

September 18, 1916.

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Mr. Victor H. Warner,
Treasurer Latouche School District (1915-16),
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, in respect to the expenditure of \$5 for phonograph records and needles, which item was disallowed in your accounts for the school year 1915-16, as advised in office letter of the 18th ultimo.

I am now directed by the Governor to advise you that, in view of the explanation offered in your letter of the 5th instant he has decided to allow the expenditure. The unexpended balance on hand at the end of the school year has, therefore, been changed to \$21.56, the amount originally shown in your annual report.

The allowance of the item is made, not because it is regarded as a proper one, but because of the apparent good faith on the part of the Board in authorizing the purchase. In future, however, this office will have to refuse to allow any such items, and the present Treasurer is being so advised in a letter of this date. He is also being authorized to adjust his accounts by refunding to you the sum of \$5.00 and correcting his records to show receipt from you of a balance of \$21.56 from last year's funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 18, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of letter of this date to former Treasurer Warner, relative to an item of \$5 disallowed in his accounts for the school year 1915-16, and which is now reinstated in his accounts and allowed, in view of the explanation furnished by Mr. Warner in his letter of the 5th instant to this office.

From the "Report of Qualification" sent to this office by you on the 11th instant it appears that Mr. Warner has paid to you the amount of the disallowed item. You are now authorized to refund the amount to him, taking his receipt therefor, which should be sent to this office with your annual report. You are also authorized to correct your records to show unexpended funds on hand from the last school year of \$21.54 instead of \$26.54.

In this connection the Governor directs me to say that the allowance of the above item, covering the purchase of phonograph records and needles, for use on a machine which was donated to the school, is not to be considered a precedent for similar expenditures in future; but on the contrary, this office will refuse to allow any such future expenditures, they being unauthorized by the Regulations issued by this office, which do not permit the purchase of musical instruments, etc.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Sept. 18, 1916

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Mr. Fred Sargent, Clerk,
Kodiak School Board,
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of the Kodiak school board's letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, with reference to certain items in the board's estimates, and also in reference to a permit for Miss Moore, who has been employed to teach in the school during the current year. That portion of the letter referring to the estimates, has been replied to in a letter addressed to treasurer Kraft of this date.

The Governor has today issued a permit to Miss Moore for the usual period of two years, which is herewith enclosed, together with the record which was received with the Board's letter of the above date. Please deliver the permit and record to Miss Moore.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Sept. 19, 1916

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Miss Emily D. Good,
1910 Delaware Avenue,
Wilmington, Delaware

My dear Miss Good:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 29, in which you state that you want to come to Alaska, but before coming you desire to be assured of a position of some kind so as to enable you make a living upon your arrival here.

In reply I have to say that I cannot advise you to come to this Territory with the expectation of securing a position off hand, so to speak. Positions such as you say that you are capable of filling, are not to be had even in Alaska for the asking, and I fear that Mr. Casey Moran has painted Alaska in too glowing colors to you. I know Mr. Casey Moran well; he is a word artist and sometimes allows his enthusiasm run away with him. Conditions in Alaska are very much different from those in Delaware, and you might be bitterly disappointed were you to visit this Territory. There are many young women, however, employed in various capacities in this Territory, most of whom are doing very nicely, indeed, but, as I stated a moment ago, such positions are not to be found merely for the asking. Most of the schools of Alaska,

both white and native, are in charge of women teachers,
but as the school term has commenced for the year 1916-17,
there are now no vacancies.

I am enclosing herewith a school circular which will
give you the names of the different school districts, and
if you should desire to teach, your application should be
addressed to the school board of the respective districts.

Any further information that you are desirous of secur-
ing, I will gladly furnish, if it is possible for me to do
so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 19th day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Montana First Grade
Certificate, dated
November 1, 1915

Sept. 20, 1916

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Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Claxton:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 18, in which you state that the Bureau of Education will, if it can have the cooperation of school officers, undertake to make a complete census of crippled children of school age throughout the country; and you ask that when the next census of school children is taken in Alaska if I will not request who take this census to make inquiry in regard to crippled children, as above indicated and report the same to me for such use as I may desire to make of it and for transmission to the Bureau of Education.

In reply I have to advise you that no general census of the school children of Alaska is ever taken, except in individual communities from time to time. I shall, however, take this matter up with the boards of school directors of the various school districts and ask them to report to me the number of crippled children in their respective districts.

As soon as this information shall have been received, it will be promptly forwarded to you. As many of the school districts, however, are remote, it will take some time before this information will be ready for transmission.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Juneau, September 21, 1916. O. B.

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Thomas Donohoe,

Valdez.

Replying your telegram nineteenth have just received following wire from Treasury Department, quote: Yours nineteenth, balance in school section Alaska fund was seven hundred five dollars sixty-six cents prior to receipt your requisitions August twenty two for Ruby and September eight for McCarthy districts. These requisitions held in Treasury not honored until receipts for present fiscal quarter become available concerning amount of which information is lacking. When working balance in fund can be ascertained will advise you. End quote. Thirteen schools still to be provided for, including Anchorage, where fourteen thousand dollars is wanted. Amount that Anchorage and other districts not yet provided for will receive will depend upon money available in school section of Alaska fund. Letter follows.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

S secretary to the Governor.

BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 22, 1916. O. D. Govt. HIGH RATE PAID.

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Secretary Interior,

WASHINGTON.

Request that following requisitions for school funds be cancelled, Ruby district, dated August twenty two, McCarthy district dated September eight, Chitina district, dated September nine, Kotik district, dated September eighteen, and McCarthy district dated September eighteen. New requisitions will be submitted at later date.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

Judson, September 23, 1916. O. B.

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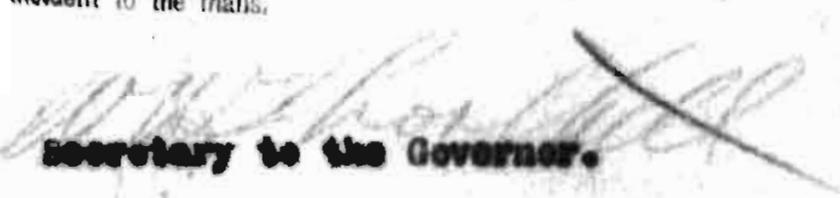
Lang, Clerk District Court,

VALIEZ.

Inadvisable to establish any more school districts until further advised from this office, as funds have been exhausted and seventeen districts heretofore established are not yet provided for.

STACIO, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is no official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, September 23, 1916. O. B.

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J. H. Clark,

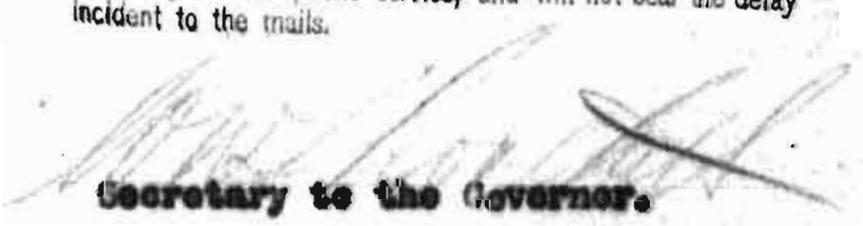
Clerk District Court,

Fairbanks.

Inadvisable establish any more school districts until further advised from this office, as funds have been exhausted and seventeen districts heretofore established are not yet provided for.

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.

JURIAU, SEPTEMBER 29, 1916. O. B.

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Geo. A. Adams, Clerk of Court,

NOME.

Inadvisable to establish any more school districts until further advised from this office, as funds have been exhausted and seventeen districts heretofore established are not yet provided for.

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.

September 23, 1916.

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Mr. Jay W. Bell,
Clerk of the District Court,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bell:

I am directed by the Governor to write you and say that it is inadvisable to establish any more school districts under the act of January 27, 1905, until you are further advised by this office.

The reason for this is that the funds in the "School section" of the Alaska fund have been exhausted, and there are seventeen districts, heretofore established, which have not yet been furnished with funds for the current school year.

The Clerks in the other judicial divisions are being similarly advised, by wire, today.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 23, 1916.

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Mr. Simeon Kvasnikoff,
Treasurer, Ninilchik School District,
Ninilchik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant in which you say:

"Was the janitor's pay cut off or just overlooked?"

Upon referring to the requisition on file in this office I find that the janitor's wages were included in the same to the full amount estimated by your Board, namely, \$135. It is not quite clear, therefore, why you inquire regarding this item. For your information I quote herewith the various items which made up the requisition as sent to the Treasury Department by this office, and which has been allowed in full and a warrant issued to cover:

Salary of teacher, \$1350; manual training teacher, \$45; wages of janitor, \$135; coal, \$90; wood, \$14; lights, \$15; Supplies, \$6, and incidentals, \$25; making a total of \$1690.00. This was the full amount asked for in the Board's estimates.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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 NAN M. THOMPSON, of Juneau, who having presented a State of Iowa Life Certificate dated May 1, 1915, 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 23d day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Iowa
Life Certificate,
dated May 1, 1915.

Sept. 25, 1916

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Hon. William Scalesbury,

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 12, in which you state that a constituent of yours, Miss Emily D. Good, is very desirous of securing a place as government teacher at Juneau, she having already made application for a place.

In reply I have to advise you that I have received a letter from Miss Good recently, to which I replied stating that, at this time, there were no vacancies in the schools of Alaska, the school term having commenced at the beginning of this month. I also forwarded to Miss Good certain other information at her request. I shall be pleased, indeed, to assist Miss Good in obtaining a position as teacher, should a vacancy occur.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

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Sept. 25, 1916

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Mr. T. E. Madding,
Asquin, Idaho

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 12, in which you state that you would like to secure a position as teacher in one of the incorporated towns of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, so far as this office is advised, the positions have all been filled for the 1916-17 school year.

I am enclosing herewith, for your farther information, a circular with respect to the schools of Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

Sept. 25, 1916

Mr. T. J. Donohoe,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the subject-matter of your telegram of September 18, with reference to an appropriation for the maintenance of Anchorage schools, I have to advise you that on September 21 I wired you as follows, which is hereby confirmed:

"Replying your telegram nineteenth, have just received following wire from Treasury Department: 'Yours nineteenth, balance in school section Alaska fund was seven hundred five dollars sixty-eight cents prior to receipt your requisitions August twenty two for Ruby and September eight for McCarthy districts. These requisitions held in Treasury not honored until receipts for present fiscal quarter become available concerning amount of which information is lacking. When working balance in fund can be ascertained will advise you.' Thirteen schools still to be provided for, including Anchorage, where fourteen thousand dollars is wanted. Amount that Anchorage and other districts not yet provided for will receive will depend upon money available in school section of Alaska fund. Letter follows."

