

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1877 AUG 4-6

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER



Utica, August 4th 1847.

John S. Barnes Esq^r

New York.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of the 20th ult. is duly received and read with much interest, I am much obliged for the full and interesting explanation of contents. You have since received communication of the result of our efforts to obtain the means for building the Breckinridge cut-off, and at this moment and in pursuance of your call relating this by the subscription of \$20000 the building of the line is secured.

The steamer sailed today for New York and probably will arrive by the time that this letter reaches you.

I have given him full explanations concerning all the matters mentioned, which he will verbally explain to you. He will tell you that the Committee to induce the landholders to procure the required funds has published several extracts from your letters especially that where it said that the land will pay to the subscribers a fair interest on this money and they are lost and scared from it. By urging so strongly upon the Bondholders the

Committee has, to a certain extent, incurred a moral obligation, and would most earnestly hope that no disaffection may result from it.

As to any guarantee or bond by the bondholders the receiver I understood indeed that this could not be done but I was in hope that some arrangement in operation, or about to be, could have been made by which in some form or another the bondholders could receive some additional security, but after your explanation I said that I was mistaken and opposite the receiver you gave for it.

Mr. Knapp will explain to you our opinion about the proposed sale of the Committee's bondholding, he will explain why the Committee should be willing to accept any reasonable offer to be accepted. We will have little to accept, heavy conditions imposed by the bondholders or the railroad a long and protracted litigation, an expensive management with all kind of trouble and loss and connected with it, and further the presence of the grasshoppers destroying the crops and frightening the settlers, preventing the land sales and ruining the people and the land.

The bondholders have four years of nonpayment being

thus, the report now issued relating the business of 1878 gave us the high expectations for the future, the improvement of the property and its returns under the new management, showing so large that people were induced to believe that all would be perfect and future very promising.

Now the disaffection will follow. I cannot hope that the new agreement can be carrying out this present year, perhaps even next year in the receiving of nonpayment has induced the bondholders to believe that such payments will regularly continue and I feel very much with the present outlook that no payment can be received for a long while.

The result of all this will be a new disaffection, creating distrust against the Committee and the measures taken by them; the quotation of the bonds will fall again to much lower prices as are now existing, and if these the bondholders should know that the Committee had received an offer for purchase of the bonds at prices very much higher than the highest quotation of these last three years, but that the Committee withheld this offer from them and refused it, then you will understand that the position of the Committee would become very embarrassing for such reports and the receiver.

Therefore I think that it is the duty of the committee
to lay this offer before the bondholders, and at the
same time to send them the offer, if accepted, and to
effort to get the bond improved.

We agree fully with you that a principal condition,
for negotiation about this subject must be that the
bondholders must release all pending litigation and
free the committee, its agents, trustees, successors of its
obligations and responsibilities and from the hand
of your letter I am inclined to believe that this
condition will be accepted by the bondholders.

I have with enclosed copy of my letter, addressed July
11th to Messrs. Kellom, & Still, and since received on the
31st ult. reply by cable as follows:

"Proposal letter May 26th good, until Sept. 10th had
written, in Still.

which refers to their original proposed proposal.
From the cable I conclude that they do not materially
object to the suggestions of my letter of Sept. 10th.
I am agreed upon this assumption of all pending litigation
and responsibilities and upon their acceptance of
the condition relating to this letter of July 11th, that I
believe that it will be proper to discuss the figures of
their bond. I fully agree with you that it should
be very necessary to deal directly with the principals of
Montreal and I am sure that, if at the receipt of this
letter you might not have done so, you will go at once
to see them gentlemen.

The letter they will improve their bond will be secured the
best, but especially I think that the bond for the 12.000,000
of the Montreal and of the Ex. Union Bonds ought to be raised.

I had fully explained my views on this subject
to Mr Knapp and will communicate to you, also
about the distribution and conditions for the settlement
of the Committee expenses, names of persons etc.

If you might fail to get the terms of the 10th
of September, for our decision, extended, you will please
advise us at soon as possible of the results of
your proceedings.

I note what you say about the building of
the building of the United Church, and the defense
of the rights of the Episcopalian Ministers of our an-
tagonists, and try to appropriate our property.
From the start I doubted very much that this should
be a real stand, but felt somewhat uneasy to
see Mr. Kilham's name among the directors.

Providence negotiations. Most respectfully advised
to send copy of your correspondence with him, as
you know I am fully aware of all the difficulties
which surround this subject, but after having seen his
reply this winter, to conform with the conditions.

I am still in hope that if the negotiations
and once opened you may come with him to
better terms than is now expected. The good
prospect for our business in all respects this and
next year makes it also less advisable to coming
to heavy sacrifices for arrangement with Mr
Litchfield, which would have been the end
if the outlook and our hopes of his future
had been realized.

