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We beg to enclose herein the sum of
which we hope will reach you safely & in good order. We were not
a little surprised at the severity of your Remarks in your re-
sponse of 1st Inst. — My looking at our letter which contained
the complaint & Enquiry, you will see that it reduces the matter
to 2 simple Questions — namely — Under what Laws are we charged
Duties on Goods from Montreal by Rail. — and, how does it
happen that sometimes we are almost free of Charges,
and at other times subjected to Duties and other Charges
to the extent of 50 or 100 per cent on price? You have
not thought proper to gratify us with a reply to either of
these Questions, but in place thereof we have an Exhibition
of anger, which we think, under the circumstances was
very uncalled for, The upshot of the matter seems to be,
that in future we must route all our population from
Canada by the River, and this we have resolved to do.

We have never objected to pay a fair Com^o to any one
taking trouble for us with Goods, on the contrary we
have always felt & expressed our gratitude besides
payment, but, then, as a matter of fairness between

main, & main, we look for a pair Bill of Charges,
that is, Charging Every thing under its proper name.

We are under the Impression, that you had no
right to introduce the Word Duties into our Bill of
Charges, and we will of course rescind so, till you
convince us that such Goods were legally Subject to
to pay Duties. As it is not likely that we will
Subject you to such trouble again, we had better
let the matter drop, and we are sorry indeed for
the trouble we have given you;

we are yours &c

J. Dawson & Co

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S. G. H. H. H.
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