

sary. But the intimate connection which, by your own statement, has subsisted between you and the Associated Press, seems to render the matter of notice a mere piece of ceremony. If you really were ignorant I regret it. A few words from you, in the tone of your telegram, instead of the dictatorial and defiant language of Mr. Craig and Mr. Hunter, might have changed the state of affairs. We cannot help thinking here that both the company and Mr. Craig thought we were at his mercy and should have to submit to his own terms, not believing that any one else would offer to take his place, nor seeming to understand that should such be the case we would far prefer honorable independence with poverty to dishonorable submission at any price. The history of your own country, of which you are so justly proud, might have suggested to you that we might possibly choose the former.

A word in conclusion as to the Newfoundland Company, of which you are also President; I am not about to enter into a long story, but I will simply say that the manner in which your agent here endeavored to obtain an exclusive charter from our Legislature for the Atlantic telegraph—in violation of our rights—did not tend to produce a very warm feeling of friendship. We were not consulted; our existence was ignored, until it was found that our co-operation was necessary. We maintained our principles and our independence, and, as regards the correctness of the first, I should like to see laid upon the table of our Legislature, now when matters are better understood, such a bill as your agent endeavored to obtain in 1857,—or rather I should be curious to see how long it would remain there. I do not think our company would trouble themselves to ask what had become of it.

Considering all these matters, I am not surprised, although I regret, that a rupture has occurred. We cannot consider ourselves as to blame. I repeat that we should always have been willing to continue the arrangement of 1853, and have given the Associated Press of N. York the preference over all others; but we must now lay the blame of disturbance upon others, and, when reason requires, we shall ask the public fearlessly to decide between us.

(Then follows a paragraph not bearing on this question.)

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
JAS. C. COGSWELL.

[Enclosures referred to in above Letter.]

(1.)

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. S. TELEGRAPH CO., TO D. H. CRAIG, DATED NOV. 16, 1853.

I am instructed by the Executive Committee to give notice that upon the close of the current year, they cannot continue to send the steamer's despatch to the Associated Press upon the terms on which it is now sent. This preferential despatch monopolizes the trunk line of the Company usually about half a day, thus wholly excluding, during

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