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April 83.

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FROM DICTATION.
In reply to yours of

Chicago, April 2nd 1883.

dear Mr. Hill =

My dear Mr. Hall -
The Ingham Club here, give
their annual banquet the 13th on
Jefferson's birthday.
It will be the greatest event of
the year - far exceeding last year's affair,
of which you can get an idea by
reading Courier-Journal telegram.
Can't this Club secure from you
the loan of your magnificent Jefferson
portrait for the occasion?
We will "collect" immediately.
We give any bonds required
as to absolute care of painting, ribbon etc.,
I will personally see - you know
I am always hunting for a peg to hang a hat on
for Dr. J. Hill - that you get proper
credit for so generous an act.
Your friend
Edgar L. Wakeman

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Iroquois Club,

HAVERLY'S THEATRE BUILDING,

Chicago, April 2nd 1883

Mrs J. V. Hile

My dear Friend,

On the 13th (Jefferson's
birthday) the Iroquois Club will
give a grand banquet at the
"Palmer House" on any distinguished
Democrats will be present & make
speeches. We are very much in
want of your picture of Jefferson
& hope you will let us have
it. We will pay all expenses
including insurance. I am re-
questing to make this application
as you & I are old friends.

I send you an invitation to be
with us & trust you find it con-
venient to accept it. The picture
can be sent by express to the
Saguenay Club & will be re-
turned to you immediately after
the banquet. Please address
me as above at once you
decide in the matter. We can
not get a picture here & are
dependent on your kindness.
Kindest regards & hoping to
see you on the 13th I am
sincerely your friend
C. Stewart Warren.

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

3rd April 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill,

I enclose the printed copy of the proposed Consolidated Mortgage. I hope you will have it now ready for examination. I saw Mr. James yesterday and told him he had not yet received a copy of it. He also asked me if I had received the financial statement which you promised to prepare and send on showing the basis on which we could make a revision of Bonds as proposed & not having yet received it I telegraphed you today reminding you of it and asking if you had forwarded a copy of the Mortgage to the other members of the Board but had to the effect that you have received no reply. - I should like the financial statement as soon as possible so that I can go over it with Mr. James in advance of the meeting on the 12th inst. and perhaps know just what we have in view for if we leave all the details to be discussed till the time of meeting we will not get through in 2 or 3 days. The same remark applies to the Mortgage hence the importance of letting every member of the Board have a copy early in advance of the meeting.

so that they may have time to examine it.

I hope every thing is going well with you. I know you must have been very busy since your return and you will have your hands full getting ready to be on hand to the meeting on the 12th. I hope you will get here by the 11th so that we may have a chance to talk matters over. Bring Andrew with you. I expect his brother James will arrive here next Tuesday.

Yours very truly
John W. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota.

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LA CROSSE, WIS., April 4 1883

James J. Hill Esq
Pres St. L. & N. P. R.
St. Paul.

Dear Sir

Am using large amounts
of money by reason of
Camps breaking up, and
men coming out of woods,
and would ask you if
you would carry the
5000\$ note for me for
a short time. Please
let me hear from
you

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Yours Truly
P. S. Davidson

See April
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Laris le 5 April 1883

Messieurs Froeder et
Aime

Messieurs

J'ai la grande satisfaction de vous
annoncer que j'ai tenu à Reunion Bull
cing tablage, cinq bisous, et vous prie
Messieurs de remarquer surtout le Colin
Francois qui est mon chef d'œuvre; il
y a une infinité de finesses et de détails
qui ne peuvent être appréciés que par des
connaissances tels que vous. La vie et
l'esprit que j'ai mis dans ce tableau ont été
d'une difficulté que je suis très heureux de
vous dire avoir vaincu.

Remarque surtout que dans les feuilles

et les fleurs et ya des gouttes d'eau,
les bords des jolies femmes sont d'une finesse
transparente; l'ensemble des détails le
coloris les finesse de ton la grande lumière
ou même temps que l'harmonie générale donnent
à mon tableau un charme extraordinaire.

Que les deux mains du maître dont une qui
se trouve les en raccourci soit l'objet de
toute notre attention, elle va et elle vient
tout le tableau. J'ai mis aussi une
petite table à gauche que le maître ramasse,
dans sa chute les bords se voient et l'ensemble
voir des objets l'ensemble; le petit vase de
fleurs qui tombe fait contre l'eau et se trouve
d'une blanche saugrenante, m'a servi à l'avance
une lettre de vous, on vous remercie
votre grande satisfaction.

