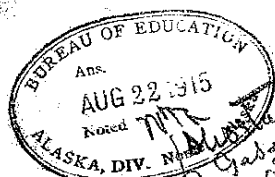


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July 27, 1915
Kotzebue, Alaska.

Supt. W. C. Shields,
 Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to have an opportunity to send you a letter before you leave Nome. Our Government supplies for Noatak came in with Capt. Backland on the "C. S. Hornes" and are being unloaded now. Capt. Backland has the contract to deliver the Gov't freight at Noatak. I do not know when he will send it up the river.

Mr. Shields we received our bills from H. C. Sinclair, Seattle, and we have checked them carefully and find that he has sent us a gasoline lighting outfit but not one drop of gasoline. We would have appreciated this outfit greatly if the gasoline had been sent but as it is now it is absolutely no use to us unless it is possible for us to get gasoline

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before we go up the river. I think that Noatak School building needs something to brighten it — these lights would have helped.

Just five pounds of pack Calumet — 20¢ came in — no oil to mix it with was sent. I fear 20 cents worth of paint won't go far in painting that black school room.

We were sent less than one third of what we requisitioned, and we tried not to requisition anything more than was absolutely necessary.

As you know, our workshop leaks very badly and nothing was sent in to repair it. We have absolutely no place to store the Gov't. barter supplies except in the workshop and the store house and both leak badly.

Our barter supplies are very short considering the fact that we have to pay for the repairs to the school building from these supplies. I fear

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SCHOOL, _____

we will not have sufficient supplies to
buy wood to last during the winter.

We hope that you will see fit to get some
message to Seattle concerning these shortages
for Noatak, so we will be able to get them
yet this summer.

We are sorry to trouble you again but
it seems that Noatak is very short of
supplies this time. We will greatly
appreciate any thing you may do con-
cerning this.

Yours truly,
Clarence Aubrey