~~This~~ ~~is~~ The legislative act has been held invalid and all school elections in districts outside incorporated towns should be held under federal act of January twenty seven, nineteen hundred five, as heretofore. Suggest careful inspection all election papers and that you refer back any covering elections held under Territorial act with instructions <sup>to old board</sup> to hold new election under federal school act.

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.

April 12, 1916

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Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Recent newspaper reports indicate that certain of the schools in communities outside of incorporated towns in this division, are arranging to hold their elections this year under the provisions of an act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature, which act attempted to amend the act of January 27, 1905, commonly referred to as the "Nelson school law."

I think you have already been advised that the legislative act in question has been held, in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department, to be invalid since it is in violation of the inhibitions of the act creating the legislative assembly.

I am writing to request that you will carefully examine all school election papers which are received by you this year, and, if any are presented covering elections which have been held under the legislative act above mentioned, you are requested to return the papers to the old board with instructions to call a new election, in accordance with the provisions

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of the act of January 27, 1905, which requires an annual school election in each district at which a director, a clerk and a treasurer shall be chosen for a period of one year.

In view of the opinion of the Solicitor for the Interior Department above alluded to, the Governor has refused to recognize any action taken in connection with school matters under the act passed by the Territorial legislature at its 1915 session.

From newspaper accounts, it appears that the Treadwell school district is one of those which has attempted to follow the Territorial act instead of the federal act.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

April 12, 1916

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Mr. G. A. Adams, Clerk,

United States District Court,

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to confirm telegram of this date, addressed to you, in reference to newspaper reports indicating that certain school districts in the Territory are holding elections this year under an act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature, which act attempted to amend the act of January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and trails, and the establishment and maintenance of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns. The legislative act in question has been held to be invalid in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department. The act creating the Alaska legislature contained, as you are aware, certain inhibitions, among them being that the legislature should pass no law altering, amending or modifying the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School law." In view of this specific inhibition, the Solicitor holds that the act of the 1915 session of the legislature is invalid since it makes a complete change in the school law. In view of the opinion rendered by the Solicitor, the Governor has refused to recognize any action taken by school districts

under the provisions of the legislative act in question.

As requested in today's telegram, please carefully examine all election papers presented to you and, if you find any covering elections held under the act passed by the 1915 session of the legislature, please refer the same back to the old board with instructions to call a new election and proceed with the same in accordance with the provisions of the act of January 27, 1905.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

MEMO

April 12, 1916

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a letter of March 29 addressed to you by Marshal Erwin, with two newspaper clippings referring to the recent Democratic primaries held in Fairbanks. I have not acknowledged receipt of the letter.

In this connection I might say that recent newspaper reports state that Dan Callahan was sentenced to a term of 12 years in the penitentiary at McNeil's Island, while Woolridge was given six years. The morning paper states that Callahan, when sentenced, roasted the court officials to a turn and vowed vengeance upon them. His order will, no doubt, have ample opportunity to cool, however, before he has a chance to put his threat into execution. From what I am told as to his physical makeup, I should judge that he would be a valuable acquisition to the stone crushing crew at McNeil's Island.

I am enclosing also a marked copy of the Nome Industrial Worker of February 26 last, with a copy of the ticket used in the Democratic primaries, and two blank proxy forms. These were received in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Strong, which was opened with other office mail before I had noticed that it was so addressed. There was no letter or note of any kind to indicate the name of the sender.

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The new city council held its first regular meeting last night and devoted most of its time to the selection of city employees, the mayor also announcing his standing committees. The following employees under the old council were reelected: City Clerk and Magistrate Pettit, City Treasurer Behrends, City Attorney Si Hellenthal, Health Officer Dr. Dawes, Street Commissioner Wheeler, wharfinger Tom Banbury. Mr. A. A. Gabbs who served as assessor last year was chosen for that work this year. There were three candidates for the office of chief of police, namely, former chief Sliter, W. S. Harding, and Captain Harrigan. The vote stood four for Harding and three for Sliter, and Harding was declared elected. You will no doubt remember him as the young man who was deputy United States marshal at Haines, and who made such a good record in that office. I have no doubt that he will be an efficient police chief. He is absolutely honest, a man of good judgment and held in high regard by all who know him.

