Austin May 11. 1876

E. Casnell Esq

Dear Sir

I have just got home from Rochester & regret to hear you are sick, hope it will not be lasting I have written Stephens & Thomas Drop for full amount.

Can you Lend me one or two relay Magnets & a register immediately I am in trouble about Glass Caps Can you Loan me 5 or 6 Sets.

What have you done about Caps Please Say what you can do by return Mail, can I use Smiths Setter or My Pins? the Pins are Small at the End when the caps be on.

Respectfully Yours

J. P. Leeton

Augsburg
15. Mai 42

Meine Lieben,

ich komme eben

Ithaca May 16, 1846

Friend Cornell

Your favor, of the 26th ult. was duly rec'd but I have been upon the road so exclusively that it has not been convenient for me to write before. I had set up about 1½ miles of posts at 26 to the mile before getting your letter, since that I have set 30 to each mile. We have the posts from Fall Brook to within about a mile of Lake Ridge (1½ miles) the digging has been much harder than we anticipated, have not been able to use augers much as most of the distance where we did not find rock we have had hard clay with stone mixed in. The wire from N. Y. & Phila was 65 to the mile & I understand they are forced to remove it & put on a heavier one; that being the case are we safe in using only 75 to the mile. Dr Doane & I told Sage that a line with less than 130 to the mile would be good for nothing and Sage urges very strongly that we look to that matter. You have experience in the matter & must direct as to the size that shall be used. I have all the time thought that an iron wire could be

(Since Feby)

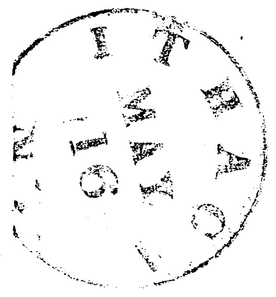
need, and I believe so still; if it could the cost of the line would be only $1200 or $1300 as estimated by you in your letter of Feb'y 5th — Assuming this to our agreement with Morse Bro we must give them one half of the line on the expiration of his patent therefore we do not want to incur any expense that can be avoided. If you wire would answer I should prefer, but we of course have no money to spend in trying the experiment of an iron wire and if you are convinced that one must use copper I shall not say nay.

Do you yet hear definitely of the result of the experiment with iron wire both? Shall we get our instruments made here, if so, ought we to have them making?

How soon will the wire be forwarded for this line? I have examined the different lots of wire caps as they were delivered & have numbered their shipment as much as possible, but had not time to look at each cap; I have found no defect other than poor paint so far. How do you succeed with your contract? Please write as often as you can.

Yours truly

J. James Eddy



E. Cornell Esq
Care of Livingston & Wells
10 Wall St
New York

New York 5th mo. 17th 1846

Respected Friend
Ezra Cornell

I am extreemly chagrined at the unaccountable delay in receiving the Poles — I received a letter post marked the 5th Stating the Poles would be here in a few days but written or Dated on the 2nd Since which time I have heard nothing but been in hourly expectation of the arrival of the Poles —

I cannot but believe that they will arrive in a few days at the farthest — It is barely possible that some mistake has sent the vessel up the River to Troy or Greenbush still I cannot belive such a mistake could occur — I repeat again that the Poles must be here I think very soon

Very Respectfully
Thy Friend
James C. Hallock

I can excuse them if I had excused the possibility of such a delay I never would have consented to get the Poles or have anything to do with them

J. C. Hancock
19 May 66

Mrs. Ellen Hancock
No. 10 Mac Donough Place
Glasgow

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Utica May 18. 1846

E. Camp Esq

Dear Sir

I hear nothing yet from You in relation to the Machine for the Syracuse office and the Masons Batteries for the Albany & Syracuse Telegraph and have no answer to My last communication for the purpose of a portion of Hudson and Albany Line Will you favor me by writing me on these subjects immediately

The Line is now ready for the commencement of operations and I am waiting to receive the Magnets Instruments and Batteries and this detention prevents me from attending to other and urgent business

Mr Livingston of Albs will pay you for them as I will do so as soon as I return from Albany after collecting the instalment of the Stock now Due.

Let every thing be sent that is necessary to operate the instruments except the Acids. You will know how many Cups it will require. The Machine and Local Battery for Albany is already at that place and I by that if you have not already sent the remaining necessary articles to do so at once to Mr at Syracuse to the Care of Mr Partridge Telegraph Office at Syracuse

Respectfully Yours &c

L R Cannon

L R Barrow
18 Alloy St

Thomas

Thomas Esq
Barrow

U.S. EXPRESS
MAR 8
TEXAS

Utica May 19 1846

Friend Gould.

