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W G Smith
Territorial Treasurer

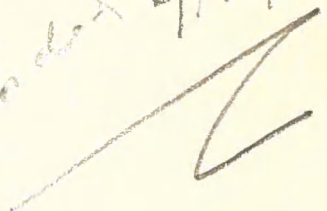
Juneau

Request that you send ten thousand first boat as estimates
now due total thirteen thousand

Wilson

Valdez

FILE NO. <u>43</u>
REC'D. SEP 29 1917
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Forwarded 9/29/17


October 12, 1917.

Mr. James E. Wilson,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date containing information regarding bank balance, estimates soon due, and requesting that \$10,000.00 be forwarded, has been referred to Mr. Davidsen, Secretary of the Territorial Road Commission, and I have no doubt but that warrant in amount requisitioned will go forward to you on early mail.

In reply to your question regarding Forest Reserve Moneys available to expenditure, I will say that no more have been received additional to the amount you were advised of on August 1st, to wit, \$2,989.96 which is subject to your requisition.

Settlement from the United States Treasury of amounts due for account of the Territory's statutory percentage of receipts from the National Forests, for the fiscal year ending June 30, has not yet been received. When such settlement is received, it will be promptly divided in accordance with the appropriations laws of the Territory, and you will be advised of the amount available to the Third Road District.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

October 26, 1917.

Mr. James H. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Territorial Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I write to advise you that there has this day been an apportionment made of the sum of \$16,679.61 in the Forest Reserve Fund of the Territory, such amount having been received from the Treasury of the United States in settlement of the Territory's statutory percentage of receipts from National Forests in Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917; the said apportionment being as follows:

To Appropriation for Maintenance of a Public School System in Alaska, under provisions of Chapter 74, Session Laws, 1915, 25 per centum, or ----- \$ 4,169.89

To Appropriation for building, repairing and maintaining roads, trails and bridges in Alaska, under provisions of Chapter 27, Session Laws, 1915, 75 per centum to be divided equally among the four road districts of the Territory.

To First Road District,-----	\$3,127.43	
To Second " " ,-----	3,127.43	
To Third " " ,-----	3,127.43	
To Fourth " " ,-----	3,127.43	12,509.72

\$16,679.61

Of the above noted amounts be advised that the sum of \$3,127.43 is available to the Divisional Road Commission, Third 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.

Upon receipt of the above communication kindly advise this office to the effect.

Very truly yours,

CC-Mr. J. W. Gilson, Treas.,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Territorial Treasurer.

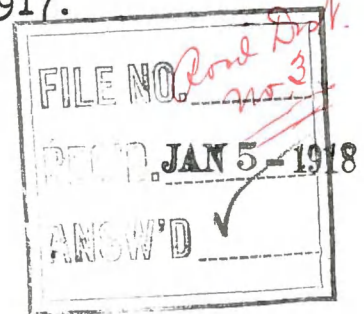
DIVISIONAL ROAD COMMISSION

A. A. SCHONBACK
GEORGE H. MERRIFIELD
J. E. WILSON

J. E. WILSON
Chairman and Secretary of the
Road Commission

Valdez, Alaska , December 19, 1917.

Mr. W.G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,



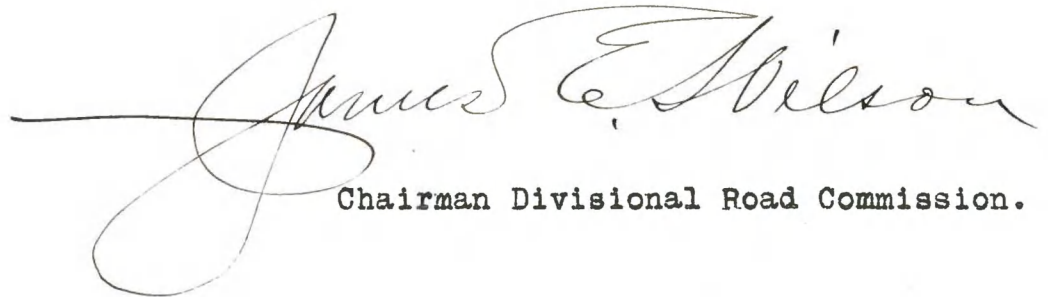
Dear Sir:

The contracts for this season's work have now been completed and as we have not enough money to pay all outstanding bills I request that you send \$10,000 as soon as convenient.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to the expenditures for the Nizina Bridge and will follow instructions very closely.

