

Nome, Alaska. April 24, 1914

Mr. F.B. Snowden,

Noatak, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Snowden :

I have just received your letter of April 10th. which surprised me with the news that you and Mrs. Snowden had decided that for the sake of your health you would have to go out this year. I certainly ~~was~~ much surprised to get such news from you as I had no idea that there was anything serious the matter with either of you. I hope that it is nothing serious.

We will be sorry to have you go and I do hope that when the time comes you will both wish to return to the work and to this part of Alaska if possible. Of course there is nothing for me to do in the circumstances but to notify Mr. Lepp by wire (which I have done) that you are leaving and to secure new people for Noatak. I suppose you will come out on one of the first boats. Your appointment will close, of course June 30, but if you cannot leave by that time I will see what can be done to appoint you for a month longer.

It is very probable that we will close out our herd at Noatak this next year by turning over some of the deer to these Yukon herders. I am rushed for time at present so cannot make this letter any longer. I am really sorry that things have turned out as they have but believe that your work at Noatak will leave

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its mark for some time to come. you know that is not the case in much of the work you can do on the outside.

I suppose you ordered your supplies through Berryman so will, have little difficulty in getting rid of your supplies.

I believe I wrote you from Deering about the glorious time I had crossing Ketzue Sound which involved three days and nights on the ice in an awful storm. The deer ate nothing all that time and the men little more. Then after I left Deering I was storm bound three days in the mountains with the tent put up very low and a wind that we expected every minute to blow the tent down. I got a good dose of this winter, all right. I often thought of Mrs. Snowdens cake and what a mistake I made in not allowing her to give us all of it instead of just half.

With best wishes to you both and expecting to see you this summer,

Very truly yours,