

Letter from Gardiner Greene Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, February 1879, with transcript

L. 1879 Telephone G.G.H. to A.G.B. Feb. (?) Wash. Reappointment of Mr Hubbard a Comm. on Railroad, Telegraphs

You have probably seen in the papers the report of the Senate Comm. on Railroads in favor of a commission to examine into the relations of the Telegraph and Railroad. This is carrying out the plan I suggested to the Directors at our last meeting. It is impossible to say who will be on the Commission. I wish to be one of the members, but have no reliable assurance that I shall be appointed. The West. Union Tel. Co. are committed in favor of the Commission and of me as one of its members. If I am upon it I shall be in a possible position to be of great service to our company.

The West. Union Tel. Co. are very anxious to effect some arrangement with us, and their counsel has had several conferences with me. I have heard all he had to say without committing myself except to say we should make no arrangement which gave control of our property to the West. Union Tel. Co.

Large capitalists in New York have also sent word that they desire to confer with me in regard to the organization of a company to connect our different district companies. After the fourth of March I shall be free from my duties. I hope therefore the meeting for the reorganization of our company will be postponed until after that time.