The first case against Krause is now taking up the time of the District Court. The jury was secured yesterday and the prosecution began the introduction of its evidence. The most important witness so far introduced is H. P. Crewther, the surveyor, who stated that on October 29, in the afternoon (the day on which Krause kidnapped Christie), he was surveying along the Salmon Creek road and had his instrument sighted across the Channel to the Douglas Island side, and while

taking observations observed a boat pass across his field of vision, and he proceeded to watch it. He states that it was then about opposite the court house at Juneau, moving up the Channel, that the boat continued to the bar and then returned down the Channel toward him and anchored about 400 yards from where he was standing. He states that, while he was looking at the boat through his glass, a man came out whom he says was Krause. Altogether there are now 8 indictments against Krause—one for kidnaping, one for impersonating an officer, and one for robbery, and five for forgery. The jury in the present case is composed of Ben Hersey, C. H. Passells, John Lund, W. R. Moore, Charles Gillespie, Alfred Wile (who returned from the south two days ago), L. A. Doyle, O. B. Herrell, George L. Chase, H. C. Logan, W. B. Hurlbut and Frank Adams.

Mr. E. J. White assumed charge of the Douglas Island News some ten days ago. The first issue of the paper under his management was that of the fifth instant. I enclose a copy of this issue. In his editorial announcement Mr. White declared himself in favor of a dry territory, something which is quite as refreshing as it is unusual in an Alaska editor. It is regrettable that other editors haven't an equal amount of backbone. I understand that White's plans for the News include putting it into the daily class.

Faithfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary

MEMO

April 12, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

Recent newspaper reports indicate that there is an impression abroad that the act of the 1915 session of the legislature which attempted to amend the "Nelson school law," is in force. I have several times of late seen mention of the fact that certain school districts were preparing to hold elections under this law, and, according to last night's paper, the Treadwell district held its election a day or two ago in accordance with the provisions of the act in question. It is apparent that there is going to be considerable confusion in the matter of the school elections in the Nelson schools this year, and in order to minimize as far as possible the difficulties arising therefrom, I today wired the clerks of the district courts at Nome, Valdez and Fairbanks and wrote a letter to the clerk at Juneau, calling their attention to the newspaper reports and advising them that the legislative act of 1915 had been held invalid in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department, and requesting them to carefully examine all election papers and return to the old board any which followed the 1915 law with instructions to call another election under the act of January 27, 1905. I followed up the telegrams with letters addressed

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to the clerks at Nome, Valdez and Fairbanks, a copy of the letter to the clerk of the court at Fairbanks being enclosed herewith. The telegrams and letters to the other clerks were substantially the same.

In this connection I might add that letters received from Kenai, Kodiak, Candle and one or two other places inquire as to the possibility of getting additional funds for 1916-17. In the case of the Kenai school, representations are made that three teachers will be needed as against one during the present year. I have replied to all these inquiries in a rather discouraging manner, giving them little grounds for hoping that they will be able to obtain the desired increase in funds. I mention these inquiries since they serve to emphasize the importance of additional school revenues which should, if possible, be available for the 1916-17 school year.

Some two weeks ago I wrote to the clerk of the Sitka school board, calling attention to the understanding which you had with them last year that they would only be allowed two teachers for 1916-17.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 12, 1916

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Mr. J. M. Clark, Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to confirm telegram of this date, addressed to you, in reference to newspaper reports indicating that certain school districts in the Territory are holding elections this year under an act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature, which act attempted to amend the act of January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and trails, and the establishment and maintenance of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns.

The legislative act in question has been held to be invalid in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department. The act creating the Alaska legislature contained, as you are aware, certain inhibitions, among them being that the legislature should pass no law altering, amending or modifying the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson school law." In view of this specific inhibition, the Solicitor holds that the act of the 1915 session of the legislature is invalid since it marks a complete change in

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the school law. In view of the opinion rendered by the Solicitor, the Governor has refused to recognize any action taken by school districts under the provision of the legislative act in question.

As requested in today's telegram, please carefully examine all election papers presented to you and, if you find any covering elections held under the act passed by the 1915 session of the legislature, please refer the same back to the old board with instructions to call a new election and proceed with the same in accordance with the provisions of the act of January 27, 1905.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

April 12, 1916

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Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to confirm telegram of this date, addressed to you, in reference to newspaper reports indicating that certain school districts in the Territory are holding elections this year under an act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska legislature, which act attempted to amend the act of January 27, 1905, providing for the construction of roads and trails, and the establishment and maintenance of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns.

