

# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

*Washington, D. C.,* October 22, 1890 *89* .

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,  
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

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If this press works satisfactorily you will immediately order two additional ones, to be paid for in the same manner.

Please order the press by telegraph and have it set up at once.

It is of the first importance that the minor coinage orders should be filled promptly. The complaint over the country is very general that they cannot get minor coins, and unless your mint is able to meet the demand I shall recommend to Congress that authority be given by law to coin minor coins in the other mints.

I am willing to provide you with the necessary machinery to strike the pieces, and with the necessary force to execute the

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