

Personal

Manicpeg June 19th 1878

J. J. Hill Esq.

Sp. Hon. Dear Sir -

I rec'd a letter from Mr Rhodes requesting me to render him an account of sales of the Coal at this point. As I don't know anything about purchases in this matter but am dealing directly with you. I simply wrote him a polite reply - & put him off for a few days.

The Coal trade did not pan out here last winter as expected. That was mostly on account of the sickness of the winter. though I think we got a little too much coal anyway.

I now propose to return you of this Coal balance if you are willing I should do so - That is I will take the Coal on hand here & pay you the balance which stands on your ledger against it - To do this I would have to ~~take the~~ borrow the money (not for I think from \$1700-) on the security of the Coal & not realize on it before November -

This is our agreement in a modified form. As the first agreement was that all sales were to be applied to pay for the Coal balance against me. In this case I will raise the money in advance of sales & look up for it myself. I may ask you if you are willing considering the circumstances to throw off part interest - I will take care of the future.

I should you consent to this transaction I would like to make some arrangements to get from \$75 to 100 tons to add to that on hand in order to be able to

guarantee a supply to all. Consumers who saw fit to
deal with me.

If this is satisfactory & you will say so by telegraph
I would bring the money I have with me back of next week
& square up the whole business.

Yours truly
C. H. Columbus

Because I expect to step out of the business after the
next road strikes the point -

Personal,

Winnipeg, June 19, 1878

J.J.Hill Esq;
St. Paul, Minn
Dear Jim;

I received a letter from Mr. Rhodes requesting me to render him an account of sales of the coal at this point. As I don't know anything about Mr. Rhodes in this matter, but am dealing directly with you, I simply wrote him a polite reply, and put him off for a few days.

The coal trade did not pan out here last winter as expected, but that was mostly on account of the mildness of the winter, though I think we got a little too much coal anyhow.

I now propose to releave you of this coal balance if you are willing I should do so. That is I will take the coal in hand here and pay you the balance which stands on your ledger against it. To do this I would have to borrow the money (not far I think from \$1700) on the security of the coal and not realize in it before November.

This is an agreement in a modified form. As the first agreement was that all sales were to be applied to pay for the coal and balance go to me. In this case I will take the money in advance of the sales and look out for it myself. I only ask you if you are willing considering the circumstances to throw off past interest and I will take care of the future.

Should you consent to this transaction, I would likely want to make some arrangement to get from 75 to 100 tons add to that on hand in order to be able to guarantee a supply to all consumers who saw fit to deal with me.

If this is satisfactory and you will say so by telegraph I would bring the money down with me last of next week, and square up the whole business.

Yours truly,

E.V.Holcombe

Of course I expect to step out of the coal business after the R.R. strikes this point.

E.V.H.

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OFFICE IN SINGER BUILDING, FIFTH AND LOCUST STS.,

ROOMS 19 AND 20.

St. Louis, Mo., June 20, 1878.

J. J. Hill

Dear Sir - I have written
to Mr Otis today in re-
-sponse to ~~compensation~~
for examination and report
on your road matters.
He wants my views of
amount. I consulted with
Gov. Reynolds, & we con-
clude to have you, Otis,
Heard & Judge Young fix
the amount, pledging you
our entire satisfaction
with your conclusions.
Truly Yrs J. B. Henderson.

JOHN B. HENDERSON.

[6-20-78]

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St. Louis, Mo., June 20 1878

J. J. Hill Esq

New Ori -

June 15th

just received.

I am quite well satisfied
that nothing appears on
the face of your grant
to limit the original con-
cession to the State of
Minnesota, as now de-
fined. It may be that
the Department so con-
sidered it, (and failed
to withdraw any land)

JOHN R. HENDERSON.

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on the West Side of Red
River. But that could
only affect your rights
in cases where other
rights have intervened;
that is, where homesteads,
entries or other con-
cessions or grants had
been made.

I think your suggestion
is a good one. Have
a ~~map~~ full statement
made, delineated, if possible,
on a map (I presume you

JOHN H. HENDERSON.

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have such) showing the
original lines of reservation
by the Interior Department,
the line of your preliminary
survey, and your final
location, and forward to
me. If, at all intricate,
it may be well to send
the Land Comm. of your
road drawn, with all
the means of thorough
explanation. —

Advise me when you
get everything ready

JOHN B. HENDERSON.

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for explanation, (thorough
explanation, I mean), not
such explanation as I
can understand, but
such as a Land office
clerk can appreciate,
and ^{that} if my little boy
is not enough (he
has measles) I will
go by way of St
Paul for the summer;
If not I will telegraph
you, and for Carr.
Can come down —

JOHN B. HENDERSON.

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*In the latter event, I will
take in Washington City
as I go East, and start
the case in the Land
office at once.*

Yours Truly

J. B. Henderson

C. F. Smithers & W. Watson,
Agents, Bank of Montreal,
59 & 61 Wall Street.

Address
P. O. Box 543

New York 21st June 1878

Mr. J. Hill Esq
St. Paul
Minn.

Dear Sir

We thank you for
your telegram in reply
to ours asking if we
might pay for the \$47500.
U. S. P. Bonds referred to
in your letter of the 12th
inst, & matured coupons
and have now to advise

that the purchase has
been closed @ 88 as
directed by you.