The legislative act in question has been held to be invalid in an opinion rendered by the Solicitor for the Interior Department. The act creating the Alaska legislature contained, as you are aware, certain inhibitions, among them being that the legislature should pass no law altering, amending or modifying the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School law." In view of this specific inhibition, the Solicitor holds that the act of the 1915 session of the legislature is invalid since it marks a complete change in

the school law. In view of the opinion rendered by the Solicitor, the Governor has refused to recognize any action taken by school districts under the provisions of the legislative act in question.

As requested in today's telegram, please carefully examine all election papers presented to you and, if you find any covering elections held under the act passed by the 1915 session of the legislature, please refer the same back to the old board with instructions to call a new election and proceed with the same in accordance with the provisions of the act of January 27, 1908.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

MEMO

April 13, 1916

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My dear Governor Strong:

I transmit herewith a letter just received from Chairman Edes of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, the letter being written at Washington on the first instant.

Mr. Edes, as you will note, inquires with regard to the possibility of providing a school at Nenana during the coming school year, and also intimates that there will probably be a demand for a school in the Matanuska valley. The Commissioner's inquiry further emphasizes the importance of securing some action by Congress which will serve to provide increased school revenues. As you know, we have provided funds for 38 school districts during the school year, the aggregate amount being \$79,086.93. The average amount allowed each of the 38 school districts is \$2,081.22.

For the school year 1916-17 we now have forty schools on our list with a prospect of several new ones, not counting the two referred to in the Commissioner's letter. It will probably be safe to say that we shall have to provide funds for not less than 45 schools during the school year 1916-17, and these will undoubtedly require not less per school than has been allowed during the present year. In other words,

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we shall probably require not less than from \$90,000 to \$95,000 to maintain the Nelson schools during 1916-17. There is no reason to believe that the receipts from the Alaska fund will materially exceed those of the past year. At the least calculation, therefore, it would appear that the school section of the Alaska fund will be insufficient by from ten to fifteen thousand dollars to take care of the 45 schools; while in all probability the shortage will be nearer \$25,000, if the increased needs of the various school districts be taken into account.

If the Territorial school fund were available, it would probably serve to take care of the additional schools for 1916-17, but as this fund is not available, we cannot count upon any assistance from that source.

I have not acknowledge receipt of the Commissioner's letter, assuming that you will write him fully with regard to the school situation, as well as probably taking the matter up with him personally while you are in Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

April 13, 1916

15-3

Miss Elizabeth L. Woods,  
Department of Psychology,  
Vassar College,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the 3d instant, addressed to the Governor, submitting a series of questions with regard to provision for specially gifted children in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that, so far as this office is informed, none of the white schools of this Territory make a special provision for children who are above the average in ability. The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized, although in general they follow those of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which States many of our teachers come. Each school is, therefore, more or less of an independent organization.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 14, 1916

15-1

Miss Gena Nelson,

802 Brook Avenue,

Wichita Falls, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2d instant, addressed to the Governor in which you inquire as to the prospects in Alaska for teachers of expression and piano. In reply I beg to advise that while some attention is given to instruction in expression and music in the white schools of this Territory, I do not know of any school employing a special instructor in either of these branches. Such instruction as is given is incidental to the regular school work.

I enclose a circular letter regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 14, 1916

14-5

Mr. W. G. Beattie, Supt.,  
Native School Service,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Beattie:

I am transmitting herewith a letter from Mrs. Nellie  
A. Martin, of White Earth, Minnesota, who asks for informa-  
tion regarding the native school service. I have acknowledged  
receipt of the letter and have advised Mrs. Martin that it is  
being referred to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

April 14, 1916

14-5

Mrs. Nellie A. Martin,  
White Earth, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, inquiring as to the qualifications necessary for a teacher to secure a position in one of the native schools of Alaska, and asking for information regarding these schools

I am today referring your letter to Mr. W. G. Beattie, superintendent of the native school service for southeastern Alaska, who will undoubtedly give you the information desired as to qualifications required of teachers in that service and as to opportunities in his district. For more complete information regarding opportunities in the native school service, you are referred to Mr. W. T. Lepp, chief of the Alaska Division, United States Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

While you do not inquire as to the white schools of the Territory, I am enclosing a circular letter which contains information regarding them, thinking it may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 15, 1916.

