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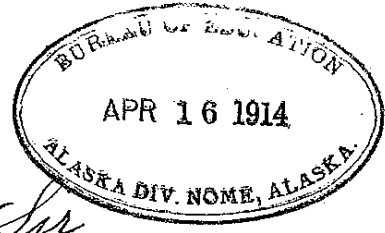
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March, 1914

SUBJECT, Moran's Fox farm

Walter Shields,
Supt of School,
Nome, Alaska,



Dear Sir,

"Riley Jim" Wood, Tooruk, Parruk, and "Mamma Riley" appeal to you to protect them in their rights concerning their ancestral location known as "Riley Camp". Twelve miles below the Government station of Shungnak.

Mr. F. Moran has located a fox farm on the ground used by Salook, Jim's father, the hereditary chief of the Kobuk tribe.

Mr. Moran has promised the "Riley" family a number of things which have not yet materialized.

On Moran's last trip to Shungnak, the Riley family, attempted to have a settlement with Moran but the latter refused to consider "Mamma Riley's" wages for the last two years, nor the title of the "Riley" family to "Riley Camp".

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Tommy Wood acting for his mother demanded \$900.00 for his mother's wages and their native rights at Riley Camp.

Now the Riley Family wish you to lay this claim before Moran's partners who are supposed to be Walter Johnson, Union Construction Co, Mr Samuels, and Mr Lunderberg of Nome, in order that an amicable settlement may be made.

If these parties also refuse, the "Riley" Family wishes you to inform my Lopp and ask him to take steps to have Moran's fox farm removed from Riley Camp. Also as Moran has located Riley camp under the "Homestead Law" that Mr Lopp should notify the General Land Office in order that a patent can not be granted M. F. Moran.

Chief Salook is buried at Riley Camp. He was the friend of all the white men in '98. He allowed the white men to build cabins with the understanding that the cabins should become his property when the builder left.

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Salook and his family have never objected to white men using the place as a land for storage, or camping or wintering. However they have always claimed the ground, fish net-drying and fish caching yards, hunting trapping, berries and the native cemetery.

The fox-farm however interferes with the native fishing, and besides is a nuisance in as much as the native dogs are hard to work or to be chained up while they can smell the foxes. Further M. F. Moran claims the deserted cabins which reverted to Salook and his family.

respectfully

"Pamuk" Tommy Wood,
per Fred M. Siskler.

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