



Nome, Alaska, July 29, 1913.

Mr. F. B. Snowden,

Kotzebue, Alaska.

Friend Snowden:-

Your Reindeer, Barter and Annual Report arrived on the Hattie B last night. You state that you cannot complete your Reindeer Report until you receive a record of the herd and herders, so I am mailing them to you to save you a trip up the river.

I do not expect to go to Kotzebue on the "Bear" for the simple reason that I cannot leave the office for that length of time, and besides, with so many capable Government men at Kotzebue to handle the Government supplies and affairs, it seems almost a waste of time and money for me to make the trip. I really would like to see you all and have a good talk with you, but your letters are always greatly appreciated and help me to keep in touch with the situation. The "Bear" expects to leave Nome on the 2nd of August and will probably arrive at Kotzebue around the 6th or 7th. Dr. Krulish, the Government physician, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Valen will be on board. I hope that you will be able to see them.

Capt. Backlund has the contract for delivering the Government freight up the rivers and this freight is at Teller at

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present.

Regarding the coal sacks, will state that Capt. Backlund has orders from Mr. Lopp to gather up all the sacks he can possibly get and bring them to Wainwright where they will be filled with coal from the mines and shipped to the different schools.

Very respectfully,

W. H. J.

Acting Superintendent.

Enclosure.