Utica May 1st 1846

Mr. Cornell

Dr Sir

When I saw you in New York you promised to write me relative to getting some poles for you for the Albany & New York Route and also whether you would like to have me take hold of the matter with you

I have as yet Recd No communication on the subject please write me by return mail what you will pay me for putting up the Line from Troy to Hudson or still lower down if you wish me to meet you with the line at any point below Hudson. or write me what premium you will expect from me per mile and have me take any portion of this end of the route off your hands

I cannot of course expect you will pay me all you get but I expect you will make me a liberal offer providing you wish me to take hold of it and drive it through. I trust you will have the Relay Magnets for the Oswego & Syracuse Electro Magnetic Telegraph completed and sent to me at Syracuse on or about the 10th of this month as the wire will be up and ready for operating by that time in all probability also send another instrument for the Syracuse office with the necessary amt. of Battery for the Line. Consult Mr Livingston on this subject as he is the paymaster for these matters and may have some choice in dictating the amt. of Expense

Write me at this place and also at Troy or albany at the same time

Respectfully Yours &c in haste

J. R. Dawson

UTICA
May 2
N.Y.

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Mr Ezra Cornell
Care S F B Morse
10 Wall st
New York

L R Darrow
2 May 46

Utica May. 5. 1846.

Friend Cornell

Your favor of the 3d is at hand I suppose you will be willing to let me draw 40$ pr mile for the furnishing of poles. 30 feet long, including the 100 poles 40 feet long. Which will be difficult to obtain without getting them of so large a size that it will require 5 or 6 men to handle them besides this will require an extra depth for the holes of at least 1 foot. I will engage to put up the line to Hudson from Troy at that price including the putting on of the wire and will commence the work immediately you furnishing the wire ready reeled & soldered and the caps & pins ready to put on. If you think this is too much I will go on and do the work and if I can make a reasonable profit at a less price I will make such deduction as will be right. but I think you will be willing to pay me this amt. as this will leave you 25$ pr mile for the glass caps & your expense allowing 60$ pr the wire. The poles I think cannot be furnished for less than 6$. as this is the least I could contract for delivered on the route.

Yours &c in haste

L R Carson

Write me by return mail at this place and also send a copy to Troy. as I may be called to Troy. a day after tomorrow on the Troy & Saratoga route by Mr Marshall

L R C

L. R. Dorran
5 May 46

UTICA
May 3
N.Y.

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Mr E. Canne
10 Pine st
New York

Bell Ville May 5 /46

Having an oppertunity to send a line by one of our borders (Mr Hains) I thought I would improve it ~~the of~~ it is about time I had a letter from home I wish you would Enquire at the Offise for me &c

I should like to know when you Expect to go out on the line, Mr Stevens shiped 6 or 7 bbls of wire to day I should like to know how the joining & Saldering sutes you whether it is done right or not I do up from 4 to 500 per day Some of the Coils are very short which is a great bother but they are fixing to have it different in a few days

Mr Hains the bearer of this letter is out of buisness and would like to get a job to take Charge of a gang of hands ~~to~~ Erecting poles &c if you have a place for him his last buisness was teaching School, I dont know he would answer ~~the~~ in your busness he appears to be a very fine man

just drop me a line and let me know how you get along &c E. B. Cornell

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Mr E. Cornell

New York City

Mr Hines

E. B. Cornell
May 5 / 46

Boston May 5. 46

Dear Sir. Yours of the 4th is at hand.
I have been unable to get any trace of the Shrubs—

Your glass cups are in process of manufacture—will be ready for delivery before many days—I shall have them forwarded to such points as you may direct.

Marshall wrote me give myself no concern about the mast at Harlem—that you & he would attend to it immediately.

I suppose I may be in N. York latter part of this, or early of next week

Yours truly
F. O. J. Smith.

M. E. Cornell
N. York City

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Mr. E. Cornell
No 10. Wall St
New york City.

