Mr. Guy B. Erwin, Attroney-at-Law, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th June relative to voucher to J. J. Clausen forwarded to the Governor for approval, and which has been approved and passed for payment.

Relative to matter of small repairs in connection with requirement of law that "all road work shall be done by contract to the lewest and best bidder", I see no reason why it cannot be handled in much the same manner that Mr. Wood, Commissioner of the Third District, handled some of his matters last season. Instead of letting some of his contracts in a lump sum, Mr. Wood apportioned certain sums to certain workings in different parts of his district. He then posted notices in the locality of the work, of the amount available and that he would receive bids for the services of a certain number of men at so much per day, each man to be equipped with suitable tool, shovel, mattock, etc.; also temm with driver and wagon, scraper, etc, at price per day, the contractor to act as foremen of the work at bid price per day. The contractor was required to board the men and team, and right was reserved to dismiss any man whose services were unsatisfactory to the Commissioner or Assistants.

I have consulted with Governor Strong on this portion of your letter and we can see no objection to Mr. Ross entering into a contract with some man or men to handle this repair work at so much per day, the contract, of course, to be let in accordance with requirements of law. A number of copies of such contract could be made, for filing in the Territorial offices here, which contract could be referred to in the vouchers cettling for this work in case vouchers were issued for monthly settlements or someof that sort.

Not knowing local conditions with you, I am not at all positive that such a plan could be worked out in Hr. Ross' district, but I suggest it to you for consideration as a way to handle this repair work in compliance with the law. Perhaps some modification of the plan will suggest itself to you whereby it can be made to work.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Mr. H. H. Ross, Territorial Road Commissioner, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your voucher No. 52 to Chas. Williams in amount of \$50.00, enclosed to Covernor Strong for his approval in your letter of June 29th, has been referred to this office and is herewith returned to you, payment being refused for reasons hereinafter given.

This voucher, according to its wording, is issued to cover settlement for dimbers furnished in (onstruction of a certain bridge, "as per pentract with E. E. Ross, Road Commiscioner". Other than this morning there is no evidence of any contract, nor is there evidence that such contract was let in accordance with Section 5 of the Act creating Road Districts in the Electric Electric is there evidence that the contract was approved by, and accepted by the Assistant Road Commissioners.

So much has been written you, Hr. Ross, regarding the proper submission of these matters that it seems useless to go all over it again. While it is true that we last year honored vouchers worded similarly to the one above referred to, and unaccompanied by the other matters, such vouchers having been prepared by Mr. Cobb legal counsel for the Territory, yet we had a that time a certificate signed by the Assistant Road Commissioners to the effect that such contracts had been actually entered into and had been approved and accepted in accordance with provisions of law. However, at the time this certificate was accepted and we consented to honor those irregular vouchers, you were warned that no such vouchers would be accepted in the future.

Section 5 of the Road Act requires that all road work performed under its provisions shall be done by contract let to the lowest and best bidder after the same has been duly advertised. Section 4 of the Act provides that Assistant Commissioners shall be appointed, and who shall assist in letting contracts and inspect the work before it shall be accepted by the Commissioner. Bridge work certainly comes under the head of road work and it would seem to me that the entire bridge, partially constructed by timbers furnished by Hr. Williams, should have been built by contract in accordance with law.

In that case your contract can be prepared in triplicate, one for the contractor, one for your files, and one to accompany the voucher which should be worded with reference to the contract, and which together, accompanied by the proper certificates that the contract has been let in accordance with provisions of law and that the work has been inspected and approved by the assistant commissioners, furnishes the evidence on alleh the Gevernor can approve the voucher and this office pass it for payment.

It may be that this contract providen in the law is entremely troublecone, depocially so as requires small work, but it is the law, Mr. Ross, and you and I are powerless to change it. It may possibly coour to you that I am unnecessarily exceeding in my requirements on these wouchers, but I have only necessarily seem where a Transurer and an Auditor had been held limite for honoring vouchers containing insufficient evidence of indeltedness. Fore I to honor such vouchers from you, an unstrough logicalities or public officials gould make he a great deal of thouble and possibly liminoial loss. Some pompon in your flatrict might entily take anceptions to all of your expenditures being made in the visinity of Pairbanks, night investigate matters in this season I am bound to have my resords as none right are possible.

In conclusion I can only say that when this voucher is submitted in accordance with my directions, oft repeated, it will be grouptly passed for payment.

Very truly yours,

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GUY B. ERWIN
ATTORNEY-AT. AV
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

July 13th, 1916.

