

July 14, 1916

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Mr. Charles C. Naughton,
Clerk of the Katalla School District,
Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full.

When the requisition is made covering your estimates, a copy will be sent to Treasurer Burke, as usual.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. O. E. Taskstrom, Clerk,
Ruby School District,
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

1. Item "15 cases of gasoline, \$6 - \$90," has been changed to read $7\frac{1}{2}$ cases of gasoline at \$6, \$45.
2. Item "150 ft. of fencing, \$75," has been disallowed.

All other items in the requisition have been approved as submitted.

When the requisition is made, covering your board's estimates, a copy will be mailed to the treasurer of your district.

In the absence of any explanation with respect to the estimate for 15 cases of gasoline, the item seemed so extravagant that the Governor felt obliged to cut it in half. It is noted that the report of the treasurer of your district for 1915-16 shows an expenditure of only \$8.50 for lights, and

the board's estimate for that year was only \$24. It would seem, therefore, that an allowance of \$45 should be sufficient for this item.

With reference to the item \$150 feet fencing," which has been disallowed, the Governor wishes me to say that quite a number of school districts have this year asked for money for fencing purposes, and that in every instance the item has been disallowed. It would seem that the citizens of Ruby should be public-spirited enough to discontinue trespassing upon the school grounds without the necessity of a fence being constructed to compel them to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, July 15, 1916. O. B.

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Mrs. E. B. Williams,

Clark School District,

ST. MICHAEL.

Estimates Saint Michael school board for ensuing year approved as submitted
except that term of only nine months will be provided for.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. E. B. Williams, Clerk,
St. Michael School District,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a confirmation copy of a telegram this date sent you by the Governor, advising that the estimates of your school board for the ensuing year have been approved, as submitted, except that a term of only nine months will be provided for. This reduces the allowance for the teacher's salary to \$1350, and the allowance for the janitor to \$135, being a total reduction of \$165 in the estimates.

With reference to the matter of a school building referred to in your letter of June 8, you are advised that since the building proposed to be used during the ensuing school year does not belong to the school district, nor to the government, it is not proper to use school funds for repairs or improvements to the building. It is noted that the board's estimates for the ensuing year include the item of \$50 for a new floor for the school room and repairs to doors and windows. It will be necessary for the owner of the building to make such repairs as may be necessary therein. However, as the owner

would probably refuse to make such repairs upon the basis of a rental of only \$5 per month, the Governor has increased the rent allowance to \$95, which will serve to reimburse the owner for the repairs estimated by the board. As already stated, the expense of these repairs must be paid for by the owner, and not by the school board. The payments made by the board to the owner of the building should be for rent of the building.

It is noted that certain expenditures were made during the last school year on account of minor repairs to the building rented for school purposes, and, while these repairs were not a proper charge against the school funds, they will be passed, in view of the emergency which confronted the school board after the opening of the term. No such expenditures will, however, be allowed in future.

When a requisition is made by this office, covering your board's estimates, a copy will be mailed to the treasurer of your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 14, 1916

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Mr. H. F. Muller, Treasurer,
Teller School District,
Teller, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

1. Estimate for water and ice for drinking purposes reduced to \$20.
2. Estimate for cleaning school yard of \$5, disallowed.
3. Estimate for incidentals reduced to \$25.

These changes make a total reduction of \$50 in the board's estimates for the year.

With reference to the item of \$5 for cleaning the school yard, which has been disallowed, I beg to say that it would seem there should be public spirit enough in the community of Teller to enable the school board to get this work done without expense, and a school district which does not possess such public spirit is certainly not entitled to any funds for the purpose.

When the requisition is made covering the estimates, a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 15, 1916

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Mr. H. A. Pinger, Treasurer
Treadwell School District,
Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same, with the following changes:

1. Estimate for fuel at \$15 per month has been reduced to \$12.50 per month, the total allowance for this item being \$112.50.
2. Estimate for rent at \$40 per month has been reduced to \$35 per month, the total allowance for this item being \$213.

These two changes make a reduction of \$87.50 in the estimates for the year.

When the requisition is made covering the board's estimates, a copy will be mailed to you.

In this connection I beg to say that this office has not as yet received from the clerk of the District Court the certified copy of your bond as treasurer for the ensuing school year. The requisition for funds cannot be made until your bond has been executed and has received the approval of the

clerk of the District Court, and a certified copy has been
received by this office from the clerk.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 15, 1916.

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Miss Geneva Sheets,
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Referring to recent replies to your inquiries regarding schools, I regret to advise that we inadvertently mentioned Hoonah as having made inquiry relative to the establishment of a school district. This was an error, as the inquiry came from Mr. Ed. Snyder, of Tenakee, instead of Hoonah. In our letter of the 5th instant we suggested that you write Mr. Snyder at Hoonah. The letter should have given his address as Tenakee. The error was only discovered today, and I hasten to correct it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

July 18, 1916

Mr. Thomas Kleg,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 24, with reference to instruction in first year high school work in the Ruby school, and in which you state that the teacher, Miss Paddeck, seems disinclined to give this instruction, notwithstanding that the attendance at school during the past term was only 9 to 11 pupils, and you further ask to be advised if you are not within your rights in insisting that your daughter be given some instruction in first year high school work.

In reply I have to advise you that this is a matter which lies solely in the control of your board of school directors, who certainly have the right and the power to direct the teacher to give such instruction. It may be stated as a fact, however, that schools outside of incorporated communities, which are usually graded schools, are presumed to give instruction only as high as the eighth grade; nevertheless it seems to me that in a small school such as yours, the teacher might well give some instruction in some of the higher branches, or, as you suggest, the first year high school work. It is too often the case that some teachers

evince a disposition to do as little as possible for their salary; that is to say, they do not evince that interest in the educational progress of their pupils which might reasonably be expected. Teachers who give only what they are paid for will usually receive pay only for what they give.

I would suggest, therefore, that you lay this matter before the school board, with the request that they advise the teacher to give first year high school work in the Ruby school. I agree with you that the salary paid the teacher by the Government is amply sufficient to enable her to use her best efforts in behalf of the children of the district, who, under the circumstances, may be deprived of receiving instruction in the higher branches.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 19, 1916

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Miss Geneva Sheets,
Chickagof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of July 13, in which you ask for information relative to the school at Saldevia.

According to the report of the school board for the school year 1915-16, the number of pupils of school age resident within the district was 42; the largest number attending school on any day was 36, the average daily attendance being 29.98. I am not advised as to the number of grades, but these are probably eight. The population of Saldevia is not large, probably a couple of hundred. The school last year was in charge of Jennita Anderson, who received a salary of \$150 per month for the nine months' term.

The school term in white schools outside of incorporated towns, will begin this year on September 5.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio
Supt. of Public Instruction.

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Miss Louise C. Freeburn,

Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of July 12, in which you apply for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, basing your qualifications for such permit upon the following statements: That you attended the University of Washington two years; taught in Douglas, Alaska, one term, and in Chichagof one term, and have attended the University of Illinois one year.

In reply I have to advise you that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the period of two years, will be issued to you upon the showing thus made, should you be employed to teach the school at Chichagof. I would further suggest that, if you have any diplomas, they be forwarded to this office, when they will be returned to you, together with a permit to teach.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 19, 1916

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Mr. S. A. Gearhart,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 13, in which you ask to be informed as to what steps, if any, have been taken towards the securing of a school at Hadley, Alaska, I beg to advise that the letter files of this office do not show that any steps whatsoever have been taken toward the attainment of that end. On December 8, 1914, Miss Dora Cowan, of Hadley, addressed a letter to this office, inquiring as to how a school may be obtained by the people of that district. This information was furnished, and it is here repeated:

"The law under which school districts outside of incorporated towns in Alaska are established, requires, among other things, that there shall be not less than twenty white children of school age (6 to 20 years) resident within the limits of the proposed district. These schools when established, are for white children and those of mixed blood who lead a civilized life. Therefore, native children (that is, those who are full-blooded Indians), are not eligible to attend such school. While children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life, may attend a school once it is established, under the law, they cannot be counted in making up the requisite 20 necessary for the establishment of a district, since these 20 must be white children. A school district must not exceed an area of 40 square miles."

A copy of the act providing for the construction of
roads and trails and the establishment of schools, commonly
called "The Nelson school law," is enclosed for your further
information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

July 22, 1916

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Mr. John N. Barvela, Treasurer,
Chichagof School District,
Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by the Chichagof school board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full.

When the requisition is made to cover the Board's estimate, a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 23, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by the Kasaan school board for the school year 1916-17 and has approved the same in full.

When the requisition is made to cover the board's estimates, a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 23, 1916

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Mr. I. Wales, Treasurer,
Otter School District,
Flat City, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by your board, for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full. When the requisition is made for funds for your school district, a copy of it will be mailed to you.

In connection with the item of repairs to the school building, estimated at \$300, the Governor directs me to say that before any moneys are expended on account of such repairs, the title of the school building and grounds at Flat City should be vested in the school district by proper deed of transfer, if this has not already been done. The correspondence on file in this office shows that, when the school was transferred from Discovery to Flat City, the citizens of the latter place donated the building, which has since been used for school purposes, but the information furnished this office does not show that the persons who were concerned in the donation of the building, actually executed formal deeds of transfer to the school district. The legal title to the build

ing and grounds should be formally vested in the school district before expenditures are made from school funds. The boundaries of the ground should be specifically set forth in the deed of transfer so that there will be no question in the future as to the same. When this matter has been arranged, you will please advise this office in writing.

The annual reports of the Otter school board and of the treasurer for last year have not yet reached this office, and, until they are received, the making of the requisition for funds for the ensuing year will have to be held in abeyance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 24, 1916.

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The Clerk of the Ellamar School Board,
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to ask that you furnish this office with a statement showing the number of days that the Ellamar school was actually in session during the school year 1915-16. This statement should show the actual days in session in each calendar month, and the total number of school days -- that is, the total number of days on which school was actually in session during the school year. Kindly furnish this at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. In connection with the foregoing, kindly show the opening and closing dates of the school.

July 21, 1916

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Mr. S. A. Gearhart,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of July 15, as to the status of the Hadley school district, I have to advise you that, upon further examination of the records of this office, I find that an order for the establishment of a school district at Hadley was issued by the Clerk of the Court of the first judicial division on June 16, 1915, and an election was ordered for August 2, 1915. It does not appear, however, that this election was ever held or that the district was ever formally organized.

For further information as to the organization of a school district at Hadley, you are advised to communicate with the Clerk of the Court, first judicial division, Juneau, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 23, 1916

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Mr. Ward Estey,

c/o Alaska Road Commission,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Mr. Estey:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 11, in which you state that the Ellamar public school was brought to a close on June 8, before the expiration of the full school year, namely, 180 days, and that the teacher's and janitor's salaries were paid in full for the full term.

