Philadelphia June 15th 1845

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir, We have concluded nothing with the R. R. companies and are looking elsewhere for the right of way.

As to posts, we have not heard definitively from Burbank, but I hope to see him in Baltimore. Mr. B. Tucker, 16 Oliver Street N. Y. will furnish White cedar at any point acceptable at one dollar by respects. If we take the Railroads or divert turnpike, it will probably be best to close with him. I know not what you can do just now, but to pursue your inquiries as to the cost of posts &c. Mr. Smith is to look after the caps, pins &c. at Boston & vicinity.

Please call on L. S. Coryell Esq. who stops at the National Hotel, Courtlandt Street, give him your name and inquire whether he has received a letter from me naming you. If not, there is one in the N. Y. Post Office. If he should have any thing for you to do, please follow his directions.

If not otherwise employed, I wish you to ascertain who owns the land on each side of the Railroad from Jersey City to Newark, see as many of them as you can and see whether they will permit

us to put up our posts on their ground adjoining the Railroad. See also whether anything can be done with the Turnpike company. In fine, get a right of way to Newark by you can, along the Railroad, along the Turnpike, or across the marshes, fields and hills. From Newark I am quite sure we shall be able to penetrate the State.

With great respect
Your obt Servt
Amos Kendall

Mr. E. Bonnell

P. S. I shall probably be in New York again in less than a week.

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Mr. E. Cornell

New York

Philadelphia
15 June 1865

New York June 16. 1845

My Dear Mary Ann

I left you Saturday evening at about 6 P.M. I arrived in this city at 5 A.M this day sunday. all well.

I find that Smith & Knudall have not yet got the right of way settled so we shall have some days yet of delay. till Orrin I will delay writing to him a few days on that acct. but to be ready for a start when he hears from me

I have an opportunity to send this by Mr Jos Eddy.

My love to you and children

Yours Affectionately

E. Cornell

E. Cornell

Mrs E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

from Mr Jos. Eddy

Mrs Cornell
Ithaca
Mar 16 1865

Portland June 18. 1845

Your letter of the 11th - reached me on the 12th inst, reached here only this day -

A letter from Mr Butterfield says the steam cabs can be procured at $4 per gross - & by reducing the size to 1/4 of an inch, at $3.50 - & the cotton can be had for less - This is so much less than your proposal, that I shall write Butterfield to make a contract for me for 6000 -

He also writes that the cabs can be had, ready painted, at 6 cents each. I am not sure he fully understands the design - altho' he thinks an improvement has been suggested - I shall write him also

1/2 oz

respecting them - I fear he misunderstands what I wrote, to make the instrument at 6 cents - I shall send him a drawing -

Mr. Haley will pay R. Smith's bill of $50 - when he delivers the two instruments completed - & a bill of the whole - So you can direct him when the delivery is completable -

I learn that coffee wire will scarcely bear its weight for one mile - That steel wire will for 39,000 feet - but whether the experiment was made in a horizontal line, or lifted by a suspension of that weight, I am uninformed by the books - So that in case of our stretching the distance of a mile, we must have recourse to steel wire - Of this there is but one manufactory in the country - & that has recently been

commenced in Memphis City. It is by Robert Cochran, on North River side of the street called the Memphis Wire Works. It is a close establishment, & no visitors are admitted. But Mr. Cochran is there early in the morning, and can be seen. And the only way of getting all the information wanted, will be by telling him positively your role object, as agent of our company — that we are referred to him by his brother in Saco, in the firm of Alexander Fullerton & Co. of Boston. I wish you to call at the earliest opportunity, & ascertain the lowest terms on which we could get a first class article, turned thoroughly, which he has just commenced doing — & how soon we could get, say three miles in length, of the requisite size. Inquire as to the practibility of soldering, or brazing, for the purpose of getting the necessary lengths, & also for the purposes of repairs. Ascertain also how soon we could have it manufactured, if wanted — he should require the turning to be warranted against ovalization of the stock. If you get early information on the subject, communicate it to me here — say within a week or ten days from this — his address. Yours truly

F. J. Smith

Mr E. Cornell —
Memphis City.

Sunset Mills
Florence Ala.