W. G. Smith, Esq., Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the bunch of vouchers you sent to me, which were received about the 4th of July.

Yours truly,

HH. Ross

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To

H. H. Ross, Road Commissioner.

FAIRBANKS.

Your telegram Treasurer Smith sixteenth. Treasurer's statement shows three thousand four hundred thirteen dollars at this time. Do not know what vouchers you may have en route.

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Night Telegram.

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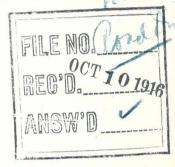
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Fairbanks Als Oct 9 1916

W G Smith

Territorial Treasurer

Juneau.



My Voucher number sixty two for one hundred seventy five dollars work performed for H H Ross Road Commissioner Now in Mail Kindly send check to First National Bank Fairbanks when passed for payment wire first National Bank if this can be done.

Ed Drouin.

1126 Pm.

# Signal Corps, United States Arthy.

### Night Telegram

Number.

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#### Send the following Message:

Juneau, October 10, 1916.

First National Bank, Fairbanks, Alaska.

When voucher mentioned in Ed Drouins telegram of minth instant is passed for payment warrant in settlement can be mailed to your bank. Your guaranteed endersement for Drouin will be accepted.

Smith, Treasurer.

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GUY B. ERWIN
ATTORNEY-AT.LAW
FAIRBANKS, - ALASKA

FILE MORNALD PERIOD OF 18 1916.

W. G. Smith, Esq., Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Cctober 2nd, informing me that the sum of \$2,816.87 has been placed to the credit of appropriations for Fourth Road District.

All work on roads for this season has now been completed and the last vouchers are being sent to Governor Strong by this mail. As I understand it the fund will appear as follows, was after all vouchers are paid:

Unexpended balance of appropriation 1915, Appropriation April 1st, 1916, Sept. 5th, 1916,

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H.H. Ross

Road Commissioner, 4th Road Dist.

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November 18, 1916.

Mr. H. H. Ross,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir; -

Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of your letter of the 28th. ult. stating that all road work in your Division for the present season has been completed and that final vouchers were being forward to Governor Strong.

and found to be in agreement with records of this office, that is, after deducting amount of final vouchers above referred to and which have now been passed for payment, the unexpended balance to credit of the Fourth Road District amounts to \$503.27.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Mr. H. H. Ross.

Territorial Road Commissioner,

Fairbanks, Alaska,

Dear Sir; -

I write to advise you that there has this day been made an apportionment of the Forest Reserve Fund of the Territory, under provisions of Chapter 27, Bession Laws of Alaska, 1915, and that the sum of \$2,816.87, in addition to sums of which you have been previously advised, has been entered in our Appropriation Ledger; same being available to you for expenditure in the building, repairing and maintaining of roads, trails and bridges in the Fourth Road District of the Territory.

This sum is that of which you were advised by telegram from the Governor on September 5th, and is your district's one-fourth of the seventy-five per-centum of receipts from the Mational Forests in Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916. In years past the Territory's percentage of receipts for the current year have not been received from the Federal Treasury in time to be available for road building in that year; hence apportionment of the Forest Reserve Fund under Chapters 27 and 74. Session Laws, 1915, has heretofore been made at the beginning of the road making season. This year, however, settlement was received at a sufficiently early date to be available for the current year; hence the Governor's telegraphic notification as of September 5th, and the apportionment now made at the beginning of the final quarter of the year.

You will bear in wind, of course, that this apportionment is being made now instead of next Spring, and, excepting some small amount of interest earned by the Forest Reserve Fund, there will be no further moneys from this source until the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917 are at hand.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter that we may know you have a complete understanding of the situation and the amount available to you for expenditure.

Very truly yours.

Mr. H. H. Ross.

Territorial Road Commissioner,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir; -

Noting your re-election as Territorial Road Commissioner of the Fourth Road District, for the term beginning March I, 1917, I write you in regard to meneys available for coming season of 1917 and also in connection with the bond required by law from each Road Commissioner.

Balance available to you for expenditure in the Fourth Road District of the Territory is \$503.27; this being the amount reported in my previous communication under date of November 18, 1916, and which agreed with your records. As was explained in my letter to you under date of October 2, 1916, aside from a small interest credit to be made after the 31st. inst, there will be no further moneys available for expenditure until the Federal Treasury Department makes settlement for the year ending June 30, 1917; such settlement having heretofore been made during fall of the year. The amounts, therefore, available to you for expenditure in your office, until that time, will be very limited unless the present 1917 Legislative Assembly makes special appropriations—Formroad work from some other fund.