The report of the school board on file in this office shows that the school was opened on September 23, 1915 and closed on June 9, 1916, clearly showing that, in any event, the full term of 180 days was not taught.

I shall cause an investigation to be made at once as to why this was done, the result of which you will be advised of in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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July 23, 1916

Mr. Ambrose L. Suhrie,
Director of Practice Teaching,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 7, in which you ask for certain information respecting the course of study, the elimination of subject-matter, supervision and teaching, which have been issued by this state.

In reply I have to advise you that no such publications have been issued by the Territory. The school system of Alaska is in process of evolution, and we have not even a general course of study applicable to the entire Territory. Under separate cover, however, I am forwarding to your address a copy of the course of study as followed in the Juneau public schools.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

July 26, 1916

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Miss Sophie Baron,
3349 Copelin Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 7, I have to advise you that appointments in the white schools of Alaska are made by the boards of school directors of the various districts, and not by this office. To be eligible to teach in the white schools of Alaska, the applicant must be a graduate of some college or university or normal school in one of the States.

For your further information, I am enclosing a circular letter showing the location of the different school districts of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

July 21, 1916

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Mrs. Jack Nelson,
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

This office has just received from you your letter of June 14, addressed to the Clerk of the Court at Fairbanks, submitting your resignation as treasurer of the Chatanika school district, and his reply of June 19, returning your letter to you with the advice that he has no authority to act in such matters.

For your information I beg to advise that your resignation should have been filed with the Chatanika school board, which alone has authority to pass upon the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 21, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find duplicate copies of office of A. H. Mittendorff, as treasurer of the Nushagak school district, also his bond in duplicate. These papers were received at this office today; they should, of course, have been addressed to you.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Mittendorff failed to sign his bond, although his sureties signed the same and duly qualified. His failure to sign the bond no doubt invalidates it, and I suppose you will either have to return it to him or else instruct him to execute a new bond. If you can reach him by wireless, I would suggest that, in order to save time, you wire him to execute a new bond. Otherwise, it will probably be several months before the matter can be adjusted and a certified copy of the bond reach this office.

The papers above referred to were received without any letter from Mr. Mittendorff, and we do not know whether the rest of

of the election papers were forwarded to you or what dis-
position was made of them.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

JUNEAU, AUGUST 1, 1916. O. B.

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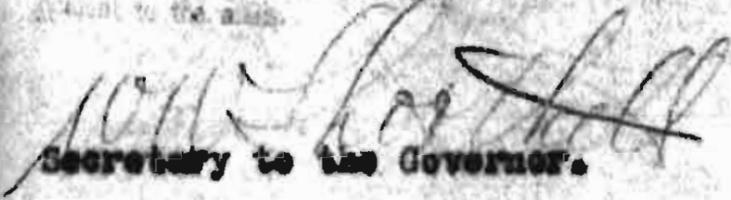
Clark, Clerk District Court,

FAIRBANKS.

Send treasurer Chatanika school district just received from your office does not show your approval of same. Was bond approved by you? If so, advise date.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to the Governor.

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August 1, 1916

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Mr. W. S. Wilson,
Legislative Reference Librarian,
The North Carolina Historical Commission,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th ultimo, you are
advised as follows:

1. The courses of study in the schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized, and there is no law governing the adoption of text books.
2. For the reason that the courses of study have not been standardized, it is not practicable to furnish a list of the books used in the various schools of the Territory.
3. There are no county divisions in Alaska and no divisional boards of education. The Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, and is the only officer who exercises general supervision over these schools. Each school district is governed by local boards consisting of three members elected annually by the citizens of the district. At the present time there are some fifty of these schools.

For information regarding the schools for natives (Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts), you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., under whose direction these schools are maintained.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1916

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Mrs. Anabel Read Scott, Teacher,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise of the nonreceipt of the course of study used in the Juneau public schools. It is probable that the copy which was mailed to you some weeks ago went astray. Another copy is being mailed to you under separate cover, which I trust will reach you in due course.

The Juneau schools will open this year on the 14th instant, although, as a rule, the schools are not opened until the first or second Monday in September. This year, however, they are being opened a month earlier so as to close early in May of next year, in anticipation of the construction next summer of a new school building on the site of the present one.

The Governor wishes me to thank you for the copies of your Flag Day program which accompanied your letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1916

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Mr. C. H. Sheets,
c/o H. B. Wells,
Matanuska Junction,
Via Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, together with an Oregon certificate and a number of original copies of testimonials.

With return of the enclosures which accompanied your letter, you are advised that permits to teach in the white schools of this territory are issued only to persons who have actually secured employment in these schools. As it does not appear that you have secured such employment, a permit cannot, at this time, be issued to you. Should you, at a later date, be employed to teach in one of the Alaska schools, it will then be in order for you to submit your credentials to this office and make application for a permit.

For your further information, I enclose herewith 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.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1916

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Prof. L. A. Williams,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, N. C.,

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, in which you request to be supplied with a list of words used in the examination of public school teachers in this Territory, either this year or last year.

In reply I beg to advise that, since practically all the teachers in Alaska come from the States and hold proper credentials, no system of examinations has as yet been adopted. In a few instances, graduates of Alaska high schools, desiring to teach in the Territory, have been examined by local examining boards, designated by the Governor, but, aside from these isolated cases, there have been no examinations of teachers in the Territory.

For your further information, I enclose herewith a circular letter form regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 1, 1916

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Miss Belle Wallace,
2900 East 53d street,
Seattle, Wash.

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Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you advise that you have been elected to teach in the public schools at Seward, Alaska, and request to be advised as to what steps must be taken to secure a permit to teach in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that an Alaska permit will be issued to you upon presentation of your Michigan life certificate. The Alaska permits are issued for a period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 1, 1916

15-9

Messrs. Newson & Co.,
73 Fifth Avenue at 15th St.,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th ultimo, written in reply to office letter of the 7th ultimo, acknowledging receipt of a copy of Webster's "English for Business."

The schools in the following-named incorporated towns in this Territory, provide high school work for the students therein, and it is possible that the principals of these schools might be glad to receive the specimen copy of the above-mentioned book: Douglas, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Nome, Seward, Skagway, Valdez and Wrangell. The courses of study in some of these high schools include typewriting, bookkeeping, business forms, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 2, 1916

13-9

Mr. Abner Jones,
Instructor in Rural Education,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I have your circular letter to state superintendents of July 21, in which you ask to be advised of certain things that are being done in the United States for the betterment of rural school conditions.

With reference to the rural schools of Alaska, I have to say that they are in process of evolution and little is being done at this time for their betterment, owing to the rapid increase in the number of such schools and a lack of sufficient money to equip them and improve them in a substantial way.

We have no pamphlets or other publications bearing upon this matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 2, 1916

14-1

Mr. Charles E. Herren,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of July 24, with reference to the organization of a school district in the Matanuska valley near the junction of the railroad. I note you say that there are 36 school children and that every boat brings up some new families.

In reply I have to advise you that school districts outside of incorporated towns in the Territory are created by the clerk of the district court in the judicial division in which they are situated, upon petition. This petition must specify, as near as may be, the location and boundary of the proposed school district, the number of people, the number of families, and the number of children between the ages of 5 and 20 years resident therein, and such other material facts as tend to show the necessity for the establishment of a school district. The petition must 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. A school district must not embrace more than forty square miles of territory, nor contain less than 20 ~~white~~ children between the ages of 6 and 20 years.

I have, therefore, to suggest that you notify the people of the proposed school district to proceed in the manner above indicated and forward the petition to the clerk of the court at Valdez. I may add that when the district is regularly established, this office will make provision for the building of a school house at a cost of not more than \$1,000, this amount being limited by the law to that amount, and for the maintenance of the school, together with supplies, etc., for a period of nine months or less, according to the time that the school house may be ready for occupancy.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 2, 1916

14-1

Mr. David Strandberg,

Flat, Alaska

Dear Mr. Strandberg:

I have your letter of June 22, and in reply I have to say that I was pleased to hear from you and glad to note the present satisfactory mining and other conditions in your precinct.

So far as school matters are concerned, I have to advise you that we have not as yet received the reports from the Flat school, but this office will make the necessary requisition for the maintenance of the school at Flat for the usual term of nine months, together with such appropriations for repairs to the school house, etc., as may be deemed necessary. I note that you have secured the services of Miss Grant, as teacher, and, inasmuch as her appointment is satisfactory to the parents of the children in your district, I trust that her services will be satisfactory in every respect. I remember a Miss Grant; I recall that she taught the Iditarod school one term, and I understand that she is a capable teacher. I have

I have noted the stampede that your section has had to the Tolstoi district, and I am glad to know that at least one creek is showing well. I trust that good pay will be found

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on other creeks. I am glad to know that your mining work is satisfactory to you, and with best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

August 2, 1916

14-1

Mr. S. A. Gearhart,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th, enclosing a petition for your school at Hadley.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is in receipt of a certified copy of an order made on July 31, by the Clerk of the District Court for the first judicial division, establishing the Hadley school district; and August 21 next instant has been appointed as the date of the first election for the selection of a school board. You are advised that as soon as a board is elected and organized, you should immediately forward the necessary estimates for the maintenance of your school to this office that requisition may be made on the United States Treasurer for the necessary funds to maintain it. The necessary blanks, etc., will be forwarded to you for this purpose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent,
of Public Instruction

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August 2, 1916

15-1

Mr. A. G. Steel, Ph. D., L. L. D.,
West Lafayette College,
West Lafayette, Ohio

Dear Sir :

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, in which you inquire if there is a suitable vacancy for you as a teacher in any of the schools under the direction of this office.

In reply I have to advise you that this office does not make appointments to the various schools, such appointments being made by the board of school directors for the several school districts. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter containing the names of the various school districts in the Territory, for your further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That Mrs. Elnora G. Benawa, of
Craig, Alaska, has presented satisfactory evidence of her
qualifications and is hereby authorized to teach in the
white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period of
two years from this date.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of August.

1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Renewal

August 3, 1916

15-1

Miss Charlotte R. Spore
712 Osborne street,
Sandusky, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the opportunities for teachers in this Territory, and also for women as stenographers in the government service, etc.

In reply you are advised that the various school boards in charge of the white schools of the Territory experience little difficulty in obtaining competent teachers, the number of applicants being, as a rule, far in excess of the positions available. The salaries of teachers vary according to the particular locality. Grade teachers along the coastal section receive from \$90 to \$125 per month, while high school teachers receive from \$100 to \$150 per month. In the interior and northern sections of the Territory, grade teachers receive from \$125 to \$175 per month, while high school teachers receive \$150 to \$200 per month. The usual length of the school term is nine months, and salaries are paid for this period and not the calendar year.

