

411
N.P. Engine

Anchorage, Alaska
February 23, 1942

Mr. H. E. Stevens,
Vice President,
Northern Pacific Railway Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I received your advice today that your engine 1676 was now at South Tacoma awaiting arrival of Railroad's inspector, and Mr. Kinsell is leaving here by plane today and expects to be in Tacoma February 26th to start on his work.

It was mighty nice of you to help us out at this time as we are badly in need of additional locomotives.

We placed an order with the Baldwin Locomotive Works for a locomotive last May and was advised about three weeks ago that all of the material had been received except plates for which I have since received priority but this engine will not be finished until sometime in July and delivered in August.

I also appreciate your advice contained in your letter of February 13th that your forces at South Tacoma will dismantle the engine and parts boxed and shipped as may be directed, all additional expense after acceptance of the engine to be assumed by The Alaska Railroad.

Mr. Kinsell has been requested to arrange necessary details with the Superintendent of the South Tacoma Shops; also to give ~~allotment~~ order of the various items, including the tender, which can be moved on it's own wheels from South Tacoma to Seattle.

Again thanking you very much for your kind assistance which The Alaska Railroad will not forget.

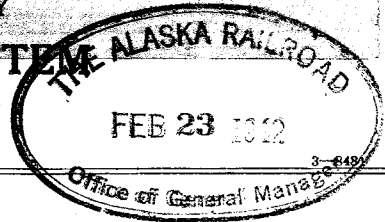
With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Signed: O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson

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ENGINE NOW SOUTH-TACOMA AWAITING ARRIVAL YOUR INSPECTOR TO DIRECT
DISMANTLING

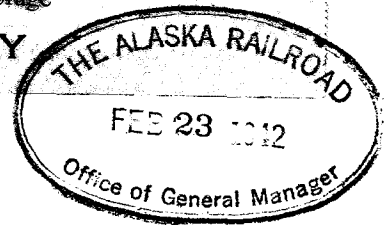
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NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OPERATING DEPARTMENT



H. E. STEVENS,
VICE PRESIDENT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

February 13, 1942

Airmail -

Col. O. F. Ohlson,
General Manager,
The Alaska Railroad,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter to you yesterday about delivery of engine 1676.

I am in receipt this morning of amendment No. 1 to the specifications, copy attached. This takes care of the points raised in my letter about dismantling and shipping the engine. Our quotation of \$38,000 will now be for delivery of the engine on its own wheels at South Tacoma shops. After acceptance by your representative we will be glad to dismantle the engine, box and ship as may be directed, all additional expense after acceptance of the engine to be assumed by the Alaska Railroad.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. E. Stevens", written over a horizontal line.

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Consolidated Purchasing and Shipping Unit
510 Virginia Street
Seattle, Washington

February 11, 1942

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Inv. 09637
M-3155
THE ALASKA RAILROAD

Referring to the above Invitation dated February 10, 1942,
on which bids are to be opened at 2:30 o'clock p.m., February 18,
1942:

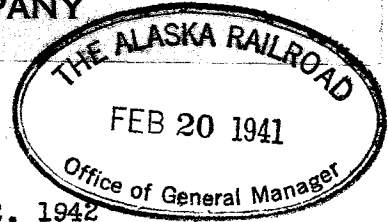
Please delete from specifications following:

"Locomotive to be knocked down for export shipment
to Seward, boiler removed from frame and cylinders
and driving wheels and trucks removed from engine
frame, all smaller parts removed to be boxed."

In lieu of above The Alaska Railroad will accept delivery
F.O.E. your shops; Locomotive will be knocked down and made
ready for shipment at Alaska Railroad expense.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OPERATING DEPARTMENT



H. E. STEVENS,
VICE PRESIDENT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

February 12, 1942

Airmail

Col. O. F. Ohlson,
General Manager,
Alaska Railroad,
Achorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt today of invitation, bid and acceptance, (short form contract) covering the purchase by the Department of the Interior for the Alaska Railroad of Northern Pacific engine 1676, and have arranged for Purchasing Agent Willis to complete this form and return to Mr. Ummel immediately.

