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1/2 crate of potatoes (part of on the way north) had <sup>cool</sup> tail on them so we could not use them. Some of the stuff was wet. we lost some of the rolled oats and had all of it, that we have to dry in the oven also peanuts had to be dried. And then when he had his money secured, there was no question but that he would get his money in a little while. I could not have prevented it if I had wanted to and would not have prevented it if I could. That is why I paid no attention to his telephone message. it was entirely uncollected for.

If you will please pay all my accounts then I will be obliged to you. I think there was \$1.20 left from the amount I sent with the captain of the Mary Sox. so there will be quite enough to pay all accounts. Whatever there is left, when convenient, please send here and oblige.

We have been having quite a siege this fall. there have been 15 of the natives sick during the past few weeks. all are very much better. Scurvy has been the principal trouble, two cases of pleurisy, & one of pneumonia and with sickness at home all the fall it has been quite a siege. Our little girl came near having membranous croup. then she was taken down with dysentery & could not get up for almost two weeks. but "all is well that ends well" so we are feeling encouraged. I hope your years have passed much better.

If all is well I expect to go north for a trip to Sibowak, Ketzjebow etc next week. there has been no chance to go until now.

With kind regards to yourself & wife from all of us.

I am very respectfully

B. H. Newson

P.S. I sent to receipt to Mr. Rank to have the single fare

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Deering Alaska  
Nov 29.

Mr. Walter Shield

Dear Sir I hastily wrote you a line on last mail which you will have probably received.

I am very much obliged to you for helping I suppose you do have a sea of work just as the last boats are about leaving but I trust you have some spare time now I very much hope so. Your actions regarding the mill were quite right. We heard here the Deering was coming back immediately so we planned we would get the mill about 4 days after we sent word. Alfred was then gaining and has kept on but as I said any thing at all he would take & we wanted to get. I intended to have sent the Mill Companies account on last mail but will send with this.

I mentioned the account with the captain of the Troyson. I wished to make two accounts with the captain when he was here. The Young & Stevenson Co sent other goods than those we ordered (very thing they happened to have left I suppose) and charged whatever they liked. I objected to paying the account but the captain said he would be held for the amount so I took pity on him and paid it. I told him at the time it was unjust but he had had a hard trip he said so I paid it. Some of our stuff we did not get (of course if some was lost he was not to blame for that but I did not ask him to go to the store and supply the missing articles and cause him extra expense.)