

per the "Bertha"



St. Michael, Alaska, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1897.



Rudolph Neumann Esq.  
Genl. Agent Alaska Commercial Co.  
Unalaska

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters, as follows: - two of 23<sup>rd</sup> ult. per the "Bertha"; and one of 28<sup>th</sup> and two of 30<sup>th</sup> ult. per the "Portland".

The "Bertha" arrived on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult., and discharging has been considerably delayed by the strong N. E. winds which have been prevailing. She has now all but finished; and will, I expect, proceed to sea this evening. The merchandise has all been landed in good order; and bag of coin (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) was duly received. The natives will be retained to assist in discharging the "Lakme" which arrived on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Your instructions regarding bills, etc. for George Lipany will be attended to; and the letters you enclose will be forwarded during the winter. The \$35<sup>00</sup> to Mr. Fuduchko for rings was paid here last March.

The balance of potatoes and onions will be shipped per "Excelsior" which I expect will sail in a week or 10 days.

Your account current is found correct with exception of Shipment per Bertha, Aug. 13 which was invoiced \$4891<sup>74</sup> and credited here accordingly.

I note that you have charged this District with Sundry fare from Unalaska to St. Michael per Str. "Excelsior", July 10; and in connection therewith, I think that as all expenses of such Steamers are charged this District it would be better to allow such charges to be made from this office as otherwise there is bound to be considerable confusion.

Enclosed is copy letter to Home Office forwarded yesterday per Str. "Danube"; and which will give you the news to date.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. Gray in which Mr. & Mrs. Horn join.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

James M. Wilson  
Dept.

Mr. Lyng has now considerably recovered; but it is necessary that he should go down in order to have proper treatment; and in consequence is a passenger on the Bertha.

St. Michael  
Support Letter

Oct. 5/97

per Bertha

Copy of Letter  
per Str. "Danube"



St. Michael, Alaska, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1897

Alaska Commercial Co.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen; -

The Str. "Bertha" arrived on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the "Lakme" on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the "Excelsior" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst; and I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters as follows: - 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> ult., 2 of 7<sup>th</sup> inst., 1 of 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 of 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 of 17<sup>th</sup> and 2 of 18<sup>th</sup> together with enclosures as per lists; and contents of all have been carefully noted.

On arrival the "Bertha" was unable to anchor on account of a stiff N.E. breeze which was blowing; and put back to the shelter of Egg Island, where she remained until next day. Discharging commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and continued till the following day about noon, then, with the "Bear" and "Lakme" she was once more obliged to seek shelter, owing to weather. She returned again this morning and immediately commenced to discharge; and I expect, if the wind does not

increase, she will be able to leave some time tomorrow. I am sending this to Seattle in order to secure passengers, of which about 18 are now booked. The "Danube" takes double that number to Victoria, having secured them by offering st<sup>e</sup>erage for \$50<sup>00</sup>; and allowing passengers to go on board at once. Capt. Hays will telegraph for instructions on arrival at Seattle.

The "Lakmi" commenced discharging this morning, having been unable to do so sooner on account of the weather.

The Steamer "Alice" arrived on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. having been unable to go further than Fort Yukon on account of the extremely low water in the river. Enclosed is copy of letter received from Capt. E. Hanson stating clearly the condition of affairs on the upper river, also of his instructions to the Captains of the river steamers as to procedure on reaching Fort Yukon.

On her way down the "Alice" passed Fort Haulie on the 17<sup>th</sup>, when at the time Sts "Margaret" and "Bella" were discharging freight, and reached Mauisok Creek

the following day. Then she landed the remainder of original cargo, which had been partially discharged at Fort Yukon. The Str. Victoria was at Manok on the same date. The "Yukon" with Barge in tow was passed a little below Russian Mission, going up.

The "Alice" commenced loading immediately on arrival, and left for Andreevsky on the 27<sup>th</sup>, towing Barge #2, which she brought down from that place, cargo having been landed there.

