

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Rooms Board of Trade.

[March, 1883]

Minneapolis, Minn. 1883
Memoranda Agreement

Whereas James J. Hill of St Paul. Minn has subscribed for two parts (\$8000 each) of a certain Syndicate Agreement dated March 2nd 1883. To purchase the East 1/2 of the S. W 1/4. Sec Township (28) Range (24) City of Minneapolis. Hennepin County Minnesota for the benefit and use of Wm S. King of Minneapolis. Minn. said King hereby agrees to indemnify said Hill from all loss or liability by reason of said subscription, and to return to said Hill the amount of his payment - \$8000 - and interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum on demand. And said King further agrees to pay the balance of the \$16000. Subscription - making full and complete payment thereon. The receipts or certificates of such paid up two parts shall be held by said Hill as security for the said \$8000 advanced by said Hill representing two twelfths of the purchase of said land. And the certificates and receipts, as well as the land and interests represented by the same shall not only be held by, but may be sold and transferred by said Hill

Rooms Board of Trade.

(Minneapolis, Minn., _____ 1883

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To secure the payment of the said \$8000. with
the interest thereon as agreed at any time after
giving said King thirty days notice.

March 6th 1883 } Wm. S. King

\$6000 received from said Wm. S. King, per H. C. Towne,
to apply as part payment of above loan - Jan. 10/84.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

March 5 1883

*ACK'D
25/4/83*
J. D. Hill Esq,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir: By
the mail that takes
this I send you
a package, say 4 lbs,
of Indian Corn grown
here in Brazil.

Hoping it will be
acceptable

I am yours truly
C. Claudon,

RAINFOLD GRANGE,

BLINFOLD,

HORSHAM.

7th March /83

My dear Mr Hill

I pray you do me the
honour of Mr Hill acceptance
of my Shakespeare book sent
herewith - it will take her to
your good self to her home of the
Immortal Bard whenever you
are inclined to visit without any
of the troubles of Atlantic crossing.

The book has long since
been out of print - & therefore
unobtainable, but I brought out

a few copies with me, as souvenirs
to friends kindly helpful of my
work - In some cases I feel
especially appreciative of kindness.
St Paul will ever be remembered
as a happy spot - in my wander-
-ings & I feel for it a great future -

Yours truly

James Walter

James Walter

James J. Hill

Engineer

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New York

Mar. 8, 1883

W. Secombe Esq;

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry. Co.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 5th. inst. addressed to Mr. E. T. Nichols Jr., and as requested hand you herewith two bills paid by us for account of James J. Hill Esq, VIA:-

A. A. Valentine & Co. \$215.75

Jas. La Farge \$718.75

We cannot forward you the two drafts of Mr. Hill cashed by us, as they are the only vouchers we have, but give you the following description of them:-

Draft drawn by Jas. J. Hill on J. S. Kennedy & Co.

Dated N. Y. Jan. 27, 1883 favor Hawk & Wetherbee

\$35.75

Draft drawn by Jas. J. Hill on J. S. Kennedy & Co.

Dated N. Y. Mar. 4, 1883 favor Gilman Collamore Co.

\$615.00

We would thank you, whenever you have occasion to write us again to address your communication direct to the firm.

Trusting the above information will be satisfactory to you,

We remain

Yours truly

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

*[From envelope found in J. J. Hill's papers
probably copies made at the Farley Trial
7/1887]*

Robert Law.
Robert H. Law.

Office of

COAL
&
COKE.

ROBERT LAW & CO.

126 Market Street,

Chicago, March 10 1893

Dear Sir &
Mr. Paul
I had 8
original State Mine Bonds which I
bought from A. De Hoff in 1859 & all
were scorched & badly damaged in our
great Chicago fire of 1871 - so much so that
they would only redeem 6 of them one year
ago. By special they offer to redeem the other
2 if I will give security. Now I have them
If you will sign my Bond & hold the new
Bonds & money for one or 5 years so as to
protect you from loss I would appreciate the
kindness & thus save you trouble. I would
also inclose the remainder of 2 bonds in
their damaged condition if you have the
least scruples in signing Bonds don't do it
I will leave them for a few years when they may pay
them without fear of loss Yours truly Robert Law

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March 13

7 West 37th St.

Dear Mr. Hill

We
are looking forward
to the pleasure
of seeing you tonight
at half past
seven o'clock.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,
Geo. C. Hapkins

Wednesday at
March 13



Address all communications
to St. Paul Harvester Works

St. Paul, Minn. Feb 13th 1883

J. J. Hill. Esq.

Dear Sir -

Mr Bigelow's trip
has been extended so that he will
not return till Saturday.

Immediately on his return I
will hand you that note.

