

Letter of Antonio Meucci.
-Clifton Station Island
January 19/72

G. D. Stetson Esq.

Dear Sir: Your favor dated the 12th inst. is at hand allow me to thank you for your kindness, and encouragement to me so I may be successful in my new enterprise. But now I am to tell you the cause why I am not at liberty to proceed with my experiments as you recommend me to do. The cause is this! on the 12th of December last for the insinuation of some of friends that I know or I have been acquainted for several years, they all know that I had the intention or knew that I had some future day and where to form a Company for the purpose of carried on the my invention and so we had formed a Company of four persons without me as one of the above said fourth the three besides me were to pay for all the expenses and I am bound to make all the experiments as they ask me until we get to successful end. But here is within a few days, two of the parties I can't say for what cause for not having enough money perhaps or for some reason unknown to me are

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willing to withdraw from the contract, there for there would be but one. I now ask you if you perhaps with your influence and acquaintance about the City if you would try to find some gentlemen acquaintance in Telegraphic business and having some means to you in and replace the other two, in this way it would facilitate me very much in my experiments for having some interesting parties connected that are already acquainted in Telegraphic business. I am sure if you wish to take a part in it you can cooperate for me as much as any two men in the City together. I am sure Mr Stetson that I must thank you for your kindness that you have shown me since I am your acquaintance, and I am almost sure that you will do for me as much as ever, if this should meet your approval I will remit to you the condition of our contract and at the same time all the plans that I have in my possession to-day if it should meet your approbation. over

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Believe me sir your
Very Respectfully Yours.
Antonio Meucci.