

thereof, or by some person in his behalf, for the space of seventy-two hours, unless sickness or other reasonable cause may be shown to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner, or unless the grantee is absent on leave given by the Commissioner.

## HOW TO REACH THE GOLD FIELDS.

There are two general routes to the Klondike district and Dawson City. One goes by ocean steamer from Seattle, Wash., proceeding up Puget Sound, passing Port Townsend and Victoria and out through the Straits of San Juan del Fuca to the Pacific, where one has an uninterrupted voyage on a comparatively smooth ocean of about 2,000 miles, to Dutch Harbor, at the extreme end of the southwest Alaskan peninsula, which is the first stop. A coaling station and stores operated by the North American Commercial Company, are located here; it is also the point of supply for the naval vessels and the Behring Sea fleet of whalers and sealers.

From Dutch Harbor the voyage is continued north through Bering Sea, past the Pribylof Islands, and up through Norton Sound to Fort Get There, on St. Michaels Island, where the transfer and supply station for the Yukon river is located.

Two transportation and mercantile companies are engaged in the traffic of the middle and lower Yukon.

The Alaska Commercial Company, which for many years has controlled a large share of the trade of the far north, has two steamers, the Alice and the Arctic, of about 300 tons burden each. The North American Transportation and Trading Company has one boat, the Weare, in service,