

## Appendix 2.

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COPY of LETTER from CYRUS FIELD, Esq. to the Right Hon. Lord STANLEY, M.P.

Atlantic Telegraph Company, 22, Old Broad Street,  
London, 25th March 1858.

MY LORD,

REFERRING to the letter I had the honour to address to your Lordship on the 17th instant, and to the interview you were afterwards kind enough to grant me on the 22d for the purpose of explaining the grounds on which I conceive it would be proper to allow the ratification, by the Imperial Government, of the Bill for promoting telegraphic communication with Europe, passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia,

I now take the liberty of suggesting a plan, which I trust may have the effect of relieving your Lordship from the feeling which then appeared to have weight with you, that by means of the Bill in question a monopoly of an injurious character might be created.

I propose that, in approving the Bill, powers be taken by the Imperial Government or by the Local Government of Nova Scotia, or either of them, at any time hereafter, to cancel the exclusive right, paying a compensation to be arrived at by arbitration in the following manner, viz., one referee to be chosen by the Government and one by the Telegraph Company. These two referees, before proceeding to business, to mutually choose a third, who shall sit with them during the discussion.

In case of difference, the votes of the two out of three arbitrators to be final and binding; or, if it seem preferable to your Lordship, I would suggest that either Government shall have power to cancel the exclusive right granted by the Legislature of Nova Scotia at any future time, on paying the bare cost which has been incurred up to the time of such cancellation in establishing telegraphic communication between the capital of Newfoundland and the capital of Nova Scotia.

I trust your Lordship will be enabled to concur in one or other of these suggestions, or such modification of them as you may think advisable for the public interest. You will, I am sure, consider that it would be a great public benefit that Nova Scotia and the other British colonies should be placed on the highway for telegraphic intelligence between the United States and Europe, which it is manifest from their geographical position could only be accomplished by offering a fair inducement to the parties willing to carry it out. Whereas your Lordship must be aware that by the Imperial Government refusing assent to the Bill in question, it must inevitably inflict a severe blow on the commercial community of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by excluding them from the privilege of direct telegraphic communication with the United Kingdom, while at the same time the Telegraph Company, by laying a submarine cable direct from Newfoundland to the United States, would be enabled to prosecute their enterprise with equal success.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CYRUS W. FIELD,  
Vice-President of the New York, Newfoundland,  
and London Telegraph Company.

The Right Hon. Lord Stanley. M.P..  
&c. &c. &c.

## Appendix 3.

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COPY of LETTER from H. MERIVALE, Esq. to C. W. FIELD, Esq.

SIR,

Downing Street, 5th April 1858.

I AM directed by Lord Stanley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and to acquaint you that, having duly considered the suggestions you have made on the subject of the Bill passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia for encouraging telegraphic communication between that province and the United Kingdom, his Lordship regrets that it is not in his power to entertain your proposal.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. MERIVALE