I do not need that the above needs much amplification. The fact of the matter is that instead of thirteen schools to be provided for, there are fifteen schools. The condition, therefore, is a serious one and it is a source of much concern to me. It is true that we have \$20,000 in

the Territorial fund, which, of course, I shall use in order to keep all of the schools going as long as possible.

The requisitions made by this office on the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of schools are made in the order of their receipt. Twenty-six schools have been provided for for the full school term 1916-17, leaving, as noted above, 15 yet to be provided for. For your information I may say that the white schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained from what is known as the Alaska fund, 25 per cent of which is set aside for the maintenance of these schools, the balance being used for the support of indigents and the maintenance of roads and trails within the Territory. In 1913, when I assumed the duties of this office, there were 27 schools, with ample funds to maintain them, but since that time there has been an increase of 14, and as each school costs upward of \$2,000, there has been a shortage of funds since 1915, although we managed to pull through with enough money for the schools then in operation. Added to this is the fact that the Alaska fund has steadily decreased during the past three years, or more, and it is impossible to tell just what it will produce until it is reported to the United States treasury. In my last two annual reports, I have urgently recommended that the school section of the Alaska fund be increased from 25% to 50%, but I have been unable to secure action, although last May, when in Washington, I went before the House Committee on Ter-

riteries and made a full exposition of the case and stated the urgent need of additional funds if the educational needs of the children of Alaska were to receive due consideration. No action was taken, however, notwithstanding the full, free and frank statement that I made to the Committee; and so the matter rests, and, unless an emergency appropriation can be secured from Congress, at least fourteen of the schools of Alaska will be maintained for only a portion of the term.

I have recommended, time and again, that the control of the schools of Alaska be vested in the Territory, but without someone in Congress to make a special effort to secure this, there is little chance of success. Manifestly the schools of the Territory should be controlled by the Territory. The people of the Territory pay the taxes for their support, and there is to me no earthly reason why the taxes received by the federal government should not be made available to the Territory.

Now, so far as Anchorage is concerned, I can promise nothing, in view of the conditions I have outlined above. Anchorage is a government town. Its school house was built by the government—that is, the Alaskan Engineering Commission. The town pays no taxes, not being incorporated, of course, and therefore it cannot levy taxes for the support of its schools. But it seems to me to be clear that, Anchorage being a government town, the government having disposed of the land upon which it is located by sale, it is

clearly the duty of the government to make the necessary appropriation for the support of the Anchorage school. Perhaps it is needless for me to say that, if there were available funds in the school section of the Alaska fund to make the necessary appropriation that Anchorage seems to require, it would cheerfully be made. However, the small districts, in my opinion, have the first claim under the circumstances. It would be a manifest injustice to deprive the children of the small communities of school privileges for the sake of one which, in my opinion, will be able, in some way, to secure the funds necessary for the maintenance of the schools which they now have.

I neither own nor control the Alaska fund; yet some people seem to think that this is the case. Every dollar of the school fund has been used for the support of the white schools outside of incorporated towns ever since I have been Governor, and there has not been a dollar of surplus. No one in Alaska has a keener interest, not even those with large families, than I have in the maintenance and in the efficiency of the schools of Alaska.

I trust that this explanation of the situation will be fully understood by you and all others interested in the schools of Alaska. I am somewhat tired of receiving criticisms because of the lack of funds. I, however, as I think I have fully outlined above, am not in control of that fund; neither can I get blood out of a turnip. I may add, in con-

clusion, that I shall be glad to do everything within my power to assist in securing the necessary funds for the maintenance of the Anchorage school, but, in view of the circumstances, it seems to me that little aid can be secured from the school section of the Alaska fund.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Sept. 25, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13, together with your revised estimates of moneys needed for the support of the Anchorage school during the school year 1916-17, to-wit, a total of \$14,060.

In reply I have to advise you that on September 19, I telegraphed the Secretary of the Treasury, asking the balance in the school section of the Alaska fund on that date, to which I received the following reply on September 21:

"Yours nineteenth. Balance in school section of Alaska fund was \$705.66, prior to the receipt of your requisitions of August 23 for Ruby and September eight for McCarthy districts. These requisitions are held in the Treasury and will not be honored until the receipts for the present fiscal quarter become available, concerning the amount of which information is lacking. When working balance in the fund can be ascertained, will advise you."

For your farther information, I will state that there are fifteen schools in the Territory yet to be provided for, Anchorage included, and it is absolutely certain that the amount for the support of white schools in Alaska outside

of incorporated towns, to be derived from the Alaska fund, will be far from sufficient for their maintenance. The number of schools in Alaska has steadily increased during the past three years. In 1913, when I took the office, there were 27 white schools outside of incorporated towns. Now there are 41, while the Alaska fund, instead of increasing, as might have been expected, has decreased.

The amount available from the Alaska fund for the support of schools is always indeterminate, and neither this office nor the Secretary of Treasury can state absolutely what may be expected from it. You will, therefore, I think, realize in part the situation. There is a territorial fund of about \$20,000, which I propose to use for the maintenance of schools for a part of the term, at least, but, when this is divided among fifteen schools, there will be a not very substantial sum for the maintenance of each. Ever since I have been acting as Superintendent of Public Instruction, I have endeavored to have the amount of the Alaska fund available for school purposes increased from 25%, as at present, to 50%. This is shown by my annual reports. However, I have been unsuccessful up to this time. While in Washington last May, I went before the House Committee on Territories, and made a full and frank exposition of the situation in which the white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska were placed, and I urged that legislation be enacted

relieving the disabilities under which we are laboring, to the end that it be possible to maintain schools in any section of Alaska wherever school districts might be organized. That I was unsuccessful is no fault of mine, but rather due to the lack of interest or indifference of the members of Congress. The only way out of the dilemma that I can see is to ask Congress for an emergency appropriation for schools when it shall convene in December. This I shall do, and I earnestly urge that you place the situation before the Alaskan Engineering Commission and ask its cooperation to the end that the Anchorage schools may receive enough money to make them as efficient as they should be.

An impression seems to prevail, in some quarters, at least, that this office controls the school fund. I think I have made it plain above that it does not. There is no one in Alaska who has a greater interest in schools than I myself. I think I have shown this during my three years and more in office, as I have, in every way, tried to render every assistance to the schools of the Territory, and have also endeavored to increase their efficiency in many respects. The exhaustion of the school section of the Alaska fund is certainly a matter over which I have absolutely no control. The blame lies, as I intimated above, with Congress, which, after the case was fully presented, failed to take the necessary action. Hence, the children of Alaska are to be de-

prived, perhaps, of that which is their just and rightful heritage—educational advantages.

I cannot, at this time, therefore, state what moneys, if any, will be available for the Anchorage 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 MRS. ELIZABETH FORNER, of Knik, Alaska, who having presented a Permanent First Grade Certificate of the State of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twenty-fifth day of September, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Permanent First Grade
Certificate of Washington,
dated Nov. 15, 1907.

Sept. 25, 1916

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Valdez City Council,

Valdez, Alaska

Gentlemen:

With further reference to your request for financial aid for your public school, based on the circumstance that your city has been furnishing schooling to a number of children outside of the city limits for some years, I regret to advise you that the funds at the disposal of this office will not permit making an appropriation. As a matter of fact, we have now some fifteen schools outside of incorporated towns which, unless an emergency appropriation can be secured from Congress, cannot continue throughout the school year, although all arrangements had been made and teachers employed.

You can readily understand that white schools outside of incorporated towns must first receive the attention of this office. Should there be a surplus (a most unlikely contingency, however), your application will be given due consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Sept. 25, 1916

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Mr. C. B. Walker, Register,
United States Land Office,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Walker:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the position of stenographer in your office, and I want to recommend to you Mrs. Ruth M. Bence, provided the position is one that does not come under civil service. I can heartily recommend Mrs. Bence as a competent, painstaking stenographer, and I am sure would render excellent service in your office.

This letter will be presented by Mrs. Bence in person, who wishes to know if it will be possible for her to fill the position temporarily, in the meantime taking the civil service examination for the position, if such should be required.

I will esteem it a personal favor if you can be of service to Mrs. Bence.

Yours very truly,

Juneau, September 26, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM NOME.

14-1

Samuel Magids, Treasurer School District,

KIANA.

Forward receipts and itemised receipted bills covering all expenditures shown on your annual report for school year nineteen fifteen-sixteen which has just been received this office.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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

Secretary to the Governor.

September 26, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Your annual report for the school year 1915-16 reached this office on yesterday, and it is noted that you failed to observe the printed regulations of this office in the matter of submitting with the report receipts and receipted, itemized bills covering the expenditures made by you. A telegram has today been sent you as follows, in regard to this matter:

"Forward receipts and itemized receipted bills covering all expenditures shown on your annual report for school year nineteen fifteen-sixteen which has just reached this office."

The printed regulations issued by this office, copies of which have heretofore been furnished to all school boards, require that school treasurers shall submit with their annual reports receipts and itemized, receipted bills, covering all expenditures made by them. The only exceptions allowed are rare instances in which it is impossible, or entirely impracticable, to secure receipts of itemized receipted bills. The exception does not warrant a treasurer in submitting his report without a single receipt or receipted bill to support it. This office has no way of checking such a report.

Before your report for 1915-16 can be approved, therefore,

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it will be necessary for you to submit the documents asked for, that this office may make an intelligent check of your report.

You are also asked to explain why funds appropriated for rent were diverted to the payment of school supplies -- the amount being \$35. The regulations of this office do not permit the diversion of funds, unless the school board makes a proper showing therefor and obtains authority so to do.

In this connection I wish to call attention to the fact that the annual report of your Board has not yet come to hand; also to the fact that the Board failed to send in a report showing the name of the teacher employed during the last school year, although blanks for this purpose were sent to the Clerk of the Board.

Attention is also called to the fact that the only document received from your Board for the school year 1916-17 is the estimates of funds needed. Before any action can be taken on these the election returns and the treasurer's bond must be certified to this office by the Clerk of the District Court for your division.

Respectfully yours,
FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

September 26, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to the estimates submitted by your Board, covering funds needed for the 1916-17 school year, it is noted that they contain an item for repairs and rearrangement, \$25.

This is to advise you that, since the school building used by your district is a rented one, no school funds can be used for repairs thereto, nor for any improvement or addition to the building, or alteration therein. In other words, since the district pays rent for the building, the owner must keep it in proper condition at his own expense. The item will, therefore, be stricken from your estimates. All other items will be passed as submitted.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Sept. 26, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of a voucher of this date, drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$986, for the use of the McCarthy school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time. This being the case, the Department was requested to cancel the requisitions made by this office on the Treasurer for funds for your district. Requisitions for funds for some of the other school districts which had been sent in about the same time were also canceled.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there

are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. Henry Hebel, Treasurer

Ruby School District,

Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of a voucher of this date, drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$1,248.50, for the use of the Ruby school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time. This being the case, the Department was requested to cancel the requisition made by this office on August 22d for the sum of \$2,383 for your district. Requisitions for funds for some of the other school districts which had been sent in about the same time were also canceled.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which

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there are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights, water, scavenger and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as an officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1916

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Mr. F. C. French, Treasurer.

