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Transcription of the Westinghouse Envelope and Letter¹:

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My Dear Son

Your letters of 23 & 25th last was rec'd on Thursday last, both were very welcome letters. We had one from John on Monday dated at Havanna 29th, he is well. I am pleased to hear that you have sent in your resignation, as I think it will be much better for you to be home. I hope you will continue to retain good health as that is the greatest blessing that can attend any one. John has not said any thing about resigning so I do not know whether he will or not. If he don't they will discharge him unless he shall get some strong recommend to remain. If he wanted to follow the business it would be better for him to remain in the Gov't service than to go in the Merchant service.

We are having some demand for our machines and keep to work about as usual. I have hopes that we shall come out better at the end of this year than we have for the past two years but we can't tell yet.

Jay and [Brant?] has gone to Port Jervis and will be back tomorrow or next day. Your mother is feeling rather better than when I last wrote.

Write often as we always like to hear from you.

I wrote to you when I last wrote that your patent was ordered to issue when the balance of the Gov't fee was paid: \$20.

Yours Truly

G. Westinghouse

¹ There are a number of spelling and grammatical errors in the letter, along with inconsistent punctuation. In the transcription, National Museum of American History Associate Curator, Hal Wallace, corrected the punctuation but left the rest of the text as it appears in the letter.