With reference to the opportunities for women stenographers in the government service, I beg to advise that such opportunities are very limited. Nearly all the government positions are filled by men, and, while business and professional lines offer some opportunity for stenographers, there are comparatively few positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

August 4, 1916

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Mr. S. A. Gearhart,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith, in duplicate, estimate blanks and a form of report of teacher employed, for the use of the Hadley school board, when the same shall have been duly elected and qualified. These blanks should be filled out in duplicate, the original being sent to this office and the duplicate being filed with the records of the school district.

Enclosed you will also find a copy of the school law, and copies of regulations issued by this office, for the information and guidance of school boards.

All the enclosures sent to you with this letter should be turned over to the clerk of the school board at the proper time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 4, 1916

14-1

Mrs. F. M. Radel, Clerk,
Perseverance School District,
c/o Alaska Gastineau Mining Co.,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

At the request of Mr. E. J. Dougherty, I enclose herewith, in duplicate, estimate blank and form for report of teacher employed, for the use of the Perseverance school board. These forms should be made out in duplicate, the original being sent to this office and the duplicate being filed with the school records.

Enclosed you will also find copies of regulations issued by this office, for the information and guidance of school boards, and a copy of the school law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 4, 1916

14-1

Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Ouzinkie, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 22, in which you ask that the school board be permitted to purchase maps for the use of the Ouzinkie school from the incidental fund, I have to advise that you are authorized to make this purchase and cover the cost to the incidental account.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 7, 1916

15-1

Miss Bessie M. Morhaus,
10 Mount Hope Avenue,
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise you as follows:

1. The white schools of the Territory usually provide a nine months' term, beginning early in September and ending in May or June following.
2. Salaries vary greatly, according to the particular locality. In the schools along the coast, they range from \$90 to \$150 per month, while in the interior and northern regions they range from \$135 to \$175 per month. The salaries paid in the schools in unincorporated communities are, perhaps, a little higher than those paid in the incorporated towns.
3. The schoolboards usually try to obtain teachers who have had more or less experience, and, as a consequence, nearly all of the teachers employed in the Alaska schools come from the States. This office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies. While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of

the Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely to the school boards, to whom applications should be presented. As a rule, it is advisable that applications be filed with the school boards early in the calendar year.

5. Teachers who come from outside of Alaska are required to hold state certificates or normal school diplomas, or other similar credentials, showing that they have had the necessary training and experience. State certificates, etc., are accepted, but Alaska permits are issued only to persons who actually obtain employment in the Alaska schools.

6. Living expenses in Alaska are probably from 25 to 30 per cent. higher than in the States, and in some of the more remote sections the difference is probably greater.

7. The only appointments at the disposal of the Governor are those of the employees in his own office and of a number of game wardens, all of which positions are filled by men.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter form used by this office in answering school inquiries, which will give you some further information and which also contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

August 7, 1916

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Mrs. C. O. Steiner,
Council, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 13,
also your telegram of July 26, your letter having been
received this date.

In reply I have to advise you that a permit to teach
in the schools of Alaska, for two years from August 1,
will be issued to you forthwith and mailed to your address,
together with the enclosures contained in your letter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Encs.

Juneau, August 7, 1916, O. B. Collect News to Council

Mrs. C. O. Steiner,

Council, via Nome, Alaska

Replying your letter July thirteenth, received today, permit
teach in schools of Alaska will be issued you forthwith.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. C. O. STEINER, of Council, Alaska, who having presented a Jasper County, Missouri, First Grade 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 August 1, 1916, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this seventh day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Renewal Certificate of
Jasper County, Missouri,
dated August 22, 1909.

August 9, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean,

Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your resignation as treasurer of the Chatanika school district, I beg to advise that you should submit a supplemental report to cover the unexpended balance shown by your report for the school year 1915-16 as on hand at the end of that school year, the amount being, I believe, \$22.05. If any expenditures were made from this balance, between the date of your annual report and the election and qualification of your successor, itemized receipts or receipted bills should be presented in connection therewith. If, on the other hand, the entire amount has been turned over by you to your successor, his or her receipt therefor should be submitted with the supplemental report. Upon receipt of the supplemental report above referred to and the approval of your report for the school year 1915-16, you and your boardmen will be formally released from further responsibility under your bond.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 9, 1916

14-1

Mr. Harry R. Brown, Treasurer,

Knik School District,

Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to return to you herewith the duplicate copy of your annual report for the school year 1915-16. This copy should be kept in your files as a part of the permanent records of the school district.

This office requires only one copy of the various reports which school boards and officers are required to submit. A duplicate of each of these reports should be made and kept in the files of the district for future reference.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 9, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

This office is advised by the Clerk of the District Court at Juneau that he has not as yet received the election returns from your district, covering the election which, it is assumed, was held in the month of April last, as required by the regulations issued by this office. The election returns and the treasurer's bond should be forwarded to the Clerk's office as soon as possible, otherwise there may be delay in the issuance of the requisition for funds for the school year 1916-17.

It is the understanding of this office that the Clerk of the District Court, early in the present year, forwarded to each of the school boards in his division the necessary blanks for use in connection with the April school elections. The blanks for your district are, no doubt, in the hands of one of the officers of the board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, August 10, 1916. O. B.

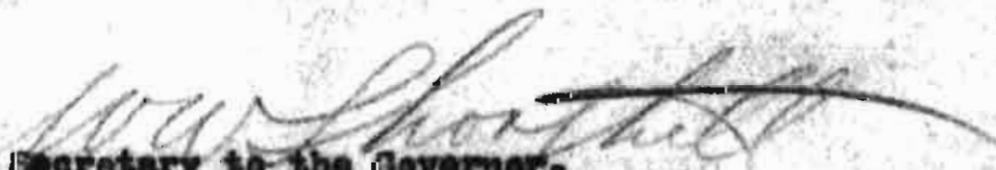
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M. Finkelstein,

Anchorage.

When will annual report Anchorage school board and your report as treasurer be forwarded? How many children of school age now resident in district and how many of these will probably attend during coming year?

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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August 10, 1916

14-1

Mr. Wm. C. Edes, Chairman,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Edes:

I have your letter of August 2, with enclosure, being a letter from Mrs. E. S. Reedy, director of the school board at Anchorage, with reference to the condition of the school house, etc., at that place.

In reply I have to advise you that, inasmuch as the school building at Anchorage is not owned by the school district, this office cannot appropriate any money for such improvements as Mrs. Reedy's letter indicates are needed. The law under which white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska are conducted, allows only the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the construction and equipment of a school house. This is mandatory and, therefore, the use of an additional sum in the construction and equipment of school buildings it is to be assumed, would be rejected by the auditor for the Interior Department. Where buildings are owned by the district, appropriations may be made for repairs.

I do not see, therefore, any way by which this office would be authorized to make such appropriation for additions to the building. There are a number of buildings used for school purposes in some districts which are not owned by the several districts, but for which rent is paid. Therefore, it would be possible for this office to allow a fair rental for the use of the school building at Anchorage, and the sum so allowed might be used for repairs and, perhaps, the necessary addition to the building.

The Anchorage school board has been very remiss in its duties, inasmuch as no reports of conditions in the school district have been received by this office, nor have any estimates reached this office. Therefore, we are unable to determine the force of the statements contained in Mr. Reedy's letter with respect to school needs and requirements at Anchorage. For the school year 1915-16 the sum allotted for the support of the Anchorage school was upwards of \$6,000, four teachers being employed; and this office understands that the school attendance was much below that which was predicted before the school was really organized. It may be, too, that the present school accommodations will suffice for the present needs of the school district.

In conclusion, I may add that it is the desire of this office to assist in every way possible the organization and maintenance of schools throughout the Territory, but, in-

as the amount of money at our disposal is limited, we must
perforce be as economical as possible.

Expressing the hope that you are in good health, and
with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 10, 1916

14-1

Mr. Wm. C. Edes, Chairman,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Edes:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 1, with reference to the need of public schools at Nenana, Alaska, and in the Matanuska valley. I note you say that there will be a town at Nenana and lots will be sold some time during the latter part of this month; also that a townsite was recently put on the market at Matanuska Junction, where there will be a post-office and several stores, and it is assumed by this office, that a school should be located at that place.

In reply I beg to advise you that, if the people of the aforesaid communities will take the necessary steps to secure the organization of school districts, the necessary funds to maintain schools will be provided by this office. It is to noted that, under the law, the sum of \$1,000 only can be ap-
propriated for the construction and equipment of school houses
I may further add that Mr. Charles E. Herren, of Anchorage recently took up the matter of securing a school in the Matanuska valley, to which I replied, advising him of the steps to be taken in order to secure such a school.

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I am,

Yours very truly,

Governer, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Juneau, August 11, 1916. O B GOVT. ^{COLLECT,} ~~RAISE~~, HOME to COUNCIL.

14-1

E. H. Pfaffle, Treasurer,

COUNCIL.

Estimates council school board ensuing year approved in full today.

STRONG, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. G. W. Palmer, Treasurer,
Knik School District,
Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by your board, and the same have been approved as submitted, with the following exceptions:

1. Estimate of 23 cords of wood, \$198, has been changed to 20 cords, \$160.
2. Estimate of \$17 for incidentals has been increased to \$25.

When the report of the treasurer for the past school year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made for funds for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. H. Mittendorf, Treasurer,

Nushagak School District,

Nushagak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by the Nushagak school board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

In lieu of the estimates of \$80 for repairs and \$50 for rent, an allowance of \$100 will be made for rent for the school year. Since the building used for school purposes is not owned by the government, the school funds cannot legally be used for repairs or other expenses incidental to the building, and it will, therefore, be necessary for the owner of the building to install the new floor, doors, etc., which it is claimed are needed. The estimate of \$50 for incidentals has been reduced to \$25. The other items in the board's estimate have been approved as submitted.

When your report for the past school year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made for funds for the ensuing year and a copy of it mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. C. F. Check, Treasurer,
Eagle River School District,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by the school board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

Teacher's salary changed from \$125 to \$120 per month;
school supplies changed from \$32.06 to \$25.

As soon as your report for last year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made to cover the board's estimates for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. C. F. Check, Treasurer,
Eagle River School District,
Amalga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by the school board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

Teacher's salary changed from \$125 to \$120 per month;
school supplies changed from \$32.06 to \$25.