Latouche School District,

Latouche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$1122, for the use of the Latouche school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there are at the present time no federal funds available.

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You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1918

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of a voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$2,522, for the use of the Kodiak school district. The voucher contains an itemisation of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time. This being the case, the Department was requested to cancel the requisition made by this office on the 18th instant for \$5,167.55 for your district. Requisitions for funds for some of the other school districts which had been sent in about the same time were also canceled.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, session laws of Alaska, 1915, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or ~~twelve~~ others, for which there

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are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights, water and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs, school supplies, domestic science supplies and manual training supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-month period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis, Treasurer,
Garden Island School District,
Gracel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$985, for the use of the Garden Island school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have

been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. C. F. Cheek, Treasurer,
Eagle River School District,
Anatga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of a voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$731, for the use of the Eagle River school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four months period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 26, 1916

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Mr. S. E. Ivey, Treasurer.

Chatanika School District

Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$847.50, for the use of the Chatanika school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered

in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 26, 1916

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Mr. Alfred Moore, Treasurer,

Charcoal Point School District,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of a voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$1,950, for the use of the Charcoal Point school district.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the monies in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for re-

pairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four-months-period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed by your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 25, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find triplicate copy of voucher of this date drawn upon the Territory of Alaska, for the sum of \$768, for the use of the Chitina school district. The voucher contains an itemization of this amount.

A few days ago this office was advised by the Secretary of the Interior that the moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund were practically exhausted, there being only some \$700 on hand at that time. This being the case, the Department was requested to cancel the requisition made by this office on the ninth instant for the sum of \$1,530.50 for your district. Requisitions for funds for some of the other school districts which had been sent in about the same time were also canceled.

There is at the present time a Territorial school fund of some \$20,000 available under chapter 74, 1915 session laws of Alaska, and this fund is being drawn upon for the aid of your district and some ten or twelve others, for which there

are at the present time no federal funds available.

You will note that provision has been made for the salaries of a teacher and a janitor for four months, and that the allowances for fuel, lights and incidentals have been made to cover the same period. The estimates for repairs and school supplies, as approved by this office, have been covered in full in the voucher drawn this day upon the Territorial school fund. It is hoped that by the end of the four months period it will be possible to secure moneys from the school section of the Alaska fund, so that your school and the others which are being temporarily provided for may continue in session.

Immediately upon the convening of the next session of Congress, an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill amending the school law so as to either give the schools outside of incorporated towns an increased proportion of the Alaska fund revenues or to transfer the entire school system of the Territory to the jurisdiction of the Alaska legislature. One or the other of these courses must be pursued if the schools of the Territory are to continue, as it is very evident that the present allowance of 25 per cent of the Alaska fund revenues will be entirely inadequate to meet future school requirements. The revenues of the Alaska fund are decreasing from year to year, while the number of schools is steadily increasing.

The warrant issued to cover the voucher above referred to has been endorsed to your order by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. You should have no difficulty in cashing this warrant, since there are ample funds in the Territorial treasury to take care of it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 27, 1916

14-1

Mr. M. J. Doyle,

Seldovia School District,

Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir :

A few days ago this office received from the clerk of the district court at Valdez a certified copy of your bond for the current school year. An examination of the bond shows that it is for the sum of \$2,000. The estimates submitted by your school board for the current year and which have been approved by this office, call for a total of \$1944. The school law requires that the bond furnished by a school treasurer shall be in a sum not less than twice the amount of funds which will come into his hands during the school year. You should therefore have furnished a bond in the sum of \$3928, and as your bond is for but \$2,000 at present, it will be necessary for you to furnish an additional bond in the sum of \$1928.

It is noted that the bond furnished by you is a United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company bond. In this connection I beg to call your attention to the printed regulations of this office which state, among other things, that school

funds cannot be used for the payment of bond premiums. Except in rare cases the school treasurers furnish bonds with local sureties. The bonds must, of course, be approved by the clerks of the district courts.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not yet received from you "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer," forms for which were furnished the clerk of your district some time ago. The annual report of your predecessor shows a balance on hand, at the end of the school year, of \$125.40, which amount has no doubt been turned over to you by her. I enclose herewith forms for the report in question and request that you fill the same out at once, forwarding one to this office and filing the other with your records.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not yet received from your board its report on the form furnished by this office showing the name of the teacher employed for the present school year. Blanks for this report are also enclosed herewith, and it is requested that the same be filled out and forwarded to this office without delay. A duplicate of the report should be filed with the school records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Sept. 27, 1916

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Mr. Charles C. Naughton, Clerk,
Katalia School Board,
Katalia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 9 last, enclosing reports of the Katalia school board for the year 1915-16, and in which you stated that the treasurer's report would be forwarded by the next mail, I beg to advise that this report has not yet come to hand. It is requested that you look into this matter and if the report has not been mailed, please see that it is mailed without further delay.

In this connection, I beg to say that this office has experience no end of trouble with Mr. Durkee in connection with his reports. He has not only been inexcusably slow in sending his reports in, but he has repeatedly failed to reply to letters addressed to him by this office regarding his reports.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 27, 1916

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Mr. Harry Richards, Clerk,
Unga-Peninsula School District,
Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find blanks for the annual report of your school board for the school year 1915-16. The report for the year in question has not reached this office as yet, and if it has not been mailed before this letter reaches you, please see that it is forwarded without further delay. The report should be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to this office and a copy filed with the school records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 27, 1916

14-1

Mr. Martin B. Andersen, Treasurer,

Ellamar School District,

Ellamar, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find two copies of form for your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer." This report should be made out by you and forwarded to this office without delay. The duplicate should be filed with your records.

In this connection I beg to call the attention of you and the other members of the present school board to the fact that the school board, for the school year 1915-16, paid the teacher and janitor for services for the full period of nine months each, whereas it appears from the report submitted by the board that the school was in session but 175 days, or five days less than the full school year. The Governor directs me to say to you and the other members of the school board that under the regulations and instructions of this office, a nine-months-term means that a school must actually be in session 180 days. A repetition of the action of the former board in closing the school

before the full period had elapsed, will result in a disallowance of any expenditures made beyond the period that the school is actually in session, and the treasurer will be required to make good such disallowance. Please see that the members of the present school board thoroughly understand this matter.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that your board has not yet submitted its report showing the name of the teacher employed for the present year. Blanks for this report are also enclosed, and they should be filled out at once, one copy being mailed to this office and the other being filed with the records of your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to LAURA GRAMM, of Hadley, Alaska, who having presented a State of Washington 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 two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this second day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

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

Juneau, October 3, 1916. O. B.

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E. B. Williams, Clerk School Board,

ST. MICHAEL.

Replying yours third section three hundred twenty, chapter two, compiled laws Alaska, nineteen thirteen, provides that the schools provided for and specified therein shall be devoted to education of white children and children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life. In the opinion of this office, therefore, children of mixed blood are entitled to admission to school if they are leading civilized lives. However, if school is already crowded and additional accommodations cannot be provided on account of lack of funds, school board may use its discretion in matter.

**STRONG, Governor, and as official
Superintendent of Public Instruction.**

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


Secretary to the Governor.

October 3, 1916

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American Book Company,

330 East 22d street,

Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, requesting information relative to the schools of Alaska that are offering high school courses, and asking for the names and post office addresses of the principals of these schools.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular form containing information in regard to the white schools of Alaska. On the back of the form will be found a list of the schools in incorporated towns which provide high school work. This office has not yet been advised as to the names of the principals of these schools. However, a letter addressed to the principal of the public school at any of the places named in the circular will reach the proper person. The high school courses in these schools cover from one to four years, a majority of them furnishing a full four-years-course.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, October 3, 1916. O. B. and Collect Invoice to Iditarod. MAIL from Iditarod.

I. Wales, School Treasurer,

Flat, Alaska.

Sell old school building Otter district in accordance your letter.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

October 3, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. W. Green,

Clerk of the School Board,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 21, with reference to the enrollment of pupils in the Sitka schools, in which you ask if, in view of the fact that your enrollment is 56, 32 of these being in the primary grade room and 24 in the second room, you cannot be allowed an additional teacher. You also state that there are a number of children under six years, and therefore not of legal school age, whose parents wish to have them admitted to the school; you add that this ruling is looked upon by some of the parents as an arbitrary and discriminating decision of the board; also that other parents object to the admission of these children on the ground that their children, already in attendance, will not receive proper attention and instruction; and you ask that, if in the event it is impossible for your district to secure the services of a third teacher, and also in view of the fact that your two teachers have more on their hands than they can really do justice to, will the board

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be exceeding its authority as a school board, by making a ruling that beginners will be admitted only at the beginning of the school year and that only those of legal school age at that time shall be admitted.

Replying in general to the statements contained in your letter, I have to advise you that the condition of the Alaska section of the school fund is such that it will be impossible for this office to allow a third teacher for the Sitka school. You will appreciate this when I state that we have now 13 schools that are yet to be provided for, either in whole or in part, and that on September 22 last there was in the school section of the Alaska fund, in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, its custodian, the sum of \$705 only. The schools are rapidly increasing and the school section of the Alaska fund is decreasing. Hence the dilemma in which this office finds itself in regard to the white schools outside of incorporated towns. Nobody regrets more than I do the absolute necessity that exists for economy in the administration of the schools. You will readily understand, therefore, that it is a condition and not a theory by which this office is confronted, and I am doing everything possible to see that the schools already organized may be maintained during the current school year. In order to do this, it will probably be necessary for me to attempt to secure an emergency appropriation from the Congress when it meets in December next.

Of the success of such an application, I cannot say. Should it be successful, however, then provision might be made for an additional teacher for Sitka. I cannot hold out any promise, however, that the money will be available.

The school board is quite within its right in making a ruling to the effect that beginners shall only be admitted at the beginning of the school year; and certainly the school board has an undoubted right to exclude all children below the age of six years.

While Mr. Shoup was here for a few days recently, he discussed the Sitka school situation with me and I explained it fully to him, and when he returns, I would ask you to take the matter up with him and he will be able to advise you clearly of matters as they now stand with respect to the white schools of Alaska outside of incorporated towns.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Oct. 3, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am returning herewith the estimates submitted by your board to cover the funds required for the current school year.

When forwarding the new estimates to this office, please return those which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 3, 1916

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Miss Clara A. Risser,
Muskogee Boarding School,
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 12th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the opportunities for women clerks in the schools of Alaska, I beg to advise that there are no such positions in connection with the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 3, 1918

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 27, together with a deed to the school building in the Otter school district.