Regarding your bond, it will be necessary to file a new one in connection with the new elective office; however, this bond matter is one one which might well wait until it is ascertained what action has been taken by the 1917 Legislative Assembly, what amounts are to be available for expenditure, and whether or not the Act is amended in any particulars.

You will be advised in due course of any action taken by the Legislature that would pertain the bond matter or that would provide for road work during the present season or , in fact, that would alter or amend the Act in any way.

Very truly yours,

Mr. H. H. Ross, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Fourth Territorial Road District,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to advise you of transfer this day of unexpended balance of Appropriation from Forest Reserve Fund for building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in the Fourth Road District, Territory of Alaska, under provisions of Chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, to Appropriation from Road Fund for constructing, repairing and maintaining trails, roads and bridges throughout the Fourth Road District, Territory of Alaska, under provisions of Chapter 35, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, such transfer being in total amount of \$648.13, as follows:

Total amount transferred, ---... 648.13

The above noted amount of \$648.13 is available to the Divisional Road Commission, Fourth Road District, for requisition and expenditure under provisions of Chapter 36, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in addition to amounts appropriated by provisions of Chapter 35, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

CC-Mr. George Hatchinson, Treasurer,
Divisional Road Commission,
Fourth Territorial Road District,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

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### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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THE UNION LITHOGRAPH CO., S. F.

#### UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

RECEIVER'S . o. TIME FILED CHECK

#### SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:-

Juneau, Alaska, July 18, 1917.

First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Charge my account and pay Hutchinson, Divisional Road Treasurer, five thousand dollars taking receipt. I remit like amount to Seattle your credit and advice.

Smith, Territorial Treasurer.

Prepaid.

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First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith I hand you confirmation of telegram sent you last evening requesting payment to your Mr. Hutchinson, as Divisional Road Treasurer, sum of \$5,000.00.

In accordance with statement contained in the telegram,

I am today remitting like amount to the Bank of California, Seattle,

for your credit and advice. I presume it will be agreeable to you

to credit my account in your bank with this amount as of date of

receipt in Seattle.

I shall require Mr. Hutchinson's receipt for amount transferred to him, and if this has not been previously supplied, I trust that it will be upon receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

July 19, 1917.

Bank of California,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith, for credit and advice of the First
National Bank, Fairbanks, Alaska, I hand you draft of the B. M.
Behrends Bank, Juneau, on the Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle,
for \$5,000.00; this remittance for credit account of this office
with the Fairbanks bank.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.



Seattle, Washington July 24,1917.

To W.B. Smith Teritorial Treasurer, Territory of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

19th with enclosures as stated to hand. Your favor of the..... We credit your account \$\_\_\_\_\_ We enter for collection-

as requested.

We credit account of First National Bank, \$5,000.

Fairbanks, Alaska for your account with them

#### THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

This Bank in receiving collections or crediting items upon outside points, acts only as your agent, and assumes no responsibility beyond due diligence on its part, the same as on its own paper.

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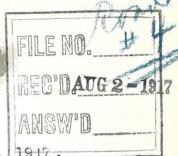
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UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 50.000 ºº

Fairbanks Alaska, July 19, 1915



Mr. W. G. Smith. Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

As per instructions in your telegram of the 18th we have paid Geo. Hutchinson, Treasurer Fourth Territorial Road District, the sum of \$5000.00, charging your account this amount and herewith enclosing you receipt.

We note that you will remit like amount to Seattle for our credit.

Yours truly.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

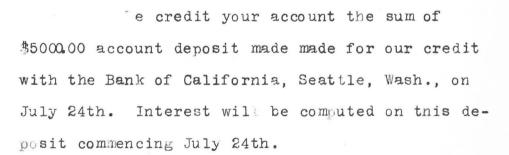
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Tairbanks, Maska, Aug.

Mr. W. G. Smith, Territorial Treas.

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:



Yours truly,

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#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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THE UNION LITHOGRAPH CO., S. F.

## Signal Corps, United States Army.

### Night Telegram

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#### Send the following Message:

Juneau, August 1, 1917.

First National Benk,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Charge my account and pay Hutchinson, Divisional Road Treasurer, five thousand dollars taking receipt. Your Seattle account credited like amount.

Smith, Treasurer.

Might telegram prepaid.



August 2, 1917.