J'ai l'honneur de marquer de mon
désir en vous faisant tout l'éloge, mais je le quitte il y avait un article à mon éloger

trouvés essentiellement que tout soit ob-
servé pour vous, et que vous les passiez
remarque à vos amateurs.

Veuillez agréer Messieurs

l'expression de mes sentiments, des plus
distingués

Antoine Casanova Estorach

P.S. Je vous prie de vous dire que c'est le

29 Mars que j'ai écrit mes tableaux
et veuillez m'excuser de ne pas vous avoir
remercié plus tôt de l'attention délicate que
vous avez eu en m'envoyant le journal dans
lequel il y avait un article à mon éloger

METROPOLITAN HOTEL

St. Paul, Minn. 5th April 1853

Dear Mr. Will,

I am much gratified at the noble manner in which the papers have noticed your present of the Autotypes to the Schools & especially at the School Board's graceful action —

A gentleman named West a perfect stranger to me has written 2 articles — one on the Original pictures — the second (to appear next Sat^h) on your gift — I did not see the first article until a week after its appearance — when he called upon me — He has sent me a advance proof of the article to appear next Saturday which I enclose — Both are admirably written —

Governor Hubbard — ex Governor Ramsey & Mr J. A. Wheelock — witnessed the signing of the 2 Profile pictures today & signed a formal certificate — I was sorry Mr C^d had absent —

The Original Pictures are now packed & ready to accompany me Eastward — to be shown only in Cincinnati — Baltimore & Philadelphia — hence home with me to England should an acceptable offer not be made for them in interim — They have not & will not be offered for sale — No as named to you we are open to a reasonable offer from a private gentleman, whose position & means are a guarantee of a distinct promise (which I should require) that under no circumstances

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What ever would any re. sale occur —

Minneapolis I am assured, will present its
Public Schools with sets — I believe there is more than one
candidate for the honor —

There are one or two suburbs of St Paul
bidding for sets for their Public Schools — I feel sure they
will gladly present them —

Tomorrow evening I purpose calling to
pay my respects to Mr Hill — as I start homeward on
Monday morning — possibly earlier —

With high respect

I am, Sir, very truly

James Walter

James J. Hill
Engineer

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James I. Hill Esq

April 6, 1883

In account with J. S. KENNEDY & CO.,
NEW YORK.

1883.

July 26	To Balance rendered.	40333.41
Nov 16	Telegram	1.09
98	10% on \$1000 drawn Nov 16 th Contracting Account	100.00
	Int on \$2000 at 6% from July 2 nd to date 54 days	18
	Int on \$8000 at 6% from Dec 1 st " 114 days	18.66

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April 6	By Balance	1707.12
April 6	To Balance	1707.12

J. F. D.

E. & O. E. NEW YORK.

April 6th 1883

J. S. Kennedy & Co

New York

Apr. 6, 1883

James J. Hill Esq;
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have received your favor of the 2nd. inst. and as requested hand you herein a statement of your a/c to date showing a debit balance of \$17,071.12/

Yours truly,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

P. S. We note your remarks concerning the entry of 10th. on Mar. 28th. We shall leave this in the a/c until we see you.

J. S. K.

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

Metropolitan Hotel,

E. C. Belote, Proprietor.

Saint Paul, Minn., April 7th 1883

Dear Mr. Hill -

To present to each of the Stillwater
Schools - St. Paul - & the Catholic Schools
will take altogether about thirty sets of Antotypes.
I have ordered Stevens & Co

20 sets & this afternoon send them 10 more -

So far my expenses of 2 voyages &
upwards in the country are ahead of any receipts -
sale of the Antotypes - & I need to send the Anto-
types to a remittance -

I am sure it will be a pleasure to
you to send me an order or cheque on New York
in favor of A. M. Townsend & Co. Managers of the
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, a firm friend & who
attends to all my little money matters in America -
If you send me him before you leave, I shall be glad

Yours truly
J. Hill Engraver

Respectfully
J. Hill Engraver

James Walter



Shirts made to order.

111 East Third St.

St. Paul, Minn. April 7th 1883

J. J. Hill, Esq.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,

I wish to sell my hotel at St. Vincent. The property consists of three (3) lots each 50x140 ft running back to an alley. On this is situate the main building 36x65 ft 3 story, with addition 20x25 ft 3 story and addition 14x16 ft one story, ~~50x16~~ distant from, and directly in front of the depot.

The house contains about 40 rooms, 30 of which are sleeping rooms, all good size, being one capable of being heated and all having transoms over hall doors.

The dining room is 24x36 ft well lighted and separated from the kitchen by two sets of swing doors. The Office, Billiard, (will hold two tables) and Bar rooms, are all well lighted & ventilated. The washroom is well furnished with set marble bowls & slob. There is a good sized sample room for traveling men on first floor. The house is thoroughly built of carefully selected dry lumber, being first sheathed with dry matched flooring, then covered with building paper before siding. The first floor is double with two porches



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Shirts made to order.

111 East Third St.

St. Paul, Minn.

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between. All chimneys are built from a pile foundation on which the building rests, the center one which passes through Billiard ^{room} Office & Halls being a ventilating flue. The house has been very poorly kept during the past year but has not lacked custom, having to me cats in addition to regular beds most of the time.

St Vincent has recently been created a Port of Entry and is the terminus of your road where it connects with the Canada Pacific Railway, and owing to the present international laws, the head of navigation on the Red River, these things all tend to make it a good hotel point.

I value the property at (\$11000.00) Eleven Thousand Dollars, on this there is an incumbrance of (\$5000.00) Five Thousand (\$1000.00) One Thousand falling due each year for five years @ 7% interest, this can remain or be paid at any time at option of owner. I would also rent to a good party for (\$2000.00) Two Thousand Dollars a year.

Please find plans of building hereto attached.

Respectfully Yours

J. H. Shepard

I like you to see the 2 pictures (the profiles) since by lining - I shall not
repack them until Monday - Before or after morning service I shall be in
tomorrow - This evening I go to the Concert of the Theatre with Mr. Wheelock -
METROPOLITAN HOTEL
or if you call at anytime I be out - Ask Mr. Key of my room half of you will find the portraits
on the easels in my bed room -

St. Paul, Minn. Sat. 7 April 1883

Dear Mr. Hills -

Your kind offer to help me in the matter of a horse
for the American Victoria I am sending home for my dear wife has inspired
me with becoming sense of your kindness - I wished the turnout to be
entirely American (vehicle & horse) & knew not how to get about the horse
part of it - I want a good quiet animal capable of drawing the vehicle
with 4 persons - for my wife is timid - she needs a docile creature free
from pranks - & I should of course like one but we shall not be ashamed
to exhibit as Minnie has a kind friend of judgement - & that we may exhibit
as a fair specimen of an American horse - say 4 to 5 hands ^{sixteen hands} tall - about

Now it wd probably be costly but his horse affair
shall not be one of business - My Drawing Room in Sup. 4 contains
some very beautiful Water Color Drawings - Send me a horse &
by earliest steamer after my arrival home I will send you out such a
Drawing as will satisfy you & Mr. Hills taste - to be my equivalent
for the horse - It will be a little matter of friendly exchange between
us & you may be assured of my anxious desire that you shall not have cause
to regret having helped me in this affair -

I want the horse shipped by the National Company's
steamer from New York to London - they have a boat to London every
week - Mr. Hunt the Manager & Agent of the Co in New York

is a personal friend of mine & will take great care, but he is shipped
with all precaution & also that he be well cared for on the passage -
& my man will attend the ship's arrival in London, & let him home -

(The horse should be shipped end of this month,
as the carriage will be dispatched about that time -)

I wish you would call in at Stevens & Robinson & see
the Original of Peter Stuyvesant - of which I send for your kind
acceptance a framed Autotype - I much wish this wonderful
picture to remain in St Pauls where I have had so much pleasure
& help - Wheelock will like it for the new Club - I will accept -
for it very readily left here from New York - What the members of the
St Pauls Club can collect among each other will more than satisfy me -
if I could afford it I would give it the Club - but I cannot - It being a
celebrated picture the Club will ever be proud in its possession -

Dear Mr Hill

Respectfully & faithfully yours

James Walter

Jan 1. 1822

Esquire h. l.

(The Autotype of the Stuyvesant picture will do a great deal for young people

if you would prefer it I will send you out a fine young Pedigree Short-
Horn Bull, instead of the Water Color - I have a very grand
strain of animals - some of mine have brought good prices -

St Paul "At Home"
Sat. mch 7th April /83

THE SHARPLES WASHINGTON.

At the meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education Tuesday night the following resolutions presented by Inspector Schiffman were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Board of Education desires to express its grateful appreciation and acceptance of Mr. James J. Hill's graceful and appropriate gift to each of the public schools of a set of autotype reproductions of the Sharples Washington portraits, which have been pronounced by the most eminent authorities the most life-like and truest of all the portraits of Washington, and destined to be universally accepted as such.

Resolved, that the superintendent is requested to have a set of these portraits hung in some appropriate place in each of the public schools, according to the wishes of the donor, and realizing, so far as St. Paul is concerned, through the pious and liberal thoughtfulness of one of its citizens, Longfellow's earnestly expressed hope that these portraits should be hung on the walls of every public school in the land—a hope in which this board heartily concurs in order that as the successive generations of children become familiar with the face of Washington, they may be impressed with the lesson of his patriotic example.

It will be a lasting satisfaction to the people of St. Paul that our educational authorities have thus handsomely placed themselves upon record in the matter of a movement which is rapidly becoming national in its dimensions. It is also a pleasant reflection that the city is favored with a public spirited citizen like Mr. James J. Hill, who recognizes the value of the great pictures in the future education of American citizens. Both the resolutions of the board and the graceful act of the presentation to the schools, are proofs that the views expressed last week in *At Home*, relative to the Sharples throughout the community. Nothing could be better fitted to inculcate the lessons of patriotism and unselfish devotion to the cause of our dear Fatherland, than the constant contemplation of these glorious faces of George Washington. Without them the study of American history lacks its best and greatest illustration. Without them it is impossible for the youth of the country to appreciate and understand the godlike character whose great heart, military genius, ability as a statesman and self-abnegation, all rounded and sanctified in a life of beautiful and touching Christian faith and purity, accomplished more in the creation and establishment of the grand fabric of this Republic, than all the other causes and conditions bearing upon its birth and career in the family of nations. There is an apparent harmony between the life and services of Washington and the character of the man as depicted in the Sharples paintings, and this cannot be honestly said as to any other of the various pictures purporting to represent the features of the great patriot. That the Sharples are correct representations of the living original, we have the opinion of Washington himself and of Lady Washington, in letters yet extant; and if that were not enough the evidence of the aged Dr. Van Pelt of New York who saw the full face portrait in that city in 1854, on its former visit to this country. Dr. Van Pelt had known General Washington in life, and declared that it was a perfect picture as he remembered the General.

It is well that the Father of our country should be remembered by millions whom his achievements have made possessors of the priceless boon of civil liberty; and it is well that the children of the Nation should have his bright example continually held before them for imitation. The mind cannot conceive of a nobler object lesson in the study of our country's history; in the study of the evolution of government by the people, than these very portraits hanging on the walls of every school house in the land. It was Longfellow's ardent wish that they might be so possessed, and he earnestly longed, to the end of his great and useful life that the original pictures might find a final home in the hero's own land. High hopes have been entertained during the present visit of the owner that they might be left in America, and in the Northwest; but there does not now appear to be the best reason for expecting that those hopes will be realized. They are not here for sale, although it is altogether probable that the family in whose loving care they have been for nearly a century, would respond to a proper movement looking to their possession by the people of the United States. Major Walters, in allowing the portraits to be viewed by our citizens, is only fulfilling a solemn promise made to Mr. Longfellow many years ago. That accomplished he will return to England within a few weeks, and it is to be feared that the Sharples portraits, endeared to every American who has been happy enough to gaze upon them, will then be lost to us forever. When they were in Boston recently some effort was made to secure them for that city, and the *Boston Transcript*, referring to the matter said, "Would to God it were so!"—A sentiment which the writer and all patriotic citizens echo heartily as concerns St. Paul. But the family now in possession are by no means anxious to part from them, and especially would resent the bare suggestion that they would be pressed upon the country. If they can be retained, not a minute should be lost in setting the project in motion. Meantime the National Portrait Gallery of the British government, by its authorities, has expressed a wish to obtain the pictures, and should that effort prove successful all hope of ever getting them to America would be ended. Now, while the opportunity lasts, we may expect at least that there are American gentlemen in the various cities of the nation, public spirited and generous enough to realize our departed poet's wish, by placing the autotype copies where every public-school pupil in the United States may see them, and know what manner of man George Washington, the general, statesman, ruler and Christian gentleman really was.

G. B. W.



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