

College Hill Mass. Dec. 3rd. 1877

Mr. George Walker, V.P. G. S. Tel. Co.

Dear sir,

I return receipt for the
one hundred dollars, rec'd this morning.

I also rec'd from you a few days before saying
that the device for recording was invented by
Mr. Phelps last August. I wish to present
my resignation for the prior invention.

In Sept. 1873 I invented the instrument
known as the Opiscroscope which was de-
scribed in the Journal of the Franklin Inst.
for Oct. or Nov. I haven't the paper here,
and in several other science journals just
after that. In my own journal, bearing
that date 1873 - when I describe the
device and what it will do with diagrams

I said "These movements could be
recorded by having a system of levers to
be moved by the middle of the membrane,
one of these to carry a marker." This
was not made for I saw no particular
use for it, and I forgot about it until I found
it on my record and that it would be

useful here. As for the Ophidoscope - I
have alluded to it in my book on the
Telephone, p. 81. I also have a special
device invented to use with a Lissajous
projection fork, for showing combinations
of the fork & voice upon a screen which
is precisely that. I described this to several
as long ago as two years. So if there
be any utility as a recorder for the telephone
I think myself fairly entitled to the device
unless someone had it previous to Sept
1873.

Yours &c.
A. C. Dolbear