

that time, other business which the Executive Committee believe would be more profitable to the Company. Moreover, under the present arrangement, the Company does not get paid for this despatch in proportion to their share of the labor and trouble, as compared with other Companies over whose lines the despatch passes. In point of fact, the Nova Scotia Company has nearly *all the labor and trouble* of transmitting this despatch, but gets the *smallest portion* of the pay. Under all the circumstances, the Committee consider that they cannot, after the commencement of the incoming year, continue to send a preferential despatch to the Associated Press, on the arrival of the English steamer, at a less rate than one hundred and fifty dollars for each despatch of 3000 words. The sum at present received is not a remuneration to the company for sending such a despatch. Other parties are willing to give the greater sum for the preference now allowed to the Associated Press, but the Committee wish to give that Association the option of accepting or rejecting these terms. In order to shew you that the demand of the Executive Committee is not an unreasonable one, I may add that a thousand dollars (\$1000) has been offered this Company for the preferential use of the wires which the Associated Press now has, on the arrival of each steamer.

If the Associated Press will consent to pay the sum named (\$150), the Executive Committee are willing to let the other arrangements remain as at present. The Executive Committee would thank you to let them have the decision of the Association as soon as possible.

(Signed)

P. S. HAMILTON,  
Secretary.

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APRIL 8, 1859.

COPY OF LETTER FROM J. HUNTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE N. S. ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

*Gentlemen*,—Your arrangement with the Associated Press having fallen to the ground, and it being the intention of that Association not only not to renew it, *but to refrain from sending any news whatever over your lines*, I beg (referring to correspondence of the 1st) to submit to you the following proposal. My offer, in the first instance, will take one of two shapes, namely—

First, I offer to renew, on my own behalf, the agreement which existed between your Company and the Associated Press prior to the 19th December, 1853; or, secondly, I offer, immediately on the arrival of every steamer bringing to this port intelligence from Europe, to send by telegraph from Halifax to Sackville from 1000 to 3000 words at ordinary rates of toll, and, in addition, to give twenty dollars per steamer for the privilege of having my said despatches placed at once upon your wires and transmitted without interruption till completed, as soon as handed into your office.

I apprehend the company has no right to refuse to transmit any despatch in the order in which it is handed to your operators—even with-