Yours Truly

R. A. Kirk

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George C. Stonely
Continental Hotel

Continental Hotel
Philadelphia Nov 14. 1853

George C. Stone Esq
My dear Sir

I am sorry that my
engagements compel me
to leave Philadelphia
without meeting Mr Jos
p. Hill. I would
very gladly do so
that after my personal
examination of the property
a few weeks since, my
Brother Geo. H. C. &
myself bought of Mr

Printing 10,000 shares
in the Minnesota Irons,
which we would buy
5000 or 10,000 shares
more at \$25. if it
were offered to us.

I consider the extent
value of the less ore
deposits at least as great
as those on T47, R29
in the Marquette District
which includes several
large mines producing
150,000 to 300,000
tons each, besides a
number of small ones.
You could not buy the
mines in that Township
(after they have shipped
in 25 years back more

than 10,000,000/ten
millions/tens of ore, for
\$10,000,000.

The Railroad from
the mines to the lake
is going to be a perfectly
certain very profitable
line.

I hope Mr.
Will with his R.R.
experience & associations
may be brought into
the Minnesota Irons,
it is just one of the
things which will prove
interesting & valuable
to him to join. I am
yours very truly
S. H. Clif

*L. J. M. Beisscrain
Y. J. Beisscrain
Cable address
Adolph, Amsterdam*

Adolph Beisscrain & Co
Amsterdam, March 16 1888

James I. Hill Esq^r

Vice President of the Great Northern Ry
St Paul

Dear Sir,

We have given a letter of introduction to you to Mr. J. Voorn Hartinck who leaves this week for the United States, whence he will proceed to Manitoba.

Mr. Voorn Hartinck has been a stock broker here, who lost his money in stock speculations, he has made a settlement with his creditors by which all his debts have been fully adjusted, but nothing has been left to him. He moreover his position here is compromised by the abovementioned occurrences, he has decided to leave for America and has according to our advice selected Manitoba and the Canadian Pacific Territory, where to look for a future for himself. We have supplied him with introductions to you and some others in those parts, but thought it best to acquaint

you fully with his past.

I think Mr. Boon Haskinck will do very well in your country. He is healthy and fond of country life and its pursuits and it is out door employment which he is looking for, not at all 'soft work'. He knows some English, French & German and it may be that for this reason he will be better fit for some kind of work than most immigrants are.

I have also given a letter of introduction to Mr. H. H. Beels. This is quite a prominent and energetic young man, 25 years old, of a distinguished family, a son of one of the Directors of the Netherlands Bank here. He has studied and obtained his certificate of Engineer in Switzerland, after which he has been employed one year with one of the railroads in Germany. In the beginning of last year he communicated to us his wish to go to the United States and he did so provided with our introductions. He found an employment with the Chicago & North West RR. almost the day he arrived and has been in the service of that Company ever since.

After our new connections with the Canadian North West now opened, we have written to him

of James C. Hill Esq.

[3-16-83]

Ad. H. Boissvain
F. J. Boissvain
Cable address
Adolph Amsterdam

Adolph Boissvain & Co
Amsterdam,

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that, if his position were not such that he desired
no change under any pretext, we advised him
to go to those parts, as railroad building was here-
by to be pushed on there much more actively
in the next future than by the Chicago & North West R.R.
and that he was therefore likely to find a better
field for his energy there than in his present position.
Mr. Peels at once grasped at this idea and wrote us
accordingly, so that we presume you will soon
receive a visit from him. -

We would warmly recommend this gentleman
to you, also with a view to the fact that any com-
munications which he may address to his friends
at home about your country, is likely to have special
weight with people here, and may therefore do much
to influence the opinion of our public about the
Canadian North West.

Yours very truly

Adolph Boissvain

A. J. W. Beisservain
F. A. Beisservain
Cable address
Adolph, Amsterdam

Adolph Beisservain & Co.
Amsterdam, March 16 1883

James J. Hill Esq^r
Vice President of the Duluth, Minn. & Seattle R^r Co.
St. Paul

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure herewith to introduce to
you Mr. H. H. Beels, Engineer, who intends
visiting Winnipeg with the purpose to find there
if possible a larger field for his energy and capacities.
We recommend Mr. Beels to a kind reception
and to your usual courtesy & remain.

Yours faithfully
Adolph Beisservain

J. A. WHELOCK, EDITOR.

St. Paul, Minn. March 14 1883

My dear Will.