As soon as your report for last year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made to cover the board's estimates for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. N. Coker, Treasurer,
Craig School District,
Craig, Alaska

My dear Mr. Coker:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17 and has approved the same in full. As soon as your report for last year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made for funds for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that since the building used for school purposes at Craig is rented, no school funds can be used for repairs or other expenses incidental to the building itself.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. H. Pfaffle, Treasurer,
Council School District,
Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

As stated in a telegram to you of this date, the Governor has today passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full. As soon as your report for last year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made for funds for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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August 11, 1916

14-1

Mr. Charles E. Rudy, Treasurer,
Mendenhall School District,
Mendenhall, via Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Rudy:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17. The typewritten figures show the estimates as originally submitted, while the figures in red ink indicate the changes made, in pursuance of the arrangement made when the members of the board called upon the governor recently, at which time he stated that he would authorize a six months' school term for your school district.

When your report for last year has been examined and approved, the requisition will be made for funds for the coming year, and a copy of it will be mailed to you

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 11, 1916

15-3

Mr. A.A. Upham,
Department of Physical Science,
State Normal School,
Whitewater, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the first instant, I beg to advise that the courses of study in use in the white schools of Alaska do not include work in agriculture. In some of the schools for natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), in this Territory, which are favorably situated for the purpose, instruction is given to a limited extent in agriculture, but this is confined chiefly to gardening.

For information regarding the work of these schools you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., who annually publishes a very interesting report covering the work of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 11, 1916

15-6

Mr. G. M. Yost,

C/o Columbian Hardware Company,

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Department of Education, Juneau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being an officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska.

With reference to the subject-matter of your letter, I beg to say that there are only a few of the white schools in Alaska at this time in which instruction is given in manual training. The school in the incorporated town of Ketchikan provides a full course of instruction in manual training, while the schools in the incorporated towns of Juneau and Stagyway provide limited courses. In schools in communities outside of incorporated towns, those at Kodiak, Ninilchik (address mail via Seward), and Selkovia, provide considerable instruction and practical work in this branch. Owing to the fact that, as a rule, the funds available for school purposes in this Territory are very limited, it has, thus far, been found practically impossible to introduce this work in many of the schools.

In the schools for natives which are maintained under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education, considerable attention is given to manual training work. For definite information regarding the work in these schools, you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., or to Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash., who has direct charge of the schools under the Bureau.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries, on the back of which will be found a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MABEL WINSTON, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State Third Grade 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 one year from July 1, 1916, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twelfth day of August, 1916.

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

Granted upon:

**Washington State
Third Grade Certificate,
dated March 4, 1916.**

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MABEL WINSTON, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State Third Grade 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 one year from July 1, 1916, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twelfth day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Third Grade Certificate,
dated March 6, 1916.

August 11, 1916

15-2

Miss Mabel Winston,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 7, together with a third-grade certificate of the common schools of the State of Washington, and you ask that, upon the submission of this certificate, you be issued a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, you having been engaged to teach in the recently-established school at Charcoal Point.

In reply I have to advise that it is noticed that your certificate from the State of Washington will expire on March 4, 1917. A permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of one year from July 1 last, will be issued to you.

Your certificate is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Laura Strong,

579 East 15th street, N.,

Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24, in which you ask for information concerning the schools of Alaska. I note you say that you will graduate from the Oregon Normal school next February, but that you would like to teach in Alaska before that time if you can secure a school.

It is my belief that, as the school term begins the first Monday in September, appointments for the schools have been generally made, and I know of no existing vacancy at this time. It seems to me also, if I might venture to make a suggestion, that it would be better for you to finish your term in the normal school and receive a certificate, thus equipping you for teaching without the necessity of again resuming your normal school studies. Should you secure a school in Alaska, upon submission of your Oregon certificate, a permit to teach in the Alaska schools, for a period of two years, will be issued to you.

For your further information, I am enclosing a circular letter, containing a list of the white schools of Alaska, both in incorporated towns and outside communities.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

August 12, 1918

14-1

Mr. E. J. Argall, Treasurer,
Perseverance School District,
Perseverance, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by the Perseverance school board for the school year 1918-19, and has approved the same in full, with the exception of the item of rent, which has been reduced from \$360 to \$270, the latter amount being the same as that allowed the Thane school district for rent of the school building used at that place.

When the requisition is made covering the board's estimates, a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 14, 1916.

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that it will be necessary for you to submit to this office a revised report for the school year 1915-16, since the one now on file in this office is found to be incorrect. Enclosed you will find a statement showing the result of a check of your report in this office. Page 1 of the statement contains a detailed distribution of the warrants which accompanied your report, showing the total amounts charged under the various heads of the report. It will be noted that warrant No. 19 is missing. No explanation is given by you as to this warrant, hence we do not know whether it was cancelled and not used, or whether you failed to send it.

Pages two and three of the statement are self-explanatory. You will note there are several discrepancies in the figures as submitted in your report, and that they do not agree with the warrants issued for Incidentals. Your report of expenditures is totalled by you as \$2013.00, whereas the total should be \$2013.75. This discrepancy is not mentioned on the statement, being immaterial in view of the other discrepancies which make it necessary that you make out a new report. I merely mention it to let you know that your expenditures were totalled wrong on the report.

Apparently the discrepancy of \$10 or \$10.75 under Incidentals is due either to some error on your part in footing up your accounts, or else you made some expenditure for which you failed to send the warrant covering it.

You should have included the \$5.05 from the previous school year under the head of "Receipts", making your total under that head \$2030.00 instead of \$2024.95 as is shown in the report. In the corrected report kindly put both of these items under Receipts, so as to show the correct total of \$2030.00.

When making out the corrected report of expenditures, please note under each heading in connection with the items paid out thereunder, the numbers of your warrants which were issued in payment of the various bills charged to each head. For instance, for the teacher's and janitor's salaries you should show the numbers of the warrants issued to cover these. The same applies to wood, lights, etc. In this way we will be able to tell at a glance just where the discrepancy occurred, when your corrected report is received. However, please explain, when sending in the report, as to the discrepancies pointed out on the enclosed statement.

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-2- Mrs. Jack McLenn.

With reference to warrant No. 31, covering fees paid to Commissioner Weiss for administering oaths of office of school officers, etc., you are referred to Regulation No. 16 on the enclosed circular, which states that such expenses cannot legally be paid from school funds. Copies of the Regulations have from time to time been furnished to all school boards, and I am inclined to think that Mr. Weiss, also, was at one time advised regarding this regulation, when he was treasurer of the Chatanika school district. In any event, the payment cannot be allowed as a part of the school expenditures, and you as the treasurer for the year 1915-16 will be expected to refund the amount to the school treasury, adding it to the unexpended cash on hand at the end of the school year. In all justice, also, Mr. Weiss should reimburse you.

Blanks for your corrected report are herewith enclosed, and you are requested to prepare the same as quickly as possible and mail it to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

August 14, 1916.

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLenn,
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 18th ultimo you are advised that when you have arrived at the correct balance of cash on hand at the end of the school year you should see the new treasurer and make proper adjustment of such balance with him or her, taking a receipt therefor and cancelling the former receipt taken by you, if one has been taken before this letter reaches you. In this connection see another letter of this date to you with reference to certain discrepancies in your annual report.

After having arrived at the correct figures for year 1915-16 report and when the report, in corrected form, has been completed, you should then make up the supplemental report regarding which a letter was sent you a few days ago, so as to show proper disposition by you of the balance on hand at the end of the school year 1915-16. This supplemental report should be designated as: "Supplemental report for school year 1915-16". It should show, under receipts, the unexpended balance on hand at the end of the 1915-16 school year, and under disbursements should show any expenditures made by you from such unexpended balance, if there should be any such expenditures, and payment of the remainder (or the entire balance, as the case may be) to the new treasurer, whose receipt therefor should be obtained in duplicate, you keeping one copy and sending the other with the supplemental report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 15, 1916.

14-1

Mr. H. V. Lattin,
Treasurer McCarthy School District,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your bond as Treasurer of the McCarthy School District for the school year 1916-17, I beg to advise that it is noted that the amount thereof is but \$2,000, while the school law requires that the treasurer's bond shall be in a sum not less than double the amount of funds that will come into his hands.

The estimates of your school board for the school year 1916-17 as revised by this office call for a total of \$1885.00. This would require a bond of not less than \$3,770. Your present bond being for but \$2,000, it is necessary that you execute an additional bond in the sum of not less than \$1,770, the same to be approved by the Clerk of the District Court at Valdez. The Clerk in this day being requested to forward the necessary bond blank to you, and upon its receipt you are asked to execute the same promptly, mail it to the clerk for his approval, and advise this office. Immediately upon receipt of such advice the requisition will be made for funds for your district for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 13, 1916.

14-2

Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk, U. S. District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

The bond executed by Mr. N. V. Lattin as Treasurer of the McCarthy school district, for the ensuing year, is insufficient in amount, and he is today being instructed to execute an additional bond in a sum not less than \$1770. For this purpose will you kindly mail to him a bond blank, and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. Mr. Lattin's address is: McCarthy, Alaska.

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August 17, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose herewith duplicate copy of the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, also copy of the requisition made this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for that year, the total amount asked for being \$5740.50.

You will note certain changes in the estimates; the salary of one teacher being reduced from \$175 to \$150, making it the same as that for the other two. It was at first the Governor's intention to reduce the salaries of the second and third teachers to \$125 per month, but after talking with Mr. Magill today the salaries were allowed to stand as submitted, except that the salary of Mr. Magill has been made the same as that of the other two.

The item of rent of Russian school house, \$125, has been disallowed, not only on account of limited funds, but also because there is a grave question whether such an item would be passed by the Auditor at Washington, since the school district already has the use of a Government-owned building.

You will note an item has been added to cover the amount which was inadvertently omitted from the second requisition made by this office for funds for your district for the 1915-16 school year. The amount of this item is \$125, and it covers repairs, \$50, and 2 stoves, \$75. In the requisition made today, the \$50 for repairs has been added to the \$150 estimated by the board for repairs, building large toilet, etc., and the \$75 for two stoves has been added to the board's estimates for 20 seats and 2 stoves.

The estimates as originally submitted by your Board called for \$5975.50. As changed in this office they call for \$5740.50, and this has been covered in the requisition of this date.

Enclosed find a copy of the printed regulations of this office for the information and guidance of school boards. Your attention is particularly directed to the regulations with respect to the duties of treasurers.

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant covering the requisition made this date, please advise this office in writing, giving the

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

Enclosed you will find two blank forms for "Report of Teachers Employed". The report recently sent in is not now correct as to the salaries of the teachers and as to the name of one of them, and you are requested to turn these blanks over to the Clerk of your board so that a corrected report may be made out. One copy of it should be mailed to this office and the other should be filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. F. C. French,
Treasurer, Latouche School District,
(1916-17 School Year)
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the sum of \$5 in the accounts of Mr. Warner, your predecessor in office, for the school year 1915-16, has been disallowed by the Governor for the reason that the expenditure was in violation of the regulations of this office. Mr. Warner is being advised of the disallowance, and instructed to change his records to show an unexpended balance of \$26.54 on hand at the end of the 1915-16 school year, instead of \$21.54 as reported by him. He is also being instructed to turn over to you an additional \$5 (it being assumed that he has already transferred to you the \$21.54 which he reports as on hand at the end of the school year) so that your cash and accounts may be made to agree with his corrected records. Upon receipt of this letter you will kindly call upon Mr. Warner and arrange an adjustment of this matter.

