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London.

My dear Fitzgerald,

I am not quite clear whether your type-setter is for setting type that can be used for any other purpose afterwards, for printing a newspaper for example, or whether you mean a machine for printing a telegraph message such as Hughes, House, and others have devised. Many forms of instruments of the latter class you will find described in Prescott's Electricity, new edition. I take the liberty of sending you a paper bearing on such machines in the discussion on which you will find I said something.

As regards machines of the former class, that is for setting up, electrically from a distance, type that can be used for any subsequent object, I may mention that I am at present in negotiation with Colonel Bolton to complete for him such a machine he having suggested the method he proposes to use; but I do not at first sight see that this need ~~not~~ prevent my working yours, since if

yours; seems good we might work it conjointly with his, obtaining a joint patent. The specification for his I have in my hands, I mean the draft of the proposed specification for his patent which he asked my opinion professionally on .

The fact of Colonel Bolton's putting his unpatented patent entirely in my hands will answer your question about leaving you in the lurch under similar circumstances.

If you liked, assuming your ~~patent~~ plan was a good one I could easily arrange with the firm of Latimer Clark, Muirhead and Co. (where my laboratory is) to take all the expenses of patenting the invention on condition that they had the sole right of manufacture, giving you for each instrument a royalty.

Finally whether your plans are good or bad I shall receive them with much pleasure, and without the very smallest feelings of bother.

With kindest regards

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Believe me to remain

Very truly yours

W. E. Ayrton

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