

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 15, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. Friday, Jan. 15th, 1892. My darling Mabel:

Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Ellis and I reached here yesterday evening quite tired out.

Mr. Roberts called today — and says he wants my testimony — wants me to appear at once before going abroad — but is afraid it will be easier to say when I shall commence than when I shall finish. May be kept here three weeks or even a month! This is going to interfere with all our plans. Will see him and also Mr. Storrow tomorrow — and find out definitely what they want. Evident that I cannot sail on the 23rd instant.

I leave here for Washington tomorrow (Saturday) evening — We have our meeting of the Directors of the A.A.P. T.S.D. Monday at your Father's house. Mr. William McCurdy came on here on same train with us — on plaster business — to meet a Mr. Fendall of Philadelphia.

Mr. Ellis has been busy all day examining boilers for flying machines — sockets for the flying fire-works — and radiators and etc., for Electric Heating Apparatus.

Mr. McCurdy has been flying around on his own account — hunting up electro-typers — machinists and etc., etc., — and getting from them estimates concerning manufacture of map-type.

Mrs. Pratt has been with me today — about the Helen Keller Souvenir. (I hope you received copy.) Spent afternoon at Miss Fuller's school. Called later on — upon Mrs.

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Wheelwright (Bessie Brooks) — back here to dinner at seven o'clock. Mr. William McCurdy and Mr. Fendall dined with me and spent evening — 2 and now I am going to bed.

Disgusted — that I must delay sailing — wish I knew exactly how you are getting on — Letters take so long to come. Love to Elsie and Daisy.

Your loving husband, Alec.