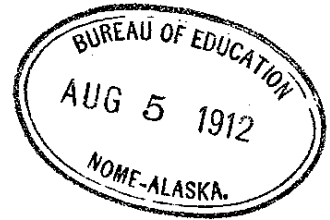


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Kotzebue, Alaska.  
July 20, 1912.

Mr. Walter Shields,  
Nome, Alaska.



Dear Sir:

Mr. Johnson did me a great favor in purchasing the Kodaks which arrived on the Freighter safe and sound.

I believe my April vouchers must be ready for payment by this time. I assigned it to you because it often happens that cash is very hard to get in such large quantities at Kotzebue early in the season.

I am assigning you my June vouchers also for two reasons. The first is that if it must go outside and come back again it will not be paid until I go up the river. Thus I wish you would register the money to me. I am **COPY**

hard to get my reports all finished  
to send out on the mail that we expect  
in at ~~all most~~ almost any time.  
I hardly think I can do it. I want  
them to go out as near correct as  
possible.

Now then I have one more question  
to ask. Did Mr. Johnson purchase my  
Kodak outfit with his own money?  
If he did not and government money  
was used, would it be a great in-  
convenience for you to take it out  
of the June vouchers? I ask this  
favor because I have no money  
and I am not sure that ship  
companies will take assigned  
vouchers for freight charges. It  
would be hard to adjust the freight  
charges to a voucher anyway. I do  
not want this done if Mr. J. is  
furnishing the money. Take out  
the vouchers, or check rather, enough  
to pay all expenses connected with  
the Kodak and in getting check cashed.

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if you can send my April <sup>COPY</sup> check in full, I wish I might get it by return mail or the remainder as soon as possible as I am in great need.

I am also at some anxiety about my commission for next year!!!!!! How is it, are the Dept. officials considering chopping off my head? Probably I deserve it, but I have never worked harder in my life to bring harmony and satisfaction out of chaos. I am passing no remarks with the intention of discrediting the work done by my predecessors but never the less I have worked under unfavorable conditions. I am not kicking nor complaining but simply wish to say that if the Dept. feels at all leery about my fitness for the <sup>COPY</sup> position.

and has in mind a better man for  
the job — let <sup>the</sup> ray fall.

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yours in haste,  
lelash Jones.

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