Landlord's objections Mr Knapp will also write
to you my conversation with him about the utility
to make some arrangement by which the British
bonds are convertible in London. I know the dif-
ficulties that surround the subject, but perhaps
that any mode of practice might be found to
bring this forward.

Mr Knapp will send you also some suggestions to
be arranged in the case.

With much regard I remain dear Sir

Yours very truly
J. Clark

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway,

FREIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Milwaukee, Aug 4 1877
E. T. Saunders
St Paul

Please draw on R. D. JENNINGS, Esq., Treasurer, for

\$ *21⁰⁰*

amount allowed on your claim for *or chg*
Salt.

St Paul Aug 11/77
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W. J. Straub
General Freight Agent.

Your sight draft on me, without exchange, for
above amount will be duly honored. It is not
necessary to send this notice or advise me of
draft.

R. D. Jennings
Treasurer.

HUBBARD HOTEL,

JOHN ROSS & SON, Prop's.

• *Well and Elegantly Furnished Throughout.*

• *Corner 14th and Pierce Streets.*

FREE BUS TO AND FROM HOTEL.

Good and Commodious Sample Rooms for Commercial Travelers.

Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 14th. 1877.
E. N. Saunders, Esq.

St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir:

Will you please give us prices for coal of all grades. together with terms. Last year our coal business was done through C. & Snodgrass but think we can do better on our own hook.

When in St. Paul a short time ago I observed that you had "coalesced" with H. & Acker. Will this make a difference in this matter of furnishing - Ill. Cent. Agents & Gas Co. Both wish to supply us -

Yours truly
Vincent & Stinson
Vincent

Milwaukee Aug 4/77

Wm. H. Sullivan & Co.
Gentlemen

Your letter of 3rd inst.
to hand containing order for Crookston's Car Coals
are & to understand this is in addition to
your order of July 27 wherein you say ship
8 Tons Little & 2 Tons Black in Bbl's or is previous
order rate -

Truly Yours
H. N. Simpson
Capt

Duluth Aug 4/77

Mr C W Saunders
Saint Paul Dealer

I am sorry
to say we have ~~not~~ done much this week
in the way of shipping coal. The probabilities
are, judging from the two previous years that
there will not be many outside orders this
month and just at the present time there
is plenty of coal and the weather favorable
for shipping and we would like to ship
to the yards at St Paul & Minneapolis and
then when the fall comes and hard work
to get coal and orders are plenty, the yards
will have a sufficiency, so that we will be
unable to give time and promptness to filling
outside orders. There is ~~more or less~~ not weather
in the fall and we want the coal to go
to you in as good condition as possible
and we think we can give it to you now
better than at some future period. The trouble
here, business all comes with a rush and

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It is when ~~it~~ in good condition to the yards and of percent again
when delivered ~~it~~ goes to the Carpenters in pretty good shape
We cannot get for long of it at once and have it go off in good
shape. We will have to handle it as we did the Brainerd's cargo ship.
spread it
when it comes
person who
it, Black
business's
the clerk,
we want
an order
Lans in fact
they disagree
A. J. Jones

We would like to distribute it by shipping
to the yards when we are not pushed
into work. There is about twelve cars of
blows of the Jarvis Land cargo on hand and
if does not inconvenience you any, we would
like to have all the orders for blows until that
amount is shipped off. It will add to our
room and will give the Milwaukee a
rest. We want the preference on blow orders
for that many cars when it is immaterial
to which point you send the order. I am in
good hopes the West coast of Prop. Rust of 75
will go forward this season. That coal was
not when it came and has never dried out
if it froze any last winter but in the spring
it was as bad as ever; so many handlings have
caused an excess of dirt and I think if you
saw the coal, you would advise a moving of it
as soon as possible. As for the Jarvis Land
Cargo, if that on top of it which will help it
some when it goes forward. I am afraid it
will not give satisfaction to outside parties as
much so as if taken by the yards. We ship a car

Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Brainerd, Minn.,

July 11, 1877

E. K. Dammann

Dear Sir:

St. Paul, Minn.