The Str. "J. J. Healy" arrived on the 27<sup>th</sup>, bringing no fresh news from Fort Yukon, but a note from Capt. Dixon of the "Bella", dated 19<sup>th</sup> inst., stating that, having discharged a portion of his cargo at Fort Hanstien, he was proceeding to Fort Yukon with the balance, and expected to be able to reach St. Michael Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reports have been circulated that ice is running at the mouth of the river, but so far have not been corroborated. The "Healy" having loaded, is waiting a chance to get round

the coast into the river.

The Str. "Danube" for the Canadian Pacific Transportation Co. arrived on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Captain expects to complete discharging; and go to sea this evening. I assisted them as much as possible with the use of Str "Seward" and two lighters. Mr. Watson who has charge of the construction of their new steamers, after looking <sup>over</sup> our land, concluded there was no very suitable site for building, other than that on which I have landed lumber for construction of Str. "Leah" and new barges, and finally selected a place near the canal, on the land located by the N.A.T. & T Co., with their consent.

At Fort Hamlin, at which point, so much more cargo has been stored than was expected, Mr. Faucett remained to help Mr. Wradson, his wife and child being with him.

Should the weather be suitable for discharging I expect to be able to leave here on "Excelsior" in about a week; but shall not do so before the cargo from "Lakme" has all been landed, and I have received final

news from the River.

The letters herein acknowledged  
will be replied to as length per  
"Bertha"

Yours faithfully

(Sgd) James M. Wilson

Supt.

List of Enclosures per Str "Danube"  
Press copy letter per "Jas G. Garfield"  
Copy letter from Capt. Hausen of Sept 5<sup>th</sup>  
Copy Capt. Hausen's instructions to Capt.  
List of arrivals & Departures to date  
Press copy telegram handed Capt.  
Meyer to forward.

Telegram handed Capt. "Danube"

Alaska Commercial Co.

310 Sansome San Francisco

Steamers could not pass Fort  
Yukon owing to low water

Bertha should arrive Seattle 21<sup>st</sup>.

Lachme Excursion here

Wilson



St. Michael

Copy of Home  
Office Letter

per, Dumber

Oct. 4/97

Unga. Oct. 12-97.

Agent. A. C. Co.

Unalaska.

Dear Sir.

Can you inform me <sup>whether</sup> ~~whether~~ I  
obtain passage on the Schooner Pearl. from this place  
in December for San. Francisco.

Yours. Respectfully

J. J. Bannan.

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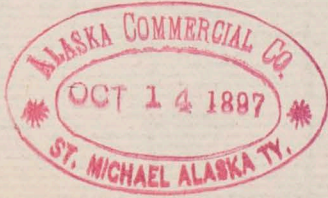
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to S Fr per Paul  
can be had Dec

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St. Michael, Alaska, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Mr. A. Gray  
Agent Alaska Commercial Co.  
Unalaska



Dear Sir:-

In 'Excelsior' which leaves to-day I  
ship 50 lbs Potatoes and 15 lbs Onions as per enclosed  
bill amounting to \$96<sup>31</sup>.

The 15 Natives who came per 'Buthi' return per  
'Excelsior' and I would like to have their settlement  
made in Unalaska. They have worked extremely well  
and are to be allowed 15 days overtime, which I will  
arrange with you personally on arrival.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. R. Newman  
in which Mr. & Mrs. Heron join

I remain

Yours truly,

James M. Wilson  
Supt.

1 Encl.

Give my regards to the Marshal & other friends at  
Unalaska and Dutch Harbor. Heron

St Michael  
Sept<sup>4</sup> to letter  
Oct. 14. 1847  
of "Excursion"



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Ugrr Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1897

Alaska Commercial &  
Unalaska



Dear Sir

Pradion Lushkin wants to buy the  
Company Dwelling House at 113. I told  
him he may get it for \$150.<sup>00</sup> or \$200.<sup>00</sup>  
He thinks he can pay for it next summer  
I told him I would advise you about it  
and you would let him know through Mr  
Carlson, and he would collect the money  
if satisfactory to you

I forgot to hand you the keys  
of that house while in Unalaska but  
will have them with Mr Carlson to hand  
to Lushkin upon receipt of money

Very Truly Yours

J J Myers

Ulysses S.  
D. J. Chapman

Oct. 12/97

ALASKA COMMERCIAL CO.

