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My dear Uncle

I duly received your kind letter of the 23^d inst and glad to hear you are all well. In regard to the kind of work I have been accustomed to I may say I am fully conversant with all the practical branches of engineering worked at all kinds of engines and have been following the sea for eight years possess a first class certificate of competency from

the Board of Trade London
and have plenty good testimonials
for character and ability.

I think I would prefer
getting into a steam boat
unless I could get a position
a little above a workman
on shore, however I am not
above going into a shop to
work for a short time till
I would hear of something
better.

I left home under
very painful circumstances

Mr. Bell having taken herself
and children away from me
(to London) quite opposed to my
wishes and at her own risk
for I told her over & over again
I would not support her if
she went and left me, so

the last trip I made to sea when I returned home I found them all gone, and I made up my mind to come to America that she would not know where I had gone to. Papa & Gramma agree with me in the course I have adopted and we trust that the grace of God will reach her heart and enable her to see the sin she has committed, for until such change takes place in her heart we can never be happy again. I have had a sore trial with her for two years back and this is the result at present.

I keep up wonderfully well

under my trial. God only
knows what is best for ~~his~~
creatures.

With fondest love to dear Aunt
Yourself & family

I remain ever
Your Affectionate Nephew
George Purser Bell

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