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ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Kotzebue, Alaska,
Jan. 12, '13.

Walter Johnson,
Disbursing Agt.,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Checks recd OK for "us" also for Mrs. White, gave Mrs. White hers today and had her forward salary vouchers to you, did not know whether or not it was necessary but thought would be safe

Enclosed is subvoucher for three dollars signed.

I saw Mr. Shields at Selawik as per my other letter and report, he will arrive here probably about the twentieth and think he will increase my authorization considerable. Will be sure not to over run.

Everything here is OK and going along nicely. We are well and enjoying our stay at Kotzebue.

On this mail is petition for appointing W.L. Barbour, postmaster at Kotzebue, they sent it to Mr. McManns, and if it is not asking too much wish you would put in a word if you think it would be all right to do so. The people here are entirely dissatisfied with the postoffice service etc, nearly every white man gets snubbed by the Mrs. at least they complain to that effect, and they are very anxious I should accept the appointment in case it is offered to me.

There is a lot of trouble at present regarding mail way-bills being sent wrong and some not sent at all and I think Mr. McManns would be glad to recommend me for appointment at the present time as he is provoked with the mistakes, neglects etc made at this office up to date. Paul the carrier has written him complaining still farther about the way he is treated etc. so the boys here decided to forward the petition on this mail.

Hope you are enjoying your winter at Nome and that you will be able to send "awanga" (me) Nome paper occasionally if there is any BIG news happening outside, like war dope etc.

Very respectfully,

W.L. Barbour,

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