

which is now endeavoring to develop those sections, may be encouraged, aided and supported in their efforts; and we respectfully urge that the outlay of the Government connected with such enterprises would be negligible, compared with the returns which would by such course accrue to the country.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 20, 1927.

Passed the Senate April 25, 1927.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13.

TO THE HONORABLE HERBERT HOOVER, SECRETARY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in eighth regular session assembled, respectfully represents, that

While the waters of Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska have received a very thorough and comprehensive survey of the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce, this work has not extended to the Northern waters, and that

It is a generally known fact that there are extensive Halibut and Cod Banks in the Bering Sea and Kotzebue Sound waters, as well as other valuable food fish.

Believing that a survey of these waters to determine the extent of available fishing areas is necessary to encourage the fishing industry and that such survey will show an extensive fishing area, therefore,

Your memorialist urges that immediate steps be taken by the Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of Fisheries for making such survey as soon as possible to the end that definite information will be available concerning the fishing possibilities of these waters.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 20, 1927.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1927.