14-5

Stewart & Holmes Drug Co.,  
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Douglas Brown, in charge of the Native Hospital of the Bureau of Education, Juneau, Alaska, a Government officer, has handed to me your notice to the effect that Ethyl Alcohol requires a permit for its shipment outside of the county of your State, and that a permit from the "Auditor of the county" should accompany all orders for that chemical. Dr. Brown desires Ethyl Alcohol for medicinal purposes in connection with the treatment of Indians in said Native Hospital.

In furtherance of this request, I certify that there is no existing law in Alaska prohibiting the importation of alcohol or any of its ingredients in, or to and from the Territory of Alaska; that the Ethyl Alcohol is desired for the medicinal purposes stated above; and I hereby authorize and empower you to ship to the said Dr. Douglas Brown for the Native Hospital at Juneau, Ethyl Alcohol in such quantities as he may order from time to time as occasion requires.

In this connection I would ask that you send me a copy of the law under which the Attorney General of your State made a ruling, as there must be some exception in the cases of permits required, where

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the alcohol is desired by Government officers in carrying out their duties  
in a capacity similar to the one outlined above.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Governor.

April 17, 1916

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Mrs. Anabel Read Scott,

Katella, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of October tenth last, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that at last the courses of study for the city schools at Juneau have been received from the printer, and this office has today been furnished several copies, one of which goes forward to you under separate cover in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 17, 1916. O. B.

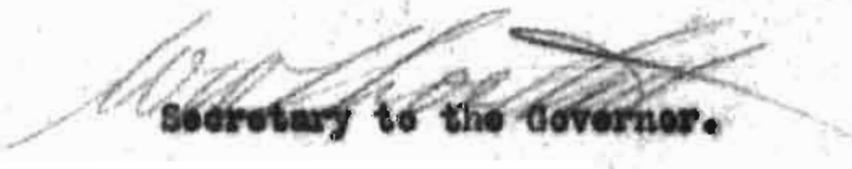
Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

An act inclined require new election Chatanika district if proceedings regular in every way except as to length of notice, but this must <sup>not</sup> be considered as establishing precedent. Kindly notify school board that in future not less than ten days notice must be given.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to the Governor.

April 17, 1918

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Mr. J. E. Clark, Clerk,

United States District Court,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of even date, reading as follows, has just been received:

"Affidavits of posting notices Chatanika annual school election show notices posted only eight days. Is this sufficient, or should another election be held on ten days' notice?"

The following telegraphic reply has been sent you:

"Am not inclined require new election Chatanika district if proceedings regular in every way except as to length of notice, but this must not be considered as establishing precedent. Kindly notify school board that in future not less than ten days notice must be given."

While it has been the custom in all the school districts organized under the act of January 27, 1905, to give not less than ten days' notice of each school election, the law does not specifically state that elections succeeding the first election shall be preceded by not less than ten days' notice. Wherever instructions have been given to school boards by this office, however, they have been advised to follow the provisions of the law as regards the first election, since in so doing a uniform practice results.

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In the case of the Chatanika school district, referred to in your telegram, it appears that the election this year was preceded by an eight days' notice, and while this might be subject to objection on the part of a resident of the district, this office is not disposed to be technical in this instance if, as is assumed to be the case, the proceedings in connection with the election were otherwise regular. However, as stated in the telegram, a precedent is not to be established by a waiver of the ten days' notice in this instance, and the Chatanika school board should be instructed in the future to see that not less than ten days' notice is given of each school election.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

April 21, 1916

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J. H. Cobb, Esquire,  
Territorial Legal Counsel,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I enclose herewith a copy of the act of October 22, 1914, commonly known as the "War Revenue Act," and a bond filed by the treasurer of the Thane school district for the school year 1916-17. This is the form of bond used by school treasurers in the first division and it is practically identical with the forms used in the other three divisions. The last paragraph on page 18 of the act enclosed provides that revenue stamps of the value of 50 cents shall be attached to bonds. None of the bonds thus far furnished by treasurers of school districts have had revenue stamps attached to them, and the question arises as to whether or not they should have revenue stamps attached to them, and, if so, whether the absence of such stamps in any way affects the validity of the bonds at present in force.

