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Mr. H. S. Wellcome 1-4-19

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Petitioners
Leases
 another place to hold services in. Both he and Beattie said we would not be allowed to do so. I then appealed to the people and asked them to sign a petition asking that we be allowed to remain and work independently but Lopp then told them not to do anything that it would come out all right and that the Govt. would give a 99 year lease to the Trustees and they would get the money left by Mr. Duncan and the missionary would be under their control that the Govt. did not intend to allow any more missionaries to be forced upon the people &c. &c. There was much more said but this will I think give you an idea of how it stood, also I think you will see by what John Hudson says in his letter that there was considerable commotion among the people about it and is yet. My conclusion is that unless the mission can have some defined rights it cannot do any good there.

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 I am saying this because to some extent it is a disadvantage to me to be unsettled about going back or staying here and I would like to have it decided SOON.

I
 I do not know how much the Trustees have written you about affairs but there is one expression in John Hudson's letter that you ought to understand as it might come up when you stop in Washington. It is about the store.

Store
 (The Trustess (Trustees) sold the store on the appraisement of the persons appointed by the court to Moses Hewson, John Hudson and Solomon Dundas.) These persons telegraphed to the Sec. asking permission to sell the goods in the store building, as you will see by John Hudson's letter this permission was not granted. Also Beattie opposed it and had a proposition of his own for disposing of them. All of this (which was foreseen) greatly decreased the value of the goods and was as it seems to me simply spite on the part of the Govt. as the people were VERY ANXIOUS to have the goods sold there in the store building, and some of the stock was of such a character that it is difficult to get it anywhere else, and of course would have been sold at the old prices which were much lower than at other places.

I
 As I am now at home and will not return to Metlakatla except the Trustees think it is the BEST arrangement that can be made I will take the opportunity to say exactly what I think about the situation. It is this.

I
 UNLESS THE RIGHTS OF THE MISSION ARE OBTAINED
 I do not care to return to Metlakatla at all.

Missioners
 I mean by this that unless it is conceded that Mr. Duncan was at Metlakatla as a MISSIONARY and was conducting a worth while work with the consent (consent) and approval and encouragement of the Govt. and had a Right to be there and OWNED the property of the mission and held it for the MISSION I never want to have anything more to do with it unless it is to try to do anything I can to establish these FACTS.

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Benevolence
Committee I APPOINTED A BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF
MOSES HEWSON, JOHN HUDSON, AND HIS WIFE, SOLOMON DUNDAS AND HIS WIFE,
and these persons distribute bread, &c. to the poor.

Wills
THERE HAS BEEN SOME TALK OF CONTESTING THE WILL,
as you will see by what is said in one of the clippings. While such
a thing is very unlikely to be undertaken yet it is better to have just
as little complication as possible about the probating of the will,
also no money is available for any purpose until the termination
of the court proceedings, which is another reason (reason) for not
undertaking much until the money is available.

Repairs
You will see from John Hudson's letter that the roof of the
woodshed blew off and landed on the top of the Guest House. To repair
this would have cost considerable with (?) wages at 50¢ an hour
and it would also have been (been) repairing a Govt. building.
All of the things that were in the Guest House had been put in the
cottage.

PERHAPS SOME OF THE THINGS I AM WRITING MAY NOT INTEREST YOU
but as we know now that you are coming I will continue to write such
things as may possibly do so from time to time.

YOUR FRIEND

(In Mr. Wellcome's handwriting)
H.J. Minthorn

(Copied from a typewritten letter with Mr. Minthorn's name in
Mr. Wellcome's handwriting--CRS)

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NEWPORT, ORE.

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MR. H. C. STRONG -- Please pay to the order of Mrs. Moses Bains

Distributions (\$5.00) five dollars and charge to Acct. of \$50.00 sent by Mr. H. S.

Need, For WELLCOME FOR distribution to needy persons at Metlakatla, Alaska.

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) H.J.Minthorn

(Similar orders were issued, under same date, and for same amount
to the following persons--

Mrs. Joanna Marsden,

Eli Tait,

Mrs. Kate Faber,

Mrs. Handbury, Sen.

Mr. Ellinwood,

Mrs. Maria Booth,

Mrs. Jenns,

Mrs. Betsy Jurie,

Mrs. Robert Hewson.

(In H. Minthorn's handwriting)

Confidential

JAN. 17th, 1919

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Mr. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st. STREET NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I think you made some inquiry at one time about Spruce timber for airplanes. There was a large amt. of money expended here at Newport on an enterprize (enterprise) for the production of Spruce lumber for Airplanes (some say as much as \$10,000,000,000 of which I have seen it stated in news-papers that 70% was furnished by the British.

The enterprize (enterprise) never reached the stage of producing lumber. Many people seem to think that not much effort was made to arrive at that stage but the money was expended in building Railroads with some ulterior purpose. It seems at least very plain that no effort was made to conserve the interests of the investors. I mention this as it is only another example of the reckless methods of this administration, and because such things in a sense belong with the methods pursued at Metlakatla, both being characterized by an entire disregard to the common principles of justice and honesty.

I also mention it because you may be in a position to learn something about this investment and it might possibly help in attracting attention to the general recklessness of the business methods pursued, and in that way have some bearing upon the outcome of the case at Metlakatla. The Govt. operated through the WARREN SPRUCE PRODUCTION CO

VERY RESPECTFULLY

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed by H.J.M.--CRS)

NORTHLAND DOCK CO.

Ketchikan, Alaska

January 18, 1919.

Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Newport, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:

Your favor of the 8th inst. enclosing Post office order for \$50.00 came to hand this morning. I think this is wonderfully fine of Mr. Wellcome. I will, for the sake of convenience and having a permanent record, credit this amount to Mr. H. S. Wellcome on the books of the Northland Dock Co. and as orders come in will charge them against same. When all have been received I will forward the lot to you, properly endorsed, showing payment. If it is possible to get receipts from the individuals I will take them, but the books of the Northland Dock Co. will always be a record of this fund, without confusing this in any way with the records of the estate.

Mr. Hawkeworth (Hawkesworth) was here yesterday and I had a very interesting talk with him. He has always impressed me as a broader more fair-minded man than some we have come in contact with. He expressed himself as being pleased to have a chance to talk Metlakahtla matters over and that he believed good would come from it. He expressed his opinion on various matters, which I am sure he would not wish me to put in writing, but they gave me considerable satisfaction. He was better posted as regards some matters than I had supposed, mentioning some points that I have never heard discussed, and incidentally matters that are of much credit to yourself and good wife.

I am inclined to believe that in the face of the conduct of others interested at Metlakahtla and our communication of December 23d, addressed to the Metlakahtlans, we are quite right in laying low for the time being at least. I think the next move should come from them.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Minthorn, I am,

Truly yours.

HCS ET

(Signed) H. G. Strong

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NEWPORT OREGON -- JAN. 25th, 19

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st STREET - NEW YORK CITY NY.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME - I received a letter from Moses lately which I am enclosing, from which you will see that the Govt. while hardly daring to, refuse permission to sell the goods at METLAKATLA yet made such hard conditions as to greatly impair the value of the stock.

You will also see that the people also are very unreasonable. Although they profited by the action of the Govt. and got the goods at lower prices by their having to be sold within such a limited time yet they do not seem to derive any satisfaction from that because three of their own people, as it seemed to them, had received some preference in disposing of the stock.

Yet the Govt. would not let anyone but natives dispose of them at METLAKATLA, and the Trustees had very little choice in making the sales except to natives. I cannot help but think that

(The inconsistent (inconsistent) and unjust course the Govt. has pursued at Metlakatla in consenting to the mission being established there and recognizing its rights for so many years by accepting taxes on the Mission property and in many other (other) ways, and then arbitrarily and forcibly taking the Mission property (property) from the Mission without any process of law, has confused the people in their sense of right and wrong.)

(This has been added to by the manner in which the property has been disposed of, some of it having been given to favorites, and some of it (the cannery) having been given (given) to white people to be exploited, and NONE of it having in any way benefited the COMMUNITY in the name of which it was PRETENDED to have been taken.)

(With this kind of a start it was not easy to institute any kind of a just and consistent Govt. in the village and have it tally with the principles followed in taking possession (possession) of the mission property and driving the mission out of the field. So there has been no government maintained in the village since the Govt. took charge. Burglary, arson, assault and battery, and other crimes and misdemeanors have been committed but no effort has ever been made by any Govt. officer to have anyone punished.)

(The management of the religious affairs of the village is freakish and calculated to bring them into contempt. Dancing and other practices encouraged and participated in by the Govt. Employees seem to have a more injurious influence upon natives than upon white people.)

(Both religious and social affairs are under the control of the Govt. and no independent action is allowed either the natives or other people.)

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there and I have the best of reasons to believe that it would not.

I will gladly do all I can to help to bring about the establishment of the RIGHTS of the mission but unless this can first be done I think considering the way it looks to me it would not be of any use for me to return to Metlakatla to do mission work.

In case of failure to maintain the rights of the mission I think another site should be secured. This was also Mr. Duncan's idea.

I would be pleased to help in carrying out this plan if it seemed that I could do so as well as anyone else that could be secured.

VERY TRULY YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed by H.J.M.--CRS)

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C. S. BOREN

316 Weisgerber Building.

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Lewiston, Idaho. January 27, 1919.

Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Newport, Oregon.

Dear Friend:

I was surprised to receive your letter from Newport, as I was still picturing you in Metlakatla. I had proof that you were there as late as Dec. 5th, I believe, for I saw your signature to the proof of Mr. Duncan's will, which was sent to me after you had signed at Ketchikan.

Illness
of
Mr. Wellcome
I was sorry to hear that Mr. Wellcome was ill, and surprised to learn he is in England. He never appeared to me to have a very strong hold on life; maybe I have that idea because of the many precautions he takes and his constant medications. From the things he has accomplished he must have had a wonderful constitution when younger.

News of
Bowman
I often think of Bowman, and wonder if he is still on earth. The last I heard from him was a postal announcing that he was sailing within a few days for England; that was back in November or December of 1917, when the U-boats were doing a large business. He was a man that was perpetually out of gear physically.

Spirit
of
Bolsheviks
The spirit of the Bolsheviki is certainly alive in Metlakatla. The trouble-making bunch there are a lot of spoiled children. I can't see where Mr. Duncan's money can help those people a great deal. Of course, it would give them bodily comforts if doled out to them as charity to purchase the necessities of life, but that wouldn't help them morally or spiritually.

Testimonial
Mr. Duncan had a peculiar and a big work to do in the early days of the opening up of British Columbia and Alaska, and he did it in a way that probably no one else could have equaled. But to expect that the work he started would carry on harmoniously thru the balance of time would be expecting too much. The part of his work that will live is the knowledge which other men have received thru his experiences, and the benefit other parts of the world have received from individuals who have been inspired by his spirit and achievements.

Criticisms
Government
The Government is in wrong at Metlakatla, just the same as they are in wrong on any movement where they try to step in and replace private ownership and management by Government ownership. Government is by nature wasteful and extravagant and is not suited to business enterprises or conduct affairs where tact, sympathy,

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I had a letter from Moses the other day, in which he sent me a picture of Mr. Duncan's remains; and also told me that Mrs. Hewson had passed on in August last. Poor Moses must be low in spirit.

The first time I get to Newport I'm going to take a Spruce Producer's axe and strike the letter "d" on your typewriter a mighty blow, so that it will ever walk straight. It looks as though it were a convivial spirit from an open town.

The Boren family sends best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Minthorn, and I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you by the ocean at some not distant date.

SINCERELY,

(Signed) Charles Boren

Criticized
Borah
P.S. I apologize for our Senator Borah's attitude toward Herbert Hoover, as disclosed by the press lately. Borah is a little frog in a big pond, and he is trying to do something big, but he can't just make connections. He is losing strength in Idaho rapidly. His alignment with the Non-partisan League (an American Bolshevistic movement) in last election didn't help him any with his party in this State.

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed
by Mr. Boren--CRS)

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FEB. 6th, -- 1919

MR. W. S. WILCOX (WILCOX) - 18 EAST 41st STREET NEW YORK CITY
N.Y.

