

(Copy of a Letter and Enclosure omitted at page 8.)

HALIFAX, April 8, 1859.

J. HUNTER to the SECRETARY of the N. S. TEL. CO.

*Dear Sir,*—Yours of to-day's date received. As a portion of the communication to which it refers rests on my assertion, I enclose three telegraphic despatches, which please bring to the notice of the Executive Committee,—who, I have no doubt, will give my offer a just and candid consideration.

I am, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HUNTER.

The following is a copy of one of the enclosures above referred to :

D. H. CRAIG to JOHN HUNTER.

Your communication received. We expect to continue the same payments as heretofore from Sackville to New York, but we cannot consent to pay for Halifax line over 75 dollars when news is fresh, and ordinary rates when anticipated at Cape Race. We have made arrangements for competing with the crowd, and care not a straw for Gisborne or any other humbug. We neither expect nor desire any special business arrangements with Halifax line after the 1st May, but would purchase the news from you at Sackville at above rates; but we will have nothing to do with any party that co-operates with Gisborne.

D. H. CRAIG, *Gen. Agent N. Y. Ass. Press.*

(Tel.)

NEW YORK, May 13, 1859.

W. H. ABEL to J. C. COGSWELL.

Your despatch of 7th inst. is received, and has been laid before the Directors of the American Telegraph Company. In view of the large public interests involved in the unfortunate difficulty, the Directors have adopted the following resolutions :—

“ *Whereas*, it is represented to this Board, that the Nova Scotia Telegraph Company have given the preference in the despatch of steamer's news to special parties, in violation of the cardinal principle of telegraphing—first come, first served,—

“ *Therefore, resolved*, First, that the superintendent of the 1st division of the American line be instructed to detail a tried and faithful agent to the telegraph office, whose duty it shall be to report to the agent at Sackville that the steamer's news have been forwarded for the party who first tenders it at the office at Halifax, and until such report is received at Sackville no steamer's news shall be transmitted over the American lines, unless it shall be delivered at the office at Sackville by other means of transmission than the telegraph line from Halifax.