



St. Michael, Alaska, September 9th, 1897.



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

Dear Sir:-

The Steam-tug 'Richard Adyoshi' arrived last night, towing Sch. 'W. J. Bryant', Bark Politorosky, and Steam-whel Str. 'W. K. Merwin' and bringing to hand yours of the 1st inst. I also beg to acknowledge ^{receipt of} your letters of 14th and 22nd ult., previously received, the contents of which were duly noted.

I was very sorry to hear of the fire at the Apollo Mine; and trust that the damage done will not seriously hinder operations.

I have been obliged to detain the Str. 'Bertha' here as owing to the scarcity of labor, her crew were necessary to assist in discharging the Sch. 'James A. Garfield' which arrived on the 5th inst. This scarcity of labor is occasioned by the strangers here buying articles from the natives; and thus enabling them to get along without working. Should the Str. 'Lakme' not have left Unalaska by the time this reaches you, I would be pleased if you would send on her a few good natives to assist in her discharge.

The *St. Bertha* will probably leave for your port on the 13th. Still carrying a portion of her present cargo for ballast; and enclosed herewith is requisition for such articles as I would like to have you ship.

I am sorry that you did not add to your letter some information about *Sti. Excalibur*, as I understood from some of the passengers just arrived that she arrived with a broken propeller. Capt. Klunger was unable to give me any definite information.

On my way down the river I received a letter from Mr. Ed. Lind saying that he and Mr. Geo. Sipary were at Russian Mission and intended going on to St. Michael to meet me there. Later, whilst at Anvik, Mr. Hendricks casually remarked that these gentlemen were still waiting at Russian Mission; but when passing that place this escaped my memory, and we did not stop, as I still had in view the original engagement to meet them here. I am now in receipt of a letter from them stating that they waited at Russian Mission not having an opportunity to come to St. Michael; and that they were obliged to return home not having time to come further. I regret exceedingly this mistake, and the consequent delay in settling their account; and now await your instructions as to what had better be done under the circumstances. Would it not be well to have one of them empowered to act for both; and have him meet you here or at

Unalaska by first Steamer next year? I shall write them on hearing from you what course you consider best to take.

Mr. Loring has given an order on us for \$500 in favor of Rev. J. Belief on account of a boat which he has purchased. This order has been presented; but I shall not pay it until advised by you to do so.

In yours of 14th ult. you mention the intention of Ivan Olgin to come here; and, whilst I do not think he would be suitable for this Station, would recommend him as much as possible to some of the men at the mines.

Referring to your last Statement of Account, under date of June 21st, is charged Bill against Mr. Hall, amounting to \$9.88. This bill includes 1st Virginia Bright Cigarettes and Mr. Hall claims to have received only 1 box containing 500. Please see if anything can be done in the matter.

Mr. Chas. Smith, Deputy Collector for Fair City, went forward to his destination on Str. Alice and I have written to the Agent at that Station to look after his welfare as much as possible, during the coming winter.

As it seems very probable that the Str. 'Butha' will be detained here until late in the season, I think it would be ^{a good} plan for her to take on at Unalaska ballast, and sufficient coal to last until she gets to San Francisco thus saving time on her way down. This would necessitate unloading the portion of cargo left aboard for ballast and

replacing it on the top of ballast and coal along with such
merchandise as you are able to ship us.

The coal for this station would require to be sacked
as owing to the scarcity of labor and lateness of the season
we would not otherwise be able to handle it.

Yours very truly,

Amos M. Wilson
Capt.

With wishes to Gray and yourself and pleasure
to our 'Nat Pearl' got back

~~Amos~~
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St. Michael

J^{es} H. Wilson's Letter

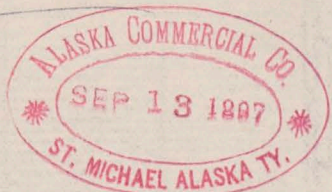
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St Michael, Alaska, September 9th, 1897.



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

Dear Sir:

The Steam-tug "Richard Holyoke" arrived last night towing Sch. "W. J. Bryant", Bark "Politsvsky", and Steam whel Sch. "W. K. Merwin"; and bringing to hand yours of the 1st inst. I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 14th and (2 of) 25th ult., previously received, the contents of which were duly noted.

I was very sorry to hear of the fire at the Apollo Mine; and trust that the damage done will not seriously hinder operations.

