St. George Island Alaska 1892

Maj W. H Williams
U. S. Treasury Agent
in charge Seal Islands.

Sir

I respectfully submit the following report of affairs on this Island since the date of my last report, to wit November 23, 1891 to date.

Health of the natives

Attached hereto and marked "a" please find the two several reports of Dr. L. A. Noyes resident physician. In this connection I desire to commend the vigilant and faithful manner in which Dr Noyes has discharged the duties of his position.

School.

Attached hereto and marked "B" please find report of Mrs Nellleton teacher.

Mrs Nellleton found the work of teaching these native children to be perplexing, disappointing and somewhat discouraging. While it may be said that she did her utmost to discharge her duties faithfully and well, the results reached are not such as she or the Treasury agent in charge had hoped for.

The very young pupils made much the most encouraging advancement, the older ones made very fair progress; under all the circumstances, perhaps, as much was accomplished as could have reasonably have been expected.

On Friday afternoons, during nearly all the term, Mrs Nettleton had the girls of her school as well as the older girls of the village at the Government House where they were instructed in sewing, needlework, etc. There is cause for encouragement in the progress made in this branch of their education.

I am of the opinion that there is small probability of these people acquiring much knowledge of the English language so long as the children hear nothing but the Aleute language out of school hours, and so long as the services of their church are conducted in Russian or Aleute, and their communication with the representatives of the Seasons is largely in other than the English language.

Fuel supply.

The Winter was very severe, more snow lying on the ground during the entire season than during any previous winter for several years. If the extra supply of coal had not been furnished by the Department last fall these people must have suffered. It would have been impossible, on account of the depth of snow to have gathered drift wood.

If it had been possible, the wood could hardly be used as fuel in the absence of a supply of seal blubber. The supply of coal, by economy in mining it, kept the natives in comfort throughout the winter and there at this writing 7 tons remaining ~~in~~

Subsistence of the Natives.

As you are aware, it was supposed last fall that, owing to the limited seal catch last year and the consequent small amount earned by the natives, that their credit on the books of the Lessees would not be sufficient to carry the people through the winter.

The amount standing to the credit of the natives on the books of the Lessees on August 12. 1891 was as follows.

From the earnings of previous years	$2933.27	
" " division of 1891	1350.00	
Amt advanced by N.A.C.Co in 1891	1725.00	$6008.27
Deduct amt to credit of the Priests		1880.70
Leaving amt to credit of natives		$4189.57

Upon the above amount together with the amount earned by them in working for the Lessees - together with sum of $283.00 donated by the resident agent of the Lessees in household supplies (at invoice price) the natives of this Island have, up to this date lived comfortably and well, not lacking any needed thing in the way of fuel food or clothing. and on May 13. 1892 there was due to them on the books of the Lessees the sum of $1078.31

not including the amount due the Priest. This I am informed by the resident agent of the Lessees, is a larger amount than has stood to their credit, at the same time of year for several years previously.

The Treasury agent in charge did not, therefore find it necessary to involve the Government in any amount for Natives support during the period covered by this report. Had their solicitations been complied with and Government aid been furnished to procure holiday fringes etc an indebtedness of an almost indefinite amount might have been incurred for the amount of merchandise which the average Native would purchase at the store of the Lessees would be limited only by the amount of cash in hand, their credit on the books of the Company and the amount in Government orders which they could obtain from the Treasury agent in charge.

Widows Orphans and Indigents

This class of the population, including those styled "unmarried Widows" and their offspring have been well cared for by the Lessees and reasonably ~~supplied~~ well supplied with fuel, food and clothing.

Seals killed for Natives food.

The quota for this Island, of seals to be killed for natives food, for the season ending April 30. 1892 was 400; this number was killed. the skins being all prime except the 36 killed during the stagy season, as stated in my report dated November 23. 1891 and for reasons therein set forth.

The first killing, after the close of the stagy period was made on October 23, and the last killing made was on November 27.

The killings for the present year — under the authority of your telegram of October 15 1891 have been as follows.

~~Thursday~~ At Zapad in May ~~1 at 9 a.m.~~ 19 were driven and ~~Thursday~~ 53 17 killed. The carcasses and skins packed by the natives to the village skins all prime.

~~Sunday~~ From North Rookery on May 20. ~~at 8.30 a.m.~~ ~~Thur. 39~~ about 50 were driven 36 were killed. skins all prime one seal gone out. was clubbed an skin included in above count.