Enclosed herewith you will find two blank forms for a report which you should furnish this office. When Mr. Warner has paid to you the additional \$5 above mentioned, you will please make up this report and forward one copy to this office, filing the other with your records. The amount shown as received from your predecessor should be \$26.54.

It is requested that prompt attention be given to the subject-matter of this letter, and the report asked for be forwarded as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclo.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

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Treasurer, Latouche School District,
(1916-17 School Year)
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Enclosed herewith you will find two blank forms for a report which you should furnish this office. When Mr. Warner has paid to you the additional \$5 above mentioned, you will please make up this report and forward one copy to this office, filing the other with your records. The amount shown as received from your predecessor should be \$26.54.

It is requested that prompt attention be given to the subject-matter of this letter, and the report asked for be forwarded as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Victor E. Warner,
Treasurer, Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your report for the school year 1915-16, just received at this office, it is noted that the receipted bills submitted with the report include one from George Barrack, dated November 3, 1915, for 4 phonograph records, \$4.00, 500 needles, 25 cents, and postage 75 cents; a total of \$5.00.

This office several years ago held that school funds could not be used for the purpose of providing the schools with musical instruments, the ruling being based partly upon the limitations in the school law and partly upon the fact that the funds available for school purposes were insufficient to warrant such use. This ruling was embodied in the printed regulations issued by this office under date of November 20, 1913, copies of which have from year to year been furnished to all school boards. (SEE: Last paragraph, Regulation 16.)

In view of the foregoing, I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the item of \$5 paid to George Barrack, as evidenced by his receipted bill submitted with your accounts, has been disallowed, and you are directed to change your accounts to show an unexpended balance on hand at the end of the school year 1915-16 of \$26.54, instead of \$21.64 as appears in the report as submitted by you. You will also please pay to your successor in office the sum of \$5, so that his accounts may be in accord with the foregoing. He is today being advised to this effect.

When you have made the necessary correction in your accounts and have turned over to your successor the sum of \$5, you will please advise this office so that proper disposition may be made of your report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. H. A. Pinger, Treasurer,
Treadwell, School District,
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that, after further consideration of the estimates submitted by the Treadwell School Board, and of the conditions obtaining in the district, he has made the following changes in the items of teachers' salaries and of rent:

Salary of principal increased from \$110 to \$125 per month.

Salary of second teacher increased from \$100 to \$110 per month.

Rent reduced from \$35 to \$30 per month -- amount allowed being the same as for last year.

The changes in the salaries of the teachers have been made with a view to placing them upon an approximate basis with those in other schools in this vicinity, taking into account, also, the attendance.

Enclosed you will find a memo copy of the requisition made today for funds for your district. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant covering the requisition, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

You will note that the item of "School supplies, \$238" covers the Board's estimate of \$100 for additional seats as well as its estimate of \$138 for school supplies proper.

Respectfully yours,

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Otto Stewart, Clerk,

Eagle River School District,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office has not yet received from the Clerk of the District Court certified copies of the election returns and the Treasurer's bond for your school district for the school year 1916-17, although it is assumed that the election was held some months since, in accordance with the regulations issued by this office. In conversation with the Clerk today he advises that he has all papers on file except the following:

Certificate of election of Treasurer

" " " " Director

Oath of office of the Director.

It will be necessary for these certificates and the oath to be filed with the Clerk before he can properly certify and transmit to this office copies of the election papers and the bond of the Treasurer. The delay in receipt of these papers will necessitate delay in the issuance of a requisition covering the estimates of your school board for 1916-17, and, consequently, will cause a delay in the receipt of funds by the Treasurer for payment of the teacher's salary and for the other expenses of the district for the ensuing year.

With respect to the oath of the Director, the Clerk advises that the man supposed to have been elected to this position filed the

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oath blanks some three weeks ago, or, rather, left them there; but he was in such an intoxicated condition that he could not properly transact such business, had not executed the oath before a proper officer, and apparently left town without arranging the matter. He told the Clerk, also, that he could not write, and wanted the Clerk to take his oath and fix the papers up, but owing to his condition at the time the Clerk, very properly, refused to have anything to do with the matter. Aside from the question of the propriety of having such a person on a school board, the apparent disregard of his very first duty, that of executing an oath of office, is not to be commended, and has already resulted in no little delay in the transaction of the business of the school district in this office as well as in the office of the Clerk of the District Court.

Upon receipt of this letter you are requested to confer with the other members of the board and take such steps as may be necessary to the end that the oath of the director may be properly executed and filed in the Clerk's office, and that proper certificates of election of the Director and Treasurer be made out and signed by the election judges, and then filed in the Clerk's office.

Prompt attention to these matters will expedite the receipt of funds by the school district, and save trouble for all concerned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Albert Moore,
Treasurer, Charcoal Point School District,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is advised by the Clerk of the District Court at Juneau that he has not yet received your oath of office as Treasurer, nor has he received the certificate of your election which should have been sent in by the judges of election.

It is requested that you arrange at once for the execution of these papers (blanks for which are enclosed), having them filled out and signed in duplicate, and your oath executed before a proper officer, in duplicate, and that they then be forwarded to the Clerk of the District Court, Juneau, for filing with the other school papers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

August 17, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. T. Starnard,
Latauche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 4, with reference to increased school accommodations in the Latauche school district. You state that the permanent character of the work at Latauche is bringing a large number of families, the result being that there are now 37 children of school age in the district, and more families will come as soon as houses can be provided for their accommodation. You also state that the present school building has room for only 25 desks and, for this reason, will not be at all adequate for the prospective attendance for the school year 1916-17, and you suggest that this office authorize the construction of a new school building, with a seating capacity of 50, in order to properly care for the present and probable increase in attendance. You also submit a plan for a new building along the lines suggested above, which includes radiators for steam heating and electric lights, and you estimate it will cost \$1900. It is also noted that the present school building cost, exclusive of seats, \$920,

this building having been built in 1912. You state that it could be enlarged, but, as its location is not the most desirable, you offer as a suggestion that the Kennecott Copper Corporation purchase the old building with the idea of converting it into a dwelling house, making an allowance for it of \$800; and, deducting this amount from the estimated cost of the new school building, the sum of \$1109 must be provided from other sources. You also advise that you are informed by the school board that there is an unexpended surplus of \$100 from the school year 1915-16 and that this office has also made an allowance of \$300 for repairs for the year 1916-17, and you state that, if these two items can be applied toward the construction of a new and larger school, it will require an additional appropriation of only \$700 to provide a building ample for the needs of the district. It is also added that your company will agree to furnish steam for heating purposes and electric lights at actual cost, and that it will put in the necessary piping and wiring to deliver steam and current to the school building at its own expense; and you express the belief that the appropriation of \$134, which has already been made for heating and lighting the school for the year 1916-17 will fully cover the cost along the lines which you have proposed.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is sincerely desirous of complying with your request, as it is fully realized that the children who are growing up in Alaska are entitled to the best educational facilities that can be provided for them. It is to be regretted, however, that the funds at the disposal of this office will not permit as liberal an expenditure of money for the maintenance of schools as could be desired. However, you are authorized to complete the building for the Latouche school district, according to the plans submitted, at a cost to the Territory of not to exceed \$700, as outlined in your letter. This appropriation will be added to that which has already been made for the maintenance, etc., of the Latouche school.

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 ALEXANDER McINTOSH, of Cordova, Alaska, who having presented a diploma of Queen's University, of Kingston, Ontario, 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 eighteenth day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Diploma Issued by
Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario,
dated October 1, 1896.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Harriet E. Kralowes, of Kenai, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State 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 eighteenth day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State Certificate

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. BONNIE J. HAMMER, of Kenai, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State 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 18th day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State Certificate

August 18, 1916.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Treasurer of the Latouche school district (Mr. F. C. French) is being required by this office to furnish an additional bond in the sum of \$4,000, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly have forwarded to him a bond blank for use in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1916.

14-1

Mr. E. T. Steward,
Manager Kennecott Copper Company,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the Governor's letter of yesterday to you with respect to the proposed construction of a new school building at Latouche, and the sale of the present building to your Company. In checking over the various amounts referred to in your letter as available for use in connection with the expense incident to the construction of the new building, I note you say: "I am informed by the school board that there is an unexpended balance of \$100.00 from last year, * * *". The annual report of the Treasurer of the Latouche school district for 1915-16, dated August 6th and received at this office on the 16th, showed an unexpended balance of but \$21.54. This has been increased to \$26.54 by reason of the disallowance of an expenditure of \$5 for phonograph records, etc., such expenditure being in violation of the regulations issued by this office for the guidance of school boards. I call this to your attention so that you may revise your estimate of funds available for building purposes, in so far as the unexpended balance from 1915-16 is concerned.

The clerk of the school board is being instructed as to the proper action to be taken by the school board in securing the \$700 for building purposes which the Governor states in his letter will be allowed from Territorial funds.

Respectfully yours,

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--Mr. E. T. Standard, Manager, p. 2--

P. S. In reference to the unexpended balance on hand from 1915-16, referred to in the foregoing letter, the Governor directs me to say that in addition to the \$700 which he stated in his letter of yesterday to you would be provided from Territorial school funds, he will arrange for an additional \$73.46, the difference between the supposed balance of \$100 and the actual balance of \$26.54.

August 18, 1916.

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Mr. B. H. Dow, Clerk,
Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office has received from the Manager of the Kennecott Copper Company at Latouche a letter setting forth the plans which he and the school board have worked out for the construction of a new school building and the disposition of the old one. It is stated that the estimated cost of the new building, including radiators for steam heating, and necessary electric lights, will be \$1900.00. The Company offers to buy the present building at \$800, not including, of course, the seats, desks, and other school equipment, which can be moved to the new building. This leaves \$1100 to be provided for. Mr. Stannard suggests that the unexpended balance of funds from 1915-16 (which he says the school board informed him amounted to \$100, but which is actually but \$26.54), and the sum of \$300 which has been allowed for repairs, in the board's estimates for 1916-17, be applied to the cost of the new building, leaving approximately \$700 to be furnished by the Territory. Mr. Stannard also states in his letter that the Company will agree to furnish steam heat and electric lights for the new building at actual cost, and to put in the necessary piping and wiring to deliver steam and electric light current to the school building, at the Company's own expense.

