

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, January 27, 1880

Alexander Graham Bell to his Father. (Evidently in the handwriting of AGB.'s secretary).  
Washington, D. C., January 27th, 1880. My dear Father:

I write simply to acknowledge receipt of Real Estate, Loan and Debenture Company's Prospectus, and blank power of Attorney. I have forwarded them with your letter recommending us to invest in that company, to Boston, for the inspection of Messrs. Storrow and Hubbard, and will let you know result as soon as possible.

I also acknowledge receipt of Italian Postal Cards, Re Borlinetto's Book. I have tried to obtain this book unsuccessfully, but a random shot has at last reached the mark. I wrote a letter on chance to "Sig. Borlinetto, Padna, Italy", and it fortunately reached the author, and has brought me a nice letter in response and a copy of the book which I desired.

Uncle answered my cablegram to Melbourne as follows: "No Rights." — which leaves me just as I was before. Uncle evidently has the idea that he was to take out Patents for me and as no power was given him to do this, concludes that I have no rights in Australia, whereas the fact of the matter was, that I, myself, made application for Patents and sent him power of Attorney to manage them. I shall presume that I am free to dispose of whatever rights I may have in Australia, for my cousins. It was two days before the answer was received.

Don't you think it might be well to subdivide Mamma's investments? Suppose any thing were to happen to either of the two 2 Companies, in which she has invested, it would at once swallow up a large amount of her money. I should think it would be safer to make a larger number of small investments, than a small number of large ones, but of course you

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know better than I, the station of these companies. I have only time for this business letter, will write you myself as soon as possible.

Yours truly, Alexander Graham Bell. per AER. Prof. A. Melville Bell, Brantford.