~~Sunday~~ From North Rookery on June 7. ~~at 8.30 a.m.~~ 185 were ~~Thur. 44~~ driven 103 killed and 82 turned back none perished by the way. skins all prime, ~~several weights as follows 30 weighed 11 lbs each. 31 10 lbs each and 42. 8 lbs each~~

~~Foggy and~~ June 8 From Eastern Rookery ~~at midnight~~; 243. driven. 111 killed. 132 turned ~~Cool.~~ ~~away~~, skins accepted. ~~weighed as follows 41 weighed 12 to 38. 8 lbs each and 32. 10 lbs each~~

In accordance with your instructions no foxes were killed during the winter. The dead ones were found by the natives the skins were delivered to the company, awaiting your instructions.

Having avoided myself of any opportunity during the winter and spring to gather data by which to make an estimate of the number of foxes on this Island I am satisfied that there are ~~two~~ not to exceed Three hundred

Conduct of the natives.

The conduct of the natives has been such as to merit words of praise. It has not been necessary to summon any one before the Government officer. They have cheerfully complied with any requirement emanating from the Government house.

For the reason, among others, that each native head of a family was by your direction allowed to purchase one pound of sugar per week, a reasonably close watch was maintained for evidences of quass. With two minor exceptions, scarcely noticable. no evidences of intoxication or of quass brewing have been observed. If quass was manufactured it was used, quietly, in the homes of the people.

Attached hereto and marked E.
Please find Census of the native population of St George Island for the year 1891.

Attached hereto and marked F please find tabulated statement of the arrival of seals.

Respectfully submitted

Asst Special Treasury agent

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St. George Island Alaska May 27. 1892

S. R. Nettleton
Asst Treas Agt. U.S.G.

Sir

I again respectfully submit a report of the health of the native population of this Island.

Since my arrival here June 5th 1891 there has been one death and four births; there have been two light spedimes of Influenza, one in the fall, the other in January, otherwise no serious illness aside from their scrofolous and Pulmonary troubles. Their present state of health is, for these people good.

Respectfully

Dr L. A. Noyes

Physician for N. A. C. Co (8)

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St. George Island April 30. 1892

S. R. Nettleton
Agent in charge

Dear Sir

I herewith submit to you the following school report for the eight months from September 1st 1891 to April 30th 1892 both inclusive.

Number of days taught	152 1/2
" " scholars enrolled	24
" " days attendance	3343 1/2
Daily average	20.68+
Number of scholars absent	21
" " days "	46
Excused by Government agent	8
Days " " " "	5 1/2
Number excused on account of sickness	13
" days " " " " "	41 1/2

21 scholars were enrolled the first three months then one was excused, by the Government agent, being past the school age. On the 7th of December three scholars began school having arrived at the age of 5 years which made 23 enrolled for the remainder of the term. There were six scholars who were not absent during the term. and but five have been tardy during the term.

Mrs S. R. Nettleton
Teacher

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St. Lawrence Island Alaska January 1. 1892

S. R. Nutleton
asst Treas agt U.S.L.

Sir

In compliance with your request for a statement of the health of the native inhabitants of this Island I submit the following since my last report made to A. W. Lavender aug 3 we have had less sickness than usual, and no deaths, at present the sick list is small and their general condition of health is better than the average.

Respectfully
Dr L. A. Noyes
Physician N. A. T. Co.

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Arrival of Seals.

On 1891			On 1892		
May 4			May 2		
Stamp Artel	1 bulls		N. Rookery	1 bull	
E. Rookery	1 "				
N. "	2 "		May 3		
			N. Rookery	3 "	3 hollusch
May 5			E "	1 "	no "
Bapadni	2 "		Bapadni Nom		no "
May 9			May 4		
N. & Stamp Artel	14 "		N. Rookery	4 "	4 "
E Rookery	9 "		Stamp Artel	1 "	no "
N. Rooky		14 hollusch	E. R	1 "	" "
May 14			May 7		
Bapadni	25 "		Bapadni	4 "	4 "
L. E Rooky	5 bulls				
- E "	20 "		May 8		
Stamp Artel	10 "		N. R	3 "	no "
			S. Artel	4 "	" "
May 15			E. R	4 "	" "
Stamp Artel	10 bulls	no hollusch			
N. Rookery	22 "	" "	May 12		
E "	20 "	6 "	N. R	21 "	6 "
L. E.	6 "	no "	S. Artel	6 "	2 "
			E. R	9 "	2 "

Arrival of Seals.

