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To CYRUS W. FIELD, St. Johns.

Thanks for your kind message. All well and desire to thank you for your kindness to them. Sixteen yards vulcanized rubber cord, quarter of an inch diameter, required.

Not a second shall be lost in sending Queen's message.

Wish you a pleasant voyage.

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Left St. Johns, in United States steam frigate Niagara, at 4 30 P. M., for New York.

Her Majesty's steamer Porcupine, Capt. Otter, leaving at the same time for Plymouth, England. Weather pleasant; light S. W. wind.

THURSDAY, August 12.—On our way to New York. Thick weather; smooth sea; wind S. W.

FRIDAY, Aug. 13.—Thick weather in the forenoon; pleasant in the afternoon, with very light S. wind.

SATURDAY, August 14.—Calm; beautiful warm weather.

SUNDAY, August 15.—Thick and rainy in the morning; clear at noon, with light S. W. wind. Were at noon much surprised to hear that the chief engineer of the Niagara had just informed Captain Hudson that he had not coal enough left to take the ship to New York.

Fires were allowed to gradually go down, and proceed slowly under sail. The coal purchased at St. Johns turned out to be very poor for steam purposes, and has burned away much faster than was expected. At 5 P. M., more than 350 miles from New York, took on board from pilot boat No. 5, a New York pilot.

MONDAY, August 16.—Light head wind; thick weather; sailing very slowly, not more than two knots per hour, until 4½ P. M., when fires were lighted, and proceeded under easy steam towards New York.

TUESDAY, August 17.—Light west wind and very foggy in the morning; clear and pleasant in the afternoon, with wind from S. W. and S.

WEDNESDAY, August 18.—Passed Fire Island Light at 2 A. M.; made Sandy Hook light at 4, and at about 6 chartered tugboat Achilles to take me to New York, where I arrived a little before 9 A. M.

The Niagara will cross the bar at high tide this afternoon, and arrive opposite the city at about 5 P. M. There is great rejoicing all over the country at the successful laying of the Atlantic cable.

One end of the Atlantic cable was landed from the Niagara on the Irish shore, August 5, 1857, and the other on the American side, August 5, 1858, from the same vessel.

The heavy shore end laid last year from Valentia still remains, and the main cable is to be spliced on to it, so that both ends have been landed from the Niagara.

The cable now laid in Trinity Bay is the same as was submerged last year, from the shore end of the Irish coast, and since recovered. The telegraph fleet sailed from Plymouth on the experimental trip May 29; the cable broke at the stern of the Agamemnon on the 29th of June, and the last splice was made on the 29th of July. The Atlantic Telegraph Company failed to lay their cable in August, 1857, and again in the second effort, June, 1858, but succeeded in the third attempt.

Sailed from Queenstown July 17, and would undoubtedly have arrived at New York yesterday (August 17), provided we had had on board a supply of coal.

Will you please to send me by mail a copy of the log of the Agamemnon from the time the splice was made until she arrived at Valentia, with the engineers' and electricians' reports of the laying of the cable from that ship?