

portant to the interests of both ourselves and the public. The revenues of our respective lines, at best, are so meagre, that neither of us can afford to subject our companies to any unnecessary collision, resulting, as they always must, in more or less loss. In such controversies no benefit, in any event, can result to either company; nor can either of us, as the managers of this important means of communication, dedicated to the public use, justify ourselves to that public for these needless annoyances. On receipt of this let us hear from you.

Very respectfully yours,

H. O. ALDEN, *Vice-President.*

P. S.—This letter will be telegraphed you from Boston and then sent by Favor's Express. It is from New York.

(Copy of a Circular of D. H. Craig.)

OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS,

New York, May 10, 1859.

To the AGENT of the Ass. Press.

Dear Sir,—I do not think it at all necessary to make any public reply to the scandalous falsehoods of Johnson & Zabriski, and of their half dozen beggarly newspaper backers, who have been excluded from our news arrangements because of their inability to pay their weekly telegraph bills; but I comply with your request for a brief statement of our present troubles with the Nova Scotia telegraph managers.

The line to Halifax was built some ten years ago, for the special accommodation of the Associated Press of this city, as is evidenced by the fact, that, before the contractors would proceed to build the line, they exacted from the Association here a pledge that they would use the line for at least three thousand words on the arrival of every new regular steamer at Halifax. The rates agreed upon for us to pay to the Nova Scotia line from Halifax to Sackville (about one hundred and thirty miles), were about double the rates charged to the public, their proportion of the whole tolls amounting to seventy-five dollars for each dispatch. Thus, the only peculiarity of our arrangement with the Nova Scotia line was, we paid them about double the rates which they charged to the public, and we had a right to occupy the wires continuously from the moment our report reached the telegraph office until it was all sent through to this city. But, if other parties got their reports into the office in season to get them off before ours arrived, the line was at liberty to send them; and this actually happened on two occasions during the past ten years.

After the lines and the Associated Press had worked harmoniously together for two or three years, the present Nova Scotia Company bought up the lines in that province, and, although their charter expressly prohibited them from raising the rates of tariff previously established, they disregarded the law of their organization, and violated their agree-