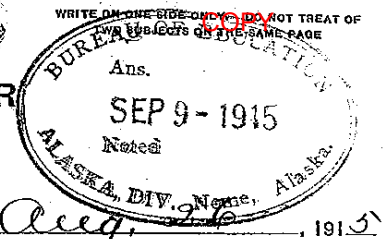


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Wainwright

My dear Mr. Shields:—

Rec'd your notes from
Icy Cape. I will go down as soon as Back-
land leaves and have the herd moved to a
good spot up this way and bring up anything
from the school house. Theodore came before
I got your word and asked to be transferred to
Wainwright - said he wanted to go to school.
He has five deer in the herd here that Van Valin
gave him as a goat apprentice. He wants to move
his deer from the Icy Cape herd to the Wainwright
Shall I let him bring them over this fall?

I have divided the herd (on paper) so that
the boys know which herd they are to be with
and can plan accordingly. I have made
Ben Sagarook temporary Chief herder of No. 2.
but have given him to understand that he
has to make good. Have tried to rouse a spirit
of rivalry between the two herds as to whose
will be best next year and they seem to be get-
ting the idea. Hope to pass some of it on to

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Icy Cape. All of the boys know that Riley is not a good deer man and have been anticipating his punishment in some way this year. I am afraid it will have a bad effect if
7 nothing is done to him.

I should like to have your opinion in regard to fawns. I have prohibited their killing and will do so until I hear from you. As near as I can count there have been about fifty killed between the time U. made out his report and I took charge. I will look back on our report.

Backland had over five hundred dollars worth of fuel supplies for us - a good part of it useless
the same as heretofore - so we bought nothing.
(mostly old)
Moreover he only brought a few sacks and they have already all been taken. By the time those at the mine and inlet are brought in there will be very little if anything left of the fuel supplies. Since you left they have dug about 1000 sacks of coal. There seem to me many draw-

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backs to the way this is being run. For one thing the coal is scattered all over the beach and hill and there is nothing to prevent them from taking sacks and bringing them to get paid over for. We feel sure that some have done this but of course can't prove it and don't want to accuse them of dishonesty without proof. It is a very good method of tempting them to dishonesty however. This year we will have all coal after Backland goes, piled in the shed and in a stack beside it so there won't be so much opportunity for that. Then those that owe Backland have been in the habit, according to them, of getting pay from the govt. for digging and then paying it to B., thus getting paid twice which of course isn't right. We stopped what we knew about it. Backland laughed at the idea of stocking his store here for the govt. to take over - also he didn't want the coal in place of Van Valin's voucher for goods bought at his store here.

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The one advantage given us concerning Wainwright - the fact that there were no other white people here - has gone as Capt B. is leading Anton Edwardson here in charge of a supply of goods to trade this winter - due largely I think to the fact that no fuel supplies to speak of were left. He first asked us to take charge of his goods, as Mrs. V. had, but when we told ^{him} we weren't able to he made other arrangements. He is landing lumber for a house for his man. This is the same man who was at Barrow a year ago. - No brooms or coal oil were sent so we will have to send to Barrow for brooms as we have only one remnant here and Backlund forgot to bring us any. We will get coal oil from him.

Richardson writes asking to know how many deer in our herd are owned by Barrow people. There are about eighty. Is it permissible for them to move their deer to

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Barrow?

> We have had one badly cut foot which has caused a good deal of worry and trouble. Had to stop the bleeding twice with a tourniquet. Dr. Newman's book calls for Bechlouide of Mercury. We have none. Could you send us some in case another similar case occurs or is there something we can substitute? We are cleansing with peroxide and using boric acid dressings. We have no iodoform or calomel powder either and have some bad eye cases that call for it.

We will send this to Kotzebue by Backlund. He has been lying off here two days waiting for calm weather. They started loading at four A.M. today. He saw ice on his Barrow trip but we haven't yet. He took 2000 sacks of coal to Barrow.

We have had some lovely weather and have had the Ther. at 24° also. Everything has gone smoothly so far and we

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Have been getting on splendidly. The people will go inland to fish and hunt as soon as the Holmes goes. They have been prevailed upon to wait for that.

kindest regards to Mrs Shields, the twins, and Mr. Johnson and hoping this finds all of you as well as it leaves us
I am

Sincerely -

Earle M. Forrest

P.S. Theodore wants groceries for pay this year.
→ How are we to pay him?

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