Washington Jan 2nd 1845

Dear Brother

I have neglected writing till
on account of not having any conveyance
that suited me for a letter and I had noth-
ing to communicate that would be new
to you concerning the prospects of the Telegraph
I have not succeeded in getting any "Franks"
until to-day. I got enough of them this morn
-ing to last me through the Sesion I think:
but as Prof Morse will go directly to N. York
& you will probably see him I will let
him take this. He expects to leave here
to-morrow. His Bill has not passed a consider-
ation in Congress yet but it will probably come
in this week or next. I think the prospect is
favorable for them to do something for him.
He will give you all the news of general
character therefore I will say but little
about that. I should like to know what
you are doing but if I can judge from
the newspaper reports you are going ahead
with the line from N.Y. to Boston. I should
like to know the particulars frequently if
that is the case. I have not been bold enough
to propose to a M.C. to grant me the privilege
of having my letters directed to him.

I have not had an opportunity to cultivate an acquaintance with with members for the last few weeks as I have been obliged to do all the writting through the Tel, during the sittings of Congress. Tail has not written any of the proceedings of Congress scarcely for 2 or 3 weeks. I have got out of money & hardly know how to get along as I am boarding at a house where they cannot well get along without my board every month. I should like very well to stay here until Congress adj's but if I could get a situation where I could have a salary sooner I should like it still better on account of my pecuniary embarassments I got $10. of Prof M 2 or 3 weeks ago but he felt so poor I do not want to ask him again although I have been almost constantly in the service of the Tel, since the elections began in Oct.

If you are going on writte a line to Boston how soon will you want a writer in N.Y. Let me know the prospects, or advise me what course is best for me to pursue as I am now in debt 8 or 10 dollars more than I have to pay with. I do not want they should know at home how I am situated as Merit has drawn so hard upon father that I suppose he feels very poor. Merit I suppose you are aware was married the 30 of Oct. and is now living in his own house. I rec'd a letter from

him a few days since the first that I have rec'd. from him since I have been in Washington. He writes as though he was well satisfied with his situation. I am a little fearful that his notions are too high to get along well on a farm, but I hope he will be more economical hereafter as he is married & settled now. He says that Uncle Martin's folks have "nothing but the ague" there. I get along finely with friend Tail, I think much more of him than I did 3 or 4 weeks ago. I have discovered something new in him, he is not so cross. About your Patent-right, or invention I should like to know something more of it. & whether you will be likely to come to Washington. I should like to know what it is & if it is necessary I can keep it a secret. They do not change anything or turn my papers at this Office & as you proceed with the work I wish you would send me a paper often & use the pencil upon it. I will let you know if they open any of them. Don't put anything in them that is private of course but I think there is no danger of their opening my papers I am so well acquainted with the clerks. I have nothing new from home. They are all well. Have you heard whether Johns has been heard of since he

left home. Let me know frequently where to direct letters to you. I think you will hear from me more frequently hereafter. I think of no more of importance so good night—

Yours with the most affct regard

O. Elwood

E Connell esq

Mr. E. Connell,
Solicitor,
Liverpool.

Boston Jany 30 a. 45
Evening—

My Dear Sir-

I send you a greeting with the compliments of the new year- I have been here two days on one of the usual new operations that have sprung up with sufficient temptations to detain me this day, & probably may continue to do so for some days to come, for any thing with- I have this evening, in conversation with Mr Hardman, (late Surg. of the Navy) got on the track of the finest instruments I shall need to make our instruments complete - & Mr. H- proposes to go with me out to his workshop, about 36 miles from this city, via R. Road, where I return here in my own way with- (which may be in all next week-) that I may determine what arrangements I can enter into on the subject, for a future supply. The man is an undoubted mathematical genius - a mathematical & optical instrument maker, equal to the best in the country. I propose & wish to have you forward to me, at the earliest moment you

can get one ready to spare, one of our best instruments, that I may show for a pattern — If the Savin instruments are not in use, or will not be required until two or more of the new ones are completed, then send me one of those — by the Express, & direct it to me at the Brimfield House, Worcester and as soon as it can be spared; after the middle of next month — or may, after next November — If one of the new ones will be completed by that time, & you prefer one of them, send that one — I want to see what I can get them made for by the man to whom I refer, in any quantities I may order —

