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Dear Barnard

You see I am in high living — Mr Henry Hudson & myself are at present representing the interests of the City of Hartford in the Hartford & Worcester project — before the Hon Common wealth of Massachusetts — We have this morning had a hearing before a joint Committee of both Houses — Col Fessenden Engr of the Worcester & Springfield road & myself have been examined — I think I rather worsted him — He is from West Point — and made rather a ~~great~~ display of his science — but got evidently completely in the fog on two or three points — The committee were plain men of good common sense & judgment & wished such a story told, as they could understand — I think I fitted them to a T — You will think this vain in me to say so, but you know my tongue is as long as a string as the man said when he wished particularly to define a particular length — The result was that one of the Directors of the Springfield & Worcester Road after the examination was over applied to me to know if I would take the charge of the business

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of their Rail Road - I said they were anxious to get some other person there Yesterday - I declined - My reasons are that I believe that that road will never be made, - and I am engaged for the present on the Hartford & New Haven Road - I find by the by that you have been pulling in another word for me among the Hartford folks - When shall I be able to pay you in kind for these evidences of good feeling?

I hope some time or other - - I have the two young men whom I mentioned to you on the Whiskey punch occasion for my assistants - They are now protracting the plans & profile of their operations in Hartford - I shall take them out again after I return and complete the examination of the Massachusetts part & then comes the Report, and not through A. C. Twining Engineer, but Via L. O. Reynolds - (the shortest route) - I shall then probably have to come to this place again to tie the whole

truth & nothing but the truth about that matter —

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— Then comes the surveys of the line from the boundary of Massachusetts to Hartford which I shall take my time for —

Brining Estimates the graduation of the Hartford & New Haven R R — at about 340.000 $ — One of his principal assistants informing me that the Estimates which they have lately made from a location — with a liberal allowance for all things — amount for the same ~~line~~ route to only 175.000 $ — !!!

I am running on in such a scrawling and unintelligible manner that I am afraid you will think I am Corned — Not so — it is only 12 o'clock M — I am only in a hurry — We shall leave here tomorrow for Hartford — — do write me at East Hartford — and let me know if you have been properly punished for that breach of the peace you told me about —

Yours truly

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Recd Feb 8 —

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