

Whereas, the Metlakatians are well equipped for citizenship and are now extremely anxious to become citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully requests that the existing laws be so amended as to confer upon such inhabitants, full citizenship, or to permit them to be naturalized in the courts as aliens.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 26, 1929.

Passed the Senate, May 1, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Ninth Biennial Session assembled, respectfully represents, that

WHEREAS, the seventh session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature did pass House Joint Memorial No. 9, and whereas no action was taken thereon, and

WHEREAS, during the past winter a malignant epidemic of smallpox visited the region set out in said House Joint Memorial No. 9, endangering the lives of all the people therein, and

WHEREAS, on account of the lack of physicians and medical supplies, a physician had to be dispatched by airplane to the afflicted region from Fairbanks, Alaska, by way of relieving the situation, now therefore,

Your memorialist respectfully prays:

(1) That immediate steps be taken, either by the United States Bureau of Education, or the Public Health Service, to take over the hospital building and equipment at Candle, and station a physician and nurse at that place.

(2) That a hospital be established at Fortuna Ledge, and a physician and nurse be assigned to duty there; and,

(3) That these necessary aids be established in order that proper medical and hospital facilities may be available to the many white and native inhabitants of the country to

be served so that further disastrous epidemics, such as have heretofore occurred, may be prevented, your memorialist will ever pray.

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this Memorial be sent by the Secretary of the Territory to the Secretary of the Interior, to the United States Commissioner of Education, to the Surgeon General, Public Health Service, and to the Honorable Dan A. Sutherland, Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed the House, April 27, 1929.

Passed the Senate, May 1, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully represents:

That for many years last past the residents at the lower Yukon River earned their livelihood in part by fishing and salting salmon for the local market.

That by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce all fishing of salmon in the Yukon River for the market has been prohibited, and under present legislation the Department of Commerce is not authorized to open fishing for the residents without opening such fishing for everybody alike.

That the present regulations cause great hardship, not only to the residents near the lower Yukon River accustomed to fishing salmon for the market heretofore, but also to the public generally who have become accustomed to depend upon salted salmon from the lower Yukon River for a part of their food supply.

That the right to fish a limited amount of salmon in the Yukon River would not be inconsistent with the present policy of conserving the salmon fisheries and would serve to relieve the situation which has been painful both to individual families near the lower Yukon River as well as to the public generally.

Wherefore, your memorialist most urgently requests, that the present statute be so modified as to give the Department of Commerce the right to open fishing of salmon to a limited extent in the Yukon River without opening such fishing to the public generally.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 30, 1929.

Passed the Senate, May 2, 1929.