I note you say that the ground on which the building stands belongs to the government. This means, of course, that it belongs to the school board as long as it is occupied for school purposes. I am returning herewith the deed to the school building which you should have recorded in the recording precinct in your district, then filed with the clerk of the school board.

I note also what you say with reference to the school building at Otter, which was formerly used for school purposes. You state that you would like to know what you can do with it as it is in very bad shape and not fit to live in, etc., and you add that all it is good for is for the wood that is in it, and that it will produce about four and a half cords. In reply to this, I have to say that you are

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instructed to sell the building for as high a price as possible, paying the money received therefor into the treasury of the Otter school district, to be accounted for by you as treasurer of the district. You also advise that you may use the money so derived for improving the building at present occupied by the school at Otter.

I am wiring you today permission to sell the school building at Otter, as per request contained in your letter.

You are instructed to repay yourself the cost of the telegram from Mulate to Iditarod from the school funds now in your hands.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

October 3, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. B. Williams, Clerk,
St. Michael School Board,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the third instant, as follows:

"Has school board right to exclude half-breed children from Territorial school when capacity is already crowded and no more seats obtainable. These pupils have heretofore attended government school and could continue to do so."

In reply I wired you on October 3 as follows, which telegram is here confirmed:

"Replying yours third section three hundred twenty, chapter two, compiled laws Alaska, nineteen thirteen, provides that the schools provided for and specified therein shall be devoted to education of white children and children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life. In the opinion of this office, therefore, children of mixed blood are entitled to admission to school if they are leading civilized lives. However, if school is already crowded and additional accommodations cannot be provided on account of lack of funds, school board may use its discretion in matter."

In amplification of the above I desire to say that in most of the white schools outside of incorporated towns of Alaska, children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life, have been admitted without question, except in one case

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arising at Haines, where mandamus proceedings were instituted in the district court to compel the school board of Haines, an incorporated town, to admit certain children of mixed blood whose admission had been refused by the school board. Before, however, the case was brought to trial, it was dismissed. Therefore, this matter has never been adjudicated by the courts. I have no doubt, however, that in case proceedings were brought in the court, the right of children of mixed blood to attend the white schools of Alaska would be sustained.

As indicated in the last sentence of my telegraphic reply, the admission of children, whether white or those of mixed blood, to the schools, must depend upon the accommodations provided, and if a school is overcrowded, it is quite reasonable that the board should refuse to admit others pending additional school rooms being provided. This, as stated, would apply to both white and children of mixed blood. I take it from the tenor of your telegram that you are, of course, without funds to provide the necessary accommodations for the increased number of pupils. It is hoped that next year the fund for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated towns will be increased so as to permit these districts requiring additional school accommodations providing themselves with them.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent

October 4, 1916

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Prof. E. Lopez Carvajal,
1618 Avenue L.,
Galveston, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th ultimo, in which you apply for appointment as a teacher in Spanish in one of the high schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office does not make appointments of teachers to the schools of Alaska, this being made by the boards of directors of the various districts.

Enclosed herewith is a school circular giving you the addresses of these schools, together with other information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Junesu, October 5, 1916. O. N.

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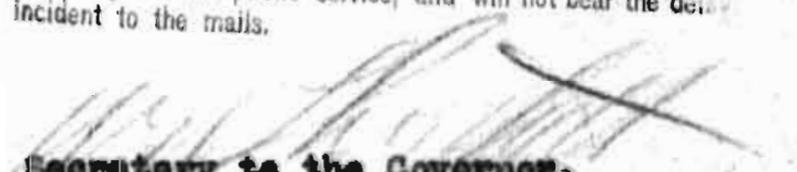
Robert E. Steel, Game Warden,

EATL.

Only one copy of power of attorney received. Should have been sent in duplicate as one copy must be filed with bank and the other with the Treasurer of the United States, on whom your checks are drawn.

SHORTILL, S.D.A.

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.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fifth day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Oregon State
Teacher's Certificate
dated December 23, 1912

October 5, 1916.

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Mr. C. H. Sheets,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years, together with return of your Oregon certificate and the letters of recommendation which were submitted with it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR
Ex Officio Superintendent of Public Instruction
JUNEAU

October 4, 1916

To the Clerk of the School Board,

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining a list of all the white children in your school district who may be defective in any way or dependent -- that is to say, those that are crippled or deaf and dumb or blind and who, therefore, may rightly become wards of the Territory. The time will soon be here, if it has not already arrived, when the Territory must make provision for the care of such children, hence my request, which I trust will receive your close attention.

This list, when it shall have been obtained, will probably be used in shaping some legislation at the forthcoming session of the Territorial legislature. The United States Bureau of Education will also receive a copy.

Trusting that you will endeavor to supply the above information as speedily as conditions will permit, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Sent to all
school boards

October 6, 1916

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Miss Cecelia R. Burroughs,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, in which you request that literature pertaining to the government schools in Alaska be sent to Miss Ivy Burroughs, Sebastopol, California, who is desirous of fitting herself to teach in the native schools of the Territory.

The native schools in this Territory are under the direction and supervision of the United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., the active officer in charge being Mr. W. T. Lepp, whose office is in the L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

We are writing Miss Ivy Burroughs in accordance with the foregoing, and I suggest that she communicate with Mr. Lepp in regard to the native schools. We are also sending her a copy of our circular relative to the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

October 6, 1916

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Miss Ivy Burroughs,
Sebastopol, Sonoma County,
California

Dear Madam:

Miss Cecelia R. Burroughs, of Cordova, Alaska, has requested this office to send you literature pertaining to government schools in this Territory, stating that you wish to fit yourself to teach in the native schools. The native schools of Alaska are under the direction and supervision of the United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., the active officer in charge being Mr. W. T. Lepp, whose address is the L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. It is suggested that you write to Mr. Lepp for information with regard to these schools.

There is enclosed herewith a circular form containing information with respect to the white schools of Alaska, which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, October 6, 1916. O. B.

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Miss Eastman, Teacher,

LATOUCHE.

Replying your telegram of fifth instant you are advised that the number of hours per day during which school should be in session is a matter that has thus far been left to the discretion of the local school boards. This office has never issued a regulation covering the matter of hours, but believe minimum of five hours for primary grades is reasonable. Can not pass judgment upon merits of present contention at Latouche with limited information now at hand.

STURGEON, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, October 9, 1916. O. B. Mail from Anchorage.

A. H. Madsen, Clerk School Board,

KNIK.

U. S. Treasury warrant for fourteen hundred three dollars mailed from Washington, D. C., to treasurer your district about September first. If not yet received advise by wire and tracer will be sent.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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


Secretary to Governor.

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October 9, 1916

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Mr. Otto Stewart, Clerk

Eagle River School District,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is advised that the Eagle River school district has only one toilet for the use of the children in the school and that the toilet has not even a roof over it. This is a condition which should not be permitted to exist, and you are instructed not only to roof the toilet now there, but provide an additional toilet so that the sexes may be segregated.

I am also advised that there is no wood-shed for housing the wood used for school purposes, and that the lumber which might have been used for such purpose was sold to Mr. John Burwash.

Will you kindly advise this office why a wood-shed has not been provided and why the lumber alleged to be sold, was not used for this purpose. It seems to me that it is essential that your school district be provided with a wood-shed in order that the fuel may be kept somewhat dry.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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October 9, 1916

Sir:

I have the honor to address you with reference to the maintenance of the white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, and, to do so in an intelligent way, I shall set forth the exact conditions now existing as nearly as possible.

The white schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska are maintained from moneys paid into what is known as the Alaska fund, 25 per cent of which is set aside for the maintenance of the above class of schools. Until 1914 the amount so derived proved sufficient, but since that time the number of schools has increased materially and sufficient funds are not now available from the school section of the Alaska fund for their support. Indeed, the deficiency is such that this office has been compelled to have recourse to the Territorial school fund derived from moneys paid into the Territorial treasury on account of Alaska forest reserves, in order to keep the schools running. This latter fund is now practically exhausted, and there are, as yet, 15 schools to be provided for. These schools have engaged teachers and are now in operation. On August 21 last there was in the school section of

of the Alaska fund, in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, the sum of \$705, as reported to this office by a telegram received from Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary. Of course, this amount will be increased by moneys received for the quarter ended September 30, and the following quarters, and it will be available. The amounts paid into the Alaska fund are always indeterminate, and, hence this office has no way of arriving at a conclusion as to what it will produce. As fast as estimates are received from the various school districts for their maintenance during the school year, requisitions are made by this office upon the Secretary of the Treasury, through the Department.

In my annual report for the fiscal year 1915 I recommended that the percentage of the Alaska fund to be used for the maintenance of these white schools be increased from 25 to 50 per cent, but no action was taken by Congress to give effect to the recommendation. Hence, it is that the fund is now greatly insufficient for the maintenance of these schools.

As an instance of the demand upon the school section of the Alaska fund, I wish to cite the case of the town of Anchorage, where the school board asked for the sum of \$14,060 for the maintenance of the school during the school year 1916-17. In this town there are approximately 180 children of school age. The town is not incorporated; hence its school district is included among the white schools outside of incorporated towns.

The Alaskan Engineering Commission, which administers the town, last year constructed a school building and, I understand, is this year building an addition thereto. Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, under which these schools are authorized, provides that only the sum of \$1,000 may be appropriated for the construction and equipment of school houses. This law manifestly did not contemplate such school facilities as are required by such a town as Anchorage; neither did it include the solution of such school problems as that town presents where schools are graded and a high school department is maintained. On the contrary, the law seems to have contemplated only the maintenance of strictly rural schools, and these in a distinctly limited sense. The average cost of maintaining the latter class of schools is about \$2,000 each, while, as noted, Anchorage requires a sum in excess of \$14,000, or an amount sufficient to support seven of the smaller schools. And, if it were possible for Anchorage to secure this amount from the school section of the Alaska fund, it would mean the deprivation of seven poor, little school districts of educational facilities for their children, which, it is submitted, would be most unfair and ungenerous.

As a remedy for the conditions now existing, I have to respectfully suggest that Congress, as soon as it shall meet in December, be asked to make an emergency appropriation for

the maintenance of these schools. I believe that the sum of \$30,000 would suffice.

Just here I wish to point out that the schools of Alaska are maintained from moneys paid by the Alaska people and that Congress has never appropriated a solitary dollar for their maintenance. An appropriation to the amount named would, I believe, suffice with the moneys that will accrue to the school section of the Alaska fund for the quarters ending September 30, and December 31, 1916, which may be made available for use during the present school year, but which, as a matter of fact, should be retained for use during the succeeding school year.