I will here remark for your information, that I now have the offer of such Capital as I may need, in my Raleigh line — and I would like to have you inquire out such manufacturers of copper wire as are to be found in Worcester City, and ascertain & inform me by letter when you forward the instruments, as above, at what price I can procure a contract the wire for say a eighth accounts from N. Y. to this point — to be delivered at such times as you should think expedient, to enable the same to be wound, & the work all by the 4th of July next — You can fix the different times of delivering, & the places of delivering, according to your own knowledge of what will be most expedient to ensure the completion of the line by the 4th of July — The

Letter, J. Smith the Pearl - on Yacht "Mathew Addison"

tunes to be carried on a debiting & inspection of the
wire & its being passed round, & have, by some com-
petent person to be mutually agreed on - I would
have the weight equal to 90 or 100 lbs to the mile -
I think that is what we calculated at best -
I want you to make diligent inquiry of the different
dealers, manufacturers & agents of the articles, who
are to be found in the N York Market - as I can
now be my way clear to construct the lines in order
As to the time when you
can send me the instru-
ment, I wish you to write
me by Express at Portland,
as early after the receipt of this as practicable -
If it can be sent in the early part, or by midday
of next week, I would as the whole benefit that you
would [little] put it in a paper, or wrap [under] wood
box, & send it to me at Portland, instead of
Boston - If it cannot be sent until Friday or Satur-
day, send it only to Boston as above requested - I
have not found Farrin, nor Harding to day - his Book
in them when I must come up - I have paid Mr.
Barrin the bal. of his bill - by your attendance - the total
of which is $30 - He did not conclude to make any
deduction. I shall forward you a copy of the Vocabulary
by the earliest opportunity. You will see I have plastered over
the Prof's invention, without touching any knowledge I have of
the qualities of the man! I mean shall be brought to untish
the "Puritan" - Truly Yours, in haste - F. O. J. Smith.
Mr E. Connell Jr. York City.

U. S. Yacht "Mathew Addison" at Long Wharf

P.S. It may be too late [illegible] to prevent the Express Office open Sun., & the P. Office open to buy postage - If so. look an acct. of it -

See Hunt's Magazine (N.Y.) for my articles on the P. O. - December & January numbers - The latter I have not yet seen.

F. Otis Stuart
Aug 3-45

Mr. Enos Connelly
No 30 Ivory St -
City & N. York -

PAID

City of Newyork
June 5th/45

Mr Johnson Clerk

Sir - We can now place you upon the telegraph work immediately on your arrival here, & would be glad to have you here as early as possible after the receipt of this - say wednesday next, if you can - You can report yourself to Mr E. Connell, 73 Thomas Street, two streets from the Washington Market, on the North River Side -

The work first put under your charge, as I understand Mr - Connell, will be to rough smoothe about 150 of our posts, (Cedars) for setting up in the city - & for them with tenants to receive the caps - & after that the others, (say & the number of 2500) will be fitted only by forming a 4 x 1¼ inch tenant on the small end - & the bark & rough shoots only, taken off - ready to be set in the ground. These will be fitted in lots of 200 or more, as delivered at different points along the line of our route, between this & Philadelphia; & afterwards distributed - You will have put under your charge the necessary number of

men to aid you to accomplish this preparation of the posts with the least practicable delay - If you know of two or three men of good and industrious habits, who know enough of the carpenter's trade to use the saw and axe to advantage, and who cannot do better than to engage at one dollar & a quarter cash, per day, & in an employment that will probably last three months, and may be much longer, you can engage them and have them come with you - The expense of board, Mr. Connell thinks, will not much exceed $2 - per week to the men, each, after they get out upon the line. The tools, which Mr. Connell wishes you to bring with you, if you have them, are, a drawing knife, jack & smooth plane, cross & whip saw - hand axe & turning chisel, 2 inch - Your compensation will be two dollars per day, you finding yourself -