Mrs. E. B. Gorrell
Care of Berryhill

Sister
Dallas Mar 30

John Gorrell
Nov 12, 1864

Dallas Mar 30 1864
Living 2 days

Dallas Ala Nov 16 1864

Dallas Ala Nov 12 1864

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Washington 19th June 1845

Mr. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir, Burbank writes me, that he cannot get Chestnut Posts delivered in the Delaware for less than 85 cents, and that he can get no one to deliver them in the ports of East Jersey. They would rot upon the ground in East Jersey about the same as White Cedar, after paying transportation through the Raritan Canal &c.

On the whole, I have concluded not to contract with Burbank at the price named.

I believe I wrote you from Philadelphia that Mr. R. Tucker, No. 16 Oliver Street, had proposed to contract to deliver white cedar posts at the New Jersey Ports for one dollar each. As at present advised, I think we had better contract with him for enough to build at least half the line to be delivered at such ports in East Jersey and the vicinity of New York as we may require — say 1400. If convenient, we will take of him all we want for the whole line and probably a large quantity for the Boston Line; but we are not ready to contract now.

If you have obtained information

knowing that we can get Porter much cheaper. I do not wish you to say any thing to Tinker; but if not, please set him to work as soon as possible.

I expect to be with you next Tuesday and wish you to call at Bunker's by 9 o'clock in the morning. I expect then to inform you what route we shall take and enable you to proceed at once.

With great respect
Your obt Servt
Amos Kendall

Kendall
28 June 45

Colonel J. D. Graham
Ft Brooke
Tampa

Lt. W.
Mobile

John E. Bonner

WASHINGTON CITY
JUN 29
PAID

Lt. Colonel

New York June 22nd 1845

My Dear Mary Ann & children

Old Time by his unceasing labours has rolled together Eight long days since we last parted, and although for the two years past I have been with you but little of the time, and have in one instance not seen any of you for nearly Eleven months, and you would suppose that I had become acclimated from home, still the last eight days appear like a long interval of time, and I now feel as strong in inclination to visit you, as I did two week ago to day, when I was planning the short visit that was so hastily closed Eight days ago.

As it is, I must content myself and try to amuse you as well as I can by narrating some of the history of those Eight days, and in doing that will begin where I left you, at home.

After taking leave of you and Elizabeth at the house on the announcement of the Stage, I walked to the road where I found my three boys ready to help me off and offer up their wishes (Prayers) for my safe and pleasant journey and speedy return. After I had got my baggage on and myself seated in the Stage Coach, they all came to the door of the coach and gave me a parting shake of the hand, as I have no doubt Perry has already informed you. We then started off "gehee" like, and had a very pleasant ride untill we reached Ludlow Ville just a night-fall. I experienced a very slight upturning of the stomach which induced me to apprehend that sickness before we reached Auburn, but the exchange of the four for a two horse coach at Ludlow Ville made it necessary that we should assend the long hill that rises out of that valley to the north on foot. Which so far restored the equilibrium of my sensitive stomach as to enable me to ride the journey out without any particular inconvenience, not so however with a fellow Passenger, he got so sick that he stoped 10 miles short of Auburn to recover and await the next stage. The night got rather cool and a great coat would have been comfortable, but I did not suffer at all for the want of one, and I am inclined to the opinion that the absence of the warmth from an overcoat was all that saved me from Stage sickness if so the circumstance may be given as another evidence that "Poverty is a blessing"

We arrived at Auburn a few minutes after three A. M which imposed onus the necessity of lounging an hour in the cold (as the publick houses had no fire at that time in the morning) for an hour before the cars arrived from the West. By ½ past 4 we were seated and underway for Syracuse by the time we arrived at Syracuse a splendid day had broken in upon us and promised to cheer our journey with its genial warmth and radiant splendor, and we were not disappointed in the promis, for it proved one of our natures loveliest days.

At Syracuse the passengers dispersed in the direction of the various Hotels to injoy the half hour alloted to them at this point in procuring breakfast, which I am glad to see has been reduced in price from 50 cts to 25 cts by an active and holsome competition, that is as it should be 25 is a great price for a meal of victuals in a country where fertile land is as abundant and cheap as it is in ours. The great mass of people are getting sick of paying high prices for the fashion of it. The aristocracy of wealth may be getting more exclusive, but I hope the good sense of those who dont belong legitimately to that class will prevent their following in the train of foolish fashions adopted by the upper ten thousands.

