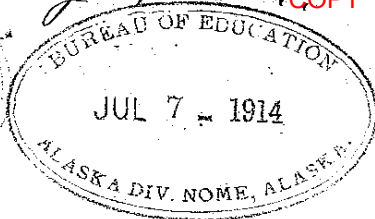
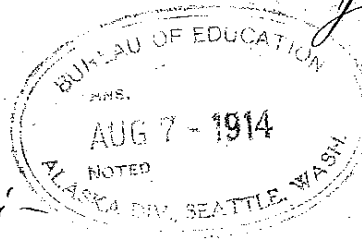


Mr. Walter H. Johnson,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Johnson:



My annual report is ready and is being mailed under separate wrapper.

According to my records the subauthorization M 45-2 made to me for the maintenance of the medical work at Kotzebue is used up into \$3.55 if you can allow two bills for wood to come out of it. One of these bills is \$18.00. I am enclosing subvoucher for it along with other subvouchers for the maintenance of the medical work at Kotzebue. This particular lot of wood was offered at ~~the door~~ the door on June 27th for \$18.00. Too good a bargain to look after paying \$3.00 per dog sled load during the winter. The other bill will be \$40.00 for five cords of wood delivered on the beach opposite the government buildings. Mr. Hobson, the white man who is bringing it was in Kotzebue in March early April. He agreed to bring me 2 cords at \$8.00 per cord during the early summer. He is the only reliable individual who brings wood to Kotzebue for sale. \$8.00 is the lowest he would consider. At Heana

right in the heart of a wooded district wood
sells for \$10.00 per cord. Early in May I received
a letter from Mr. Shields authorizing me to
purchase several cords of wood this summer if
it was offered at a reasonable price. After
receiving this letter from Mr. Shields I sent
word to Mr. Hobson that I would take
five cords at \$8.00 per. instead of 2. The wood
has been cut and piled on the river bank up
the Hobak near Kiana. I know this for I have
seen the pile and have dug spruce gum out of
it. Mr. Hobson is liable to land it here any
day. As long as the wood was bargained
for in April & May, and was cut long before the
close of the fiscal year, & as long as the wood
will be used in the maintenance of the medical
work at Kotzebue it seems to me that \$40.00
of what otherwise would be unused of my subauthorization
could be expended for it without going outside of the
intent of the subauthorization. If you charge these
two bills for wood to medical m 45-2 there will be a
balance of \$3.55 ^{unexpended} according to my account. This small
amount may be needed to cover something I have failed to
make a record of, as digitalis tablets from Nome, for instance.
Accordingly I am leaving this \$3.55 untouched so far as I
know. A little later when the \$40.00 worth of wood is delivered

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will send - a voucher for it, endeavoring to
make the voucher so read that its payment
can come out of funds available prior to July 1, '14.
I may make out a second voucher so worded
that the bill could be paid out of funds available
after June 30, '14, in which case you could destroy
the one that proved to be superfluous.

If on your books medical M 45-2 has
an unexpended balance of \$3.55 please send me its
value in drugs by mail as asked for in the attached
letter of earlier date than the present one.

If subauthorization M 45-2 (medical) is
expended (allowing \$40.00 for word as above) then
please have the drugs enumerated in attached
letter purchased & sent by mail & paid for out
of my medical subauthorization for the fiscal
year beginning July 1, 1914, & in such case
please let me know how much to enter in
my account book for them.

Yours very truly,
H. N. T. Nichols, M. D.,
Govt. Physician.

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