

NAME
OF NO.

- Second Road District -

- 1915-1917 Appropriations -

MEMORANDA

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Signal Corps, United States Army. Telegram.

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Nome Alaska June 16 1915

Territorial Treasurer

Juneau

Request you forward blank voucher forms for payment of contracts let
by me as territorial road commissioner kindly answer

Dan A Jones

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Road Com

June 16, 1915.

Dan. A. Jones,
Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Voucher forms and instructions for use going forward today.

Smith, Treasurer.

Answer O. B. message.

June 16, 1915.

Mr. Dan A. Jones,
Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of even date requesting that blank voucher forms for payments of contracts be sent to you, to which I have just made reply as follows:

"Voucher forms and instructions for use going forward today"

Under separate cover we are forwarding a supply of the forms which are used by the different departments of the Territory in settling accounts. They are arranged in originals and duplicates, the former of which after being properly filled up and certified to, you will forward to the Governor's office for his approval in accordance with requirements of the Act creating Road Districts in Alaska. The duplicates are for your own records and files. Doubtless the method of filling in the voucher forms will be clear to you, but I am enclosing herewith a specimen sample which may be of aid.

I presume that you may have been supplied with a copy of the Act under the provisions of which you will perform your duties. There seems to be no printed copies available from the office of the Secretary at this time. I presume also that you have arranged matters in regard to the bond which the law provides for but specifies no amount, nor to whom it shall be made, nor with whom it shall be deposited. Section 6 of the Act appropriates 75% of the monies now paid into the Treasury of the Territory by the United States Government as proportion of receipts from the Forest Reserves of the Territory, and Section 7, provides that monies appropriated in Section 6 shall be equally divided among the four road districts of Alaska. The Act was approved on April 28th and contained emergency clause providing for its taking effect immediately. On April 30th, 1915, The Forest Reserve Fund of the Territory contained \$60,324.25. In accordance with provisions of the above quoted from sections the amount available to each road district at this time will be \$11,310.80.

Upon approval by the Governor of the vouchers which are sent in by you, warrant upon this office will be issued to the party to whom the Territory is indebted. I would advise that you make up the vouchers as carefully as possible so that time shall not be lost in returning for corrections. Parties here in the First Division have threatened to enjoin this office from paying out monies under provisions of the Act alluded to above, but as nothing has been done as yet, we can take no action.

Yours very truly,

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Signal Corps, United States Army.
Telegram.

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Nome Alaska June 21 1915

Wm G Smith

Juneau

Do you want bond as territorial road commissioner forwarded to you
or filed here what is amount of money for this district

Daniel A Jones

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Juneau, Alaska, June 22, 1915.

Dan. A. Jones, Road Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska.

Commissioner first district filed nominal bond two thousand dollars faithful performance of duty Judge approved advised this office retained as court record. Eleven thousand dollars approximate amount available your district.

Smith, Treasurer.

Answer O. B. Message 6/21/15.

June 22, 1915.

Mr. Dan. A. Jones,
Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your telegram of yesterday containing inquiries as to amount of your bond as road commissioner, also amount of money available to your district, and now confirm answer, which has just been sent, as follows:

"Commissioner first district filed nominal bond two thousand dollars faithful performance duty, Judge approved, advised this office retained as court record. Eleven thousand dollars approximate amount available your district."

As you are doubtless aware, the Legislature in enacting the law under which you discharge duties of Road Commissioner, made no provision for amount of bond, to whom it should be made, nor with whom it should be deposited. The Road Commissioner of this District advised with Governor Strong in the matter, but who declined to assume any responsibility. He offered as a suggestion merely, that as the road commissioner by provisions of the law seemed to handle no money, a nominal bond be furnished for faithful performance of duty. Such bond, this office is advised, was sent to the Judge of the District Court who approved it, but as it was an official act of his desired that it be filed as a court record.

The exact amount at disposal was given you in letter from this office of June 16th, and we have no further instructions to add to those contained in letter of that date. I am advised by the office of the Secretary that copy of the law creating road districts in the Territory and offices of road commissioners has been forwarded to you. The law is apparently very indefinite, but as far as possible you must be governed by provisions of such law.

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

June 23, 1915.

Mr. Daniel A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In letter to you of a few days ago relative to use of voucher forms in settlement of accounts of your office, we advised you that the originals were to be sent in to the office of the Governor for approval, while the duplicate could be retained as record of your office.