We are in great want of the necessary materials to put the Canopy Lot in operation, Pantry — one Register & about 700 feet moulded work.

If you can furnish them We will pay your bill next week on the return of your Mr L. to us.

Please hurry them onward with all possible haste

Yours &c

Livingston Wells

Livingston Ala
19 May 16

Mr. Hall

Sir

Utica May 21. 1846

Dear Brother

I have just rec'd your letter which relieved me somewhat from [redacted] anxiety I have felt about you & hope you will not be too obstreperous until your health is restored.

I supposed I had written very plainly about the arrangement of the wires &c in my office.

When we first started to Sy I used one main battery & let the main wires from A & Sy run to it the same as if the other circuit had not been connected with that battery.

Working 2 independent Circuits each way from the same battery & putting the main wires from Sy & A into the Position pole of the batty & using the same ground wire for both. With that arrangement we could work both ways at the same time & could

work the Albany Circuit when the Sy Circuit was closed which surprised me much.

I now use both wires as one & work on a dependent Circuit from Albany through to [redacted] side passing through my instrument in its Course.

We succeed Admirably with our operations thus far. I use both wires as one on account of taking less battery than using a single wire, as you are aware I suppose that the larger the wire the greater Current it will carry, with the same battery.

I have been obliged to get a new lever for my register as it sprung so much in making a line that it would sometimes tear the paper when it was set - so far off as to make very feeble dots.

I write you now to inform you of a great defect in your relays which I have discovered since I discovered the spring in my lever.

The arms or levers are too light & spring too much & the standards

are not as firm by a great deal as they should be. I mean the one which supports the arms, & the one with the screw taping through it which is pointed with platina as it should bring up very firm & [redacted] but little it will make a very faint dot when the line is strong enough. This is the cause of that small relay magnet which we worked here at the fair last fall doing better business than the large ones which you sent us. The pivots & holes with they work in are entirely to roughly made.

We must have nice machines to do nice work. Give me good ones & with a legible writer & I will not ask for a repetition once a week.

As soon as you are able to do it I wish you would send me a rough diagram that will convince me that your plan economizes battery & it shall be adopted on our line. Mr Paxton has asked my opinion about it & I told him I was not prepared to answer.

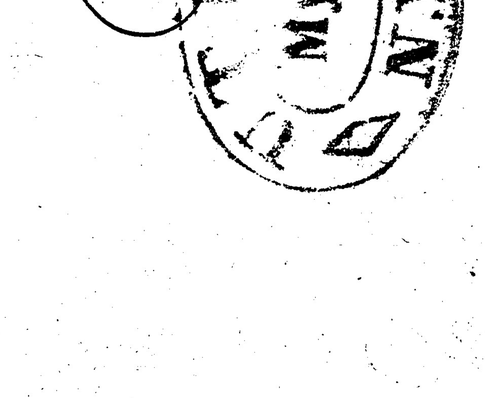
Let me know as soon as you can about engaging Mr Backus to put

on your wine. I should like to know the state of the work on your line after. I think I will start the Auburn station next week & the Rochester day week after. Our new wine stands it admirably. Our receipts are yet very light. Not enough to pay our salaries. When will you be in Albany again? No more time to-day.

Yours very respectfully C. C. Brod

E. Cornell Esqr

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.



May 26

New York May 21. 1846

Grant I find that my contract with H+H Rhys for Caps call for 4100 this number will not be enough. I shall want in all 4900 will you ask Rhys to extend the contract to cover the additional 800. The understanding was to furnish enough for the line, which will require the additional number.

Please have half the Caps sent to Albany left with Williams & Co until I call for them,

I will keep you in funds to meet the payments,

I am just recovering from very severe sickness, not strength yet for active operations. Hope soon to hear

Yours Truly
E Cornell

Myers Lyons & Wood

E. Comstock & Co.
Squires & Wood
May 21st 1846

Pair

PAID

Messrs Squires & Wood
Merchants Ithaca
N.Y.

Ithaca May 25th 1866

M. E. Cornell

I have more remaining in my hands $40.20 belonging to you & am indebted for 85 per cent upon 360 Caps delivered the 23d which I shall pay today & as Bliss will bring over another load to day I should be again short of funds. He expects to bring the balance of the Ledge this week

There have been 2080 Caps shipped to New York & I have ordered the balance to be shipped to A Thing

If you wish any more shipped to N.Y. please inform me upon the receipt of this

Yours Etc

M.K. Wood

D. L. Spruce has lost 2 children by Small pox within a week or so. There are no new cases that I know of. All well at home

What do you think of Father purchasing the Gere farm upon South hill

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ITHACA
N.Y.
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Mr E. Corwell
Care of Livingston & Wells
No 10 Wall St
New York

Boston, May 27, 1846.

