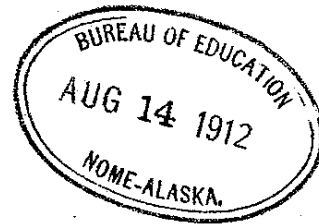


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ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICEHotzebu, Ala. 7/29, 1912.SUBJECT, Capt. John BacklundMr. A. W. Evans,  
Supt. U. M. Dist.,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Today Capt. John Backlund came to me with two vouchers to sign. He said there were seven rolls of roof paper at Dick Hall's store for the Shungnak school. I told him I would sign one voucher when I had checked the goods. After checking the goods, I offered to sign this voucher if there was a pen handy - there was none. He insisted I sign both with indelible pencil. I showed him the instructions on the back of the voucher and told him it was not very far up to Mr. Cox's place where there were both pen and ink. He still insisted and I signed one with indelible pencil. He wanted me to sign two for the same articles on the plea that one might not be right and that would necessitate him waiting so long for his pay. I

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told him I could not do it, so he tore the vouchers, I had signed, in pieces and told Dick Hall to take the rolls of paper. I am also uncertain about my right to sign the paper without my commissions for the year 1912-1913, so perhaps it was all for the best. I regret the action but I do not know how else I could have done.

Very truly yours,  
Lehas H. Jones.

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