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To Samuel and Nancy
Edison

11/12/70
Dear Father & Mother
Newark N.J. Oct 30 - 1870

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you last letter that you had a good chance to buy a good peice
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write me describing it, and why you think it valuable.
I can send you the money for it. How is mother getting along
you wrote the last time she was getting along nicely &
I am in a position now to let you have some Cash,
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1. Newark Telegraph Works.
2. American Telegraph Works.
3. Carrie Buchanan, whom Edison later called "my old flame when a boy." See Chapter 1 introduction, n. 12.