After that branch of work above described, shall be accomplished, you will have charge of a crew of men engaged in setting the posts along the line - The crew will consist of from 10 to 14 men - To any rugged & industrious men, of good habits, whom you know, suitable for this work, and who cannot do better at

home than at one dollar per day here, you can say I will give them employ on reporting themselves to you, or Mr. Connell, immediately. The expense of getting here is very little, even from Portland - taking the cheapest cars from Boston.

We may, in crossing the North River, have occasion to construct a pier, and step on posts up two 200 or more feet - In that event, this work will probably be put under your charge, while the other work is progressing.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Francis O.J. Smith.

P. S. Mr. E. Connell is appointed the General Superintendent of the line, from whom all further directions will proceed, & to whom all matters will be referred - All accounts of workmen will be audited & either paid or approved by him.

Copy Letter to Nash

J. Nash -

July 6. 1845 -

Mr Stevens

24 Broad st -

Fort Washington P.O.

Johnson & Lowdon

115 Wall. Sch Mich

I P.M. Stage from Courtland -

5½ from Utica - 9a from N. at 6 -

Portland Jany. 9. 1844
(1845)

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst came to hand this morning - I wish you from Boston a few days since, which could not have been received by you, at the date of yours - If you can send me any instrument, as therein suggested, within the coming ten days from this date, do so, addressed to me here - I cannot get away (from) sooner - as to money, below, I send you an order that will meet your wishes all in, do as you would be done by, & will be satisfied - I have only time to add that I am as ever,

Yours Truly
F. O. Smith

Mr E. Connell -
City of Newyork -

Dr J. L. Graham - U. S. city of Memphis.

Sir - Mr Connell writes me that he is in want of funds - Please accommodate him with what he may want, & take his receipt for the same as on account of the Olympia, & the same will be recognized by me - He has my unlimited confidence, & you will oblige me by advancing to him as you would to myself on the work - & as he may need -

Yours truly

Francis J. Smith.

William Jamy q. 1843-



Mr. E. Connell
No 30 Cortlandt St.
City of New York

Washington Jan 11 1845

Dear Brother

I rec'd. your letters by Prof M. this morning & your suggestions I thank you for as they have already benefitted me some. I had no idea that the letter which I rec'd. from you dated in Boston was directed to a member of Congress. I supposed you had sent it by some person who was coming to W & they had dropped it in the P.O. here where I found it. But you succeed so well I have a notion that you try it in the same way again; if you find anything of interest to me, before you come to Wash. Send it to the Hon. Thomas H Seymour M.C. On the letter just only my name & "Morse's Tel. Office". He is frequently in the office & I think would hand it to me. I have not consulted him but I think there will be no difficulty.

I should have sent you a report before had I known certainly that you were in N.Y.

I sent one to Mary Ann together with a letter enclosed in a "frank" yesterday. & I have sent A.A. Sheed Jr one, & several others to my friends in & about Ithaca. As yet there has been nothing done for the Telegraph & there is no prospect of anything being done until the Texas question is disposed of

and when that will be is very uncertain. For the last week there has been some very warm debating on the subject and for the last day or 2 Wash. has been in a perfect excitement from an anticipated duel between Mr Clingman of N.C. & Mr Yancey of Ala. C. had the floor on Monday last & made a speech which was very cutting on the Dem. party & on Tuesday Y. got the floor and replied to Mr C. and his remarks were very severe which cut C. so severely that he forthwith sent a note to Mr Y demanding an explanation & Y had none to make. The consequence was that they left the city & went to Balt. for the purpose it is supposed to settle it by exchanging shots. All sorts of rumors were going the rounds last night with regard to the duel. Some of the reports said that Mr Clingman was killed; others that an express had arrived stating that Yancey fell at the 3rd fire. Another that it had come by Telegraph that Mr Y. was killed &c. &c. To-day there has been a good deal of interest among the m.c. about them but the excitement tonight is rather subsiding. It is my impression that they have delayed it so long that they will not fight. They are both young men about my age & Yancey is a very briliant orator. It is said that his speech was one of the finest

displays of eloquence ever made upon that floor. You shall have the earliest intelligence respecting the movements of Congress on the Tel. Bill as you desired, & all else that is of peculiar interest that transpires here. You said you would have been glad if I had mentioned what Jail is at, that he allows me to write. I'll tell you; we have so much writing to do for company & reporting all the proceedings of Congress for the Balt. papers that he gets all the writing he wants besides it takes him all the time pretty much to record in his book, what R & I write. He continues to treat me more friendly & occasionally throws out a hint that if the Bill passes that I will receive my reward. He begins to see plainly that he would not get along with what he wants the Tel. to do this winter if it were not for my assistance. And I think now I can write faster than he can which is quite an important consideration where we have a full column of a newspaper to send. We have had an accident occur in the last storm; the wires loaded with ice and broke in several places. I think the posts are to far apart or perhaps the difficulty would be more easily obviated to twist 2 smaller wires together before they were wound for one wire. I took the letter for Mr Monroe to him to-day they said they would like very much to see you in Balt. again.

My health is tollerably good considering my close confinement. Dont let our folks know I am out of money. I can get all the franks I want & if you have but a little news to communicate write it on a newspaper & direct to me my papers are never opened. You need not put your name to it I shall know where it comes from. I am to late for the mail to night & will therefore keep this open till to-morrow & see if there is any more news in the morning from the duelists.

E. Carmell, Esq.
Baltimore
Md

E. Carmell Esq.

I write a great deal lately, average a letter every day I think. Jan 12 The report now is that Clingman & Yancey have left Balt. & the Police are after them. We have had no winter to speak of here yet. A few slight snow squalls not making more than an inch of snow at once is all that we have had.
Let me know all the movements about the Telegraph.

Yours with affectionate regard

E. Carmell Esq

C. S. Wood

Ithaca 14 january 1845

Dear Brother

I recd your letter of January 6 in due time and was glad to find by it that you was well but was disappointed to find that you had not recd my first letter I was disappointed to in finding that the prospect of Business was unfavourable for I had made some Calculation on Getting a winters job down with you this winter, I have not done any thing here at all this winter for I have been Expecting that there would a chance open down there and Consequently I have not looked much for work and in fact there has been nothing to do I never saw so many so dull in Ithaca in my life & I dont see as there is any prospect of its being any better ~~you know~~ you sent me $10,00 some time ago to Settle up that Williams Note I offered it to Wilson but he declined taking it as there was not Enough to pay it up & I had no money to make out the ballance then so I kept it in order to make out the Deficiency hoping to get some money for that purpose I did not however make it out, and being called on for some money about that time which I was obliged to I was forced to pay out the $10. sent for the purpose aforementioned on my own act Expecting at the time that I should be able in a few days to replace it without fail but I have not as yet been able to do it, I can tell you Ezra that I have been very much Cramped and have not been able to get things to make my family Comfortable it grieves me to the heart to be under the necessity of making this communication to but so it is & I cant help it

this is the fact in the case as regards that circumstance and if you are not coming home soon I hope you will send up money Enough to settle up that concern by the Bearer of this letter (Stat Lyon) and Likewise if you can possibly spare it I want you should let me have $100, as there is 3 Executions against me on property Levyed upon and the Executions have 2 of them Expired, I expect Every day my property will have to be sacrificed (for property will not sell with out a great Sacrifice at this time in Ithaca) to satisfy the demand

you may think that this is asking to much but necessity compells me to ask this favour I have worked hard to get a little place to make my family Comfortable and if I can get through this pinch and get to work in the Spring I think I can soon make things Easy

there is some little jobs in contemplation here in the Spring I have part of trying to get any to get hoping that there would be a chance for me to get in to a better job with you but that seems to be uncertain, let me know what you think on the subject

P.S. William Beebe or rather Wm Hone was Buryed yesterday he died with the Consumption brought on by taking Cold & settling on his Lungs

the last news from Michigan was that all were well but Merrit this came on a paper

your people are all well and seem to get along as well as any of us, please write by Stat if there is not a prospect of your getting home first

By the Things you sent by Mr Place arrived safe whether he has wrote to you or not I dont know Yours Respectfully

To Mr Egra Cornell Esqr

W Bloomer

E/B Conrad
Jany 15th 1845

Mr Geo Bonsall esqr
No 30 Vesey st

Portland Jany. 15-/25-

Your letter of the 10th by Express
reached me here to day - & I immediately
replied by mail - shortly after - to day,
came your letter by mail, of the 13th. To
most of which my other letter of to day,
will reply - As to the mis, we must col-
lect all the proposals we can - and
so also, as the same concerns, how
rapidly the supply can be made, after
the contract shall have been concluded.
Copper is, I believe, considerably cheaper
than it was 2 years since when Prof.
Mc Leod -

I am glad Prof Mc is O. K. about
the part of my claim. You will recol-
lect the bill drawn by me, & upon it
the Court seemed to fully understood
as designed to cover, in the $10.000 advanced -
funds for my claim - It is the only out-
standing claim then known - & if the bill
passes Prof. Mc must bear up to that
agreement, & we shall be in trouble again.
He is generally right when away from
us - but when there he is all wrong. You

with [redacted] at his story of the acts of
mischief in a letter he wrote me.
I should take it as with me to show you -
Papa's intention is being enacted up to subm-
erge the battery - But from Prof. Pi's acct of
its cost, it will never repay us for the battery -
nor will it be economical. The truth is, it re-
solves a mere nest that had to furnish some
sort of a chicken, to cover up certain [illegible]
that I & some others folks wot of. But, I
care little about all that.

Send all your letters to me here, in
future - until I leave - And as you cannot
get off a new instrument until late in next
week, you may rest proceeding on to me.

Yours truly,
as heretofore -
H. J. Smith

Mr E. Bonnell
City of N. York

P. S. I wish you would call on Mr J. Prentiss, on Wall Street - nearly opposite the Bank of Commerce - his office is in the rear rooms, up one flight of stairs - & enquire of him. if he received a letter from me written the last ten days - & ask him to apply the State or prospects of the matter he has in hand for me, at the earliest day practicable - & particularly as to the action any proceedings had by him in N. York, will accord with any I may make in Boston on the same subject. From this he will understand all I desire to be informed of —

F. O. Smith
Jan 15-15

Portland Jany. 18. /45

Dear -

Your favor of the 13th is at hand - I cannot be mistaken in drawing on Col. Graham - The agreement between him and me was that the sum of Thirty dollars per month to his home should not cost over $350 - The reason why, I believe, he imposed others as you write, is, that he did not want it known to any one that it was put up & sold for the prospects - He did not want to create a flourish about finding the builder money &c. All is, call on him, immediately on his return, & if he does not pay on the order, borrow of him about $20, & give him a draft on me, payable on sight - & if this fails, then draw on me, on sight, for what you must have & I will meet it - Or - what perhaps will be less trouble, & be convenient all round, call on my friend Mr. Haley, show him this authority, & he will lend you, on my account, what you may need - & I will refund it - I shall be gone only a few days - being detained only to wind up a negotiation of some considerable account. What I have been making here, within the last three weeks - I feel confident Mr. Graham

will furnish you the money - on his return - or if he does not return in season, get it of Mr. Bailey, then as soon as Col. G. returns, call on him for it, & replace it to Mr. B -

I [redacted] each of the letters you mention, & replied to them -

I forwarded a Vocabulary to Prof. Turner, at N. York, care of his brother at the Observer Office - I shall send a copy to you in a few days - I have sent 300 to Washington -

If you do not forward me a new pattern victorine so it can be here by the middle of next week, omit to send it -

Yours truly J. W. Smith.

Mr E. Cornell

City of N. York -

~~Address a letter to [redacted].~~

P. S. Say to Joseph that Mrs. Peabody will be in N. York on friday evening next, by the Long Island train - & undertakes to meet him at the depot, on Brooklyn side - and also procure him accommodations at his boarding house, if convenient -

No 84 Nassau

Sept 5 2

PORTLAND JAN 16 Me.

PAID

Mr. E. Connell
No. 30 Vesey St.
City of New York.

Baltimore January 15th 1845.

My dear Sir

Your favour was received by hands of the Professor — I am glad that you succeed so well in putting up the wire in Newyork. and also that Mr Smith has got things in so good a train for the commencement of his Boston line.

I have been waiting for a long time in the hope of seeing him here. and am afraid that his delay may prejudice the disposition of the con cern somewhat.

The enterprise is very popular & admired by every one — I suppose the first ac tion will be to extend the line from here to Newyork, and then perhaps to treat for a transfer & purchase.

The Assy & Cleveland are yet at the Office busy; I suppose the first appropriation is about used up, and are probably looking for something or a new score.

I was somewhat disappointed ~~in not disappointed~~ in not disposing of the concern to a company, for I am pretty well satisfied that by this time I could have had it wound up — You did not say what your new invention is? but hope it will prove a source of income to you. Allow me to keep what I want, in reference to my Lumber affair, in mind. If the time comes round, when I can raise money enough to set it at work in good order, I shall do it.

Yours respectfully & truly

David Barbank.

D Burbank
Jan 25 — 45

Mr Ezra Corbin

Mr. 30 Jersey Blvd Newark

Mass

Portland June 20./45

Dear

Yours of the 20th is at hand —
The Trustees behave so foolishly, & somebody is so busy in filling them with prejudices, that I hear rumblings that they may set a date as a "big foot", that their work wont go on, unless they do two things - 1st. give the output wider authority to provide land holdings where required - 2dly - call in & provide the necessary funds —

I have written them to recall my account of materials furnished — & to draw on me for the amount of stock I had asked to have my account pay, & I will furnish money to their order in lieu & take back all the materials & instruments & let them get substitutes from them agency — I can put the whole on the basis "Paid at once" — & unless they adopt a different course, I shall at once withdraw from all agency in the concern, & let it work its way through when & how it may, under Mr Kendall's Quick agency — & if you choose to follow me

t the Inside work, we will have it up in 30 days- A man offers to contract for the Ports at 50 cts - delivered on the line, & spot when wanted in 12 days. Instrument, 30 feet long - & I can have the cabs in 30 days - & the glass ones in 30 days - & I think I have another 100 miles ready to start, as soon as I get my available co-prospectors fortified - But all this you can hold in confidence, until I see you in Washington, on Thursday morning next - Kendall will then be there - & I return Thursday afternoon - my agency right square - unless the roads be bad on all sides.

I suspect there is an influence at work to hurt — with the Secretary - & I have declared open it out & out - We should have a Democratic man & I so wrote Burke - but he offers no resistance on the subject - I wanted Harper - & Morgan Kendall - if he could be had - But I suppose he is a thing - & that may be an objection - I don't know, but only suspect it may be, as another man may be in the field - But if I find politics any how can sister the company, I will denounce it in unmeasured & unreasonable terms - I don't yet have reason to think it is so to any extent - But I fear it may be - In the end all will come right -

Yours Truly H.S. Huntington

Wm E Connelly -
N York City

Say to Mrs. Munroe, if she is in Mr. Haley's, that I shall be in N York, Thursday morning, & would like to have her wait for me.

Smith
Jan 21-45

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dalton Jany 22. 45

Dear Gen. Yours of the 20th is at hand - both this & the 17th. I write Col. G - to correct the misunderstanding if there be any, & to say to him that I shall direct you to suspend all work until I get on, say in the course of two days - I have also requested him to hand you $200 on my acct - which I will repay to him on my reaching Atlanta - & if he & I do not at once reconcile differences, I shall forfeit the loss & say no more - The whole matter will be lost - in the end, only Board Bills & labor - all of which we will make right - Gen. Eaton our friend, & head clerk found between Col. Grubbs & myself - & he is a mutual friend & will decide at once all doubts - At any rate, I will loose all, rather than have any complaint between G. & myself - for it seems to me my strength & energies are worth sufficient for I wanted to put a Tel. office in 2-Cycle for & for - all is, we can turn the mill & machinery to immediate acct, by doing an Exhibition in 2-Cycle - & then, I think, recruit all loss - & then you may be getting ready to do, if Col. G - does not request you to go on & complete the work -

With this I send you $50 - last Col. G. should not punish you with the $200 - & in that event, will from me, & I will punish none - Haley's business may

be such as to induce him in making any advances - I suppose not - so I do not ask you to call on him again - I am glad he writes me about E. does, & wants to do about the $200 -

In haste - Yours truly

H. J.

P.S. I must mind ask an question here of great consequence to me both I know - but I am quite confident of getting away early next week - if not sooner -

Aug 22, 45
F. O. Schmitt

Dallas Jany 26/45

Sha -

I have no news to write - but having occasion to address Bully's letters for Mr P.M. & to send him a package, I enclose one to you - Before writing Mr. G. is rite. I had written him, with an enclosure to you - (containing $50 & how my letter & it will secure you $200 - I supposed him, that in case he & I misunderstood each other about the (terms) of the sale - I should assume all - & direct you to convert the instruments & come into an (obligation) at once - & this I wish you to do - Obtain rooms, & you take one end, & let Josepha take the other, & go at it at once - & I hope no doubt that the (terms) of the matter will yet be made up -

I hope to get away in all this week - I am only waiting the arrival of one hour from Augusta, who promised to be here last Friday, & next Tuesday at the furthest - I would not have

amount thus to have charged
any mistake; but for a matter of
conducted movement to me.

I have purchased of Messrs
Campbell Rose Mill & Mahon up
to aggregate of $375— I want
you to keep a Special account of
the amt. as might that keep
them separate - I am glad Bancroft
will find no difficulty in obtaining
the copyright full —

In haste, yours truly
H.H.B.

M. E. Connell
No. 30. Vesey St.
City of Newyork.



Copy of part of letter to J. L. Barber June 26th 75

"It not noticing omits perhaps to allude to the circumstances which induce me to regard it as [redacted] just to prepare me to distress, They are thus,

While I was in your employ you had a account in your store opposite the Clinton House by the name of Guibe who annoyed you very much, you could contrive no legal way to get him out and you concluded to apply formes, you ordered me to raise the troops and take away the stairs in the night so that he could not get in his room, assuring me that you would see us all horrilless, I did so and the stairs was [redacted] of and the troops also as they returned to Fall creek nailed boards across the door of Mornings Grocery, another nuisance which you wished to break up by force, as all other means had failed, While the nailing was going on, I was present and held the light and was seen by one of the Police Men who informed Morning, M singled me out and [redacted] a suit and got a judgment against me for $50. by your advice I appealed the suit & contested it until the judgment & cost amounted to $150 and had it to pay at last. I could at any time have cleared myself from the matter by exposing the others you directed me to do Mr Humphrey who advised that it was

best to contest the suit in my own name and have no one else implicated,
The witnesses of that suit I always regarded as being proper for you to buy, and I supposed with our settlement that you intended to do it by an offset of the suit that you claimed of Woodcock as due on my towers lot, We settled & the whole suit of that mortgage was left to me as per by you.
I was on the point of opening the subject at the time to you but let it pass hoping to be able to stand it without inconvenience myself and it has slumbered until now, It is only mentioned at this time that you might know what my feelings were on the subject,
The Holmon judgment is also inquired about

Ithaca 29th Jan 1845

H. P. Cornell

I have rec'd three letters from you lately, one of two sheets, the other single. I shall come to hand this morning by mail. I have not rec'd either except about 4 days of the last, in which you say; "you" are in earnest in stating that you do not calculate to lose by dying with me to Holman" I trust you will not, and I hope I shall escape as well with you. I do not think you will suffer by me, and I wish with all my heart that I could say I had never dissipated by you. The strong probability is, that if I had never known you, my debts would all have been paid: and I am not alone in that opinion.

