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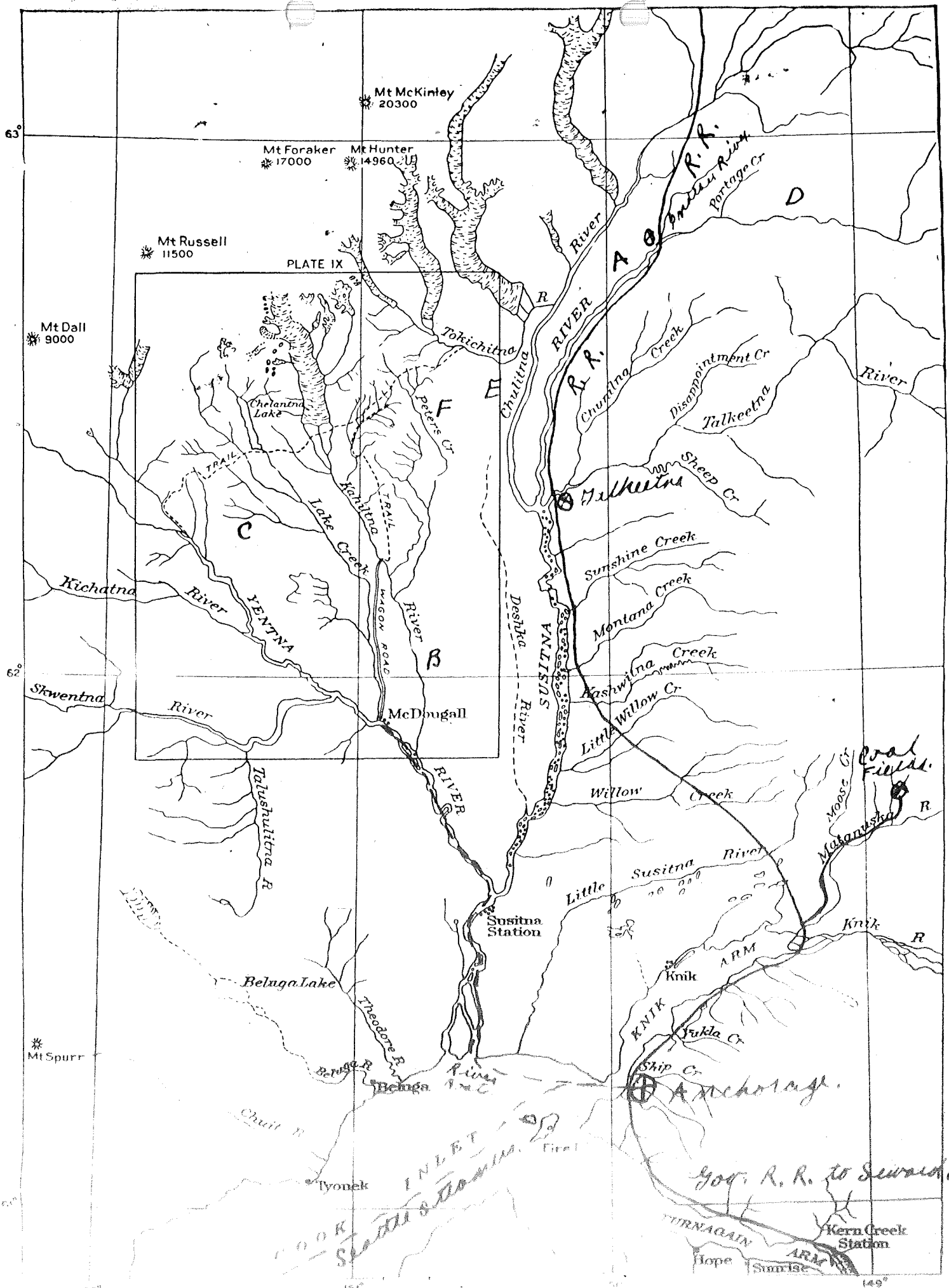
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Chelantra Lake

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Beluga Lake

Mt Spurr

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Kern Creek Station

Yook Station
Seward

Hope
Sunrise

VALDEZ ALASKA

March 7, 1919.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RECEIVED MAR 18 1919

Hon. Thomas Riggs, Jr, Governor of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Governor:

Herewith enclosed is a copy of a draft of a bill which Mr. Patterson will introduce in the House.

