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OFFICE OF ROAD COMMISSIONER,  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA,  
DISTRICT NO. 3.

Valdez Alaska, Dec 18, 1915,

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

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DEC 21 1915

ANSWERED

Honorable J.F.A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska,

Juneau Alaska,

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following corrected reports on work on the Kotsina and Chisina Trails,

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ed. Wood.*

Road Commissioner Third Road District  
Of Alaska,

Signal Corps, United States Army.

Night Telegram

Received at

14 si k g 31 N L Via Cordova

Chitina Alaska Dec 21 1915

Governor Strong

Juneau Alaska

I finished my contract November fourth on Kotsina trail men all waiting for pay have heard nothing with regard to settlement men here stranded when can I promise them their money.

Pat Murphy

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December 13, 1915.  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RECEIVED  
DEC 14 1915  
ANSWERED

Mr. Ed Wood,  
Territorial Road Commissioner,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The three enclosed vouchers have been submitted to this office for inspection prior to their approval by the Governor, and such inspection showing them to be lacking in certain details, all are herewith enclosed for correction.

The contract attached to voucher in favor of Andrew Nelson provides for services of four men at \$6.50 per day for 30 days; one man with team and use of wagon, etc., at \$13.00 per day, also foreman at \$7.00 per day for the stipulated time. Your voucher makes mention of "thirty days work performed by crew of five men and two horses according to contract. It makes, however, no mention of the foreman. Attached to the voucher you will find a memorandum statement which I have prepared in accordance with the contract. A similar statement on the voucher or attached thereto, properly certified, will place it in proper shape for approval and payment. Similar corrections in the vouchers in favor of Pat. Murphy are necessary before it can be approved and paid.

In the matter of the voucher to Gus. F. Johnson for \$300.00 as salary while acting as assistant commissioner on Kotsina and Chisana trails, both Governor Strong and myself think the voucher should be supported by more detail. That is, should specify the dates between which the work was performed, the number of days engaged and amount per day, and any other information which it might occur to you would be useful in passing upon this matter.

#2. Mr. Ed. Wood. Road Commissioner, 12/13/15.

fortunate and which I would suggest be changed in subsequent contracts. The wording referred to is on the second page of the contract and is as follows; "All payments to be made in duplicate vouchers properly signed by the persons performing the labor, etc." From this wording it might be taken that payments were to be made direct to each individual workman, whereas it is only the contractor who is to be settled with in such matters.

Upon return of these vouchers properly corrected in accordance with above instructions, they will be promptly passed and approved for payment. I trust that we will soon get these matters systematized so that these delays may not be necessary.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Enclosures.

CC-for Governor's office.

OFFICE ROAD COMMISSIONER,  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA,  
Road District No. 3.

Valdez Alaska Dec 7, 1915.

Honorable J.F.A. Strong,  
Governor of Alaska,  
Juneau Alaska.

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Sir.

I have the honor to submit ~~the~~ for your approval  
the enclosed vouchers and report.

On this work I appointed the same assistants that  
I had on the Kotsina Contract as the two places were close together  
and these two men were extra good ones for the duty, as they were  
well <sup>c</sup>acquainted in this country and good road men having had plenty  
of expericence on road work and it was almost impossible to get  
any one else to act who was competant to fill the position.

Respectfully Submitted,

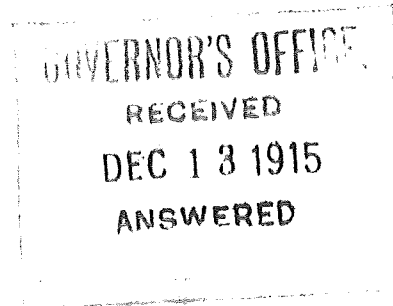
*Ed. Howard*

Road Commissioner Third District of Alaska.

OFFICE OF ROAD COMMISSIONER,  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
ROAD DISTRICT NO 3.

Valdez Alaska, Dec 7 1915.

Honorable J.F.A.Strong,  
Governor of Alaska.  
Juneau Alaska.  
Sir.



I have the honor to submit for your approval the enclosed vouchers covering salary of Assistant Commissioner at Kotsina and Chisina Trails,

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ed. Hood*

Road Commissioner Road District No 3.

Voucher to Mr. J. W. ... \$30000  
enclosed ...

November 27, 1915

Mr. Ed. Wood,  
Territorial Road Commissioner,  
Valdez, Alaska.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed voucher for \$2,400.00 to H. L. Jaynes and covering road work done on Mineral Creek road has been submitted to this office for inspection prior to approval by the Governor. Such inspection discloses a discrepancy of \$6.00 between amount of labor to be performed under the contract and amount certified to be due in the voucher, therefore it's return herewith for correction. Below you will find figures in detail showing the discrepancy.

10 laborers for 38 days at \$4.25 per day each -----	\$1,615.00
1 team with driver, 38 days at \$13.50 per day -----	513.00
1 foreman for 38 days at \$7.00 per day -----	<u>266.00</u>
Total -----	\$2,394.00
Amount of Voucher -----	<u>2,400.00</u>
Difference -----	6.00

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

C C -  
Office of the Governor.



November 26, 1915

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

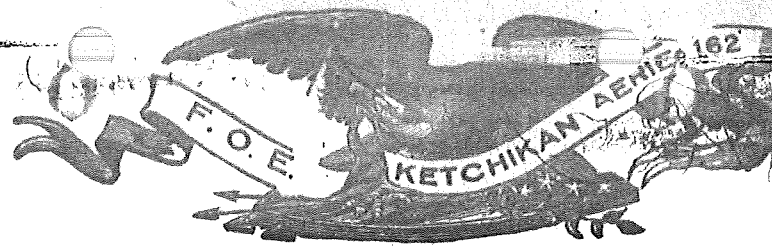
Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a voucher signed by Mr. Ed. Wood, road commissioner, Third Road District, Alaska, in favor of O. E. Lambert and H. A. Slater, for the sum of \$100, "for services as assistant road commissioners to Ed. Wood, road commissioner for the Third Division of Alaska, in supervising construction of road running from the southerly border of Cordova, Alaska, to cemetery and old town, constructed by Bartley Howard, Cordova, Alaska, under contract with said road commissioner, dated September 7, 1915."

While I am clearly of the opinion that the assistant road commissioners authorized by Chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, are clearly entitled to compensation for their services, the law seems to make no provision for such payment. I have, therefore, to request that you will advise this office as to the legality of compensating assistant road commissioners for services rendered under this act.

I am,

Very truly yours,



M. M. CHURCHILL  
OFFICE CLERK  
WORTHY TRUSTEE  
M. GOEMAERE  
AUGUST GROOT  
NOAH HOWELL

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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

May 22 1915 1915  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
MAY 25 1915  
ANSWERED  
5/26/15

Governor J.F.A.Strong,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Governor,

Having been appointed road commissioner for Division No.I, I am anxious to obtain all data I can relative to my duties and the methods of procedure.I have a copy of House Joint Resolution No.IO.I have written Secretary Davidson for a copy of H.J.R. No.I4 which I understand covers the subject matter of the law as passed.If there is anything further relating to any rules or methods of procedure,such as a system of vouchers and checks and the requirements necessary for me to obtain the money from the treasurer to proceed with the work,I would be under great obligation to you if you would advise me.The urgent necessity of something being done at once on the Charcoal road project as well as the Mendenhall Bridge is my excuse for bringing this to your attention.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future

I remain

Faithfully Yours

*E. C. Aquatic*