

College Hill Mass. May 25th 1879

Mr L. L. Pope

Dear sir: Your letter dated 2nd inst, came duly to hand. You say you don't understand what I mean by Gray claiming the under-lying circuit. All I meant by it was what is to be inferred from the statements of Mr. Procott and Mr. Walker whom I asked the latter upon what ground they claimed the right to make magnets telephones independent of my claim, for the Company advertises that the patents of Mr Gray cover the rights to all telephones, magnets and others. His reply was that it was Mr Gray invention of the "vibratory current on a closed circuit" Such a claim I disputed last winter

and got called hard names for it.
So I felt comforted when I read the
decision of the Commission. But the
whole policy of the Co, so far as I can
find out is to set Mr. Gray claim
before mine, and my claims have
been put in interference with Gray
and others whereas it is only properly
in interference with Bell. I never
claimed anything that Gray claims
& have insisted that I know of. So
I don't see why every one of the Magneto
telephone made by the Co. is not mine
and ought to be called mine. If I
ask why they are not I am told of
Mr. Gray claim and that is all I
can get out of it. Probably who knows
anything about it seems willing to tell
me why I haven't the whole indisputable
right on the Magneto telephone, but I
expect I shall grow old and die and
not find out.

I am obliged to you for the offer to recom-
mend an appropriation for further experi-
ments, but I don't see now how I
can devote any time to it. I am near
the close of the College year and my
class needing attention and I am also
laborious in writing a text book on
Physics to be issued in the fall accord-
ing to promise as I think I shall
send such an instrument as I have
been able to make, to you very soon
and have a patent applied for, further
experiments will need to be postponed
until fall. I wish you would
ask Mr. Pratt if he would please
respond at once to my last letter
to him.

Yours truly
A. E. Doherty