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Mr. Walter H. Johnson,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

The enclosed vouchers for three dollars each to Frank Glover and to Koukeeruk (Norman Cole) respectively are for drawing wood for the kitchen stove in the hospital where we are housing the invalid family that came from Bandle. On paper it looks as if those invalids were burning an excessive amount of wood, but when you consider that a dog-sled load of wood is only a few armfuls, after all it does not seem so much.

I tried to get six loads drawn instead of two, but could not persuade any of the natives to do it. They have all had a prosperous winter trapping and do not need money now, and are too lazy to work for the future. Also they have all of them been in a hurry to start for Sealing Point where most of them are now. The trail has been soft for some time. Under the circumstances \$3.00 per load was not tempting. Glover and Koukeeruk only did it as an accommodation. The invalids

I have small vouchers in both H 44

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a bundle will have to go right on the floor.

Yours of Apr. 22 with numerous checks enclosed just received.

On the ~~last~~ mail from Hotzebe to Rome two weeks ago I sent a voucher on Miss Harsh's subauthorization E 435 for a gasoline drum purchased from the Midnight Sun Packing Co. \$2.75 was the amount. Yours of Apr. 22 speaks of charging \$3.00 of Harold vouchers 436 & 435 to this subauthorization, which makes an overdraft of \$2.75 on E 43-5. If my intuition is correct you are charging the overdraft to H 44-2, rather than to M 45-2, and I am accordingly reducing repair fund H 44-2 by \$2.75. This still leaves \$4.25 for repairs which I will use up for that purpose before June 30th.

I note in yours of Apr. 22 that subauthorizations are to be expended by those only to whom they are subauthorized. I thoroughly agree with you in this, and hereafter will make my colleagues do their own pen pushing.

It is needless to call your attention to the fact that I signed the voucher of Apr. 24th in favor of the Midnight Sun Packing Co. which is charged to E 43-5 before receiving yours of Apr. 25. Hence the error.

It seems that vouchers for sums of fifty cents each are too small to be in keeping with the dignity of the service. Hence I will hold them in the future till they are larger.

I have small vouchers on both H 44-2

m 45-2, which will grow larger before
me 30th by careful nursing.

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The voucher for personal services for the month of May if not sent on this mail will not reach you till the boats are ~~sailing~~ ^{sailing} in July, so I am sending you my May salary voucher ahead of time to enable you to mail my check on the first boat that brings the regular mail after the break up. I will need plenty of money early in the summer. If I should forget and send you a May voucher along with June's voucher, you could tear up the extra one.

Johnny Moss, the cause of the \$13.00 voucher for subsistence has been sick in our sitting room since April 6th. His father paid \$4.50 in money which decreases the number of days from Apr. 6 to May 10 to 26. The father feels that he paid the entire bill; for I got him to draw five loads of wood for the use of the bundle invalids, which I allowed him \$2.50 per load for. I would have allowed him 3.00 per load had he not thrown off a few sticks for his own use before delivering the balance. In as much as the wood is for hospital use I feel that Mrs. Nichols should have cash for the boarding of Johnny. This chap will have to be with us till summer. Watch for a \$25.00 Johnny subsistence voucher by and by. Also you will probably get a \$25.00 Teetorick subsistence voucher at the same time.

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