DEAR MR. WILCOX. MRS. MINTHORN was in Portland last week and saw Mr. Thos. Strong. Among other things he said the Probate proceedings in the case of Mr. Duncan's will would not be completed at Seattle in less than one year and that he hoped the Lawyers would not try to take the most of it meaning - suppose that the great danger (danger) is that some one (Beattie) perhaps would get some Lawyer to undertake to set up some claim to it on the part of some of the natives and make delay and perhaps other troubles.

Criticism
+
Beattie
Lopp
Mintorn
Beattie, Lopp, and Marsden, have done a lot of talking about the rights of the natives to it and as you know had made some attempts to formulate some claims. But from letters I have Recd. from Mary I think Beattie is having plenty of trouble of his own there and it seems that Mr. Hawkesworth is not approving of some of Beattie's schemes and that there is more and more factional (factional) trouble among the natives.

Mintorn
thinks
they should
leave
I think it is just as well that the Mission does not have any one there until the Probate proceedings are completed except the Benevolent Com. of the Natives. Also there are no funds to do anything with. I staid there all through the war when everything was doubling up in cost without any raise and even my pay was made less so far as the Mission was concerned and if it had not been for what you did I would have went behind, so I think it is just as well for us not to be there now but when it is settled up if the Trustees WANT us to go back we hold ourselves ready to go. Or if there is anything we can do to help in the matter of sustaining Mr. Duncan's rights we are ready to do so. But before we would think of going back we would want to go over the ground as to WHAT is the best way to proceed in the future management of the work.

YOUR FRIEND

(Copied from a typewritten letter on Dr. Minthorn's stationery,
but unsigned.--CRS)

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Newport Oregon, Feb. 27th, 1919.

To the Board of Trustees,

Dr. B.E. Myers and H.C. Strong:-

Dear friends, I feel that it has been too long since my undertaking this task before it is completed. I had tried two other ways of making the report but the copy from my diary seemed most satisfactory to me and I hope it will to you also. I thank you for your patience with me in waiting without murmuring, and would be glad to do anything further that seems to be needed that I have not done in making the record usable or satisfactory to you. If there are any further questions concerning any part of the work, please be free to ask them. Nothing is too much trouble for us to undertake in order to help along the sequel to the splendid life work of our mutual and very noble friend, William Duncan. He was a man whom God had signally honored, and we need not be slow to follow in the same line.

I have written a brief account of his last days and sent in to the editor of the Missionary Review and received his thanks for it, with the statement that he was preparing a brief account of his life for printing in the magazine soon. Then I mailed him a copy of the book "An Apostle of Alaska", also Mr. Duncan's own statement as to its correctness, and received his acknowledgement of that with a request for some camera pictures of the place that might be used in the article as illustration. We have no good ones and it occurred to me that Dr. Myers might have some or you might have some in Ketchikan that would be suitable and could send them to Delevan L. Pierson, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, mentioning my name so that he would readily understand their coming.

Our prayers daily contain your names and pleas for the Lord's name to

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN
NEWPORT, OREGON

MARCH 11th, 1919

MR. H. C. STRONG - AND Dr. E. L. MYERS - KETCHIKAN ALASKA
TRUSTEES OF THE WM. DUNCAN FUND, FOR THE PROMOTION OF MISSION
WORK.

Key to
Cottage

DEAR FRIENDS we have had several letters from Metlakatla lately and I have answered some of them in a kind of GENERAL way - and enclose you a copy of the letter. Two of the letters complained that Moses had taken the key of the cottage from Solomon, and one of the letters stated that he had given it to a third person, I wrote to one of the parties what I thought about it and have had a letter since from another person stating that it would be given back to Solomon, When I spoke to Mr. Beattie about using the cottage to store the things in he said he thought they should be left in his charge (or words to that effect) At that time I did not think so and it was left with the very distinct understanding that the key was to be in Solomons care and NOT IN MOSES CARE,. I think if Mr. Beattie is still of the same mind it would be better for Solomon to have the key.

And of course I would like to see the PROMISE I made to Mr. Beattie KEPT both because there has been so much disregard of obligations there and also because I think it is better for Solomon to have the key, and more nearly insures the safety of the things, until Mr. Wellcome comes which may not be long now.

We have been very busy since we came home as the other Doctors all left soon after we came home,

Church

Mrs. Minthorn is preaching for the Presbyterians and is president of the Missionary society and has a class in the S. S. as I have also. As we have not heard anything from you since we left Alaska we consider ourselves the successors of Mr. Duncan yet and expect to respond to any claim made upon us at any time on behalf of the Mission. But think the BEST time is not yet to do any more than is being done.

(Sgd.) Yours Truly

H. J. Minthorn.

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NEWPORT OREGON -- MARCH 12th, 1919
TO THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE - IN CHARGE OF THE WORK OF THE
METLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION ----METLAKATLA ALASKA

DEAR FRIENDS -- You were appointed to have charge of the work and to represent the Mission. It was always the hope and wish of Mr. Duncan and the friends of the Mission that when he passed away the work would be then carried on by some of the people. But what is still more important is that you represent Christianity and Christ and it is on that account very important that you do everything right and so that it will not dishonor God and in that way and other ways destroy any good that has or may be done,

It is also important on your own account that you do things RIGHT as every wrong act will in some way bring a punishment upon the one that does it at some time,

We have had many letters from different persons at Metlakatla and have heard that the members of the Benevolence Committee have helped to carry on the work of the Church and S. S. so far as they have been allowed to do so and have helped with the singing and as teachers in the S. S. and in other ways, and in visiting the poor and sick and in providing for them,

All of this and I have no doubt much more that we have not heard about is what was expected of you and everyone who is a friend of the Mission will be very much pleased to know of it and it is what was hoped and expected of you. And all of the friends of the Mission, and the Lord who is your master and to whom you will have to give account, and upon whom you have to depend for every good thing, rejoice in all the good that you have done,

We have only heard of two things that you have done that we think you it would have been better for you to have done differently. One is about the KEY of Mr. Duncans cottage, When I went to see Mr. Beattie about leaving the things in the cottage until Mr. Wellcome or some one else was there to dispose of them, Mr. Beattie told me he would consent for the cottage to be used for that purpose if the key was put in the care of Solomon Dundas, and I promised him that it should be so, I have heard that it has been taken away from Solomon and given to some one else,

If it is so that the key has been taken from Solomon and given to some one else, that is breaking the promise to Mr. Beattie and Mr. Beattie can take the key himself if he wishes to, and I think you should see that the key is returned to Solomon at once and than (then) no one else has it also that ALL of the things are taken out of the Guest House that are there and put in the cottage and that Solomon keep the key and keep the Cottage securely locked and that no one have admission to it without his consent,

We have also heard that you are not dividing the goods that were left from the stock in Mr. Duncans store according to the AGREEMENT but that some are trying to take what they want without getting the

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things without the consent of the others to Mac neils Island, If you do not want to keep the goods together and sell them all together you should have some one to divide them into three parts and then draw cuts for choice and in that way each one take his own share, and each one dispose of his own share himself,

We are always glad to hear from you and hope we will hear of many things that you have done for the good of the people especially the old people and the children, and the sick and all that are in trouble,

Things will change some time and then you will be glad to think that you were faithful when things looked dark,

FROM YOUR FRIEND

(Copied from carbon copy of document, unsigned but undoubtedly from Minthorn.- -McD.) (Dr. Myers' records.)

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DR. H. J. WINTHORN

NEWPORT, OREGON

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MARCH 17th, 1919

DEAR DOCTOR MYERS

Key to Cottage, I had several letters from Metlakatla and one from John and Moses. John says things are all arranged satisfactorily about the key and that so far as the BUSINESS is concerned he and Solomon will put up with Moses even if he does not do JUST right,

Moses banished from Island. Moses said in his letter that the Council had BANISHED him from the island and he thought it was time to select some other place as Mr. Duncan had planned and said that he thought Saxman would be a good place,

Mission. I wrote to him and told him that I thought Saxman was a good place and as Marsden seemed determined to drive him from Annette Island perhaps it might be a good plan for him to go to Saxman and start a Mission there and see what he could do, and that if he succeeded perhaps you would do what you could to help it along,

Marsden's failure at SAXMAN. I talked to the Forestry (Forestry?) man about Saxman and he says no one has any claim on it and that Marsden tried at one time to have it set apart in some way but that the inspector to whom it was referred reported against it so if they should Banish Moses and he should go there and make a start without any action on the part of the Trustees and some others should join him something good might come out of it, Moses very often goes to extremes but he is about the ONLY one of all of them that will brace up to Beattie, and I hope he will keep on at even although he does not always use very good judgment at it, I have no doubt they tell you all that is happening there and it is sure very interesting reading, (When Mr. Beattie undertook to destroy Mr. Duncan's authority he seemed to not understand that it might possibly become a HABIT there to despise authority,

Testimony. Mr. Duncan's CONTROL over those people was one of the greatest of this assets (assets) without something of that kind NO ONE can do any (good there.)

(Sgd.) Your friend

H. J. Winthorn

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MARCH 28th, 1919

MR. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st STREET N.Y. City NEW YORK

DEAR MR. WELLCOME -- I have been very busy and so have not written.

Labor I am enclosing some letters which give some idea of what is going on at Metlakatla. I judge from them and other things that I have heard that things are growing worse all the time and now that the Soldiers have come home there is a surplus of labor and thousands of people have gone to Alaska looking for employment and the consequence will be that the Indians will have them to compete with and it is going to be hard for them.

Wills I would be glad to know that you are going up there, for I think they very much want to see you but I am still of the opinion that for the present the main thing is to get the will through the Probate Court and any move on the part of the friends of the mission now except on the defensive might give the opposition (opposition) an advantage.

signatures Property Marsden and the Bureau of Education have so far taken everything almost but the MONEY and they will get that if they can and from what I hear they have tried to get something started toward taking that. I think everything is as favorable just now as it is for the (for the) trustees as it can be. None of the disorder at Metlakatla (and there is more now than there ever was) can be laid to the Trustees or any of the friends of the mission.

Beattie leaving This disorder is without doubt going to increase. I have heard two or three times that Beattie has said that he would not stay another year, If this is so then his successor would not take charge until some time in July and it might be a good time then to make a visit there. It might be important to look after the Washington end of the business sooner. I hardly feel that I could very well judge about it.

YOUR (YOUR) FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed by H.J.M.--CRS)

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DR. H. J. WINTHORN

NEWPORT, OREGON

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APRIL 18th, 1918

MR. H. C. STRONG AND DR. B. L. MYERS --KETCHIKAN ALASKA,

Some time ago I sent you a copy of a letter that I had written to the benevolence Com, the object of which was to try to keep them from doing some things that it seemed to me were liable to make them susceptible (susceptible) of criticism and would be discreditable to to the mission also as to the key it seemed to me that what was done might be made an excuse by Mr. Beattie for taking possession (possession) of it himself. I understand that all differences among the B. Com, have been adjusted,

I have since writing the above mentioned letter received from Moses another containing a copy of a letter sent to the Presbyterian Board, and have answered it and enclose a copy. My object in writing this letter is to suggest a principle upon which to take action that it seems to me is safe.

I have no doubt but that you are more familiar with all these things than I am and have made recommendations (recommendations) pertinent to the case and circumstances, and perhaps it was not necessary for me to have written anything but one reason heretofore put forward by the Govt, for having taken such action as they did was that all was done at the request of the people while the FACT was that there had NEVER been ANY freedom of expression and only ONE side had been allowed to be heard. As I said once before Moses is the ONLY person there that will MAKE himself heard under the circumstances and while I am not (not) in any way responsible for any of his utterances yet since he is trying to make himself heard I would like if I could help him to keep on safe ground and not unwittingly play into the hands of the enemy.

