

Castlemaine 20/4/74
Victoria
Australia

Dear Sir -

I have read with
much pleasure and profit, your
very interesting articles on the
Elementary Principles of Electric
Measurement, published in
the January Nos of the New
York Telegrapher. I am
somewhat conversant with
the definitions of technical terms
made use of by most writers on
on the Science of Electricity & Telegraphy
but, to my mind, none of them
convey, so clearly, the meaning
of the terms electro-motive force
resistance, quantity & current
as do the articles above alluded to,

I purpose preparing an elementary work, suitable for Students and operators in the Australian Colonies, and would deem it a great favor if you would allow me to make such extracts from these articles, as would be suitable for such a work.

I may state, that I ~~have~~ have had over 20 years Telegraphic experience, and was, years ago, (1857 & 8) one of A. G. Davis boys on the G. T. R. R. Canada. I have been in Victoria 15 years.

The fourth edition of your "Modern Practice" is in the hands of several of our advanced Operators. I value it very much. I have commissioned

an Agent in Melbourne to
procure for me a copy of
the 7th edition of your work
I see by advertisement that
it contains 40 pages of
New matter -- The Telegraph
Management of the Australian
Colonies is entirely in the
hands of the Government --
Each Colony charges 1/- only
for 10 words from one station
to another if not outside its
boundary -- From this town 10
words can be sent via Melbourne
to the most Northern Station in
Queensland a distance of nearly
2000 Miles for 3/- These rates
I think are the lowest of
any in the world -- Another
Cable is in contemplation
between Java & Formantown

in the Gulf of Carpentaria
This will divide the business
from Europe, taking half
over the Queensland lines,
thro N.S. Wales.

A proposition is before
the governments of New
Zealand & N.S. Wales
for a cable from N.S.W.
to New Zealand a distance
of 1400 miles.

I must apologise for
troubling you, but I
see your name so often
in connection with the
proposition that I almost
look upon you as ^{one} I
have known.

I remain
Yours respectfully
Thomas Gillin
Manager & T.
Castlemaine.

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New York