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From Grosvenor  
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LS, NjWOE, DF (*TAEM* 18:10). Letterhead of Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law. "New York," and "187" preprinted.

1. On 30 September, Lowrey telegraphed Edison, "I must have misunderstood you as to the day of meeting here Is it tomorrow I have some good news for you." They apparently did meet with Tracy Edson later that day (see Docs. 1465 and 1467). Preparatory to the proposed meeting with Edson, Lowrey had arranged to meet with Edison on 24 September, but on that day he was telegraphed by Stockton Griffin, "Edison was up all night went to bed at ten oclock think he forgot engagement with you." Two days later, Lowrey again sought a meeting with Edison who telegraphed in reply, "If I come to New York I lose the day—time valuable on light please come out." Francis Jordan to TAE, 24 Sept. 1878; Lowrey to TAE, 24, 26, and 30 Sept. 1878; Griffin to Mary Edison, 24 Sept. 1878; Griffin to Lowrey, 24 Sept. 1878; TAE to Lowrey, 26 Sept. 1878; all DF (*TAEM* 18:4-6, 8-9, 11).

2. It is unclear if the other party was James Banker, who had joined with Edson in his efforts to gain an interest in Edison's work on electric lighting; Hamilton Twombly, who was apparently negotiating separately; or the Mr. Billings mentioned in Lowrey's letters to Edison of 1 and 2 October (Docs. 1465 and 1467).