(Sgd.) Very Respectfully

H. J. Winthorn

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN
NEWPORT, OREGON



APRIL 18th. 1919

M. A. HEWSON -METLAKATLA ALASKA

DEAR FRIEND I received your very welcome letter and was glad to get it. I was glad to know that the people appreciate what Mr. Duncan did for them when he left the money to carry on the Mission work and want the will carried out, There is no reason why the mission cannot go on there and have nothing to do with the Government business as it has done for some years and as it is the intention of the Trustees to do, Government Schools and Government business are conducted on many reservations where there are also Missions and there is no conflict between them but instead they are each one helpful to the other. What is being done at Metlakatla in trying to combine the Government work and the religious work is just an experiment being made by the Government agents at Metlakatla and is not likely to be approved by the Government when it is really understood what is trying to be done there.

Such things have been tried many times and in many places before and have always made trouble and never done any good, It is certain to turn out the same way at Metlakatla, and will always be a failure, wherever it is tried. I have only had one letter from Mr. Wellcome since I came home he said he was coming to America but I do not know when, I think I will hear from him before he starts.

We are having very nice warm weather here now and everything is growing very rapidly, I am very busy as there are five times as many people here as at Metlakatla and I have been the only Dr, but another has come now.

FROM YOUR FRIEND

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn

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Letter from H. J. Minthorn to B. L. Myers, dated
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MAY 3rd, 1919

Mr. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st. STREET NEW YORK CITY N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME. I had a letter from Dr. Myers yesterday and some papers which I am sending you. I have also had some other letters from the people one, from Moses containing a copy of a letter written the Pres. Board which I am sending you.

Judging from all the letters that we have had I think things are in great confusion at Metlakatla. I think Beattie has allowed Church Marsden to take charge of the church and services under the PRETEXT that the board of Elders have asked him to but as I hear it only two of the Elders agreed to it and he is paid by the Pres. Board.

Since you left Metlakatla many things have been done that add materially to the condemnatory evidence against Beattie and Marsden, some of them I have informed you of.

It seems to me the only right way to end the case is to get an unbiased investigation by some Govt. official that is at least INTERESTED in getting at the TRUTH. This could be done now or within the year 1919 through the Seante (Senate) Com. on Indian affairs (Affairs) (Republican-) now since the last election, and not only interested in bringing out the truth but also interested in showing up the mistakes of the Democrats now that an election is not far off, so that I feel sure that we could get a FAIR hearing which is all that we want to overturn all that the Bureau of Education has done at Metlakatla and to bring some parties to justice whose acts do not come under the class of MISTAKES.

I do not think the time will be for this until the probate proceedings on the will are completed, so that they will not be complicated by any possible move that might be made with that object in view.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) in Mr. Wellcome's handwriting)

(From) Dr. H. J. Minthorn

(Copied from a typewritten letter signed with Dr. H. J. Minthorn's name in Mr. Wellcome's handwriting--OCT 1919)

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN

NEWPORT, OREGON

MAY 3rd, 1918

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Dr. B. L. MYERS

KETCHIKAN ALASKA

DEAR DOCTOR I Recd, your letter of recent date and the papers which I will forward to Mr. Wellcome.

I am enclosing a letter I had written to you in April but did not send as I thought perhaps I was bothering you too much about this business but I am very much interested in what I consider the vindication of Mr. Duncan's work -- Beattie has assumed that it was NOT a MISSIONARY work and that it was HARMFUL instead of BENEFICENT and he and the Presbyterian Mission Board and Marsden have gone a long way out of their way to discredit it for years.

I hope that some time it will be reorganized and with the help of the money left by Mr. Duncan, and the friends of the work, will again do great good. -- But for the present the MAIN thing, it seems to me is, to clear up the situation by establishing the FACTS in the case, and setting things in their true light, and then the work can be reorganized again with much better prospects of success. This it seems to me is important also with reference to the work of the Bureau of Education, and of the Presbyterian Mission board as well as, the Metlakatla Christian Mission,

Going still farther afield, To leave the Metlakatla Christian Mission work resting under the STIGMA now placed upon it would be a calamity to Mission work in general.

The reason why I have written as I have to some of the Natives at Metlakatla is that I wanted them to give as little cause for criticism as possible and do all the good they could under the circumstances,

I have tried to encourage them to do all they could under the circumstances to keep the religious work going, I understand that Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Dundas have kept their S, S, classes going, I have sent them Bibles to distribute to the members of their classes and Mrs. Minthorn class.

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We hear from them quite frequently and Mrs. Minthorn writes to them. I think from the tone of their letters that they are doing a good work and are a credit to the Metlakatla Christian Mission which they represent, The effort made by Moses in trying to have petition signed in regard to the will and the FORCIBLE interference

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the money was safely in the hands of the Trustees. From what you say about what Sec. Lane wrote I take it that he has no intention of trying to take the money as Beattie and Marsden very evidently wish him to,

I think we should make all we can of the B. Com, and do as much through them for the people as we can, while waiting for the time to come when we can have a THOROUGH INVESTIGATION made of the situation under some OFFICIAL agency --- Senate Com, on INDIAN AFFAIRS. It seems to me which now will be Republican and I think Charley McNary of Salem is the Chairman,

I have been very busy since I came home and am yet, Mrs. Minthorn has filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church ever since we came home and has the Young Peoples class, and attends the Womens Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid, and conducts the Prayer Meeting and a Bible study class.

We have also had to take some sick people into the house there being no Hospital here. We have two now. I have had to do much Surgery and Obstetrics that I thought I would not do much of any more, I am also having the house painted and other repairs made, all of which makes work.

This is a hard place to practice in as many long trips have to be made which I cannot get out of altogether.

FROM YOUR FRIEND

(Sgd.) H. J. Minthorn.

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DR. H. J. MINTHORN
NEWPORT, OREGON

APRIL 8th, 1919 ENCLOSURE TO

DR. B. L. MYERS - KETCHIKAN ALASKA.

Mintorn to Myers
DATED 5-3-19

DEAR DOCTOR I recd. your letter with enclosures and was very much interested in the contents. It seems to me Marsden is piling up wrath against the day of wrath. He certainly is making good preparation for his own finish,

We get quite a lot of letters and I think the people who always stood by Mr. Duncan are acquitting themselves creditably. Mrs. Hudson has the same class she always had in the S. S. and Sara Dundas had the lattle (little) ones that Mr. Duncan always had himself, several other persons were tried as teachers of that class after Mr. Duncans death but Sara was the most successful with them,

We have been very busy since we came home and work seems to be increasing but there is a prospect of another Dr locating here and I think that will make some difference,

I do not hear anything from Mr. Wellcome, and I do not think he will come before July unless there should be some especial need.

The people at Metlakatla seem to think that Marsden and Lopp and Beattie are trying to get the Govt. to take the money just as they took the other property. If this is so I have no doubt but that Mr. Wellcome knows of it as I think he has a representative in Washington who keeps him informed of all that is being done,

Of course the Presbyterian Church would favor such an arrangement as it would eliminate all opposition to Marsden, so far as the mission is concerned. Mr. Thos Strong seems to think it will take one year or more to complete the Probate proceedings, even if there is no opposition and he spoke as though he was afraid there would be some opposition

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BUT I DOUBT THAT HE KNOWS OF ANYTHING MORE THAN YOU DO. If Mr. Wellcome should come it seems to me that he could get an investigation now through the senate com. on Indian affairs, one that would be entirely unbiased,

It would be as good a time as any in the summer as it would be done by taking affidavits and could be done in Ketchikan as well as anywhere,

VERY TRULY YOUR FRIEND

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NEWPORT OREGON JUNE 9th, 1919

MR. H.S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME - I am enclosing some clippings from the Ketchikan paper which has a notice about the probating of Mr. Duncan's will.

I suppose (suppose) it is going on all right and I think it would be best to not make any move until it is past a point where it would be possible for any one to make any trouble about it. Just how long that would be I do not know.

I am also enclosing the receipts for the \$50.00. It seems to me that now that the Trustees have a little money from the sale of the goods in the store it would be a good plan to do a little more for the old and sick through the Benevolence Com. of which John Hudson and wife are members and I think Mrs. Hudson attends to the distribution of whatever is sent.

I am also enclosing a letter from John Hudson saying that Beattie was keeping him from having a store. I have answered the letter and told him to remember that when Moses started his store they tried to scare him and make him quit but that they were careful not to do anything but talk and that I did not believe they could let one native have a store and not another, but to be sure to tender them the lisencc (license) money the same as others had to pay and if it was more than others had to pay to pay it under protest and take a receipt for it.

You will also notice what he says about what the Trustees say about operating at Metlakatla in conjunction with the Govt.

I think it would not work to try to expend the money on a mission located at Metlakatla under the circumstances (circumstances) now existing there.

Really I think all of the circumstances demand a complete vindication of the Matlakatla (Metlakatla) Christian Mission and the securing of a valid title to all of the land occupied by Mr. Duncan in the operation of the mission, together with all of the improvements thereon at the time of taking possession (possession) or (in) indemnification for all losses on account of occupancy by the Govt.

If this cannot be done after a thorough trial (even if it takes one or two years) then I think another location should be secured and the Mission relocated, making it a Memorial Mission called the Wm. Duncan Mission and to consist of a small hospital for ANY natives and a Training School for the preparation of young persons for work among their people as Christian Teachers, Nurses, Midwives &c. and also in Gardening and some other Industries.

Now that the Congress is organized by the republicans and all Committees are controlled by Republicans I think the possibility of getting an investigation of the work of the Bureau of Education in Alaska is good and that it should be undertaken just as soon as the

(1) The Bureau of Education is engaging extensively in BUSINESS in Alaska. That is secular business - such as Salmon Canneries, Fishing Privileges, (Privileges) (Valued at many hundreds of thousands of dollars) Sawmills, Merchantile (Mercantile) stores, (In competition with the natives) Wharves, Improvement of and disposition of water-powers, Buying and selling of Furs, (Furs ?) and other merchandise, Stockraising, and other lines of business, all of which is not in line with the object for which said Bureau was inaugurated (inaugurated) but is a variance with such object and detrimental to it.

That in these business operation (operations) all of which are made in the name of the U. S. the U. S. is liable and that said (said) Bureau is without experience and has made many and serious mistakes which already have made the U. S. liable to many claims some of which might be for large amounts.

That the work of making Indian Reservations and dealing with Indian Communities and inaugurating (inaugurating) Large business enterprizes (enterprises) which may continue for years and grow to great importance should be left to the Bureau of Indian affairs which is engaged in such business and has back (back) of it many years of experience and on the strength of that experience is now sursueing (pursuing) an entirely different policy from that which is being pursued by the Bureau of Education and in fact has discarded after years of trial some of the very principales (principles) of action upon which the Bureau of Education is now basing its most important operations.

Other principles being acted upon by the Bureau of Education are entirely NEW and untried and apparently very doubtful of success, namely the plan of trying to do away with all initiative (initiative) on the part of the natives and compel them all to invest their capital in a general business enterprize (enterprise) for the whole community under the management of the Bureau of Education and to suspend all individual enterprizes (enterprises) some of which had been in successful operation for many years, and of leasing privileges (privileges) formerly enjoyed by the whole community to white people which has resulted at least in one instance in the employment of white people Japs and other non-residents to a very large extent in all the more skilled and remunerative employments formerly open to the natives. An instance of this is the leasing of cannery and exclusive (exclusive) fishing privileges (privileges) to The Annete (Annette) Island Packing Co. in the operation of which last year there were employed 50 white people and Japs in place of Natives formerly employed.

All of these extensive business enterprizes (enterprises) are under the management of people employed in the Native schools as teachers. These people are without experience in the lines of business that they are required to manage and they are frequently changed, so that whatever experience one acquires is lost so far as the Govt. is concerned, when they are discharged and another inexperienced person put in the place.

Although these people are thus made responsible for vast interests and are without experience to begin with they are mainly

The same is true of a cannery site the Bureau has leased. The Bureau forcibly took possession (possession) of the site and cannery without any process of law and leased it to a corporation all of the stock of which is owned (owned) by white people.

In all of these operations done under the claim that they are acting for and in the interests of the natives and upon rights possessed (possessed) by the natives the natives have not been given a voice and are not protected in the contracts made with the white people and in a majority of instances the verbal promises made to the natives have not been fulfilled and probably constitute a claim on the part of the natives for remuneration hereafter.