We are now advised by Mr. Shorthill, Secretary to the Governor, that it will be necessary for them to have the duplicate for preservation in their office, as the original goes into the office of the Secretary as authority for issuance of warrant. In view of Mr. Shorthill's advice we will have to change our former instructions to you, and now wish to state that both original and duplicate, fully filled in, signed and certified, must be sent in to the office of the Governor for his approval. The books of your office will have to suffice for your record, or you can make up a triplicate copy of the voucher containing sufficient detail by using second carbon on third sheet.

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

Juneau, Alaska, July 2d, 1915.

Daniel A. Jones,

Road Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska,

Suit filed enjoining payment road money letter follows.

Smith, Treasurer.

Night message \$2.51 paid.

July 2, 1915.

Mr. Daniel A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I was served with complaint in suit which has been brought to have declared void Act of the Territorial Legislature creating road districts in the Territory of Alaska and appropriating moneys in the Forest Reserve Fund for the building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges throughout the Territory.

Upon consultation with Mr. J. H. Cobb, who has been designated by the Governor as legal counsel for the Territory, I sent you notification of such suit by telegram, which I now confirm, as follows:

"Suit filed enjoining payment road money letter follows."

Governing the conduct of this office in the matter, I am advised by Mr. Cobb as follows:

"----, I beg to advise you, that while no temporary injunction has been served, still, in my opinion, it is proper for you to hold the Forestry Fund mentioned in the complaint in statu quo, until the validity of the appropriation of the fund made by the last legislature is passed upon. You should notify the several Road Commissioners of the facts, so that they may govern themselves accordingly."

I am further advised by our legal counsel that he will appear in the suit at as early a date as possible and press the cause to a speedy hearing that final decision may be arrived at as soon as practicable. While matters remain as they are, this office must be governed by opinion of counsel. You will be advised from time to time of any material change in the situation, by telegraph if deemed necessary.

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

Juneau, Aug. 12, 1915.

Daniel A. Jones,

Road Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska.

Road case decision favorable to Territory disbursements under appropriation now possible.

Smith, Treasurer.

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Signal Corps, United States Army.

Telegram.

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Nome Alas Aug 24 1915

W G Smith

Juneau

Will you accept written authority from contractor accompanying signed voucher to make payment to bank or its order.

Jones

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FILE NO.	
REC'D.	8/25/15
ANSW'D	8/25/15

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 25, 1915.

Dan. A. Jones,

Road Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska.

Can make warrants payable to bank as assignee of contractor,
assignments must however accompany or appear on vouchers.

Smith, Treasurer.

Answer O. B. message 8/24/15.

October 27, 1915.

Mr. G. P. Goggin,
No. 818 Western Ave.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I hand you Forest Reserve Fund
Warrant No. 10, payable to your order as assignee of Geo.
T. Cahill and in amount of \$648.00, this warrant being in
settlement of voucher for road work in the Second Territorial
Road District recently completed by Mr. Cahill.

When properly endorsed this warrant is collectable
through your local bank.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

*copy for
Benson*

October 25, 1915.

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Honorable Charles T. Davidson,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith voucher No. 13 of this date drawn on the Territorial Road Fund, Road District No. 2, in favor of Geo. T. Cahill, Nome, Alaska, for \$648.00, accompanied by agreement and specifications, certificate of completion of work, and assignment of amount due to G. P. Goggin, who in letter transmitting the papers to this office requests that the warrant be made payable to him and forwarded to his Seattle office, 318 Western Avenue. The voucher has been approved by the Governor.

Will you kindly arrange for issuance of the warrant in accordance with Mr. Goggin's request.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

February 8, 1916.

Mr. Dan. A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write at this time to advise you of the amount which will be available to you for expenditure in building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in your district during the year of 1916 under provisions of, and appropriations contained in, Chapter 27, Session Laws of 1915.

