Memorial.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of the Magnetic Telegraph Company, and the New England Union Telegraph Company, by their Joint Committee duly authorized, respectfully represents:

That the Magnetic Telegraph Company, whose Line of Telegraph extends from Washington to New York, was the first Telegraph Company organized in the United States to give practical effect to Professor Morse's invention of the American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, now pervading the civilized world, and was soon after followed by the organization of the New York and Boston Magnetic Telegraph Association, which, having been united with a competing Line on substantially the same route, is now known by the name of the New England Union Telegraph Company.

The Magnetic Telegraph Company has since, by lease, obtained control of the Washington and New Orleans Line, so that they now possess the Line along the Atlantic coast, from New York to New Orleans.

Upon these Companies devolved the necessity of solving many problems in relation to long Lines of Electric Telegraph which had hitherto been involved in doubt, and