

1888, August 4

Stephen to Hill

Re proxies for self, Sterling, and Donald Smith.

"I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to Mr. Minot today, that you may know exactly what has taken place." Re the "common enemy" [Nor. Pac. Rd.]. "Harris & Wright both said enough to him [in regard to this iniquitous deal of Greenway' with them] to show that they consider the CPR responsible for your action in going into Montana at least they both pretended to believe the St. P. M & M and the CPR were practically one concern... that is their pretension. I wish you & Van Horne could get together as soon as possible [to deal]... with our common enemy ...

you see, Mr Greenway backed by the Winnipeg scoundrels lump you & us into one & propose dealing with us as their common enemy. This is the reward we (you & I) get for first giving them their first railway connection with the outside world & next for what the CPR has done to make them a country. It is disgusting to be treated in this way by the very people we have made. But it seems to be the way of the world. I am thoroughly disgusted with the whole business & for the thousandth time bitterly repent that I ever had anything to do with them or their country."

General Correspondence by Date