First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

I wired you last evening requesting charge to my account and payment to Mr. George Hutchinson, Divisional Road Treasurer, \$5000.00, and advising credit to your Seattle account in like amount. Enclosed herewith is confirmation of such telegraph.

In accordance with telegraphic advice, I am today remitting to the Bank of California, Seattle, \$5,000.00, for credit and advice of your bank. When advice of such credit has reached you, please credit to account of this office as of memo. date of credit in Seattle.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

August 2, 1917.

Bank of California,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith, for credit and advice of this office with the First National Bank, Fairbanks, Alaska, I hand you draft of the B. M. Behrends Bank, Juneau, on Dester Horton Nat'l Bank, Seattle, for \$5,000.00.

Please promptly acknowledge receipt to this office and to the Fairhanks bank for the purpose mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

CC-First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

### Bank of California

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Seattle, Washington August 7 1917

W. G. Smith, Treas

Territory of Alaska, Juneau

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 2d with enclosures as stated to band.

We credit your account \$ 5,000.00 - with First National

Bank, Fairbanks

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as requested.

#### THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

This Bank in receiving collections or crediting items upon outside points, acts only as your agent, and assumes no responsibility beyond due diligence on its part, the same as on its own paper.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 50,000 ºº

Tairbanks, Maska, Aug. 2, 1917

Mr. W. G. Smith,

Territorial Treasurer,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

As per instructions in your telegram of the first, we have paid Geo. Hutchinson, Divisional Road Treasurer, the sum of \$5000.00, charging your account this amount and herewith enclosing you receipt.

Yours truly,

Cashier.

GH: JC

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 50,000 ºº

Tairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 24, 1917.

r.W. G. Smith,

Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, /laska.

Dear Sir:

We credit your account the sum of \$5000.00 account deposit with the Bank of California on August 7th.. Interest Will be computedfrom that date.

Yours truly,

Cashier.

GH: MC

# Signal Corps, United States Army.

Night Telegram

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#### Send the following Message:

Juneau, Alaska, October 3, 1917.

First National Bank,

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Charge my account and pay Hutchinson, Pressurer Divisional Read Commission, ten thousand dollars taking receipt for same. I credit your Seattle account with like amount.

Smith, Territorial Treasurer.

Night letter prepaid.

October 3, 1917.

First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is confirmation of telegram of even date requesting charge to my account and payment to Mr. George Hutchinson, Treasurer Divisional Road Commission, of \$10,000.00.

In accordance with such telegram, I am today remitting to the Bank of Valifornia, Seattle, for your credit and advice, the sum of \$10,000.00. This in the understanding that my account will have interest bearing credit as of date of receipt by the Seattle bank.

Very truly yours,

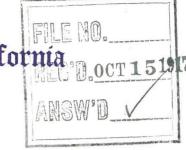
Territorial Treasurer.

Ros Ant October 3, 1917. Bank of California, Seattle, Wash. Gentlemen: Enclosed herewith I hand you draft of the B. M. Behrends Bank, Juneau, on the Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle, for \$10,000.00, which amount is remitted to you for credit and advice of this office with the First National Bank, Fairbanks, Alaska. Please promptly acknowledge receipt and disposition as above advised. Very truly yours, Territorial Treasurer.

### The Bank of California

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



Seattle, Washington Oct 9 1917				
To Territory of Alaska				
Juneau, Alaska				
Dear Sir:				
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	Account of TREASURER Fourth Terr. Road Dist
	Address FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

THE UNION LITHOGRAPH CO., S. F.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 50,000 €

Fairbanks, Maska, oct. 5, 1917.

5, 1917.

Mr. W. G. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

As per instructions in your telegram of the 3d, we have paid Geo. Hut-chinson, Treasurer Divisional Road Commission, the sum of \$10,000.00, charging your account this amount and herewith enclose receipt.

Yours truly,

Cashier.

GH:MC

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

### BIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$ 50,000 ºº

Fairbanks, Alaska, o Nov. 2, 1917.

Mr. W. G. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

We credit your account the sum of \$10,000.00 received from the Bank of California under date of Oct.9th. Interest will be computed from that date.

Yours truly,

Cashier.

GH:MC

### Signal Corps, United States Army. Night Telegram

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Send the following Message:

Juneau, October 17, 1917.

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First National Bank,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Charge my account and pay Hutchinson, Treasurer Divisional Road Commission, ten thousand dollars taking receipt for same. I credit your Seattle account with like amount.

Smith, Territorial Treasurer.

Night letter prepaid.