I am full in the faith that Holman will be paid quite as soon as you pay H. Mann, and that all my debts will be arranged as soon as yours. And further, I believe that I shall lose $50 by you when you stand a possible chance of loosing 50 cents by me.

I think that it was in 1829. or 30 that I applied to Otis Eddy for a man to mend my plaster Mill, and he recommended you. At that time I was worth $40.000 and you pulled 40/— I soon after, employed you to talk charge

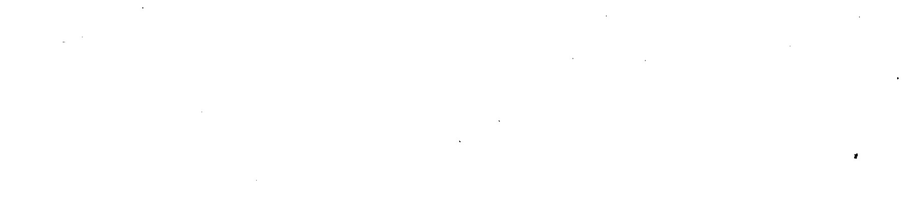
of my affairs at Ball Creek. From that time forward for at least 8 or 9 years you was in my employment at a good salary. You had my means to live on, and my credit to try your crazy experiments upon, and what is the result. I am now obliged to wear the old clothes I got last year, and you are moving upon lightning. If you have ever brought forward to the world's notice, it is by my means, and if you have no gratitude, all I can say is, that you are like the rest of the world.

I know, hundreds of times, have told me not to place confidence in you — that you would get me into trouble &c. I heeded not the advice of friends, and now I am suffering the consequences. Yes, My Mr Plaster Cornell, by which appellation you used to be familiarly known, has taken it upon himself to instruct me in my duty, and take care of my affairs. Yes, this man who came to me destitute, and who has cost me thousands, did sign a petition to Capt Hartman, to whom I had given the other security that cost me, in cash, more than double the amount; Yes, this man for whom I borrowed $1000 and signed his bond, has by means to pay what he owes me still, and never intends to pay; means that do not belong to him or me. Yes, this man talks of paying my debts, who has lost thousands

by him, and has paid him other thousands for homeopaths, and that too when he has not the least idea of ever paying a cent in the world, at least for me.

Now sir, you and your father are entirely right to the Bell Gas Company. They have tried every way to collect them, and have not been able to succeed. I know of only one other way. Let Landlord demand a notice to quit, and a writ for balance. So as I. I will not suffer this thing to rest any longer. I have tried all reasonable ways to live in peace and if he cannot, it is not my fault.

Yours &c



10

Mr Ezra Cornell

New York

Jan 13 1865

Portland Jany 31./45

Dear - Enclosed I send you $40~ - check. Take the $50 - and do you a "little good" - I shall be down on Monday P.M. next - I mean the middle of the week - I hope you are making arrangements to show your exhibition as early as possible - I am under no obligation to Col. G - & you may rely on it, I shall not play him or Liddell - If he says I misunderstood him, & charges him nothing for the misunderstanding he will have no reason to complain of me - The making of the additional entrances is wholly in his act - & a ~~[illegible]~~ necessary in one at this time - But, we will make the best of it -

Yours truly
E.O.S. Smith

Mr E. Correll -
City -

H. O. Smith
31 Jan 25

Mr. E. Bennett
No 30 Perry St.
Cincinnati -