

Deering

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Nome, Alaska. Oct. 28, 1912

The Supply and Disbursing Office,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen :

I have wired you today to withhold payment on the freight taken to Deering on the Melanaw, until you receive this letter. My reason for wiring you is contained in the enclosed letter from Miss Hunnicutt.

Instead of landing the supplies right at the school the lighterage company landed them in front of the store at the white end of the village. This is quite a long distance from the school and necessitated re-lightering the goods to the beach in front of the school and then hauling them up to the school.

Miss Hunnicutt states that the Lighterage Company stated that the water was too shallow to land in front of the school. If it is possible for me to verify this I will try to do so.

I do not know what contract you had with the Melanaw, but presume that it called for the supplies to be

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landed at the school. In that event they should be compelled to take up this charge, or at least a part of it.

The voucher inclosed is in favor of Joe Unaleanya, and amounts to \$62.75. This was done by the job. This amount covers the per hour labor of all the men that did the work. This was in the nature of an emergency, and if the Bureau is going to pay for this lightsage, the voucher should be passed in its present form. If paid, special authorization will have to be made, as I have no funds available to cover it.

I did not consider it possible to explain this matter by wire, so will send the voucher. If the voucher is to be paid here, please so instruct Mr. Johnson and send authorization.

Very truly yours

Special Disbursing Agent

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