

## Letter from Frederick P. Fish to Alexander Graham Bell, May 1, 1905

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CHARLES EUSTIS HUBBARD, SECRETARY. BOSTON, May 1, 1905. WILLIAM R. DRIVER, TREASURER. Professor A. Graham Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. My dear Professor Bell:

I thank you for your letter of April 20, which seems to conclude the transaction on entirely sound lines.

I appreciate your courtesy in not accepting my personal check. I felt so disturbed that I should have been incorrectly informed, particularly in a matter in which you were concerned, that there seemed to be no other way except for me to offer to assume the responsibility for the error of the Treasurer's Department.

We have not been embarrassed in the slightest degree by what you refer to as a matter of sentiment on your part, as it is only within a few weeks that the last of the certificates excepting yours was surrendered.

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I very much appreciate your attitude in the matter and am only too glad that it is quite consistent with the necessities 2 of the case for us to leave with you the cancelled certificate.

My delay in replying to your letter is due to my absence in the west.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter, and with warm regards, I am,

Very truly yours, F. P. Fish, President.