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253 Hughson St
Hamilton 24th June /76

My very dear Uncle & Aunt
I duly received your
kind and welcome letter of
the 14th inst and I have been
long of replying to it, but I
am now able to give you a
satisfactory explanation.

The partner I had with me
when I started last has
declined to start again for
at least 12 months so I am
now intending to start alone
and I have succeeded in meet-
ing with a splendid offer.

to buy out a small business
which I am to pay cash for.

I am to have a small Engine
& boiler a small turning lathe,
a forge and bellows a punching
machine Emery wheels & buffs
shafting & pulleys and a large
quantity of stock in trade for
the sum of \$357. It is as good
a stand as there is in the city
and a long established business.

The man who is selling it to me
is going into the brokering business.

I have also bargained for
a screw cutting lathe which I
am to have for \$125 but I need
not pay the full amount for it
at present. I have agreed
to pay the \$337 and take pos-
=ession on the 1st of July, so if
you can favour me with the
loan of \$150 to meet this pay-
=ment by the 1st of July I will

be extremely obliged and I will return it as soon as I possibly can. I am in hope that the next letter I get from my dear Father will contain some money and if enough I will lessen my obligation with you. I do not think I will require you to be security for me with any of the Hardware Merchants, as I think I will have enough of stock to last for six months. My desire is to be as free of debt as possible. Hoping this will meet ^{with} your approval.

I conclude

with love to all

Your Affec^{ate} Nephew

George Mercer Bell

S. M. Bell
June 11

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