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Papers of Governor William P. Dillingham, 1888-1890

These papers consist of two bodies of materials. The main one is a bound book identified on the binding as "Letters / Correspondence of Governor William P. Dillingham (1890) and Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs Fred A. Howland (1890)." This contains transfer copies of about 85 items of outgoing correspondence of both Gov. Dillingham and Howland. The letters of the two men are intermixed and together span the period, April 23-September 29, 1890. They are arranged chronologically on pages 1-91 of the book. The letters are mostly typewritten and are signed (just one or two are fully hand-written). The quality of the transfer copies is fair to very good.

The other body of materials is four items of incoming correspondence. One only relates to a letter in the book of outgoing correspondence. The others pre-date that correspondence:

Jan. 11 and Feb. 2, 1889 and Feb. 1, 1890. These have been numbered 92-95 and stored in a file folder accompanying the bound book.

The book of outgoing correspondence has its own index. This is very comprehensive for names but has few entries for subjects. It also lacks entries for the abovedescribed items of incoming correspondence. To correct for these omissions, the undersigned

produced a xerographic copy of the existing index and supplemented it with appropriate additional entries. A copy of that accompanies this description.

For records of appointments and commissions made by Gov. Dillingham see Executive Records, Vol. III, pp. 9-68. See also the Hagerman Index to the Manuscript Vermont State Papers for reference to a scattering of other documents relating to Dillingham.

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(The original of this description is with Gov. Dillingham's papers.)