Washington Jan. 1st 1846

S. Cornell Esq:

Dear Sir, I have been laid up since Sunday last with a terrible cold and can now scarcely write.

I regret that Mr Nail and yourself cannot act together in a matter, which concerns the interest of both; but as it seems not to be practicable I have gotten Professor Morse to go to Newyork and temporarily look after that and think you report to be ready for service. I hope also to be in Newyork myself next Monday when I trust you will have all your amounts ready for a final adjustment. Such of the property of the company as you have on hand, please deposite at the Telegraph Office and make out a statement showing what has been done with all you have purchased.

I cannot sanction the payment of $280 for the India rubber, which I take to be a gross imposition. The highest amount estimated is all that can be honestly demanded.

I am much mistaken if what I said to Mr Foxton in reference to your services, was not expressly limited to the completion of our line to Philadelphia; it was certainly intended to be; for I have looked to your going into his service

as a matter of course since our conversation in New York.

As to the use of your relay magnets, I suppose the principle you lay down in correct where the improvement is patented. But all this is immaterial, as the whole are to be immediately superseded as I wrote you, and not, as you suppose, by adopting any suggestion of yours.

I am too feeble to add more

With great respect

Your Obt Servt

Amos Kendall

Kennedy
Jan 16

Mrs. Lawrence Gray
E. Gannett Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Springfield. Mass.
Jany. 1. 1846

Dear Sir -

With compliments of the new year, I write to request you to procure for me of Ray N. Jersey mic, 200 lbs - and have it wound suitably for magnets for my instruments making by Mr. Paine - I want it as soon as possible - or 50 lbs of it at the earliest moment - as I have half a dozen instruments all ready except the coils -

I shall be in N. York, (God willing) on Tuesday next, to attend a meeting of Telegraphic Stockholders in this line - & then will see you about magnets &c.

Mr Kendall will probably be there -

The weather is right smart in the form of men & women who are obliged to walk at the top of my boots - But I have the snow going up between Mrs & Boston as good sleighing as I can - but then 4 hours of this - carts operation & 25 hours cart speeding there it crooked to a mild matter -

Yours Truly
Francis O. Smith

Mr E. Cornell -
N. C. York

PAID

Mr. E. Connell

City of Memphis —

Albany Jany 2/46

Dr Sir

Mr Wood wished me to write you to send up 1/2 doz[n] Mercury cups to work the connections at the instruments that we might make changes from one wire to the other when one wire is broken. He wished me to say that Mr Clay would understand what was wanted

I have commenced here to day to fit up the office and put up the instrument ready for business when the line is finished. Mr Wood has probably written you of our arrangements of this remaining at Utica & Buffalo

Yours

E Cornell Esqr

S F Carter

S. P. Carter
2 Jan 46

Boston Jany 2. 1846

Dear Sir -

On my return here to day, I found yours of the 28th & 29th awaiting my return - In reply to the Patents, &c. I will see you on Tuesday next, when I shall be in N. York - if nothing prevents - I shall go to Mr. Lapsley's my return -

As to any request - I dont see that the rights of Thos. is precluded to any body, any more than any other request, called by any other name - It is the application, alone, to a specific purpose, that is precluded by Thos. patent, if any thing be done that has required the right to use Thos. patent Tube. has certainly the right to use an indefinite number of tubes, whether required, or not, in connexion with it, & pass whatever laws they please, whether from the patentee, or not - & nobody has a right to say no to them - You can reply write to Mr. K. if you wish to write at all - to as to enable him to understand that you have a position, & know it too, as well as Mr. Morse, or other parties -

I have a letter to day from Vote, in

Mr. Lee says, he will deliver you the
Platina in sheets at $8.25 ℔ box, hang for a
pair of sixteens at $36- If he does so,
how to buy the pair that Livingston &
Wells have to buy suitable to hang
by, and to dishonorably too - May
as well with you yet, as I understand -
keeps the platina, & he it is in sheets,
then will cut to sixteens, & cut into
boxes ship - & have it to Mr Bailey -

If you succeed with Mr Mark.
& by this write me Quantum to Mila-
think you will have a writer's job
of it, from all I know about it,
however -

I will ship up the Turk Egypt:
if the Bill is not here by Tuesday,
will keep it. This I find, on you
have then for, & be the fate of all
bills under 1st than people -

Yours truly
in haste -
F. O. J. Smith

Mr E. Crouch
Newport City.