The contract for the bridge has been advertised and as soon as I get the necessary data will at once forward same to you.

Very truly yours,


Chairman Divisional Road Commission.

P.S. Confirmation of telegram of ehen date.

Feb. 19, 1918.

Mr. James E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Territorial Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

For your information I submit herein statement as of present date showing unexpended balance in ROAD FUND, Road District No. 3, which will be available for expenditure during the fiscal year of 1918.

Detailed below will be found total amount of the appropriation made for your District by the 1917 Legislative Assembly; also additional Road Fund receipts since said appropriation was made are shown in detail. Disbursements made to date from fund are noted in statement in order that same may be checked with your records.

Receipts.

Appropriation for Constructing, Repairing & Maintaining Trails, Roads & Bridges in Road District No. 3, Approved May 3, 1917,-----	\$100,000.00
Aug. 1, 17, Transfer from "Forest Reserve Fund",--Unexpended balance of funds available for expenditure in Road District No. 3,-----	2,989.96
Oct. 26, 17, Transfer from "Forest Reserve Fund",--Portion of receipts from National Forests in Alaska for year ending June 30, 1917, available for expenditure in Road District No. 3,-----	<u>3,127.43</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS,-----	\$106,117.39

Disbursements

Aug. 9, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas, Div. Road Commission, Road District No. 3,--	\$10,000.00
Sep. 14, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, 2,989.96
25, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, 10,000.00
Oct. 12, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, 10,000.00
Nov. 5, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, 10,000.00
12, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, 3,127.43
Dec. 21, 17, J.W.Gilson, Treas., do	, <u>10,000.00</u> <u>56,117.39</u>

Balance available for expenditure during year 1918,--\$50,000.00

Very truly yours,

CC-J. W. Gilson, Treas.,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District.

Territorial Treasurer.

FILE NO. *Road Dist. 7153*
 REC'D. FEB 19 1918
 ANSW'D FEB 20 1918

Chitina Alaska.

Jan 14th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Kindly send me Treasurer Report of 1917
 showing distribution of Forrest Reserve
 Fund. And Oblige.

Thomas H. Holland

<i>1st A/c</i>	<i>156.58</i>
<i>2nd A/c</i>	<i>2075.17</i>
<i>3rd A/c</i>	<i>2989.96</i>
<i>4th A/c</i>	<i>648.13</i>

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June 30th 1917

✓ | \$ 16,679.61

4,169.89

✓ | 12,509.72

3,127.43

February 20, 1918.

Mr. Thos. H. Holland,
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Holland:

I am just in receipt of your letter of January 14th, making request for Treasurer's 1917 report showing distribution of Forest Reserve Fund, and in reply to which I beg leave to advise you that published reports from this office are only made each two years, there being no provisions made for more frequent issue.

Regarding the Forest Reserve Fund, I will say that the 1917 Legislature passed some Road Laws which, to some extent, undid the provisions of Chapters 27 and 74, Session Laws of 1915, these laws making provision for distribution and expenditure of the Forest Reserve Fund.

Enclosed herewith I hand you copy of Chapter 36, Session Laws 1917, a new road measure, and Chapter 35, Session Laws 1917, a road appropriation measure. I would call your attention to Sec. 17, Chap. 36, repealing conflicting laws but those not conflicting to remain in full force and effect. I would also call to your attention the creation of a Road Fund by provisions of Chapter 35, which appropriates \$400,000.00 from the General Fund, but which is apparently to be expended in conjunction with the Forest Reserve Fund.

At the time of the taking effect of these two measures, there remained an unexpended balance in the Forest Reserve Fund together with some accrued interest in total amount of \$6,169.84. This amount belonged to the Four Road Divisions in the following amounts. First Division, \$156.58; Second Division, \$2,375.17; Third Division, \$2,989.96; Fourth Divisions, \$648.13. Belonging to the Public School Appropriation under provisions of Chap. 74 Session Laws of 1915, there was an unexpended balance in the Forest Reserve Fund of \$3312.45.

