

Mr. Charles J. Bell to Bell.

To A.G. Bell,
Baddeck, N.S.

Washington, D.C., Oct. 8, 1908:- I had quite a long interview this morning with Mr. Cameron in relation to aerial matters. He appears to have quite a grasp of the situation, and to understand very thoroughly the various points brought out in your memorandum.

I have requested him to go ahead and prepare a skeleton of the application to be made for a patent, and as soon as it is finished he will forward same to you for criticism and advice. I showed him the agreement which was entered into between yourself and the other members of the Association in September 1907.

The wording of that agreement is a little unfortunate, it is headed, "Agreement to organize the Aerial Experimental Association", and all the way through apparently contemplates some other paper to be drawn to complete the organization.

The language used should have been "we hereby associate ourselves together" instead of "hereby agree to associate ourselves together". In another paragraph it states "we agree that the Aerial Experimental Association shall be organized on the first day of October, 1907, and shall exist for one year". Another paragraph says "any applications for letters patent shall be made in the names of all the members as joint-inventors", this is contrary to law. An application for a patent must be made by the inventor, or inventors, and not signed by any other person. It is of course quite possible