The form calls for a quotation f.o.b. Seattle and we are advising Purchasing Agent Ummel that at your request we are moving the engine to South Tacoma where it will be dismantled and boxed for shipment in conformity with the directions of a representative of the Alaska Railroad and the parts delivered f.o.b. dock trackage at Seattle, the Government to assume the cost of dismantling, boxing and loading the parts, in addition to the price quote f.o.b. dock trackage.

The last sentence of Specification form M-3155 attached to the invitation stipulates "Locomotive to be knocked down for export shipment to Seward. Boiler removed from frame and cylinders and driving wheels and trucks removed from engine frame, all smaller parts removed and to be boxed." "F.O.B. cars, Pier, Seattle, Wash."

Nothing is said about re-imbursing us for the expense of knocking down and boxing the parts for shipment, and as we are unable to make a reasonably accurate estimate of the cost, it seems to me it would be more satisfactory to quote Purchasing Agent Ummel the price we quoted you for the engine delivered on its own wheels, with the understanding that the knocking down, boxing and loading for shipment will be an extra charge. If this is not satisfactory we will make the best estimate we can of the cost of knocking down and add this to the purchase price quoted.

Yours very truly,

cc Mr. Ummel
Mr. E. M. Willis

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NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OPERATING DEPARTMENT

H. E. STEVENS,
VICE PRESIDENT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

February 12, 1942

Dear Colonel:

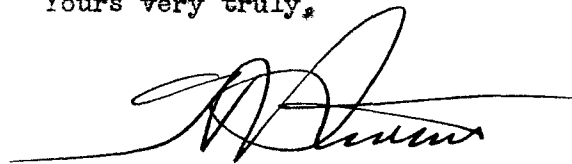
It so happened that on receipt of your inquiry we had stored at Parkwater engine 1676 which had just been outshopped at South Tacoma.

With the enormous increase in volume of business incident to the defense movement we expect to be very tight on power next fall and had, of course, planned to use this engine to help us over the peak. We are about to purchase additional power but cannot get delivery in time to be of any service this year, and that I think would have also been true had the Alaska Railroad undertaken to place an order for a new engine at this time. Prices are also extremely high.

However, we are glad to accommodate you with the 1676 which I should judge would be just about what you need for your track and operating conditions, and should give you many miles of service before it will require another back-shopping.

With best regards, and the hope that any visitors from abroad will not find you entirely unprepared,

Yours very truly,



Col. O. F. Ohlson,
General Manager,
Alaska Railroad,
Anchorage, Alaska.

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Anchorage February 19, 1942

Guy J. Swope
Director
Territories
Interior
Washington, D C

Award has this date been made to the Northern Pacific Railway for the purchase of one used locomotive price thirty eight thousand dollars period This engine will be knocked down and small parts boxed weight heaviest pieces locomotive frame thirty six tons boiler thirty six tons tender tank twenty tons total one hundred fifty three tons period Kindly advise Quartermaster General of this purchase with request owing to the urgency in handling defense material that this shipment be moved by Army Transport Seattle to Seward Alaska shipment be ready to move from Seattle March twenty

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"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson General Manager.

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Anchorage - February 19, 1942

H. E. Stevens
Vice President
Northern Pacific Railway
St. Paul, Minn.

I have this date authorized purchasing Agent Ummel Seattle make award purchase your W one engine price thirty eight thousand dollars F.O.T. South Tacoma Shops please advise approximate date arrival that point am sending Mr. Kinsell to make inspection South Tacoma who will if you authorize arrange with Superintendent South Tacoma shops to perform work of knocking down and boxing of parts at Alaska Railroad expense for shipment Alaska answer collect

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"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson General Manager.

