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THE BRITISH AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

Quebec, 30th July, 1855.

SIR,

It having been represented to the Directors that the establishment of an Electric Telegraph Station on Green Island, connected by a sub-marine cable with the main land would be a great advantage to the shipping interest, I am instructed to enquire:—

Whether in the opinion of the Board of Trade the telegraph would be useful in cases of shipwreck in that part of the river, and generally in furnishing a ready communication with Quebec?

And secondly, whether the shipping interest would object to pay, through the Custom House, a tax of one dollar per vessel, to provide a fund sufficient to defray the expenses of working and for maintenance. The actual expenses annually would be £350, and there would be no regular business whatever.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY W. WELCH,

Secretary.

To A. BORROWMAN, Esquire,  
Secretary, Quebec Board of Trade.