After breakfast we started on our way hotting a few minutes at the various stoping places untill we got to Utica where we got dinner also at 2/- and then on to Albany where we arrived about ½ Past 4 P. M, nothing occurring worthy of note. The encounters and rencounters of Rail Road & Steam Boat, Packet & Stage Agents & runners &c &c &c have by come so familiar to all who have ever once passed over this or any other rout of travel in the northern States that they are no longer written or read with interest so I will pass over them, by merely mentioning that we had our full share of annoyance from that source.

The New Jersey (The boat that I went up on) was the 5 O'Clock boat but as there were other boats to start at 7 and among them the Belle of Albany as an Opposition boat, I hired back and took her fare and berth 6/- she landed us safe in New York at ½ Past 5 A. M. on monday morning, which was as early as there is any benefit in arriving in the city.

When I got here I found that Smith had gone to Boston as I expected and that Mr Kendall had gone to Washington, but they had not succeeded in securing the right of way through New Jersey for the Telegraph, so we were not yet prepared to commence active operations, and I on learning these facts felt provocked that I had not trespassed on my time and stood with you a couple of days longer, which I might have done without any detriment to my business here.

Monday I spent in looking about me and finding out what had been done in my absence, and what I could best do to forward the business. Tuesday I devoted to conferring with a Mr Coryell from New Hope N.J., at the request of Mr Tindall who wrote me from Phil while on his way to Washington. Mr C is a man who has for some time been in opposition to the N J R.R.s and had undertaken to help get us a right of way through the state, but has as yet not succeeded.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, I embraced my leisure in visiting Stokes new furnace at Jersey City, and found him getting it ready for business rapidly, he will have a very good establishment there, and I hope will be successfull in his business.

I then walked around to Hoboken, examined the Iron steamer that is there a building, and then walked up to the Elysian fields, enjoyed its graceful shades and delightfull prospect, stepped in Sybils Cave, procured a specimen of the rock in which it is excavated, to add to my small collection at home, and then returned to the city.

This evening I was attacked with a bad complaint which gave me a sore rallying, and disturbed me once in the night, in the morning however I took a glass of Croton with a ½ tea spoon full of Sap. Carb of Soda which I drank before breakfast, I eat my breakfast and went about my business, all was quiet, not a word from that quarter since, that was Wednesday morning, after breakfast this morning, I crossed the Hoboken ferry and walked up towards the English Neighbourhood, till I got to the old 3 Pigeon tavern, where I took the Paterson turnpike and went over to Secaucus, to examine the chances for carrying the wires direct from Fort Lee to Newark across the Meadows of the Hackensack river. I find that it can be done and it is possible we may take that route, if so we shall pass through the English Neighbourhood near where we formerly lived and cross the meadows from there to Newark, at the west of Snake Hill, crossing the Hackensack near the old tide mill at Secaucus, you will not but Father and E.B. will recognize at once all those points from recollections of "Auld Lang Syne"

I took dinner with a farmer at Secaucus crossed the Hacensack and walked up on the west side to the first bridge from E.P. to Hacensack Village on old road where I recrossed and walked down to the old neighbourhood I took tea at the house of old Capt Wieland, now in the hands of new owners, but who are clever dutch people.

I learned that old Mrs Day, who I saw two years ago, was dead, she died last winter, I saw her youngest son William Day, who E.B. will recollect very well, when I visited there two years ago. He was living in Sullivan Co N.Y. He has now returned and has a little Shoe Shop between where his fathers little Store used to stand and that of John Eagles. He is a Shoe maker by trade, and I guess he is a clever man, but nothing remarkable, and I dont know as any thing remarkable was ever expected of him. His chief amusement as a boy was to trot or gallop on all fours, with the Hoofs of an old Horse in each hand this he performed well, and now he make an equally good shoe maker, and a steady sober man.

