

Nome, Alaska. April 29, 1914

Dr. H. N. T. Nichols,

Kotzebue, Alaska.

My dear Doctor Nichols :

Your letter of March 21st was received on the last mail. I will take up your ~~xxx~~ questions in detail.

As far as your subauthorizations are concerned they are good for all expenditures before June 30. You will have to keep it all until that time. I am not figuring on your returning any of it, but on June 30 please send me a statement at once showing what balance you have not expended. Of course you understand that all expenditures made after that date will have to be paid from the new fund.. Our funds are not returned to the Treasurer until December after the close of the fiscal year in June. However, as soon as the financial reports are in from each school I return all balances to Mr. Lopp who uses them on the general fund.

After June 30 there will be some little time before you will receive formal authorizations as it is very likely that there will be ~~xxxxxxx~~ some time before I receive my general authorizations. But you can work on this basis. The Bureau will maintain the medical work at Kotzebue under your charge. We hope to increase it but will at least keep it/ at its present rate. So go ahead and do your work and send in the vouchers. Of course I do not wish any big expenditures and your judgement/in such matters will be

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acceptable. Always remember this, Doctor, if any real downright emergency ever arises where lives are at stake, then go ahead and use your own judgement. In such Emergency cases, it is usually easier to get the funds and get the vouchers through than for any ordinary expenditure, however reasonable.

If you can get wood at a reasonable rate then get a few cords, but explain to the dealers that payment will be delayed a short time, possibly. That is until the regular authorizations are made.

I looked over your requisition and am afraid that there are too many small items on it for them all to get through alive. Of course it all depends upon the funds.

Snowden has just written me that on account of his own and his wife's health he will have to leave this summer. I was somewhat surprised as I thought he and his wife considered themselves in good health. What you think, maybe pretty soon more people?

I had planned on a trip to Norton Bay at this time but on account of the condition of the snow, which has been frozen hard, it is difficult for sled deer to get their feed on the way. And I don't want to go bad enough to go with dogs. Give Mrs. Nichols my regards, and with best wishes to yourself,

Very truly yours,

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