

Nome, Alaska, Oct. 28, 1912

Miss Martha Hunnicutt,
Daring, Alaska.

My dear Miss Hunnicutt :

I was glad to learn from yours of the 22nd. that Mr. and Mrs. Taber had started for Buckland in a skin boat. I believe I realize the difficulties that they have to face, and I appreciate that my instructions were noteworthy for their vagueness, but they were needed at Buckland, and we had to ask them to go. You know the devotion and sacrifice that has been given to Buckland in the past. It would be unpardonable to let all that has been done go to waste. That would be the case if we do not do something for Buckland. I am glad you sent them the supplies you could spare.

No, I didnt tell her when to stop. I really didnt know! I should hear on this boat. I will try to spend several days with them this winter (early in December, if I can get there that soon) and do all I can to help them.

The law requires that all males work on the roads or pay the tax. We have taken the matter up, but there seems no way for the natives to be excused. We are trying to have the law changed so that their work will not be put on

summer roads, but on work in their own villages, making
sewers etc. I hope that will be done.

Mrs. Shields and the babies left on the
Northwestern and I am waiting for the snow to start myself.
With best wishes to Mrs. Hare, Miss Pommok and yourself,

Very truly yours,

I hope to be in Candia about the end of November. If there
is anything you wish to speak to be about, please leave
work with the telephone people to have me call you up. I will
likely call you up anyhow. But I don't want to come to Deering
until my return from the north, unless there is some
emergency.