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E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Winnipeg, August 1st 1880

J. J. Rice Esq.
Gen'l Manager of C.P.R.

Dear Sir:-

Would you object to instructing your Agent at St. Vincent the more Particular & give the boats all the freight consigned to them - or ordered shipped by them - there are numerous instances where freight would ship by boat have come by rail to St. Boniface & I don't know that this is done willfully - if not so - it is careless to say the least. Yesterday a Car of Grain - consigned to Miller & Sproul - ordered by boat from St. V. - & so Authorized through - came to St. Boniface by Rail - the rules you have adapted this season for the guidance of boat business from St. V. are not enough for us in all conscience - without being swindled out of part of our freight -

I have written to you twice about getting your approval to my appointment of a person at St. Vincent to represent our interest - but as yet have been unable to get any reply from you - The Manitoba Branch has a man into a desk in your office - then

Yours Truly
E. V. Holcombe

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l. Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Supt. Trans.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. Lim'd."

Winnipeg, Aug 1st

1880

J. Hill Esq,
Dear Sir.

I rec'd a telegram from you yesterday which was so mutilated in the transmission - that I could hardly make anything out of it. It seemed to say that somebody or something would be in St Paul Aug 10th & something in regard to offer being accepted. Which I construed to mean offer for the S.P. Stock - Tried to get the message repeated but could not - wire was down -

If not too much trouble please mail me a copy & oblige

Truly

E. V. Holcombe

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWISFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Winnipeg, August 3^d 1880

J. J. Hill Esq.,
St Paul

Dear Sir,

of 2nd corrected -

In view of the probability of your accepting
our offer. I suggest that while Mr. Stephens is at
St Paul. You, Mr. Kilson & Mr. Earl execute a
power of atty^y authorizing H. Swisford to convey
any & all stock standing in your individual names
in the books of this Company. By a Bylaw of said Co
the person transferring stock must be here present himself
or by his atty^y lawfully appointed -

You could instruct Mr. Swisford on what terms
to sign the transfers & what disposition to make of
the funds. I presume a 90 day note signed
by Lyons, Blanchard & myself payable at the
Bank of Montreal here - would be satisfactory
for the deferred part of Graham money -

The Manitoba has been out two weeks &
I can't hear from her. I feel my duties toward her
Yours truly
E. V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, Aug 1, 1880

J.J. Hill Esq

St, Paul

Dear Sir-

Would you object to instructing your agent at St. V. ^{vincent} to be more particular and give our boats all the freight consigned to them, or ordered shipped by them. There are numerous instances where freights ordered shipped by boat have come by rail to St. B. ^{Boniface} I don't know that this is done willfully, if not so, it is careless to say the least. Yesterday a car of B--- consigned to M--- ^{Miller} & S--- ^{Sproat?} ordered by boat from St. V. & so contracted through, came to St. B. by rail. The rules you have adopted this season for the guidance of boat business from St. V. are bad enough for us in all ways without being swindled out of part of our freight.

I have written to you twice about getting your approval to my appointment of a person at St. V. ^{vincent} to represent our interest, but as yet have been unable to get any reply from you. The Pembina Branch has a man with a desk in your office there.

Yours truly,

E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, Aug. 3, 1880

J.J. Hill Esq;

Dear Sir:

I have just received your telegram of 21st. corrected. In view of the probability of your accepting our offer, I suggest that while Mr. Stephens is at St. Paul, you, Mr. K. and Mr. S. each execute a owners faculty authorising H. Swinford to convey any and all stock standing in your individual names on the books of this Co. By a BY ^{SAW} of our Co. the person transferring stock must be here present himself or by his attorney lawfully appointed.

You could instruct Mr. Sainford on what terms to sign the transfers and what disposition to make of the funds. I presume a 90 day note signed by Lyons, Blanchard, and myself payable at the bank of Montreal here, would be satisfactory for the deferred part of the purchase money.

The Manitoba has been out two weeks, and I can't hear from her, and I feel very anxious about her.

Yours truly,

E. V. Holcombe

United States Land Office,

Tango w

In _____, 1880.

R. B. Graham &

D. F. -

My dear Mr. Bond
is coming into our domain
if you would do me the kindness
to send me a pass I would
try & make it agreeable for
you when you come this way.
I have see on the N. P. and
should not probably use it more
than once or twice but still it
might come "handy"

Refers to Col. Newfort or Gen. P.
Wilson late City Dent.

Yours Truly C. C. Jones

Chas. C. Jones
Chas. C. Jones

W. 18.

Saint Paul Minn.

Aug 6. 1880

Mr. Jones

Write you please
give Pass to L. M. Milled
all expenses to go to St.
Vincent for employment
on St. Vincent Herald?

& oblige

R. M. Johnson

good but not

Can pass the Editor but
cannot pass printers
J. M.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

Flagg D.T.

Aug 7, 1880.

J. J. Hill Esq

Dear Sir

Your esteemed
favor of the 11th inst mch
has in rec^d in which
accept thanks.

Very truly Yours

C. C. Jones

St. Paul Aug. 9. 1880 -

J. P. Hill, Esq -

Dear Sir,

Two Sisters of
Mimosopsis are required to visit St. Paul -
Please issue to them half-fare trip tickets from
Minneapolis & return - If the granting of
this favor is not inconsistent with your rules.

Respectfully &

John Ireland

St. Paul Aug. 9. 80—

Dear Sir—

I called on you this evg
with Bishop Spalding of Illinois, a most
dear friend of colonization, partly for the purpose
of introducing him to you, & partly to get
a few passes for a trip to the Red River
Valley, which I at last intend to visit with
a small party of friends—

I beg the favor of two passes—
for Bishop Spalding & Rev. W. Powers—
from St. Paul to St. Vincent, via Breckenridge,
and return via either Breckenridge or Fergus
Falls—as they may choose—

Also, a pass from Morris to St. Paul
for Rev. F. Lilly—who is visiting Graceville,
having come up by the N. & D.—

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Line

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CHICAGO ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS RAILWAY,
THE NORTH WISCONSIN RAILWAY AND THE
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H. H. PORTER, PRESIDENT.

General Manager of the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Railway.

President's Office.

Rooms 15 & 16 Portland Block.

Chicago

1880

Copy of Telegram.

Chicago, Aug. 10/80

H. H. Porter

Yours of the 7th inst. is received. You may tell Messrs. Angus & Hill that we are desirous of making an arrangement for an extension of our line to their coal fields, & would be glad to confer with them on the subject before they make arrangements with other interests. I am sure the directness of our line, & the large patronage of your Company & ours would make it for their interest to unite with us rather than with other interests of less magnitude.

M. H. H. H.

ST. J. L. MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA
RAILWAY COY.

MOLYNEUX ST. JOHN,
AGENT

18. Tower Chambers, Water Street,

Liverpool, August 10/1880

R. B. Angus Esq
St. Paul

My dear Sir

Our pictures have
appeared in the Graphic at last,
I send you a copy. There is a slight
error in the letter press to which I have
called the attention of the Editor if he
chooses to take any notice of it.

These pictures were given to the Graphic
in February; they appeared in August. They
were generally about that rate over
here. I am going to Manchester
shabby and have accepted an invitation
to stay over night, and will be also,
at Eyles.

Yours sincerely

Molyneux St. John

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Confidential

Winnipeg Sunday Aug 15th 1880

J. J. Hill Esq.
St Paul

Dear Sir:

I hope the subject of Steamboats
won't get monotonous to you. There would not be the slightest
reason for that. Nor it not that certain things are piling
up on us here that can neither be ignored nor decided until
we get a decision from yourself & friends - after which (if
favorable) I shall start off at once. The time we have already
lost however is greatly to our disadvantage. In this - that I
am informed by the best authority - that McArthur starts this week
for the States to contract for a new boat. I was anxious to get the
start of him. His Clerk (Tink) says he has been for some time
in correspondence with Sate Davidson - who advises him to build
a large boat not less than 200 feet long. My own plans are
pretty well matured only waiting to hear from you. Meantime I ask
you to give me the refusal of the old "Harkin" & the boat yard outfit
at Grand Forks. In case you dispose of them to anyone.

Please telegraph me the moment you can give me anything
certain. Have not seen Mr Smith since you left. Will leave this for
you to manage. I await your reply. Very truly,
E. V. Holcombe

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Winnipeg, Aug 16th 1880

J. Hill Esq.
Gen'l Manager
St Paul

Dear Sir,

The "Hudson Bay Co" are ordering two
cylinders of larger bore for their Harebushman Hammer
for that purpose have sent Mr Connolly to St Paul.

I have taken the liberty of giving Mr Connolly a
check over your road in the H.B. Co's account - taking
for granted that it is a legitimate use of one of your
presses -

Yours Truly
E. V. Holcombe
Gen'l Manager

Winnipeg, Aug. 15, 1880

J.J. Hill Esq;
Dear Sir-

I hope the subject of steamboats won't get monotonous to you. There would not be the slightest occasion for haste were it not that certain things are piling up on us here that can neither be ignored nor decided until we get a decision from you and your friends after which (if favorable) I shall start off at once. The time we have already lost, however, is greatly to our disadvantage- in this- that I am informed by the best authority that McArthur starts this week for the state to contract for a new boat. I was anxious to get the start of him, for his clerk, Inks, says he has been,, for some time in correspondence with Kate Davidson - who advises him to build a large boat not less than 200 feet long. My own plans are pretty well m----- only waiting to hear from you, meantime I asked you to give me the refusal of the old Selkirk and the boatyard outfit at Grand Forks in case you dispose of them to anyone.

Please telegraph me the moment you can give me anything certain, have not seen Mr. Smith since you left, Will leave him for you to manage. I await you reply,

Yours truly,
E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, Aug 16, 1880

J. J. Hill Esq.
Gen Manager
St. Paul

Dear Sir:

The "Hudson's Bay Co." are ordering new cylinders of larger bore for their Saskatchewan Steamer, and for that purpose have sent Thos. Connolly to LaCrosse.

I have taken the liberty of giving Mr. Connolly a Pass over your road on the H.B. Co's account taking for granted that it is a legitimate use of one of your passes.

Yours truly,

E. V. Holcombe



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