F O J Smith
May 5 /46

Utica May 6 1846.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dr Sir

I forgot to say to you in my letter of yesterday. to Write me What route you intend to take from Troy. or from Albany to Troy & from Troy to Hudson if you do go round by Troy as you proposed When I was in New York. it will be necessary that you give me minute directions if you take the road. but if you have the Right of Way on the Rail Roads. advertise me of the fact. and. advise me. on Whom to call to decide What distance to place the poles from the Track. If you decide on letting me have this End of the route I wish to know without loss of time as I wish to finish the job within 3 weeks or 4 at farthest and perhaps I shall be able to go below Hudson if you wish. Write me whether you would like to have me go still farther down the River and also Whether you have engaged poles Enough to reach much above Hudson that I may make Calculations for the number of poles yet wanting. If I set poles that you have contracted and delivered of course you will charge me the Cost of the poles.

Yours &c T. R. Dawson

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UTICA
May 7
N.Y.

E. Cornell Esq
11 Wall St.
New York

J R Darrow
6 May, 46

New York May 7. 1846

Dr Sir

I have this day recd a letter from Ithaca complaining that I am not sending the funds as fast as they are sending the caps, you will therefore please remit two hundred dollars to "Messrs Squiers & Wood Merchants Ithaca Ny"

Mess S & T has delivered me 5000 lb wire and will deliver 5000 lb more tomorrow, and draw on you for the amt of 6,000 lb at 29 cts per lb,

Please remit me at N.Y five hundred dollars to pay for poles and labour,

My operations are growing more active and my demands for funds will increase, If you wish the applications made in any different or particular please name it,

I at present think it is best for you not to put any wires on the poles of any other Co and shall to day examine to see if I can go up through Greenwich St, and cross on the high Bridge, The Masts for the Boston at Harlem will cost $350, perhaps more

I have not signed the altered contract yet I have been so busy since I returned to the city, that I have not had time to consider the subject, and have not time to day to explain the cause of my hesitation, I shall try to write you soon on the subject, by Sunday if not earlier,

T S Faxton Esqr

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

Copy

Boston May 7th 1846

E. Cornell,

Sir

Your Saying you have been over the Line & various other things is at hand.

I have now written to the President of the Western R R & Shall probably have an answer Soon. I fear Mr Smith Stands in the way of our Getting permission to use the Western R.R. but the Question will Soon be Settled I think.

I have also written to the Housatonic & Berkshire R.R. Co.

I this Day Send a Reel of wire Directed to you, care of W. J. Rositer, 108 Broad Street, I believe it is, the name is correct & Number. I am not Quite certain about the St. Weight 200 lbs. Reel. 18. Wire. 182 lbs.

I think you had better Make the best arrangement you can for the balance of the Insulated wire.

I thought best not to Send the other Reel as we Some times want to use it.

The Independent Circuit you Speak about we will write you about

Soon Mr Wood thinks he will try it,

Our Line is now in Successfull Operation to Syracuse & yesterday Wood was Writing on the 4. __Instruments__ at one and the same time, viz his own in Utica, Caltons in Albany, and Partridges in Syracuse, and back again to Utica on the Second Instrument Standing in the office

We only want to reach New York to Make our __business__ first rate; we Shall be to Buffalo in a few Days; I hear nothing from Leroy Folks Yet, hope you have got your Posts Setting by this time, and the whole Machinery in Successfull Operation;

I am very Respectfully Yours

T S Faxton

UTICA
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E. Carnell Esq
Care Livingston & Wells
No 10. Wall St.
New York

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Boston May 8./46

Dr Sir - Yours of the 6th is at hand -

I have ordered one half of your caps to Albany - & directed Mr Berry to look out for the first packet after they shall be ready, to send the other half coastwise, by which you will save more than half of the freight - & probably have them in quite as good season for your work - I presume they will be ready in a few days - I have ordered 75 gross - Shall I draw on you when the bill is presented for the amount, or how shall it be paid? Please inform me - For all not used by yourself, charge $4.32 per gross -

Pain came home from South with small pox, & inoculated most of his men with it - by which, & other mishaps, the factory was closed for some time - But I learn he has sold out his interest there, & it is in the hands of Mr Bartlett, a former partner, to whom I have written for definite information as to the instruments - I note

Marshall to day. That if you do not
get the Magnets for $300, or Thereabouts
I would get it cast -

'Have you a certified copy of
Morse's Patent? If so, I wish you
would send it to me - I want to
make a copy, & don't wish to pay
unnecessarily for it -

Your Bain's book is not to be
found here. Was your name on it? Mr.
Berry found a copy at the Antiquarian
Bookstore here, & bought it, second
handed - But it seemed not to have
been used much - & no name was on
it. I thought it possible it might
have been yours - tho' they said it was
bought at auction -

Have you put up your wires in the
city & Harlem, yet? And shall you want
my insulated wire for this purpose?
Then let me know as early as you
decide - as I am having some come from
Lupton's again, & can save remittance
if he takes wire - Entirely, yours truly

F. O. J. Smith

Mr E. Cornell
N. York City.

