

Letter from Gardiner Greene Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, September 26, 1878, with transcript

L. 1878 Telephone G.G.H. to A.G.B. Sept 26 New York Rumor that Paris Gray & Edison Gold medals A. G. Brave—

The newspapers in this country have been full of advertisements and notices of the fact that Gold Medals were awarded to Mr. Gray and Mr. Edison and none to you. This advertisement is a great injury to us, and we think it was obtained through fraudulent representations, and that the final award will not be made until the 21st day of October. The Chairman of the jury thinks the invention so great a wonder that it could only have been made by a scientist and electrician. Gray's agents have represented that Gray was a scientist and electrician, that you were not; and that you stole the invention from him. Now we want to have you go at once to Paris at our expense, take Gray's letters with you, see the Chairman and jury and make your own explanation. That alone will be enough, anyone on a little conversation will see that you 2 urges Mr. Bele's insisting Pais indicating his Claims know enough to have invented the telephone and that you are both a scientist and electrician. I have also sent by book post, Prescott's book on the telephone which contains Gray's caveat, showing how little he knew, and a copy of your patent to show that it was on hand two weeks before it was filed. Your pecuniar interest in this matter is too great to be neglected, and your honor also is somewhat at stake. I trust you will, therefore, without any delay, go at once to Paris, and if you have taken your passage for the 12th Oct., that you will postpone it.

I do not know that I can add anything more, but we all hope and pray that you will listen to our request, go to Paris and then we know this matter will be made right. I sent some

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books to the Steamer Abysinia in charge of the Purser, for Mrs. Hubbard to be delivered when she goes on board the vessel.