

## Letter from Gardiner Greene Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, November 2, 1879, with transcript

L. 1879 Telephone G.G.H. to A.G.B. Nov. 2 Left Eng. in good order Boston. approved agreement with W. U.

We returned from Europe last Wednesday and came on here same evening. I have intended writing you every day but have had no time left nor hardly a place where I could write. I left everything in good order in England as you will soon hear in a long letter I have written you with full account. I find everything here looking very well. An agreement with the West. Union has been executed, but the formal papers are not yet ready for signature. I think they will be signed by the middle of this week. I have been over the whole matter with Mr. Forbes very fully and read the paper carefully. It is a very much better bargain for us than I expected, we could hardly have expected as much even if we had obtained an injunction against them. I suppose you know all about the contract, so I will not trouble you with them.

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Family

Mrs. Hubbard went on to New York with her Father on Friday and arrived there very comfortably. I go on to Philadelphia tonight, thence to New York to take Mrs. Hubbard on to Washington. I shall then return here to attend to the re-organization of our company. This is a most important matter as our future success depends largely upon the policy adopted and men selected to carry it out .....

Mrs. Hubbard thinks that the 14th St house will be rather small, and that there is no reason why you should not take a larger one, and be comfortable. I presume that there are other houses in our block in K St. If we can do any thing for you please write to us in

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Washington. It will be so pleasant for us all to be settled again near each other. I want to have you and Mabel near me all the time. We received the telegram from Elsie May Bell and were much gratified at her thoughtfulness. Please give our love to the lady, and tell her we shall have a home for her at 1417 K St. I hope you will not object to let her spend the winter with us. I long to see you and Mabel very much, it was a great disappointment on our arrival to see no one on the wharf at our arrival but Eustis & Gertrude McCurdy. We thought we should certainly see you & Mama There.

### Reorganization BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

An adjourned meeting of the Stockholders of the Bell Telephone Company will be held at the new offices, No. 52 Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s Building, Milk Street, Boston, on Thursday, February 20th, 1879, at 10–30 o'clock, A.M., to hear and act upon the report of the Committee appointed at the special meeting of the stock-holders, held Feby. 8th 1879, “to negotiate with the New England Telephone Company, for the purpose of selling out the property of the two companies to a new Bell Telephone Company to be organized with a capital not to exceed \$900,000. — \$200,000 of such stock to be issued to the New England Telephone Company for the purchase of all its property — \$450,000 to be issued share for share to the present stock-holders of the Bell Telephone Company — \$75,000 of stock to be sold in accordance with a vote of the Directors of this Company, passed January 23rd, 1879, and the remainder to be held by the Treasurer in trust to be disposed of as the Directors may hereafter determine. Such new Company to assume all the debts and liabilities of each of the old companies”. C.E. Hubbard, Clerk