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EXTRA RUSH

ANCHORAGE FEBRUARY 10, 1942

URGENT SEATTLE

M THIRTY ONE FIFTY FIVE SECOND HAND LOCOMOTIVE STOP PLEASE DELETE FROM SPECIFICATIONS
FOLLOWING QUOTE LOCOMOTIVE TO BE KNOCKED DOWN FOR EXPORT SHIPMENT TO SEWARD BOILER
REMOVED FROM FRAME AND CYLINDERS AND DRIVING WHEELS AND TRUCKS REMOVED FROM ENGINE
FRAME ALL SMALLER PARTS REMOVED TO BE BOXED UNQUOTE QUOTATION OF THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND
DOLLARS IS FOR LOCOMOTIVE DELIVERED SOUTH TACOMA STOP LOCOMOTIVE WILL BE KNOCKED DOWN
AND MADE READY FOR SHIPMENT AT OUR EXPENSE

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*Col. Johnson
As per your request.
P.D.M.*

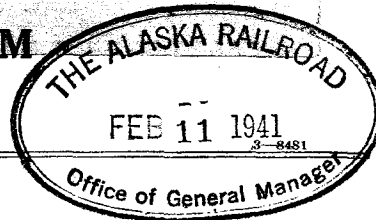
ANCHORAGE FEBRUARY 9, 1942

UMMEL SEATTLE

M THIRTY ONE FIFTY FIVE HAVE RECEIVED WIRE FROM H E STEVENS NORTHER PACIFIC RAILWAY
THAT THEY WILL NOW SELL US THEIR ENGINE NUMBER ONE SIX SEVEN SIX AT PRICE THIRTY EIGHT
THOUSAND DOLLARS DELIVERED DOCK SEATTLE STOP PLEASE ADVISE STEVENS THAT OFFER
ACCEPTABLE AND YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY CALL FOR BIDS SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE STOP WILL
LOOK WIRE SPECIFICATIONS THIS AFTERNOON

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GENERAL MNGR ARR ANCHORAGE ALS

WILL SEND ENGINE TO SOUTHAGOMA FOR INSPECTION AND DISMANTLING THAT POINT
UNDER SUPERVISION YOUR INSPECTION

H E STEVENS

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Anchorage, Alaska February 9, 1942

H. E. Stevens
Vice President
Northern Pacific Ry
St Paul Minn

Board sixth appreciate very much your assistance release engine price satisfactory but to comply with regulations our Seattle office will issue invitation for bids containing specifications comparable with this particular engine period Would like your permission to have this engine dismantled for shipment to Alaska in your South Tacoma shops loading various parts on cars except the tender which can move under its own wheels to Seattle the entire cost at ^{Alaska} Railroad's expense period Would it be satisfactory to you that inspection be made at South Tacoma or would you rather have us send men to Parkwater

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G. F. Ohlson General Manager.

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WE ARE NOW NEGOTIATING FOR ADDITIONAL LOCOMOTIVES BOTH ROAD AND
SWITCH DELIVERIES SLOW PRICES VERY HIGH CONSEQUENTLY RELUCTANT
TO DISPOSE OF ANY USABLE POWER HOWEVER TO ACCOMMODATE YOU WILL SELL
ENGINE ONE SIX⁵SEVEN SIX OUT OF SHOP LAST MONTH NOW STORES PARKWATER
FOR THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS DELIVERED ON DOCK SEATTLE THIS IS
TYPE W ONE WITH SUPERHEATER AND STOKER INSTALLED JANUARY SHOPPING

H E STEVENS

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Anchorage February 5, 1942

H. E. Stevens
Vice President
Northern Pacific Railway
St. Paul, Minn

Account increased movement defense materials Alaska Railroad in immediate need of one freight locomotive period your type W one super-heated locomotive will suit our track conditions period Would appreciate you endeavor release one of these engines in good mechanical condition for sale to Alaska Railroad period War Department has requested report of our needs and will if necessary make this request on your management answer collect advising inspection point

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"Signed" O. F. Olson

O. F. Olson General Manager.