In 1891			In 1892		
May 17			May 13.		
N. Rocky	42 bulls	6 hollusch	Zapadni	16 bulls	14 hollusch
May 18			May 17		
N. Rocky	"	20 "	E. Rocky	35 "	20 "
Zapadni	50 "	30 "	L. E. "	10 "	20 "
S. Artel	10 "	10 "			
			May 23		
May 21			Zapadni	40 "	30 "
N. Rocky	not counted	20 "			
E. "	" "	30 "	May 25		
			E. Rocky	—	50 "
May 24			L. E. "	—	2 "
N. Rocky	100 bulls	40 "	North "	—	20 "
			S. Artel	—	20 "
May 25			May 26		
Zapadni	—	200 "	N. Rocky	— 1 cow	40 "
May 28			June 3		
E. Rocky	—	100 "	Zapadni	107 "	500 "
N. "	—	50 "			
S. Artel	—	10 "			
May 30 Zapadni	200 "	250 "			
N. R. and Stary Artel		48 "			
June 3 Zapadni	1 cow	300 "			
E. Rocky		200 "			

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Census for St. George Island Alaska for 1891

Families	Persons	Names	Male	age	Female	age
	1	Lestinkoff Rev Innokenty	Husband	61		
	2	" Eliizabeth			Wife	57
	3	" Helena			Daughter	26
	4	" Mary			"	22
	5	" Michael	Son	19		
	6	" Sarah			Daughter	15
	7	Shaisinkoff Julia			Grand daughter	15
	8	Dekanoff Anfasea			Visitor	30
	9	" Katie			"	3
1	10	" Helena			"	3/4
	11	Lestinkoff Demetri	Widower	28		
	12	" Anna			Daughter	4
2	13	Merculieff Mark	adopted	6		
	14	Philimonoff Andronic	Husband	25		
	15	" Benovia			Wife	27
3	16	" Marina			Daughter	1
	17	Philimonoff Simeon	Husband	42		
	18	" Evdokia			Wife	19
	19	" Innokenty	Son	17		
	20	" Fedosia			Daughter	10
4	21	" Joseph	Son	1		

Families	Persons	Names	Males	age	Females	age
	22	Philimonoff Andrian	Husband	25		
	23	" Parascovia			wife	28
5	24	" Pelagia			Daughter	4
	25	Philimonoff Eoff	Husband	47		
	26	" Ollita			wife	30
	27	" Gregoria	Son	19		
	28	" Evgenia				18
	29	" Demetri	Son	5		
6	30	Ousteg off Esprotia			step daughter	12
	31	Malavansky Nicoli	Bachelor head of house	27		
	32	Aspasia			sister	32
	33	Wassa			"	17
	34	Stepanida			niece	12
	35	Kleopatra			"	9
	36	Peter	nephew	3		
7	37	Ousteg off Susan			adopted	5
	38	Nedrazoff Arkenty	Husband	40		
	39	Evgenia			wife	38
	40	Malina			Daughter	18
	41	Nicoli	Son	14		
8	42	Isadore	"	1		

Families	Persons	Names	Male	age	Female	age
	43	Lekauff Stepan	Husband	23		
	44	" Peligia			wife	23
	45	" Annalolia	son	2		
9	46	" Sergius	"	3/4		
	47	Prokopieff Peter	Widower	27		
	48	" Afanasia	Brother	14		
	49	Rezanoff Fedosia	Widow mother-in-law			48
	50	" Innokenty	Son of Fedosia	15		
10	51	" Serafenia			Grand daughter of Fedosia	4
	52	Ousteg off Aleta	Husband	42		
	53	" Martha			wife	
11	54	" Mike	nephew	7		
12	55	Ousteg off Simeon	Bachelor	28		
	56	Sweetzoff Eustin	Husband	41		
	57	" Catherine			wife	35
13	58	" Gregori	son	6		
	59	Sweetzoff Poleksenia			Unmarried	32
14	60	" Sevrona			Daughter	14

Families	Persons	Names	Males	age	Females	age
	61	Gorokoff Corneal	Husband	36		
	62	" Katrina			wife	37
	63	Galanin Parfaria	Bohrinlaw	18		
15	64	" Alexander	adopted	6		
	65	Kulikulieff Evan	Husband	47		
	66	" Varivania			wife	46
16	67	Vickaloff Evdokia			adopted	6
	68	Rezanzoff Peter	Husband	46		
	69	" Matrona			wife	50
17	70	" Tatianna			Daughter	8
	71	Shane Riessa			widow	40
	72	" Ollity			Daughter	28
	73	" michael	son	5		
	74	Merculieff Stepan	adopted	2		
18	75	" Nadesda			adopted	12
	76	Galanin Ocolena			widow	29
19	77	" Evan	son	10		

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	78	Merculieff Pevrona			Widow	
	79	" Joseph	Son	20		
	80	" George	"	18		
	81	" Stepinda			Daughter	16
	82	" Helena			"	7
20	83	" John	Son	2		
	84	Merculieff Wassalesa			Widow	40
	85	" Evon	Son	15		
	86	" Alexandra			Daughter	13
	87	" Evdokia			"	8
	88	" Helena			"	5
21	89	" Anna			"	2

Males 40
Females 49
Total 89

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