Yours truly

Chas. Smithers
& Wm. Watson

For Saturday 22 June 1798
My dear Sir

I have the pleasure
of acknowledging your receipt
today of your letter of the 17th
instant and seeing the importance
of acting without delay on the
order of the Directors in respect of the
disbursement to the Main & Branch
Luis of the Port of St Paul
has been and now remains
you have the letter of the
Captains of our emporium
of course to Mr. Purvis & Stephens
adhering to their views.
Yr

2
It is not possible for me
to write him today on the subject
but as you are bound to see
to him immediately I must the
undertaking to active of making
will be removed within a very
few days and that reasonable
progress will then of the be made
with the work.

The importance of having for
sale the Bonds purchased at the
rather than to draw on here in
New York is very evident
and as we may be that the
want to be performed to in
New York may have the effect
of putting all or almost all the
of them in an available state for
this

3
This morning

I have already somewhat
spoken of the all but certain
that the road to St. Michael
will be completed this season,
and immediately on the job
is announced here on the subject
I shall advise you in ad-
vance & you shall like to
hear from Mr. Stephens of the
actual execution of the project.

It is said here that Mr.
Brown is to be a candidate for
the County of St. Michael, but if so the
current opinion appears to be
that he will not be a very
formidable opponent.
It appears that after all

4
The Steam Grader has become
a competitor with your steam-
boat line to the Port, as she
came in yesterday with 12
sacks of cement 20 tons of flour &
some passengers, including a
coroner with a great quantity
of drums & trunks.

Wherever
My dear Sir
very truly yours
D. W. Smith

James W. H. Green
or Paul
Munn;

Causapool

June 26. 1878

L. Still &

My Dear Sir

Your letter of

20th came last night.

After discussing its
contents, with Mr. Kennedy

who leaves in this way.

I decided to wire you
to meet us in N York

on Friday 5th July

without fail. Mr. Barnes

leaves on Saturday for

Amsterdam. Keep this

strictly

private, and it is most
important. We should
have a thorough discussion
of all matters before
he leaves. I shall be
at W Kennedy's office
early Friday morn. ^{we}
Kennedy & I both think
you should bring Judge
Young with you. Of course
you will manage it in
such a way as not
to arouse feelings. I
hope with feeling
there are many things

besides the purchase of
the Bonds and Certs. about
which we ought to talk
and decide before ^{Barnes} leaves.
Regarding the
Bonds & Certs. Although
I have advanced money
considerably. very few of
either are sold. up to
latest advices by mail
only 12,750. 30. 17,000 - 65
3,000 - 125 + 5,000 28 in
all 37,000 Bonds and
Certs. I am in hopes
however when Barnes

arrives in Amsterdam
he will be able to make
some arrangement by which
the whole of the Certs in
the Committee's hands will
fall into our hands,
then we shall have
only the outstanding ^{bond}
to buy - I have been advised
both by Kennedy & by friends
in London not to advance
funds. pending negotiations
about Certs in Committee's
hands. This however &
all other matters

[6-26-78]

offer to accept a union. The last move of the
the two trustees of the
the full amount of
can be done in 4. 7.
with W. Kennedy. I hope
- Mr. Faily have made
some progress by which
the full amount of
be paid to us, neither
nor I contribute
it can be done in
that way suggested in
your letter. It is very important
that it should be
done. The leasing of
extension lines would
be a great thing
for us. but neither of
us

Can see how it is to be
done, unless we can in
some such way as Mr
Kennedy pointed out
to Mr Parly own some
of the Rolling stock. For
by him for it. You
can see how necessary
it is for us to meet
as proposed, next week.

The paper on the Bonds
sold is very good, and
Mr Appham deserves
credit. Has Thompson
told the work?

I am sorry to hear of Mr. Weston's
ill health. He is this RR
matter it too much for
his nerves. You & I must
work all the harder.
You will have to take
Thompson on as business manager.

I wired you yesterday
in reply to your other
message that the D & P
might build if they liked.
Our agent with the
Govt being completely
I have the official letter
of the Govt accepting

the agreement last submitted
(your St Paul Draft)
and as soon as I go back,
to Ottawa I shall have
it duly executed, so
as have in your
Statement publicly that
the line to Pembina &
Alexandria will be
completed by Fall. I
do not wish anything said
about the Govt agreement
& am wiring you to that
effect. We are much
amused by Hitchcock's

Duluth June 27/98

Mr J J Hill
(St Paul) Dear Sir

I have made
some inquiries in reference to Manitoba
freight from this point and so far it
has gone by the way of Fishers Landing.
These inquiries however are not from as
reliable a source as I would wish and I
think I can ^{get} information from a more defi-
nite quarter. Anything I learn I will
report to you

Very Respectfully
A C Jones

Horace Thompson Treas. J.C. Reed Vice Treas. H. P. Upham Cashier

THE
First National Bank,
OF
SAINT PAUL,

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000. SURPLUS \$250,000.

St. Paul, Minn. Jan 27 1878
J. H. Hill Esq
D. C.

A large number of new
bonds & no bonds are presented
for execution and delivery.
Our Attorneys having called the
attention of the Trustees to the
question of treating Registered
Coupons as part of the Bonds
I do not feel at liberty to
execute & deliver the bonds
without further instructions -
on this point.

Very Respectfully
Horace Thompson

I think a Cancellation
is necessary



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