With this please find voucher of this Company made to your credit, as follows:

No. 1787	104.85 ✓
1788	470.16 ✓
1795	107.25 ✓
1745	2703.75 ✓
	<u>\$3,386.01</u>

and to pay the same
order, as follows:

of

drawn to your

No. 4650	3186.01
Receipt & fair Ind. dockage	200.00
	<u>3,386.01</u>

Please Receipt and return voucher to my address at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

R. M. NEWPORT,

Auditor

E

G. E. PORTER, Pres

D. R. MOON, Vice Pres

S. T. McKNIGHT, Treas

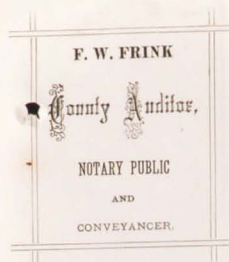


East Claire, Wis. Aug 18/7
Messrs. J. W. Acker
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen:

Draft on Chicago 57.
Expense Bill 51
Allowed us by your Mr. Holt 6 114²³
in payment of Bill June 21/77
Please acknowledge

Yours truly
W. B. Munken
A. W. Munken

ack recd
Aug 6/77



OFFICE OF
COUNTY AUDITOR
RICE COUNTY, MINN.

Fairbault, Minn. Aug 4th 1877

C. A. Saunders Esq
St Paul

Dr Sir

I did not get

your note left with Mr Shepard until this morning
too late for consideration as I gave Mr Cottrell the
Contract last night.

I made no use of your figures in securing prices
for Mr Cottrell knew good prices from other sources
and made the same offer to Mr Cottrell as the same
prices I always gave our own dealers preferred, & con-
sequently gave him the Contract.

Yours Truly

F. W. Frink

and by E. N. S.

J. D. THORP, President
W. A. RUST, Asst. Treas.
ALEX. KEMPT, Secretary

EAT CLARE, WIS.

OFFICE OF

RICH F. SCHULENBURG, Cashier
NICHOLAS J. APFELMAN, Treasurer
ST. LOUIS, MO.

PAUL OLIVER LUMBER COMPANY

East Claire, Wis. Aug 4 1877

Messrs. Rice & Co.

St. Paul

Dear Sirs

Enclosed we send you Draft on
Boston for \$142.00

in payment of your invoice of June 1

Please acknowledge receipt

Yours truly

Paul Oliver L Co

P.O.C.

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aug 6/77
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Office of

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

DEALER IN

Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Aug 4/77

Messrs. Hill, Acker & Samuels
Gents

No wood used at
Minneapolis during the month
of July - Will send you
Statement of Disbursements
& purchases for Store soon
as I can get it made
out -

Yours &
Wm Armstrong

Sioux City, Aug 6th 1877

Will, Saunders, & Co.

St. Paul.

Gents.

Please

find enclosed \$72.20
amt of Bluestock Coal
less freight, the car of
Stone Coal does not
suit me exactly, it is
clean enough but there
is a kind of dead
slaty look to a great
deal of it, it does not
look bright as it did
last season, why is
this, you will have from
me again soon, how is
the price of Coal does it
keep up right and so I am

Ans. to Will

Will fill all orders for Cars soon as I possibly can
and I am sending, but am pressing for
Hampshire

Wilmington Aug 14/77-
E. H. Saunders Esq
Supt.

Dear Sir-

Many thanks for your opinion of the
Rutter Cargo - the Ho's Cargo I am afraid you
will not think so well of, but I have the best
I could, it is a long wheel into Cars here & the
cost of unloading, here including loading the 3d Car
was nearly 25¢ per Ton $\frac{7}{8}$ 96 $\frac{2}{3}$. I commenced on
Cadingford this am 3 Hatch, but at this hour
11 am have had to knock off on account of Rain -
I sent you postal Saturday that I should load
you 10 Cars from her, I have concluded it would be
best to load direct from dock, as by so doing it
will enable me to handle odd car loads that
have to be weighed & screened - Hand with that but
please return Aug 14 - Houghton please on 3rd I do not
know what she has so have not no advice - I have
to put part of the Cadingford Cargo in dock end of Bin
that has gate in - Hoping above will meet with your
approval. I am Trus Truly Sp. Simpson

Office of JAS. J. HOLDSWORTH,

(SUCCESSOR TO A. WEED & CO.)

DEALER IN

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES,

NO. 20 WEST CHICAGO AVENUE.

Chicago, Aug 6th 1877

E. V. Saunders Esq
St Paul
Minn.

Dr Sir. Enclosed I

hand you Chk for \$100. which I believe
bal Dicks a/c.

Yours Truly
Jas J. Holdsworth

C. H. GRAVES & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WHEAT, SALT, LIME, CEMENT, COAL AND OIL.

DULUTH, MINN.,

Aug. 6th

1877.

Messrs. Hill, Saunders & Acker
Gentlemen

Your favor of the 4th inst.
is at hand. We will buy of you at fair price all
of your fine salt that is in good condition. We
have not examined the salt, but on a glance at
it think that the top layers, and perhaps some more
are enough injured by exposure to require a concession
from regular prices, in order to sell it. The balances
that is in good order we will give you 95 cts per
bbl. for, payable September 10th. Now to store it
and load it on cars, though we will agree to
ship first from your piles, and get it out of the
way as soon as possible, as our other salt being
under cover, can wait in safety. And we will
assist you to dispose of the other salt, so as in
good faith to give you an opportunity to close it all
out. We make this offer, giving you all there is
in the salt, believing that it will help to put the
business on a better footing, where we can all
make something in the future. Yours truly, C. H. & Co.

