

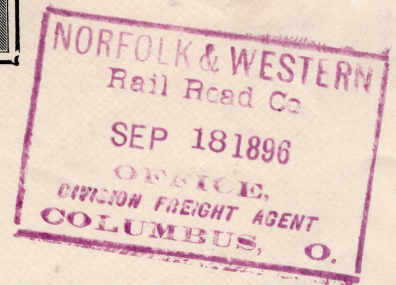
# ERIE DESPATCH.

Great Western Despatch Division.

South Shore Line Division.

Erie & Pacific Despatch Division.

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER,



CLEVELAND, O., September 17, 1896

File 425 C.P.& V.percents,via Weehawken.

Mr.J.R.Ruffin,

D.F.A.,N.& W.R'y ,

Columbus,Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your favor of the 1st and 5th inst.,suggesting that we hold in abeyance for the present,C.P.& V. *P*ercents with the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R.,via Columbus and Marion,would advise that the percents submitted to you are the most favorable basis we can offer so far as the N.Y.N.H.&H road is concerned,as the Erie people say that they cannot afford to allow a mileage below the actual distance in order to make the proposition acceptable to your company and unless you can see your way clear to accept them,based on 100 miles for the CN.& W.road, we will be obliged to drop the matter. Kindly let me hear further from you upon the subject.

Yours truly,

*Albert S. White*  
General Manager.

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