

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF FISHERIES

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 23, 1926.

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Subject: Trip to Alaska.

Mr. William L. Finley,
Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Finley:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 16 written at Toledo, Ohio. There has also just come to hand your communication of April 10 addressed to me at the Gunther Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

After careful consideration of the matter I have concluded that the Bureau desires to employ you in temporary capacity for the purpose of securing a series of motion pictures and photographs of the Pribilof Islands fur seals and also foxes. Our present material of this character is more or less obsolete and unsatisfactory. I know that you can get something better than has ever before been procured.

Enclosed herewith is a formal appointment and travel order which directs you to proceed from Jennings Lodge, Oregon, to the Pribilof Islands and return to Jennings Lodge. I have covered the matter in this way as I desire you to make salmon motion pictures as well as those of the fur-seal and fox industries at the Pribilofs. I think that you should take departure from South Bellingham on the Pacific American Fisheries steamer Catherine D sailing June 1. A copy of this letter will be sent to Superintendent H. J. Christoffers at the Bureau's Office, 1616 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington, so that he may make reservation for you on that sailing of the Catherine D.

Mr. Christoffers plans to take departure on the Catherine D June 1 for the Pribilof Islands. You will be able to accompany him from Ikatan or King Cove, the usual destination of that vessel, to the Pribilof Islands on the Bureau's tender Eider or on such other vessel as may be available.

While at the Pribilof Islands your subsistence will be taken care of in the Government mess. I note that Mrs. Finley is to accompany you. I am very glad of this as I know that she will contribute greatly to the success of the undertaking. I do not feel, however, that I can issue a formal appointment and travel order covering her services. In view of the assistance which she will render at the Pribilofs, however, no charge will be made for her subsistence while there. For the same reason there will be no charge for her subsistence nor for your own while on the Bureau's vessel Eider.

After you have taken care of the Pribilof Islands work which is under the direction of Superintendent Christoffers, you should communicate by wireless with Agent Dennis Winn at Juneau, who is in general charge of all the Bureau's activities in Alaska, with a view to getting his ideas in the matter of transportation and places to be visited for securing pictures of the salmon industry. Mr. Winn will also be supplied with a copy of this letter so that he will be familiar with the general plans regarding your trip to Alaska.

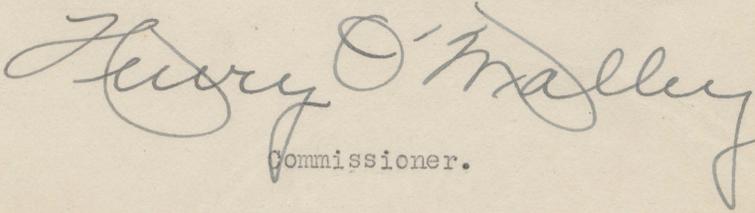
I feel that the salary of \$250 a month and transportation, together with \$4 a day for per diem, these to be effective while on the Bureau's work pertaining to seals, foxes, and salmon, will be sufficient to reimburse you for the time and expense which you will put in on this trip. Of course your travel allowance of \$4 a day will be subject to the general regulations of the Department. A copy of the Department's travel order regulations is being sent under separate cover. The per diem of \$4 cannot be allowed while you are on the Eider or at the Pribilof Islands eating in the Government mess. It is allowable, however, while you are on commercial steamers even though the price of ticket includes meals and berth. The Seattle office will supply you with transportation requests.

You have already been furnished with a formal permit covering the landing of yourself and party at the Pribilof Islands. This is broad enough to take care of the members of the party on the Westward, should Mr. Campbell Church of Eugene, Oregon, meet you in western Alaska with that vessel as now contemplated.

You are reminded that Mr. Winn intends to sail for Alaska about May 1. No doubt you may want to communicate with him before that date.

The placing of your name on temporary payroll will be attended to by the Seattle office. Your salary and expenses from time of entrance upon official duty through June 30 will be paid from the appropriation "Protecting Seal and Salmon Fisheries of Alaska", and will be from the Pribilof Islands allotment made to Mr. Christoffers. On and after July 1 these items will come from the appropriation of the same name and will be payable from Mr. Winn's allotment for southeastern Alaska.

Very truly yours,


Commissioner.

Enclosure.

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Copy to Mr. Winn.
Copy to Mr. Christoffers.

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TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAVEL ORDER

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mr. William L. Finley,

BUREAU OF FISHERIES

No. 3711

WASHINGTON

Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

April 23, 1926

SIR:

You are hereby employed as temporary assistant in the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, with compensation at the rate of \$ 250 per month, Sundays and holidays included, while actually employed, payable from the appropriation "Miscellaneous Expenses, Bureau of Fisheries, 1926, subhead "Protecting Seal & Salmon Fisheries of Alaska, 1926 & 1927."

This employment will be for a period ~~not exceeding~~ of approximately 3 months and will take effect as soon after May 27, 1926 as you enter on duty, the date of which you will report by letter to this Bureau.

You are hereby authorized to travel by the shortest and most direct route from Jennings Lodge, Oregon to the Pribilof Islands, Alaska and thence to such points in Western, Central & Southeastern Alaska and such points in the States of _____

as may be necessary for the conduct of the investigation hereinafter specified, and on completion of this duty to return to Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

In addition to compensation, ~~your actual and necessary expenses of subsistence, lodging, and travel, when absent from~~ Jennings Lodge, Oregon, you will be allowed a per diem of \$4.00, your home, and engaged upon official business, will be refunded to you upon presentation of proper vouchers, in accordance with "Regulations governing traveling expenses."

You are authorized (in the absence of the chief of party) to make such small purchases of articles of equipment and supplies and to employ such temporary help as emergency conditions may require for the efficient conduct of the work.

Refer to the number of this order in your monthly account taking up expenses incurred and upon the face and coupon of government requests for transportation issued for travel in connection therewith.

You are assigned to an investigation concerning The seal fisheries of the Pribilof Islands and the salmon fisheries of Western, Central and Southeastern Alaska

On _____, or as soon thereafter as possible, you will report at _____ to _____

who has been placed in immediate charge of this investigation.

You are placed in charge of an investigation concerning _____

The following persons will report to you for assignment to duty in connection with this investigation: _____

Respectfully,

Kuzy O'Malley
Commissioner.

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Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

April 28th, 1926.

Mr. Henry O'Malley,
U.S. Bureau of Fisheries,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. O'Malley,

I have just received your letter of April 23rd, File No.17, regarding our trip to Alaska. I want to thank you for the arrangements you have made, as these are very satisfactory to me, and I am sure Mrs. Finley and I shall be able to get a good series of motion and still life pictures.

I have today written to Mr. Christoffers and also to Mr. Dennis Winn, and shall arrange the details of the trip through them. We shall arrange to leave on the Pacific American Fisheries steamer, Catherine D., sailing from South Bellingham June 1st.

I have just had a letter from Mr. Christoffers in which he says that he thinks we are leaving a little early for our trip to the Pribilofs, as there are very few seals at the islands the first part of June. They do not arrive in large numbers until the end of June or the first part of July. From the middle to the end of July is the period in which the greatest numbers appear at the islands. Inasmuch as we want to go there at the best time I think we shall change our plans and not go to the Pribilofs until in July.

We have arranged with Mr. Campbell Church so he is to meet us in his yacht, the Westward, at Ikatan, about June 10th, or when the Catherine D. arrives there. We thought of going direct to the Pribilofs, but I have written your Seattle office to see what we could get in the way of photographs illustrating the salmon fisheries and the work of the Bureau during June, and where the possibilities are of getting the best pictures.

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Sincerely yours,