

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1878 APR 5 - 26

FOLDER NO.

10-24

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN  
ORIGINAL ORDER

Wittmar April 5<sup>th</sup> 78  
J. Hill Esq  
Dear Sir

What can you tell me  
one 6<sup>th</sup> bond at please  
let me hear from you by  
return of mail

Sincerely  
W. Hill

\$ 75.<sup>00</sup>

St. Paul, Minn., April 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thirty days after date, for Value Received I  
promise to pay to the order of Wm. F. Sammes & Co. at

**The German American Bank,**

the sum of Seventy Five **DOLLARS,**

with interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum until paid.

Due

*A. Rogers*

July 7

~~1874~~ 87

Pay 1<sup>27</sup> tax BK for collection

Jas. J. Hill  
~~for Hill~~ Saunders & Co.

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National Hotel Washington D C 4/6/78

Dear Sir

I will make you a price for the  
steel rails you wish in a cart from  
now + think I can doubtless make  
a price that will make business  
with you

Very Respectfully

L J Justice

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POSTAL CARD



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



J Hill  
Paul  
Kinn

See Supplement #60

Montreal April 9<sup>th</sup> 1878.

James J. Hill Esq  
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir

We beg to advise  
herein your Bill for One hundred  
dollars, covered by Bank draft  
received from you this day.

We are Dear Sir  
Yours truly  
Geo Stephen C  
Offr John Lunnell

Montreal

Apr 8. 1878.

Dear Mr Will

Shows you letter of 5<sup>th</sup> with  
the \$100 enclosed - You will see by the  
newspaper that the Scott Bill was the  
cause of a lively debate on Thursday  
last. Between ourselves. Mr Scott  
was it on. Had he held his tongue & been  
out of the House, there would not have  
been a word said. His however was  
the matter, we shall get all our count  
other opposition votes into our "sides"  
when they find out that I won't  
have a horse & that they have been  
"banking up the wrong tree".

I came down from Ottawa last

very

and brought with me a rough draft  
of the proposed agreement & sent it  
back to day with some slight  
alterations, requesting Mr. McKenzie  
to lay it before the House as soon  
as possible. It is all we consent,  
& secure an exclusive control  
for ten years with right of renewal  
to twenty. When at Ottawa I  
got your message stating that  
another and a still more favorable  
judgment had been given by the Supreme  
Court. I hope you will succeed  
or rather that Mr. Farley will  
in getting the authority of the Court  
to issue debentures and also to  
sell

extension fund. Litchfield Western

is only what we have to expect. If  
the N.P. should throw in their lot with  
him & join hands in fighting, we  
must handle both without gloves.

Ask what you say about the deal  
as compared with the New Bank. I  
wish you would consult Kennedy  
on that subject & ask him to advise  
you as to what is best. Letting  
them know before finally deciding.

About the Bonds - I have no answer  
if you trusted me in any way  
able offering to buy all certificates  
at certain prices. I have wired  
Kennedy to ask for a reply. I shall  
take care of the Bonds (Branch line)

What have you done in organizing a  
plan for selling Bonds of the 3,000,000 +  
6,000,000 issues in exchange for land?  
Is there much demand for lands?  
or is it all talk?

Like you, I have no great faith in  
the fair promises of the R P people,  
and it may be well they should know  
we are not to be trifled with.

Give my kindest regards to Mr  
Hutton. Write me as often as  
you get a moment to spare.

Yours  
Geo. Chapman

J. V. Hill Esq



Ottawa 12 April 1878

My dear Sir

Today I was the  
recipient of news of your  
favour of the 8th concerning  
Mr O B Wright's petition to  
be made up of which I shall  
make use & will thus endeavour  
to do so.

The Bill for enabling the  
Government to complete the  
arrangement with the Montreal  
for the St Paul & Northern  
is now before the House and

and with our desire to see the  
peace of the Union maintained  
and our desire to see the matter  
disposed of as soon as possible  
and the agreement which is  
now in writing will that  
be executed, notwithstanding  
the inconvenient assertions made  
by Dr Schuyler as to the  
true effect of the  
action of the Government  
withal remember  
for Dr. Hill  
haste but in your  
Dear Sir  
N. W. Johnson Esq  
(Special Agent)



STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

St. Paul, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

J. J. Hill Esq

I want particularly to have the St Paul & Pacific Road write with the "Board of Immigration" on the basis which you understand. Ever since I visited Pembina with Gov Ramsey & Government party in 1857 I have taken great interest in that country traversed by your main line & branch to Alexandria. Our march from Sank Rapids to the crossing of the Bois de Sioux 4 miles from its mouth - lay between your two lines - our march down the Red River was upon the west side. I have given great prominence to that whole region in the Pamphlet & style the Red River the "Nile of the continent." Besides giving you a page of advertising - & 5 pages of the pamphlet if you want that much - & 5000 copies of the pamphlet to distribute as you please - I have also as I told you this morning offered Bishop Ireland 5000 copies & a page descriptive of his Colonies

which is virtually giving them to you - as the road  
will derive all the benefits of the Trade & Travel  
arising from the Colonies -

