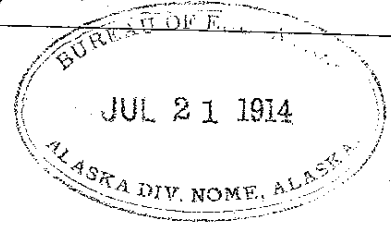


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Mr. W. H. Johnson,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

If Mrs. Taber sends in a voucher for personal services for the month of June, please hold back the salary check till you hear from me again; for as yet she has not completed her work for June.

Mr. Shields when in Kotzebue left word for her instructions for her when not engaged in school room duties or in assisting Mrs. Nichols to assist me as I might have things to be done that she could do.

I have had considerable copying for her to do for me. After she became accustomed to it I timed her & found how much she would do in 4 hours when sitting quietly by herself without her baby with her. For the last 2 or 3 weeks in June I assigned

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his four hours a day per day for five days in the week, and gave her the assignment all at once, telling her that that was what remained for her to do for me to complete the year. She could do the copying at home or in the school house as suited her convenience best.

Before completing the task, her sister's family dropped in on her, or rather returned to their home which the Taber's had been using since coming to Kotzebue. The fishing season is on and she and her husband Mr. Taber have moved away from the village 3 miles to live in a tent & fish.

The 4 hour per day task for 5 days a week that I set her is not completed. Today is the 16th of July. I therefore object to her receiving salary for June till she has completed the task that was set her to do.

Furthermore I do not think I asked too much of Mrs. Taber; for the work required of her during Jan^y & Feb. was very light. Also Miss Hawk will bear me out that not till recently did we ask anything like full time of her. She also was out of town for a week or ten days before the break up. This was with the understanding that she make up the time during July.

Yours very truly,

H. N. T. Nichols, M.D.

Govt. Physician