I should like to know the history of all the boys with which I was acquainted when I was a boy, I believe I must set to work and see if I cannot collect some facts on the subject that will be interesting to me, and perhaps usefull to my children. Tell Father that I saw his old friend Ned Earl, he has grown old but I knew him, although it is 27 years since I saw him, he lives near he did at that time, whether he steals now as he did then I cannot say, I hope not, perhaps he has stolen nothing since Father gave him that lecture for stealing his axe, and hoe.

This is the man that you may have heard me tell of who got a charge of shot in his own hams for attempting to steal the hams of a Hog. But he has probably seen the error of his ways and repented and reformed long before this and we should cover the past with the mantle of charity!

This night I stayed at John Eagles, but they did not recognize me, and I did not make myself know. Eagle is a poor drunken brute, and his wife and daughters are so dutch and ignorant to be very interesting. We had a fine rain in the night, which was much needed, after breakfast I took the Stage for New York, where we got about 10 A.M. Thursday

I stay in the city untill 1 P.M and then took the boat for Staten Island, to examine the chances for crossing the narrows with our wires, in which case we should have to cross from N.York to Long Island, then to Staten Island, then to Amboy and so on to Philadelphia, this route has some advantages over the other but I am unable yet to determine which we shall finally take I hope however the question will be speedily settled and all things made ready for the commencement of the work.

Staten Island is a beautifull place, and rapidly improving in its cottages and summer residences, of persons living in the city during winter, from the appearance of the parts of it that I have seen I judge it will in time be come a city of cottages gardens and pleasure grounds, At the Southeast point of the Island is an old or two old and two new forts holding a commanding position of the Entrance of the harbor Opposite on Long Island is Fort Hamilton, a new and strong fort and in the River or narrows near the Long Island shore is Fort Lafayette, an old but strong work, I hope the time has passed when such works are needed for the defence of the City of Country. I hope the worlds sense of moral justice is sufficient to protect the rights of all, I took a strolle for a mile or two along the South beach of the Island, it is a beautifull sand beach, and the sea breze is bracing and delightfull in a hot day, my afternoon was very pleasantly spent for one devoted to business, it could only have been made pleasanter by your company.

I returned to the city in the evening, and Friday I devoted to collecting information in the city in relation to materials and such things as will facilitate our work,

Saturday I worked all day on one of the new instruments and shall busy myself in the same way probably tomorrow This day I have spent in reading and writing up to the close of the last page, when to rest myself I walked down to the Bethel Ship and heard a sermon delivered by a German, partly in the English and partly in the German language, After the preaching closed the contribution platter was passed around as usual, and I began to fumble for a sixpence, as my concience whispered "give" but on finding the sixpence and getting it between my thumb and finger, ready for a final parting, the plate had got so near that I perceived that pennies was all the page, and to be in fashion I dropped the pip and clutched a copper, and got in on the plate in good season, What meanness!! I never put a copper on a Church plate in my life without feeling a remorse of concience, I actually feel ashamed every time I do the mean act and not unfrequently, but I contrive to appease concience by pleading poverty, and saying that I am in debt and must keep my money for my creditors &c, but Conciences says and that you spend ten times as much in some other foolish way, I have to plead guilty to the impeachment and promise reform, and it seems as though the concience becomes satisfied with these oft repeated promises and repentances although they are made to be broken, and dont seem to result in any substantial reform, But let it go as it will I confess that I feel ashame every time I give only a penny at church, and I believe that every body else does, unless it may be the Methodist brotherhood who becomes accustomed to that kind of sinning.

But if we look at the thing in a business point of view I cant say that I aught to have given more for I believe that a penny is all the Preach was worth to me, and to pay the full value of an article aught to be satisfactory to all parties, I think the preacher meant well, but he did not seem to get at the thing in the way to make it take The great mistake in my mind with most preachers is the way they propose to serve God, I think as you have often heard me observe, that the only effectual way to serve or please God is by doing good and helping our fellow creatures, helping to make them good and happy, such religion in practice will show good fruit, but alas! it is scarcely to be found in practice

