

Washington May 31. 1844 -

Dear Sidney,

You will see by the Paper, how great success has attended the first efforts of the Telegraph. That sentence of Annie Ellsworth's was divinely indited, for it is in my thoughts day and night, "What hath God wrought." It is his work, and he alone could have carried me thus far through all my trials, and enabled me to triumph over the obstacles physical and moral which opposed me; "Not unto us, not unto us, but to thy name O Lord be all the praise." — I begin to fear now the effects of public favor, lest it should kindle that pride of heart and self-sufficiency, which dwells in my own, as well as ⁱⁿ other's breasts, and which, ^{alas!} is so ready ^{to} be inflamed by the slightest spark of praise. I do indeed feel gratified, ^{and it is right I should rejoice} but I rejoice with fear, and I desire that a sense of dependence, ^{upon} and increased obligation to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, may keep me humble, and circumspect. —

The Conventions at Baltimore happened most opportunely for the display of the powers of the Telegraph, especially as it was the medium of correspondence, ^{in one instance} between the ^{Democratic} Convention and the first candidate elect for the Vice Presidency. The enthusiasm of the

crowd before the window of the Telegraph Room
in the Capitol, was excited to the highest pitch, at
the announcement of the nomination of the Pres-
idential Candidate, and the whole of it afterwards
sumed turned upon the Telegraph. ~~afterwards~~ They
gave the Telegraph 3 cheers, and I was called to
make my appearance at the window, when three
cheers were given ^{to me} by some hundreds present, composed
^{mainly} of ~~many~~ members of Congress. - Such is the feeling in Con-
gress that many tell me, they are ready to grant any
thing. Even the most inveterate opposers, have changed
to admirers and one of them Hon. Cave Johnson, who rid-
iculed ^{my system} ~~it~~ last session by associating ~~my system~~ ^{it} with the ~~most~~
~~my~~ tricks of animal magnetism, came to me and said, "Sir
I give in, it is an astonishing invention." When I see all this,
and such enthusiasm every where manifested, and contrast
the present with the past season of darkness and almost
despair, have I not occasion to exclaim "What hath God wrought?"
Surely none but He who has all hearts in his hands, and
turns them as the rivers of water are turned, could so
have brought light out of darkness. Sorrow may con-
tinue for a night but joy cometh in the morning. -
Pray for me then, my dear brother, that I may have a
heart to praise the Great Deliverer, and in future
when discouraged or despairing be enabled to remember
His past mercy, and in full faith rest all my cares on
him who careth for us. -

private
M. S. still embarrasses the progress of the in-
vention, by his stubbornness, but there are indications
of giving way, mainly I fear because he sees his pecuniary
interest in doing so, and not from any sense of the gross
injury he has done me. I pray God for a right spirit
in dealing with him.

June 2^d.

Enclose a letter received a few days ago
from W. Fisk of Concord N.H. which please
see answered. It seems a little singular that W.
S. should select Charles & Finley, and leave out
Susan. Ask Susan if she recollects any offence
ever given to W.^r Livermore? She was a
singular woman in many respects, and
took offence at me at one time, which I
know not that she ever forgave, and which as Susan
will tell you was as causeless as any thing well could be.
But I hope she was prepared for a better world. She was
certainly a kind hearted and benevolent woman.

I have just received Susan's letter of the 30th. I am
glad to hear her health is improving. If she thinks best to
go down to Staten Island and be at the Wickhams I should
like it well enough. W. Wickham owes me \$20. and when
I was last in N. York spoke to me about it. Perhaps it would
be agreeable to him to pay me in this way, and Susan can
settle with me. Susan says she thinks my expectations were
not realized in regard to little Charley my grandson, and that it
made her sometimes sad; Tell her to dispel all such sadness, for

they were more than realized. She had led me to believe
he was not a handsome boy, whereas I think him a very
handsome child, and have boasted of him as such, but
I think more ~~in my own mind~~ disposition which is of most con-
sequence, and he appears to have a fine disposition.
— Tell her I would write, but she will see
that Congress has but a few days more of session, and I
must devote every moment to get my matter through in
season. — Love to all, to Richard's family and your

own. —

P.S. I wrote you, and gave you the first sentence
sent from Wash. to Balt. but see no notice
of it.
Sidney E. Morse, Esq.

Truly as ever y^r affo.
Brother Finley.

Sidney E. Morse, Esq.