

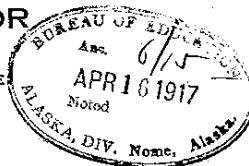
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SEATTLE, WASH.



Walter

March 2, 1917.

Supt. Walter C. Shields,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Shields:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 3, enclosing voucher for \$72.50 in favor of Mishek, Noatak, for freight charges from Kotzebue to Noatak on the supplies which were shipped on B/L 1628. I do not see just how you figure 4-5/6 tons, as there was something more than that, and Mr. Ausley has reported all items received. I have, therefore, changed the voucher to read \$85.60, being the correct amount at \$15.00 per ton.

I note that you state that you have a voucher for the same man for \$52.50, being the freight charges on 3 1/2 tons of reindeer supplies from Kotzebue to Noatak, which were evidently covered on B/L 1616 from Seattle. You also state that I wrote you early in the summer that this freight was charged to you. I have looked through our files and can find no such letter, and, in fact, I did not intend to write any such letter because the freight charges from Seattle to Kotzebue and from Kotzebue to Noatak are charged against my reindeer authorization 7 and the voucher covering the first step from Seattle to Kotzebue has already been paid. The freight charges earned by Mishek on this reindeer shipment should be \$53.75 instead of \$52.50, unless there were some shortages at Noatak. I shall wire you as soon as I hear of your return to Nome to pay Mishek \$53.75 and charge to my reindeer 7, as I think it would save time for you to pay him direct instead of sending the voucher here.

You also enclosed a voucher in favor of Selawik Jim for freight charges from Kotzebue to Selawik, amounting to \$61.00. I have figured this tonnage to be greater than 4 1/2 tons and the correct charges to be \$54.17, and checks will be issued accordingly. Mr. Jones has asked that Selawik Jim's check be sent to him, and in this letter you ask that both the Noatak and Selawik checks be sent to you. I will put the matter up to Mr. Quarles and let him do as he thinks best.