In a letter of the 17th instant to Mr. Stannard, the Governor

has expressed his willingness to apply toward the construction of the new building the sum of \$600 which the Kennecott Copper Company has offered to pay for the present building, the amount of the unexpended balance on hand from 1915-16 (which is \$26.54, as above stated), and the sum of \$300 which has been allowed for repairs in the estimates submitted by your board for the ensuing year. These items total \$1126.54. The estimated cost of the new building is \$1900; deducting from this the sum of \$1126.54, leaves the sum of \$773.46 to be provided from sources other than those above set forth. The Governor has advised Mr. Stannard that this sum will be provided from Territorial school funds, upon proper requisition being made therefor by the Latouche School Board.

Accordingly, your Board should submit an estimate covering the cost of the new building. This estimate should show, first, the cost of the building at \$1900.00. Second, it should show the sources from which the funds for construction are to come, namely, \$600 from sale of the old building, \$26.54 from unexpended balance on hand at the end of the 1915-16 school year, and \$300 from allowance for repairs to old building, as contained in the Board's original estimates for 1916-17. The estimate should then ask for the sum of \$773.46 from Territorial funds to complete the amount required for the new building. This estimate may be submitted in letter form, and should be signed by all the members of the school board.

In this connection, it will be necessary for the Treasurer of your district to furnish an additional bond, which should be in the sum of \$4,000. This bond must be approved by the Clerk of the District Court, at Valdez, who is this day being asked to forward a bond blank to Mr. French.

==Mr. B. H. Dew, Clerk, p. 3==

You are requested to show this letter to the Treasurer of the school district so that he may acquaint himself with the contents of the same, and to keep it on file for future reference of the board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1916

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Mr. A. J. Wendler, Clerk,
Anchorage School District,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The estimates of the Anchorage school board of moneys needed for the support of the Anchorage school district for the school year 1916-17, have been received and the various items noted. It is to be regretted that your board has so long delayed the submission of the estimates, inasmuch as the delay may work to the disadvantage of your district.

It is also noted that your total estimate amounts to \$9,290, and apparently includes equipment for the maintenance of a high school department. The law providing for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated districts manifestly does not intend the equipment or maintenance of high schools, the obvious intent of the law being to furnish elementary education to unincorporated communities; that is, towns not having the requisite population or resources to warrant their incorporation. This law you will find in the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1913, page 250, entitled "Chapter 2, white children and children of mixed blood outside of municipalities." This is also clear from the fact that the law limits the appropriation for the con-

struction and equipment of a school building to \$1,000. That this sum is absurdly low cannot be doubted. Nevertheless, such is the law, and it will obtain until repealed by the Congress. For this office to make requisition on the Treasury Department for the maintenance of fully equipped high schools outside of incorporated towns, would mean the depriving of other and smaller communities of school privileges and, therefore, work a rank injustice upon children who are growing up in Alaska and who are fairly entitled to educational advantages. I trust that you will understand and appreciate the justice of this contention; that is to say that it is the intent of the law quoted above to provide only elementary education for the children of Alaska outside of incorporated communities.

It is also noted that your estimates call for the employment of five teachers, and you are advised that, unless the census which this office understands you are taking, can show a probable school attendance which will justify the employment of so many teachers, one, at least, will be eliminated, and you should not close a contract with that number of teachers without consulting this office as to whether your estimates will be allowed. It is also noted that you have increased the salary of one teacher to \$200 per month. This salary will not be allowed, as being greater by \$25 per month than that paid any teacher in schools outside of incorporated

Under the heading "Repairs to building or furniture," you state that the sum of \$1,000 will be needed for "about 150 seats and 5 desks for teachers." In your estimates last year you asked for, and were allowed, \$300 for 100 desks and seats for pupils, and \$75 for 3 teachers' desks and seats. It is understood, however, that you did not use the \$300 for the purpose for which it was requested, but that you used it for other and different purposes, contrary to the law. This being the case, how did your school district get along without seats last year? If, as this office understands, they were manufactured, it seems that you might get along with them another year, at least. This item requires full explanation. You also, in this year's estimates, ask for 5 desks for teachers. Will you kindly state what became of the three desks and chairs for which an allowance of \$75 was made in your estimates for the school year 1915-16?

In making your estimates, you must always remember that this office is limited by funds available for the maintenance of schools, and the sum available must be apportioned in a manner that will enable every organized school district under its supervision to enjoy the advantages of a school; and these smaller districts are entitled to as much, or even greater, consideration than schools in the more populous and richer communities. I am sincerely desirous of seeing every dollar of the available school fund spent to the greatest advantage,

and, therefore, the greater the need of the strictest economy on the part of the school boards of the various districts. That the fund is limited is no fault of this office, which has for the three years past been endeavoring to its utmost to secure additional funds for the maintenance of the white schools of the Territory. That no success has been achieved in this line is to be regretted, but it is a condition and not a theory by which it is confronted.

I shall be glad to receive any explanations which seem to be called for by what I have stated herein, at your earliest convenience.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 18, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. W. Green, Clerk
Sitka School District,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I have your letter of July 14, together with the school census taken of the Sitka district, which you made at my suggestion during my recent visit to your town.

In reply I have to advise you that I have examined the school census and have carefully considered the situation in your district, and I have arrived at the conclusion that your school should get along, for the forthcoming school year, with two teachers. The law under which white schools outside of incorporated communities in Alaska are maintained manifestly does not contemplate the maintaining of a high school department. Elementary instruction in the various branches only is necessary under that law, which is known as Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913. Your census shows a total of 74 children of school age, and my experience is that a total enrollment of 74 in a school in Alaska would probably mean an average attendance of 50, or less, a number which certainly does not necessitate the employment of three teachers.

I regret that I am not able to comply with your wishes, but the state of the school fund and the large increase in schools render it imperative that this office exercise the strictest economy in this respect. If funds were available, I would gladly cause the necessary appropriation to be made for the employment of an additional teacher in the school at Sitka, but to do so would work a hardship upon other districts equally as deserving as any in the Territory, either inside or outside of incorporated communities.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Juneau, August 21, 1916. O. B. Via MAIL from Nalaei.

July School Board,

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Replying yours twentieth you will be allowed two hundred dollars for installation heating plant in view increased attendance.

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.

Juneau, August 21, 1916. O. B.

14-1

Clark District Court,

FAIRBANKS.

Records this office show following qualified members Chantanka school board. Mrs. Edgar Brocker, clerk, Mrs. Grant Courtney, director, B. E. Ivey, treasurer.

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.

Juneau, August 21, 1916. O. B.

Esq., Chairman Alaska Engineering Commission,

SEWARD,

**Replying yours thirteenth and seventeenth. Chapter two, section three hundred
twenty four, compiled laws Alaska nineteen thirteen limits amount that may be
appropriated for school building and equipment for districts outside incorporated
towns to one thousand dollars. Chapter fifty-nine, session laws of Alaska,
nineteen fifteen invalid, and procedure to organize districts at Matanuska
and Kenai must be under section three twenty four compiled laws Alaska nineteen
thirteen.**

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.


S Secretary to the Governor.

August 21, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk,

United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith certificates of election of school treasurer, director and clerk of the Kasan school district, and copies of office of the director and clerk, which forms reached this office today with a letter from the clerk of the school board.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1916

15-2

Mr. Carl A. Swanson,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, advising that you have accepted the position of teacher of the Seew Bay school for the ensuing year, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit.

It will be necessary for you to submit to this office, for examination, your Minnesota first grade certificate, in connection with your application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

August 21, 1916.

14-1

Mrs. Thomas Stevens,
Clerk, Kasam School District,
Kasam, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing certificates of election of the newly elected members of your Board, and the oaths of office of the Clerk and Director. These have been sent to the Clerk of the District Court, to whom they should have been mailed by you.

It is noted that you did not enclose an oath of office of the Treasurer, and the Clerk advises that he has not received it. He also advises that he has not as yet received the treasurer's bond.

Enclosed you will find two blanks for the oath of office of the treasurer, who should execute them at once, filing one with the school records and transmitting the other to Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk, U. S. District Court, Juneau. The treasurer should also execute a new bond, a blank for which is enclosed. The bond, when properly signed and executed by the Treasurer and his sureties, should be sent to the Clerk of the District Court for his approval.

In your letter to this office you say: "Please forward papers as soon as possible so that the new board can act, for there has been nothing done toward our school house."

It is not understood what papers you wish forwarded. The estimates of the Kasam school board, covering funds needed for the school

--Mrs. Thomas Stevens, Clerk, p. 2--

during the ensuing school year, signed by yourself as clerk, D. Nelson, treasurer, and U. S. Rush, director (presumably the members of the board which was elected in 1915) reached this office on July 18 last, and were passed upon and approved in full by this office on July 23d, Mr. Nelson being advised of such approval. If the new, or recently elected, board wishes to make any changes in these estimates they may, of course, do so; but in such event the revised estimates will have to be passed upon by the Governor, and this office cannot say at this time whether any changes in the amounts as asked for in the estimates now on file will be approved. The amounts asked for in the estimates on file are as follows:

Teacher 8 months at \$100	\$800.00
Janitor " " " 4	22.00
30 cards wood at \$5	150.00
Lights	10.50
Repairs	385.00
School supplies, books, etc.,	75.00
Incidentals	50.00
	<u>1532.50</u>
Less funds on hand from 1915-16	<u>1026.50</u>
Net amount required	506.00

There are also enclosed two blanks for report of teacher employed. When your board has arranged for a teacher this form should be filled out, one copy being sent to this office and the other being filed with the school records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 21, 1916.

15-3

Mr. Alexander McIntosh,

Candle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to the subject-matter of your letter of March 17 last, addressed to the Governor, and his reply under date of May 23, I beg to advise that this office has received from the Registrar of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, a certificate showing your graduation from that institution on October 1, 1896, with the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In accordance with the Governor's letter to you of the above date there has been issued to you an Alaska permit, which is herewith enclosed. This permit authorizes you to teach in the Alaska schools for a period of two years from August 15, 1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 21, 1916

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My dear Mr. Light:

I want to say to you unofficially that John H. Cobb, Territorial Counsel, appointed by me to represent the Territory in certain suits for taxes now pending in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, has filed as an independent candidate for Attorney General, thus bolting the Democratic convention, of which he was a member in May last and which nominated George B. Grigsby, of Noma, for the position of Attorney General on the Democratic ticket.