Mr. E. Cornell

City of Newyork -

Ithaca Jany 3 1846

E. Cornell Esq — Dear Sir — Enclosed I send the Articles of Assn, modified & altered in some respects, for you and the to sign again. The 2d Article as it now is, I think is an alteration for the better, and the 3d Art is necessary if intermediate stations are built. The 4th Art, the people here wished modified, so that the Capitol should not all pass into our hands before the line was built. Art 9 is a material alteration for the better, but it was before, but in the Association we cannot guard the personal liabilities notwithstanding all the safeguards we may have devised for it, and our guard against the contraction of debts must be by giving the most public notice that only such officer is authorized to contract any debt; taking this view of the case I did not much oppose the alteration.

The last part of Art 10 as altered, it was thought that if any person forfeited all prior payments it would not be best to sell for the balance but other stock could be issued for the deficiency to take Article 17 prohibits the issuing of certificates of Stock until it is paid for, and I think this is an improvement. Art 19 — Sage & Grant required altered, and after the stock is all paid in they wish us to make an assignment on the back of our Agreement with the Patentees, & ourselves in trust for the Assn. I can see no objection to this; nor of course should we reserve the benefit of the 20 per cent advance. Art 22. They wished the manner of building the line specified and I have done so. Art 23. I objected to the manner of paying that they wished, then they wanted us to give security for the building of the line and they then pay the whole capital into our hands in advance. Whether you or Wm being here I concluded that I could not act

(2 my friends to be present for the second time, and
Holdship says that we should not give security; we would
power to cause the means to build the whole line
and take over pay after it was com. Officially done
with the 23rd Article as it now is, and I think we can
get along with it; if necessary we can probably
procure nearly all the posts and pay when
the line is completed, and 30 days can probably
be got upon the wire if necessary. I attended
the prices of intermediate stations and I think
have improved that part a little. — Art. 24. Says
wished that the money received from Govt. for the line
should go into the hands of the Directors to be distributed among
the Stockholders, we shall be two out of the five directors
and I offered no objection to the alteration.

I hope these matters ~~will~~ it will be satisfactory to you under the circumstances, if so, please execute the Articles and return them.

Several have said to me that they did not like to take Stock in an Association, but that they would give a certain sum and agree to take it in postage at the regular rates, after the line was completed, (within one or two years) & if the Govt. bought we could pay back to them the balance that they had not used up in postage; this would do very well, but we need an Association in order to get the cost of the line up to $14.000 — perhaps if the Assn. is formed, we had better take some subscriptions in that way; the banks have no right to own stock and must fix their amounts in some such way; if we make such an arrangement we should own more stock and in case the Govt. buys, it would be quite as well provided we can as readily get the cost of the line called $4.000. The report that the Washn. & Balt. line only rec'd $413. during the year has been going the rounds of the papers and has an unfavorable effect may getting Stock taken here. Please give me your views

as to the subscriptions, to be taken out in postage, &c
I trust you have better results and shipped for a
pattern if you can, so that I may not be delayed after the
stock is sold.

Yours truly

Lucius Eddy

No. 30

E. Connell Esq

Care of Livingston & Wells

16 Wall St

New York.



Utica Dec 6 1864

Dear Brother

I have just Rec'd a letter from Wm McSmitte in which he says this week will wind up your business on the N.Y.A.Phil. line. I hope you will hire to Mr Faxton. I did not know that he was going to N.Y. or I should have talked with him about securing your services without fail. They cannot well get a man who will take the responsibility of starting way stations on their line. If there is no chance for Smitte with you do you not think he had better Come here & take Care of my Battery. I shall be obliged to have some one. If you think best you can talk with Mr Faxton about it or I will do it when Smitte gets here. It was a bad mistake soldering on the platina on to the fines. It got badly broken. The fines are all that have arrived. I expect Faxton will blow you if you have not sent all of our things before he gets there. Nail wrote me at Lockport and I have just Rec'd the letter wishing to secure me on the N.Y.A.Phil line.