I have been obliged to detain the St. Bertha here as, owing to the scarcity of labor, her crew were necessary to assist in discharging the Sch. "James A. Garfield" which arrived on the 5th inst. This scarcity of labor is occasioned by the strangers here buying articles from the natives; and thus enabling them to get along without working. Should the St. "Lahmi" not have left Unalaska by the time this reaches you, I would be pleased if you would send on her a few good natives to assist in her discharge.

The St. Bertha will probably leave for your port

on the 13th, still carrying a portion of her present cargo for ballast; and enclosed herewith is requisition for such articles as I would like to have you ship.

I am sorry that you did not add to your letter some information about Str. 'Excelsior' as I understood from some of the passengers just arrived, that she arrived with a broken propeller. Capt. Kluger was unable to give me any definite information.

On my way down the river I received a letter from Mr. Ed. Lind saying that he and Mr. Geo. Sipay were at Russian Mission and intended going on to St. Michael to meet me there. Later, whilst at Anvik, Mr. Hendricks casually remarked that these gentlemen were still waiting at Russian Mission ~~not having an opportunity to come to St. Michael~~; but when passing that place this escaped my memory, and we did not stop, as I still had in view the original engagement to meet them here. I am now in receipt of a letter from them stating that they waited at Russian Mission not having an opportunity to come to St. Michael; and that they were obliged to return home not having time to come further. I regret exceedingly this mistake and the consequent delay in settling their account; and now await your instructions as to what had better be done under the circumstances. Would it not be well to have one of them empowered to act for both, and have him meet you here.

or at Unalaska by fast Steamer next year? I shall write them on hearing from you what course you consider best to take.

Mr Sipary has given an order on us for \$502 in favor of Rev. H. Belkif on account of a boat which he has purchased. This order has been presented; but I shall not pay it until advised by you to do so.

In yours of 14th ult. you mention the intention of Sven Olgin to come here; and, whilst I do not think he would be suitable for this Station, would recommend him as much as possible to some of the men at the mines.

Referring to your last Statement of Account, under date of June 21st, is charged bill against Mr Hall amounting to \$9.88. This bill includes 1st Virginia Bright Cigarettes and Mr Hall claims to have received only 1 box containing 500. Please see if anything can be done in the matter.

Mr Charles Smith, Deputy Collector for Fairbairn, went forward to his destination on Str. 'Alice' and I have written to the Agent at that Station to look after his welfare as much as possible during the coming winter.

As it seems very probable that the Str. Bertha will be detained here until late in the season, I think it would be a good plan for her to take on at Unalaska ballast, and sufficient coal to last until she goes to San Francisco. Thus saving time on her every run. This would necessitate unloading the portion of cargo left aboard for

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ballast and replacing it on the top of ballast and coal
along with such merchandise as you are able to ship us.

The coal for this Station would require to be
sacked as owing to the scarcity of labor and latitudes
of the season we would not otherwise be able to
handle it.

Yours very truly,

4Sgt7 James M. Wilson
Supt.

With wishes to Gray and yourself, and pleased to
see that 'Pearl' got back

4Sgt7 J.M.W.

St Michaels Alaska

Sept 9-97

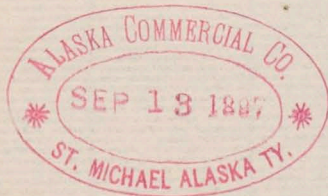
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per *San Rucka*



St. Michael, Alaska. September 13th, 1897



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

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is copy letter of 7th inst. which was forwarded to you per Steam tug "Holyoke"; also requisition for a few articles of which we have run short; and which I trust you may be able to fill.

The *St. Charles Hamilton* belonging to the A.S.S.C. arrived today and reported having been unable to get higher than Yukon Flats. She passed, on her way down, the *St. Alice* above Kulato, and the *Srs. Bella* and *Victoria* in the vicinity of Russian Mission. Most of her passengers returned to Manook Creek, whilst her cargo was landed at Fort Yukon. Mr. Gale and Mr. Hamilton, of San Francisco, also went ashore at Fort Yukon to await the arrival of *St. Alice*. I have not the slightest doubt that our Steamers will all be able to get up to Dawson.

I am in daily expectation of the arrival of a further from Unalaska, as also of the "*Lalmé*".

Enclosed is bill for freight on 1 Bbl. Shipped per *St. Beatha* for Rev. A. Nedrofsky for which please credit this

Station.

The Rev. J. P. Lisi is a passenger on the 'Berkie' as
 Rev. Bamum wishes him to get below as soon as possible.
 I need not ask you to look out for his welfare as I know
 he will have every attention and assistance on his journey.
 With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. Gray.