Please say to Father that William Marshall the Potter has retired from business, and built a fine house and lives where he used to work, I have not seen him but have that such is the fact, In regard to Potters, I have made some enquiry and learn that they are scarce there is a demand here for a number of journeymen, so I was told at one of the Potteries in the city to day I was onboard of one of the Elizabethtown Pottery boats, but the person in charge said he did not know of any journeymen, he said a new shop at Amboy was wanting hands now, he said they sold more Earthen than stone ware, so said the Potter I saw in the City, at this shop in the city they burn a Kill of Earth kind every week, and could not keep an assortment of either on hand, Father will not get the job of making the earthen caps for the telegraph, as Smith writes me that he can get them made of Glass for four dollars per gross, that is less by one third than Father thought he could make them,

And Smith has had the wooden caps offered at 6 cents a piece so that we shall not look towards Ithaca for them I think however that there is some mistake about this matter as the lumber is worth nearly that amount at the Mills,

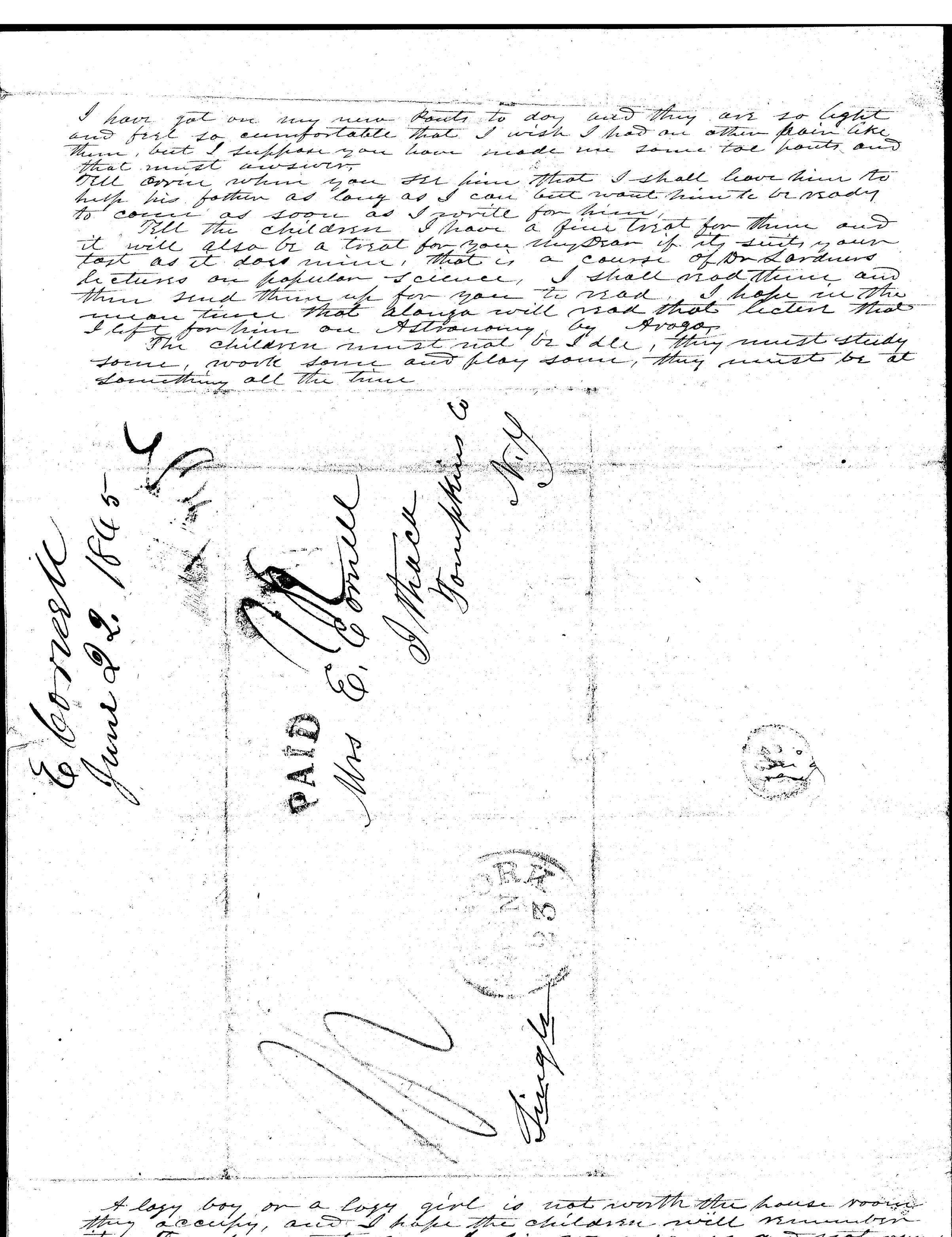
The bells are just ringing for a fire in the fourth district but I cannot see even the smoak from my window so I think I am safe,

