

LETTER 16

March 5th 1904

F. Hope-Jones Esq London.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th Jan to hand, also shipping notes etc of second lot of goods and memoranda on fitting dials to Mr Knox.

I received word from Mr Knox who as you know is in Hong Kong, that he intended going from there to the States & on to London so you may see him shortly after receiving this. He asked me to look after Queensland business till his return.

In your remarks to me I note with disappointment that the "Racing Time Recorders" and "Time Circuits for Steamers" are still only in the embryo stage, had I known this I would not have advertised them to likely clients. It seems to me it would be impossible here to obtain a time-measuring device to send out correctly even impulses 5 times a second, and I have neither the time nor money to commence experimenting on the subject, at the same time it would be useful to me to have the design of the setting back switch and sample of "Fly back" motion which could be useful for billiard marker or other purposes which we may be asked for at any time, such information would be no use if we had to wait six months to get an enquiry.

I notice in the invoices received there are no controlling pendulums, I hope these will not be further delayed, and cant understand your not enclosing them as it is now six months since the goods were ordered and we have been unable to do any business in the meantime, and our clients are tired of waiting and of our excuses for the delay. The expense has needlessly been increased to us by sending in three separate shipments, and to my mind without benefit.

The Wesleydale has just come to port and I can only hope the goods will come to hand in good condition. I note your remarks re the Turret Clock at Nottingham Station, using the large size movements four six feet dials, I cant quite understand what you mean by movements fixed to centre opal panel, without it is a centre glass behind the clear plate glass, fitted in frame work of dial and I should have thought a bar across would have been better. I understood in a former letter you did not advise such large sheet glass as 6 ft. it must be protected from falling in case of breakage, but if a success as you say it will facilitate the fitting of large dials. I would again ask you if you could spare time to either let us know the best place, or get them to send us the cost of wheels for Turret Clocks, it is impossible for us to get them here and we could cast the frame here, or import the whole whichever we thought necessary.

I am looking forward to doing large business here with the clocks if we can only get material to work on, for as yet neither myself nor the Coy here have done anything but spend money on the System.

Wishing you the success that we hope for ourselves.

I am yours etc

*Alf Geo Jackson*