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Mr E. Cornell
10 Wall St
New York City

F. O. J. Smith
8 May 46

New York May 8. 1846

Dr Sir

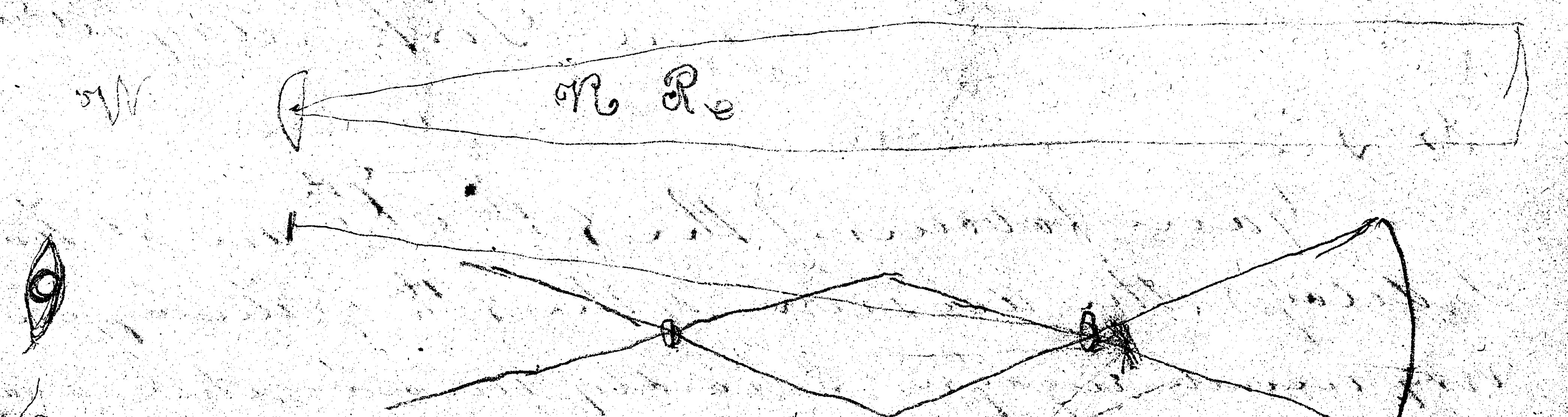
Your favours of the 5th & 7th are at hand. I delayed the answer of the 5th yesterday as I was very much engaged. I hardly know what to say on the subject now. The section you propose to build will cost much less to build it than the section from Hudson to New York. I should not hesitate to pay the price you ask for this (the Hudson to N.Y.) section, if I could be assured that it would be satisfactory to Mr Faxton,

I am inclined to the opinion from circumstances that have transpired that he would prefer that I should go on and do the work as the contract contemplated

If you could deliver me 3 or 400 poles, immediately from Albany to Troy on West side river and from Troy down on the east side of the river I should be very glad, would pay you 6/- for them including the extra length of 4 feet of 100. poles destributed 200 feet,

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

L. R. Darrow Esqr



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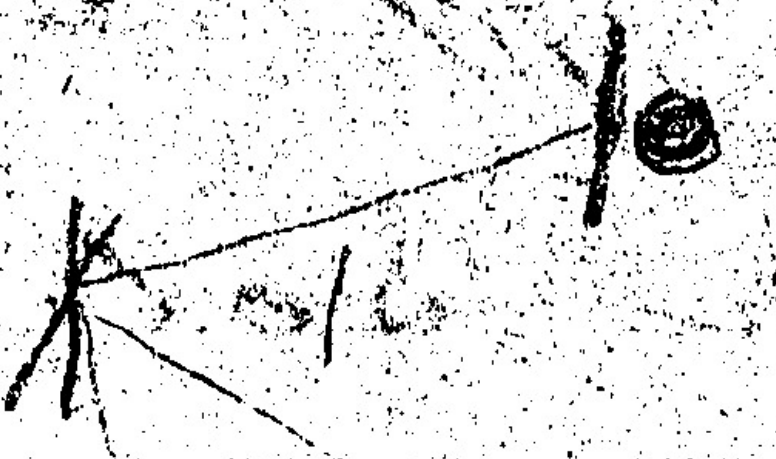

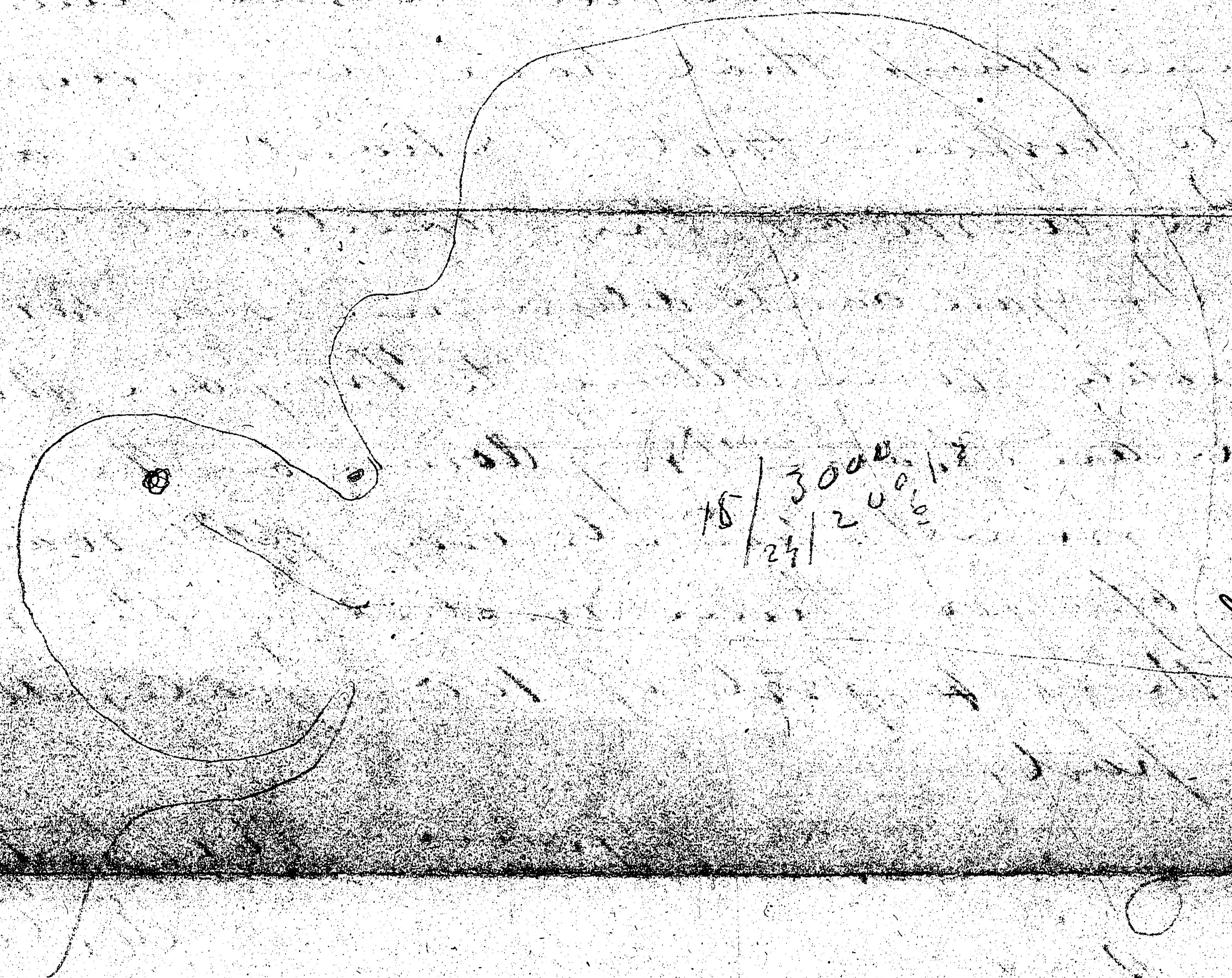

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S Cornell
to Darrow
May 8/76

