

Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, June 13, 1898

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Washington U.S.A* . June 13, 1898 Dear Mr. Bell:

I have been putting off writing you from day to day because the Board of Ordnance was to meet on the 14th, and I thought you would like to hear the result of my interview with them.

I have only learned this afternoon, greatly to my vexation, that this meeting, for which I have postponed and labored so much, will not take place until sometime in the Fall, and instead of meeting here in Washington, I could have been breathing the blessed breezes of Cape Breton with you as well as not.

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Now I fear it is too late. I have a passage engaged for Europe on July second, and although it is still possible that I may throw this over, nothing is decided.

Will you let me say that I do hope you will not leave your isle to come down into this sweltering place. If I should hear that you did so, I should positively be anxious. I am myself getting out of it, and think it as much as my life is worth to pass any great part of a summer here, if it is to be like it is now.

May I not look forward to seeing you, Mrs. Bell, Elsie and Daisy at Baddeck later?

Cordially yours, S P Langley A. Graham Bell, Esq., Baddeck, C. Breton, Nova Scotia.