

CANADA.

which must be done by British subjects only, and 10 per cent. of the subscriptions must be paid in cash at the time of subscribing. We have the right of subscribing nine-seventeenths (9-17) at present, and of taking up whatever the other party may not subscribe at the end of one month. I have arranged in the meantime that if you will send a certificate of the equivalent of \$1,000,000 gold having been placed by Jay Cooke and Co. to the credit of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Montreal, in their own Bank in New York, it will accept the cheques for the subscription, but no money will pass till the contract is entered into, and then 10 per cent. on the amount of stock awarded us will have to be paid in to the Receiver-General. Be pleased, therefore, to send me, as early as possible, powers of attorney to subscribe the stock and Jay Cooke and Co.'s certificate above mentioned. I have had several letters from England offering to take the whole thing up if we desire to part with it, but it looks to me to be too good to part with readily. If you desire any further information I will go to New York next week, if you desire it, and communicate with you personally. Please telegraph if you wish to see me, and the day. As you may suppose, the matter has not reached this point without great expense, a large portion of it only payable when the contract is obtained, but I think it will reach not much short of \$300,000.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) HUGH ALLAN.

I presume you desire that unless we can obtain and secure a majority of the stock you could not take any, but on this point I wish to be instructed.

H. A.

G. W. Cass, Esq., Liberty Street, New York.

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MY DEAR SIR HUGH,

Pictou, Nov. 6, 1872.

Since the receipt of your letter, the contents of which surprised me considerably, following so soon after our conversation at Montreal, and in view of the fact that the Government seem so much at sixes and sevens about the whole matter, I have of course communicated the substance of it to my friends. They are anxious to know whether such a decision will be arrived at, after the various pledges made, as will debar our Association from participation in the construction of the Railway. Whatever skirmishing may be done by way of talk, they can hardly have an idea that you will prove recreant