Apparently in order to have a clear field (field) at Metlakatla, Alaska, the Bureau of Education has set up a claim in the name of the U. S. to all buildings even including the dwellings of the natives, thus discouraging them from making other improvements or even making repairs, also laying another basis for a future claim for damages.

Serious accidents have occurred in logging and sawmill operations and as they are done in the name of the U. S. it might lead to many complications and loss to the U. S.

As these school teachers employed by the Bureau of Education are in charge of the business of the (of the) merchantile (mercantile) stores, sawmills and other forms of activities in which they handle the funds of the stockholders and do not give security and yet act in the name of the U. S. and there are many possibilities of losses (losses) in the ordinary transaction of business besides those from burglaries, fire, &c. and as they are really imposed upon the stockholders in their official capacity as teachers of the schools without the consent (consent) of the stockholders there is almost unlimited opportunity for trouble and loss to the U. S. in whose name they perform these acts, at the same time their control is not absolute but various other parties are very loosely mixed up with the business and have charge of keys and in other ways bear such a relation to the business done that contingencies are multiplied.

Many of the stockholders in the business transacted and controlled by the Bureau of Education have been in business in the localities where the business is located for many years and understand local conditions and are far better qualified both naturally and by experience to transact the business than the teachers employed by the Bureau of Education and successively and automatically and frequently put in charge of the business, but these stockholders are willing to submit to the arrangement for the reason that,

On account of the official position of these teachers and the authority possessed (possessed) by them in virtue of their official position they can and do divert many favors and advantages belonging by right to the Community to the benefit and advantage of these business enterprises (enterprises) and consequently to the advantage of the stockholders and disadvantage of every one in the community not a stockholder and especially to the advantage of the large stockholders

Last season (summer of 1918-) the Bureau of Education gave four men the contract for furnishing the Native labor used in the cannery of the Annette Island Packing Co. These four men were Marsden (secretary of the council) Brendible (Treasurer of the council), Allen (President of the council) and Atkinson, (who claims to be the hereditary chief of the Tchimseans). The price paid was by the case and was about twice what it cost in the Ketchikan canneries where it was paid for by the day at wages such as prevailed that summer in Alaska on account of the war. These four men employed the Natives by the day (about 90 of them, mostly women and children) paying them less than they could have had at other canneries but many of them had small children and could not leave home and some were old women that had been used to prewar wages and were pleased to get what was offered them, but some of them objected and attempted to organize a strike for the same wages paid at other canneries, but were coerced by Marsden telling them that the Govt. Subchaser would (would) be after them if they made any disturbance, --- This Subchaser was a Govt. Naval Submarine chaser kept in the vicinity to prevent disturbance of Industrial conditions on account of the I. W. W. and the desire on the part of the Govt. to get the Maximum quantity of food.

The result of this arrangement was as near as could be ascertained without access to the exact data that these four men received about half of the whole amount paid for native labor, and incidentally were solid for the Bureau of Education.

The native community of Metlakatla is pretended to be governed by a native council elected by the people but whenever business of importance is transacted such as making the lease with white men for the cannery site and the Special Fishing priveleges (privileges) the native council was entirely ignored and the business transacted without any action by the council.

The rules governing the actions of the native council were formulated by the Bureau of Education and contain a provision by means of which the officers of the council may act on any case without any of the other members being present so that the three officers Secretary, Treasurer, and President could do anything that the whole council could do.

I have understood that these three persons had put through matters of importance without any formal meeting and without making any record but simply announcing that the council had decreed so and so and in this way accomplishing what they wanted to and yet leaving the matter so that it would be difficult to prove anything.

There is no independant (independent) system of inspection in Alaska of the acts of the Bureau of Education as is the case under the Bureau of Indian affairs (Affairs) where there are several inspectors who act entirely under orders from the Interior Department but the Bureau of Education inspects its work in Alaska through its own officers and reports accordingly and even then reports obtained even in this way have been suppressed and not given to the public (an instance is Schell's report while in charge at Metlakatla, also the last report made by Jones while in charge at Metlakatla).

The head teacher of the Bureau of Education's Native school is a member of this board and by far the most active one. (He has also the veto power in the native council). This board is elected without reference to any (any) fitness to manage religious matters and the Head teacher does not need to have any religious experience in order to qualify for the position of absolute dictator over the religious activities of the Natives and the Natives have no voice in his selection but as in their business affairs are obliged to accept whatever is offered them by the Bureau of Education.

The community at Metlakatla has had religious instruction for sixty years and has been accustomed to conduct its religious exercises without dictation from others. There were many Christians in the community, all of whom are now subjected to control by the Bureau of Education through its agent in charge of the Native school and the so-called board of elders, many of whom are not Christians and some of whom live in Ketchikan fifteen miles away and seldom come to Metlakatla.

The Bureau of Education took the property of the Metlakatla fire Co. from said co and gave the lot to the Metlakatla Commercial Co. of which said Bureau is the manager. This action caused the disbanding of said fire Co. and the town of Metlakatla has been without a fire Co. ever since and is not protected by any system of water supply having sufficient pressure to be used in case of fire. The town also has no regulation in regard to prevention of fires by compelling the construction of flues and is exceedingly liable to total extinction by fire in a country where high winds are common -- this condition which is due to the action and lack of action of the Bureau of Education which has assumed in most respects absolute control of the town even to claiming to own all the buildings might be a basis for a claim against the U. S. in case of loss by fire.

A native (Edmund Verney) and others started a small cannery but on account of the Bureau of Education having disposed of the fishing privileges (privileges) could not obtain a supply of fish and was obliged to discontinue the cannery. This company filled a part of its contract in a satisfactory manner and no doubt would have continued to operate had it not been for the action of the Bureau of Education.

The help employed in this small cannery was all native while the cannery instituted by the Bureau of Education is largely in fact almost exclusively, so far as the skilled employment is concerned, white people and Japs. This action on the part of the Bureau of Education seems at the present time to have forever destroyed any hope on the part of the natives that they would ever conduct and manage their own affairs as not less than 50 white people and Japs were employed in the Bureau of Education cannery during the summer of 1918 and ten buildings have been erected to house white people and Japs where none were needed before as the cannery previously to its being taken charge of by the Bureau of Education was operated exclusively by Natives. Or to make this statement a little more inclusive it now appears to the Natives that all of its business affairs and even its religious activities are entirely taken out of the control of the natives.

The Bureau of Education has ever since it took charge of the community at Metlakatla encouraged public (public) dances.

Whatever may be said about Dancing or Public Dances in other places does not apply in many cases to conditions on the frontier where whites and Indians live in close proximity to each other. In such places the only public dances in which white people and Indians associate on an equality are in Dance Halls with which are associated Saloons, Gambling and Prostitution so that when an Indian girl is encouraged in cultivating a taste for dancing she is being simply made an easy victim to whatever goes with a public dance hall on the frontier. The general effect on the young men is no better so far as their moral and physical welfare is concerned and so far as their business efficiency is concerned the effect is all against efficiency.

Indians as a race succumb to the white man's vices much more readily than white people themselves, and should be shielded from them rather than exposed to them and especially is it folly to expend large sums of money in the education of Indians and at the same time expose them to the very worst conditions of white society, which will almost inevitably render futile all of the educational work.

The Bureau of Education in meddling with the Cannery, Fishing Privileges (Privileges) Sawmill, Commercial Co., Religious and Social life of the community is neglecting its educational work which is the only thing that it could do better than the natives and the only thing which it has the slightest excuse for interfering with.

The Bureau of Education employs a man as Instructor in Manual Training but the services of this man are diverted into channels having nothing to do with Educational work being employed in making improvement in the housing accommodations of the teachers (teachers), about the sawmill, postoffice and other places. In none of these places is he any more proficient than many of the natives while as Teacher of Manual Training he would be of very great advantage to the community.

Some of these things I have stated in other letters but I have taken more time now to try to give a more comprehensive and detailed statement of what is being done and has been done at Metlakatla since you was there. I do not think it will be difficult to see now that the whole business is rotten and that the real reason (reason) for wanting the mission out of there is to give a free hand for the carrying out of what is capable of being a most corrupt scheme, and is in fact purely an exploitation of the natives.

I think you will see that during the year since you was there it has come out more into the open than it had when you was there and I am sure that this year when they feel that all chance for detection has been eliminated that it will show its real workings better than ever. I have enclosed two letters from two girls to Mrs. Minthorn, from which you will see that although the capacity of the cannery is being doubled such men as Tom, Hanbury (See Francis letter) Ralph Smith (see letter of his daughter) and John Hudson's letter, that these three men are not given employment and have to leave the place.

would be best to come from some persons in Alaska in the form of a request to the Senate Com. on Indian Affairs to make an investigation of the Bureau of Education. - This probably could not be had except during an intermission of Congress.

And should not be even talked of until the will is safely through the probate court.

Whenever the will is through the probate court I think some kind of mission work should be commenced for the Indians (Any Indians) of Alaska, probably rent a building in Ketchikan and have a Dispensary and Mission Training school for Nurses, Midwives, Christian Teachers, &c.

And then make an effort to obtain justice for the Metlakatla Christian Mission and have the record of the Bureau of Education reviewed.

If the result was successful for the mission then go to Metlakatla and inaugurate (inaugurate) the work on such a basis as seemed best under the circumstances, getting a building at Ketchikan and starting the work there would show that the Trustees were anxious to go on with the work as far and as well as circumstances would permit and it could hardly be expected that they would do much until they had possession (possession) of the money. Also it would provide a place to store the things left in Mr. Duncan's cottage and in the Guest House which is especially desirable since as I understand, Beattie has taken possession (possession) of the keys of those houses. I have also heard that he has said that he was going to use the Store building for a dance hall.

U. S. Senator Chas. McNary from Salem, Oregon is on the Senate Com. on Indian affairs. I am acquainted (acquainted) with him and with many of his friends and supporters and I have no doubt but that if he understands the case as it really is that he will favor an investigation. I think Senator Chamberlin will also favor it if he understands it. McNary is a Republican and Chamberlin is a Democrat. I think the chairman of the Com. is from Kansas and I think we could get some one to place the facts before him.

Any time now between this and Nov. 5th, 1920, the Republicans will on general principles favor investigations where Democrats have been doing things especially if there seems to have been anything wrong or even only contrary to what is believed by the Republicans to be good Governmental policy, and just now there is going to be a fight on the question of Govt. engaging in business or what is really the Socialistic plan (plan) of having Govt. do everything and it might be that this little adventure of the Govt. engaging in business would serve to illustrate some important point bearing on the general subject. As things stand now the Republicans are against Govt. engaging in business and might take an especial interest in investigating this venture.

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Newport, Ore. June 18th, 1919

Mr. H. S. WELLCOME - 18 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR FRIEND:

Frances
Early in the year I recd. a letter from you saying you was (were) directing your agent in N. Y. to send me \$250.00 which he did, and I sent \$50.00 of it to the old people at Metlakatla as you directed and kept the \$200.00 as you directed but wrote you that I would put it in the bank until I heard from you which I did.

Leave of
Absence
Wills
When I left Metlakatla it was at the request of the Trustees, on a leave of absence for a specified time which time has long since expired but I have not heard anything from them, which I attribute to the fact that as the will is not yet through the probate court they are not ready to do anything. But as it is probably now that the will may be at a stage at which they may be able to do something by next Sep. I wish to be in readiness to do whatever they may want me to do.

Med. & Surg.
As I wrote you not long ago I think it will be to establish a Dispensary and Hospital in a small way for Natives, and a school for instruction in Nursing Midwifery, First aid, and Training for Christian work among the Natives.

I am therefore going to take a course at the Mayo Clinics of three months in anticipation of being called upon to start this work.

The reason why I am writing you about it is that I am going to use the \$200.00 Recd. from you and enough more of my own money in carrying out this plan if it is all right with you. Perhaps I might have considered that the money was due me anyway as I went through the years of the war when everything was high without any raise and perhaps you may think so also.

FROM YOUR FRIEND,

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

JUNE 20th, 1919.

Mr. H. S. WELLCOME

18 EAST 41st STREET - NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. WELLCOME - I had from Mr. Strong and Dr. Myers a copy of the claims made against Mr. Duncan's estate by Mark Hamilton and Ed Verney.