The new road acts superceeding the old, apparently, insofar as manner of applying the money was concerned, this office closed out the Forest Reserve Fund into the Road Fund in the total amount as shown above, giving to each road district its unexpended balance from the year before in the sums above shown. The unexpended balance in the Public School Appropriation was thrown into a Public School Current Fund. This procedure closed the Forest Reserve Fund out until receipts from the National Forests for the year ending June 30th, 1917, were received. When this came to hand in the sum of \$16,679.61, it was distributed in accordance with the Acts of 1915, Chap. 74, providing that 25% shall be used for schools, and Chap. 24, providing that one fourth of 75% shall be given to each Road District. Of the amount of \$16,679.61, the sum of \$4,169.89 was transferred to Public School Fund, and the balance was transferred to the Road Fund and equally distributed among the several districts. To make it more plain to you, I will show you what sums were requisitioned and sent to the Board of Commissioners for the Third Road District.

#2. Mr. T. Holland, Chitina, 2/20/18.

Amount available for expenditure during year of 1917 under Appropriation in Chapter 35, Session Laws, 1917, -----	\$ 50,000.00
Unexpended balance and accrued interest transferred from Forest Reserve Fund A/c Third Road Division, 1916, -----	2,989.96
One fourth of 75% of Receipts from National Forests in Alaska, fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, \$16,679.61 -----	<u>3,127.43</u>
	\$ 56,117.39

All of the above amount has been requisitioned in accordance with provisions of law, and has been sent to the Treasurer of the Third Road Dist., During the coming season, each Road District will have its remaining \$50,000.00 to spend, plus what will be received from the Forest Reserve Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. Presumably this will be about the same as last year as the receipts from the National Forests seem to increase very slowly from year to year.

Trusting that the above will be clear to you, with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

Form 124.

RECEIVER'S No.

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CHECK

Rec'd Dist # 3

SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:--

Juneau, August 26, 1918. 19

First Bank of Cordova,
Cordova, Alaska.

Please charge my account and remit ten thousand dollars in Seattle
or other available exchange.

Smith, Territorial Treasurer.

Night letter prepaid.

DIVISIONAL ROAD COMMISSION

A. A. SCH. ACK
GEORGE P. ERRIFIELD
J. E. WILSON

J. E. WILSON
Chairman and Secretary of the
Road Commission

Valdez, Alaska, Sept. 6, 1918.

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ANSW'D SEP 11 1918

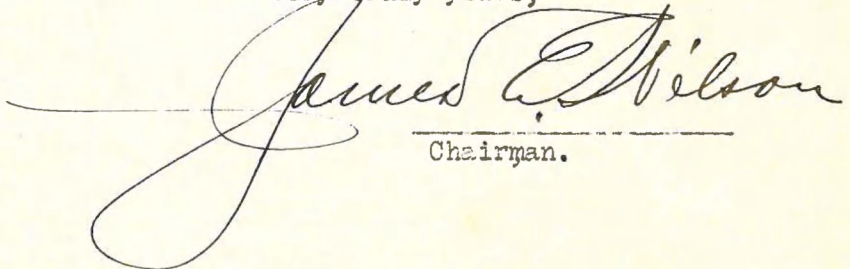
Mr. W.G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our telegram of August 17 requesting that you send Ten Thousand Dollars as soon as convenient, and will also acknowledge receipt of the same August 31.

Please send an additional ten thousand as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours,


Chairman.

UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS.

FORM 124.

RECEIVER'S No.

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:—

Juneau, September 11, 1918. 19

James E. Wilson,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Referring to your letter of September sixth, Apportionment and transfer of road funds cannot be made at the convenience of the Territorial Commission, but on receipt of definite and specific requisition from Chairman of Divisional Commission.

Smith, Treasurer.

Night letter collect.

Signal Corps, United States Army.

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FILE NO. _____

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Send the following Message:

Valdez, Alaska,

Sept. 14, 1918.

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

I MAKE REQUISITION FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE FORWARDED VALDEZ BY FIRST MAIL.
THIS IS SAME TEN THOUSAND REQUESTED IN LETTER TO YOU SIXTH INSTANT, AND REFERRED
TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM ELEVENTH INSTANT.

JAMES E. WILSON

CHAIRMAN DIVISIONAL ROAD COMMISSION,
THIRD DIVISION.

October 2nd, 1918.

Mr. James E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I write to advise you that there has this day been an apportionment made of the sum of \$24,141.95 in the Forest Reserve Fund of the Territory, such amount having been received from the Treasury of the United States in settlement of the Territory's statutory percentage of receipts from National Forests in Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918; the said apportionment being as follows:-

To Appropriation for Maintenance of a Public School System in Alaska, under provisions of Chap. 74, Session Laws 1915, twenty-five per centum or-----\$ 6,035.51

To Appropriation for building, repairing and maintaining Trails, Roads and Bridges throughout Alaska, under provisions of Chap. 27, Session Laws 1915, seventy-five per centum to be divided equally among the four road districts of the Territory.