I wish to say emphatically that I am not in sympathy with Cobb's movement in any particular, as I believe that he expects to ride to victory on the tail of Wickersham's kite. Cobb has always avowed himself as a Democrat, and this act has been a surprise not only to me but to others who knew him, and not a surprise, I may also add, to some who knew him. It has, however, placed me in a somewhat embarrassing position, as the cases are still pending, and his retention as Territorial Counsel is necessary until they are ultimately decided; so you can readily understand the old saying that "it is not safe to change lawyers during the pendency of a case any more than it is to swap

horses while crossing a stream. I am in entire sympathy with the Democratic ticket and I sincerely trust that Mr. Grigsby will be elected, and that the fourth division will give him a substantial vote.

As stated above, this is to be considered unofficial, and is made to you in order to explain my position in the matter. In the circumstances which have developed, as you can readily understand, I cannot authorize any public statement to be made in its behalf, but this information you can use prudently, as you think best.

I am,

Yours very truly,

August 22, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Henry Hebler, Treasurer,
Ruby School District,
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find same copy of the requisition made this date on the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1916-17. This covers the estimates submitted by your board, as revised in this office, notice of the revision having been sent to Mr. Taskstrom, Clerk, under date of the 14th ultimo.

When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant covering the requisition, please advise this office, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

The amount asked for in the requisition above referred to, will be supplemented by the sum of \$200 from the Territorial school fund, which will be the subject of another letter to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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P. S. Your report of qualification and receipt of funds from the outgoing treasurer has not yet come to hand. Blanks for the report are enclosed, in case these formerly sent to the Board may have been lost. The report should be forwarded promptly, so that the report of your predecessor may be approved.

August 24, 1916.

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Cunnison & Robertson,
General Agent, U. S. Fidelity
and Guaranty Company,
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 23d instant relative to the accounts of Cassius F. Check as treasurer of the Eagle River School District for the school year 1915-16, you are advised that Mr. Check's accounts have been examined by this office and found to be correct, the same showing an unexpended balance at the end of the school year of \$24.06. Formal approval of the accounts, however, awaits the completion of the election returns of the Eagle River district for the school year 1916-17, and receipt of certified copies of the returns and of the treasurer's bond for the 1916-17 year, which certified copies cannot be made up by the Clerk of the District Court until the returns are complete in his office. This matter has been taken up with the Eagle River School Board by this office, and it is expected that the matter will be disposed of in the near future, so that the 1915-16 accounts may be approved. When this is done you will be advised.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 24, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Henry Hobelcor, Treasurer,
Ruby School District,
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith you will find Territorial Treasury warrant No. 94, dated the 22nd instant, issued to the Governor as Superintendent of Public Instruction and by him endorsed to your official order, in the sum of \$200. This is to cover the amount asked for in telegram from your Board, dated the 20th instant, asking for that amount for installation of a heating plant, made necessary by the increase in the number of school children in the district.

This warrant should be handled the same way as the one you will receive from the United States Treasury; that is to say, you should take it up in your accounts under the head of receipts, showing the source from which received, and in your annual report you should give the number and amount of it.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosure.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

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August 25, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the requisition covering your Board's estimates for funds for the maintenance of your school during the ensuing school year, has not yet been made by this office. The delay is due to the fact that the recently elected treasurer failed to send in his oath of office at the time he forwarded his bond to the Clerk of the District Court, and also to the fact that the election board did not send in to the Clerk their certificate of Mr. Moore's election as treasurer. These matters were taken up with Mr. Moore in a letter from this office under date of the 18th instant, and blanks for the oath and certificate were sent him. As soon as the oath and certificate have been received by the Clerk of the Court this office will be in a position to make the requisition for funds. It will require about six weeks, probably, for the requisition to reach Washington and be acted upon and the warrant to reach your treasurer; possibly the time will not exceed one month.

Mrs. Stevens, the clerk of your board, was advised some time ago as to the various amounts which the Governor had allowed for your district for the ensuing year. The total is \$2568.50, which includes \$1,000 for construction and equipment of the school building.

Mr. E. A. Heath, Director, p. 2.--

With respect to the payment to the contractors for the construction of the school building, as well as payment of all other items of expense incident to the maintenance of the school, you are advised that the treasurer should obtain duplicate itemized bills, and when payment is made the bills should be properly receipted (both copies), so that one complete set may accompany the treasurer's annual report to this office and the other set may remain as part of the permanent files of the school district. Whenever payments are made on account of the salary of the teacher and the janitor, duplicate receipts should be taken for them, showing date of payment, amount, and period covered.

Good business practice would suggest, also, that the treasurer should make no payments from school funds until bills, salaries due, etc., have been properly approved in writing by the Clerk and the Director of the district.

This office does not furnish any receipt forms or other blanks for use of the district in connection with the payment of accounts, salaries, etc. The treasurer is, of course, authorized, upon proper action by the Board, to purchase such receipt books or forms as may be deemed necessary, paying for same out of the "Incidentals" fund.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 28, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Frank Hensley, Clerk,
Ellamar School District,
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On July 24 last this office addressed a letter to the Clerk of your school district, asking for a report of the 1915-16 school year, as to the date when school opened, the date on which it closed, and the actual number of days in each month that school was in session, and the total days in session. To date no reply has been received to that letter. On receipt of this letter you are requested to take this matter up and ascertain if the report asked for has been forwarded, and if it has not been forwarded, you are asked to see that it is prepared and mailed at an early date. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 28, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Otto Stewart, Clerk,
Eagle River School District,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d instant, in reference to the matters referred to in office letter of the 18th instant.

The Clerk of the Court advises me today that he has received the certificate of election of the Treasurer, and that the only papers now lacking to complete the election returns are the Director's oath of office -- in duplicate. With respect to this I note what you say about the Director stating that his oath was executed before a notary public in the First National Bank at Juneau, and that it was left with the Clerk of the District Court. I have today personally visited the Clerk's office to ascertain the status of this matter and I find that the facts are as follows:

The Director went to the First National Bank and asked Mr. Post, the cashier, who is a notary public, to take his affidavit or oath, and presented one copy of the oath, on which his name had been written. Mr. Post assumed that the name had been written on the form by Mr. Dotson, and proceeded to swear him and to sign and affix his seal to the oath. Upon taking up the duplicate copy of the oath form, however, Mr. Post found that it had not been signed. He then asked Mr. Dotson to sign it, and the latter said he could not write. Mr. Post then asked him who signed his name to the other copy of the oath, and Mr. Dotson replied that it was some man down the street, who had signed Dotson's name on the form for him. Mr. Post thereupon took back the signed oath and cancelled his signature and seal on it, and also cancelled his signature on the duplicate, and then handed both back to Mr. Dotson and told him he would have nothing more to do with the matter. In this form the two copies of the oath were left at the Clerk's office by Mr. Dotson, who tried in vain to get the Clerk to sign his (Dotson's) name to them. The Clerk tells me that Dotson was so drunk he could hardly stand up, and that it took nearly half an hour to get him out of the office.

As the matter stands, therefore, no properly signed and executed oath of office of the Director is on file in the Clerk's office. Until such oath has been properly executed and filed the Clerk cannot certify the election returns to this office; and this office, in turn, cannot make the requisition for funds for your district for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 28, 1916

14-2

Mr. F. G. Davis, Supt.,
Valdez Public Schools,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 17, in which you state that the town of Valdez has furnished schooling to a number of children outside of the corporate limits of the town for several years, and as the town has a considerable debt, and has had some financial reverses during the past few years, you ask if it would be possible for this office to appropriate a certain amount per pupil for the support of pupils residing outside of the corporate limits of Valdez.

In reply I have to advise you that the moneys for the support of schools outside of incorporated communities in Alaska, received from what is known as the Alaska Fund, would not be available for this purpose, such fund being solely used for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns. This matter was decided about a year ago when a similar request was referred to this office by the school board of Juneau, a number of children from outlying portions of the town, not within the corporate limits, having been

attending the Jumeca public school; hence the request. There is another fund, however, which is derived from the moneys received on account of forest reserves in the Territory, 25 per cent of such moneys being set aside for school and road purposes within the reserve, but, whether this would be available for the purpose described by you, I am unable to state at this time. However, I shall submit the question to the Territorial Council, and if his opinion be favorable, after the needs of the schools outside of incorporated towns are served, if there be any residue available, it will afford me much pleasure to apply it to the use of the Valdez Public school.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

August 28, 1916

14-3

Mr. J. H. Cobb,
Chief Counsel,
Territory of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the common council of the town of Valdez, which is self-explanatory.

Chapter 2, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides that certain moneys specified therein shall be used for the support of white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, and, therefore, manifestly no appropriation could be made from that fund for the purposes requested by the common council of Valdez. There is a territorial fund, however, derived from the forest reserves within the Territory, 25 per cent. of which has been set aside for school and road purposes within the reserves.

I have, therefore, to request that you will advise this office whether that fund could be drawn upon for the purposes described in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Valdez council.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

August 28, 1916

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Hon. James H. Patterson, Mayor,

Town of Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 17, in which you ask if it is possible for this office to assist your city in furnishing schooling to a number of children outside of the corporate limits of Valdez, most of these children being from Fort Lisicum.

In reply I have to advise you that manifestly, under Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, no appropriation can be made from the fund therein specified. There is, however, a Territorial fund derived from the forest reserves within the Territory, 25 per cent of which fund is set aside for the support of schools, roads and trails within the forest reserves. Whether or not a portion of this might be available, I am unable to state, but I have to advise that I have this day submitted this question to the Territorial Counsel for his opinion, the result of which you will be advised of in due course.

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 CARL A SWANSON, of Petersburg, Alaska, who having presented a Minnesota Common School Certificate, first grade, 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 this 28th day of August, 1916

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Minnesota First Grade
Common School Certificate,
dated August 1, 1914.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS SARAH LEARNED CLOUGH, of Cordova, Alaska, who having presented a Nashua, New Hampshire, Training 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 this twenty-eighth day of August, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon

Nashua Training School
Certificate, dated January 25, 1907.

There were also submitted:

State of N. H. Elementary
Certificate dated March 2, 1915

Nashua, N. H., High School
Diploma, dated June 17, 1904

August 30, 1916.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clark of the District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I send you the following school election papers received at this office from the Neshagak School District:

Oath of office of school clerk -- in duplicate

Oath of office of school director -- in duplicate

These should, of course, have been sent direct to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 31, 1916. Night Letter, COLLECT.

H. W. Sweetser, School Director,

HADLEY.

Replying yours yesterday you may order supplies, arrange for temporary school rooms and engage teacher at salary of one hundred dollars per month for term of nine months.

STROMS, Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS DORA S. LEHRON, of Unga, Alaska, in renewal of permit issued June 8, 1914, and she is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the period of two years from this date, unless this permit be sooner revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this first day of September, 1916.

**Governor, ex officio Super-
intendent of Public Instruction.**

**Renewal of Permit
issued June 8, 1914.**

September 1, 1916.

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Miss Dora S. Lawrence,

Daga, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing the permit issued to you on June 8, 1914, and asking for a renewal of the same.

