

As to your remarks about our not being allowed to enter into arrangements with other parties, for sending preferential despatches, the committee hardly understand them. You yourself, personally, and also on behalf of Mr. Craig, make ~~this~~ a proposition for transmission of such preferential despatches. Such preference has been given to the New York Associated Press for years. It was given by the Government of Nova Scotia, when it owned the lines, and was continued by the company on its assumption of the rights and liabilities of the government. It seems strange that you should now hint at contesting the legality of proceedings which you and your friends have participated in for a great length of time, which you yourself and Mr. Craig have offered to renew, and the principal objection to which, therefore, seems to be, that they are to be enjoyed by others.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

W. H. WISWELL, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, April 18th, 1859.

LETTER FROM D. H. CRAIG TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE N. S. ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY, HALIFAX.

Sir: This note will be handed to you by Mr. John Hunter, who has to-day been appointed our Agent and Correspondent at Halifax, from and after the first of May next.

Mr. Hunter has full authority to act for us in relation to all telegraph and other news business, and we trust that you, your officers and employees will extend to Mr. Hunter such facilities and courtesies as are usual and proper to the patrons of your lines.

As your Company has seen fit to dissolve and put an end to all special arrangements with us, from and after the first of May, we cheerfully acquiesce in your decision, and have made such arrangements as will enable us to compete, we trust successfully, with the public in the delivery of the European News at your office. Presuming that the rule will be, "first come, first served," we have no right to ask anything more, and of course you will not expect us to submit to anything less?

Very respectfully, &c

D. H. CRAIG,

Genl. Agt. N. Y. Assd. Press.

(Letter.)

HALIFAX, 2nd May, 1859.

W. H. WISWELL TO D. H. CRAIG.

Sir: A letter from you to the President of the Nova Scotia Company, dated 18th inst., has been laid before the Executive Committee by Mr. Hunter, together with some propositions from Mr. Hunter himself upon the subject referred to in that letter.

It is to be regretted that that communication or one similar in tone