

EDWIN C. LITCHFIELD,
18 WILLIAM ST.
NEW YORK.

New York Jan. 11th 1879

George Stephen Esq.

Dear Sir: At your request I state what I understand would be effected by a sale and purchase and payment—
(1) The sellers would deliver ^{\$1,000,000} bonds of 1870 (being the total of that issue) and all the Main Line \$5,000,000 of stock, except about \$10,000, and all the Branch Line \$1,468,000 of stock except about 30 to \$40,000; to be paid for in cash on delivery; or if any part of the payment is deferred, it would draw interest and be secured to the sellers satisfaction.

This sale would enable the purchaser to control the organization of the Company, and to effect a modification of the agreement of 1875 with the consent of the Dutch Committee, as provided in the 17th article thereof.
(2) For another sum, in gross, to be agreed on, and paid as may be specified, the sellers would have to furnish:

Receipts in full from E.C. Litchfield, Mr. Becker, Mr. Bigelow and such other officers or the present Board may have appointed, for all services and payments made for the Company since 13th August 1875, and from E.C. & E.D. Litchfield receipts in full for all advances made by them to the Company, and for all legal expenses paid or incurred by them as well prior to as

subsequent to 13th August 1895, to date, in such proper form as to protect the purchaser, and the company, from any future claims therefor.

(3) Such receipts would not apply to any services as trustee; but I presume that Mr. Becker would resign as trustee if requested, upon payment of his proper compensation as such trustee. If desired I would undertake to effect such an arrangement.

(4) If desired, I presume that both Mr. Becker and Mrs. Bigelow would aid in carrying reorganization into effect, upon compensation for their services from this time forward.

(5) The object would be to make a complete and final end of all litigation - and to transfer to the purchaser full power to make such reorganization as he may desire - which object could be thus accomplished.

To this end all suits would have to be arranged, and mutual releases passed.

(6) If an agreement is reached its main points should be specified, and it should be executed, in part at least, promptly - say by part payment upon part delivery of what is sold.

The object is to reach something practical, and make an end of what, up to this time, has been only negotiations. You and I both desire to get to some result, one way or another.

(P) I think I shall be able to reach my office

by 2 o'clock Monday - But if you do not find me at 2,
I will send to the Bank for you when I arrive.

Yours Truly
Edwin C. Lathford

[January 14, 1879]

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The North Western Telegraph Co.

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C. H. HASTING, Gen'l Supt.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

S. G. SIMMONS, President.

KENOSHA, WIS.

J. E. HENNING, Secretary.

Dated,

Jan 14 1879

Received at

ST. PAUL, MINN.

To

as per H. C. C.

from Indications think
of action in the future
about contract
map will not be person
nothing definite to meet
away from
disturbance during Epistle

H. P. Willis

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C. H. HARRIS, Sec'y & Gen'l.

St. Paul, Minn.

J. H. HARRIS, President.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dated, *New York 15th* 1879

Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN. 4/1*

To *J. H. Hill*

*Leaving for Montreal
negotiations postponed*

To Stephen

Spaid 60 via Chicago

*Expte 242 to 37 in case of
Dr. P. Farley re St. W. Kellom
at St. Paul
Wm B. Hill's
Army Public*

[This belongs in Jan 1879.]

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[January 16, 1879]

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C. H. HATTING, Sec'y & Gen'l.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

E. O. SIMPSON, President.
H. B. MINODALE, Secretary.
KENOSHA, WIS.

For a full and complete statement of the rules of this Company, see the conditions printed on the message blanks of the Company.

Dated St. Paul, Minn. 16 1879
Received at ST. PAUL, MINN.
To J. H. H. H.

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cannot understand the telegraph with
Minister, Barnum thinks
understand telegraphically undressed
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obtain position untenable in our interest
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refuse connecting with Branch nation
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N. B. Mills

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January 16, 1879

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C. H. EASTMAN, President, MILWAUKEE, WIS.	J	E. S. SIMMONS, President, KENOSHA, WIS.
		H. B. HINSDALE, Secretary.

Dated Uttawa, Ont. 7 16 1879

Received at St. Paul, Minn.

To James J. Hill

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 East or ~~contract~~
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A. H. Willis

3/Raid 149 Van Det & Ho

West Lynne Manitoba
January 16th 79

James Hill Esq }
St Paul Minn'a }

My dear Sir
Messrs Robert
Warren & Co of Chicago want
lots from Points on the Point
in a Branch to Chicago and
requested me to write you
stating who wants them
We are only shipping
from this point could be
loading twice as many as
here if we could get them
also as many at the Minn
-noute Reserve at Lake Quaker

and Winnipeg if they had
runway arrangements I am
doubtful all wheat that could
under #2, for Consumption in the
Country. The present rate being
too high to ship No 3 or 4

Very Truly
William S. Hall

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Private

January 17, 1879

My dear Mr Will

My wire from New York, announcing the postponement of negotiations must have been a great disappointment to you & to Mr. Kitter. The fact is I have settled with the "old rat" on the basis of \$500,000, covering everything but Becker's charge for Trustee. The agreed however cannot be executed before the end of the month. Old L wants some time to find out how small a sum his friends will take before an actual settlement becomes known. I too want some time to see what I can do in the way of buying assented certificates in Amsterdam before a settlement becomes known. The Bonds & Certs in the hands of the public will fall in price when a settlement leaks out. The assented Certs on the other hand increase. We shall all have to meet in N.Y. the week after next to execute the agreed. We have to pay Litchfield \$100,000 down on his turning the Compy over to us. Once we get the reins the Trustee will leave the road to us & old Parley will have to confine his duties to his Receiver's road. & there he will very soon be relieved of.

Now not a word about a settlement must be said, & no one in St Paul must know about it, except of course Mr. Kitter, not even the Lawyers. The old rascal's idea is to bring Bigelow & Becker to N.Y. to make an agreed. They must not know or have an idea that we have made one already or all the fat would be in the fire. Old L. wants to cheat both of them, & it is not out

policy to intrude. You better be quick getting
ready for a trip to N. Y. without saying a word
to any one that you have such a thing in view.
I had a terribly wearisome 4 or 5 days in N. Y. with
the old fellow

Yours &c
Geo Stephen

J. J. Hill, Esq.



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