As it is <sup>in</sup> more to your interest that it is to the St Paul  
& Sioux City & Northern Pacific roads who at once  
accepted the offer - I want you to do the same  
or arrange with Mr. Lutton to have it done before  
you leave the city this evening -

Very truly Yours

John W. Bond  
Gen Board Immigration

P.S. The best offer we had before offering bids was  
\$2000. for printing 50,000 copies of pamphlet & a good  
map with it, which shows your extensions to St Vincent  
& Alexandria - The 10,000 offered you cost \$1400.00  
besides my labor for 2½ months since Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
& also expense of preparing it. You get the page of  
advertising & the 5 pages of reading matter descriptive  
of your roads & lands for nothing

J. W. B.

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

My dear Sir: Your favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing copy of Legislative Bill - is recd.

I am very glad - that you went into detail - as to the condition of the Road - as it will enable me - to handle the matter - before the Committee - much better - than - if I had not read your statement.

You can rest assured, that this matter - will receive prompt attention.

Everything is moving very quiet & orderly here - and I will be glad to hear from you - at all times.

Truly  
Yours,

Geo. S. Hill,  
St Paul, Minn.

H. D. Hunt



This telegram fluttered out  
of one of the Hill letterbooks  
(Box 1), dated 4-11-78 to 1-16-79 -  
I think from the alphabetical  
index section.

7-10-73 (1973, Harkins)

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[Blank No. 1.]

# The North Western Telegraph Co.

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

C. H. HASTING, Secy & Mgr.

E. S. SIMMONS, President.

H. B. HINDS, Cashier.

From *New York*  
Dated, *April 19th* 1878  
Received at *ST PAUL MINN*  
To *Norman W Kittson*

Kills letter of fifteenth inst  
reamed Kott approves of action  
proposed by Counsel at St Paul  
we can probably give you  
three millions coupons telegraph  
immediately what papers you want  
and we will have them  
sent without delay  
J S Kennedy & Co  
38 pd 177 via ch

Jefferson City Mo. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

Messrs Jno. S. Kennedy & Co  
41 Cedar St. N.Y.

My dear Sirs

This will introduced  
to you ~~through~~ the Hon Thos. C. Reynolds of St Louis  
Mo. who goes to New York as Commissioner under  
the order of Judge Dillon in the matter of the application  
of the Receiver for authority to issue debentures &c.

Allow me to ~~request~~ <sup>request</sup> for Governor Reynolds  
your good offices in rendering him all the aid  
you can in getting the information required  
under the order of Judge Dillon and such <sup>and</sup> other  
attention services you can render him

Very truly yours

Geo J Hill

Jeff City Mo. Apr 19/78

Geo. S. Kennedy & Co  
111 Cedar St.  
N.H.

Led

Judge Dillon decided that  
~~a Commission~~  
Governor Reynolds and Senator Henderson  
be commissioners to ascertain necessity  
and report plan <sup>in more detail</sup> to issue

Ford

Receivers debentures

Kimbo

we think everything will result favorably  
~~to~~ Reynolds

Hedge

we understand will be in of our City

Redburn

the 24th inst

~~Wills~~

advise

Village

George Stephen  
he leaves tonight -

Sent - J.H.

Des Moines. Iowa  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 78

Geo J. Hill Esq  
St Paul. Minn

Dr Sir;

Enclosed I send  
you Receipt for the 10<sup>th</sup> Assessment, due  
April 1878 on your Stock Subscription -  
and have this day drawn sight draft  
on you for the amount.

Yours Truly  
Wm W. Bennett  
Treasurer D. L. P. Company

[WITH MERITT 4-20-78]

Iowa Coal Land and Mineral Prospecting Co.

Receipt for \$25<sup>00</sup> paid on 9/6

Written off to Profit & Loss  
Dec. 31/05 Fol. 56 189.

[WITH MERRITT 4-20-78]

SECRETARYS OFFICE

\$25<sup>00</sup>

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# Jotna Coal Land and Mineral Prospecting Co.

DES MOINES, IOWA.

April 19th 1878

Received from Jas J. Hill  
Twenty Five Dollars, same being 10 percent upon One  
Share of Stock Subscribed to the Jotna Coal Land and Mineral Prospecting Company.

E. R. Mason

Secretary

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IOWA.



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