

he should be required to furnish bond the same as the Registers and Receivers now do. (Under the present method the ex-officio Registers and Receivers at Nome and Fairbanks receive such fees as are derived from public business. This is unsatisfactory and should be abolished.)

And be it further resolved, that we petition the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, to establish a land office at Seward, Alaska, to include the territory now embraced within the Third Judicial Division of the District of Alaska, and

Be it lastly resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Passed the House, April 10, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 16, 1913.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent that—

The Act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, entitled "An Act to create a Legislative Assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer Legislative power thereon and for other purposes" withholds the authority from this Legislature to alter, amend, modify and repeal the laws providing for taxes on business and trade in the territory (as provided in section four hundred and sixty, chapter forty-four, title two of the Act of Congress approved

March 3, 1899, entitled "An Act to define and punish crimes in the district of Alaska, and to provide a code of criminal procedure for the district," amended by the Act of Congress approved June 6, 1900, providing a civil code for Alaska).

That said taxes are in some instances inequitable and deterrent to the best interests and development of the territory, and for the further reason that some of these taxes are in conflict with necessary territorial taxes.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully pray that the tax on electric light plants, furnishing light or power for sale be changed from three hundred dollars per annum to a tax of one-half of one per cent. of the business done per annum, thus encouraging the erection of electric light and power plants in small communities.

That a license tax of one-fifth of one per cent. on capital stock be levied on banks instead of the present tax of \$250.00 per annum.

The tax on patent medicine vendors of fifty dollars per annum be not assessed against mercantile establishments who carry patent medicine as an incidental part of their stock.

The tax on transfer companies be changed from a tax of fifty dollars per annum to a tax of five dollars per annum on each rig operated by any one company.

The tax of five hundred dollars per annum on breweries be abolished, for the reason that breweries doing business in the Territory cannot pay this license and compete with breweries established outside the Territory of Alaska where such license is not imposed.

The tax of two hundred dollars per annum on bottling works be abolished.

The tax on gas plants, for heat or light, for sale, of three hundred dollars per annum be abolished, for the reason that this tax operates to prohibit the establish-

ment of gas plants in the Territory of Alaska.

That the tax on stamp mills of three dollars per stamp per annum be abolished.

The tax of fifteen dollars per annum for cigar stores or stands apply only to regular cigar stores or stands, and not to the sale of cigars in mercantile establishments or bar rooms paying the tax required for mercantile establishments or bar rooms, and it is,

Resolved, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress, Washington, D. C.

Passed the Senate, April, 30, 1913.

Passed the House, April, 30, 1913. ,

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

To the Honorable Postmaster General of the United States:

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

That Whereas, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has received a petition signed by more than 150 persons, property owners and residents of Valdez, Alaska, and vicinity, as follows, to-wit:

“We, the undersigned, property owners and residents of Valdez, Alaska, and vicinity, respectfully represent:

That the postoffices at Beaver Dam, Wortmans and Tonsins, Alaska, are situated between Valdez and Willow Creek, Alaska, a distance of eighty-nine (89) miles, and on the Valdez-Fairbanks Government wagon road; That no mail service of any kind whatsoever now exists for the delivery of mail to said respective post offices; except