Friend Ashley,

Your of the 5th read today. I write you Sunday also yesterday. I am not well I presume at Mr. Lincoln putting tired as I think he has the patience of Job. I hope he will be rewarded and as for myself it can’t be my fault if be ain’t. There is no one talking what has passed. We have been shipping about too much and my ideas have changed about the introduction of Signals or as to manner of introducing them.

It’s all too well to sit of Circuses Models te but it don’t pay in the Signal business after it is
Now we must show the practical working of it, as there are men that don't understand electricity. My bill and its too mysterious a dash. I think so far I am right and all the big heads say you are doing right in the manner I'm going ahead so we can understand.

Now today I had a Rock Island check up who is illustrious and then up for Mr. Swift. Sufficient telephones on that mode and his band will go some.

Today a gentleman met me and (say he) I met Mr. T. Tucker here Suff-Ill Central yesterday in his strong office in course of conversation the Bell was brought up—and Mr. Tucker said it was a splendid thing and what is wanted and that was a question I tell you. Before all the roads would adopt these I can rely on what he said—I merely mention this to show you how things are working.

Now as regards the putting up of the Signal I wrote you sometime ago how I wanted to put it up. It was to be put up in connection with the lines already in use or in the same circuit of the Bell telegraph.
How it would work. As I wrote before I had the small steam fire pump working and has been, and by using it I made some discoveries I could not without and as it worked so well I let it remain in. And the discovery of putting up a large iron was made by Mr. Mitchell the old agent, and of the S.C. who I made the arrangement with. As to the cost there will be nothing of any account. More than my time. Which and or assist amount to much. Only I have the privilege of bringing now and then like all other being and I thought it wouldn't be access of.
If I suggested it-but would not put yours opinion yet-you are aware that Bliss & Co have 3 or 4 sign
of one or hand and at last-accents they had not disposed
of them. I need not send any
more now yet. The expense
of doing this up will money by
my board &c. and they etc.
amount to much. The St. Louis
trip rather sent up expenses are
somewhat, but I have not seen it
high yet and I hope as you say
we will get some contracts soon
this but should matter to have them
start here first. Now you need not
think I am mad and its just
what I want to hear from you. The
track circuit I have not mentioned
as they would not like me to do anything
then "R" has laid claim in and
I have so far kept clear and the
how business is alright as I have
not anything serious and can beat-
Hall or Rossow out and out and
it will answer my purpose in showing
the signal.
I have not seen "Tracks"
letter yet. Suffer it will be here
soon now. I recollect now what I
asked for that all right-very well
Wanted to know what plans we had the way the Bell looked now. I understand O'Farrell left for my last night to see Filston. So you will likely see him here next to hear story is getting three signals in operation as I see some very nice scenery yesterday we are going on the Erie road, and I told them about there. I hope you will have good luck in getting a settlement with there, we are afraid there are a hard lot.

Hope you will finish that. Warr. Case soon and think there will be much profit in it-to either party, like all other cases.
The weather here is quite warm, has been shining all day. The ice is gone from the lakes.

Mr. Hole is all right he thinks we should have the Seinas introduce more before we can fit it in a go.

I understand Bliss & Co. will be Bliss & Co. until they disperse of the old stock and gradually throw his business into the U.K. if he can. So if Mr. Potter just hands up he can do something, but it will tell you all about it. (He has put wealthy on it) He just started him right up so thankfully & T. will do him some good. Will write again in a few days. Regards to all. I only wish Bank was here can't put up some patent away now so he can stay or have a rec. W.H. I understand that Quadruplex is rather a scold its only Triflex, and has not under a very long. Your love etc.

Edison got beat, and Prescott is sick. At no wonder. Then Mr. Todd thinks he would rather give it up if we would. He is a strange case. That's a polite way of asking us to just let him have just ask him if he doesn't want buy us out or make arrangement. Really well (cursive)

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