I have written in answer to their letter and am enclosing you a copy.

Since they have commenced this and thus made a good opening for you to go to Alaska I think it would be a good time to go also a good time of the year and everything (everything) looks favorable to doing something and I think it would be a good time and a good opportunity to show how such claims and other claims will be met and also a good time to put some of them on record, and get a lot of evidence.

I do not want to even ASK you to do so because it looks to me as though the particular claims do not amount to anything so far as money value is concerned but of course I would like to see RIGHT prevail especially when (when) so much is involved as is the case here, and unless you do so it will probably not be done, and you have done so much that it is asking too much to say anything about any more but I hope you will go up there nevertheless.

I am expecting to leave here Monday June 30th, for Rochester, Minn. as I told you in another letter and am going to stop in Oklahoma (Oklahoma) to see my Brother-in-law about whom I told you on my way to Minn.

VERY RESPECTFULLY

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Marginal note as follows)

I do not know much about law but as Alaska adopted the Oregon code those claims default under the statute of limitations, and could not draw more than six percent simple interest in any case.

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Iowa City Iowa July 14 -1913

Dr. B. L. Myers Ketchikan Alaska.

Refused: Dear Doctor your letter was forwarded to me here I did not remain at Rochester long as my object was to get some help in learning something about refraction - and I could do better here - There is more of that kind of work done here and I have a much better opportunity to benefit by it - I wrote to your brother in Kansas City and he is willing to give me some help and I am going there after the 20th and will remain as long as he thinks it is worth while. There is no one in the country that I live in in Oregon that does that kind of work and I think I can add to my office practice by doing something in that line - also I will try to do more than before in treatment of diseases of the eye.

claims: In reference to the claims of Hamilton and Verney I think Mr Duncan owed Hamilton a few dollars as I said but as Dr. Blewit (Bluettt) is still living it seems to me it is up to them to get confirmation of their statements from him - and if you have his address it might be well to write him.

Their statements both would look suspicious

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claims: to me if I knew nothing more about them than what they say in their sworn statements - for one reason it is the first time I ever heard of Dr. Bluit (Bluettt) having anything to do with any business transaction my understanding is that Dr. Bluit (Bluettt) was not employed by Mr Duncan but worked without any salary and boarded himself and built his own house - Then as I was there in somewhat the same capacity and know very well the relation between Mr Duncan and the Dr. I do not believe those men or any others would ever have thought of undertaking such a transaction as they say took place - and no Dr. at Metlakatla (I cannot believe) would have received the money under any pretext -

Also there was no reason for such a transaction as Mr Duncan never allowed any one to write a line in his books (and his books show that no one did) and so there would be nothing gained by giving money to any one else - also Verney says (I think) that he paid \$60.00 - as that does not represent any undivided number of shares it looks unlikely - also Hamilton brings in the burning of the mill showing that there was something in the back of his mind when he made the statement.

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Then both of these men have been avowed enemies of Mr Duncan for years - Hamilton publicly (publicly) so and Verneys little book a copy of which I gave you shows that he was almost always Mr Duncans enemy - That they should allow claims to stand so long

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according to their own sworn statements but they are making claims on the basis of stock in the cannery - The question then is what is that stock worth now after the property representing the stock has been dissipated - Also both of these men were active parties to the acts that destroyed the value of the property Verney (Verney) was Mayor and Hamilton was a councilman in the council that asked the Govt to take the property out of the custody of Mr Duncan but you know all of this and there is much more to it of still greater importance than what I have stated

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but I will not waste your time in stating except just to say that the real important phase of the question I have not touched which not only discredits these claims but shows these men to be not only dishonest but the veriest hypocrites it also involves the whole Metlakatla question &c &c

I wish it could be thoroughly ventilated but unless Mr Wellcome does it I am afraid it will never be done -

Perhaps it will never be done and even then the presentation of these claims can lead to but one conclusion viz, that any man that could transact business amounting to millions with such men hundreds of them as Hamilton and Verney show themselves to be by their sworn statement for more than sixty years and no more evidence being obtainable to his discredit than so far appears was not only an exceedingly careful business man but a miracle of honesty - I have an idea that these men think of Mr Duncan as being dead (and just what they think I do not know) but Mr Duncan still lives in the unassailable power of a truthful and honest life and it is possible and I believe it will be that his detractors will in some way be brought to shame - probably by falling into the pit they have dug

from your friend

H. J. Minthorn

Iowa City Iowa July 15 1919

Dr. B. L. Myers
Ketchikan Alaska

H

Dear Doctor Myers enclosed please find a copy of a letter written to Mr Ryus which I think explains itself I did not intend to write any more but I will go on a little further with the subject of my yesterdays letter - The great wrong done by the Govt. actively aided by the Presbyterian church and many of the natives and acquiesed in by most of the remainder of the natives - in dealing with the Metlakatla question is in the denial that there was a Christian Mission there I will not say anything now about the responsibility injustice &c of the Govt. and of the Presbyterian church - but I will say that when the natives undertook to make it appear that it was not a Christian Mission they denied the Lord who through the Agency of his servant Mr Duncan raised them from barbarism to a degree of civilization and Christianity - X

But I think that as matters now stand whatever dealings are had with the natives or any of them will have to be on the basis of a business relation between them and Mr Duncan represented by the Cannery &c. This business was carried on for many years & the natives recd wages and dividends so also did Mr. Duncan They did as they pleased with their share which they got unfailingly - Mr Duncan saved his and has now left it for the purpose of carrying on Mission work - They have no claim upon it except such as the will states - The Cannery the store the mill and all other property also belonged to Mr Duncan absolutely as he had bought out all other claims

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but taking into consideration the view their sworn statements show that they and others try to make it appear can be taken of the case - viz that in some ways the natives were interested in the undertaking from a business standpoint - There the whole history of the business is involved - The years that it paid a profit (that is admitting that Hamilton & Verney had stock in it) and also the years when there were no profits also profits & losses were in proportion to the Amt. of stock and for all the time until a settlement was had - Benson & others sold their stock so they are out of it, but Hamilton & Verney claim they still hold theirs -

The stock was represented by the buildings machinery &c - of course Mr Duncan as all will admit owned the majority of the stock and if there is anything available for Hamilton & Verney there is much more for Mr Duncans estate -

The whole question turns on whether there is anything and if not what became of it and if it was lost through mismanagement who was to blame for the loss - The facts are as I stated Verney as Mayor Hamilton as a Councilman and other councilmen and all the natives

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I have at home a copy of the minutes of the Council meeting showing the date and the resolution they passed with the names of the Councilmen - in which the (they) asked the Govt to take the property from Mr Duncan the resolution also shows that Mr Duncan offered to give the property to them on certain conditions and that they preferred to ask the Govt. to take it. I think the resolution infers that they expected the Govt to take it from Mr Duncan and give it to them and the Govt. did take it at their request and has made a pretense of giving it to them I do not see why Hamilton & Verney cannot be made to tell all this and make it a part of the record now that they have brought it into the court.

Your friend

H J Minthorn

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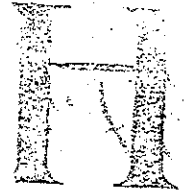
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DRS. MYERS

LATHROP BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

John L. Myers, M.D.
W.A. Myers, M.D.



Aug 19th 1919

Dr. B.L. Myers Ketchikan Alaska

Dear Doctor I came here July 22 and expect to leave this week. I have been trying to get so I can do some refraction work Dr. J.L. & Dr. Pickens (also in this Bld) have helped me and I have attended the Bell Hospital three times each week. I have also attended some of the other hospitals with Dr. J.L. and Dr. B.A. They both have much work in many hospitals and it seems to me are doing exceedingly well for the time they have been here and if I am a judge I think they are in line for great success in the future -

K.C. is a good field for men having their ideas. As I understand it is to eventually undertake some kind of P.G. work for which they are well adapted being themselves progressive and enjoying teaching - K.C. has I think more good clinical material than anymore northern city could have on account of the Negroe and yet it is a northern city and central. It has always been a disadvantage to the U.S. in doing P.G. work that plenty of clinical material was not available for that reason I think such a work might succeed better here than almost any other place. While I realize that it would be almost a calamity for Ketchikan for you to leave there yet it is very certain that your opportunities for usefulness

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would be very much greater here - I have not heard anything from Mr Wellcome. I wrote him July 30 and told him that I thought any time after Aug 25 would be a good time to try to finish up the work of trying to enforce the claims of Mr Duncan to the property at Metlakatla. I might possibly be able to help some in doing so and have held myself in readiness to go back to Alaska for one year if I was wanted in connection with that business - but I think the time has come now when I must decide and if I do not hear anything more about it before Sep 1st I will conclude that there is nothing more that I can do and make plans for staying at home. I wish you would help me about this before you leave there as it is a disadvantage to me and does no one else any good for me to be in uncertainty.

I do not ask you to do anything toward bringing about our return to Alaska for I have no desire to return on my own account unless I am really very much needed there. All I want is to have it decided now before I start work at home again

Your friend

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Dr. H. J. Minthorn,
Newport, Oregon.

Dear Doctor Minthorn:-

This morning Mr. Strong and I sent you
the following telegram,-

Wills

"Will probated twenty-fifth. Conference
with Mr. Purvance, now in charge
Metlakatla thirtieth. He promises
cooperation but advises against your
return, account of possibility arousing
factional feeling. We regret your not
being there, but still desire your
helpful advice."

Conference. Our conference with Mr. Purvance was congenial and helpful.
I believe he desires to do the right thing. You will be interested
to know that he said that as far as he and his family were
concerned, he would be glad to see you return.

Hearings. The day of the final hearing of the probating of the will
neither Mark Hamilton and Verney, nor their lawyer appeared at
court. This was interesting to me. I understand that the only
course open for them now is to bring suit against the estate.
There seems to be much doubt in the minds of our legal advisers,
that they will do this.

Minthorn's. We shall greatly miss you and Mrs. Minthorn at Metlakatla.
leaving. We hope your interest will ever be as keen as before. In a way
Metlakatla. I have no doubt that you personally will be better off to be
at home, where you will have more liberty, and be remunerated
more in proportion (proportion) to your efforts. We are not
unmindful of the fact that a man of your age needs to consider
himself considerably.

When I know what your income has been at home, I have almost
felt guilty to know that you served at Metlakatla for so little.

Hoping that we may hear from you as frequently as your time may
permit, and that both you and Mrs. Minthorn may enjoy your health
and work at Newport, I am,

Very cordially,

(Signed) E. L. Myers.

Metlakatla, Alaska

Sept. 2nd, 1919.

H

Mrs. Matilda Minthorn.

Dear Friend

Fisheries: I take pleasure in answering your welcome letter which I received over one week ago. We thought at first than (that) you had gone with the doctor so we did not write to you. We been very busy all last month, now the fish is getting few but still the girls are working on the lackering (lacquering) and Labeling Machines every day.

Graves: Little Johnnie was on the Oceanic while we were busy. He was helping Everett on the engine, so he said that he was doing all the engineering. Everything here is almost the same. We have decorated Mr. Duncan's grave on the (?) of this month. You know these old ladies that use to be good to Mr. Duncan they are the same ones that helping me.

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condition of Natives: Some time my heart aches so bad about these people now. Almost every one is doing what seems best to them and when any one is doing bad stealing or telling lies no one seems to care about it. While they were working on Sundays we got only two classes in the S. (?) one is my class for * * * women * * * little children that used to be Sara * * * * Ed Marsden took care of them some times and John Davis.

Proposed Service for Mr. Duncan: Last Sunday they announced in the Church that they will have meeting on the 1st of Sept. in remembrance of Mr. Duncan's death but they never do it. The hearts of these people even those that use to go to Church almost give up now. Indeed we have prayed very earnestly to God that he will keep our hearts purer all the time from all evil that upset these people.

S.A.: The Salvation Army is going on all the time. They march on the street every Sunday. Mrs. George Hall and Mrs. Fred Verney join in with them. We expect the trustees to be here sometime this week. We never go in Mr. Duncan's house since Mr. Beatty put a (?) lock on it so I know that the rats are eating up most of the things there.