Dear Sir— Yours of 26th came to hand this morning. I have inquired of the Agent, who says the pattern, for mould, I suppose, has been delayed by the absence of their finisher. He has now returned, and it shall be finished forthwith. I told them you were waiting for them. As soon as I can get 2 bbls. I will send by railroad, as you wish.

On Monday, for the first time we succeeded in getting a communication with Springfield, and wrote back and forth for that afternoon, and most of Tuesday, when it stopped suddenly, and we get nothing from there since. Experiments are in progress to find the difficulty.

There is a circuit, but no communication— there is a connexion between the wires somewhere; for yesterday we wrote for a while with both wires, successively, only one being connected at Springfield, the other insulated at New Haven. We are satisfied that it is not in this city— and are trying to-day whether it is between here and Worcester.

Mr. Smith directed me to send some insulated wire of large size to New York, to be used in lapping some bridges. There is none to be had— and I do not suppose the small wire will do. If it will, there is plenty. Will you please say so to Mr. Marshall, or Dr. Doane— and if the small

fixed wire will answer, I can forward it immediately.

Yours, truly,

Jra Berry.

E. Cornell, Esqr.

C. Cornell, Esq.
Care of Livingston + Wells, No. 10, Wall street,
Newyork.

New York 29. May 1846

Dear Sir

I have just called at No 10
Mulberry to see you and was
told by a gentleman that he
had just prescribed Medicines
for you. I am sorry to learn
that you are sick and hope
you will be about again in a day
or two. I am at No 1 Baltic Street
South Brooklyn with my family
and intend to remain for three
or four months. I am much
in need of $30 to pay a small
bill, and if my family knew, and
I trust you will help me to that amount
I do not know how I can get
along without it. I paid Samuel

I will call at Emerson - or
on Monday, or both, which keeps
them you will again.

Yours respectfully

J. Reed

I will call on Tomorrow - or
on Monday, or both, which keep
those you will again.

Yours respectfully

O. [illegible]

Mr. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

L. S. Burbank
Sept. 1869

Austin May 29th 46

E Carroll Esq

Dr Sir

I am much in want of some corn at this time & in writing to Mr Livingston Last Evening I requested him to ask you to forward some of yours and supply the place again by letting some L.L. but it has occured to me since that yours is Located & in a different way from what we are in.

I have this morning written to L.L. to Send me 3000 lb if they can do it immediately.

I want some flour Corn Meal &c very much at this time. G. Sapp. Can you help my case. Austin is now at Seguin.

I expect to be in N.O. on Wednesday next week when I hope to see you & Sam in health.

Yours

J. H. Sutton

Fraxton
29 May 46

Mrs. Jane Myers
Lunenburg Mass

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Speedsville May 29th - 1846

Mr. C. Cornell Sir yours came to hand to day Stateing that yeee wanted eight hundred more Capps we will make them for one hundred dollars cash on delivery at the inlet at Ithaca we accept not to leave over sash makeing any longer we have bills on hand from all mateing. to the amount 10000 Lights & the mater is beginning to fail. we had made no Calculations on makeing any more Capps than the Contract we shall have to git more materials. the Contract job will be all out to Ithaca by the middle of next week June 3d or 4th if you conclude to have us make thee 800 Capps more & pins you will Plees write us on the return mail & what time they must be delivered at Ithaca. Plees put the time as long as you can. you mentioned that the paints did not Soak as well as you expected we have put on good materials we thought that they Soaked well when they Left our Shop but they must got mared a considerable by the time they are delivered on the Line. our Paints & Oils has cost us thus far near one hundred dollars Considerable more than we calculated at first