In this connection I also wish to direct your attention to that portion of my report for the fiscal year 1916 on the schools of Alaska, and I desire to emphasize as strongly as possible the need of adequate school legislation for the Territory, whose population is now steadily increasing, and, therefore, the demand for schools is becoming more and more urgent. My views on this question are embodied in the above report. I

I also beg to direct your attention to the statement contained above as to the situation in which the Anchorage school board is placed, and, if I may be permitted, to do so, I have to ask that, inasmuch as the Alaskan Engineering Commission has supplied the necessary school buildings, and as

the town is essentially a "government" town, so to speak, the government having assumed control of the town and disposed to the people of the town the lands on which it is constructed, some way be found by which the government shall provide the moneys necessary for the maintenance of a school system in the town of Anchorage without recourse to the school section of the Alaska fund, thus enabling that fund to be used solely for the purpose of maintaining the smaller white schools of the Territory such as, I believe, were contemplated by Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913.

Respectfully,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1918

14-1

Mrs. Bettie Wolfe, Director,

Hope School District,

Hope, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter asking for a copy of the school law governing the issuance of teacher's certificates or permits, and asking for a copy of a course of study for use in your school.

The only law at present in force with regard to teacher's certificates is that contained in the act of January 27, 1905, a copy of which act is herewith enclosed. The 1915 session of the Alaska legislature passed a law providing for a school system, including the examination and certification of teachers, but this law has been held invalid since, in passing it, the legislature exceeded its authority under the enabling act.

The courses of study in the schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized and each school is, therefore, free to adopt such course as may seem best suited to the needs of the children of the district. We are sending you under separate cover, a copy of the course of study as adopted by the Juneau public schools, which may be of some assistance to your board.

Referring again to the matter of teacher's certificates or permits, I may add that practically all of the permits issued by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, are based upon certificates or diplomas obtained from colleges, universities or boards of education in the States. Alaska permits are renewed from time-to-time on request of the holders thereof without examination.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MABEL DRAKE PRATT, of Nome, 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 February 11, 1917.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this tenth day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Renewal Certificate
dated Feb. 11, 1915.

A. M. --- 9 to 12
Noon intermission, 1 hour
P. M. --- 1 to 3 or 3:30

It was also found that about one-half of these schools close at 3 o'clock, and half at 3:30. The primary grades in most of the schools are dismissed at 2 or 2:30, although one or two schools reported that they did not require these pupils to attend in the afternoon.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 10, 1916

14-1

Mr. F. C. French, Treasurer,
Latsuche School District,
Latsuche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4, in which you inquire if any regulation has been promulgated as to the number of hours white schools outside of incorporated towns should remain open during each day.

In reply I have to advise you that no regulation of this nature has been issued, this office deeming it impracticable at this time to formulate a regulation that would be generally equitable throughout the Territory, because of the diverse conditions which obtain in the respective geographical divisions. It was further deemed that this was a matter that could best be determined by the respective school boards.

Last year this office addressed the school boards of the various school districts throughout Alaska with the view of obtaining information bearing upon this subject, and an examination of the replies received from a large number of the schools shows that the hours observed were approximately as follows:

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October 10, 1916

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Mr. F. C. French, Treasurer,
Latsuche School Board,
Latsuche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, with reference to the procedure to be followed in case of a vacancy occurring in the school board, I have to advise you that section 5 of the road and school law, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, provided

"In case a vacancy in the membership of said board occurs from death, resignation, removal or other cause, such vacancy may be filled by a special election upon a ten days' notice called by the remaining members of the board upon the petition of five qualified voters"

I have further to advise that quite a number of such elections have been held, but I cannot say whether, in every case, a petition of five qualified voters was the basis of the election notice.

As a matter of public policy, it would appear that a vacancy should not be permitted to continue, and if the voters do not see fit to petition, it would seem that so long as two members of the board remain in office, they should have the right to give notice of such an election

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themselves. It should not be a difficult matter to secure a petition of five qualified voters in your school district provided the interest in school matters is such as it ought to be. If this petition cannot be secured, however, this office is of the opinion that it would clearly be within the right of the remaining two members of the board to order such special election.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 10, 1916

Hon. James Wickersham,
Delegate from Alaska,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have this day forwarded to the Department of the Interior, which is self-explanatory.

As you are already familiar with the subject-matter of this letter, I need not amplify upon it in any way further than again to emphasize the need of additional legislation of some kind, if the white schools of Alaska are to be adequately supported.

For your further information, I shall direct your attention to my annual report for the fiscal year 1916 under the heading of schools, where you will find my views.

I am forwarding this letter to your address in Washington, rather than to have it follow you over the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 11, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Mabel Drake Pratt,

Hope, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, in which you advise that you have been engaged to teach the Hope school during the current school year, and calling attention to the fact that the permit issued to you on February 11, 1915, will expire before the end of the school year.

The Governor has issued a permit to you which is enclosed herewith. You will note this permit is for the period of two years from February 11, 1917, which is the date of expiration of your present permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

October 11, 1916

15-2

Prof. W. A. Knox, Supt.,
Ketchikan Public School,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant, enclosing certificates of teachers employed in the Ketchikan public schools, and requesting that Alaska permits be issued to them.

With return of the certificates which accompanied your letter, you will find herewith permits issued to yourself and the other members of the Ketchikan school staff, each permit being for the usual period of two years.

In response to your inquiry, I beg to advise that the report of the clerk of the Ketchikan school board is now on file in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

October 11, 1916

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F. A. Owen Publishing Co.,

Danville, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask to be furnished with a list of the county superintendents of schools in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are no county superintendents in this Territory. The Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory, and is the only officer who exercises a general supervision over these schools. A complete list of the white schools will be found on the back of the enclosed circular, which also may contain other information of interest to you. The schools for Indians, of which there are some 70 in the Territory, are under the United States Bureau of Education, with five district superintendents in charge in the field. Mr. W. T. Lepp, 1223 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. has general charge of these schools under the Bureau.

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 ARTHUR GUNN, Jr., of Ketchikan, Alaska, who having presented a First Grade Certificate of the State of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eleventh day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington
First Grade Certificate,
May 15, 1915

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 11th day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
First Grade Certificate,
dated August 27, 1914

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eleventh day of October, 1916.

GOVERNOR, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Second Grade Certificate
dated August 7, 1915.

JUNEAU, OCTOBER 11, 1916. O. B.

14-1

W. C. EDERS,

Seward.

Replying yours even date. At expiration first quarter fiscal year seven hundred and five dollars in school section Alaska fund as reported to this office by Department Interior. Fifteen schools still to be wholly or partially provided for, including Anchorage. No way of estimating what amount will accrue to school fund for next quarter, but it will be greatly insufficient to meet demands. Have taken up matter of securing additional funds with Secretary Interior and have asked that Congress be requested to make an emergency appropriation for maintenance of schools, immediately upon convening, or as soon as possible thereafter. Situation regarding Anchorage school has been fully explained to Department. Understand that Anchorage people blame this office because no money is available for that school, but I cannot see money from a fund that is exhausted. Endeavored last session Congress to have school section Alaska fund doubled, which would have met emergency, but nothing was done. Am doing everything possible to keep all schools going, and am hopeful that all will be provided for.

STRONG, Governor, ex officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction.


Secretary to the Governor.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to WILLIAM A. KNOX, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who having presented a State of Washington 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 the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eleventh day of October,
1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington
First Grade Certificate
Sept. 15, 1913

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 14th day of October, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Oregon State Normal
School Diploma, dated
June 3, 1897.

October 14, 1916

15-2

Miss Helen Grant,

Flat, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, making application for a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska. Your Oregon State Normal School diploma has also been received.

Under separate cover, by registered mail, we are sending you your diploma, together with the permit issued to you this date for the period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 14, 1916

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Mr. D. McKay,

Clerk of the Skagway School Board,

Skagway, Alaska

My dear Mr. McKay:

Some months ago this office sent you a blank for reporting statistics covering the school year 1915-16. To date, however, the report has not been received. Another blank is herewith enclosed, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly see that the report is forwarded at an early date so that our records may be complete.

On September 13 last, you sent us a telegram giving certain information desired with regard to school statistics for 1915-16, but this telegraphic report did not include all the information asked for on the form above mentioned.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 14, 1916

14-2

The Cordova School Board.

Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Some months ago this office sent to the clerk of your board a blank form for your report covering the school year 1915-16. To date the report has not been received. Another blank is enclosed herewith, and it is requested that the clerk of your board kindly fill the same out and forward it at the earliest possible date so that our records may be complete.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

October 14, 1916

15-8

Mr. William B. Owen, Chairman,
Committee on Organization,
National Education Association,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 5, in which you request the names and addresses of the officers of our "Territorial Teachers' Association.

In reply I regret to advise you that there is no such association in Alaska, due largely to the vast extent of the Territory and the insufficient means of transportation, coupled with a sparse population. In time, no doubt, such association will be formed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1916

15-1

Miss Helena J. Kobe,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of September 25, in which you express a desire to secure a position as school teacher at Nenana. In reply I have to advise you that no school district has as yet been organized at Nenana and probably none will be for the present school year, inasmuch as there are not available funds at the present time to maintain the schools already established in the Territory.

I note you say that you hold a Minnesota first grade certificate, and have had five years' experience in your work. Should you secure a school in Alaska, a permit to teach for a period of two years will be issued on the presentation of your Minnesota certificate, which will be returned to your address as soon as the permit is issued.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 21, 1916

15-1

Mr. Fred W. Borden,

Arden, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 4, I have to advise you that I know of no opening for teachers of any kind in Alaska at this time. The school term for the present year began in November and all the positions have been filled.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular for your further information, and you are advised to get in communication, if you choose to do so, with some of the school boards in the districts named, should you desire to secure a position for the coming school year.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

October 21, 1916

15-8

Mr. Howard W. Rudd, Director,
Public Education Association
of the City of New York,
8 W. Fortieth St.,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14, together with a copy of "The Visiting Teacher in New York City," prepared by Miss Harriet M. Johnson, of the visiting teachers' staff of the Public Education Association.

I have to thank you for your consideration, and I beg to assure you that I shall read this publication, I am sure, with much interest.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

October 21, 1916

Mr. Andrew Christensen, Manager,
Land & Industrial Department,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of October 11, as follows:

"Miss Eastman, teacher, Latouche, has explained her difficulty with beard. She is thoroughly competent and efficient. Hope every consideration will be shown her."

In reply I have to advise you that no charges have been formally made against Miss Eastman by the school board of Latouche, and I may assure you that, if any be made, no precipitate action will be taken, but a due investigation will be made.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 23, 1916

15-1

Mr. Charles Edwin Locke,
Polytechnic High School,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, bearing no date, with reference to opportunities for appointment as a superintendent of schools in Alaska for the 1917-18 school year.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has nothing to do with the appointment of teachers in this Territory, these being made by the school boards of the respective districts. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular, giving the names of all the white schools of the Territory, both in incorporated towns and outside of incorporated communities for your further information. You are advised to address these school boards directly or any of them that you may choose.

I am not acquainted with Mr. Warren Herritt, although I know of him indirectly. I remember a Miss Cora B. Young, formerly a teacher at Nome in the early days of that mining camp. I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with

Miss Young in Los Angeles a couple of years ago.

