

such a thing occur again, we shall immediately cut off all connection of every kind at Sackville, and it was a great piece of forbearance that we did not take that step yesterday.

JAS. C. COGSWELL, *Pres. N. S. Co.*

(Tel.)

NEW YORK, May 7, 1859.

P. COOPER, PREST. AM. TEL. CO.,
TO PREST. N. S. TEL. CO.

Your message received. Please send us a statement of all the facts by mail.

And oblige, yours truly,

PETER COOPER, *Pres.*

HALIFAX, May 10, 1859.

LETTER FROM J. C. COGSWELL TO PETER COOPER, Esq., Prest. Am. and N. F. Company.

SIR,—In accordance with the request in your telegram of the 7th I have to make the following remarks:

The original agreement with the Associated Press was made in 1850 by the Government of Nova Scotia, and under it the Press contracted to send over our wires 3000 words on the arrival of each regular mail steamer for the sum of \$75. The Government lines passed into the hands of the Company, and, in November, 1853, notice was given to the Associated Press that the price of news would be raised. After some negotiation and some complaint on the part of the Press the terms were agreed upon. In the letter from the Associated Press consenting to pay the \$150, one special proposition, made by themselves, was, that six months' notice of termination should be given.

All went on well enough till in July, 1858, the Cunard steamship *Europa* passed Newfoundland, and news received there by her was sent to New York. On the arrival of the *Europa* at Halifax, soon after, the Press agent refused to send the usual 3000 words on the ground that it had lost its value. The same thing has occurred twice or thrice, since, —the Press refusing to pay—our Company claiming the full amount.

We conceive ourselves justified in so claiming on the simple ground that, by its agreement, the Press contracted to send 3000 words upon the arrival of the Cunard steamers, and under that contract we have always faithfully held our wires at their disposal. We have refused large offers for preferential messages, holding ourselves bound to Mr. Craig. We had nothing to do with anything outside the agreement. Immediately that either party found it expedient so to act, notice of termination could be given. You will observe that according to Mr. Craig's statement in his affidavit, made at Boston, dated at New York 14th of

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