Will you please furnish this office with an opinion, in duplicate, covering this matter, so that we may be in a position to instruct the school boards and the clerks of the District Courts who approve the bonds of the school treasurers.

Kindly return the enclosed act and bond with your opinion.

Faithfully yours,

April 21, 1916

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Mr. Eric V. Daveler,  
Clerk, Thane School Board,  
Thane, Alaska

Dear Sir :

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, making inquiry regarding funds for use in connection with the school building at Thane. You say that you think it will probably be advisable to retain the school in the present building, at least for some time to come. You also state that it is believed from \$3,000 to \$4,000 would be required to put up a satisfactory school building.

As you are aware, the maximum amount which may be allotted a school district for the construction and equipment of a school building is \$1,000 and, unless the law should be amended, there would be no way of obtaining more than this amount. In fact it is quite probable that, if your requisition were submitted for \$1,000 for building purposes, the Auditor would deduct therefrom the amount heretofore allowed the school district for "equipment," since the law provides that the \$1,000 shall be allotted for "construction and equipment" of a school building. The Auditor has taken similar action in the case of one or two other districts.

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You ask to be advised as to whether or not, if \$1,000 is obtained from the Government, it has to be put into a new building; also whether it would be possible for you to obtain \$500 to make certain repairs on your present building, and in a couple of years put up a satisfactory building with the help of the Government.

The evident intent of the law in making provision for the allotment of funds for the "construction and equipment" of a school building was that it should be used for a new building and not for repairs to an old building. In one or two of the school districts, it has been possible to purchase an old building at a reasonable figure and to use the remainder of the \$1,000 for repairs which were necessary and for equipment. This course substantially meets the evident intent of the law. The Thane school board has been renting a building from the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company since the school began, and the rent has been paid from funds regularly allotted for that purpose. If any repairs are necessary to this building the owner should make them. No Government funds can be allotted for repairs to a building which is not owned by the school district. This question has been passed upon by the Governor in more than one instance upon submission of facts similar to those existing in your district.

It is quite possible that within a year or two the school law will be so amended that it will make provision for a materially increased allotment for building purposes.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

April 22, 1916

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The Commissioner of Education,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of October 15 last, I now have the honor to transmit summaries of the annual reports of the Candle, Katalla, Nushagak and Otter school districts for the school year 1914-15. These complete the reports for the school districts outside of incorporated towns in Alaska for the school year mentioned, the reports of the other districts having been transmitted with letter of October 15 above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 24, 1916

15-1

Prof. J. S. Horton, Dean,  
The American College of Physical Education,  
Grand Boulevard & Forty Second street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, written in behalf of Miss Nora Clowes and Miss Elsie Gielow of your city, both of whom would like to secure positions as teachers of physical training in the Alaska school service.

A letter has been received from Miss Clowes, who is being advised that up to this time such instruction in physical training as has been given in the white schools of Alaska has been under the supervision of the regular teachers, no special instructor being employed for this work. Miss Clowes is also being advised that the Juneau school board has secured the services of a manual training instructor for the ensuing school year, who will also have charge of the physical culture and general field athletics work.

For your further information regarding the white schools of this Territory, I am enclosing a circular letter which contains also a complete list of these schools.

On behalf of the Governor permit me to thank you for the catalogue of your school which you have so kindly forwarded.

Respectfully yours,

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April 24, 1916

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Miss Nora Clewes,  
434 Bowen Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to the opportunities for teachers of physical culture in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that, up to this time, none of the white schools of this Territory has employed a special instructor in physical culture work. A few of the larger schools have given some little attention to this branch, but the work has been done by one of the regular teachers. The Juneau school board has secured the services of an instructor in manual training for the ensuing school year, and I am informed that this instructor will also give attention to physical culture and general field athletics.

For your further information with regard to the white schools of this Territory, I am enclosing a circular letter which contains also a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 24, 1916

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Miss Lottie E. Elliott,  
3 Breckton Avenue,  
Haverhill, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with the request of Senator L. V. Ray, of Seward, Alaska, I take pleasure in sending herewith a circular letter containing information in brief with respect to the white schools of this Territory, together with a complete list of these schools.

As stated in the circular letter, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards. This office is seldom asked to assist the boards in securing teachers, and, at the present time, we do not know of any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor