Washington May 15. 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I yesterday rec'd a paper from you by which I learned that "We have heard from the Michagan folks, they had got to unkle Roberts, had a very pleasant time on the lake, found Unkle Robert very low and no prospect of his being any better. Maria is married again to her first husbands cousin and lives 2 miles ~~south~~ East of her father. I hope you will be at home ~~before~~ long for I have got almost discouraged" The above is all that I noticed in the paper if more was noted it escaped my vigilance It is a kind of compound of good and bad news, although very acceptible as from you.

I have not time to comment upon it fully I will however say that I am very sorry to learn that you had got almost discouraged. I regard you as enough of a heroine to bear up with fortitude and independence against all minor disappointments, and hope that I am not to disappointed in that Respect,

It is true that I have been from home a long time I left in July last, expecting to be back in September circumstances which were unforseen at the time made the interest of both of us & our dear children that I should pursue the course that I have, you approved and I have no doubt still approve the course I adopted, It is true that you have been deprived of

any society, and Esp[ecially] in common in other respects, but you know the society of our dear children and friends all of which, I have not had the opportunity to enjoy since I left home, besides the deprivation of your society which to me is greater than all, but I believed it for the best and still believe it for the best, and hope that you will not get discouraged, but come to the determination that I shall be content, and let our affections grow stronger as the time passes on that we may derive the greater amount of happiness from each other's society when we meet.

We have got the telegraph with in 8 miles of Baltimore and all things continue to work well. In addition to my salary I made $100 in April by a contract which I took of "Uncle Sam" through a friend in Baltimore for the furnishing of 400 posts for the Telegraphs, So you see that I have no dificulty in finding friends even in a strange place who are ready and willing to lend me the use of there money &c &c. It will take ten days yet to get to Baltimore and all complete, I find it impossible to maintain Col Cutlers ideas about work with such men as I can here have, If I had a gang of such men as I could pick up at Athens I could have got to Balt a week ago, but I find a stroke of the keyno in every thing of the kind here,

I am writting in the morning I did not get time to write yesterday, as I had my accounts to arrange. I have ten minutes only to Eat my breakfast and get to the cars to go out to the works, which is now 30 miles off. So I must bid you adieu for the present, my love to the children &c

Yours affectionately

E. Cowell

M. A. C

E Connelly
May 18th 1844
Contract for 400
Rails made $100

Junction May 16 1844

Dear Sir

I here return you the three dollars and eight seven and a half cents that is not as I agreed with Mr Marse I agreed with Mr Mose and your self three dollars a week and shall expect the same if you want to pay by the meal my price is fifty cents per meal that is my rule and wont break it for you and nobody else now Sir you have being here two weeks and I shall expect the same
I will keep the four dollars and a half for the room witch is right

Yours Respfully Mrs Dunwoody

Mr Vail

To

Mr Vail

at the Relay Houses

Boy all

This letter is from old Sumwalt
what do you think of it in haste
Yours truly
[illegible] Trout

I paid him this morning
I had 27 meals which accordng
to his calculation would be $13.50

There was no money enclosed

A L

Prof Morse

Supt of E M T for

the U S Washington

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Please make out an estimate for me of the cost p.r mile of establishing Telegraphic Conductors, material, labor, and contingencies allowing 40 cents p.r lb for wire prepared, and 70 lbs to the mile.—

S. F. B. Morse.

Washington monday 27th May. /44.

(over)

Superintendent of Elec. Mag. Telegraph

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

See all the tools and materials
safely stored, at Depot & give
me an inventory of them.

Prof Moore
27 May 1864

Dryden May 28 D 1874

Dear Sir

I hereby with pleasure acknowledge the receipt of your verry interesting letter and documents Sent by Mr Wilgers and as I expect to See you So Soon I Shal write but litll at this time further than to make known my wants again for Reed poles I Sal want another lot of them as Soon as September and it occoured to me that I had better get you to examine the market in Philadelphea and Newyark if you come that way home and Se where we can do best in getting a lot and if you can I Shal want you to get a thousand or two for me as Soon as you can find a good lot that can be had at a fair price there is a great deal of Reed makeing done in Philadelphia and I Should think you would be likely to find plenty of poles there but if you Should buy there be Shure and See that you do not buy Culls that has passed through the hands of the Reed makers we cannot make good Reeds without Streight Streight and good Stock if you had time I Should be glad to have you See the machines they Set cane Reeds with in Philadelphia See how fast they work and what they cost I do not See how I can get along without makeing Some more Reeds if you was going to the South or to Washington again this Summer you could probably do best to examine now and defer buying until you go again and if you are not going again and can find a good lot and have the means buy now if the price will do I was at Ithaca yesterday your folks were all well Things going on as usual Mary Ann told me She thought if I wrote you today it mite possibly reach ~~you~~ there before you Started for home I have this moment an opportunity to Send this to Ithaca and Shal close for that reason I think of going to Michigan in the course of two weeks and hope you will be home before I Start as I want to See you verry much

yours truly
Benj Ward

E. Cornell

B Wood
May 28. 1878

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E. Carnell Esq.
Washington
D. C.

Mr Cornell

Baltimore May 29–1844

Dear Sir–

I am very anxious to commune the
loop machine; and shall be greatly obliged if you find a
few leisure moments even at Washington, that you will
make some design or drawing – as to what is wanted
in your mind, & how the heads; length, breadth
&c. be as definite & particular as you can –

Also please look in at the Patent Office, & see if
the right to that cylinder cover has or has not
expired – & look at it, & in what improvements,
can be made on it – & learn on whom I
must call for the right, if any one – for the saw
to cut it to bolts, & the cone & conical knives
to dress –

Please to recommend Carlson
Moses that he has now more funds in the Washington
Bank, by my taking up his check of you, that he
may be thinking of it's use.

I hope you will fix the draft.

H. H

Yours in haste
Daniel Barbank.

Mr Ezra Cornell
Baltimore
Md

S. Tarbox
May 2. 1844

Washington June 5 1848

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I snatch a few moments time to inform you that things begin to brighten here and I almost feel as though I had gained a great victory, for I now can look ahead with a reasonal degree of certainty of the accomplishment of what I had long desired and labaured hard day and night to effect to wit Such a reconciliation of feelings between the Proprietors of the Patent of the Telegraph as would remove all obstacles so far as they were concerned to a new appropriation being made by Congress for its extention, I have got them together and acting together, and they have got the business of a new appropriation before congress with all reasonal prospect of success, they ask for an appropriation of 100.000 dollars to extend the Telegraph to the city of New York from Baltimore

They propose to put the superintendence of the construction under my charge and will increase my salary to probably $1800 per an and pay all my travelling Expences, So you see that there was some prosperity in my departing my return to my home and the enjoyment of your beloved society for yet a few days I can see no necessity for my staying longer than till the adjournment of Congress, or till a few days after

the passage of the bill should it pass a few days before Congress adjourns. at any rate when I see all straight and safe I shall go home as quick as steam and an ardent desire to see my dear wife and children can carry me The Telegraph has not become endowed with the ability to carry passengers yet if it had I should pay you a visit to night and return to my duties in the morning.

I have just been copying the bill that we hope to get passed.

In the morning at 8 A.M I have an appointment with Mr Dana to show him his wife and daughter the Galvanic Battery which we use to put the Telegraph in operation. There are a great variety of very interesting phenomena connected with its operation which I shall show him, such as burning steel. Copper and producing the Galvanic light from carbon points the battery will burn a piece of cast steel as readily as a common fire would a pine shaving, and the effect is very beautiful. Dana is very ignorant in all these matters never having seen the Galvan battery until I showed it to him today not in action, I take pleasure in anticipating the time when I shall have an opportunity to exhibit the same to you and the children,

Yours affectionately

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

P.S. I Say to Brother E. B that things look in comeing and I dont want him to leave home until I return, as I have no doubt of being able to help him to employ that will be less laborious than stone hoeing and hoy as well. I shall probably want to pick up some wood labouring men when I get home who will be willing to come on with me and work on the line between N.Y. and Baltimore

E. Comell

E Cornell
June 5th 1844
Morse & Smith act
to get atten as to
ft con —

Mrs E. Cornell

Ithaca

Tompkins Co

NY

Washington June 10. 1862

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I have but little or no news for you but as I suppose you would be glad at any time to hear from me and to know of my Extreme good health, I will employ a few moments before retiring to rest to address myself to you. I was at the Post Office this evening but found nothing from any quarter. Hope before this you are all well as you dont write. I wish you was here then my Dear so that I might employ some of the leasure time I now have at command in showing you what might be interesting to you about the Capitol of the Nation. Mr Dana & Daughter was to see the Telegraph & Experiments with the battery as I advised you they would be, and were much delighted. I now see Miss D once or twice since she appears to injoy herself very much here as I now no doubt many more of the fifteen Girls would if they were here under similar circumstances. She is a very fine girl and is a representative of the fifteen for in that they will have no occasion to be ashamed of. In fact I think the fifteen girls will appear as well, as regards beauty of person or genteel and becoming behaviour as any from any part of our wide Spread Country.

I dont know my Dear but you will think I troting on a subject that should not ingross my attention, and if so, I plead guilty and stand corrected. but at the same time I regard the complaint as due to the accomplished and Lady like deportment of Miss Dana and to what I know of the Stair of Athens my Home! my Sweet, Sweet Home,

The Telegraph continues to Elicit as much attention at both Ends Northampton & Boston as it did when first put in operation. the Rooms are Crouded with gaping Spectators whose countinances are not unfrequently distorted with wonder and annoyance,

The bill is before both Houses of Congress and working along very well as far as any of us know. Every body seems to think that it must pass, without opposition if not by acclamation, the only thing I fear is the want of time to carry it through all the preliminary Stages of legislation in order to get it to a vote of the two houses before the adjournment, we however hope for the best and stand ready at all times to give it a boost to help it across a corner when ever it comes to that place that is more across than it is round, this week will decide the matter and by the first of next I hope to be on my way

home where I anticipate meeting you all
one more in the joyous family circle. I
expect to find Alonzo almost a man and I
hope I shall not be disappointed, and Elizabeth
I remember exactly how she looked when I
left you her, and I was thinking of her
a few moments ago when I was buying of the
Ithaca Girls. I know she is handsome and I
hope she is a pretty behaved as she is handsom
and I have no reason to doubt but that she
has studied her lessons so well as to compare
- ete with the young Ladies of her age. Frank I
- member him too. I can see just how he looked
when he went to coortland with us to surprise
on my journy, but he nor his mother little
thought at that time that I would, be from them
so long as I have been. Tuesday Evening 11. P.M
I commenced this letter last and got to here and
was interrupted by Mr Smith's coming in from
a visit to the committee of Congress with the
news of a bad flow that for the moment
seemed like to blow over appropriation bill
sky high. I left my letter and went to
work to remedy the trouble and have had
a hard 24 hours siege, and hope that I
have got all straight again the particulars I
must omit until I see you

Ec evans
June 16th 1864

But I can assure you that it is no
Enviable position to occupy, to stand between
parties in the ownership of property that
depends on the action of Congress for its in-
-crowment, which action cannot be had with-
-out their concurrence, & I
-selves wholly unable to agree on any plan
and entertaining the most perfect hatred
towards Each other. Such is my position
and I have managed thus far to accom-
-plish for them what they and their friends
said could not be accomplished, and have
done it in a way to give satisfaction to
both parties, and win the interest confi-
-dence of both, but enough of that for
the present. The Lord knows what the end
will be but it must come soon,
We get the news of Congress burning the
Baltimore papers before it is published in the
papers that go to press within Rifle shot
of the capitol Grounds for the Telegraph
In speaking of the children dear Hattie
that I had forgotten Abram, I remember him
and he must not forget his Father I
suppose he has grown very much
since I saw him. Give my respects
to all inquiries Yours Affectionately
E. Correll

Mary Ann

Baltimore June 10/44

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir In conversation with Prof M this morning I hinted to him what you related to me last night in reference to Mr Smith determination to have the matter settled by Tuesday. Now all I have to suggest is this, that whatever Mr Smith is determined to do. He should avoid using threatening and intimidatory language, as that will defeat all his wishes and can do no good, I trust that all parties will keep themselves calm and quiet and matters may be made right yet

Yours truly
Alfred Vail

Mr Connell
At Mr Monroe's
Washington

Inform Capt Wm Nason
of Brig Northumberland at
Smiths Wharf that Mrs
Farmer & Mrs Ward left
for Baltimore in Stage at
8 A.M. this morning. he will
meet them at Elkton Post
Constitution on arrival of
Stage

Mr Brown Bank
June 10. 1820

Washington June 17. 1844

M. Connell,

You will please return to Baltimore
~~Washington~~ by the 15th of July next to proceed at once
to taking up wire and pipe between Baltimore
& Relay house. —

Respectfully Yours

Sam'l F. B. Morse

Supert. Elec. Mag.
Telegraph.

Address me at N.Y. Observer Office
142 Nassau St. N. York, or
under cover to Hon. H. L. Ellsworth.
Wash'n.

Prof Morse
June 17. 1844

Mr. Ezra Cornell

To Stephen B. Munn Dr

To 6 months & 3 days interest on renewal note of	$238.	$8.47
" Old note due 16 July 44		288.—
		296.47
Cr By Check on N.Y. State Bank for		$58.26
" New note Cmp for 16 July 44 for	238.—	296.26
Balance Due S.B. Munn		$ 0.21

New York 16 July 1844

Sir I inclose old note taken off and above is Statement — Mr Bonsath says you complained formerly that I charged too much Interest — I think that I have now charged is right I am determined you ought to no see Sir in for 32

? Here I that from a circumstance that Salt Creek is looking up

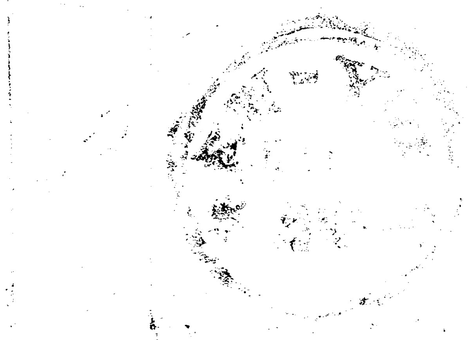
Yours

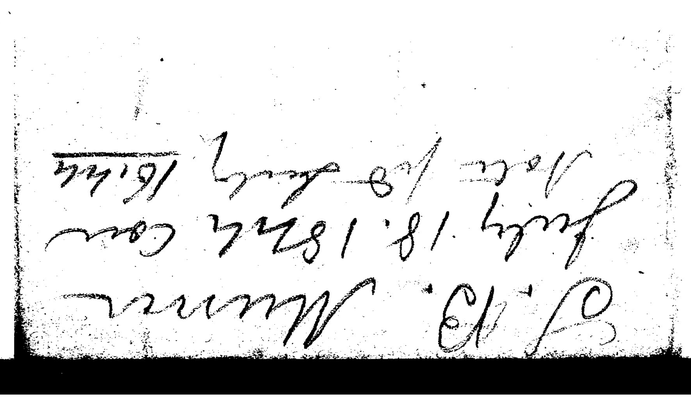
Stephen. B Munn

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Baltimore

Maryland





Washington July 24th '44.

Dear Sir

I am happy in the intelligence that my friend Connelly is still in the land of the living, in comfortable health and that his family and friends are so also, and I am also happy to inform him that he may reckon us in the last category and under the same circumstances, that is in our usual health,

As to Mr, Smiths' whereabouts that is a matter more easily guessed at than known, like the Frenchmans' flea you see him, you catch him, you put you thumb on him, by gar he no dare.

We have had no direct intelligence from Mr Smith since he left, he has written a letter or two to Major French and by him we learn that he is to be here sometime in all this month, which, if true, must take place in the course of a week at furthest, but as to the certainty of the thing, you know it is a matter quite problematical,

The last we heard from Dr Trask and lady they were at Portland, that his health was about the same

with but little encouragement for the future, Mrs F. was in usual health and recovering from the fatigues of her journey, they desired to be remembered to Mr, Connelly.

We shall be happy to see Mr Connelly whenever he may please to call, or to drop the third person, I can assure you Sir a warm and hearty welcom awaits your coming, you will find none more glad to see you than we shall when you call, I should be glad to have you call on my Brother in Baltimore, you recollect his house is 95 Hanover St. that is if you have leisure, he may be glad to send me some news.

I have no news to tell you, things remain much as you left them except that we have been stirred up a little lately by that very valuable class of individuals yclept Chevelier De' Industrie who have been quite busy in their profession some ten days past, entering our houses in the night, helping themselves to the most available valuables therein, and that too without so much as by your leave, and then decamping, the rascalls, without leaving any knowledge of their whereabouts, or where they may be found next.

they made me a slight passing call, not to considder me quite beneath their notice, last Friday night, but did not get much, say about ten dollars worth. they did better the nept call they made on one of my neighbors, taking about $350 = in silver plate and money. the scamps will get no more of the kind from me unless they take me and an allopathic dose of lead with it. but that is always the way with the like unfortunate we are quite sure to take care of our prospurity after it has been stolen, we shut the door after the horse has been stolen — — —

My wife desire respects to you and will be pleased to have you call and see her.

Respectfully your Obt Servt

E. Connell Esqr

C. W. Monroe

Phal Monroe
July 24th 1814

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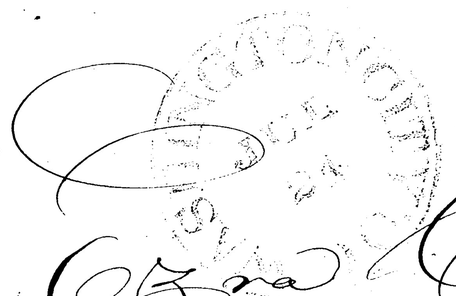

Ozias Conwell Esqr

Baltimore

Md

Portland July 26/44

Dear Li -

Your letter of the 22d inst. came
to hand last evening - I need only remark
in reply, that I shall, God willing, leave
here for Newport & Washington early in
next week; and will find you in Balti-
more by Thursday or Friday - if you will
leave a line at Whitman's where you will
be - as I shall probably have a brace
of hours while my change, & shall not
make any tarry of length in Baltimore
going on - But wish to see you early at
Balt. or in Washington - when & where I
will inform you hereafter - as all
matters to which your letter alludes -
I understand the Court & all his proofs -
"they" are pretty, but can't come it" -

Prospects this way are encouraging -
I shall not fail of getting up a line
between B & N - York - according to present indi-
cations.

Show my to Mr. Barbarin, if you see him,
& my offhand visit with - & that I will endeav-

to see him - I have received his two letters.

In haste, yours truly

H. J. Smith

Mr E. Connell -

now at Baltimore

Md.

PORTLAND
JUL
29
Me.

Mr. Ezra Cornell
Baltimore
Md.

I think Orrin Missed it that he did not come on with me but after the plow lesson. I am the last one to coax him or anyone else

Baltimore July 28th 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

It becomes my pleasing duty to again address you from the "Monumental City" after observing that I have got some large paper, fine ruled, in order that you will be able to get the worth of the postage money that you will have to pay for this letter. I will commence where I left you, and give you a hasty sketch of my journy to this place. I promised to commence where I left you— I will. I left you my Dear and my rosy cheek girl in tears.— but ~~as~~ they were not the scalding tears of anguish which rend the soul and leave deep furrows in the cheek. Had they been of that class I could not have left you but should have stade to pour balm into the wounded heart.

They were ~~were~~ the outpourings of a pure heart in its efforts to give visible Evidence of an abiding and unchangeable affection, at a moment of temporary seperation from its boon companion, ~~dear~~ as such it gave me pleasure rather than pain. And most cheerfully did my heart respond to the affectionate emmotions of its better half.

I next took leaf of Hiram and Frank at the road where they pledged themselves to me that they would be good boys, learn their books and help and mind their Mother, and I hope they will not be tardy in keeping the pledge in good faith, for when I return nothing would please me more than to hear a good account of them from their Mother. They must be kind to Each other and love and assist Each other and they must love and assist their dear sister and brother Oliver, and let them always remember that their first duty is to love and help their Mother all they can. Let them learn while young to deal justly and love truth. There is no better guide for young or old than to adopt the Golden rool, and practice upon its precepts. (Viz. "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you".) Baggage on board and I took a seat with the Driver, and injoyed the pleasures ~~of~~ inspired by the serene atmosphere and charming scenery of the quiet and lovely Cayuga. At Ludlowville we changed Coaches and team and disposed of one or two passengers, and in about ten minuts was again road to crack the whip and be off. As the shades of Evening was now about drawing her sable curtain, by which the beauties of nature were to be for a time shrouded from the eye of mortal. I took an inside seat where I found just enough of the wayfaring world to occupy all the seats. "Joseth" and "Hann" being both represented in there decendents. For a short way, the coach moved slow, and all within seemed inanimate, but the hill ascended, and the Spirits of the Steads aroused by a gentle hint from the Knight of the Whip, are again moved off at a velosity that seemed to give a new impetus to the meandering purple that was coursing sluggishly through its winding way. until the Spirit was aroused to action, and the Subject of Politicks was fully introduced and discussed with a Spirit that would do credit to the heroes of former days. The cause of "the Democracy" was espoused

Prof Morse is now busily engaged in making experiments in Telegraphic communication between Washington and Baltimore. Should he succeed as he appears confident he will, a line will be established between this city and New York in one hour. Should he succeed as he appears confident he will, a line will be established between this city and New York in one hour.

by a couple of Gents who pitched them toon on rotten a high key and went to work belabouring the poor "coon" most unmercifully, and many a nine stripe did they inflict upon his hide, till at last, I was compelled to give them a shot or two from a "long 18" which soon convinced them that they had found the "sonne old coon" and at it we went broad side upon broad side, until by a skillfull manoeuver, I got the Enemy divided and in a position that I could take them right and left with an Effect that soon silenced their batteries, all this time the rest of company had been silent Spectators to the conflict, nothwithstanding even Expressed there preferences, to our worthy "Democrats" in hopes of securing a little advantage to their cause by an Expression of Opinion from the "silents" they proposed a vote on the presidential question which resulted in two for "Polk & Dallas" (themselves) and four for "Clay & Frelinghuysen (myself and the three "silents"), and two which made up the balance of our Company not having a right of Suffrage for the fact of there not having completed Enough of filthy lucre to purchase the right of which they are deprived by Cullen. This was a damper upon the Spirits of my "Democratic" friends and they hailed off by degrees to injoy the rising prospects of "Polk & Texas" during all this time we had stoped at Lake Ridge & Northville to Exchange "letter boys" for Uncle Sam, and had now fully bottled in the pleasant Village of Aurora where we Exchanged and Spent a dull half hour at about mid night.

The ballance of our journy from Aurora to Auburn was a dull concern, presenting but little variety Except now and then the thump of the head ayainst the post of the coach top, as the Sleepers would loos his ballance from the coach loosing even a remaining relick of the old fashion and time honored "Cord-aroy". for by this time we had all yealded to the persuasive arguments of "Morphius" and was reposing as quietly as circumstances would permit, untill the increased clatter of the Coach wheels upon the rocky road announced to our dull senses that we were threading the Streets of "Auburn. Sweet! Sweet! Auburn loveliest Villoye of the plain" and in a few moments we were safely landed at the Rail Road Depot 3/4 of an hour before the 5 Oclk train would start for Syracuse, so that the hopes that we had entertained of setting a few hours slip at Auburn before being summoned to start as we supposed we should be at 8 A.M. were all blown Sky high. And we dozed away the 3/4 of an hour in question and was ready to obey the first summons of the "Hurry Hurry bell"! as it notified us that the Iron Steed was ready hornsed to the long train of moving Palaces that awaited our Entrance and in about twenty minutes the well known Summons of the "bold Chorister "All a board" reverberated through the Spacious hall, and off we moved like a thing of life, wizing along the Iron pathway with the Speed of the wind untill an hours ride had set us down at Syracuse, where we had time alotted us to breakfast which I improved or was in the act of improving when the stroke of the bell announced

that all who wished to keep up with the spirit of the age must be moving, and again secure a seat in train So off I went with two thirds of a breakfast, (as did many others) and on reaching the bar room were informed that the summons were for those who were bound "Westerd Ho!" and that it would be a quarter-hour when we were summonzed, but as I had broke of I decided not to begin again to get the quarter of a breakfast, So I took a Survey of the premises and the most prominent object that met my enquiring vision was a large bill announcing to the Ladies and gents of the good village of Syracuse that Mr ——— of Madison Co would be happy to entertain them by exhibiting in their presence Prof Morses Electro Magnetic Telegraph. Now Says I "Methusalows occupation is gone" but nothing daunted I looked up Mr ——— and got myself admitted to the show for a Shilling and was off in time to keep up with my fellow sojourners, and in about 3 hours had the pleasure of breathing freely in the pleasant city of Utica.

At Utica we had about half an hour when we were again Summonsed to our seats in the cars, and was soon underway arriving at Albany about 5 P.M or in 22 hours from the time I left home. That is getting away from home as fast as a misanthropist could desire it. and much faster than I should wish to were I not conscious that the same Speedy conveyance was in readiness to hurry me back to my family and friends at the first moment that business would permit which I trust may be within the next 90 days.

At Albany I determined to take the 7 Ock Boat down the River which gave me 2 hours time to spend in the Old Dutch city. So after going through the formula of discussing the merits and demerits of the various boats that was to go down the river that night with them several rumors I decided to take the Portsmouth, who offered ticket & birth for 4/- The Knickerbocker that splendid floating palace going at 4/ for ticket & birth extra. and the Swallow Starting from Troy at 6 & Albany at 7 for 4/- ticket & birth Extra. but I chose the Portsmouth as I had been on board both other boats before and I got my baggage all on board and Stowed away then I started up State St to make the best of my left time, which I spent I trust profitably and very agreeably in the hall of the Old Comptrollers Office where the State Geological collection is deposited There is arranged in scrupulous Order Specimens from every county in the State making a rich museum of the rare products of Nature; my small collection dwindled into insignificance when thought of in connection with this of Empire State, but still I am proud of the small beginning that I have been able to make and with good luck hope to see it grow to a size that will not hold a mean comparison with the States collection when the difference between my humble self and the Great State of New York is taken into the account after passing hastily through the collection I hurried down to the wharf got tea on shore for a Quarter and went on board for a start.

I have sent Lucretia Smith a letter from Albany and a letter from Troy and I shall see Miss Smith is to be on the cars

Monday morning 29th I continued my journy last evening until I got on board the Boat for a trip down the Hudson when I shall have to leave the narative for the subject of an other letter. and I can give you a rich one from the material I have in reserve If I can happen to catch myself in the right mood when I pen it. I got to New York and purchased 1500 Hop poles for your father as I wrote him. but I think I forgot to mention that there should be 67 bundles in the lot that is Seven bundles thrown in to make the count hold out I found that some bundles fel short in count and had as many thrown me as we supposed it would take to make the count good, all other particulars he will learn from the letter I wrote him. You may say to Father that I have advertized here for a Stone man Potter and hope soon to find one that is right. Sanford and Wibirt agreed to hand you Twenty dollars the ball of the thirty that was to be deposited on making application for their Patent. Pleas inform me as soon as you rece it If you have no pressing use for it yourself you may let E.B. Cornell have $10 of it to settle the ballance of the Williams & Co Note. he will understand all about it. You may let Rhoda have $5. as I can probably settle it in some way when I get home to make the pantaloons that Thompson had pay it. She was off at the very time that I had got the business in a state of forwardness that I could explain it to her so that I could not to her. and Thompson was crusty about the affair and would not deduct the amount that he says he paid the pants for out of his dividend. and I left him at that and did not pay him any thing the pants amounted to within a trifle of what was due him.

Thompson married one of the Misses Woods from Ithaca to Potter with Whom I board Rhoda volunteered to let him have Jane's Straw Satchel that I had purchased for my self but I would not let her do it as I have another for my self. Potter is a very pleasant man to board with and I think will suit us. I have got the grocery Business in a prosperous condition. I sold $20. worth of goods the first day and $15. the second. I have settled for the Satchel with Jane and paid her $1.25 for it. Mary Ann.

Mr Wm Cornell
Ezra Cornell
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Baltimore July 29 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I rec'd your kind favour of the 23rd last this morning, was glad to learn that you were well, and was also very glad to hear that your Father had recovered from the very sudden and severe attack that you mention, I am disappointed to hear that Orrin is again attacked with the Ague & Fever that took so long and patience trying disease. I am the more convinced that it will not do to neglect or trifle with it. I am confident that if he had taken my advice and perspired the tonic bitters and taken them regular that he would have been spared this after attack. You must have observed and remember the efficacy of the bitters in all the cases that we have had in our family, Thube & Mary got off of their ague shook bed and went to hard work with out the slightest inconvenience or any apprehensions of a relapse.

I can do nothing with Sanford & Ribots business untill after the 10th of next month when my salary will be due. It was for their accomodation that the arrangement was made for them to send the money to you and I explained to them at the time that I should not have funds to use for the purpose untill after 10th august, then I will attend to it and apprehend no dificulty in getting them a patent.

I accept my Dear most chearfully the substitute you offer for the unwritten part of your sheet, but I am inclined to think that I should be the looser to adopt the substitute as a general rool, for I have confidence to believe that I secure just as much of your love with a full written letter as with a blank that being the case it leave the love account equal and leaves me minus the half of a good letter more or less as the case may be. The weather is fine and the sun shines warm but we have usually a fine circulation of air which counteracts the oppressive heat of the sun and make the day rather pleasant of the two. I think that I shall not be discommoded by the heat as I had anticipated, I have got fairly underway with the dissentanment of the pipe.

July 31st We have had a rainy morning so I dismissed my men till noon. I have just got a letter from Smith informing me that he will be here this week in it he says "Prospects this way are encouraging, I shall not fail of getting up a line between Baston & N York according to present indications." I have also a letter from Prof Morse this morning in which he says. "I have the fullest confidence in the plans you may devise for the dissentanment of the pipe and wires, and know that you will have all things done with the strictest regard to economy". He closes by saying "Things in relation to the Telegraph look well and if our plans succeed here, you will not want for ample employment." If business should shape so as to send me to the East as appears from the above extracts to be likely, it is my intention to have you make a visit to the East say at Providence & Fall River. I did not say much about when I was at home for I did not wish to excite anticipations that might not be realized, and I say now don't fix your mind too intently on the subject as to be much disappointed if any thing should occur to prevent the visit, but at the same time I want you to be making your calculations to go to Prov &c and I think that Mother had better calculate to go with you, it may perhaps be the only chance that she will ever have to visit Lucretia and her friends at the east. And if possible, I will snatch a few days and go

Northcliff with you and Mother and such friends as we can get to join the excursion I have for a long time wished to visit the Spurnacity Island, and should like to have some one along to paint and causing &c. I will pay Mothers expenses of the journy or you may which is the same thing, if she can get ready I think if all things work favourable, that the first part of Sept will be the best time to start that would give time for the visit and enable you to visit the fair of the American Institute in N.Y. on your return which commences about the Middle of Oct I want you should provide yourself with such a ready as your discreat notions of propriety may suggest, and in doing so I hope you will be able to get the necessary means from Thos Russel, Dunlop, Smith and such other of your friends as it may be necessary to call on for the purpose. If you should need other pecuniary aid I will contrive the ways and means at your suggestion of the necessity. In regard to the disposal for the time being of "your jewels" I can only say that is a matter to be arranged and will occupy your thoughts.

August 2nd - We have had until 4 P.M. to day a very hot and oppressive day and I cant say that I was sorry to have our work assisted by a heavy shower of rain that has cooled, and is cooling the air finely for it is yet raining the second edition having just been commenced

I promised you in my last (or first as you may perhaps call it) to continue the sketch of my journy and as the shower affords me a little leisure I will commence the redemption of that promis. I believe we last parted on board the steamer Portsmouth at Albany so I will commence my narrative there by saying that in a few minuts after 7 P.M. the bell announced the moment of departure and the hurry and bussel of Passengers Draymen Baggage Porters &c &c that is always incident to the sailing of a steamer, soon subsided, and the boat was fairly in the stream, with its panting Steam untoosed and playing off its antiks upon the high polished Machinery, our noble craft appeard fully sensible of what was going on, and at the first revolution of the gigantick Wheels she moov off "like a thing of life", We were now fully underway for a trip down the noble Hudson, the capital was fast leaving us, and appeard to be mooving up the river and mingleing with the enchanting Scenery of rich cultivated Valley vieing with the golden harvest, and the richer hilltops capt with the golden tints of the setting Sun. Now we perceive the, Knickerbocker, just leaving the wharf and swinging into the Stream, on her nightly errand to the Empire city. She is one of the finest Boats in the World, and appears to be well patronized, In a few minuts more the "Swallow" that old favourite of the traveling Community also swung off from the wharf and was under way bringing up the rear in fine Style

August 3rd I wrote last Evening untill I lost my pen in the Ink bottle and had to lay by to get a new supply, so I walked down Street and bought a dozen pens and 1 holder for 15 cents and am fully equipped for duty, I am now waighting before breakfast, which will soon be ready The morning opens finely after the shower of last evening and looks promising for a very hot day, but I must take that as it comes and will resume my narative, Well I have informed you above that three Steamers, the Portsmouth Knickerbocker and Swallow were underway for New York, We were all on deck surveying the beautiful Scenery that skirts the Hudson to the waters Edge, and noting the Ease with which our noble craft divided the smooth surface of the quiet water, at this time about a half hour after starting, we perceived the Knickerbocker

This letter was finished at 4 P.M. Sunday Aug 4. 1850. Crossing in good

we find you all well and should be glad to hear of the full recovery of our father and Orrin. What hinders Orrin from writing to me. If he would try it in the morning before the Stroke came on I could read it

working up with an evident design of passing us. (the Knickerbocker and Swallow are fast boats) in the narrow channel that we then occupied about 8 miles below Albany. In this the Knickerbocker was to blame for there is scarce room for two steamers to pass in this narrow part of the River. And it was no doubt the design of the K to run our boat out of the channel into the flats and pass on and leave us stuck in the mud. This she did not succeed in doing as our Pilot kept the channel at the risk of being run afoul of by the K and so it happened the two boats came together with a crash that was sufficient to frighten the timid, but did no injury to either of the boats, but its effects upon the nerves of the Excitable was very satisfactory. And the Ladies were thrown in a fit of histerics by the ravings of a man who had become so frightened himself as to loose his reason if he ever had any, and he hollowed in the Ladies Saloon that "the Boat is sinking the Boat is sinking We shall all be drowned" &c &c this foolish conduct on his part caused a very general alarm among the Ladies, and some of the weaker of the sterner sex, and they got up a very general Shreek and some had resolved to jump overboard, and had like to carry the resolve into effect before the more prudent could persuade them that they would gain nothing by that leap Even if the boat should Sink. and by the time that matters had become a little quiet in and about the saloon, another concussion between the boats took place which caused the reenacting of the scene among the ladies, but no other damage was done and the Knickerbocker had now fairly shot ahead of us which enabled the affrighted passengers on our boat to breath more Easy, and coax reason back to her throne. The Swallow, now passed us also, and left us to bring up the rear which was fullfilling that passage in the Sacred volume that say "the first shall be last &c". This circumstance gave additional relief, to the sufferers, as they now regarded all danger as past, and was soon enabled to get there refractory nerves so far quieted as to obey the summons of the tea bell. Tea over and all things quiet, the mind seemed inclined to repose, and the late scene of terror and confusion, was now followed by the quiet seeking of births whos numbers might correspond with the ticket in the possession of the seeker, and one by one as they found there allotted birth quietly retired in the arms of Morpheus silently invoking a blessing from the drowsy god. I was among the number who had got snugly stowed away for the night, and I had double duty to perform for I was intent on making up what I lost of sleep the night before on board Steamer But we were not yet to enjoy the sweets of balmy sleep, for as we had just got to dozing, an accident occured to the machinery, the crank broake with a crash that reverberated through the Steamer and was recorded to the remotest berth and Stateroom in the ill fated vessel, and a scene followed that would have been a rich one for the painter. The passengers in our cabin played at frog with a skill and dexterity that would put "Hermonsieur" to the blush. They generally hopped from there birth at the first concussion, some landing on the cabin floor on all fours others rolled out and landed all fours upwards, some one end foremost and some the other, some with cloaths on, and some without, all making a general rush for the gangway to leave the cause of the alarm. which they soon found to be breaking of the crank. I kept my berth bravely drapping my curtain to get a good view of the play.

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July 9 1844.

Mrs Ezra Cornell
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New York July 29th 1844 –

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th inst. I have just rec'd. I am glad to learn you are at the pipe and wires. In regard to the regular payment of the men employed, say to Mr Burbank that I will be obliged to him to disburse the necessary sums, on your requisition. I have the fullest confidence in the plans you may devise for disinterring the pipe and wires, and know that you will have all things done with the strictest regard to economy. As to the time to be employed in disinterment, I leave it to your discretion, saying only that it is advisable to have it completed as soon as it can be done with safety to the wires, which I wish to have reeled up and well soldered ready for use. —

Your account of the repetition of the experiment to test my mode of crossing rivers without metallic conductors, is very gratifying. As my experiment had been tried with Dr Tishu as my Assistant, and the result rested mainly on his report of what occurred on his side of the canal, I had lately some misgivings, (from my experience of Tishus character,) that there might be some mistake. When I return to Baltimore I will try with yours & Mr Vail's assistance the experiment on a larger scale. —

Things in relation to the Telegraph look well, and if our plans succeed here, you will not want for ample employment.

Very Respectfully
Y. Sno. Ob. Sert.

Sam'l. F. B. Morse

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

Superintendent Elec. Mag. Telegraphs.

Assistant Superintd.
at Baltimore.

D. B. Esq. is here but will be in Balt. by
end of the week. — ——

Baltimore

Alfred Jones, Esq.

Office of Internal Revenue.

Baltimore Aug 9th 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I am happy to be able to say to you that I am well. and hope soon to hear the same cheering news from you. I rec'd another Chronicle from you to day but it was an old one to me as I rec'd one of the same from the Chronicle Office a week ago. I also mailed a pamphlet for Miss Elizabeth. P. Cornell. Ithaca & one to Miss Mary Cornell Homer Cholcum Co Michigan I hope the young ladies will injoy the reading of them. I returned last Evening from Washington where I had gone the day before to see Smith. I find that every thing is to all appearance working well in relation to the Telegraph There are three companies. one in Phil one in N. York and one in Boston negotiating for the Telegraph. The Phil Co wishes to have a line Erected between Phil & New York. the Boston Co wishes a line from Boston to New York and the New York co wishes and is negotiating for the whole right, at a half a Million of dollars. There is a prospect of closing a trade with the latter Co. if so they furnish the funds &c. Erect a line from New York to Boston at once the line to be completed by the first of December. It will make busy times for me to get a line complete that distance in so short a time but if life and health is spared me I can do it I shall probably go on to New York or Boston as soon as the negotiation is closed. or as soon as I can get the work of raising pipe in train to leave. It will take a fortnight or three weeks yet to raise the balance of the pipe at the present rate of work. I think that E. B had better hold himself in readiness to come on when I notify him; or if he has made other arrangements I should like to know it at once, I am satisfied that Orrin can do no better than to work me & this business, and the way to do it is to be on hand. If he has any desire to get a birth he had better write to me,

Mr Burbank the man who I got to advertise for a Patten for me has been in New York for the last fortnight in connection with the Telegraphic negotiation, so that I have not learned whether or not there has been any applicant, hope to learn soon about it, I suppose now as I have got through with the news part of my letter I must resort to the left part of the narrative of my journey down to fill the everlasting space that my long shuts present after the conclusion of a long letter.

Sunday Aug 11. I will now trury to fill up the vacant space of this letter and send it on, let me see, I must commence at Hudson, Well, I had got breakfast, and got my $1 refunded by the Capt of the unfortunate Portsmouth, and my baggage moved to the Wharf where the "Troy" which was the day boat for that morning) landed, and learned that the fair from there to N.Y would be $1.50, there was a boat lying near that came from Hudson to N.Y. starting in the evening, which offered to carry the passengers down for $1. An Effort was now made to organize the passengers in an arrangement to go down in the Troy if she would take them at $1 each and if not to stay and go down in the night boat from Hudson 40 or 50 of the Passengers gave in there names and there Gentleman tried to arrange with the Capt of the Troy when she came

but did not succeed as the Capt of the Troy would make no compromise, go or stay my fair is $1.50. I with a few others went on board, but the most held back to go at 6 in the evening boat. and here my knowledge of there doings Ends, as I was again on my way down the ever beautiful Hudson, onboard the Steamer Troy which is a noble craft owned the the Enterprising citizens of the beautiful and flourishing city whose name she bears. My opportunity for seeing the picturesque and romantic scenery of the river borders was complete it being a very pleasant morning, but I will not trey to give you a discription of things that have been described so may hundred times before and which I hope you will very soon have an opportunity to witness yourself, suffice it to say that I enjoyed the landscape in its ever-changing variety as I have no doubt you will. We halted to land & recieve passengers at Poughkepsie Newburg and the various other landings along the river.

You will recollect the story in the papers detailing the traditions about "Capt Kidd" the noted pirate, his piratical feats his chace up the river by the british, his burning his vessel when he could retain her no longer, and the great amount of treasure that was sunk in her and remained there in the old sunken wreck as a special deposit for an hundred and forty odd years. You will also recollect that the account stated that the wreck had been explored and that no doubt remained of it's being the identical Kidd Ship and that great preparations were making in the way of Submarine dresses, Diving Bells, Cranes, tokes, and all other necessary apparatus, for raising and exposing the hidden treasures to the light of day; and that no doubt was entertained that the treasures were there and would be found coming to gladden the hearts of the Enterprising Submarines, Which as we began to approach the particular point in the river, where the affairs of the British successful Pirate came to a crisis, all eyes were Eagerly turned to the spot in hopes to catch a glimpse of the spot renowned by tradition. If they could not enjoy the greater pleasure of beholding the "yellow boys" plundered from old Spain and the priceless jewells, of the tawny daughter of the "Great Mogul" which the holders of the shares so soon expected to appropriate to their own especial use. And all Eyes Shipward turned were gratified in that small particular, for they not only beheld the self same Spot, but there were the broad & apparatus, of the Submarines with Every thing in full blast, men were down in the immediate neighbourhood of the treasures quietly pursuing there vocation, as we skimmed in the very bounds of frontier along on the surface of things knowing as little of them and their operations as they did of us. Then stud the stakes showing the outlines of "Kidd" "Subtreasury" just as had been described in the papers, and fully justified the sige given of the burned and sunken Royal Ship. Now what more could be wanting than all this to satisfy the Eager Shoare holders that a fortune soon awaited them, and what more could be necessary to create a brisk demand in Wall Street, for shares in this fortune making enterprise? I answer nothing. Every thing was working to a charm, and the shares were selling briskly, while the knowing ones informed their dupes that they only wished to dis-

-pose of a sufficient number of shairs to prevent to heavy a loss from falling on the hands of the fire projectors in case of a failure to find and recover the treasure, an event they by no means anticipated,

Thus things were working as kindly as could be desired, the publick daily Expecting the announcment of millions of treasure thus obtained, and the (Green) Shareholders in a state of feverish excitement every morning until they had read the morning papers and quieted their nerves by satisfying the mind that they should have to wate another day before being summonsed to a division of the Spoils, When lo!-and behold!- The Paris corispondent of the National Intelligencer in a letter to that paper, informs the "Greens" and "Fibbs" who have imbarked so Eagerly in the Enterprise, and taken a few shars of the stock just to prevent a heavy loss in case of failure to the "wise ons" and secure a fortune to themselves in case of success, That the whole thing is a "Hoks", a real "Multicollus Humbug", and after going on in a very humorsom manner to inform the publick and persons interested that the apperations of "Capt Kidd, does not rest upon tradition, but is known and fully recorded in the history of those times, he then accounts for the presence of the wreck of a large ship partly burned being found in the past in the Hudson river in the following manner.