I don't suppose you have the slightest idea in the world of buying the Washington portraits. but in view of the bare possibility that you may have the matter under consideration, I ought to add to what I said to you on Major Wallis's behalf that he would be glad to give you ample time to consult with the best American authorities on the subject. Among these he names Judge Daley of New York. Mr Poole, formerly of the Boston Athenaeum and now Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. I think that the name of the imitator and Mr Clemens of the Boston Transcript, who he says is second to no other authority in America. Oliver Wendell Holmes and others. But he requests as a favor that if you have any idea of buying the pictures that you do not visit Mr Avery on the matter. Mr Avery has been in correspondence with him with the cordial purpose of buying the pictures himself in order to speculate upon them. I have seen Avery's letters to him and they certainly convey the impression that he is

unwilling to let hold of them. ~~but~~ If you should
now buy them after consulting ~~loving~~ he
would at once demand of Walter a
Commission of ten per cent on the
Puncham money. This being a rule of
the trade. He cannot afford to pay
that commission - and yet would be
reasonably bound to pay if the pictures
were bought by anybody upon his advice.
He wishes to have nothing to do with
~~the~~ ~~loving~~ in the matter. He considers
my statement to you that he would take
\$70.00 for the pictures as an offer which
he is bound to give you reasonable time to
consider. and he tells me that he would rather
sell them to you at that figure than to obtain
a higher price from another. He feels ^{so} deeply
obliged to you for ordering the autotypes for
presentation to the public schools of I T and
~~that~~ which in the simplicity of his heart
he thinks will set the fashion for other
rich men - that I am sure he is quite in
earnest in proposing that you should be the
possessor of his cherished portraits. I have
fallen in love with the simple hearted old man
and ~~the~~ have come to feel a deep interest in his
success. Though I don't think he has much

[3-14-83]

Editorial Rooms of The Pioneer Press.

J. A. WHEELLOCK, EDITOR.

St. Paul, Minn.

1883

speculation that you will buy them and the pictures - and I have still less after some you told me what your views were on the subject (which of course I have never mentioned to the Mayor) yet I should be extremely glad and proud if you should buy them and make St. Paul the home and final resting place of these magnificent portraits. The Mayor I am very sure will never take less than \$70.000 not for the portraits, and if no offer is made for them of that amount or more he will take them back to England quite confident that after having been exhibited in the principal cities of this country they will not long lack a purchaser - Now that it is known they are for sale. And I think he is right in this view.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Wheellock

St. Vincent, March 17th 83
W. Decombe Esq.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the
15th inst relative to business of Mr.
Valentin has just been received.
C. J. Hooding has handed me the
Mortgage deeds and notes, which
are to be executed by R. E. Stephens,
Andrew Kepler, Adela Ann McLeane
and James C. Warner.

I will attend to the matters as
requested.

Yours Respectfully
J. D. Stetson }
Judge of Probate }

323 East 14th St.

New York, N.Y. 17. 83.

Dear Mr. Hill,-

I should have called upon you had I been able, but I have not yet entirely recovered from an attack of rheumatism, and upon advice from my doctor I still keep at home.

Will you please appoint some time and place where I can have an interview with you, and I will meet you, if, however I am not presuming too much, would you call at my house at any time convenient to yourself.

I shall send my son to your hotel to-morrow (Sunday) about noon to see you, if you should be out will you please leave word with the clerk about what

hour he shall call again.

Trusting that this will
find you in good health,
I am, sir,

Yours etc,
Eugene Wehlf.

Brown & Wells
Barristers &c.

P. J. Brown. Thos. Wells.

J. J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul.

Private

Ingersoll 19th Feb. 1883.

my dear Sir! Being largely interested
in St. Paul & Manitoba Ry stock which
cost 165 per share I would like
of not asking too much, your
opinion as to the advisability
of holding. It having gone up some
seven points within the last
few days, any information you
may give I will of course treat
it ^{not only} as a very great favor but strictly
confidential.

Yours very truly
P. J. Brown.

St Paul Mo ch 21st/83

Hon L D Stetson

St Vincent Min

Dr Sir

Herewith I remit chgs

* 401 * 401 * 401 * 401 to order Geo Cramb to pay the S
Govt for claims of R E Stephens, And Repley
Ada Ann McLean and Nat C Warren, who are
expected to prove up their claims before you
Mo ch 23rd 24th & 26th. Also send Mortgage & l^y
note for each one to execute on day of proof
Please request Mr Hedenberg to have each
M^y executed on day of proof & note signed,
& place each Mortgage on record same day,
without waiting for return of Land Office receipt.

Mr Smith will record them without payment
of fee from you, but will charge same to me like
paid when I go up, about apr 1st. If Mr Stephens
Wife is in Min I want her to join her husband in
executing M^y, but if she is not in the State he can execute
alone & it may go on record that way. In case any one of
these claims fails in proof the check or checks are to be
returned to you to be kept until I go up
Yours truly D V Valentines



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