Seeks advice about G.O.B.: Another thing I wanted to say to you or to ask your kindness to give me and advise us about our girls. We want very much to put them where its safe and where they will learn how to live and to be Christian women when they are grown up for we just hate to leave them among those that do not care about everything.

Is there any school that you can find for us and how much it will be a year for the two of them. We know ourselves how to keep away from those that do not love God, so we are safe in God's right hand but children is different. so please will you help

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We hope that everything will come out all right before evil will overtake everybody. We thank you ever so much for not forgetting us all the time. We had our picture taken about the 15th of Aug. on Mr. Duncan's grave. I want you to see it so I sent them to you. I hope the Lord in increase your strength so that you can work hard to Him all the time. I think that will be all by this time so I send my best regards to you and the doctor.

Your loving friend

(Signed) Mrs. Mary Hudson.

(Copied from a letter in handwriting--CRS)

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Newport, Oregon. Sep. 23rd, 1919.

Mr. H. S. Welles - 13 East 41st Street - New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Welles:

I am enclosing some letters. It is so long since I heard from you that I do not know whether you are interested in such matters or even ever get the letters as I have no doubt other matters of much greater importance claim your attention.

From these letters you will see that the probate proceedings on Mr. Duncan's will are satisfactorily completed and the Trustees have decided to proceed with the work at Metlakatla. From what I have heard Mr. Tomlinson will probably be the Missionary (son of Rev. Tomlinson).

You will also see that there is to be a meeting of the board of Trustees in Portland Oct. 10th. Also that Dr. B. L. Myers is now in Kansas City to consult with his brothers about leaving Ketchikan and joining them in K. C. I think I wrote you from K. C. this summer when I was there. It seemed to me that Dr. J. L. and Dr. B. L. who are working together in K. C. have made quite a notable success of their work and they are very anxious for Dr. B. L. to join them and that is the cause of his visit there at this time.

Probably it would be to his advantage to do so but it would be a misfortune for Ketchikan and especially for the work of carrying on the work provided for under Mr. Duncan's will.

If it is possible for you to give any more attention to the interests of this work it is evident that it would mean very much for you to be at the meeting of the board in Portland Oct. 10th. It seems to me that notwithstanding the distance if Dr. B. L. should remove to K. C. it would be best for him to remain a member of the board for at least a year or two. The will provides for travelling expenses of the members of the board and he could attend the meetings at least once a year.

I am sure that a Telegram from you to the board at their meeting in Portland Oct. 10th on this or any other subject would have great weight and do very great good if it is not possible for you to be there or there is not time to write.

You have done so much for this work and it is such a thankless task that I am ashamed to be bothering you with such suggestions but I feel a very great interest in the people at Metlakatla, especially those who were true to the message that the Lord sent to them by his faithful servant Wm. Duncan, and are still true both to the message and to Mr. Duncan, and it is impossible to not feel sorrow and anxiety in regard to their condition deprived of the help of Mr. Duncan and hated by the Govt. People for being true to their convictions, and in everything being made to feel that the only chance they have even in their own community and their own homes is to repudiate all of their

written ove (over) their doors, "He who enters here leaves hope behind."

I think one of the elements of Mr. Duncan's success was the separation of his people from evil influences while the Govt. is inviting and encouraging such influences.

It was also Mr. Duncan's unshakable determination that if nothing could be done to obtain justice in regard to the rights of the mission at Metlakatla and give it some rights also in determining the control of the moral and social affairs of the community to leave Metlakatla and make a place somewhere else where people that wanted to keep out from under evil influences could do so. I think that any one who denies that Mr. Duncan's work was a Gospel work and on that accounted (account) succeeded as it did has failed to understan (understand) it and is not qualified or entitled to have anything to say about it or do with it and if it ever succeeds hereafter it must acknowledge that principle and act upon it -- Your Friend

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

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ENCLOSURE TO
Minthorn to Wellcome
DATED 11-18-19

Newport Oregon Nov. 14th, 1919

Mr. H. S. Wellcome - 18 East 41st Street - New York city

H
 Dear Mr. Wellcome - I had a letter from Dr. Myers a few days ago saying that probably you might be in Ketchikan in Dec. I do not know as I told you that Hon. Chas. McNary is on the Senate Com. on Indian Affairs and that he is a Republican and would I think favor appointing a Com. or at least some one to hear evidence in regard to the business at Metlakatla.

I believe that the time is ripe now to make not only a showing for the mission but an investigation would show that the management at Metlakatla is not working in the interests of the Govt. or the Natives.

But I have gone over this ground to some extent before and will not take time to repeat what I have said.

Referees
 The only point that I feel like emphasizing is the necessity of having a Referee appointed by the SENATE COM. to hear evidence so that all the parties could be made to testify and thus get a complete history of the whole business from as far back as would throw any light on the subject.

I feel sure that Senator McNary would help get some one appointed to hear the evidence, even if not to have some one appointed to act in the case which would perhaps be better.

Partners
 Senator McNary is from Salem and I am acquainted with him and so is Bert Hoover, and I could get my Brother-in-law in Salem to get a petition signed asking him to interest himself in the case and will do so if you think it would do any good.

Education
 I get letters from Metlakatla occasionally. Some of the parents have asked us to help them get their children into some good school where the influences will be good and Christian. I have a catalogue of such a school and I am sending one to you. I hope there may be a way made for some of them to attend it.

Senate Committee
 I wish to say one more word about the Senate Com. Both houses of Congress are now Republican, with a fair prospect of being so for some time to come. This Govt. is a Govt. of parties and not only do the different parties like to find weak points in the administration of other parties but it is in this that the safety of the Govt. and the best interest and welfare of the people lies, and if the Senate Com. on Indian Affairs should appoint (appoint) some one to conduct a hearing of the Metlakatla business they would not only give you a sympathetic hearing but according to all usages of party conduct would be actively interested in bringing out every thing possible that would discredit the party that was responsible for the things that have been done at Metlakatla. All that is needed to make an exceedingly bad showing for the Party that is responsible for the outrages committed there against decency, Morality and Justice, and good business sense is for the TRUTH to be brought out and it is due to the Missionary cause of the world that it be brought out and submitted to the light, from which it is now being kept in every possible way. And whenever some one begins an investigation

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principle ans (and) who have been in every way aided and abetted actively by the Govt. -employees sent there there will be plenty of people that will become interested in seeing the guilty parties brought to justice.

I think that I do not know of any one thing that could be done to help and encouage (encourage) the missionary cause more than to expose and punish the perpertrators of the crimes against the Missionary cause that have been committed at Metlakatla. May the Lord help and bless you in your efforts and crown them with success beyond your and our most sanguine hopes.

Very truly your friend,

(Copied from an unsigned, typewritten document from Mr. Minthorn--CRS)

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Newport, Oregon, Nov. 18th, 1919.

Mr. H. S. Wellcome - 18 East 41st Street - New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wellcome, I am sending the Catalogue of the North Pacific Evangelistic Institute about which I wrote. I am also enclosing a letter from Mrs. Hudson, from which you will see that there is still some effect visible among the Metlakatlems of the training they had under Mr. Duncan.

Since the Trustees are not doing anything at present toward the special missionary work it might be a good thing for them to send two of the girls to this school. Hudson's Daughter and Alex, Guthrie's Daughter, (or Tom. Hanbury's Daughter). The latter I think would be best.

I have written to the Trustees and to Hudson and Alex. and to Tom Hanbury about it. While at this school the girls would live with the white students and teachers just as the rest, eat at the same table, take their equal share of the house work, and in every way be treated as others, and these people since they are being trained (trained) for missionary work would be glad to have the girls as it would in a sense give them a chance to learn something of the problems of Missionary life and work right at home and also they would think it an opportunity of perhaps reaching a field of Missionary (Missionary) work through the girls in some way.

The expense is of course kept down to the lowest possible amount consistent with good health and comfort. I am sure the girls would enjoy the place and would be greatly benefitted, and it might be a means of helping their people through them.

The utmost effort would be made to help them to attain a genuine Christian Experience as that is the FIRST object of the school.

Your Friend

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

(Marginal note in handwriting as follows)

I have told Hudsons - Hanbury - and Guthries that they would have to pay this expense unless the trustees would help toward a part of it.

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Metlakatla
Alaska

November 4, 1919.

Mrs. Minthorn

Dear Friend

Your most welcome letter reached me after it was in Ketchikan for so long. I was suffered for over one week about my tooth. When I got over to the doctor in Ketchikan the doctor examined my tooth that troubled me. He said that nothing wrong about it after that then all of my teeth or the lower and upper jaws hurts me so bad the girls and I were in Ketchikan for one week.

Religion
Now it is getting better but still it hurts when I chew. Everything here seems just the same only about religious is different all the time, the people seems to think that no one would say anything if they would follow what seems best to them while there is God in Heaven who is looking, When we count how many things that is against us all the time.

Illness
of
Sandra
My husband and I think that God is testing us, whether we will be true to Him to the end, and this is what we prayed all the time that God would help us to stand all these trials to the end as he helped our leader who have gone before us. One thing I would like to tell you that grieved my heart is about Mrs. Sarah Dundas. I have tried all the best I can trying to straighten her mind but I could not make her believe it.

She is so crooked in everything. So you will not be surprised to hear any serious news about her. I am afraid this will put Solomon down from his trying to do good, but I will never give up asking God about those who are ruining their souls.

Sunday
School
We never go to the choir now, we do not feel like singing with those who are trying hard to do wrong. Only one thing I will never give up is that I am teaching in Sunday School. They are many women still in my class.

I thank you ever so much for trying to help me and find a place for the girls. Words cannot tell how I think so much how to keep them where its safe, and I trust God is looking to this poor heart of mine (?). I may some day will have pleasure of what I am doing.

Everett's new born baby boy is three weeks old now. They are staying in Margery; Grandmother's place. Only Harold and his wife is with us.

Guest
I heard that the guest House is opened now so that every can go in there all the time. I heard that the band practiced in
We have a cold day now for two days.

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We are expecting our brother to be home that was in Penetentery (penitentiary) in Wash. for two years. We will be glad to have him home. I think that is all by this time. We all send our best regards you and the doctor. God bless you.

I remain

Your friend.

(Mrs. Mary Hudson)

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Nov. 29th, 1919

Mr. H. S. Wellcome - 18 East 41st Street, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wellcome - Enclosed please find a letter from Mrs. Hudson from which you will see that they are putting their Girls up (in) the school in Portland about which I wrote you. When you are on your way to Alaska if you go by way of Portland you can find them if you care to do so by calling on B. S. Cook, Stock Exchange Bld., Portland and he will take you to the place where they are.

The school is a very simple affair and is intended almost solely to help young people who are thinking of doing (doing) missionary or at least Christian work. But the Girls will be closely associated with (with) good Christian people and under Christian influence and will be carefully looked after, and every effort made to develop (develop) in them Christian Character and good habits.

Requests
Mr. Wellcome
to visit
School

Their Secular education will also be looked after. If not too much trouble I hope you will be able to spare the time to visit the place and see for yourself what you think of it, as a place to give training to some of the Metlakatla children.

Dancing

While people like Hudsons are making so much money as they are making for the past few years they can afford to send some of their children to such a place themselves. They also dread the influence of the Dance Halls at Metlakatla, and the taste the children get for dancing at the Govt. schools elsewhere which makes the girls easy victims of the public dance halls at such places as Ketchikan when they come home.

Thanksgiving
Day

This is Thanksgiving day and is cold and clear - what is called a Characteristic Thanksgiving day in America. I am (am) afraid the country in general is not in a Thanksgiving mood. It seems to be a time of great unrest and uncertainty.---Very truly your friend

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

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Princess Mary

Nov. 17th, 1919

Matilda Minthorn

My Dear Friend

See you You would not be surprised to know that the girls and I are on the way. I just feel that I would not wait any longer about the girls so I wired to Mr. Hudson in Seattle. He was just ready with the boat to leave Seattle so he told us that he would wait us there.

I spoke to Dr. Myers about the girls and said that they would wait a while to see how every thing will come out, but he said that we don't need to wait longer. So we sent the girls for we been waiting and praying all the time about the girls to put them where it is safe, as soon as we can. So words cannot tell how I feel so glad that the Lord would heard my cry about my children.

