

Nome, Alaska,

May 1, 1909

Commissioner of Education,

Washington,

D.C.

Dear sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Myers of Shungnak stating that he has not reached a settlement with the Keewalik Lighterage Co. for carrying a part of the freight from Kotzebue to the Coal Mine about half way fro between Kotzebue and Shungnak. The tugs were caught and frozen in at that point. The rate forced upon Mr. Myers for carrying the Government freight from Kotzebue to Shungnak was Forty dollars per ton. They carried freight for private parties for the same destination for Thirty dollars per ton. The freight for all parties was left at the Coal Mine and the private parties settled for their freight at that point for fifteen dollars per ton. Mr. Myers writes me that he paid for his personal freight, five tons at 10.00-\$50.00. According to Mr. Myers figures the total Government freight amounted to 16.25 tons. Ed. Borden had on his launch 3.7 tons of this, I leaving 12.55 tons for the Keewalik Lighterage Co. Rich who claims to be their agent claims that his expenses for carrying their amount of freight to the Coal Mine was \$350.00. I am unable to understand why the Bureau should be charged double what these other parties have been charged for freight carried on the same lighters and landed at the same place.

I expect Mr. Howland, who signed the proposal, in on the first boat and will take up the matter with him at that time.

I enclose a copy of the Proposal as signed by Howland. Also a copy of the one signed by Borden. Borden is now dead but the matter will be taken up through this administrator of his estate.

Respectfully yours,

A. N. Evans

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