To First Road District,-----	\$4,526.61	
To Second Road District,-----	4,526.61	
To Third Road District,-----	4,526.61	
To Fourth Road District,-----	<u>4,526.61</u>	<u>18,106.44</u>

Total,-----\$24,141.95

Of the above noted amounts please be further advised that the sum of \$4,526.61 is available to the Divisional Road Commission, Third Road District, for requisition and expenditure under provisions of Chapter 36, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in addition to amounts heretofore appropriated or apportioned.

Upon receipt of this communication kindly advise to such effect.

Very truly yours,

CC-J. W. Gilson, Treas.,
Divisional Road Com.,
Third Terr. Road Dist.,
Valdez, Alaska.

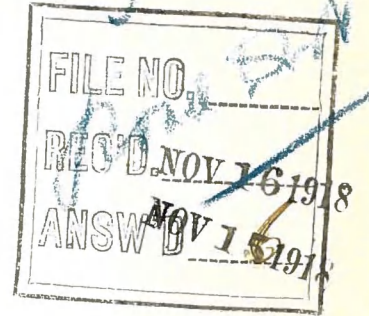
Territorial Treasurer.

DIVISIONAL ROAD COMMISSION

A. A. SCHONBACK
GEORGE H. MERRIFIELD
J. E. WILSON

J. E. WILSON
Chairman and Secretary of the
Road Commission

Valdez, Alaska , Nov. 9, 1918.

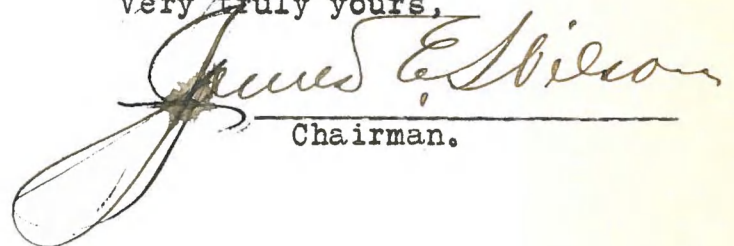


Mr. W.G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise me if there are any Forestry Reserve Funds on hand for this year's expenditure in the Third Road District? If it is to be spent under the usual conditions please forward the amount due this district on the first mail.

Very truly yours,


Chairman.

November 16, 1918.

Mr. James E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 9th, inquiring if there are any Forestry Reserve funds available for expenditure this year, I am enclosing copy of letter sent to you on October 2nd which fully explains this matter and advises you that there is an amount of \$4,526.61 available and subject to requisition. As I have before advised you, however, we can not honor such indefinite requisitions as that contained in your letter of November 9th. If you were unadvised as to its availability, I can not see where you can have made expenditures against it, nor where it is needed at this time. In any event, we must have something more definite.

As a copy of the enclosed letter was sent to Mr. Gilson, Treasurer of your Commission, it would seem that you should have received advice of availability of this amount through this source, even if your own letter miscarried.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

3rd Road Div
October 17, 1918.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 3rd, requesting that \$10,000.00 be sent by the first mail, your letter reaching me by way of Seattle.

Regarding your letter and its request, I must say again, Mr. Wilson, that we can not honor indefinite requests for funds, nor can we send funds at our convenience, but must have definite and specific requisitions. There is no set forms for these requisitions, but they should set forth amounts needed for immediate use or to meet impending claims, and the amount on hand with the Treasurer. These may be sent by mail if the mail steamers are running opportunely; otherwise they may be sent by night telegraphic letters.

Your letter was dated on October 3rd. Statement of Mr. Gilson, on September 30, showed a balance on hand of \$19,189.12. In reply to telegraphic inquiry, Mr. Gilson advises of road funds on hand in amount of \$16,350.78. Had your letter of request promptly reached us, and the request been honored, the Treasurer of your division would have had on hand almost three times the amount of his bonded security. While we have no reason to doubt Mr. Gilson's honesty, we can not in justice to ourselves, in the Third or any other Road District, place funds in the hands of the Treasurer in amounts so largely exceeding the bonded responsibility.

