

Deering

Nome, Alaska. April 12, 1915

Mr. C. Replegle,

Deering, Alaska.

Dear Sir :

I am very sorry that I did not write you from Gandle and have been regretting it ever since. But the truth is that I was so very much rushed that I overlooked it until it was too late. I had a very busy time of it you can believe.

First let me take up matters that I find here that will interest you. I enclose a copy of the "Rules and Regulations for the Annette Island Reserve" as drawn up by the Secretary of the Interior. You will find that much of this covers plans we have talked over for the Neorvik reserve. It would be well to adhere to these rules as much as possible. I will get some more copies of these rules and send them next summer. If it happens that you have received a copy of these rules please return this copy as I have no duplicate at present.

Your letter of March 31 was just received. Too late to send your special requisition outside on the overland mail. But I will send it out on the first boat. I will now copy the telegrams that have just passed between Mr. Lopp and myself regarding the move and its expense.

Seattle, April 6, 1915

can you keep expenditures Noorvik, move buildings, mill, under \$3500.00. Telegraph briefly plans and needs.

Lopp

Nome, April 7, 1915

Following supplies Deering from appropriation this fiscal year. 22 inch table saw, small band saw complete. Ten horse marine engine for same. Gasolens. Log buildings means years delay secure material. Recommend frame building. Hot water heat. Estimate of cost \$5000 if all plans approved. Probably cannot move until July account ice. Deering building torn down and loaded free. Other native labor two dollars day in supplies. Plans have been mailed.

Shields.

Seattle April 8, 1915

Expenditures exceeds appropriation for this fiscal year. Limit total expenditures Noorvik probably \$4000. Think log buildings stoves sufficient first year. Can supplement Deering lumber with shipments flooring sash etc. What rates and tonnage Deering Kotzebue. Abler offers three mdse., five lumber. Ships tackle. Plans were mailed when. What rates offered Kotzebue to river points.

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Nome, April 9, 1915

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Rates later. Ablers arrival uncertain and probably late.
Recommend lighterage Deering Noorvik direct. R Total cost
estimated \$400 including village property. Plans were mailed
through Nome March 10.

Shields.

You will see from the above, first that
the Deering building is to be torn down. Second, that as I
had expected Mr. Lopp will not have sufficient funds to
allow us to carry out the plans in their entirety this first
year. Under the circumstances, as I see them at this time, it
is hard for me to understand where in the world Mr. Lopp is able
to give us \$4000 for Noorvik. Some other place somewhere is
out to get this amount, of that you can be sure. You will
see that Mr. Lopp believes that it will be necessary for you
to erect temporary log buildings for this winter heated by
stoves. However, it is possible that he may change his views
when he receives your plans and specifications.

While I was writing this letter Mr.
Johnson has been to the Post Office and has brought a
~~large square~~ large square package from you which you
mailed at Deering March 23. This contains your drawings of the
plans for the building. Now I do hope that this is only a
copy of the ones you have sent Mr. Lopp, because if you had
intended these to be sent to Mr. Lopp it is too late. And if he
does not get the drawings we can be sure that he will not
consider a frame building. But I trust you have sent sent him

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the p originals long ago .

This will be somewhat of a disappointment to you I know, as it is to me .But all along I had the feeling that we had no right to expect much of a fund unless the appropriation was increased.It evidently was not. It may be that you will have to mark time this year somewhat.That may mean a good sized log building for use as a schoolhouse and church, this building next year to be turned into a church.And a log residence for yourself . In this way whatever you build could be used next year and we could still look forward to the big building at that time. Think this over. In any case the Deering building is to be torn down.That is settled.

I want you to find out at once what it will cost to lighter all the Government property and the village property over to Neorvik.get bids from all those who will bid on it. Then I want you to send me a telephone message giving the cost of the lighterage and the probable time when it will be moved . Please attend to this as soon as possible. In a few weeks I will wire Mr .Lepp again for his final decision on the plans for the move and if he wires me anything definite I will telephone it to you.

My trip home was rather a tallsome one as the trails were heavy but we got back in good shape and in good time.I hope that all is well with all of you and look forward to seeing you this summer.I am too busy to write you more at present, but wish to close with heartiest greetings to yourself and Mrs.Replogle . You have a very big proposition and I only wish we could do more to assist and encourage you.

very sincerely

J. M. Lepp

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