

Noatak, Alaska Bb. 23, 1914

My dear Mr. SNOWDEN.

Owing to the fact that no reindeer supplies were shipped in last year and you were compelled to use some of the fuel supplies for that purpose, you are hereby instructed to use not to exceed five female reindeer for the purpose of purchasing wood in order to substitute for the supplies used.

You are instructed to cease giving any supplies to the boys whose time as herders has expired. Make out herders contracts for them as soon as possible. In order to care for the Government deer you are instructed to employ Paul Pilungina as an apprentice until we are notified whether or not the Government will send in supplies for the coming year. If the supplies are sent you will then make out the proper contract for him dated as having gone into effect March first

As soon as the deer are counted this summer you should divide Nigliks deer in two equal parts. Half of the deer are to go to Lazarus, Nigliks brother. At that time you should make out a herders contract for him, adapting it for an owner. At the bottom of the last sheet you should add the following footnote. "It is also understood that the party of the second part will care for the deer belonging to the infant daughter of Niglik, deceased, for the period of two years from this date, and will receive no remuneration for the same.

The remainder of the deer belonging to Niglik are to keep his old mark and be listed on the records as belonging to Nigliks daughter. They will be held in trust by the Government for this child.

The half breed girl who is Nigliks step child will receive no deer as I consider that she has no ^{real} claim on Niglik whatsoever. The fact that she ~~is~~ is a halfbreed, and that very possibly her father is still living makes it undesirable to put deer in her name. I do this on my own judgement and by virtue of the authority given me by the Rules and the contract the Government has with Niglik. If at any future time this decision is reconsidered, a division of the deer belonging to the daughter could be made, although it is not considered proper by me at the present. The fact that Lazarus is to take care of all the deer gives him some claim on a large part of the deer.

You are authorized to ~~make~~ ^{make} ten deer (male and female, 6) for Enoyasek, a Kotzebue man. These deer are in exchange

for three deer bought by him four years ago from Shishmaref herds. On Mr Evans order these deer were taken over by the Government and Enoysook was to get deer in this herd. He never took the deer here so I have make this adjustment of his claims.

You are also to have marked f r the same man four females at once. These are in exchange for deer sold by the Abl?kak estate at Teller. You will receive bills of sale for these in due time.

Very truly yours,

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Superintendent N.W. District