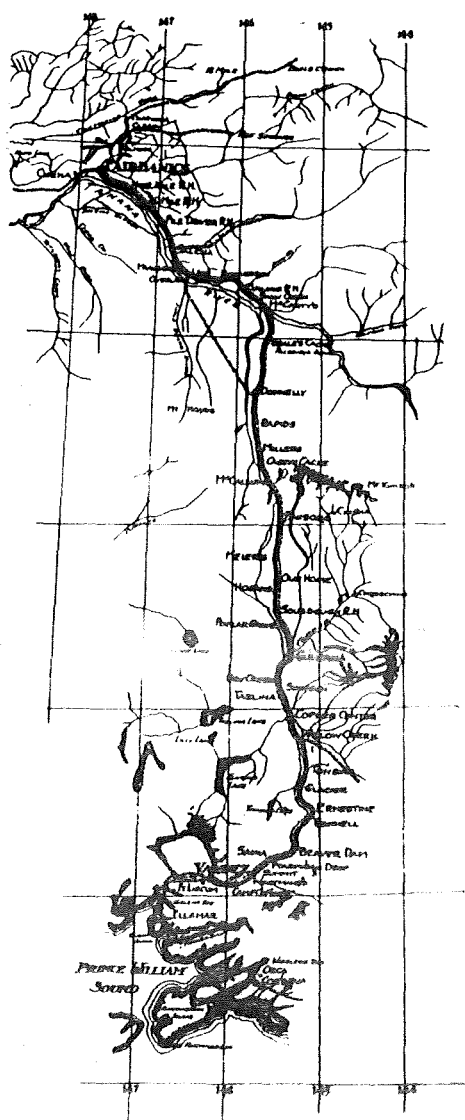
The bill appropriates \$20,000 to be used in conjunction with \$15,000 appropriated by the Alaska Road Commission for the construction of a six mile road between Fort Liscum and the southerly end of Mile 4 of the Valdez-Fairbanks wagon road.

This proposed road, when constructed, will really be part of the Valdez-Fairbanks wagon road and will make Fort Liscum accessible and also open up the mineral belt on the South shore of Valdez Bay where the Granby Mine is situated.

The bill means a great deal to Valdez and vicinity. Transportation between Valdez, Granby Mine and Fort Liscum must now be made entirely by water and at times, owing to storms, that is very difficult and people are greatly handicapped.

The fact that the Alaska Road Commission is willing to supply \$15,000 for this project, to be used in conjunction with the \$20,000.00 we hope to get from the Territory ought to be some proof that the project is meritorious. In fact if you are in any doubt about this matter you may have a talk with Captain Zug of the Alaska Road Commission or with Mr. Patterson, the Representative from this section or with any one else who is familiar with conditions here. All of the people here hope and respectfully request that if the bill comes to you in the form of a law that you will not veto it but will on the contrary do everything you consistently can to secure the passage of the act.

Very Respectfully, [Signature]



VALDEZ-FAIRBANKS HIGHWAY ALASKA TOTAL LENGTH 370 Miles

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March 21, 1919.

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Mr. Anthony J. Dimond,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Dimond:-

I have your letter of March 7th, enclosing the draft of a bill for the construction of a wagon road between Fort Lisicum and Valdez. We are at present trying to frame a bill which will allow the Territorial Road Commission to enter into co-operative agreements. If this bill should go through the question of building the proposed road will receive the serious consideration of the board.

I do not think that there is much chance for special appropriations to pass at this session of the legislature, nor am I sure that it would be good policy to advocate such special appropriation, as the Territorial board of Road Commissioners are in receipt of requests which are almost in the nature of demands for special projects. I only wish that the Territory was in a position to aid all of them.

Cordially yours,

Governor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BY MR. PATTERSON

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

FOURTH SESSION.

A BILL

1
2 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "An Act to provide for the construction
3 and maintenance of a wagon road from Fort
4 Liscom, Alaska, to Mile 4 of the Valdez-
5 Fairbanks wagon road, including a bridge
6 across Lowe River on the line of said
7 road, all in the Valdez Precinct, Third
8 Division, Territory of Alaska, and making
9 an appropriation therefor."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

6 across Lowe River on the line of said
7 road, all in the Valdez Precinct, Third
8 Division, Territory of Alaska, and making
9 an appropriation therefor."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

11 Sec. 1. There is hereby appropriated from any moneys in
12 the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska, not otherwise appropriated,
13 the sum of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for
14 the construction and maintenance of a wagon road from the United
15 States Military Post at Fort Liscom, Alaska, along the shores of
16 Valdez Bay, and a bridge across Lowe River on the line of said
17 road, a distance of about six miles to and connecting with the
18 Valdez-Fairbanks wagon road at or near the southerly end of Mile
19 4 thereof, all in the Valdez Recording Precinct, Third Division,
20 Territory of Alaska.

21 Sec. 2. The estimated cost of said road and bridge is
22 \$25,000, and the appropriation herein made for the construction
23 thereof is made upon the express understanding that the Alaska