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Newspaper clipping  
on Alaska

Office of Catholic Commissioners  
for Indian Missions.

Washington, D.C., June 3, 1875.

Hon. E. C. Smith,  
Comm. Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have the honor to  
present herewith a copy of a report from the  
Catholic Indian Missionary of the Indians in  
Alaska, and respectfully to request that some  
provision be made to assist him in the estab-  
lishment of schools for the civilization of said  
Indians.

The privations he has endured, & which it  
his mission to endure, for the civilization and  
Christianization of the Indians in that region.

Territory would seem to merit the aid and sympathy of the Indian Department.

Will you ask that a small amount of the Civilization Fund be placed in the hands of the military officer acting as Indian Agent in Alaska for the purpose indicated?

I remain, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Towne

Comr.

[Alaska] Sherbrooke, 12 Sept. 1876

A Messie J. B. A. Brault  
Montreal.

M. le Grand Vicar,

J'ai reçu votre lettre  
accompagnée du "States of  
the Cath. Ind. Missions in  
the United States, et j'ai lu  
avec un grand intérêt les  
remarques que vous sou-  
mettez à la considération  
des Evêques de la Provin-  
ce de Québec.

Le plan que vous pro-  
posez sera sans aucun  
doute efficace pour pro-  
mouvoir les intérêts des  
Missions Indiennes et

pour le soutien d'une  
mission permanente à  
Alaska.

Mais je, cette  
de vous dire que, chargé  
de l'administration d'un  
petit diocèse qui ne se  
compose que de pauvres  
missions, l'évêque de  
Sherbrooke, malgré son  
désir, se trouve dans  
la pénible nécessité  
de ne pouvoir venir  
en aide à ces pauvres  
missions.

A l'Assemblée  
des évêques, à Québec, en  
octobre prochain, votre

proposition sera soumise  
et je l'appuierai auprès  
des évêques de la Province.  
Bonne nuit, Monsieur,  
je suis le grand Vicaire,  
l'assesseur de mon  
seigneur attachement.  
+ A. E. de Sherbrooke

VERSO OF NEXT DOCUMENT

Ottawa Canada.  
Sept 29 1876

Thomas J. Bishop

States he has in his  
diocese several priests  
who are desirous of going  
as missionaries to the Indians  
of Alaska



[Alaska]

Evêché d'Ottawa, le 19 Septembre 1876

Monsieur le Vicaire Général

J'ai dans mon  
diocèse plusieurs Missionnaires  
qui se dévouent à la prédica-  
tion de l'Evangile chez les  
tribus sauvages disséminées  
sur tout le territoire qui  
s'étend du Cap Henriette  
(rive ouest) de la Baie d'Hudson  
jusqu'au St. Maurice.  
Ces zèles missionnaires Oûts  
reçoivent quelques secours de  
la Propagation de la Foi, mais  
ce secours ne peut pas  
suffire à tous les besoins.  
Je désire voir beaucoup  
leur venir en aide, et



jusqu'à présent il  
m'a été impossible de  
le faire - Le verminis  
la grande utilité sicut la neces-  
sité d'établir une nouvelle  
résidence de missionnaires, mais  
je ne le puis faire de moyens  
pécuniaires.



Tous le comprenez, Monsieur le  
Général, je ne pourrais  
me obligez de payer quoique ce soit  
pour les missions sauvages d'Etat.

L'espère que les autres lieges  
du Canada pourront plus  
facilement favoriser vos  
bons projets pour l'évangélisation  
des Sauvages des Etats-Unis.

Je vous prie cependant prie  
Dieu de venir votre  
honorable entreprise, et d'accablé  
deux les bonnes âmes

Cher Monsieur  
des desirs effrénés de vous  
venir en aide  
Monsieur le Prince Général  
votre très humble serviteur  
J. Thomas G. - d'Ottawa

VERSO OF NEXT DOCUMENT

Washington D.C.  
March 1 1877.

Hutchinson No. 111.

In relation to  
Passage for Bishop  
Hughes, to Alaska

<sup>Alaska</sup> 1507 K Street  
Washington, Mar 1, 1877.  
Rev. Father Bromlet S.J. [MARCH 1]  
Bureau Catholic Indian Missions:  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. General Sherman and yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. addressed to Professor Henry, in reference to the subject of granting a free passage to and from the Yukon River, Alaska, for the Rev. Father Dughes and an assistant.

I write you therefore today that I have forwarded the letter of Mrs. Sherman to the office of the Alaska Comml. Ce in San Francisco with a favorable recommendation, but as I am not acquainted with the intended movements of the Company's vessels this season, I can not give you an immediate definite answer, for I take no part in the business details.

of the Company on the Pacific  
Coast, although I represent its  
interests here.

It will give me pleasure to  
meet the wishes of Mrs. General  
Sherman and yourself in this  
matter and I will be happy  
to see you at my residence at  
almost any time you may  
decide to confer further with  
me on this subject.

Very truly yours  
A. M. Hutchinson

VERSO OF NEXT DOCUMENT

*Montreal*  
*3 March 1874*

*de Bertha Bishop.*

*Encloses One Dollar.*  
*for Alaska fund.*

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[Alaska]

[MARCH 3]

Montreal 3 Mars 77.

Very Rev. J. B. A. Pouliot O.F.M. [1877]

Mon cher G. Vicarie,

J'ai presque honte de ne pouvoir  
vous offrir que cette pauvre petite obole  
en réponse à votre circulaire venue dernie-  
-rement. Je prie le "Maître de la Vigne"  
d'inspirer à un million d'autres Catholiques  
d'en faire autant. Les petits filets d'eau  
pour les ruisseaux, et ceux-ci pour les fleuves;  
Combien de Centaines de Mille pourraient  
vous offrir une pareille obole et qui n'oy  
songent point, hélas!

Que le bon Dieu vous bénisse et vous  
accorde tout le succès possible.

Moi à vous au St. S.

Ad. Ev.-des-Isles.

Montreal  
March 5 1877.

La Roque A. Rev.

Enclosed Draft for  
\$250 for Alaska fund.

[Alaska]

[MARCH 5]

Montreal 5 Mars 1877

Monsieur le Ministre des Colonies, P. S. M.

Je me permets de vous écrire de 28  
jours avec le circulaire adressé à nos députés du  
Gouvernement du Canada - et je vous adresse une petite note  
sur le projet de loi (H. 20). Comme mon attention a été attirée sur  
l'existence de l'Alaska, j'ai écrit, dans le petit journal  
de - avec mes respects et pour vous dire que la Commission  
de l'Alaska a été nommée par le Gouvernement du Canada.  
Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, l'assurance de ma haute  
et dévouée estime.

Ch. G. Gagnier

VERSO OF NEXT DOCUMENT

Copy

Alaska Com. Co.

(Mr. E. E. Sherman)

Feb. 7, 77.

Relative to Bishop  
Leigh's Trip to  
Alaska,



'Copy'

Office of Alaska  
Commercial Company,  
San Francisco, March 7, 1877.

Dear Madam:

Our Mr. Hutchinson sent us your kind communication of February 24<sup>th</sup> for reply to you direct, and we are gratified to show you by the enclosed copy of our letter to Bishop Seghers, dated Feb. 16, that the compliance with your requests had been anticipated in almost every respect.

By your urgent intercession now we will advise Bishop Seghers to day, that we will waive any charge for passage for him as well as for the Rev. Companion who is to accompany him; and being satisfied that our actions will please you, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves,

Your very obt. servts,  
Alaska Commercial Co.

By E. Hennmarer,

Secy.

Mrs. Ellen Sherman  
Washington, A.C.

Washington, D.C., March 9, 1877.

This date sent Bishop Lehigh of Victoria, V. I.  
Draft on U.S. in Cash for \$109; the amount of  
contributions received to date for the "Alaska Fund".

J. B. Brouillet

Wm. C. D. M. A.

Mr. Rev. Bro. Chas. Lehigh,

St. of Vancouver Island

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Alaska Canadian Bishops

This date sent Bishop Seghers of Victoria, U. S. Draft at ~~xxxkx~~  
V. I. Draft on N. Y. in coun for \$119; the amount of contributions received  
to date for the Alaska Fund.

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Brouillet to Bishop Seghers. 3/9/1877

B.C.I.M. Archives

Alaska 1877

Bureau Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C., March 21, 1877.

Rt. Rev. Jno. Chas. Eyhere, D.D.  
Bishop of Victoria, V.C.,  
Rt. Rev. Dear Sir:

In view of your prospective visit to Alaska I think it advisable to make to your Lordship one suggestion, which I regard as important to the material as well as the spiritual interests of your mission.

Of course it is your intention to secure the early establishment of a permanent mission at such central point as you may determine upon as most suitable for the purposes - giving consideration to the center of population, spirit of the people, facility of access, &c. &c.

In connection with such mission I regard the establishment of an Industrial Boarding School for the education and training of young <sup>both</sup> half-breed and full-blood Indians of

series as most desirable. I should therefore be pleased if you would secure such information as would furnish a basis for establishing such a school - i.e., the probable cost of suitable buildings, the number of pupils that might be induced to attend, and an estimate of the cost of teaching and supporting them per capita per annum, including the pay and support of the teachers necessary.

I wish to know also if you would be willing and prepared to take charge of such a school, and provide for its buildings, its support and its teachers at your own risk, and in that event how much you would charge per annum for the whole undertaking.

It is possible that Congress may be induced to entrust to this Bureau the charge of such a school in Alaska. I would be pleased, therefore, to be advised as early as possible of your conclusions and proposals, so as to be prepared to submit in time our views to Congress, and to endeavor to secure an allocation for the purpose.

I am, very respectfully,

J. B. A. Brouillet C. G.

Director School

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Excellency J. B. A. to Bp. Seghers, Bishop of Victoria, V. I. 3/21/1877  
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Wm. Hutchinson, Esq.,  
1507 K St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Bureau Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C., March 16, 1877.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau is informed, through the letter of the Secretary of the Alaska Commercial Co. to Mrs. General Sherman, of the extreme courtesy extended by your Company to Bishop Seghers, in granting to him and his companion a free passage to Alaska and return.

We are deeply sensible of the favor thus conferred, and can but express through you our appreciation of the obligation we have been placed under by this prompt and favorable recognition of the request made.

To yourself personally, we also desire to express our thanks for the kindly interest taken by you in the securing of such passage, which will, in a great degree, relieve Bishop Seghers in his financial embarrassment.

I hope that you will signify to the Company your representation of our gratitude for the opportunity and material assistance thus given.

Yours, very respectfully,

Wm. Bennett

Director C. I. M.

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I hope that you will signify to the Company you represent our gratitude for the opportune and material assistance thus given.

Brouillet, J. B.A. to Wm. Hutchinson 3/26/1877

B.C.I.M. Archives Alaska 1877



VERSO OF NEXT DOCUMENT

Victoria B.C.  
April 18 1877.

Seignior Chas Bishop

Acknowledges receipt  
of maps &c. asks for  
Russian Bible &c.

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Victoria V. I. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1847

Very Rev. J. B. A. Brault V. I.  
Bureau Cath. Ind. Missions  
Washington

Very Reverend Dear Sir,

Your kind favors of the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. and the Alaska Map duly received. I am anxiously expecting a copy of the book kindly promised by you. The suggestions contained in your last will be carefully borne in mind and acted upon. If you could send me a Russian Bible, it might be of some use to me. The exact date of my departure is as yet a matter of uncertainty. I expect to leave about the middle of next month. However, it may be the steamer will be ready sooner than I expect. at all events we are nearly ready.

I am very respectfully  
Your Rev. Dear Sir  
Your obt. servant  
+ Cur. Jo. Ep. Bancroft