I have got on my new boots to day and they are so light and feel so comfortable that I wish I had an other pair like them, but I suppose you have made me some too boots and that must answer,

Tell Orvin when you see him that I shall have him to help his father as long as I can but want him to be ready to come as soon as I write for him,

Tell the children I have a fine treat for them and it will also be a treat for you my Dear if it suits your taste as it does mine, that is a course of Dr Lardners lectures on popular science, I shall read them and then send them up for you to read, I hope in the mean time that Alonzo will read that lecture that I left for him on Astronomy by Arago,

The children must not be idle, they must study some, work some and play some, they must be at something all the time



A lazy boy or a lazy girl is not worth the house room they occupy, and I hope the children will remember it! Frank must mind his ways some and not run off to Fall Creek, or stay away without leave is first of an evil I hope you will soon have a school again and a good one, and in the mean time they must try to learn at home, I want Alonzo, Elizabeth and Frank to each write me a letter and have them ready to send to me often the first of July, and Perry can write a few words in a letter with his mother, when she writes,

My Dear I just thought that your Father talked of coming down to New York this season, you had better mense the notion and calculate to come down with him it will be a good chance for you, and I will try to devote time enough to you to show you the city, during the fair of the American institute is a good time, think the matter over, and see if I am not right,

I have ordered the American Agriculturist to Brother Robertson, and shall write them early in july,

I am having a room at the Hudson River house at 1/- per week, and eat myself, or eat when I please which costs about 2/ per day, all £1/ per week, Cheap enough

I have not room for complaiments so adieu with affection

E Cornell

New York June 30th - 8 P.M. 1865

My Dear Mary Ann & children

I have written one letter to you to day, and while I commenced that I thought as much as I should do for you but as I set down to my stand with Pen ink and paper before me, the writing seems to be a matter of course; and it is not unfrequent that I take up my pen and commence writing, and get a letter finished before I think fairly what I am at or to whome I am about to write.

I have just been up to Sexton & Miles 205 Broadway, to buy a doz envelopes, while there they persuaded me to go into their employ, they want me as a travelling agent for the Agriculturist and other works they publish, they offer me $1200. a year and expenses, a pretty fair offer I think Sexton says he can get agents enough but he wants me, He says the difficulty with agents is that they take the birth in hopes to get a place where they can get a living without work, All they know about me is from the business I done for them while I was travelling at the South, and what they have seen me since as I am in and out their Store.

But I told them I was fasting and it was of no use to speculate about the business, Now how many poor fellows there are that would jump at the chance of such a birth at half the price, but they dont know how to do it, they all want to contrive some method to live without work, and it dont take people long who have work to do to find that out,

I suppose traveling would not suit Merritt even if he should have a good chance, that young and handsome wife would not to any such move and I should not blame her.

It is cold and chilly, I was broken off from work about 3 P.M. Saturday by rain which continued all the evening, Yesterday it did not rain, but was cloudy and sour all day, this morning it commenced raining and continued untill 1 P.M. since it has not rained but does not clear off To sum up it has been a cold Northwest storm and not over yet,

The birth day of our hapy and free country is again approaching, and as it draws nigh the preparations increas for its joyous celibration, It is truly a day of joy and rejoicing, It is a day that carries back the thoughts of hapy Millions to the gloomy times that gave it birth, "The times that tried mens souls"

It is a day ever to be remembered by freemen and should be ushered in with rejoicings and greeted with cheerful hearts, as the great day in our history. But are we not likely to carry this subject to extremes as we do every other, might not a large portion of the expense that we incur in our annual observance of this day of liberty, be more profitably devoted to the education of those who must become the future guardians of the liberties by the noble band of Patriots who "pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to maintain the declaration, that "all men were created free and equal", and "endowed by their god with inalienable rights" &c &c.

