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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Kotzebue, Alaska Aug 18th-13.

Mr. Walter H. Johnson,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I am sending you today under separate cover all my vouchers for the ensuing year, all assigned and which I hope are satisfactory to you and that you will fix them up so as they will be paid to the proper parties. I see no reason why I should have that money come up here as I don't need it, so I am sending it to my brother-in-law to be deposited in some good bank for me on interest. Good idea, eh? I am also sending the reindeer reports along too. Miss Hawk, the Doctor and his wife all arrived safely and all are enjoying life well. It has been raining here all day and if it keeps up, we may be better able to get up the Noatak river this fall but there is not much water on any of the rivers at present. I am going to ask of you a great favor and I certainly hope you will find the time to give it some attention and I can assure you it will be greatly appreciated. We have been expecting a Dentist up here all summer and no one has appeared so far and there are several people including my wife that absolutely must have some work done on their teeth. The following is a list of people here that must have quite a bit of work done, which will amount to a good piece of money. Al Thompson, L. Way, Mr. Gurney, Judge Southward, Herman Bernhardt, Mrs. Snowden and myself besides

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several people up the Kobuk River whom I do not know but who will come to Kotzebue to have their teeth fixed. If we cannot get some one to come to this place then it will be necessary for Mrs. Snowden to come to Nome, but then there are several people who will not come to Nome, whereas a good dentist could pick up a goodly sum here for some work to be done.

It will certainly be appreciated if you will put this matter up to some good dentist and insist that he come to Kotzebue on the next boat, arriving the latter part of August as I have told the people I would do my part in getting him here by then, and they will wait that long at the least. If you will coax some one to come I will absolutely guarantee that he shall lose no money on the trip but will make money. Providing however he will come on the next boat. Do your best-I know you will.

I see the Noatak supplies are very short again, comparing them with Selawaik, etc. and this year I must have new apprentices too.

By the way do I have to have additional authority to hire new apprentices or is it OK? I asked Mr. Shields about this in one of my letters but he failed to answer the question. Guess he forgot it. I wish you could get up this way some time and have a big pow-wow with us. I will go up the Noatak just as soon as that freight gets in. I wish it was here now for I am afraid Rank is going to be late again. Let us hope for the best.

People are kindly excited here over the new strike near Fairbanks and some are pulling out for there. Best regards.

As Ever.

F. R. Snowden

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