These are the only valuable things that the Lord gave me, so I put all my mind on them how to take good care of them, and I do hope that the Lord will make use of them. My husband is going to take them to that School. If I am still feeling well I may be there too. It is very rough as we are coming down.

Laura is sick while Lillian do not mind the rough sea. I left the little boy on account of the rough sea I did it.

Choir Another thing that hurts my feeling before I left Metlakatla, is that the Choir had a concert. They wanted to have a new heater at the Church so they did, and they wanted me to be there, or asked me to sing with them. You know that I am not in the choir all the time until everything is settled because * * * * would not listen to me if I speak what * * * before God. So I joined them that * * * while they sang "Gloria", just as * * * as we are through singing, Mr. John Davis, one of the elders, announces that there will be some pilgrims (pilgrims) would sing some pieces.

Mr. Marsden So there came forth those women. They all put on black dresses and put white bonnets, some kind of sunbonnets and white wide collars. They looked funny and they sang the Hymns that Mr. Duncan used to sing at the very first time when he preached at Port Simpson. While they were singing the people throw some money at them and made all kinds of noise.

Just as soon as they were through singing Mr. Marsden spoke & wished that the people would throw some more money at them if they will sing some more pieces. Mr. Fred Benson, (?) Murchison and Ben Haldane are taking care of the Choir now. Mr. Ed Marsden

The names of the ones that sang at the choir Concert was
Mrs. I. Davis, Mrs. C. Marsden, Mrs. R. Murchison, Mrs. M. Milton,
Mrs. S. Campbell, Mr. Davis, Mr. E. Milton.

The boat begins to rock now so I will close with many thanks
for your kindness to us by helping about the girls. He bless you
& make you prosper.

Your Friend

(Signed) Mrs. Mary Hudson.

(Copied from a letter in handwriting. The asterisks indicate
portions of the letter which are illegible because of the
pasting of explanatory notes over those portions -- CRS)

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Dec. 25th, 1919

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Mr. H. S. Wellcome - 18, East 41st Street New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wellcome - I am enclosing you a copy of a letter 12-16-19 that I Recd. from Solomon Dundas - also a copy of the answer I have written him and a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. Myers. After reading these I think you will understand the case.

I heard from Ketchikan that you was (were) in New York. Some one from Port Simpson was there and told Dr. Myers, some one that you had had some correspondence with about Souvenires (Souvenirs). I had a letter from the Lawyers in Portland who are employed by the Trustees as advisers on Mr. Duncan's will Probate, asking me to come to Portland Jan. 7th, something about the Inheritance tax.

I am not sure that I can go really I cannot tell until the day comes whether I can or not, as I cannot tell what I might have on hands also I do not like to leave home as I am trying to regain the business that I used to have here, and it does not suit people for a Doctor to be away when they send for him.

I had a letter from John Hudson. He says his girls are at the Christian Training School at West Piedmont, Portland, and like it there.

He also says that there are about 50 attending the S.S. at Metlakatla at this time of the year. You will recollect (recollect) that Mr. Duncan had that many juveniles right up to the close of his life and there were more than 100 attending the school when Beattie took it away from us about Nov. 1918.

If you are in Portland perhaps you could go to West Piedmont and see Hudson's girls. If you will call on B. S. Cook at his office in the Stock Exchange Bldg. he will tell you how to get there.

Your friend

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn.

Newport, Oregon, Dec. 25th, 1919.

Dr. B. L. Myers - Ketchikan Alaska

Dear Doctor - I Recd. a letter from Solomon Dundas of which I am enclosing you a copy, also a copy (copy) of the answer I have sent him.

Set
Moses
UP IN
Blowing
I wanted Mr. Duncan and Mr. Wellcome to set Moses up in business because it seemed to me that he had really done more for Mr. Duncan that could reasonably be expected of him and it seemed to me at some sacrifice.

As I see it now it did him more harm than good as he seemed to be somewhat swelled up over it. I do not know whether he ever paid back the money that Mr. Duncan and Mr. Wellcome let him have or not.

Praise
S. Hudson
It was the same way with Solomon. He staid with Mr. Duncan and helped him in many ways right up to the time of his death when he could have done very much better to have worked for the Cannery people. He worked for Mr. Duncan for \$1.50 a day when he could (could) have had two or three time (times) that much working on the cannery building.

Praise
J. Hudson
I think John Hudson did as much or more than either Moses or Solomon, but John is about the most competent person at Metlakatla when it comes to taking care of himself and his family, and I always felt proud of him and did not want any one to help him because I thought it was really better for him to manage his own affairs.

I felt sorry for Solomon because he is a person that needs some one to help him and advise him and then he was married into that Murchison Family and they are a crazy lot and need to trade some of their pride and conceit for a little common sense. Also his Father was against Mr. Duncan.

Vessels
I wrote to Mr. Wellcome and asked him to let Solomon have money to buy a Gas Boat which he did. I need not say that I am very anxious that Solomon should pay it. I do not remember just what the Amt. is but I think when interest and all is paid that it will not be more than \$600.00. I wish you would write Solomon a note and ask him to come to Ketchikan and go with him to the bank and have him tell the Cashier that the money there is to pay Mr. Wellcome.

Then if you will I wish you would write to Mr. Wellcome and ask him to send the note and authorize you to collect it and send him the money.

Mr. Dr.
C. Tager
You will notice what Solomon says about taking care of the Cottage. If he has done all or as much as he could in taking care of these things I hope Mr. Wellcome or the Trustees will do something (something) for him but I want him to pay his note without any promises or deduction or account.

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Newport, Oregon. Dec. 25th, 1919.

Solomon Dundas, Metlakatla Alaska.

My Dear Friend I received your good letter and am very glad to hear from you, and to hear that you are doing so well and that you have kept the key to Mr. Duncan's cottage and taken good care of the things. I hope you will keep on taking care of the things until Mr. Wellcome comes or sends you some word, For there are things there that Mr. Wellcome wants and he will be very much pleased to find them all in good order.

I am glad to hear that the (CORSAIR) has helped you to do a good business last summer and the summer before, and I am very glad that Mr. Wellcome let you have the money to but (buy) it with, and I am also very glad that you have the money in the bank to pay him.

I will write to Mr. Wellcome and ask him to send the note that you gave him for the money to Dr. Myers or Mr. H. C. Strong, and then you can pay them and get your note. Which will show that you have paid Mr. Wellcome. I think there will be some money left after the note is paid, and whatever is left of the \$700.00 Dr. Myers or Mr. Strong will give to you or leave it in the bank so that you can get it whenever you want it, and the Spring Salmon and Halibut will be comin (coming) now so you will be making something again out of them.

I cannot tell you how glad I am that you have the boat and can do business for yourself and keep your boys with you. I think Mr. Wellcome is coming but if he does not come soon it is all right for you to pay the money to Dr. Myers or Mr. Strong and get your note. I hope you are helping about the church work even if Mr. Marsden is there, do the best you can in the Sabbath School and Choir, and if you are appointed by the Elders to talk at the evening service do the best you can. Also have your children attend the Sunday School and church. There will be better times in the future for you and then you will be glad that you did the best you could when everything looked dark.

Your Friend,

H. J. Minthorn

(Copied from a typewritten letter with signature in typing--CRS)

COPY OF SOLOMON DUNDAS's LETTER

Metlakatla Alaska

Dec. 16th, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Minthorn,

Dear sir,

I am trying to write you this a short letter tellin
(telling) you how I am getting along through this troublesome
world in 1919.

I kept the key of this cottage of Father Duncan's since
Nov. 1918 till now and I do keep everything in good order,
dry them. Mr. M. Hewson was trying to get the key by order
of his own, but he cant do it, and also Mr. Lopp & Beattie
(Beattie) was trying to get the key from me, but I dont let
them have it without any word from Trustee.

Mr. Battie (Beattie) do gave the garden that is between Guest
House and Mr. Duncan's cottage to Mr. Pervance. so he used the
ground last summer. Now about Solomon. I fish to this cannery
last summer. I make \$1,600,00 , but the money is runnin
(running) out very fast. I kept \$700,00 in the Merchants.
bank at Ketchikan, because I was ready to pay the cost of
the Gas Boat (Corsair).

So do please Mr. Minthorn. I like to ask your advisement
about this. I heard that Mr. Wellcome is not coming to
Metlakatla this winter.

So I want to hear from you. This is all I can say.

I had trouble to tel (tell) about our commottee (committee)
but dont want to say it on this letter.

I am well with Family

(Signed) Your Truly

Solomon Dundas

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John Hudson's letter

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Metlakatla Alaska Dec. 16th, 1919

Mr. H. A. Minthorn - Dear Sir - It has been a long time since I wrote to you. Will (will) you kindly pardon me for not writing a letter. You know how I always work hard and never stay home much so I have no time. Now I have a good time to write. We just got home two weeks ago from Seattle.

I suppose you know that the girls are in that school in Portland. I thank you and Mrs. Minthorn for your help in finding this good people for us. The girls have written letters and they said they like the school very much. They also like the teachers too. Everybody is well in Metlakatla.

Church We are in the Choir (my wife and I) and Solomon and his wife. (But Moses Hewson is in the Salvation Army) My wife teaches in the Sunday School. Although few people go to school but it is still going on. There are five men and maybe ten or more women and about 40 children going to Sunday School.

Mr. Edward Marsden preaches in the morning and an Elder in the evening. There are lots of people did not go to church. They rather go to the Army meeting. You know those people who took the key from you did not come to church but once a month maybe. Ernest Wilton never come to church any more. Daniel Reece is still helping. That is the reason why we start and help the church again.

Will There are nine new houses built here now. It seems to that all the people will accept Mr. Duncan's will now, the way the people talk. But I do not agree with this people myself.

People do not care for any^{thing} now. Most of them do not rest on Sunday. They even shoot on Sunday, too, which you never hear when you were here.

Dancing Council and Elders encourage the dancing so we are very thankful to God that we get our girls away from these people.

Collection There are collections in the Church Morning noon and night and the People are getting tired of it. They commence to complain about this collection. The mail boat is (in) and I must close. I will write to you again.

Signed John Hudson

Collection In another letter it was said that Marsden had them to throw the money and said to them throw more.

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Notes

Minthorn & Mrs. Minthorn

Dec. 1919

Recd. enclosed letters from Mrs. Hudson about their girls going school & your wise advice & success in finding suitable school in Oregon. (I will make special effort to visit the Institution and see the girls when I go to Or.)

S.S. Mrs. H. quite right continue her S.S. Class. Note guest house now open to all. The Fancy costume display of Pilgrims in the church and the money throwing reminds one of the weird spectacular outbreak and miracles, etc. once at old Metlakahla in early days when Mr. D. was absent for a few weeks.

The trouble makers appear to have the upper hand of affairs at Metlakahla at the present time while the Govt. officials maintain a hostile attitude towards the trustees and the Metlakahla's loyal to Duncan. I do not think it desirable for the trustees to induce parents to send their children away from the Govt. school and send them away to other schools or to pay for their training elsewhere as this might (?) as an excuse to hamper the trustees (?) carrying out their very delicate and difficult duties in protecting as far as possible Mr. Duncan's life work at Metlakahla.

Of course it is open to the parents to send their children where they please. The trustees have offered to cooperate with the Govt. and their School and though the present Govt. officials have spurned this offer and have siezed the church and other mission buildings and otherwise obstructed the mission trustees, there may soon be important changes.

Religious The Evangelistic Institute seems to (be) an excellent school and one where Religious training and character building is an essential part of the educational work. This also appears to be an institution where the influence and associations would be clean and healthy and inspiring and in harmony with Mr. Duncan's methods.

Solomon Dundas. You are quite right in telling him he should pay the money loaned for the boat to Dr. Myers or Mr. H. C. Strong who will hold it until they receive from me Solomon's note for the loan.

Church Your advice to Solomon about helping in the church and Sunday School work is good and I hope he and all the loyal members of the mission will follow this advice and patiently do their duty otherwise they aid the trouble makers by giving up and handing the work over to them.

