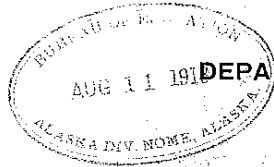


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Kotzebue, Alaska, August 5, 1913.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Could not get the native supplies from the Bear, owing to the fact that they had to be paid for with cash, so I signed a voucher and secured the supplies from a merchant, Mr. Berry, at Kotzebue, at a very reasonable figure, and left it in care of Mr. Snowden, who is in charge there until the new teacher arrives. He will forward the same to you.

There is nothing doing in regard to the sale of reindeer at this place. Mr. Snowden said he had endeavored to make some sales, with little or no success so far. This is a remarkable village at the present time and I wish you could see it. There are hundred of natives camped along the beach for about two miles and you would have laughed to have seen them run the whole length of the village to follow us to our stopping place. Will send you some pictures if they are any good.

We are having a very pleasant voyage and expect to be in Kiv-line tomorrow morning. We are having the finest time imaginable on board. The only thing we lack is your smiling countenance to cap the climax.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Van Valin

P.S. Mr. Johnson

Charlie says Mr. Evans said he was to have a steved when he got here as Mr. Evans had his gear his steved behind in about it? Write Mr. Brewster