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Kotzebue, Alaska, Sept. 5, 1910.

Dear Mr. Evans:

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Mr. Allen was aboard the St. Helens with his boat on the way up by all of the stations this side of Teller. At Cape Prince of Wales he tells me that it was a mistake that the Capt. sailed away without paying the natives. After he got away he was anxious to find if there was any way by which he could return their money to them.

He knows nothing about that money which I told you Dr. Newson says the St. Helens gave him (Newson) to pay the natives. He does not see how it could have been so much anyway, for there was not a very big supply for the government to be landed. I must get down to Deering and make further inquiry.

Allen lightered the goods from the St. Helens to Shishmaref with his own boats, in order to pay the Capt. for his passage up. The coal and oil were landed at the native village, because they could not get the boat up to the school house. The Mds. was taken in native boats up close to the school building. Since Allen was doing that to pay for his passage, the St. Helens Capt. would properly present vouchers for the lightering at that place.

Mr. Allen says the natives did all of the lightering of the government goods at Deering. He understands that the store house was bargained for, on the way up at the rate of \$50.00a month but he is not certain.

Mr. Allen says the Capt. told him that he could use his

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own judgment, as to whether he (St. Helens) should land the freight at Kotzebue or at Deering. Allen hurried him on to Kotzebue in order that he might get his freight for the up river stations delivered.

Allen engaged Mr. Sickles to check the Mds. for the Noatak Shungnak, Sewalik and Kotzebue schools. He says that Mr. Harnden did not want to have anything to do with the goods on the ship, for he thought the checking should be done from the shore. He also says that the purser helped Dick Hall into the job of checking the government coal.

Mr. Allen presented his bills for his lighterage and I made out vouchers for the same this morning. There are 122 sacks of coal here, for the St. Thomas Mission at Pt. Hope, as I before mentioned, which he lightered. This is not counted into his bill.

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I might add that it was Mr. Allen who hired the natives at this place to help him with the lightering. If any one helped on the job they are to look to Mr. Allen for settlement, but as far as I know he is settling satisfactorily with the natives. Mr. Hall has no valid claim against us at all. I have seen Mr. Allen's account book, that he has used with the natives, and everything looks all right.

Respectfully yours,

Chas. W. Hawkesworth.