The receipts of the Forest Reserve Fund since the distribution of April 30th, 1915, in accordance with appropriations contained in the above mentioned law and Chapter 74, Session Laws of 1915, have been as follows:

Aug. 31, 15,	Interest for quarter ended	
	Jun. 30, 1915, -----	\$ 301.62
Oct. 30, 15,	Interest for quarter ended	
	Sep. 30, 1915, -----	302.00
Nov. 6, 15,	From U. S. Treasury for statutory percentage of receipts of Nat. Forests in Alaska, fiscal year ended Jun. 30, 15. --	11,165.75
Jan. 31, 16,	Interest for quarter ended	
	Dec. 30, 1915, -----	<u>290.22</u>
	Total, -----	\$12,059.59

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 27, Laws of 1915, seventy-five per cent. of the above amount, or the sum of \$9,044.72 will be available for the building, repairing and maintaining of roads, trails and bridges in the Territory, one fourth of which amount, or the sum of \$2,261.18, will be apportioned to each of the four road districts of the Territory.

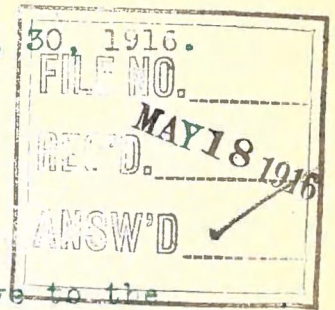
Our ledger shows that the entire amount which was available for expenditure in the year of 1915 in your district was expended, therefore the sum of \$2,261.18 is the entire amount available for expenditure in your district during the coming season. Kindly acknowledge this letter promptly that I may know you are advised of the amount at your disposal.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Nome, Alaska, March, 30, 1916.

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



Dear Sir:- Your communication of Feb. 8. relative to the funds available for Road Construction etc. addressed to Mr. Dan'l A. Jones, was received on the mail which arrived here yesterday. I am acting as Sup't for the Road Commission this winter as Mr. Jones is outside on a vacation and I have wired him of the contents of your letter so this will serve as an acknowledgement of your notification .

Respectfully yours,

Charles Jones

Acting Sup't. Alaska Road Commission.

June 3, 1916.

Mr. Dan A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover I am this day mailing to you an additional supply of blank voucher forms for your use in connection with rendering accounts for road work performed in the Second Judicial Division of Alaska, as heretofore.

Kindly advise this office upon receipt of said forms.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Road Commission

Sep. 11, 1916.

Mr. Daniel A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir;-

Thro' the office of the Governor I have for acknowledgment from you this day the following mentioned vouchers, viz;-

Seattle Tent & Awning Co.	\$ 40.00
Seattle Hardware Co.	127.63
Alaska Lighterage & Com'l. Co.	10.25
E. W. Carleton & Co.	37.60

Vouchers above listed are herewith returned to you with request for more detailed information as to where these supplies were used and for what purpose; it is not possible to pass them for payment as they are at present.

It is presumed that vouchers in question are not construed as covering actual road work; hence absence of the contract required by law for all road work performed. In view of the fact that in these several instances a contract is not apparently made, I must insist that detailed information be noted on vouchers as above suggested. In addition, all vouchers not covered by contract must be approved by Assistant Road Commissioners.

When vouchers are prepared in accordance with instructions herein given, please return same to this office when warrants in payment will be at once issued.

Very truly yours,

Encls.
(copy to Governor Strong)

Territorial Treasurer.

Rec'd 9/21/16

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

Sept. 19, 1916

FILE NO. *Goodbeck #2*
REC'D SEP 21 1916
ANSW'D 9/21/16

Mr. W. G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
City

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith enclosed voucher from the Alaska Steamship Company, account freight charges on a shipment from Nome, Alaska to anchorage of ship at Deering, and for lighterage from anchorage to shore at the same port, amounting to \$58.41, the voucher having been approved by Daniel A. Jones, road commissioner for the second judicial division, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

I have not approved the vouchers for payment, subject to your decision in the matter.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Strong
Governor

Enc.

September 21, 1916.

Alaska Steamship Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

Prior to his approval for payment Governor Strong has submitted to this office voucher in favor of your company, approved by D. I. Jones, road commissioner for the second road district, for freight and lightering on goods from Nome to Deering, Alaska, in amount of \$58.41. Payment of this voucher must be refused for the present and it is herewith returned to you for reasons which will be found following.

Chapter 37, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, creates road districts in Alaska and makes appropriations for the building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in the Territory. The Act provides that

"All road work performed under the provisions of this Act shall be by contract, which such contracts shall be let to the lowest and best bidder after the same has been duly advertised."

and further provides that each road commissioner shall appoint two competent citizens in the precinct where work is to be performed who shall act as his assistants in letting contracts and who shall inspect all work before the same shall be accepted by the road commissioners.