Utica May 8/46

E. Carnell

Sir

I am in Rec't of yours of the 7. Instant, will forward to them agreeable to your request $200, also by Mr Messenger to you $500-

Stephens & Thomas Draft will be hon=ored agreeable to your request for the 6000. lbs, at 29. Cents, Less the 15. per cent. which by our agreement I am to retain in hand,

They have Generally Drawn on me at 3. Days Sight which I Should be pleased to have them do on the Drafts at any time,

I am Not a Little Surprised at your hesitancy about Changing the Title of the contract after what I had understood from Mr Livingston & yourself, and after Letting as you have my assurance that no advantage Should or would be taken as there would not be if any Good cause can be Shown why the work is not completed on the Day agreed on in the contract, I do not get any answer from any of the R.R. Co. as yet as to right of way, but am in hopes to get it soon,

I am Respectfully Yours

J. Sexton

does your wine turn out as well as you Expected, on inspection,

Utica May 9. /46

Dr Sir

Mr Barkm has been here & wishes me to say to you that he will put up the wire on your Line for $2. per Mile, you clearing away all trees, brushes & other incumbrances;

He is a very good man to do that kind of work, puts ours up from Syracuse to Batavia & I think does it very well,

Send you by Express $500. also sent to day to Syracuse & Wood $200, — all of which I hope will be satisfactory,

Respectfully Yours

E. Cornell Esqr
New York

T. S. Faxton

I think F.O.J.S. is in some danger of seeing a Line of about 500 Miles in operation before he gets his from Boston to N.Y. which was to be done in 60 Days from last Nov. — how does the Phil. Line get along?

E. Carnell Esq
New York.

Taylor
9 May 46

Utica May 9th /46

Messrs Speed & Wood,

Sirs

Enclosed you have My Check for $200. payable to your order Which Please acknowledge on account for E. Cornell.

Respectfully Yours

T. S. Faxton

Albany & Buffalo
Mail Rd

Mess Squires & Wood
Ithaca,
Tompkins Co. N.Y.

N.Y.
MAY 9

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Jno S. Taylor to
Squires & Wood
May 9th 1846

Dear Brother

I recd a line from you in which you requested an estimate of the expence of saldering the wire I can say that I should be willing to take a job when the Coils averaged from 4 to 6# Each for 3/- per cwt but I think that when a person has hands employed as Mr Stephens has for about 7/- per day it might be done for about 2/ or perhaps less, I think there is a great saving in saldring the wire when it is made for there is a great eal of waste to contend with I dis cover that it is ~~neces~~ necessary to take off about 18 inches of every coil as far up as the plyers take hold in drawing the wire for it is very brittle at that spot and it hardly perseiveable unless Examined very closely, we have got a much better lot of wire now than the first was and longer Coils the wire is generaly prety tough, I saldered and done up last friday 820 # it was an Extry lot and [illegible] needed but little sorting I dont think of any thing more at present, I am anxious to get a letter from home dont for get to Enquire at the offis for me respectfuly yours C.B. Cornell

Bellvill monday May 11 1846

Utica May 12 1846

E Cornell Esq.

Dr Sir

I saw Mr Faxton this morning who tells me he has no objection to my building a part of the Line from Albany to New York if you wish. he says all he wants is that the Line should be well built and he does not desire to contest you in the matter of Who you get to build, but there is yet one trouble relative to the route from Albany round by Troy which prevents my writing you on the subject of the posts for that route. Mr Faxton says he has not yet concluded whether he will go round to Albany by the way of Troy or not. and until this matter is settled I presume you will not want to place poles on this route. Write me by return mail whether you wish me to build from Albany down or not and if he concludes to go by Troy I can be ready to act when the decision is made. The Western Road has not yet granted the Right of way toward Hudson but Mr. Faxton expects their answer to the proposition in a day or two

Yours &c in haste

T. R. Darrow

Send up the Relays & Batteries and also see if you can send some 600 feet of Insulated Wire

Darrow

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E. Carnell Esq
10 Wall st.
New York

L. J. Barnum
12 May 46