O. S. Wood
6 Jan 1865

Ezra Cornell Esq
New York

Dr Sir I have been engaged
the last few days in writing
for Mr. Fairfield & Mr. Wood
upon Mr. Thrift's application
for Patent for Improvement
in Grain Separators which
Mr. Wood has purchased
of Thrift and Mr. Fairfield
is now in Buffalo & Rochester again
Yours Truly
Ezra Cornell

New York Jan 8. 1866

Dr Sir,

The conversation with you this evening on the subject of my improvement in telegraphs &c. satisfied me that you was misinformed in regard to the position that I occupy in the matter. to place you in possession of correct information on the subject, I will herewith give you a copy of an agreement between myself and the proprietors of Morse's on the subject, Signed by Mr Kendall and Mr Smith,

here follows the Extract from Said agreement &C &C,

you will see by the portions of this agreement that I have copied, that Mrs Kendall & Smith, not only made provisions, for the Phil Co to use my improvements, but for all other Companies and associations, and they also took especial care to provide that all those improvements and Experiments should be made at my own Expence and in any event, What is more clear under such circumstances than that the benifit resulting from the improvements should belong to me,

But there is one thing they did not provide for, that is the exclusive use of my improvements. I retain the right to let other parties and other companies have the use of my improvements and inventions, and if it is thought to be the interest of the proprietors of Morse's patent, to trample my rights indifoot, I shall have to look in other directions, for the benifits that my improvements may justly entitle me to,

I shall deal with all companies under Morse patent in good faith, and they must do so with me, or not blame me if my interest leads me to cross their track,

Yours Respectfully

T. S Faxton Esqr

S. B. Morse

Copy of letter to Foxton July 8–46

Copy of letter
to T. S. Foxton
Jan'y 8. 1846

New York Janᵛ. 10ᵗʰ 1846.—

Mr. Cornell

Sir,

I have just recᵈ. a letter from Mr. Vail who is desirous of having us communicate with him from Newark, but I shall write him by to-day's mail that we will try through to Fort Lee, and if possible to New York.

I have written him the following regulations.

Philᵃ. At 12 o'clock on Monday, and the same on Tuesday at 10 o'clock if there has been no result on Monday strike the letter P. .... successively for 5 minutes then rest 5 minutes and thus alternately till 4 o'clock unless the desired result is realized.—

N. York. I will strike the letter Y .... from N. York in the same way if all is clear for that purpose at Fort Lee, if not.—

Fort Lee. You will strike the letter F .—. .—. in the same way from Fᵗ. Lee to Philᵃ and also to N. York.

It will thus be known at each station from whence the communication comes.—

If at either station, the signals are recognized then add ... ... S after each, for example if at Fᵗ. Lee you get from Phil. P. P. then return F. S. until it is recognized.—

Platinum plate & Ground at Philᵃ

Zinc plate & Ground at N York.—Respectfully

Sam. F. B. Morse.

M. E. Cornell

10 Wall St.

Chrysalis

10 Jacobs

Telegraph Office of the N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R. Co.
Albion January 12th 1864.

E. Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir

Yours of the 8th Instant is Rec'd & in answer have to say that so far as I am concerned it is quite satisfactory, and I do not see why Bush Kneeland & Smith should not be willing I should sign an article,

There is no objection on my part to doing it, but I do not wish to take myself Officious about this Matter, I only wish to be set right in the Matter,

Hope you will see them Gentlemen and have this business rushed through, & I will be ready to work very soon, and it will be a very great advantage for us to be just ready & I think you Learned Justice will dictate to you the Justice of doing this thing promptly & freely;

Will you forward me Bill for the Materials forwarded, also Lines in Common Japan, which we shall want if we are ready to work,

Respectfully yours,

L. Sutton

E. Cornell Esq
New York.
Care Livingston Wells & Co. No 10. Wall St.

New York 15th Jany 1846

Dr. Sir

I recd. yours of the 13th Inst. this morning, am glad you seem to understand and appreciate the position I occupy. I am satisfied that I am right and if Mrs. Russell & Smith is at the bottom of your refusal to accomodate my rights in the Case they are wrong. I have been trapped on a by Daily he will Mitten acknowledge My rights nor Return the instruments I Sent him nor pay for them. besides sending me two or three abusive letters and since I wrote him an Explanation as I did you Showing him to be Wrong and myself right he declines or neglects Answering my letters I have no idea of getting trapped the Second time. You Request that I Should See them Gentlemen and have this business understood. I Cannot account for. if I was Carious of putting myself in a wrong position in the Matter I would do anything Reasonable to Correct the Error but not So they or you can in the wrong and without any agency of mine I thereon Cannot be Expected to put you right I am Sorry that your Self Should be delayed or you discommoded but as I Cannot trace the Cause to any agency of mine I Shall Content myself by Saying that you Can have

the Magnets when you put yourself in a position that will not prejudice my rights a Bill of this Sort you is as follows