This material, costs for shipment of which are covered in your voucher, is apparently intended for building purposes and perhaps cannot be classed as being under the definition of "road work". Voucher covering original cost of this material was received here some days ago without any word of explanation of its intended use from the road commissioner, nor was the voucher accompanied by any contract bearing approval and acceptance of the commissioner's assistants. Payment of this voucher covering costs of material was refused pending receipt of some information from the road commissioner regarding it. Payment of the voucher for shipping costs of the material must also be refused pending receipt of such information.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

CC-to Office of the Governor,
to Dan. A. Jones, Road Commissioner.

September 21, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing for action upon voucher for \$58.41 in favor of the Alaska Steamship Company for freight and lighterage charges on shipment from Nome to Deering, Alaska, such voucher having been approved by Daniel A. Jones, Road Commissioner of the Second Road District.

I am of the opinion that payment on this voucher should be refused pending the receipt of some word from the road commissioner as to intended uses of the material making up this shipment, and am today returning the voucher to the transportation company with letter giving reasons for refusal to pay. Enclosed herewith I hand you copy of such letter, a duplicate of which is also being sent to Road Commissioner Mr. Jones.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Enc.

*Post Office
Lumber Dist*

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

FILE NO. _____
REC'D. SEP 27 1916
ANSW'D SEP 28 1916

Sept. 26, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith voucher executed by Daniel A. Jones, road commissioner, second judicial division, in favor of the Stetson & Post Lumber Company, for lumber furnished to the amount of \$39.94. I have not approved this for payment, pending its submission to your office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Governor

Enc.

September 28, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant submitting to this office voucher for \$39.94 executed by Daniel A. Jones, Road Commissioner of the Second Road District, in favor of the Stetson & Post Lumber Company of Seattle.

Regarding this voucher I beg leave to advise that it is my opinion that payment of it should be refused pending receipt of information concerning the expenditure covered. It is today being returned to the company in whose favor drawn with letter of explanation a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

September 27, 1916.

Stetson & Post Lumber Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

Previous to countersigning for payment the Governor of the Territory has submitted to this office voucher in favor of your company for \$39.94 covering certain material furnished Dan. A. Jones, Road Commissioner, whose approval it bears. Payment of this voucher must be refused for the present and it is herewith returned to you for reasons which will be found following:

Chapter 27, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, creates Road Districts in the Territory and makes provision for the building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in such districts. Certain sections of the law read as follows:

Sec. 4. ~~Every~~. Each Road Commissioner shall appoint two competent citizens in the precinct where work is to be performed who shall act as his assistants in letting contracts and who shall inspect all work before the same shall be accepted by the Road Commissioners.

Sec. 5. All road work performed under the provisions of this Act shall be by contract, which such contract shall be let to the lowest and best bidder after the same has been duly advertised.

Sec. 8. The Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska shall pay out of the funds set apart for each road district, the amounts due for work performed in said districts, upon vouchers properly signed by the parties to whom such money is due, and witnessed by the Road Commissioner of said districts and countersigned by the Governor of the Territory of Alaska.

If the material covered by your voucher was intended for use in road work, a contract of purchase should have accompanied the voucher, such contract certified to as having been let in accordance with terms of the law, and bearing further certificate of inspection and approval by the assistant road commissioners. If the material was not intended for road work use, some explanation of its intended usage should have accompanied the voucher, or should have been furnished to the Governor on which to base his countersignature. Pending receipt of some such information payment of the voucher must be refused.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Copy to office of the Governor,
and Dan. A. Jones, Road Commissioner.

October 2, 1916.

Mr. Daniel A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, 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, Session 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 Second 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 National 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 mind, 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,

Territorial Treasurer.



W. T. FORD
AUDITOR

ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY

AUDITING DEPARTMENT
ROOM 4, PIER 2
SEATTLE, WASH.

November 20th, 1916.

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FILE NO. _____

REC'D. NOV 27 1916

ANSW'D ✓

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

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of Sept. 21st, returning our voucher for \$58.41. We have referred this matter to our Agent at Nome and he has received the following from the Territorial Road Commissioner under date of November 7th:

"I am in receipt of your letter pertaining to voucher issued by me on the territorial treasure for \$58.41 covering freight on a shipment made to Deering.

A letter of explanation was forwarded on this mail to the treasurer and payment will be made by him on receipt of said letter."