MAIN OFFICE, 310 SANSOME STREET,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.



ALASKA, Oct 9th 1897

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Mr Rudolph Krumm  
General Agent Alaska Bonds  
Unalaska

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith all the papers regarding Baerle Estate for you to look over, and would ask you to fix the Bond, where is no one that I know off except Mr Mayon who promised to sign if necessary.

In regards to my application for Administrator for the estate, after the accident occurred I consulted with Mr Mayon, what would be the best to do, as we hold the mortgage or agreement, which I enclose herewith for the property, and the estate owes us to date \$998<sup>80</sup> we came to the conclusion that I should apply for Administrator of the estate so that we could have the control over it, and that we could get what is due us. I would ask you if you think with this agreement we could get an order from the court to close this property to dispose off or in any way to get this settled from our hands, we have Commissioners here but I have not enquired from him, will wait until I hear from you, please advise me what you think that I should do. by return mail.



I enclose herewith Statement of Each of the Islands. Expenditures and of what Foxes was landed on same, I landed 50 Foxes all that arrived on the boat on Woesnoy, Thorgramsen tells me that Mr. Birk and the natives was very much opposed for him to get any foxes from them. I would ask you to look over the bills and see if charges could not be reduced some. The expenditures on Woesnoy are large but there is two years expense counted in previously to this and hereforth will not amount to more than 150<sup>00</sup> to 200 per year, there is a fair start if there would have been few more females, it would have been better.

At present writing I have not heard any from Mr. Brown in reply to your letter - I wish to say when the expedition started from here everything advanced was for Brown, Bensten and Alberts. and nothing advanced account of Jas Ramsay.

With kindest regards to you from Mrs L and self and hope to see you on your way down

Yours Very truly  
O. W. Carlson

Ulysses S.

Superintendent

Oct. 9/97

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ALBERT J. MUMFORD

## ALASKA COMMERCIAL CO.

MAIN OFFICE, 310 SANSOME STREET,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

ALASKA, *Unigu* Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1897

*Mr A Gray*  
*Agent Alaska Commercial Co*  
*Unalaska.*

*Dear Sir:*

Your letter of Sept 20<sup>th</sup> to hand by mail Strawn and in reply beg to say that all admissions and corrections have been noted. Enclosed herewith you will please find bills for drafts for 7954.<sup>68</sup> account Big Courtney Ford <sup>30.<sup>60</sup></sup> Schur Weathermax <sup>35.<sup>00</sup></sup> for coal oil to Albin 7.<sup>79</sup> and credit memo for 9.<sup>00</sup> Laureted from John Hubby of Belkofsky. We have also credited Unalaska with 25.<sup>00</sup> for Judge Woodman for service rendered regarding the house at Belkofsky. I will attend to it as advised.

Kohler & Chase bill for 96.<sup>57</sup> is o.k. it is for musical instruments that arrived for the Apollo Band by Schur Weathermax. We reviewed your bill 568.<sup>73</sup> and wish to say that I think you have charged us rather high in freight, transportation and in the merchandise, and would ask you if you could not reduce it some, also Thompsons & Boys fare and freight on a little skiff from Unigu to Unalaska the whole was charged to us at 36.<sup>50</sup>, when I spoke to the Captain and purser. I did not ask for Cabin passage, I mentioned this to the Purser on return he informed me that he had nothing to do with this but left it all to you, therefore would ask you to reduce this amount.

We return 2 sets Store Furniture shipped us in August  
not having any sale for same.

Kindest regards to you

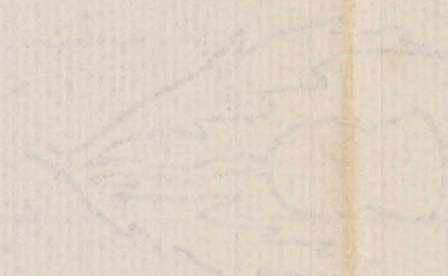
Yours very truly  
Wm. L. Linsden

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Ulysses S.  
Sargent's Letter

Oct. 12/97

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