

and public concern that we are willing to risk the loss of dividends rather than submit to the dictation of one. Had we looked only to the former we might have been alarmed at the prospect of withdrawal of your favors. But though not receiving much return from the telegraph as a speculation we could not consent to yield our independence and be treated as though our opinions were not worth consulting. When the time requires it we shall lay before the public our proceedings, we shall let the world see and hear what we have done, the communications which have passed between you and us and the tone which has been assumed towards us, and we shall ask the public whether they would have respected us, whether we could have respected ourselves had we quietly permitted ourselves to be driven into a contract with parties whose treatment of us has been such as has been described.

It is with extreme regret that the Nova Scotia Company terminate an agreement of so long standing. A few courteous words on your part and a conciliatory disposition on the part of your agent would have prevented the rupture. But we ask of you to turn to a few of your messages upon the subject, especially that of the 28th, and to see Mr. Hunter's letter of the 8th April, and to consider how you would have acted yourself had our positions been reversed.

I am Sir, yours &c.

W. H. WISWELL, Sec'y.

(Tel.)

NEW YORK, May 2, 1859.

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

It has been intimated to us by parties intimate with prominent members of your company, and professing to know your views, that you will exclude our agent's report of steamer's news from passing over your wires, until after the news shall have been forwarded by other parties. Is this your intention? If you propose to adopt any peculiar rules affecting our interests, will you favor us with proper notice of the same, and apprise our agent, Mr. Hunter, with all such rules?

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

(Tel.)

HALIFAX, May 3, 1859.

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

Do you think it reasonable to ask us to inform you of all our arrangements. We have not enquired concerning yours. When we found that you would not act harmoniously with us, but persisted in hostility, and in using abusive language concerning us hard to be borne, we simply said good-bye to you. We must leave you to discover our intentions from our acts. You will, I think, find them all legal and born out by the very best precedent.

JAS. C. COGSWELL.

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