

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
J. KENNEDY TOD,
O. H. NORTHCOTE,
ALEXANDER BARING.
MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS

NEW YORK 1st May

1883.

Private

My dear Mr. Mill.

Mr. Kennedy got off safely and I feel much relieved, for no man ever needed rest and change more than he did. You have of course received his letters. Since his departure nothing has been done and I await your instructions. You have no doubt followed the course of the market with interest. Yesterday "Manitoba" dropped to $114\frac{1}{2}\%$. But today the tone is much stronger and it closed at $117\frac{1}{2}\%$. I need not weary you with an account of all the stories which are afloat or of my interviews here with the host of "anxious inquirers"

who run out and in the office. The "street" story is that C. P. will take away all your business, having no debt as compared with yours!!

In one way this has done no harm to C. P. for today the Syndicate has sold about 7000 Shares of Stock!

I shall keep you posted, and await word from you. If the market is left alone for a day or two "Manitoba" will no doubt rally. I cannot keep thinking there has been some "short" selling. This is positively stated by parties watching Norton's movements, and the same parties informed Denny (one of our broker friends) today that it was said that you and Mr. Kennedy were selling! Denny says that he

was assured by a friend that lately 7000
to 8000 Shares were put on the market for
the first time. — Our Dutch friends are
cabling us but I have reassured them and
they have given us orders to buy, altho' a
little below today's market. However, this
helps to steady things. I find I shall want
the \$10,000. "Consolidated" Bonds for my wife on
1st July and, if entirely agreeable to you I shall
take them from your Company at par and
pay for them 1st July. If so kindly send me
an order on Nichols for them and I shall
duly pass the money to the Co's credit here
or remit to St Paul as you may direct.

The "rights" on these Bonds are weak in
our market and sold today at 100½ to 101.

Tomorrow or Monday I have to complete
arrangements to take from you on 1st July
\$500,000. Bonds at par, which will practically
clear you out and put your statement
in good shape. I am trying to arrange so that
the payment will be made outright, instead of
deferring it, as you suggested.

James J. Hill Esq.

St Paul.

Yours very truly

J. Kennedy Tod.

I received 2500
10 May 1893

New York

May 1, 1883

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

Dear Sir:

We beg to advise that we debit you in account the
10% on subscription to 1669 Consolidated Mortgage Bonds &
\$100 fractional Script, allotted to you on your 33,382 shares
St. Paul, Minn & Manitoba Stock viz: \$166,910, and credited
your account the 2% Cash Dividend. viz \$66,764.

The Certificates we hold subject to your instructions.

Yours truly,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

P. S. We also charge your a/c \$5765 being 10% on subscription to
Consol. Mtge Bonds on the Kittson Purchase & credit your a/c
2% Cash Divd. on same,----- \$2,306.

J.S.K.

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

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA
RAILWAY COMPANY.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

1000.

ST. PAUL, MINN. MAY, 1ST, 1883. 188

DANIEL. SHAY. ESQ.,

NECHE,

D. T.

DEAR SIR :

REFERRING TO THE ENCLOSED LETTER FROM JOSEPH. LA PORTE
ASKING ASSISTANCE FROM ME, TO HELP IN THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH.
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FROM YOU, IF THESE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF
ASSISTANCE, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT WHICH YOU CAN SEND
ME.

PLEASE RETURN THE LETTER WITH YOUR REPLY.

YOURS TRULY,

Jas. F. Hill

[Letter from Joseph La Porte to Hill has been
filed under date of April 30, 1883]

J. B. Pover
Please note and
return to President's
Office.
CJ

OFFICE OF
SAMUEL G. SLOAN,
Real Estate and Conveyancing,
AGENT FOR JAMES STINSON, ESQ.,
126 EAST THIRD STREET.