I remain

Yours very truly,

James M. Wilson
 M.D.

If you can lend or sell us any books from the Library
 such as the Encyclopedia, Motley's Dutch Republic, Helms
 or Howell's Works I shall be pleased if you will do so.

I understand that the two Chinamen now at Unalakleet
 are going down this Fall; and, if so, I would like to have
 either or both of them come up here on the 'Berkie' to work
 in their present capacities.

St. Michael
Letter J^{as} H. Wilson
Sept. 13. 1897

Apallo mine Sep^r 16th 1897
Mr R Newnam
Unalaska
Alaska Ty



Dear Sir

In reference to a/c of
Albert, Barstow, & Brown I wish to state
the agreement between Mr Ramsey and
the above was as follows

Albert also furnished the traps

Mr Ramsey furnished the Schooner
to be provisioned between the two, share
and share alike, for the purpose of
catching blue fox on Atka Island.

Mr Dawd of St Michaels will most likely
remember the agreement.

The bills of that trip amount to \$1009.⁵⁰
of this amount \$501.¹⁰ was taken from Unga
some of that was lost in the wreck of "Two
Brothers" at Unalaska.

Mr Albert also tells me he paid out \$90
cash on the trip but since he has failed to
send me an itemized bill of disbursements
I cannot submit it.

I regret very much that this matter was
not settled prior to Mr Ramseys death

also that our age has been standing so long.

I can only excuse myself by referring to my very sad and unexpected trip to the city otherwise I would have been clear long ago. However bearing trouble or distress I will soon meet my share of the age hoping to hear from you on this matter and that you have passed a pleasant summer. With kindest regards from Mrs Brown and myself

very respectfully yours

J P Brown

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Letter from F. R. Brown

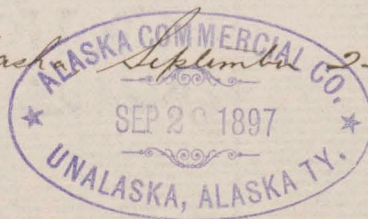
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Sept. 12/97

per Sch. "Baranoff"



St. Michael, Alaska, September 22nd 1897.



J. Neumann, Esq.

Genl. Agent Alaska Commercial Co.
Unalaska

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 6th and 10th insts., per U.S.S. "Corwin" and Sch. "Baranoff", which vessels arrived 14th and 17th respectively.

The "Baranoff" transferred her passengers, etc. to the river Ste. "Merwin" on the 20th, and was then ready to return, but was delayed on account of overtures being made to me to charter ^{the schooner} to take a party to the mouth of Copper River. The intending charterers were amongst the passengers of Steamer Ste. "Haw Island", which arrived here in tow of Ste. "North Fork"; and they have decided to wait a few days longer, in the hope that their Steamer may yet be able to get up the river as far as Manook Creek. The "Baranoff" will consequently leave this evening; and I am taking this opportunity of shipping you 100 bbs. of potatoes, of which I understand from Mr. Louis Sloss, Jr. you are short.

Enclosed is copy of letter to Home Office, forwarded per Ste. "North Fork" on the 16th and which will give you the news to that date.

The Sch. "James A. Garfield" signed clear yesterday, and

only awaits a favorable opportunity to sail.

Mr Lyng is doing remarkably well having apparently recovered entirely from the shock.

With nothing further of importance to add.

I remain

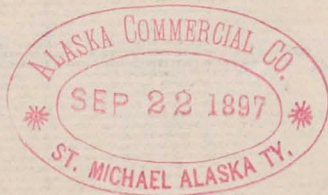
Yours very truly,

James M. Wilson
Supt. /

P.S. There have been ^{two} enquires made as to passage from here on "Baranoff"; the larger schooner would most probably get there should there be any. Trusting you are well and with best wishes to Mr. Gray and yourself
I am
~~Yours~~

St. Michael
Superior Letter
Sept. 22/97
Ex. Baranoff

per U.S. R. S. "Corum"



St. Michael, Alaska. September 22nd, 1897.



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

Dear Sir:

The U.S.S. "Bear" arrived to day from her trip to East Cape, and in consequence the "Corum" leaves early in the morning. I take the opportunity offered to forward press copy of letter sent by Sch. Baranoff, which please find inclosed.

The Sch. "Garfield" left early this morning, but has remained in sight all day.

Since writing last nothing of importance has occurred.
With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. Gray,
I remain,

Yours very truly,

James M. Wilson

B. Lyn is up and out today
~~sent~~

St. Michael
Superior letter
Sept. 23. 1897
at, Comwin

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