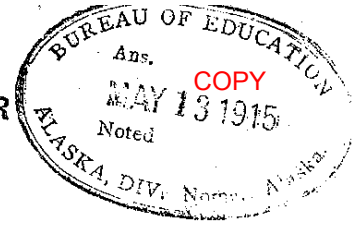


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ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Deering, Alaska, April 22nd., 1915:

Mr. Walter C. Shields, Supt., N.W. Dist.



We shall hope for a message allowing our best and the appointment of McLamb's.

Dear Mr. Shields: Your letters mailed

since your return from the northern trip have arrived all O.K. and I am very well pleased with the contents: I told you that I would not be overly disappointed if we did not get all or even the half of what we ask for the new village, so if we get anything we will do our best to make it go as far as possible. However that will not deter me from asking for all that is needed. I think that I can understand some of the huge problems facing Mr. Lopp, and I shall be very thankful to get what he can send us this year.

The plans you received were sent to Candle to be returned to me if you had passed through there and the directions are plainly written to the Post Master on the outside of the wrapper, I also sent a letter to have forwarded to Nome if you should have passed, the post office returned the letter to me and you have the plans. We had made copies of the plans on transparent paper and forwarded them to Mr. Lopp on the first mail out of Deering in March. The plans went in the same mail that your communications were sent from here. So please send me the plans you have just received as I have no others. I just thought you would like to see a detail of what we were asking for.

I have never seen the Metlakhatla constitution before and I hope I may have the use of it until I can get others in place. We need some kind of a guide and they will help in many ways.

It is so very kind of you to send a copy of the telegrams relating to Noorvik, as I can see what are some of your handicaps and I am sure Mr. Lopp will do all that he can for us.

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We are often anxious to know if our help in the school will be increased or if we will have to do all the building and teaching alonethis winter. There seems that all the natives on the Kobuk are going to move at once and we will have much work to harmonize the different sections, and we can hardly have the time to do heavy teaching and attend to all the other work this year. I hope our daughter can be sent in, and that if you find out definitely I hope you may let me know as soon as you can do it.

I have written to Paul Davidivics at Kotzebue, and Mr. Dankard at Kewalik, and described the nature of our work and requested them to forward to me their bids for the job. But I may telephone you before this reaches you.

Wheeler Douglas leaves for the herd this week and I handed him your letter and had a talk with him about some of the things in the note of Mr. Hunnicutt to Mr. Johnson; I can readily understand why Mr. H. feels as he does about Wheeler, for I'm sure he never had the experience that Susie went through and can have no conception of its weakening effect on the woman and so he thought she was in good shape long before it was possible to travel so far. He also has little idea of the hardships to be endured on this north bound trail

I thought the trip was going to kill Susie even after she arrived here and only by hard work have we saved her, and they took 10 days to get here, traveling by slow short stages each day.

Sengo came along and Susie rode with the deer part of the time and with the dog team part, which ever was the easier for her

~~Wheeler thought that you had given him permission to kill three deer and is not conscious of having committed any breach of faith.~~

April, 30, 1915.

I am enclosing copies of the contract with Paul Davidavics, for the moving of the village. I will enclose Dankard's Bid which was \$18 per ton as you will see and that would amount to over 1200 dollars as near as I can estimate the tonnage. They count one and one-half tons to 1000 ft. lumber so that would cost us \$27 per 1000 to get this old lumber over there. Besides he could not take us over until it would be so late that we would be handicapped with out work over there.

I wish that you could have the Gov. freight delivered to my order at Kotzebue as Paul is willing to contract for the delivery from the ship to Noorvik for \$6 per ton and Dankard wants 10 at the least.

If Dankard has it he will deliver it on the beach at Kotzebue and if them we will have to give at least \$8 more to get it on up the river for it will have to be handled again.

Besides if we can get an independent man we can have prompt delivery

Had a meeting with the Shashmareff people who came on behalf of six families and they say that the village must soon move and some are wanting to move south and some want to come to Noorvik. I am enclosing the teacher's letter and as I think their reindeer can be handled from Noorvik and leave them where they now are, I told them to have two men at Noorvik next summer when you come over and then you will tell them what they can do. I told them that they could not pull out and leave the other 7 families alone as that would deprive them of a school and unless there could be better arrangements made they would have to stay where they now are.

In my phone message yesterday, I asked for a sub-authorization of \$25 to cover the purchase the lost oilcups and the sparking coil and some boat nails and machine bolts to repair the Claire.

The natives are willing to do a great deal of donation work if they can have their things moved so they have agreed to load and unload the lighter and then have time to get back for the unloading of the first freighter.

We find that the meat in the cold storage is not doing as well as we hoped for, so we are selling at 13 & 14 cents to the sorrow of a certain company who thought to trick us.

We will be ready to drive a large herd over to Nome next fall from all up river points, and unless this company or some one else wants to pay us the cash for the meat we will let them ship in beef for one year any way.

We have Ordered the clock from Seattle by telegraph and I hope you may let Mr. Lopp know of it. We ordered it from Clarence Coffin on Pike St. Seattle, to be shipped by the first boat.

What about our store?

I have covered everything so far as I know except I hope you may urge the Seattle Office to send Mr. & Mrs. McCumby in on the first boat so as I may have them to help in the building and saw mill work through the whole summer.

We have developed the flashlights taken at our home and find them very good, It was so kind of you to take them.

We shall look forward to your coming to Noorvik this summer with much pleasure and it would be nice if you could have Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lopp with you,;

"In the Ring".

Sincerely,

Chas Replogle

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