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Notzebue, Alaska,  
Nov. 18, 1913.

Mr. Walter S. Shields:-  
Nome, Alaska,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> just received and contents noted. Thanks for the haemoglobin scale. The letter for Orealuk I will try to get to him. Thomas Illayok has just presented note of introduction.

The addition of a native and his wife to the service at Notzebue does not seem to me to be justified this winter. There is no place for them to live in without considerable expense preparing it. The hospital could be fixed over for a small family to live in. The fuel question prohibits any more calls upon workers added to the three already here. The 15 tons of coal left here last summer and the ten tons brought on the barge will not take us through the winter even with one oil burner (which may not be installed for months to come) if there are more demands made upon it. Since arriving we have had only one patient in the hospital & that for only two weeks. Give us 25 (twenty five) more tons of coal & the hospital can be heated

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for an additional small family to live in. The school house alone needs 25 tons. The wind goes through this building like water through a perforated frail bottom. It seems to me that this winter it will be cheaper to hire native help from Kotzebue as it is needed a little now & then than to send in a native family. If hospital were to be open all the time it would be different.

Yours in haste  
H. N. T. Nichols, M.D.  
Govt. Physician, Kotzebue.

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