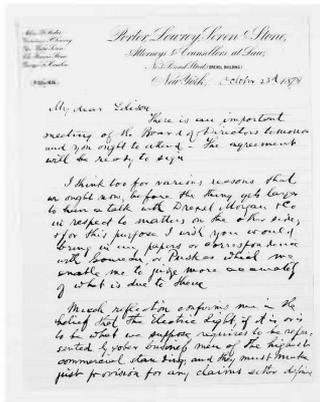


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From Grosvenor
Lowrey



New York, October 23d 1878^a

My dear Edison

There is an important meeting of the Board of Directors to-morrow and you ought to attend— The agreement will be ready to sign¹

I think too for various reasons that we ought now, before the thing gets larger to have a talk with Drexel Morgan & Co in respect to matters on the other side; & for this purpose I wish you would bring in any papers or correspondence with Goureau or Puskas which wd enable me to judge more accurately of what is due to them

Much reflection confirms me in the belief that the Electric Light, if it is or is to be what we suppose, requires to be represented by sober business men of the highest commercial standing; and they must make just provision for any claims either defined or undefined,—legal, or moral only, which Mr Puskas or others may assert— The dignity, & importance of the invention to the world, demand that it shall be introduced by men possessing a comparative strength & power in the financial world—

But these men too are to be dealt with carefully; & if you could stay down to-morrow evening, I also would stay in town & we would have a clear talk with Mr Fabbri

The applications come pouring in— I have to-day an urgent application from Wheeler & Wilson² to put the thing at once in their great factory at Bridgeport.

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How would this suit you for an experiment. It is eleven hundred feet long, & has no light at present because of the risk from fire Yr Trly

G. P. Lowrey

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1. The meeting was adjourned to 31 October and twice more before the agreement was signed on 15 November (Doc. 1576). Edison Electric Light Co. to TAE, 31 Oct., 6, 13, and 15 Nov. 1878, DF (*TAEM* 18:54, 60, 68, 70).

2. The sewing machine firm founded by Nathaniel Wheeler and Allen Wilson. *DAB*, s.vv. "Wheeler, Nathaniel" and "Wilson, Allen Benjamin."