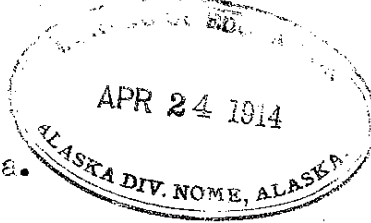


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Noatak, Alaska April 10th-1914.



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

NOME, ALASKA.

My Dear Mr. Shields:-

I regret very much to inform you that serious complications as regards the health of Mrs. Snowden have arisen, as well as mine, and which I hope you will understand is not due to anything we could avoid, and which will not permit of our staying in another year.

It grieves me beyond expression, Mr. Shields to have to inform you to this effect, but I assure you we could not see it when you were here, and we fully believed we would be able to stay another year, as witness our order for supplies having gone. I want to assure you that this move on our part is not due to any outside influence or sentiment, but due solely to Mrs. Snowdens welfare. I sincerely hope that we have justified our appointment here, and that our work has been such as will permit our return should circumstances permit in the near future.

Please answer us at Kotzebue, and inform us of the situation. I will be at Sealing Point from the time the river breaks until the deer are marked, and I have the data for annual reports.

Sincerely Yours.

Frank B. Snowden
Teacher.

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