

St Vincent May 2
J. J. H. Cuy
Dear Sir -

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of a communication just rec'd from
the Collector of Customs - which ex-
plains itself - He informs me he has
sent the same in substance to Mr
Farley - & that it's "his ultimatum"
that he would not violate the law
or his own convictions for any R.R.
or Steamboat Company.

If he enforces this order it seems
to me the train from St. Paul would
have to leave on Sunday evening in place
of Saturday - arriving Monday & not Sun-
day - I thank Bradley well let
the boat leaving Humphreys Saturday
have a clearance at New Lyme Sunday
morning she would then be forced
to lay here all day Sunday doing
nothing.

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[5-2-77]

If you now hear you would
not be surprised that things
work slow - it seems to me it
would be better for the RR
people to fix things just as
soon as possible so we can do
business promptly - instead of
sending long telegrams asking
why freight is not moved faster
- you should see the situation to
appreciate it - some of our employees
(Clerks &c) + the Custom House people
walk from six to twelve miles a
day between depot + boats - aside
from the time it consumes + delay
it causes it is tiresome - I have
walked it three or four times today
I know how it is myself -

I don't believe Green will stand
it much longer - If you can't
come up next week I think I
will run down to St Paul Wednesday
or Thursday - Justine C. Holcomb

St. Vincent,
May 2,

J.J. Hill Esq;
Dear Sir:

I send you a copy of a communication just received from the collector of customs, which explains itself. He informs me he has sent the same in substance to Mr. Farley, & that it's "his ultimatum" that he would not violate the law or his own convictions for any R.R. or Steamboat Company.

If he enforces this order it seems to me the train from St. Paul will have to leave on Sunday Evening in place of Saturday; arriving Monday and not Sunday. I think Bradley will let the boat leaving Winnipeg Saturday have a clearance at New Lynne Sunday morning, and she would then be forced to lay here all day Sunday doing nothing.

If you were here, you would not be surprised that things work slowly, and it seems to me it would be better for the R.R. people to fix things just as soon as possible so we can do business promptly- instead of sending long telegrams asking why freight is not moved faster. You should see the situation to appreciate it. Some of our employees (clerks etc.) & the Custom House People walk from six to twelve miles a day between Depot and boat, aside from the time it consumes & the delay it causes, it is tiresome. I have walked it three or four times today and know how it is myself.

I don't believe Green will stand it much longer. If you can't come up next week, I think I will be down to St. Paul Wednesday or Thursday.

Trust me,

E.V. Holcombe

Minnesota Hospital for Insane,

STEWARD'S OFFICE.

Saint Peter, May 3 1877

Miss Hill & Acker
St Paul. Minn
Gents.

Please send
1 Car. Cornellsville Cots at
your earliest convenience
Very Truly Yours
J. M. Sawyer.

Benj. Jones.

Office of

E. F. Parkhurst.

Jones & Parkhurst,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Grain, Coal, Wood, Lime, Brick &

Farm Machinery.

Sheldon, Iowa, *May 4th* 1877.

*Map Hill & Acker
St Paul Minn*

Gents

Send car No

*BK Coal put two tons Bloss
in car send good clean coal*

Yours &c

Jones & Parkhurst



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