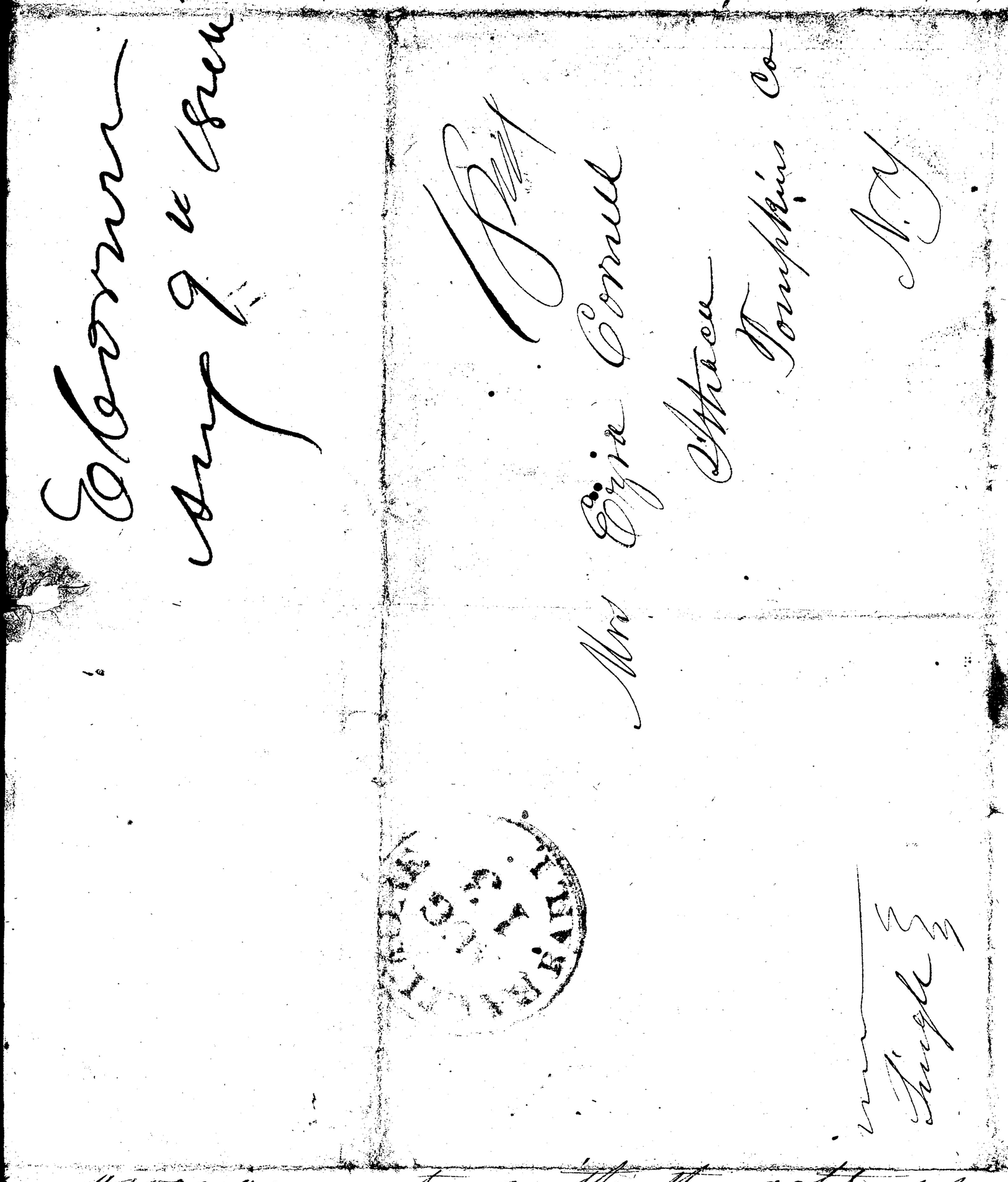
"As to the wreck of the vessel found at the entrance of the Inglewood persons may be living at this day who saw it burn 67 years and who could now point out the spot where it sunk.

It is probably the remains of one of the two American frigates destroyed on the night of the 6th of October 1777, when Fort Montgomery was taken by the British under the command of Gen. Sir Henry Clinton. An account of the loss of these vessels, written on the 9th of October, 1777, says: "We were under the disagreable necessity of destroying Fourt Constitution after removing part of the stors, and burning the Frigates, Congress and Montgomery, To prevent them falling into the Enemy's hands the wind and tide being unfavourable to their moving further up the river."

Fourt Montgomery is not more than three miles above the mouth of the past; the wind and the tide unfavourable to their moving up the river might carry one of them before she sunk to the fool of the Dunderberg — to the very location selected by the alleged "traditions from different sources" for the sinking of Capt Kidd's ship, with her cargo of Gold and silver with much Jewelry, one hundred and forty five years ago."

You will perceive that the above Extract from the letter in the Intelligencer clearly accounts for the wreck found and its being partly burned &c &c, and he further says that "Kid was never at New York after the 6th of Sept. 1696, when he sailed from that city in the Adventure galley" "He neither took the Spanish galleons nor murdered the or robbed the daughter of the Great Mogul". So you see the new Kidd Gold Humbug bubble is like to burst, and who can tell what story will be set on foot next to aid a parcel of heartless Speculators and Gamblers to pitch the Jackets of the unsuspecting portion of community. I find that I am wrong in attributing the article alluded to above to the Paris corispondent of the Intelligencer. It was by a corispondent who dont give his whereabouts, perhaps New York,

We had now got fairly by the Enchanted spot and the attention of the passengers were again attracted by the beauties of the surrounding scenery. I about this time thought that I recognized an old acquaintance, and on taking the second look so as to be shure that I was right before I spoke I found that there was no mistake and that it was Mrs Eddy, and in company with her was Mrs Morgan the mother of Mrs Lathrop Eddy, they were on there way to the city the one to visit her son and the other her daughter, and the two to visit them both, The Ladies were as glad to find an acquaintance as I was and perhaps more so as they had had the misfortune to have their baggage left at Troy and felt anxious about the recovery of it. I made such



arrangement, with the cost as I hope resulted in the recovery of it and on getting to New York I gallanted them up to Broad Way and seated them in an Omnibus for up town and parted with them, they feeling no fear of getting along without further trouble. I shall forward a box of lead pipe to Patten tomorrow for him to use to conduct the water from the creek to the house where he lives. We are in a fine climate here for various kinds of fruit. Melons abound in the greatest perfection and selling at $1,50 to $3,00 per 100, very large and fine. Tomattoes are the best here of any that I have met with before. Peaches abound here in great abundance and in the highest state of perfection. Pears & Apples are also abundant, I have no doubt that grapes will also be abundant and fine, give my respects to the Children and injoin them to be good Children

M. A. Cornell

Yours Affectionately E. Cornell