Enclosed herewith you will find a renewal permit issued this date for two years, together with the one which accompanied your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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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 OPHELIA FUSEY, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Second Grade Teachers' Certificate of Kimball County, Nebraska, 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 one year from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this seventh day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Second Grade Teacher's
Certificate of Kimball
County, Nebraska,
dated May 21, 1916

September 8, 1916

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Miss Phaye L. Diffenderfer,

Brighton Beach, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to secure a position in one of the Alaska schools and to obtain a permit authorizing you to teach in Alaska.

In reply you are advised that Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who have actually obtained employment in the Alaska schools. The certificates which you hold would entitle you to an Alaska permit, should you at any time secure employment in one of our schools.

At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies in the school service. The school year has just opened and it is probable that all available positions have been filled. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools. You will note that the

employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards,
this office exercising no functions in connection therewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

September 8, 1916

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Mr. M. V. Lattin, Treasurer,
McCarthy School District,
McCarthy, Alaska

My dear Mr. Lattin:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, in reference to the required increase in the amount of your bond. In view of the statements contained in your letter, a requisition is today being made for \$1,000 to apply on the approved estimates of your board. As soon as your new bond has been received, a requisition for the sum of \$788.92 will be made to complete the allowance for your district for the current year. These requisitions are made upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., and it will probably be a month or six weeks before you receive the warrant covering the requisition of this date.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

September 8, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

This office has been advised that the clerk of the Latouche school district has resigned. It will be necessary, of course, for the board to call a special election to fill the vacancy, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly forward to Mr. Frank C. French, treasurer of the board, the necessary election blanks for use in connection with the special election.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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September 8, 1916

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Mr. Frank C. French, Treasurer,
Latauche School District,
Latauche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from Mr. B. H. Dow, clerk of the Latauche School District, advising that he has resigned that position for the reason that he expects to leave Latauche in the near future. It is assumed that Mr. Dow has placed his formal resignation in the hands of the school board, and that the board will arrange to call a special election to fill the vacancy. This is the procedure which should be followed.

The clerk of the court at Valdez is being requested to forward the necessary election blanks to you for use in connection with the special election.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

September 8, 1916

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Mr. B. H. Dew, Clerk,
Latouche School Board,
Latouche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, informing this office of your resignation, as clerk of the Latouche school board. It is assumed that you have filed your formal resignation with the school board and that the board will take the necessary steps to call a special election to fill the vacancy. This is the procedure which should be followed in such cases.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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September 12, 1916.

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Professor S. C. Howe,

Principal, Howe's Academy,

204 S. Jefferson Street,

Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 12th ultimo there is enclosed herewith copy of the school law of Alaska as at present in force, also copy of circular letter giving certain general information relative to the white schools of the Territory, which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 13, 1916.

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Professor A. Simonia,
2211 15th Street,
Troy, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card inquiry relative to the place assigned to the French, Spanish and German in the schools of this Territory, you are advised that the courses of study in the schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized, and the subjects taught in the several schools are selected by the local school boards and the teachers. This office does not know of any schools which teach French or Spanish, although German is taught in some of the high schools. Under separate cover there is being sent to you a copy of the printed course of study adopted by the Juneau City Schools, on page 78 and 79 of which you will find reference to the instruction in German.

There are no colleges or universities in Alaska. Graduates of our high schools who wish to continue their studies must go to the States to do so. Many of them go to the universities of the states of California and Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 13, 1916

15-2

Miss Myrtle Record,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask that an Alaska teacher's permit be issued to you.

In reply I beg to advise you that it will be necessary for you to submit to this office the state certificates which you hold. You are also advised that, under a rule of this office, teacher's permits are issued only to those persons who have actually secured employment in the Alaska schools. Your letter does not state that you have secured such employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 13, 1916

14-1

Mr. N. W. Sweetser, Director,
Hadley School District,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to write you with reference to the estimates submitted by your board covering funds needed for the support of your school district for the current year. The estimate of \$110 per month for salary has been changed to \$100, in accordance with the Governor's telegram of August 31 to you, in reply to yours of August 30. The estimate of \$20 per month for janitor service is considered rather high, and I beg to ask if there is any good reason why this should not be reduced to \$15 per month.

The estimate of twenty tons of coal seems also a little high. Can this not be reduced to some extent? The estimate for lights covers 200 gallons of kerosene. This is far in excess of the estimate received from any other district similar in size to your district. Please explain fully why the board has considered it necessary to make so large an estimate for coal oil. In this connection I note that, under the head of school supplies, there appears the item "3 lamps." These lamps,

together with globes, wicks, etc., should be purchased from the light fund and not from the school supplies fund. It would seem that the board's estimate of \$40 for lights should be quite ample to cover the cost of lamps, globes, wicks, oil and everything else needed in connection with the proper lighting of the school room for the entire school year.

The estimate for teacher's desk and chair and one and a half dozen children's desks, will be allowed as submitted.

The estimate of \$250 for school supplies includes a large number of items which should be charged to "incidentals," as well as the item of three lamps, which should be included in the estimate for lights, as above noted; and one stove and two blackboards, which should be included in the estimate for the construction and equipment of a school building. The item "school supplies" is intended to cover books, stationery, pens, ink, dictionary, and all other articles which are used by the children in the school room or in connection with their school work. The item "incidentals" is intended to cover such articles as brooms, mops, soap, Gold dust, towels, mirror, door mats, coat hooks, water buckets, etc.

The estimates contain the statement that there is no building at Madley suitable for a school house and that the district will require about \$600 to put up a suitable building. In your telegram of August 30 you stated that temporary

rooms could be had for school purposes until the amount of appropriations for a school building could be decided upon. Will you please advise what the board's plans are for a building; that is, whether it is intended to construct a new building or to purchase and repair some building which may be available for the purpose. Also please advise what, if any, rent is to be paid for the temporary quarters referred to in your telegram of the above date.

It is suggested that upon the receipt of this letter, you arrange for a meeting of the school board and go over the various items referred to herein and that, after this has been done, the board make out new estimates and forward them to this office, together with a letter of explanation covering the various inquiries contained herein. When this has been done, the Governor will be in a position to pass upon the estimates and you will be promptly advised of his action. I enclose herewith duplicate estimate blanks for the board to use when making out the new estimates. One copy should be kept on file with the school records, the other being forward to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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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 CLARENCE S. HAHN, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who having presented an Oregon State Teacher's Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of a 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 fifteenth day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

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

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to WILLIE LEAHY ABBERT, of Afognak, 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 two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fifteenth day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Renewal Permit
dated July 16, 1914

Sept. 15, 1916

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Mr. J. C. Allen,
United States Commissioner,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6, with reference to two boys of mixed blood residing in Petersburg, who are desirous of attending the Petersburg school, but you state that the school board has refused them admission, and you ask my advice in the premises.

In reply I have to advise you that while the law is specific as to who may be admitted to white schools outside of incorporated towns, there may be doubt as to whether this applies to schools within incorporated communities. I am of the opinion, however, that inasmuch as children of mixed blood leading a civilized life are eligible for admission to schools outside of incorporated towns, it necessarily follows that they are eligible for admission to white schools within incorporated communities. In 1911 a resident of the town of Haines applied for and secured a writ of mandamus to compel the board of school trustees of the Haines school district to admit certain children of mixed blood to the school at that place.

The case, however, never came to a final conclusion, it having been dismissed on the part of the appellant, the school board having decided to admit the children. There has, therefore, been no legal adjudication of this case, but, as stated, I believe that children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life are eligible for admission in all white schools of the Territory.

I may add that I have advised Mr. E. P. Reffling, a member of the school board, to this effect.

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 CHARLES SCOTT SUGGETT, of Kodiak, Alaska, who having presented a Yale County Grammar School Certificate, State 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 18th day of September, 1916.

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

Granted upon:

Grammar School Certificate of Yale County, California, dated June 14, 1913.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MARY OLIVE MOORE, of Kodiak, who having presented a Warrensburg, Missouri, 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 eighteenth day of September, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Diploma of Warrensburg,
Missouri, Normal School.

Sept. 18, 1916

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Miss Margaret Shallenberger McNaught,
Commissioner of Elementary Schools,
State Board of Education,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, in which you ask if there is a course of study for the elementary schools in this Territory, and requesting a copy of such course, if there be one.

In reply you are advised that the courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not as yet been standardized, and each school is free to adopt its own course. In general, however, these courses are similar to those used in the states of Washington, Oregon and California. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the printed course of study as adopted by the Juneau public schools, which may be regarded as fairly representative of the course in use in the larger schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 18, 1916

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Miss Wilder Dunn,
405 West Lee street,
Brownwood, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to secure employment in one of the Alaska schools.

In reply I beg to advise that the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska is left entirely to the respective school boards, the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, exercising no functions in connection therewith. The term in these schools opens early in September and closes late in May or early in June following, the usual length of the term being nine months. It is probable that teachers for the current year have already been employed by the various boards. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter form giving some further information with regard to these schools, and on the back of the circular will be found a complete list of them.

For information regarding schools for natives and opportunities for employment therein, you should address Mr. W. T. Lepp, whose office is in the L. O. Smith Building, Seattle

Wash.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned
herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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September 18, 1916,

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Mr. M. V. Lattin,
School Treasurer,

McCarthy, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Lattin:

The receipt is acknowledged of your additional bond in the sum of \$2,000, and we have today made requisition for the balance of \$785.92 due to your district for this school year. A copy of the requisition is herewith enclosed.

When you receive the Treasury warrants covering the requisition of September 8 and the one made today, please advise this office in writing, giving the dates and amounts of the warrants, as well as the dates of their receipt by you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 19, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the Kodiak School Board's letter of the 8th instant asking that the salary of the principal be increased to \$140 per month, either by a further allowance of funds or by reduction of the salary of the manual training instruction from \$125 to \$110 per month; also asking for an increase of \$75 in the allowance for school supplies.

In reply you are advised that the increase of \$75 for school supplies has been allowed, and the salary of the principal has been increased from \$125 to \$140, and that of the manual training instruction has been reduced from \$125 to \$110, per month.

The requisition for funds for your district has been made today, and a copy of it is enclosed. The total allowance for all purposes is \$5194.00, the net amount asked for, and for which you will receive a warrant from the Treasury Department, is \$5167.55; the balance being represented by the funds on hand at the end of the school year, amounting to \$26.45. When you receive the Treasury warrant, kindly advise this office in writing, giving date and amount, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Incl.

Sept. 18, 1916

15-2

Mr. Charles Scott Saggett,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, transmitting a California grammar school certificate and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit.

The Governor has today issued a permit to you for the usual period of two years, and the same is enclosed herewith, together with your California certificate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor