

McKenzie, Alexander

J.J. Hill kept a separate file of Alex. McKenzie papers, which has been interspersed in the file of General Correspondence by Date. These consisted of 14 items:

1. Printed book, In Re Alexander McKenzie, Petitioner, U.S. Supreme Court, Oct. Term, 1900, Record. 122 pp. 2. 32 typed pages, "In the Matter of the Judgment and Sentence of Alexander McKenzie for Contempt of Court", a recital of the events in Alaska leading up to his trial and conviction, and an attempt to justify his conduct and that of his accomplice, Judge Arthur H. Noyes. These two men refused to comply with a California court order to hand over gold and gold dust claimed by the defendants [with much

data on mining days and ways in Alaska in the late 1890's]3. Sen. P. McCumber of N. Dak. to Hill, March 20, 1901; 4. Ibid to ibid April 3 and April 5, 1901, the latter enclosing copy of McCumber's letter of April 4 to Hon. T.J. Geary, McK's atty. and also ibid to ibid, April 7, 1901; 7. Carbon of Hill to McCumber, April 16, 1902 enclosing copy of Hill to M.A. Hanna, April 9, 1901 and carbon of M.A. Hanna to JJH April 10, 1900 [sic], 1901; 8. McCumber to Hill, April 20, 1901, enclosing copy of "Application of Alexander McKenzie for Pardon, April 18, 1901 9. carbon, Hill to McCumber, April 30, 1901; telegram, McCumber to Hill, May 2, 1901; 11. telegram, A.W. Clark to McCumber, May 2, 1901;

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12; A. W. Clark to McCumber, May 2, 1901; McCumber to Hill, May 3, 1901; and 14. McCumber to Hill, May 31, 1901.

McKenzie was convicted of contempt of court in the case of Tornanses vs Melsing et al and was sentenced to jail for six months in the county prison of Alameda, Calif.; and he was also convicted of the same offence in Kjellman vs Roger and was sentenced to six additional months imprisonment -- a year in all. After much intercession by Hill, Hanna, McCumber and others with the justices of the Supreme Court, the Atty. Gen., and Pres. McKinley, he was reluctantly pardoned by the president.

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First letter to McKenzie, Bismarck, from JJH  
is apparently that of Jany 16, 1885.

JJH Letterbooks