

wise than as his sense of right and justice dictated, such officials are, by virtue of said fee system, especially in criminal cases, placed under suspicion by the public that their acts are influenced by a desire to augment their remuneration, a suspicion which in itself tends greatly to hamper these commissioners in the discharge of their varied duties; and,

Whereas it is deemed urgently necessary, as a most essential step in the improvement of governmental system for Alaska that these commissioners be placed upon salary affording them a reasonable and suitable income sufficient to support a family and sufficient to induce men of intelligence and ability to accept appointment to such offices;

It is resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, the Senate concurring, that the Congress of the United States be and hereby is urgently requested to enact a law placing the said commissioners upon a salary of at least two thousand dollars per annum, and that all fees collected in civil and criminal cases be turned into Fund "C" of the District Court of the respective divisions in which the precinct is situated, to be expended for the benefit of the court, in the same manner as other money belonging to such fund.

Passed the House, March 21, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 3, 1913.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in legislative session assembled, most respectfully represent:

That during the years 1910 and 1911, surveys of several

townships of agricultural lands in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska, on the Tanana River, and around Seward, Alaska, were made by the Government of the United States as a partial extension of the system of public land surveys, and in and of the homesteaders, who, under the law, would otherwise be compelled to procure and pay for a private survey of their entries at an individual cost of from \$200.00 to \$1500.00.

That by reason of the failure of the appropriation for such purpose, the Surveyor General of Alaska has been unable to employ the clerical force necessary for the office work in connection with said surveys, and the preparation of the field notes and plats of such surveys, are now incomplete.

That it is of urgent necessity to many of the Homestead claimants, that a fund be set aside sufficient to allow the completion of the work above set forth.

Now therefore, we respectfully solicit your honorable bodies to appropriate sufficient funds to complete the surveys made of agricultural land in and around Fairbanks, Alaska, and Seward, Alaska, to the end that the work already initiated may be speedily accomplished to the end that the benefits to be derived therefrom may at once accrue to the homestead claimants thereby affected.

Be it lastly resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 17, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 19, 1913.