

To give us the assistance of a national vessel in aid of the enterprise ✓

Russia is perfectly wedded to this overland plan for an Intercontinental Tel. and feels that she should have the hearty co-operation of the U.S.

Negotiations are now pending at Peking for the prolongations of the Russian line from Kyackin via Peking to the Sea Coast of China; a Russian engineer officer in the service of the Imp. Rus. Tel. Dept. now in Peking has put up a short line for inspection of the Chinese Authorities; the Prince Regent Khun has witnessed its operation and negotiations to extend the telegraph promise success.

In an audience with the Emperor of Rus. last winter His Imp. M. said that the Overland Telegraph to America had his best wishes and he trusted it would be a success.



With every sentiment of  
respect & consideration

I have the honor to be

Yours ob<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Perry McCalline

To His Excellency

Andrew Johnson

President of the

United States of America

Washington

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