St. Paul, Minn. May 1st 1883

J. I. Hill Esq.

My dear Sir,

I enclose you 2 cuts
of vehicles. I spoke to you about on
the street. The "Sunny" is a delightful
wagon to drive yourself & would be
lovely at the beach - The "T car"
is very stylish & is used both ways
drive yourself a lady sitting in front
or nice to use with your Coachman
the wheels turn clear under the
body making it a safe conveyance
to go to depot & for Park purposes,
or evening driving cannot be equalled
it has heavy english wheels & is used
generally with large horses. Hoping
to receive an order.

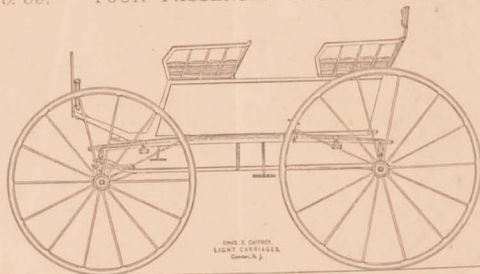
I am very truly yours,

Saml G. Sloan

CHAS. S. CAFFREY,
CAMDEN, N. J.

No. 89.

FOUR PASSENGER SURREY.



LOWE & GARDNER
LIGHT CARRIAGES
Camden, N. J.

Double
Crane Springs.
Tide only.

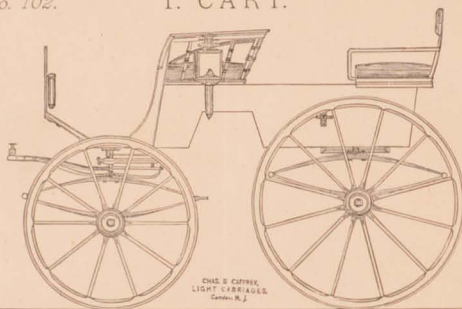
PHILADA WAREHOUSES:
CHESTER ST. BET. RACE & VINE, 8TH & 9TH.

CHAS. S. CAFFREY,
CAMDEN, N. J.

No. 102.

T. CART.

Turn-out Seat.



CHAS. S. CAFFREY,
LIGHT CARRIAGE
CAMDEN, N. J.

PHILADA WAREHOUSES,
CHESTER ST., BET. RACE & VINE, 8TH & 9TH.

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No. 102.—T. CART on four springs, with stiff pole. Plain square corner body, and straight cut-under. Half of the front seat hung on hinges, and turns out to allow passing to the rear seat. Iron rail around the back seat, with portable Lary Back. This is an elegant vehicle and very stylish. Full Collinge Axles.

CABLE ADDRESS
"KENNEDY," NEW YORK.

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

2nd May 1883.

Dear Mr. Hill,

Just a line to say
the box of eggs arrived this afternoon
and I sent them right up to the
Express Co where they are now being
shipped with careful instructions -
I shall send you the receipt
tomorrow.

Yours very truly

J. Kennedy Tod.

James J. Hill Esq:

St Paul.

Minn.

P. S. Since writing the above the
receipt has come to hand and I
herewith enclose it. I shall be glad to
hear that the box arrives all right.



St. Paul, Minn. May 3 1883

My dear Will,

A severe attack of acute
bronchitis and a night of hard
sneezing prevented me from going with
you to the Lake as I promised. If you have
come today would you please write me
a note giving your decision about the
Washington portraits. So that I may enclose
it to the Major, who ^{you} will see by the enclosed
telegram just received, still thinks you have
an eye upon them. I have your very view
in relation to the Peter Steppesant, which is
in my office, boxed up, awaiting Walter's
orders, and which he evidently has some
idea that you may buy. It is rather
embarrassing to be the involuntary
depository of the old man's property
and ~~for~~ his, but as he is to leave on
the 15th for England, it would be a kindness

to begin to indicate precisely what
your views are on these questions.
Am I right in understanding you
to say that if the unfinished
portrait were properly finished
you would rather retain it than
he has named - if he has named
any. It seems to me the
Peter would be well to select
pictures for our club -
but its proper place is with
the Knickerbocker Club at
New York. Unless I feel better
this afternoon than in the
morning I shall not be out -
but I would like to telegraph
Watson that I will write him today
giving your views on these
subjects. [I should say that he
has never but once mentioned
that he thought you might want
the Peter. I have inferred the rest
from the fact of his leaving it here.
He surely did not suppose that I
would buy it.] Yours truly
J. Knickerbocker

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Dated Philadelphia Pa 2 1881

Received at St Paul 2 130p

A. Whulock

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 278: 1039-1044.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SAINT PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA RAILWAY CO.

