

**TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MERCANTILE AGENCY.**

**MEMORANDUM of the Agreement between DUN, WIMAN & Co., Proprietors of The Mercantile Agency, on the one part, and the undersigned, Subscribers to the said Agency, on the other part, viz.:**

The said Proprietors are to communicate to us, on request, for our use in our business, as an aid to us in determining the propriety of giving credit, such information as they may possess concerning the Mercantile Standing and Credit of Merchants, Traders, Manufacturers, etc., throughout the United States and in the Dominion of Canada. It is agreed that such information has mainly been, and shall mainly be obtained and communicated by servants, clerks, attorneys, and employés, appointed as our sub-agents, in our behalf, by the said DUN, WIMAN & CO. The said information to be communicated by the said DUN, WIMAN & CO. in accordance with the following rules and stipulations, with which we, Subscribers to the Agency as aforesaid, agree to comply faithfully, to wit:

1. All verbal, written or printed information communicated to us, or to such confidential clerk, as may be authorized by us to receive the same, and all use of The Reference Book hereinafter named, and the Notification Sheet of corrections of said Book, shall be strictly confidential, and shall never, under any circumstances, be communicated to the persons reported, but shall be exclusively confined to the business of our establishment.

2. The said DUN, WIMAN & Co., shall not be responsible for any loss caused by the neglect of any of the said servants, attorneys, clerks, and employés, in procuring, collecting, and communicating the said information, and the actual verity or correctness of the said information is in no manner guaranteed by the said DUN, WIMAN & Co. The action of said Agency being of necessity almost entirely confidential in all its departments and details, the said DUN, WIMAN & Co. shall never, under any circumstances, be required by the subscriber to disclose the name of any such servant, clerk, attorney, or employé, or any fact whatever concerning him or her, or concerning the means or sources by or from which any information so possessed or communicated was obtained.

3. The said DUN, WIMAN & Co. are hereby requested to place in our keeping, for our exclusive use, a printed copy of a Reference Book, containing ratings or markings of estimated capital and relative credit standing of such business men, in such States as may be agreed upon, prepared by them

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