Yours Respectfully

H. & H. Bliss

Plees direct to Speedsville Tompkins Co

Berkshire Co. N.Y.
May 29

Mr. E. Cornell

New York

Homer May 31th D 1846

Dear Nephew

I thought as Solina is about to start for home I would improve this day in writing to you as I have never ritten to you since I have ben in michigan I hardly know what to wright but however I will conjure up sumthing that will be interesting to you. We have very fine weather for farming business now I have comenced sowing the Summer follow, but dont know as I shall see it finish for the sickly Season has commenced and the Mill Company have stoped the water from rining in the Low pond so there is no water in it except in the Chanel the Pond Smells very bad indeed, our neighbour Mr Shaw is not living he died with the Lung Feber I have just come from a Meeting of which our Minister was sick so we got disappointed in hearing preaching. the first season I was here I taken in July with the feber and from that to the ague and fever I was pritty sick now I will assure you so that I did not do a days work to any amount untill the next April then I came out. Soon anough then the Ague left me and I begun to get my Steingths and flesh up a little so by the first of May I was stout and rugged so that I [redacted] Weighed 165 lb I presume if I should Come home you would hardly know me I have grown so much I was weighed the tenth of March 175 lb I am six feet tall Mr Seamans Barnard is a real Crazy head he has just come home from Church and acering on like a good Fellow I would like to come Home and make a visit but should not be contented to live there I think

I do not know as I have written any that you will be interested in but as you write often as you will be interested in you can as I want to hear from you often as you can

I should like to step in and see how you get along this evening I shall wright all the News I was a calkulating to wright our folks a letter but I think I shant now I shall wright pretty soon Martin has 20 acres of Winter Wheat to harvest besides an acre of spring Wheat I can tell you about that Mich suits me to a fraction I never was in any any place that suits me as this. I wish John would come hear and make a visit this summer with Lord Daniel Barnard if Warden comes out there will be a good chance for him to come. I want you to write a good letter I will wright to you often as you will to me I want you should hunch up the boys and have them to wright me a good letter through the Medium of their own hand when I received a letter from them I will wright to them in potickler and not until they do I suppose now John thinks he has got me off to Michigan that is all he cares for any way I think so, wonder he don't up and wrights to me install to him I presume he has more time then I have for wrighting June 4th I take my pen to finish this letter which has been as long upon my hands I am again to hear the result for the County of Bory there is an man there by the name of Edward Eldace he carrys on large business in farming he has 300 Acres of Winter wheat to harvest and he is again to Break up 200 acres of New Openings for to put into Wheat this Fall he has three large horse teems and four Yoke of Oxen and there is the chance for me he will pay from 12 to 14$ per Month and still there is another place that is to Battle Creek where there is a large extensive Potteries buisness carried on the Owner is at Detroit where he has a hand more than

to store the ware until he can sell it at Wilbank ferry
and at Battle Creek he has four potters to manufactory the
ware and there is a chance for me but I dont know as
I shall occupy it I can weight faster than I can
think such as it is just as soon as you look at
my letter you will say there is one bad thing in Ed
weighting that is he weights to slantting I must
go to Dayton for there is a good chance for they are a mixing
the Knives and Forked Cattle I do not know What to
more there is any more Knives thats is interesting to you
I guess that I am quite unsteady in weighting one hand
all the fault is in my weighting to much of a running hand
and slanting hand it is about 40 miles where I am again
You Reneed not weight untill time I weight so that you may
know where to Proscribe the letters I have tow flint arrow points
that I wish Ezra had in his treasure box. I found them in the
Orchard. We are again to have a hundance if the frost
falls on our side is there any more yes there is sumthing
more yet, hold on there is sumthing more "Uncle Nathan"
is bent on goin back to Dayton he says that he will wait
untill Martin gets the sumac fodder thrashed and
then he is a goin to Dayton my bow and Francis
has told him that he will go anee being back the
horse so thats he thinks it is so any how, the next
letter that I weight I shall endevour to weight straight
up this way thats that thats more about it any how as the Old man
says there is sumthing still that I have not got
if you see any of Uncle Dennis folks tell them that
Francis is in good health and making the hands like
every thing give my love to all enquiring friends
while I remain your affectionate Uncle E. Cornell

My girl left a day or two ago. and Eleanor Bryant has promised to work for us at nine shillers pr week. my mind is at Salt creek to day I can see just how you all look Father going to the shop and mother getting dinner and Jane helping her with a book or paper in one hand as I used to. and Dan in the buttery a hunting after something to eat and John with the tooth ache. good you cannot say how we look if you could I would stop writing and fly around your Aunty

Edward Connell (?)
Mary Ann Connell
Mrs Sarah Cathcart
Utah

Alonzo B. Corey
Mrs Sarah Corey
Utah

Edward Connell
Mary Ann Connell
Utah

Mary Ann. Ezra has promised to come to Brick. and see us wolverines if he lives and nothing happens and if he ever does do not let him come without you. We are going to send letters enough to break Uncle Sam down by P. She might stay in Brick if She would. there is enough that wants her! How does B. A. get along with her widowhood. I would write to her if I had any thing to write. but if I did She would not answer it