If I can be of any further service to you in this or
any other matter, please command me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & 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 BETTIE S. WOLFE, of Hope, Alaska, who having presented a Second Grade Certificate of Doniphan County, State of Kansas, 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 23d day of October, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Second Grade Certificate,
State of Kansas,
dated Sept. 4, 1903.

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October 25, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Bettie S. Wolfe,

Hope, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledge of your card of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing petition signed by a number of residents of Hope, recommending that you be authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska. The receipt is also acknowledged of three certificates which accompanied your letter.

With return of the three certificates, I beg to enclose herewith a permit issued to you on the 23d instant by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, which authorizes you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the period of one year from the date of the permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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October 25, 1916

14-1

Mr. Wm. Fesha,

Latauche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that a vacancy exists on the Latauche school board, due to the resignation of Mr. Dew, and that so far there has been no effort made to fill it, the school law provides that where a vacancy occurs the school board shall, upon petition of the qualified voters resident within the district, call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy. It would seem, therefore, that there should be no difficulty in arranging for such an election in your district, and it is suggested that you take the matter up with other interested persons and file a petition with the school board, asking that a special election be called for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

A marked copy of the school law is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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board is empowered to fill such vacancy.

With reference to your second question, I have to advise you that if the school is closed by order of the school board, for any reason, the salary of the teacher should not be discontinued, provided the teacher is ready and willing; that is to say if, for any reason, it should be found necessary to close the school, for instance, because of sickness of some kind or an epidemic in the school district, this office holds that the teacher should not be penalized by losing her salary.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 27, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Elnora G. Benewa,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, in which you ask, "Is it necessary that a board of health be appointed every school year, or do they hold office indefinitely?" also, "Where a school is closed by order of the said board, does the teacher's salary discontinue?"

Replying to your first query, I have to state that section 5, Chapter 42 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides that---

"Every school district outside of incorporated towns in the Territory, shall, for the purpose of this act, become a health district, and in every such health district, there shall be a board of health composed of the president of the school board and two citizens of said district, to be selected by the school board; provided that at least one member of the health board to be thus selected, shall, wherever practicable, be a licensed physician."

It would, therefore, seem that a school board automatically succeeds itself from year to year as a health board, and, in case of resignation of any member of the board, the school

board is empowered to fill such vacancy.

With reference to your second question, I have to advise you that if the school is closed by order of the school board, for any reason, the salary of the teacher should not be discontinued, provided the teacher is ready and willing; that is to say if, for any reason, it should be found necessary to close the school, for instance, because of sickness of some kind or an epidemic in the school district, this office holds that the teacher should not be penalized by losing her salary.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 27, 1916

15-8

Mr. W. C. O'Donnell, Jr.,
Citizens' Creed Editor,
Educational Foundations,
31-33 East 27th Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 14,
I have to advise you that I will gladly act as one of the
judges in your citizens' creed contest to take place Decem-
ber 21 next.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 30, 1916

14-1

Mr. John H. Hoepfel,
Box 114,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24, with reference to certain supplies and improvements which you believe are needed for the well-being and health of the pupils of the Sitka school.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has been forced to exercise the strictest economy in the maintenance of the various white schools outside of incorporated towns in the Territory, simply because of the lack of funds. The schools have increased much more rapidly than has the fund for their maintenance, and at the beginning of the school year, I am confronted with the fact that there is not money enough in sight to maintain those already organized and in operation. I have taken up this matter with the Secretary of the Interior, and have urged that an emergency appropriation for the maintenance of these schools be made by Congress immediately upon its reassembling in December. To this letter I have not yet received a reply, but shall probably do so within a few days. No one regrets more than myself the necessity

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that compels the paring down of the expense of maintaining the schools in Alaska, but if all the schools are to be maintained, such economy was absolutely necessary.

As soon as I am advised of the probable action by Congress, as to whether additional funds may be expected, I will take up the matter mentioned in your letter with the board of school directors at Sitka to the end that the improvements suggested in your letter may be made.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 2, 1916

14-1

Mr. Adolf Osterhaus,
Dillingham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11, with reference to the organization of a school district under the provisions of Chapter 2, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913.

It is my recollection that an attempt was made to organize a school district at Dillingham under the Territorial law passed at the legislative session of 1915, which law was subsequently rendered invalid by a decision of the Solicitor for the Interior Department. Section 330, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides that the schools specified and provided for in that act shall be devoted to the education of white children and children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life. Section 324, to which your attention is also directed, provides the method in which school districts may be organized under the act. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the act for your further information. Your attention is also directed to that sentence in section 324 which states that a proposed school district shall not embrace more than

forty square miles of territory, nor contain less than 20 resident white children between the ages of 6 and 20 years.

Manifestly it will be impossible for a school district to be organized at Dillingham the present school year, but it may be possible to perfect such organization for the school year 1917-18. At the present time the school section of the Alaska fund is practically exhausted and no new school districts are being organized.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 3, 1918.

15-2

Miss Gladys McKinnon,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, relative to the normal school diploma forwarded to this office some time ago, and which has not been returned to you; also referring to your request for an Alaska permit.

In reply I beg to advise that the diploma was received at this office in due course, unaccompanied by any letter or note of explanation. It was my intention at the time to write you regarding the matter, and I have been of the impression that I did write; but upon examining the files today, I regret to say that it appears that the matter was overlooked.

It is assumed that you have been employed as a teacher in the Haines school, but this office has no direct information to that effect. Will you, therefore, please write, or have the Clerk of the school board do so, saying that you are employed by the school there? Upon receipt of such a letter a permit will be issued.

This request is made for the reason that Alaska permits

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are issued only to teachers who have actually secured
employment in one of the schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

November 3, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Simeon Kvasnikoff,
Treasurer, Ninilchik School District,
Ninilchik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd ultime relative to the allowance for janitor service for your district. You say you have received the Treasury warrant for \$1680, but that in the statement of August 15 last there was no mention of janitor service, and you ask if a mistake has been made.

In reply to a letter from you, dated September 3d, this office advised you that the estimates as submitted by your board had been allowed in full, and that the requisition made to cover them included an allowance of \$135 for janitor service. You were also given the items which were included in the requisition, which were:

Salary of teacher, \$1350; manual training teacher \$45; wages of janitor \$135; coal \$90; wood \$14; lights \$15; supplies \$6, incidentals \$25; total \$1680.

You will understand, therefore, that the warrant for \$1680 which you have received from the Treasury department includes \$135 for janitor service.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

November 4, 1916

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Mrs. Isabel A. Gilman,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the second instant in regard to enforcing the attendance of school children between the ages of 8 and 16. I note you state that the United States Commissioner at Douglas informed you that there were no funds for this purpose so far as he knew.

In reply I have to advise you that the Commissioner is mistaken. The legislature, session of 1915, made an appropriation of \$2,000 for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law, and this appropriation is available. Section 3, Chapter 44, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides---

"That every parent, guardian or other person having possession or control of any Eskimo, Aleut, Indian or other native child (which shall include children of mixed blood not leading a civilized life), in the Territory of Alaska, between the ages of 8 and 16 years who shall, without legal excuse, permit such children to be absent from any United States public school for Alaska natives, for a total of five days on which sessions are held during any one school quarter, when the residence of such child is within one mile of such United States public school (unless such child is being taught at some other school or by a private tutor such branches as are taught in

the United States public schools for Alaska natives, or unless the physical or mental condition of such child renders its attendance in school inexpedient or impracticable, or such child has been excused for other cause by an excuse in writing, signed by the principal of such school, or by the superintendent of schools of the district in which such school is located), shall be subject to the provisions and penalties of section 2 of this act: PROVIDED, That the word 'residence' in this section shall be construed to include any habitation of such child occupied for a period of thirty days or more; and Provided further that the complaint in the case of such child shall be made to the United States Commissioner by the district superintendent or any teacher of such United States public school for Alaska natives, or any other person directly interested in the education of the natives of Alaska."

You will, therefore, notice that the method of procedure and the provisions of this act are plain, and, as I have stated above, there is an appropriation of \$2,000 for the enforcement of the law.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 6, 1916

15-2

Mr. W. W. Casey,

Clerk of the Juneau School Board,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Casey:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that to date only one of the new teachers employed in the Juneau public schools has obtained an Alaska permit. Miss Thompson secured her permit shortly after the opening of the school year.

Inasmuch as the regulations issued by the Governor as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, require that every teacher employed in the white schools of the Territory shall secure an Alaska permit, it is requested that you have the necessary instructions issued to the new teachers employed in the Juneau schools to the end that they may arrange for their permits without unnecessary delay.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 8, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 23, with reference to school matters at Kodiak. It is noted that Doctor Silverman has resigned his position, and that you have made arrangements for a grade teacher to take charge about November 1, for the present term. It is also noted that you have decided that a grade teacher was needed more than a manual training instruction, and that this office can, therefore, deduct the \$150 difference in salary when the requisition goes forward for the balance of funds for the schools of your district.

You also ask if you can appropriate the money allowed for supplies for the manual training department for school supplies, inasmuch as you are still short on books and also need a new set of maps.

In reply I have to advise you that the sum of \$150

was allowed by this office for supplies for the manual training department, and you are advised that this may be used for the purposes suggested, namely, school supplies, etc.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 9, 1916

15-1

Miss Julia B. Collins,
Larson, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 24, in which you express a desire to secure a position as teacher in the white schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that the appointments of teachers to white schools of Alaska are made by the respective boards of school trustees of the various districts.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular containing information which will, no doubt, enable you to place yourself in direct communication with those school boards.

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 9, 1916

15-5

Mr. L. V. Kees, Ph. D.,
College of Education,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 25,
I have to advise you that we have no available reports
of the Territorial white schools at this time. The report
of the Governor of Alaska will be issued some time next
month, when a copy of it will be mailed to your address.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this tenth day of November, 1916.

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

Granted upon:

**(State of Washington
Normal School Diploma
dated June 3, 1914**

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to DOROTHY HAVENS GILCREST, of Juneau, who having presented a Bachelor of Arts Degree of the University of Colorado, a Bachelor's Diploma in Education of the University of Colorado, a Wyoming State Teacher's Certificate, and a Colorado State Teacher's certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this tenth day of November, 1916.

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

Granted upon:

**Colorado State Teacher's
Certificate, dated June
20, 1914**

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 11th day of November, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

California State
Normal School Certificate
dated June 29, 1916.

November 13, 1916

15-5

Prof. George M. Baker,
Department of Education,
University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 28th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, which contains the Alaska school law.