S. CHANDLER.

WM. CHANDLER,

E. G. CARTER.

Office of *Chandler Brothers & Carter,*

(DEALERS IN)

GROCERIES, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE,

FLOUR AND FEED.

Austin, Minn. Aug 6 1877

Messrs

Roll Saunders & Acker

Yours
I am
sorry at present
will permit in a few days
if you can wait - by
So doing you will
greatly oblige
Yours truly
Chandler Brothers



Sioux City, Iowa Aug 6th 1877

J. C. Boyden Esq
Saint Paul Minn
Dear Sir

"Mr telegraphed you today
"Will take One Thousand Bbls Salt
New Saginaw Salt in prime Packages
at Price named for Salt and freight
Will arrange time by mail if shipped
in 10 days from now will be time
Enough"

We now confirm same by mail
We should prefer to have this shipped
from Duluth say 15th August if agreeable
to you and Mr Saunders he can
make a 60 days Draft on us (that
is 60 days from time of ship) and add 30 days
int into it and we will accept it
have him send it direct to us and we will
make it payable in Chicago and return it to
him please assure on rec of this Resp
H.D. Booge

Form 91.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Division.

Station.

Ann Arbor
August 6th 1877

Messrs Hill, Saunders & A.
Gents

Please send
me another Car Coal to-morrow.

Yours
E L Brackett.

PLANKINTON HOUSE,

H. B. SHERMAN,

PROPRIETOR.

Milwaukee, *Augt 6* 1877

Dear Sirs

I forward you
this day per Express the
sum of fifty dollars
being the amount
you had the goodness
to loan me last week
& for which you will
please accept my thanks
please return not-
given you as per my address
below & oblige

Yours Truly
P. Arnold

P.O. Box 1375-

Toronto

Ont

Canada

Wm. Hall
Hall, Smarden & Becker
St Paul
Minn

Wm. Hall
Wm. Hall
St Paul
Minn

(18)

United States Express Company.

Read this Receipt.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Aug 6 1877

Received of

said to contain

valued at

Dollars, and marked

Which we undertake to forward to the point nearest to destination reached by this Company only, perils of Navigation excepted. And it is hereby expressly agreed that said UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY are not to be held liable for any loss or damage, except as forwarders only, nor for any loss or damage of any box, package or thing, for over \$50, unless the just and true value thereof is herein stated; nor for any loss or damage by fire, the act of God, or of the enemies of the government, the restraint of governments, wars, riots, insurrections, or pirates; nor from any of the dangers incident to a time of war; nor upon any property or thing, unless properly packed, and secured for transportation, nor upon fragile articles, unless so marked upon the package containing the same; nor upon any articles consisting of or contained in glass. If any sum of money, besides the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the property described herein, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may retain said property to him at the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways; and that the liability of this Company for such property, while in its possession for the purpose of pending such collection, shall be that of warehousemen only.

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

Edw Howard

Agent.

August 7, 1877

W. F. DAVIDSON, Pres't.

P. S. DAVIDSON, Gen'l Sup't.

F. L. JOHNSTON, Sec'y & Treas.

NEO KUK NORTHERN LINE
PACKET CO.

GENERAL OFFICE:
ST. LOUIS.

Prescott Wis 1877

Aug 6 to

Deep Hill & H

Yants

Herewith

you have Draft of \$9.50
covering amount your
bill for Seven tons
Coal

Respy yours
C L Barnes

Acknowledged
Aug 7/77

Warrington Penn Aug 6 1877
Dear Sir - Please send me as follows
nine tons of best Aude coal (I have
sold the same if to be strictly the best
and nothing else will fill the order
Also two tons of your best Blacksmith
coal - State how soon is the soonest
you can deliver it
Yours truly
J. H. Satter



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Wm. Saunders & Acker
St Paul
Minn

[Blank No. 1.]

The North Western Telegraph Co.

The rules of the Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

C. H. HARRIS, Gen'l Supt.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

C. S. SIMMONS, President.

H. S. HINSDALE, Secretary.

Kenosha, Wis.

Dated, *Sioux City Ia Aug 6, 1877*
Received at *Paul Minn* " *22nd*
To *C. Boyden*

*Will take one thousand 1000
barrels New Baginaw salt
in prime packages at
price named for salt
and freight will arrange
time by mail if
shipped in ten 10 days
from now will be
soon enough*

H. D. Booge No

34 St answer

1005-Sublet-70xM. Sublet H. J. C.



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