Apparently Mr. Jones has written you in full on this subject and we trust that you will now be able to send us check in order to clear up our records.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Ford
Auditor.

WTF/EWM

F. M. AYER, PRESIDENT
ANTONIO POLET, VICE-PRESIDENT
H. S. RILEY, SECRETARY
J. V. SHELTON, CASHIER
L. H. McCLURE, ASS'T CASHIER

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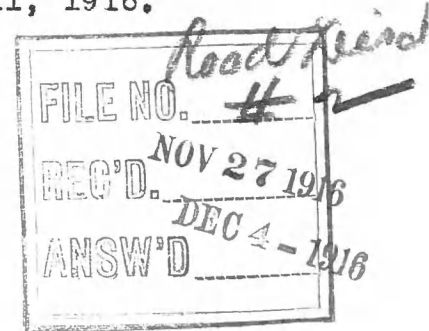
The Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$50,000.00

Nome, Alaska

NOME, ALASKA, Nov. 11, 1916.

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



Re

Dear Sir:

We hand you herewith copy of letter,
this day addressed to the Office of the Governor,
Juneau, transmitting voucher against the Territory
of Sol Stump in the amount of \$461.35. This
letter is self-explanatory.

Please accept our thanks for your usual
prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

JVS/GW.

J. V. Shelton
Cashier.

F. M. AYER, PRESIDENT
ANTONIO POLET, VICE-PRESIDENT
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The Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit Co.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$50,000.00

Nome, Alaska

NOME, ALASKA, Nov. 11, 1916.

Office of the Governor,
Juneau, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

We hand you herewith voucher in duplicate of Sol Stump for \$461.35, certified to by Dan'l A. Jones, Road Commissioner, together with assignment to the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co. Copy of original contract is enclosed. We also enclose a separate certificate by Dan'l A. Jones, Road Commissioner, and A. G. Blake and L. R. Morris, assistant Road Commissioners. The papers are for your approval in regular order, and transmittal through the proper channels to the Territorial Treasurer.

We request that warrant in payment of the above account be made payable to the order of the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co., and that said warrant be promptly forwarded to the Union Savings & Trust Co., Seattle, Washington, for endorsement, and credit to our account.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, we are,

Very truly yours,

JVS/GW.

Cashier.

December 4, 1916.

Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co.,
Nome, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of Nov. 11th, enclosing copy of letter to the Governor concerning Road Commissioner Jones' voucher in favor of Sol. Stump, was received several days ago, but the voucher has only just put in an appearance, it having been delayed someplace.

The assignment of the account covered by the voucher, to your bank is noted, as is also your desire to have this amount covered into the Union Savings & Trust Co., Seattle, for your credit and advice. This latter matter will have our careful attention.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

December 4, 1916.

Union Savings & Trust Company,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

At request of the Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company, Nome,
I hand you herewith for its credit and advice warrant on this office for
\$461.35 payable to Sol. Stump, Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Company, Assn.
I am advised by the Nome bank that your institution has Power of Attorney
to endorse for it, and such endorsement will be acceptable to this office.
Kindly endorse, however, as made payable. This warrant can be collected
through Juneau banks or will remitted at par in Seattle exchange if mailed
direct to this office.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Re: Road Dist
No 2

November 28, 1916.

Stetson & Post Lumber Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith voucher in your favor for \$39.94 recently received from Dan. A. Jones, Territorial Road Commissioner for the 2nd road district. This voucher has been returned to you before because of insufficient detail concerning it and lack of evidence as to where the material covered in it was used.

We now have a letter of explanation from the Road Commissioner regarding the expenditure, the substance of which can be noted on the voucher, but at present the voucher contains no date, there is no price per M on the lumber furnished given, nor am I able to, in each instance, make the number of pieces at the dimensions given agree with the total number of feet charged.

If you will correct the voucher in these regards, rather supply the missing detail, and return the voucher here it will probably be passed for payment.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.



Stetson & Post Lumber Co.

INCORPORATED

MANUFACTURERS OF

**LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES,
DOORS, WINDOWS AND BLINDS.**

OFFICE AND MILL
HANFORD AND WHATCOM
PHONE ELLIOTT 711

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9, 1916.

FILE NO. _____
REC'D. DEC 16 1916
ANSW'D _____

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

Dear sir:

We are inclosing herewith, together with the papers sent us in yours of the 28th, ult., a copy of our invoice, which will show you just how we arrive at the amounts shown on the voucher as well as the other information you asked for.

