

House of Representatives.

Washington, D. C.,

North Yakima, Wn., June 22, 1903.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon,
Danville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In anticipation of your election to the Speakership of the House of Representatives, I desire to submit my application for a position on the River and Harbor Committee during the next Congress. I enclose you letter signed by members of the California Delegation, and also letters from Senators Foster and Ankeny and Congressman Cushman of this State. Congressman Humphrey tells me that he has forwarded a letter direct to you urging my appointment on this Committee, so that our delegation is a unit on this proposition. I assume that the Committee will be formed along the line heretofore followed, and on this basis it seems to me but fair that the Pacific Coast should retain two members as heretofore. I also assume that Mr. Lauchlan of California will be one of these members and I believe that the other member should come from the State of Washington. Oregon has had a member of this Committee for many years and Senator Mitchell is likely to be a member of the corres-

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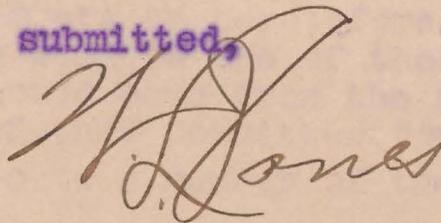
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ponding Committee during this Congress. Our State has more coast line than any other State on the Pacific. We are growing very rapidly in population and commerce, having far surpassed Oregon. We do not desire to raid the Treasury, but we do want our needs to be looked after as they deserve. The two members from Oregon will be new members, except that Congressman Hermann served several years ago.

As to my qualifications, you personally know what they are. I would like a membership on this Committee and believe that our State is entitled to it. This Committeeship is all I ask and have no second or thrid choice unless it would be a place on the Committee on Appropriations or Ways and Means. I believe that the West, or rather the Pacific Coast, should have a member of the Committee on Appropriations, but I ask for nothing except this position on the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "W. H. Jones".