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Brooklyn Aug 9th 1858

My dear Father

I rec^d. your letter Saturday night. A few minutes after I got your letter. Mr E. D. Bryant dropped in and I gave him your note. He said it would be all right if they did not burn down before that. I gave Mr Carly's note to Mr Day. Friday afternoon Mr N. Wright stopped in here and told me that some men were building three houses on the E. S. of Hudson Ave commencing about 23 feet N. of the cor of High St., and that he had mortgages on the buildings and that if I went down there I might perhaps get it so I took some circulars down there and showed to them and told them what Mr Wright said. ~~so that~~ I also looked at the buildings, they are almost done there are brick coped tin roof nothing hazardous around them, and to be occupied as dwellings & stores for hazardous occupation. I told them I would write a policy on them for \$500 that being the regular rates. The result was that on Saturday morning I got the policy for \$4500. (\$1500 on each) premium \$20.25 I gave them B. risk for 15 days without charge & then you can fix it for more when you come down. Mr Matthews wants some insurance just as soon as you come down & E. Harvey wants some additional.

Mr Mc Clelland was over for his rent but I had just deposited it so that I could not give it to him. Uncle Julius however has given me a check for the amount which I suppose he will call for to day. He wants it pretty badly as he is going into the country to day. C. F. Francis has had his renewed \$2.00. Gave that notice to Mr Armstrong who said he would attend to it. Mr Nassau says that they had to send to the foundry for some part of it & therefore it put him behind but it will certainly be done to day. Uncle Julius says you need not come down on Tuesday for Mr Armstrong has moved out this morning. The Atlantic Telegraph Cable has been laid and signals are now being received from the Telegraph House at Valencia. On Saturday night the Merchants Bank Building was all lit up also the Shakespeare Hotel also the Telegraph Office the Post Office the Nassau Fire Insurance Building Mr Matthews house also Dr Cochran & the one next door also Halsey's Buildings Sky rockets, Roman candles, Blue lights & fire works of all kinds were fired off in front of the Post Office & in front of our office in honor of this.

In each of the store windows in Halsey's Buildings there were 96 lights & so all through. It was a very fine affair. All well. How are all the folks up there?

from your affectionate son
John B. Davenport

There are also 2 letters for you in this mail from Hartford. I received them this morning.

Very Sincerely
D. Smith worth 4.00
5.00
NB

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