

Stungnak Alaska

April 30/08,

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Mr Owens,

Nome Alaska

Dear Friend your letter of the 10th received and was glad to hear from you but sorry that you could not come to see us as there are so many things that we could tell you and explain to you so much more satisfactory than we can write ~~would~~ you not seeing the place and not knowing the conditions under which we had to labor ~~under~~ since we have been here therefore it is such a disappointment to us by not seeing you this winter hope we may see you next summer.

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school building I bought
the logs and did two rolls of
building paper from the
natives, the money to be
placed in their treasure
for their benefit as they
put up the building and
the money belongs to them
for their use at Shungnak I
will send you the vouchers
to forward to the Government
hoping it will be satisfactory
as it was the only thing that we
could do as it was so late when we
got here that when we brought
the first logs down the river they
were frozen together so we had to
chop them apart and we did not
have enough to finish the building
so we used the best of logs in old
building, as the natives told us
to do, and as soon as we conveniently
could get the whole tribe together we held

in business meetings and
bought the logs of the natives as they
were the only people to consult
for the they are the only people that
had anything in the building.
We paid them the same rate
that it cost to bring the logs
down the river I think that just
and right hoping it will be
satisfactory.

We have to paint the inside of
the building before it is finished
The entrance room is not ceiled
yet we havent enough ceiling
would like about 850 ft. ceiling to
finish the room and would like
about 500 ft. of flooring to floor the
attic, and 1500 ft. of ship lap lumber
to ceil the under the roof on the rafters
it frosts up there, so when it is cold
and when it thaws every thing gets
wet up there and the water drops
through the ceiling