They should not be aggressive but quietly and firmly do their duty and not allow themselves (to be) upset by (?) action of the disturbing elements. Everything will come out right in God's own way and time if they faithfully do their duty in the manner and spirit in which their great and good leader taught them and their forefathers.

Mr. Duncan's cottage, books, papers and other possessions.

Notes Minthorn & Mrs. Minthorn Dec. 1919

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even to (be) touched by any one not authorized by the trustees. Even some of the native friends not realizing the importance might think many of the papers as useless rubbish and cast them aside. For the record of Mr. Duncan's life and work it is of the highest importance that every scrap and item however insignificant in appearance should be preserved for they may form connecting links in the story or vital evidence on some obscure points.

I will pay all expenses which may be incurred in securing everything intact from any chance of loss or destruction.

I shall never rest until a full record of Mr. Duncan's Life and work is published and in a manner that will do him justice, vindicate him and disprove the base calumnies uttered against him by his enemies.

To me the cruel treatment meted out to Mr. Duncan after his wonderful work of redemption of his people at the cost of unparalleled self-sacrifice and hardship for more than half of a century is one of the greatest wrongs in history and brings him well into the category of Christian martyrs.

Most unfortunately the culminating troubles came after the outbreak of the great war and this vastly increased the difficulties of getting adequate attention and consideration in Washington even before America herself entered the war.

Then from the time of America's declaration of war to the present the official pressure in every department at Washington has been greatly intensified. The Armistice brought no relief but rather added to the difficulties which have constantly increased. This confusion has aided Duncan's enemies in continuing their intrigues and has greatly handicapped the trustees and has hindered me and those acting for me in Washington from making any material progress in dealing with the case.

The most responsible advice from Washington has been that however grievous the wrong, the case could not command serious attention of the Chiefs until there comes a lull in the clamor of great events and emergencies, national and international.

The policy adopted by the trustees is, I am sure, the right one -- time is on our side and strengthens the position of Trustees and the force of Duncan's will. The address of the Trustees to the Metlakahtlans and the overture to the Government showed a proper atti

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My dear Miss Gridge,

Will thee pardon my seeming intrusion in this letter at this time, but Dr. Winthorne, my husband, is busy and somewhat over-tired, and has accepted my offer to do this for him.

Dear Dr. Duncan in his many talks has so frequently mentioned thee and thy family, as well as the McDonald's, that I feel acquainted with you all. We used to come into our home in the Guest House every evening about eight and sit with us until nine o'clock, and talk over his life of both earlier and later years. Of course when it was too stormy, or he had a meeting to attend, he did not come, and these are the times when we miss him most. He was sometimes here to lunch at mid-day when we had a guest or a birthday, and he was a most delightful guest himself. I can see how great a loss his nearer friends of life longstanding must sustain when one like myself, who knew him only such a little time, since last December, can feel it so much.

It was on mail day, Tuesday, August 27th, that he had the shock, at about 5 in the evening. He was never able to see clearly, nor to speak, afterwards, although he could move his left arm and side somewhat. After the first twenty-four hours he sank into a heavy sleep, and sleeping, passed on to meet his beloved Lord. The Dr. says he did not suffer any pain. It was an apoplectic shock, and a severe one. His life lingered until 1.15 a.m. Friday, August 30th. On Sunday forenoon, the funeral was held in the church, conducted by the M.E. and Episcopal clergymen of Ketchikan, and he was laid beside the church where, every day, many visit the spot, and sit and think and remember his life and lessons to them.

On that Tuesday when he was stricken, he had been about as usual, calling on us in the morning and going for his mail. He made another visit to the Post-Office for stamps, but when he went to mail his letters, a woman noticed him turn and go back to his home before reaching the office. A man saw him go up the steps to his door, and noticed that he moved very slowly, as if it were an effort. When his housekeeper came about five in the evening to get his supper, she could not rouse him to open the door, and came over to call the Dr. He entered by a window, let her in, and she went at once to see if he were sleeping but found him in his room on the floor. He was not entirely unconscious then. A messenger and a boat were dispatched at once to Ketchikan for Dr. Myers, and he sent a telegram before coming over. The natives came in and faithfully carried out every direction that the Drs. gave them, although Dr. Winthorn tenderly ministered to him with his own hands the most of the time. The Dr. allowed a number of them to remain in the house as helpers, but only three of them were in charge of the sick-room. The Trustees of his will came at once on being notified of his departure, and again a message was sent to Dr. Wellcome and others. Everything was very quiet and orderly, from the hour he was laid upon his bed, throughout all those days of watching, and at the funeral. The native choir sang two beautiful selections. He was carried on the shoulders of six strong men, preceded by the native band, and followed by the Trustees, Nurses, Sunday-school teachers, and many others. Over one thousand people were in attendance at the church. The Mayor of the town sat in the pulpit

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with the Ministers, and was the first to speak in a brief address, thanking the visitors for their presence and sympathy. Rev. Van Meter preached from the text "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord", and it was a very appropriate and fitting address. The Episcopal church choir sang very sweetly a choice hymn. The Trustees had asked the Dr. and myself to continue the work, and so we held a service that evening, and have held the regular services ever since. They are planning to get another missionary, and we are here only temporarily. I think it is a comfort to the natives to have the Dr. with them now, as they have known him for more than twenty years. The Government Agent appears to be making arrangements, however, to take over all the other property as yet not appropriated by them, and we may need to leave on account of their taking the house where we are living. We can only walk softly before the Lord, and look to Him for guidance, one step at a time.]

Praying that the rich blessing of grace and peace may rest upon thee and other friends,

I beg to remain,

Sincerely thy friend,

Matilda W. Minthorn.

"It is a great comfort to me to receive your letters and learn of your affairs and to learn through you of the welfare of those dear to us both. I am sure you are all kept in anxiety about your loved ones abroad. Our comfort is that we can pray for them every day that God's protecting Hand may be over them, and bring them safely home. Soon all strife will be over when Jesus, our Saviour comes. Let us look up. Trust more implicitly in Him, and press forward to the goal. What a joyful day that will be when we meet all our dearly loved ones in our Eternal Home."

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Cross Reference

The following is quoted from Mrs. Minthorn's diary, a copy of which is filed under date of December 4, 1918.

"Tuesday, Sep. 17th.

Seizures of
Property

After the mail had gone this afternoon we had a call from Mr. Beattie, the Gov't. Agent. I had been feeling all day that it was coming. He brought a telegram from the Ass't. Sec. of the Interior, telling him to take the Guest House, and the office, which is Mr. Duncan's cottage, and the Church, for the present, into his custody for the Gov't. I had the satisfaction of saying that it was contrary to the Constitution of the U. S. for the Gov't to take such a step, for church and state are separate. When asked how soon we should vacate the house, he replied that he should never turn us out, and when the Dr. remarked that we should feel like leaving as soon as possible, he replied that he should do so in our place. It had the effect to startle us out of the usual quiet of watching and waiting for some thing to happen and to set us to thinking so that it disturbed our sleep and appetite, especially as we did not know just what step the Trustees might think best to take. "

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Minthorn's Statement of Account

ENCLOSURE TO
Minthorn to Hellewell
DATED 9-30-18

DR. H. J. MINTHORN

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Metlakatla Alaska --- Sept 17 1918 (stamped)

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METLAKATLA CHRISTIAN MISSION

Enclosed is the paper given to me when Mr. Beattie put the notices on the buildings. I told him that I supposed he would want us to leave at once to which he replied that was the way he would feel if he was in our places, but that he was not going to put us out now and that the teachers would move into the other buildings at present.

He also said the property would be perfectly safe in his custody. Which but the tin and other property mentioned in the letter of the Sec. as belonging to Mr. Duncan was in the custody of the Govt. when it was destroyed also the contents of the buildings now occupied by the teachers and in the school house were in the custody of the Govt. agent and I have understood that it was him that scattered and destroyed much of it also property in the old warehouse in Mr. Beatties' (Beattie's) custody at the time and now I have been informed was taken by people and put to their own uses and when some one spoke to him about it he said it was nothing but junk although one item is said to be a mill shaft that cost more than \$50.00.

He informed us that hereafter the church would be under the care of the Elders. Tom Hanbury has offered us his house.

I think all property belonging to the mission should be disposed of at once and while we or some one appointed by the

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Property

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METLAKATLA ALASKA - SEP 30 1918

MR. H. S. WELLCOME -- 18 East 41st STREET -- NEW YORK CITY NY

DEAR MR. WELLCOME

I am enclosing my statement of account. Also copy of telegram handed me by B. which explains itself. B. says L. will be here in Oct. Just what he meant by that I do not know. I have no doubt but they want us away from here but I do not know whether they will actually put us out just now.

Property, B. I have told the Trustees that I think what property there is left here belonging to the Mission should be disposed of as soon as possible as I think from past experience it will be very poorly cared for if left in the care of the Govt. although B. says it will be perfectly safe in his hands.

Med. & Surg. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT AMONG THE PEOPLE and all sorts of talk. I think it is the general opinion that the Govt. ought to supply a Dr. if they compel me to leave.

Sunday Schools and S. S. THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT OF THE ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH and S. S. since Mr. Duncans death.

SUN. SEP. 1ST. WAS THE FUNERAL AND NO OTHER SERVICE WAS HELD.

Sun. Sep. 8th A.M. 60.--S.S. 70--P.M. 46.
Sun. Sep. 15TH . A.M. 70.--S.S. 62. --P.M. 38.
Sun. Sep. 22nd. A. M. 90 -- S. S. 79 -- P.M. 55
Sun. Sep. 29th. A. M. 100--S.S. 79--P.M. 55.

Mass Meetings There is to be some kind of a mass meeting about Oct. 15th, but I have not much idea of what will be done. I feel sure of what the people would do if left to their own ways, but there is strong pressure on them from various sides.

Canneries BUSINESS IS ABOUT OVER AT THE CANNERY WITH 65,000 CASES WHICH IS UNUSUALLY LARGE FOR A TWO LINE CANNERY. THEY ALSO SOLD 475,000 fish. I am sending you a paper in which it is stated that the Govt. had lost the suit against the Alaska Packing Association in the supreme court. If so it will make some change in the plans of the bureau (Bureau) of Education.

THE TEACHERS HAVE ARRIVED AND SCHOOL BEGINS TOMORROW.

Spruce I THINK I NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT THE GOVT. GETTING SPRUCE AT NEWPORT. I think they have two or three thousand men there now working at getting out Spruce and have built three Railroads, two of them 25 miles each and the other 8 miles long. They are also working on the Jetty at the entrance to the harbor.

Wills MR. DUNCANS WILL HAS BEEN FILED FOR PROBATE.

Ed Verney went to Dr. Myers and told him that Mr. Duncan

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(Enclosure to letter of 9-30-18, Minthorn to Mr. Wellcome)

METLAKATLA ALASKA -- SEP. 30th, 1918.

FOURTH ACCOUNT WITH MR. H. S. WELLCOME

LUMBER	\$4.95
LENS	5.00
DRUGS	17.55 (as written)
HECKMAN	-5.90
HECKMAN	5.20
HECKMAN	11.50
HECKMAN	36.00
RYUS ADHESIVE PLASTER 90¢ PER OX, HYD, \$1.00	1.90
HECKMAN	13.35
FREIGHT (As written)	2.65 (As written)
WHITE CLOVER 65¢ RED CLOVER 45¢ TIMOTHY 25¢	1.35
SEED RYE	2.40
	-----107.30 (As written)
	\$107.30

I am rendering the above account as rhe (the) nearest I can make it on account of not having kept an exact account. We furnished Mr. Duncan one meal each day for eight months Soup, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables &c, served hot and taken to his house, outside of mush for breakfast this is all the warm food he had we also furnished hot Corn Bread Gems &c, as we had them for ourselves. This seemed to be the best we could do for him as he wanted to keep Maria as he thought she needed the money.

This covers the amount still left of the money you sent, and a few dollars more.

YOUR FRIEND

(Signed) H. J. Minthorn

I FURNISHED SUPPLIES (SUPPLIES) FOR MORE THAN A WEEK DURING MR. DUNCAN'S SICKNESS AND AFTER AT HIS COTTAGE FOR ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE