

as far from designing or wishing to insult you as you can be from intending to insult me; you can, therefore, judge of my astonishment at the tone of your message of yesterday, as I consider my style perfectly respectable and courteous; you may rest assured that I shall adhere to and successfully defend it.

D. H. CRAIG.

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HALIFAX, April 29, 1859.

J. C. COGSWELL to D. H. CRAIG.

Your message to Hoyt, bearing on the general interests of the company, was, as a matter of course, shewn to me as President. Other messages from you, rather violent in their language, had been shewn to me also. I am prepared to expect opposition, and never object to it. But I wished to request of you, in any remarks you might make, that would be laid before the committee, to be moderate in your language, no matter how strong the hostility. You have never received discourtesy from us in language, however you may dislike our policy. We had better now let the matter drop.

J. C. COGSWELL.

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NEW YORK, May 3, 1859.

(Tel.)

D. H. CRAIG to J. C. COGSWELL, Prest. N. S. T. Co.

We are accustomed to deal with telegraph gentlemen who are above the despicable tricks we have reason to believe you and your associates are about to resort to. ~~in a~~ vain effort to injure an association to which Nova Scotia owes its telegraph connection with New York, and which has been, as it is now, the chief reliance of lines in New Brunswick and Maine for the payment of their necessary working expenses. The Government of Nova Scotia from 1849 to 1852 demanded from us only seventy-five dollars for transmitting 3000 words from Halifax to Sackville, but no sooner had your company got control of the government lines than you doubled your rates of tariff and compelled us to pay one hundred and fifty dollars, or three or four times the rates charged to the public. Even this imposition we submitted to until you recently attempted to compel us to pay these extortionate rates for stale news, news that had been anticipated via Newfoundland, but we were even disposed to allow ourselves to be fleeced by you for the stale news provided you would pass over your lines a brief free despatch of news by steamers bound to Halifax whenever the same should be obtained off Cape Race; this you assented to for a while, but in a moment of folly you allowed yourselves to be seduced into the attempted trickeries of a set of unprincipled knaves, and, hoping to force off your dilapidated lines upon the American company, or compel us to submit to still greater extortions, you gave us notice that you would put an end to all special arrangements

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