I think it might be, and I think this the only guarantee the present generation has that our free and happy form of government, will be handed down unimpaired as it came from the hands of our Patriot Fathers, to our children and our children's children is in universal education. Then let Universal Education be the Patriots watch word, and for education to be universal the poor must have it free, our Common Schools must be come free entirely free to thousands who now pay for the scanty pittance of good they derive from them, they must be elevated in their character, the teachers

must be better paid so that men of more brains will become willing teachers, What is the use in "teaching the young idea how to shoot" if it is not taught to shoot in the right direction, You must shoot toards the mark if you expect to hit it, Perhaps after all the world is not as bad as it looks to me, But to observe the ignorance, vice, and corruption that is exposed to public gaze daily in a city like this, is enough almost to make a person doubt the existence of the better virtues but as the country is more remote from the temptations that operate to the distruction of thousands here, they are less affected by them, and well that it is so, for if America was summoned to send forth its righteous men, I am at a loss to say where they would be found.

E Cornell
June 8th 1866

My Dear I have made up an other long letter without hardly knowing What I have written, and such as it is you will have it, and if you can glean any thing profitable or pleasing from it I shall be happy.

Please give my love to the children and say to them What I expect they will be industrious and good children and learn their lessons. so as to become usefull

With affectionate regard
I am yours
E Cornell

Pattawa June 23/85

Dear Sir your of the 20th is now at hand. I have written Mr Butterfield & am in daily expectation of an answer from him. I think he since we mutually understand the nature of the topics. But the cabs I think will be had on checks or #4 has gone.

I have written Mr K. both at Mt & at the York to bottom no longer with the O. A. Co. I had a few lines letter of the writer you have explained & I was sorry that Mr Somerville offered to the company again on the subject. It was bad policy after we had left them in the shape we did.

they would have offered to do before long. But if we get a private road, I would mean return to their road.

It is beyond my comprehension how the man you mention can use a fixed magnet for a telegraph. I believe he is labouring under some false calculation. There is no motion to be derived from a fixed magnet, more than from a stone horse. But he knows best.

I have written his kindness what you say about horses. But you will see him personally soon. I should meet him in N. York as soon as he writes for me to do so.

Write to me when any new turn in our affairs presents itself. Say to Mr Haley I have written him a letter to day.

In haste. Yours truly
F. W. Smith

Ezra E. Cornell
Ithaca City.

for a day or two, write B. B. Franklin Key, care of F. O. J. Smith.

P.S. The non'ure, if used, will not be more than twice as heavy as copy paper.

Ottawa June 25-45

Dear -

I have nothing since my last to you from Mr Kendall - for of the results of the R.R. negotiations. But it is folly to tamper longer with those companies. I would scarcely be surprised now, to use their word - & I trust Mr Kendall has ere this given you decisive instructions to procure the rights of way of private individuals.

I am expecting a letter from Mr Butterfield - as soon as I learn from Mr Kendall any thing definite, I shall probably go south a couple weeks - We are

Looking the best part of the
season for our operations.

I wrote for a line from
you tomorrow.

In haste, yours truly
W J Shutts

Mr C Connell
Memphis.

F. O. Smith
25th June 45

Boxing —	5
Setting	5
Putting up	4
1½ Miles by —	14 men

14 men will put up
1½ Miles per day

Baltimore June 28th 1845

Dear Sir

I received your favor of the 26th, and I have sent to the upper dock, & have taken the empty spools - being 32 in number, and have put them on board Schooner "Michigan" - also have sent form of "Pages" post Augers, with the rules -

There were but two augers used in the time to Washington - or rather I knew of no more, & one of them is not to be found, and the other is not worth sending on to N York - altho my son used it some when I put up the "Charles Street line, but it is bad.

I did not take a bill of Lading, but the Capt gave me his receipt to deliver the reels & augers to N York at two cents each. say 72c.

These are directed to E Cornell, care of J Haily 57 Cortlandt Street N York.

I have not written Mr Cornell, supposing that this will be sufficient.

Very respectfully Yours
David Durbank.

Mr Amos Rendall
now at N York.

Schooner Michigan
sails to night. Saturday.

BALTIMORE
JUN
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Hon Amos Rendall
Mansion House
New York
N.Y.

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28 Gilsey Square
28 Jerome St