63 WILLIAM STREET,

P. O. Box 756.

NEW YORK.

1893

May 3^d
James J. Hill, Esq.,
St. Paul,
Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of
your favor of 28th inst., and
believe everything you desired
has already been attended to
by Mr. Bloss unless it be to
telegraph proxy to come on
in St. Paul to vote the stock
of the Railway Improvement Co.
of North America, and I
have just requested him,
if not already done, to
telegraph authorizing you

to do so.

Hoping this will
prove satisfactory,

I remain

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Kennedy

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COMMUNICATION BY TELEPHONE TO THE

816 CHRISTOPHER STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, 4th May/83

Dear Mr Hill

I have been in a whirl of excitement since here - There has been nothing like it since the pictures first came out from their English home - it is certainly a grand finish up - I shall not go to Baltimore - for I cannot stand the nervous anxiety you will feel for me when I tell you that another attempt at the pictures capture has been made. -

I am off tomorrow to my quiet-quarters at the

Colonnade Hotel

Lafayette Place

New York

I have a nice bed room there - but I take my meals at the Union Club

51-8-1964
not to Union League - I stayed at the
look named when I came out - but now
I am going to the Union -

I sail for England in the
Alaska Tuesday morning the 15th.

(The papers here are wild
with the pictures - Mr Child of the
Ledger comes out with an article on
them tomorrow - I will send it to - Mr

Child has made the pictures frequent
visit - he told me ^{his impression} he is ^{very} ready like to
buy the pictures & present them to the City,
"but the price they should bring is more",
"than my means justify me in spending",
"in such a way. You ought to let a large",
"sum for them in deeds - they are a",
"pippin indeed."

I give you his words -
He sees & realizes that there never has been
such an opportunity for a man of wealth



COMMUNICATION BY TELEPHONE DIS. 504.

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810 CHESTNUT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA. 4th May /83

to Main honoured & deserved distinction
as the purchase of these pictures affords —
& this without-risk of a cent — or rather I may
say with the certainty of realizing a large
profit on his investment at any moment &
however soon desired — All that is needed
to obtain this at once is their passing into the
main present owners hands —

I have not said I will not say one
word urging you to buy them beyond stating
the fact that I rather they fall to you
than any one — We shrink from their ever
falling into what is termed "public hands"
which in America means neglect & ultimate
destruction — Look at what is going on at
the Capitol in Washington — the pictures

51-8-(2)
here (but as old as our Washingtons) are
now pronounced to need a restorer & they
are handed to some such charlatan
who will probably complete their ruin.

It would make me sick at
heart if such fate awaited our portraits -
we pray they may be destined to adorn the
home of some private gentleman, who
will care for them as they deserve - & hand
them down as a proud inheritance to his
sons. He should himself be a Patriot &
his wife also - How your home presents
all these - I do not know any woman
in America so capable of appreciating
these portraits as you or as wife -
& what a heritage & example for your
boys - who can say its effect on their
character & life - as we daily look on
these paintings - It cannot but be
impressed & perhaps build them up to the wishes
of your heart.



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2 sheets

816 CHESTNUT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA. 4th May /83

All I will say to her dear
Mr Hill in these probably last lines I shall
ever address her is think twice before you
allow her opportunity to escape — once gone
remember it is gone forever —

Don't forget me in making of a
large Deer Head & Horns — I can
ditto Moose Head & Horns — I had
a Moose Head given me by the first
baronet Sir Samuel Cunard — he sent
it me from Halifax N.S. — but in a few
years it developed millions of moths &
we had to get rid of it — When your Canadian
& western Reconstructions we can easily
command them — I want them sent in
wood open frame — by any line of steamers
to my Sussex address —

51-8-(3)

I am presently back respects to
kind regard to M^{rs} Hill - mother
of my daughter who I hope
has forgiven me for my absence of
mind in passing her in St Paul -
our dear boys too - I feel sure
God will bless them to me as
soon to me her happiness -

Dear Mr Hill

Yours sincerely

James Walter

Be sure I send her Jefferson to me at
Colonnade Hotel - in same box with my
Adams & Madison - Wheelock knows
where they are -

Philadelphia Times Leader
May 2nd/83
Article

THE SHARPLES WASHINGTONS.

Opposition to public benefaction are constantly arising, and the family of Dives, more than ever in the history of humanity, are awaking to the fact that, since they cannot take their treasures with them into the unseen, they can make no better disposition of them than to dedicate them to some public interest. The time is coming when, instead of waiting for death to bring an uncertain issue to their projected posthumous plans, they will see the infinitely greater pleasure to be gained by taking charge of their own donations. Suppose some public spirited man should build a really beautiful bridge across the Schuylkill, what better monument could be raised for his own glory and the glory of his city?

Every day, fashionable people squander small fortunes in giving dinner-parties, the only fruit of which are indigestions and headaches. A hundred citizens of Philadelphia might spend only their surplus in wise charity, instead of heaping it up to be dissipated by spendthrift heirs.

At the present time there is a peculiarly tempting chance for some philanthropist. There are on exhibition at Earle's galleries three paintings which ought to find a permanent home in this city. They are the portraits of George Washington and his wife, painted by Sharples in 1796. One of the three represents the general in military dress; the other in that of the civilian. The third is a delightful picture of Martha Washington, in simple home attire in mob cap and lace. It is the universal testimony of all who have seen these portraits, that they are the most attractive of all that have been painted. Washington Irving, thirty years ago, wrote that it was a matter for national regret that the Sharples Washington portrait, which was exhibited in New York at that time, could not be allowed to rest in America. The legal difficulties which then stood in the way have been removed, and the English family into whose possession they have come are willing to part with them for a fair consideration.

America is certainly "the natural home" for such masterpieces, and they ought to be so placed that they should be familiar objects to the rising generations. It would at first thought seem appropriate to have them at the National Capitol, but in many respects this would be inadvisable. The risk of destruction or damage is too great. No better place could be found for them than in the Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts. Why should not some wealthy citizen or a few wealthy citizens prevent the further wandering of these noble works of art? The gain to the city would be obvious and the issue that would result to the donors would be enduring.

[WPH 5-4-83]

May 3rd 1863

My Dear Mr. Hill

Only a word to tell
you that I have given the young
man of whom Laporte says as
being in the army a letter trying -
The little remembrance I told you
his habits had been bad & I
hoped you would be able to place
him somewhere that he would be
as free as possible from temptation.
Of course you would not put him
in any position of great trust -
I have great hopes he may be able
this time to show he has moral
courage to resist as he is naturally
a capable fellow & has a lovely
mother & devoted wife. I thank
you in advance for what you may
do for him. I am, Sir, Very sincerely
Yours
Saml. Thomas

STATION *May 24* 188*3*

Heche May 4 1883
Jas. P. Hill, President

Dear Sir
in Regard to letter asking asking
for superintending Joseph Report
letter. They are trying to raise
funds enough to build a church
and i Supos they think you
ought to build it. for them so
as to get you in a fare way
to get to Hariss
them lots you gave
to the other Church one
is for sale now at a big figer
iff they can get by asking
they would take your file
Ever thing is working
Well here at Present
We want a brosing as soon as you
can have it Now.

I want
Edwill Lewis
I want to come down to
St Paul some time this
month Please send me
a pass

I will ship my wheat
to Elevator A
this month and
I consign it to you
Yours truly
D. Gray



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