The only public report on the white schools of Alaska is contained in the Governor's annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. The report for the fiscal year 1916 will not be ready for distribution until early in January next, at which time a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 13, 1916

15-8

Mr. Edward C. Baldwin,
c/o Massachusetts Board of Education,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise that this office has no reports or other matter which would be of service to you in respect to school house architecture, building construction, or the upkeep of school buildings. There is no organized school system in Alaska; the courses of study are not standardized, and, in fact, these and many other school matters are in a more or less embryonic state. While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, his supervision is necessarily of the most general character only and practically all matters of detail are left to the respective school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 13, 1916

15-5

State Department of Education,

Boise, Idaho

By direction of the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska, I write to thank you for the copy of the Idaho school laws recently received. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, which contains the law covering the white schools of Alaska. We are also enclosing a copy of a circular letter, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

November 13, 1916

15-5

Messrs. Hall & McCreary,

430-432 South Wabash Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, requesting a copy of the Alaska educational directory for 1916-17.

In reply I beg to advise you that there is no directory published for the Alaska schools. The enclosed circular letter, however, contains a list of the white schools of the Territory, and this may answer your purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 14, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean,
Former Treasurer,
Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 25 last, enclosing corrected annual report for the school year 1915-16, and beg to advise that upon examination of your report it is found to be correct except as to the unexpended balance on hand at the end of the school year.

Under the head "Receipts" you show United States treasury warrant No. 4726 for \$2024.95, and a balance on hand from the 1914-15 school year of \$5.05, making a total of \$2030 for the year. Your total disbursements are shown as \$2007, which gives an unexpended balance on hand of \$23. Your report, however, shows an unexpended balance of \$28.05, but it has been changed to show the correct balance of \$23.

Your mistake in the amount of the unexpended balance is evidently accounted for by your having overlooked the fact that the money represented by the check for \$5.05, covering unexpended funds carried over from the 1914-15 school year, was included in the total cash for 1915-16. It appears that in turning over your accounts to your successor, Mr. S. E.

Ivey, you gave him the check for \$5.05 and cash in the sum of \$23. In so doing you overpaid the school treasurer \$5.05, and Mr. Ivey should refund this amount to you, which can be done by endorsing to your order the check for that amount. The receipt which Mr. Ivey gave you and which accompanied your letter of September 25 is enclosed herewith.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Ivey, with the request that he arrange to refund to you the sum of \$5.05, making the necessary correction in his records. When this adjustment of accounts has been made between you and Mr. Ivey, you will please notify this office and upon receipt of such advice your accounts for 1915-16 will be formally approved by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 14, 1916

14-1

Mr. S. E. Ivey, Treasurer,
Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Herewith find a copy of a letter of this date to Mrs. Jack McLean, the former treasurer of your school district, relative to her accounts for the school year 1915-16. You will note that through an oversight Mrs. McLean's report showed an unexpended balance of \$28.05 instead of \$28. Please arrange to refund to Mrs. McLean the sum of \$503, making the necessary correction in your accounts and advising this office when the matter has been disposed of.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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November 15, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

On July 9 last, you addressed a letter to this office in which you stated that the treasurer's report for the school year 1915-16 would be forwarded by the next mail. However, the report has not yet reached this office, although we addressed a letter to you under date of September 27 last, calling attention to the nonreceipt of the report and asking that it be forwarded without delay.

As stated in the letter of September 27, above referred to, this office has experienced no end of trouble with Mr. Durkee in connection with his school reports. It should not be necessary for this office to repeatedly write for a report which is required by law to be submitted to this office. A great deal of time is spent in following up such matters and, in the case of Mr. Durkee, it seems to be time wasted.

This office recently made a requisition upon the Territorial school fund for moneys for your school district for a period of four months, notwithstanding the fact that it is a rule of this office that the making of a requisition must

await the approval of the accounts for the preceding year. This rule was waived in the case of your district so that funds might be available for the payment of the teacher's salary and other necessary expenses during the period from September 1 to December 31. You are advised, however, that no further funds will be furnished to your district until the treasurer's accounts for the school year 1915-16 have been received by this office and audited and approved. If Mr. Durkee's business is of such a nature that he cannot give proper attention to the affairs of the treasurer's office, he should resign so that someone may be elected who will give proper attention to the business of your school district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 15, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find blanks for your report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer.

In the event the report in question has not been made out and forwarded by you by the time you receive this letter, please attend to the matter at once, forwarding one copy of the report to this office and filing the other with the records of your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 15, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 12 last, relative to the delay in forwarding your report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer, I note you say that at that time you had not yet received official notice of the approval of your bond. The certified copy of your bond furnished this office by the clerk of the court for your division, shows that your bond was approved by him on July 20, 1916. It is possible that the clerk overlooked notifying you.

If the report in question has not been filled out and forwarded by you by the time you receive this letter, please attend to the matter at once, forwarding one copy of the report to this office and filing the other with your records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 15, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

This office has not yet received your report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer. Blanks for this report are herewith enclosed, and it is requested that you kindly fill the same out at once, mailing one copy to this office and filing the other with your records.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 15, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find blanks for your report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing Treasurer. Kindly fill out this report and forward one copy to this office by first mail, filing the other copy with the records of your school district.

In this connection, I beg to say that the certified copy of your bond furnished this office by the clerk of the court of your judicial division, shows that your bond was approved by the clerk on April 21, 1916. I mention this for your information in case the clerk may have overlooked advising you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 15, 1916

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis, Treasurer,
Garden Island School District,
Graciel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is not yet in receipt of a reply to letter of July 14 last, addressed to you with regard to your annual report for the school year 1915-16. If this matter has not received your attention before you receive this letter, please attend to the matter without further delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 15, 1916

15-1

Miss Lexy M. Graham,

Aurora, Oregon

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 21, I have to advise you that, in order to secure a position in the schools of Alaska, you should apply direct to the board of school directors in the locality in which you would like to teach.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing the names of the various school districts in the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

November 15, 1916

15-1

Mr. Ralph Yeaman,

Ritzville, Washington

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 6, in which you ask for information concerning Alaska, especially in the line of manual training and commercial work, I have to advise you that commercial subjects and manual training are taught to some extent in a few of the high schools and some of the common schools of the Territory.

I am enclosing herewith, for your further information, a copy of a circular issued by this office, containing a list of the white schools of the Territory, both in incorporated towns and outside of incorporated towns. Appointments to these schools are made by the boards of school directors of the various districts and not by this office, and I would, therefore, suggest that, should you desire to secure a position in one of the schools in Alaska, you address the board of school directors direct.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
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15-3

Mr. Ben H. Williams, Principal,

Beaver High School,

Bluefield, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, I beg to advise that the courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not as yet been standardized. However, there is being sent you, under separate cover, a copy of the course of study as adopted by the public schools of the city of Juneau, which may be of some service to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, November 22, 1916. O. B.

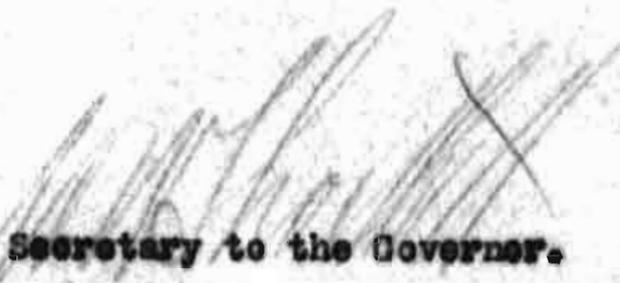
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Clerk Court,

HOME.

Have election returns and treasurer's bond Kasaan school district current year been filed with you and has bond been approved?

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, November 22, 1916. O. B.

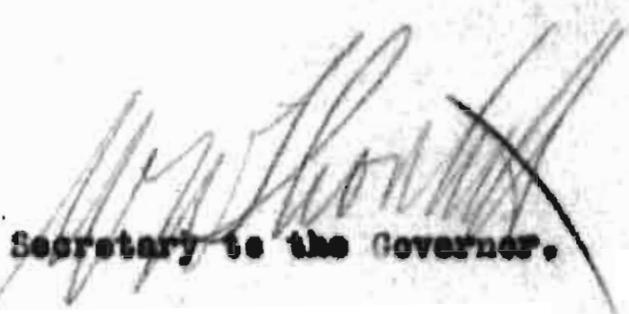
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Clerk Court,

Fairbanks.

Have election returns and treasurer's bond Otter school district been filed with you, and has bond been approved?

Strong, Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

November 23, 1916

15-2

Mr. S. G. Holt, Treasurer,
Thane School District,
Thane, Alaska

Dear Mr. Holt:

Early in the year your school board reported the re-employment of Miss Ina Priest as teacher for the school year 1916-17. It is understood, however, that Miss Priest subsequently tendered her resignation, and the board made other arrangements for a teacher. It is, therefore, requested that a new report be furnished this office, showing the name of the person employed as teacher for the current year. Blanks for this report are herewith enclosed, one copy of which should be sent to this office and the other filed with the records of your district.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 23, 1916

15-2

Mr. Harry Richards, Clerk,
Unga-Peninsula School District,
Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Miss Dora S. Lecrone as teacher for the current school year. In this connection I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Alaska permit issued to Miss Lecrone by this office expired on the eighth of June last. Miss Lecrone should, therefore, make early application for a renewal of her permit.

Please see that this matter is attended to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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15-2

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

Dear Sir:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Mrs. C. W. Hammond as teacher of your school for the current year. In this connection your attention is called to the fact that the Alaska permit issued to Mrs. Hammond by this office expired on September 1 of this year. Mrs. Hammond should, therefore, make early application for the renewal of her permit.

Please have this matter attended to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

15-3

Mr. O. L. Grimes.

Clerk of the Ousinkie School District,

Ousinkie, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Mrs. O. L. Grimes as teacher in your school for the current year. The records of this office show that the teacher's permit issued to Mrs. Grimes by this office expired on the 23d of January last. Inasmuch as the regulations of this office require that all teachers employed in the white schools must hold Alaska permits, it is requested that Mrs. Grimes forward, at an early date, an application for the renewal of her permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

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Mr. George A. Learn, Treasurer,
Longwood School District,
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the teacher's permits issued to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Folsom by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, have expired and they should make early application for the renewal of same.

