

The above was in reply to telegram which the committee sent to Mr. Craig through the Chief Operator, stating that as the steamer left Liverpool on the 23d April they did not consider the news by her shut out, and asking if he wished it forwarded. On the foregoing reply being submitted to the President of the Nova Scotia Telegraph Company the following answer to it was sent:

(4.)

APRIL 27, 1859.

(Tel.)

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

The message sent you was in courtesy, not in defiance. We merely meant to give you an additional steamer's news, if you claimed it under the circumstances. The contract ended on the 1st May; the steamer would leave before that date, but would not arrive here till afterwards, and there might be a question which we wished to avoid. Your language is unnecessarily coarse upon all occasions. If you have rights stand up for them and nobody will blame you, but please to use such terms as gentlemen may listen to without being insulted.

JAS. C. COGSWELL.

(5.)

NEW YORK, April 28, 1859.

(Tel.)

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

Not having addressed any communication to you or any member of your committee, I am surprised at your uncalled for and grossly insulting message just received. I beg you will give yourself no uneasiness about our business or our rights as we feel quite able to manage the former and defend the latter.

D. H. CRAIG, *Agent Ass'd Press.*

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APRIL 28, 1859.

(Tel.)

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

My message was intended for anything but insult. When occasion requires I shall be prepared to place a copy of it beside yours to me and others, and leave the public to decide. But I have no more to say to you. If you like your own style adhere to it.

JAS. C. COGSWELL.

(7.)

NEW YORK, April 29, 1859.

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

Your message received. I assure you that I never addressed a communication to you nor wrote one for your eye before yesterday, and am