We have no desire, Mr. Wilson, to hamper your efforts by unreasonable regulations, but these road matters are public business, and as such must be handled much more circumspectly than if of private nature. If, upon receipt of this letter, the funds in the hands of your treasurer are getting low, wire us to such effect, advising us how much, up to \$10,000.00, is necessary for impending needs, and your requisition will be promptly honored.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

FILE NO
JAN 17 1919
ANSW'D ✓

Valdez, Alaska,
Jan. 13, 1919.

Mr. W.G. Smith, territorial treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

On the 19th. of December 1918, we wrote you as follows:

"Your letter of Nov. 16th. received and contents noted. Our letter of inquiry as to the Forest Reserve money passed your letter of information on the way down to Juneau. Our letter was mailed several days before we had any information as to the amount available.

To the balance as reported to your office Nov. 30th viz. \$95.59 add the amount received by the treasurer from you viz. \$10,000.00. To date of Dec. 19 we have expended \$7631.76 leaving on hand unspent the sum of \$2463.83. Out of that sum we have due from the westward the sum of \$2353.39 to be written up as soon as the boat arrives. Since receiving your letter we have started a bridge the cost of which will be \$2500.00.

Therefore I request that you send by the first mail the Forest Reserve funds in the amount of \$4526.61."

I quote the above letter in case that the letter went astray.

I request that you send the Forest Reserve funds by the first mail as we have bills due January 15th., 1919 amounting to \$1830.00, and we have only \$174.58 balance in the bank.

Very truly yours,

James E. Wilson
Chairman Div. Road Com.

*All available funds have been forwarded
1/18/19*

DIVISIONAL ROAD COMMISSION
Division No. 3.

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Valdez, Alaska March 18th, 1919.

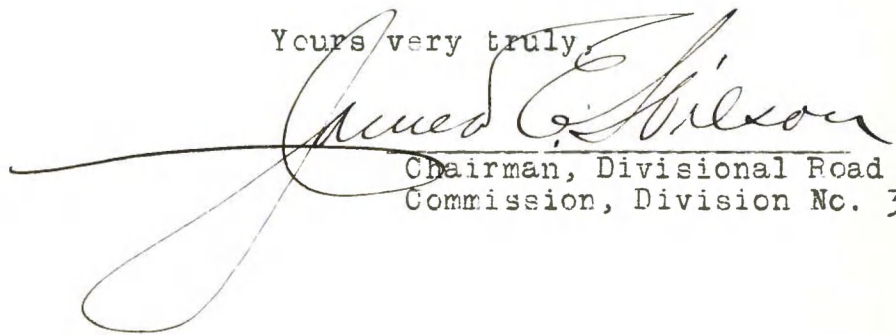
Hon. W. G. Smith,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau , Alaska

Dear sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 1st, advising me of an additional apportionment of \$1,000.00 for the road fund of the 3rd Division, and I shall be governed accordingly.

Thanking you very kindly, I remain,

Yours very truly,


Chairman, Divisional Road
Commission, Division No. 3.

W/M

February 1, 1919.

Mr. James E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I write to advise you that there has been an apportionment made of the sum of \$4,000.00 in the ROAD FUND of the Territory; such amount representing a portion of the interest earned on said Fund and which has been apportioned equally among the four road districts of the Territory, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to each road district.

You will please understand, therefore, from the above that the sum of \$1,000.00 is available to the Divisional Road Commission, Third Road District, for requisition and expenditure under provisions of Chapter 36, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, in addition to amounts heretofore appropriated or apportioned.

Upon receipt of this communication kindly advise to the effect,

Very truly yours,

CC-J. W. Gilson, Treasurer,
Divisional Road Com.,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Territorial Treasurer.

May 27, 1919.

Mr. James E. Wilson, Chairman,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I write to advise you that there has been an apportionment made of the balance of interest in the ROAD FUND of the Territory; such apportionment being in addition to the sum divided (\$1,000.00 to each road district) as of February 1st last and about which you were advised.

As a result of this last interest apportionment, there is available to the Divisional Road Commission, Third Road District, for requisition and expenditure under provisions of the law, an additional sum of \$254.37. Inclusive of such amount the balance on hand in Road Fund to the credit of the Third Road District is in amount of \$1,254.37 and when next you have occasion to requisition funds please make separate requisition for this money in order that the old Road Fund may be closed out on books of this office.

Very truly yours,

CC-J. W. Gilson, Treasurer,
Divisional Road Commission,
Third Terr. Road District,
Valdez, Alaska.

Territorial Treasurer.