Yours very truly,

STETSON & POST LUMBER CO.

BY *[Signature]*

Nome, Alaska, Nov. 8, 1916.

From:- Dan'l A. Jones, Territorial Road Commissioner.

To:- W. G. Smith Territorial Treasurer.

Subject:- Explanation of Vouchers.

FILE NO.	Road Dist. # 2
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1. Enclosed you will find Vouchers from E. W. Carlton & Co. Seattle Hardware Co. Seattle Tent & Awning Co. Alaska Lighterage & Commercial Co. Frank Knapp, Thos Roush, John Patrick and Stetson & Post Lumber Co. These Vouchers are for material and construction of cabins on the over-land trail between Dahl and the Innachuck.

2. In May of 1916 I met Governor Strong in the Frye Hotel in Seattle and spoke to him about the construction of these cabins, which met with his approval. I also stated that on account of the limited time before I had to leave Seattle that I would have to buy the material on the open market. This was done by me, verbal bids being solicited and lowest being accepted. I had these Vouchers sent to the Governor thinking he would explain to you on his approval of the Vouchers.

3. Competitive bids were solicited for the construction but none could be secured and consequently had to do the work by hiring men and teams by the day.

4. There is also a voucher issued by me in favor of the Alaska Steamship Co. amounting to \$58.12 which is for transportation of freight to Deering. This was the material for the cabins purchased in Seattle.

5. The distance between these points is approximately one hundred and forty miles with no place to stop, over a barren country with but a few scrub willows growing, and is the only route by which you can travel in the spring and fall, at which time there is a lot of travel. The trail was staked some years ago by the Alaska Road Commission.

cc Dan'l A. Jones
Territorial Road Commissioner.

We have read the foregoing letter of Dan'l A. Jones and know the statement to be facts. The Vouchers have our approval.

W. G. Smith
Ass't Territorial Road Commissioner.

A. G. Blake
Ass't Territorial Road Commissioner.

November 28, 1916.

Mr. Daniel A. Jones,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing and explanatory of certain vouchers covering expenditures for work and material in construction of shelter cabins on Dahl-Inmachuck trail, payment on such vouchers having been previously refused by this office because of insufficient detail contained therein.

I note that your letter states you talked of the construction of these cabins with Governor Strong, when in Seattle, but the Governor has no recollection of such talk though admits it may have been mentioned in a general conversation. However, with one or two exceptions, these vouchers make no mention of where or for what purpose the expenditure was incurred and, had the Governor a perfect recollection of the conversation, the vouchers could not have been connected up with such expenditure. By taking copies of your explanatory letter and attaching them to the original of each voucher, with reference on the face of the voucher to the matter attached, we have been enabled to pass the vouchers for payment.

These vouchers would have been passed for payment when originally presented if made out in the proper manner. After heading and dating, on the top line of the body of the voucher should be worded as follows: "FOR SERVICES RENDERED (OR MATERIAL FURNISHED) in construction of shelter cabins on Dahl-Inmachuck trail"; this wording to be followed by the detail. If for services, the character of such should be given, the number of days, dates and amount per day. If for material, the character of such should be given, the date

#2. Dan A. Jones, Road Commissioner, 11/28/16.

furnished, quantities furnished and prices in detail. After this detail, where the work is in such remote places as to make contracting impracticable, necessitating purchase of materials in open market and construction work by days labor, (as in the case under discussion,) certificate to this effect should follow signed by the Road Commissioner and his assistants. In the case of work done by contract, a copy of such instrument, properly drawn and attached to the voucher, furnished all desired detail.

Recollections of a conversation make a very poor basis for approval of expenditures of money. Every voucher submitted to this office should contain complete detail in itself so that any one examining, now or ten years from now, will know all about the transaction covered. Payment will be refused on vouchers not in compliance with these instructions which I will ask be communicated to your successor in office.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Copy for office of
the Governor.

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Territorial Treasurer

Juneau

Request instructions whether I shall send in vouchers for work contracted for by me or have wilson

S. Jones.

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:—

Juneau, March 3, 1917.

D. A. Jones, Road Commissioner,

Nome, Alaska.

Wilson elective position becomes effective March first. All settlements after that date must have his certification. Your certification on settlements for work or contracts completed before March first will be accepted.

Smith, Treasurer.

Answer OB message Mar. 1.