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Dear Frank

Your letter of Saturday was read yesterday P.M. I suppose that my letter of Saturday evening draft, and check reached Hamilton yesterday and perhaps could be forwarded to you at Windsor in time to overtake you. I sent them as soon as I could after getting your second letter.

As the boxes were done it seems to me, it would have been better to have hired a Carpenter and let them up before you left as the RR. men could do it. Haven't you could probably judge best about it. There's nothing new here since I wrote you on Saturday except that your mother sent over a letter from Ladd, West Elec. Car. & Maintenance Co. of San Francisco to you in reply to your letter to Field, and that we have heard from Robinson. Ladd writes that there is but one customer for RR<sup>s</sup> signals on the Pacific Coast, the C. P. RR. Co. that if we will send them a set of signals they will pay transportation on them out, and back, if they are not sold, will put them up on C. P. RR. and if they will adopt them, if we will give them the exclusive right of manufacturing and selling se. for Californian, Oregon etc. they will sell them at same price in gold we do in greenback and pay us ten per cent royalty.

I have not replied to this as yet and don't know exactly what to say. Ten per cent. seems to me a pretty small royalty on a thing that can be manufactured so cheaply, and which has cost us so much time and money to develop.

I have copied Robinson's Seried and send it to you. I presume it's all back except the local Circuit's claim. Would like you to sit down and criticize it known and send us your ideas on it. Grep he means to see us in the local Ckt. We should get in the application for a review as soon as it can be done. I've been up to see Livingston twice today about it, but didn't catch him either time. Shall try him again in the morning.

The stuff from the L.V. R.R. has arrived and is up in Centre Street. We haven't done anything about renewing negotiations with Goodwin yet, but I'll get up a letter for Hendrickson to send him tomorrow. Presume that Robinson will send a notice on the L.V. & C. & N.W.R.R. similar to the one he has sent us. It may interfere with you on the C. & N.W. but you can tell them that we propose to defend any suits that may be brought against any party on our signals. There's nothing else of interest. I'm pretty hard up for copies for the telegraph but shall get

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through all night. I have fixed up another Swinton for our beloved friend Prescott for this week. The Quadruplex has disappeared from Prescott's quarters, and they are now experimenting with Wheatstones Automatic.

Mary is awful tight with me this week and business very dull as usual. It just makes very difference whether I sell anything or not however as I can't get any pay for what I do sell.

Will write you again in a day or two. Remember me to Philip, Harkins, Dr. Hill, and any other good friends you may see. Also to stage and my Wm. friends.

Yours  
J. N. Ashley

P.S. I wish you an order on Philip Co. Get all the money you can out of them—