Kindly have this matter attended to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

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

Dear Madam:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Miss Helmi Aalto, as teacher for the current school year. You are no doubt aware that the regulations of this office require that teachers employed in the white schools of the Territory must secure permits from the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

You are, therefore, requested to have Miss Aalto make application for an Alaska permit, submitting her state certificate or other credentials therewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mrs. Anna ^{the} Laselle,

Clerk of the Garden Island School District,

Grasahl, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Mrs. May C. Refior as teacher for the current year. You are no doubt aware that the regulations issued by this office require that all teachers employed in the white schools of the Territory must secure permits from the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Please arrange to have Mrs. Refior submit her application for an Alaska permit, accompanying the same with her state certificate or other proper credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

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Mr. David H. More,

Clerk of the Chichagof School District,

Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Miss Louise C. Freeburn as teacher for the current school year. You are no doubt aware that the printed regulations issued by this office require that teachers employed in the white schools of the Territory must secure permits from the ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Please have Miss Freeburn make application for an Alaska permit, submitting her state certificate or other proper credential in support thereof. This matter should be attended to without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

Your board's report of teachers employed for the current school year includes the name of Miss Lea Petellin. Miss Petellin has not as yet made application for an Alaska permit, which, as you are aware, is required under the printed regulations issued by this office, copies of which have been furnished your board. Please arrange to have Miss Petellin forward her application without delay, submitting her state certificate or other credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1916

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

Dear Madam:

Your board has reported to this office the employment of Nellie H. Rosler as teacher for the current school year. As you are no doubt aware, the regulations of this office require that teachers employed in the white schools of the Territory must obtain Alaska permits from the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I have, therefore, to request that you will kindly have Miss Rosler make early application for an Alaska permit, submitting her state certificate or other proper credential with the application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916

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Mr. Ernest Specht,
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the clerk of the district court, has been referred to this office for attention.

From your letter and from certified papers on file in this office, it appears that a school election was regularly held in your district on July 29 last, at which you were elected school director, Mr. D. Nelson was elected as treasurer and Mr. W. L. Bunard was elected clerk for the school year 1916-17. It appears also that each of the persons so elected executed an oath of office and that the treasurer executed a bond, which documents were forwarded to the clerk of the court and are now on file in his office. The treasurer's bond was approved by the clerk of the court on September 5, 1916. It may be that the clerk of the court overlooked notifying Mr. Nelson of the approval of his bond. The school law does not require that any approval notice be sent to the persons elected as clerk and director of a school district, when they have been regularly elected and

have executed their oaths of office and transmitted the same to the clerk of the district court, they are authorized to act.

There appears to be no reason, therefore, why your school board should not proceed to take whatever action may be necessary in connection with school matters in your district, and, from the statements contained in your letter, it would appear that some action is necessary with regard to the school buildings and out-buildings. It is noted you say that the old board let a contract to the native people of the town, but that, so far, they have not made good their contract. If such a contract was entered into, the new board should make every effort to see that the terms of the contract are fully lived up to. In this connection, it is requested that you advise this office as to the nature of the contract referred to.

In this connection, I beg to say that, with the certified copies of the election returns which were transmitted to this office by the clerk of the court on September 18 last, there was also transmitted a letter addressed to the clerk of the court by Mr. Buzard, his letter being dated September 13. Through an oversight, this letter has not been replied to by this office. However, the matters referred to therein were much the same as those mentioned in your letter to the clerk,

and they are, I believe, covered by this reply to your letter.

Under date of July 23 last, Mr. Nelson, treasurer of your school district, was advised by this office that the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17 had been approved in full. Since the estimates showed an unexpended balance on hand from the previous school year of \$1026.50, a requisition covering the balance of \$506, required to cover the full school year, has not yet been made. It will be made, however, in time to meet the requirements of your district.

Please note that this office, and not the clerk of the district court, should be addressed with regard to matters relating to the conduct and management of the business of your school district. The clerk's functions consist solely in providing blanks for school elections, in receiving and filing the election returns and treasurers' bonds, and furnishing this office with certified copies thereof.

For your further information, there are enclosed herewith copies of the school law and of the regulations issued by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

November 24, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. G. Ellis, Treasurer,
Hadley School District,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial treasury warrant No. 123 for the sum of \$863, drawn payable to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction and by him endorsed to your order. This warrant has been issued to cover a requisition made by this office for funds for your school district, as follows:

Salary of teacher, 4 months at \$100 a month...	\$400
do janitor do 15 do	60
8 tons coal at \$10 per ton.	80
2 cords wood at \$4 per cord.. . . .	8
Lights and supplies.	20
School supplies, books, stationery, etc.. . .	250
Rent, 4 months at \$5 per month.	20
Incidentals.	25
Total	<u>\$863</u>

You will note that the item of school supplies covers the full amount asked for by your board in its revised estimates submitted to this office with letter of October 18 from Mr. N. W. Sweetser, director. The other items are based upon a period of four months.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed warrant, which

you should have no difficulty in cashing as the treasurer
has a record of it and will retain funds with which to pay
it when presented to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18 last, enclosing revised estimates of your school board for the current school year. The Governor has passed upon the estimates and has approved the same as submitted with the exception of the items covering desks, rent and a school building.

With reference to the matter of the school building, the Governor directs me to say that, owing to the serious shortage in school funds, which exists at the present time, he deems it inadvisable to make an allowance for the construction of a school building in your district at the present time, if there is any way of avoiding it. To this end he requests me to ask you if it will not be possible to have temporary repairs made to the building now in use so that it may be occupied throughout the remainder of this school year, so as to take care of the repairs. Please confer with the other members of the board and with the owner of the building in question, and see what can be done to carry out

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the Governor's suggestion, advising this office regarding the matter. If arrangements can be made to repair the present building as suggested, the Governor will increase the rent allowance to \$15 or \$20 per month, and we will then issue a requisition covering the increase in rent and the item of \$110 for desks, etc.

A warrant in the sum of \$863 is today being forwarded to Mr. J. G. Ellis, treasurer of your school district, which covers funds for the period of four months, with the exception of the item of school supplies which has been allowed in full.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916

14-1

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

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial treasury warrant No. 120, payable to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction and by him endorsed to you, in the sum of \$703. This warrant is intended to cover funds for your school district for four months of the current school year, with the exception of the items for lights, repairs and school supplies, which have been covered in full. The following is a list of the items covered by the warrant:

Salary of teacher, 4 months at \$125.	\$500
do janitor, do 10.	40
5 cords wood at \$10 per cord.	50
Lights.	3
Repairs.	60
School supplies.	35
Incidentals.	15
	<u>\$703</u>

There is, at the present time, a serious shortage in the school section of the Alaska fund and we are availing ourselves of a small Territorial school fund in an endeavor to keep all of the schools going. We expect to be able to

take care of your district for the full nine-months term but may have to divide up into two or more payments the balance due to your district.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed warrant, which you should have no trouble in cashing, as the Treasurer has a record of it and will retain sufficient funds with which to meet it when presented to him.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 24, 1916

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Mr. Herbert F. Fisk,
The Fisk Teachers' Agency,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask for a copy of the latest educational report.

In reply I beg to advise you that, while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he does not make a separate report covering these schools. Brief reference, however, is made to the work of these schools in the Governor's annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. The report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, is now in the hands of the public printer at Washington. We expect to receive a supply for distribution about the first of the new year, at which time a copy will be mailed to you.

In the meantime, we enclose a copy of a circular letter form which is used by this office, containing certain information regarding the white schools of Alaska, as well as a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916

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Miss Stella Palmer,
420 North Park Street,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be furnished with any bulletins published by the ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction on the subject of teachers' cottages.

In reply I beg to advise you that there are no bulletins published in this Territory, covering the subject of teachers' cottages. The law relating to white schools in Alaska does not provide for the furnishing of quarters for the teachers in the various school districts, and in practically all cases the teachers are obliged to find rooms outside of the school buildings, although in a few cases quarters for teachers are provided in the upstairs portion of the school building.

The United States Bureau of Education, which has charge

of the school for natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), in the Territory, makes provision for quarters for the teachers of these schools in nearly all cases. For definite information on this subject, you are referred to the Honorable P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. H. Wittendorff, Treasurer,

Nushagak School District,

Nushagak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial treasury warrant No. 121, issued to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction and by him endorsed to your order, the amount of the warrant being \$557. The warrant covers a requisition issued by this office upon the Territorial school fund, which requisition included the following items:

Salary of teacher, 4 months at \$100 a month...	\$400
do janitor, 4½ do 20 per term	10
Fuel	75
Lighte	2
School supplies.	50
Incidentals.	10
Rent for 4½ months at \$100 for term of 9 mos.	50
Total	\$557

The item of school supplies has been covered in full, the other items being based upon the four-months period.

There is a serious shortage in the school section of the Alaska fund at the present time, and we are availing ourselves of the small amount of money in the Territorial.

treasury which is available for school purposes to tide over a number of the school districts until further funds accumulate in the school section of the Alaska fund. Shortly after the first of the new year, we hope to make another requisition for funds for your district, covering at least a portion of the moneys which will be required for the remaining five months of the school year. We hope to be able to secure sufficient funds to cover the entire nine-month term.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed warrant. You should have no trouble in cashing the warrant, as the treasurer has a record of it and will retain funds with which to cash it when presented.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. H. J. Doyle, Treasurer,
Seldovia School District,
Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Territorial warrant No. 122, in the sum of \$1,032, payable to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction and by him endorsed to your order.

The warrant in question is intended to provide your school district with funds for a period of four months, the items included in the allowance being as follows:

Salary of teacher, 4 months at \$150 a month....	\$600
do janitor do 15 do	60
10 tons coal at \$6.	60
2 cords wood at \$6	12
Lights.	15
Repairs	50
School supplies.	210
Incidentals	25
	<u>\$1032</u>

There is a serious shortage of school funds and we are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in distributing the funds so as to keep all of the schools going. We hope, however, to be able to keep all of the schools going for the full term of nine months.

You will note that the full amount of the allowances for repairs and school supplies are covered by the warrant above mentioned. The other items have been apportioned on the basis of the four-months period. We hope, shortly after the first of the new year, to be able to send you a warrant for additional funds, but whether we shall be able to cover the full period of five months is something of a question at this time. However, as above stated, we expect to be able to provide your district with funds for the full nine-months term.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed warrant. You should have no difficulty in cashing the warrant, as the Treasurer has a record of it and will retain sufficient funds with which to meet it when presented.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

November 24, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18, last, enclosing revised estimates of your school board for the current school year. The Governor has passed upon the estimates and has approved the same as submitted with the exception of the items covering desks, rent and a school building.

With reference to the matter of the school building, the Governor directs me to say that, owing to the serious shortage in school funds, which exists at the present time, he deems it inadvisable to make an allowance for the construction of a school building in your district at the present time, if there is any way of avoiding it. To this end, he requests me to ask you if it will not be possible to have temporary repairs made to the building now in use so that it may be occupied throughout the remainder of this school year. If this can be done the Governor is willing to increase the rent allowance to, say, \$15 to \$20 per month

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for the entire school year.

Please confer with the other members of the board and with the owner of the building in question, and see what can be done to carry out the Governor's suggestion, advising this office regarding the matter. If arrangements can be made to repair the present building as suggested, the Governor will increase the rent allowance to \$15 or \$20 per month, and we will then issue a requisition covering the increase in rent and the item of \$110 for desks, etc.

A warrant in the sum of \$863 is today being forwarded to Mr. J. G. Ellis, treasurer of your school district, which covers funds for the period of four months, with the exception of the item of school supplies which has been allowed in full.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor