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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

London, 2nd April 1881.

My dear Mr Hill,

You have been informed
through Mr Kennedy that we
had entered into arrangements
for the sale of 200,000. to
300,000 ~~Shares~~ of the St Paul
M & N. Railway lands to an
influential Company being
formed here for the purpose
of promoting Emigration to
Minnesota cultivating on the
system of 'half profits and
dealing in lands &c. &c. The

negotiations have occupied
some time and have assumed
many shapes but have at
last been reduced to a
very simple and I think
satisfactory form. We agree
to sell and the Company
agrees to buy, if its stock
is taken up, as there is
little occasion to doubt, a
quantity of our lands not
less than 200,000 - or more
than 300,000 - at our ordinary
selling price, subject to a

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discount of 15 per cent
payments by installments
one third Cash on selection
one third in 12 months
& one third in two years
The usual rebate for the
cultivation of Red River
Valley lands north of
Nollette is to be allowed
but is only to extend
over 3 to 4 years. I
should have said the
deferred payments of one
~~or~~ two years are not to
bear interest and may be
anticipated with discount

of 3 per cent. —

I send my only copy
of the Company's prospectus to
Mr. Kennedy with request
that it be forwarded to
you. — Mr. Smith goes on the
Board until a proper
substitute can be found;
and we have promised to
use our influence to induce
Mr. Galusha to join the
Director and to associate
with himself one or two
gentlemen of St. Paul to act
as an advisory Committee.
We have also undertaken

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to assist in selecting a
Local Manager and as
knowing of Montreal is
known to some of the
parties interested, we have
named his Brother as
probably available. On
that point however I will
consult with Mr. Galusha
and you before deciding
to recommend anybody.
The success of the Enterprise
will depend on Management
here and in Minnesota,
and we have much interest
in seeing that as few

mistakes as possible are
made. The provisional
Directors speak very confidently
as to their ability to
influence Emigration and
rapid Settlement of the lands.
I tell them we hope they
will earn all the rebate
for cultivation within the
time allowed 3 to 4 years.

Half the Capital has, we
understand, been already
subscribed and the books
only open formally on
Monday the 4th: it would

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Therefore appears the Stock
will be readily taken and
on allotment the sale
becomes a binding transaction.

The Maps with which
I was furnished, indicating
our asking prices, have
been taken as the basis
for the Valley lands, and
a similar Map shewing
our valuation of the other
lands is to be furnished
the Company's representative
on his arrival in St. Paul.
He will most likely take
the greater quantity of

and where the breaking
clause applies. If I
can procure a copy of the
agreement it will be
sent by this mail; together
with a duplicate of the
Map shewing the prices
of each section ranging
from \$5 to \$10- in
some few cases to higher
figures.

The Associated Press
despatch of yesterday would
show you the policy resolved
on for the Canadian Pacific
Railway. We go on with

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on our own resources in the
meantime, and will consider
the financial question
again before the option
of issuing a guaranteed
Bond lapses. We acquire
the Canada Central, and
build the Sault St. Marie
line this season as far
as Spanish River, and we
also go into the field
on the west bank of the
Red River in such direction
as will best head off
Shultz and form a good
connection with our Dakota
lines. I enclose Mem^o.

of our terms for lands
We are not without hope
of being able to do for
Manitoba something of the
same kind as we are
introducing to Minnesota

I leave for Scotland
as soon as the Land Co
takes shape and we all
sail on our return voyage
via Halifax and New York
on 14th. Mr Intyre takes
the latter route. He is
entirely satisfied with the
arrangements that have been
come to. —

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I trust they also meet
your views & remain
Yours faithfully

W. Angus

James I. Hill Esq
St Paul.

Kind regards to Mr. Kittson
and the Gentlemen of our
Office.

Private Ackd 11/4/87 Hot Springs Ark.
The 2d 1881.

James J. Hill Esq
Gen. Manager.

My Dear Sir:

I hope there is
no truth in the report that you
contemplate building a line
from St. Cloud to connection
with the Duluth road and so
on to the Lake. Such action
on the part of your company
will cause a damage done
two Cities that cannot be
measured without bringing
comprehending advantages

to yourself. It is true you will
save something in distance,
but by expending the same
amount on you already con-
-structed ^{and} improving its grades
and track you will be able
to move your tonnage so
cheaply as over a somewhat
~~shorter~~ ^{shorter} line, in my judgment.
Furthermore you should not
underestimate the immense
advantage you will always
have with St. Paul and
Minneapolis solidly at your back.
Please go slow in this
matter, and consider its
weight in all its bearings

before committing yourself
definitely. I say all this
with the heartiest feeling of
friendship for yourself and
best wishes for your great
enterprise; therefore please
excuse me.

And believe me

Truly and truly,
W. D. Washburn



The Cunard Steamship Co.

(Limited.)

N. W. Corner of Clark and Randolph Streets,

Chicago, April 6th 1881

J. Hill Esq
Genl Manager—
S. O. M. M. R. L.
St Paul

Dear Sir, Referring to our
conversation at the Grand
Pacific Fair Sunday,
it is very necessary, in case
you decide to have me come,
that I should know at the
earliest moment, that I
may give notice to the Cunard
people, and further to enable
me to find a suitable tenant
for my house, this month,
or it may remain unoccupied
for an indefinite length of time,
and again I ought to secure
a house at St Paul, by

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The Cunard Steamship Co.
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N. W. Corner of Clark and Randolph Streets,

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or before the middle of this
month, and arrange to ship
my furniture, as I do not
intend to make any time
in locating my family, for as
I have now

Yours truly
A. Johnson

Concord N.H., Apr 6. 1881
Mr. Angus. Dear Sir.

Have you the tracts
Completed so that you
have the lands for sale
on the Concord P. R.R.
extension for sale as
you thought you should
have when I was in St
Paul last fall. I
so I want to go & see
them next month with
other parties from here -
If not then I want
some further out on your
road where breaking the
present year reduces the
price - But what I want
is the land for cattle
raising
Yours truly
Chas. Joy

New Orleans, April 8th 1881

J. J. Hill Esq -
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir -
The 10th inst, fixed by Journal
& Mr. Henry P. Upham, to ship
your wine & liquors, is now
at hand.

Every thing is in perfect
order, ready for shipment
when ordered.

Please give us the direction
how to send the goods.

Please, also, see Mr. Upham,
for his wine.

Yours Truly,
James C. Davis

Washington Bureau
St. Paul and Minneapolis
Pioneer Press
1430 New York Avenue

Washington, D.C. April 10 1881

James J. Hill Esq
Saint Paul

My dear Sir

enclose the pass
you so kindly sent me here
last year I would be glad to
have it renewed for 1881.

Respectfully Yours

Chas. W. Johnson

Sent
4/14/81

New Britain, April 12th 1881

Jas. J. Hill Esq - St. Paul -

Dear Sir -

Your favor of 7th inst
was duly rec'd & as the goods were all ready
We shipped them, according to your instruction.
Please find enclosed B/L & invoice, amount-
ing to \$1565.25.

The packages have been shipped, in
good order & We hope they will reach
you in the same condition.

If it is no inconvenience to you, please
remit us, in New York Exchange; as
exchange on Chicago is at a heavy dis-
count here.

Yours very truly -
C. W. Carter & Son

The Bates truffles are not yet arrived.
When the vessel will be here (she is now
due) We will advise you -

C. W. Carter & Son

OFFICE OF
E. J. JONES & SON,
DEALERS IN
LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, PICKETS, DOORS,
SASH, BUILDING PAPER, ETC.

Morris, Minn., April 19th 1889.

J. J. McEwen

Dear Sir: I am intended to
move my business from on
East Side of Paul track to the
West Side.

I so may we have
block opposite depot.

You may remember
that you once promised Mr. Jones
the block in case you moved
him

We hope to hear from
you soon

Yours truly E. J. Jones & Son



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