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HOWARD JAMES,

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Personal.

September 10th 1897.

C.H. Coster Esq.

#23 Wall Street,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I wired you today as follows:-

"Advices from London satisfactory so far as matter  
"has gone. Have cabled fully today, and will follow  
"with letter asking Berlin to cable me their co-oper-  
"ation."

Mr. Farrer, of London, who is Lord Mount-Stephen's closest friend, and also a friend of Dr. Siemens and Gwinner, arrived here this morning. He saw my letter to Lord Mount-Stephen in regard to the matter we discussed in New York, and says that inasmuch as the Northern Pacific re-organization is completed, he thinks the double executive authority of a Chairman of the Board and President is unnecessary, and is likely to increase, rather than diminish, the want of co-operation which has resulted so unfortunately in the past. He will cable Lord Mount-Stephen independently of my correspondence.

Mr. Mellon is taking hold intelligently and vigorously, and has already taken steps to put the Northern Pacific accounts on the same basis as those of the Great Northern, to the end that we can make intelligent comparison and cure the difficulties that may be found to exist.

I have no doubt whatever that the Northern Pacific will, with fair treatment, earn a good dividend the current year.

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Mr. Lamont seems to have made an excellent impression everywhere, and I think you will find when you see him that he has already a very intelligent idea of the situation and what is necessary to secure the ends desired.

I am about leaving for the Coast, to be gone eight or ten days, and hope matters will be satisfactorily settled by the 20th or 25th instant.

Yours very truly,

James J. Hill Papers  
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