85	Large Finish Rs	Complete	1/-	$106.25
24	Small do	do	6/-	18.00
9	Doz Tumblers		10/-	11.25
10	do Porcs Cups		6/-	7.50
2	Galvanometers		28/-	7.00
				$150 00

I have two Magnets on hand that I ordered for you at your request they or better instruments than those you had of Smith they are Stronger and improved in various respects and will Cost you $35.00 Ea as the Manufacturer wants his pay for them and I Can see no justice in my having them left on my hands or having to advance the Money for them. If you decide to have my Magnets and take the four I have Made for you I Shall put them at $45.00 if you take but Two I Shall Charge $50.00 Each for the Two Pairs Magnets I am informed Cost $75.00 Each the new little Magnet they talk about I do yet know nothing about it but I have Confidence of them not getting any Magnet that will Supersede My Arrangement the balance of power will be on My Side I have tried two of them in 90 Miles Circuit and they worked well no desire for better action Yours Respectfully E. Cornell

Copy

Hayfork
15 January 1916

Capt

Adjutant Gen.
Office
Ills.

Sir, I have the honor to report

Washington Jan. 16th 1846

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 13th post-marked 14th came to hand by last night's mail. I am happy to hear that our line is likely to work well, both from you and Mr. Vail. I presume Mr. V. is at work from Philadelphia ~~to~~ Newark by this day, and I trust Professor Morse and yourself have so arranged as to work through to that place.

I expect to be in Newyork by the morning train on Tuesday next and hope I shall be prepared to pay off all your bills for labor due which I wish you to have collected. I shall carry with me your unadjusted accounts and wish to sit down with you and examine them.

I trust we shall in a few days open the line for public use when all charges to the fund for construction must cease.

Yours truly

Amos Kendall

Enclosure
16 June 45

Office of the N.Y. A. & B. L. Co.
Utica January 16th 1846,

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Enclosed you have the Instru=ment you Enclosed me some time since and after Great deliberation & the Receipt of your Last Letter I come to the conclusion that there would be no impropriety in Signing it

hope you will forward the Receipts at once, one to Albany & the other to Utica, our coin is all up & we want to pay them, how are you getting along with the Philadelphia Line

If your Receipts are equal & the Rich Quality & Specie You on Trial you May Insert us a Couple of them; With the understanding that if they prove Quite as we pay for them, if not then the privilege of returning them,

Respectfully Yours

J. Easton

T. S. Paxton
16 January 1865

Boston Feb 6th 1865

New York Jan'y 16. 1826

My Dear Alonza

Enclosed in a letter from Mother I recd yours of the 11th inst, I am much pleased with it. The account you give of your studies is cheering. I am glad to see you manifest a determination to improve your mind. Those who resolve that they will be learned always succeed. Dr Franklin, the Great Phylosopher, and Statesman, was once a runaway printer boy, but he was, honest industrious and prudent, he pursued his studies, with an energy and industry, that will surmount all obsticles, and he arose to associate with Kings and Princes, his name is etched high on the tablet of fame, Then is an example worthy of imitation, Will you pattern after it? If you will it you may become as learned as was Franklin,

I admire your commencement of the Latin Gram, it is a good beginning, Latin is an excellent friend to those who have a taste for Science, Such a beginning of years may end in perpetuating the name of "Cornelia" as the birth place of a Phylosopher or Statesmen, if so we shall have to thank God Seward for giving our pleasant valley, so romantic and rustic, a name, Adieu My Dear Boy

Yours Affectionately

E Cornell

E Cornell
Jan'y 16th 1846

N York city

Utica Jan 18 1846

Dear Brother

I have been delaying several days with the hope of being able to acknowledge the rect of the Galvanometers & perhaps the paper. I wrote you some time since that we were depending upon you for paper & as you have said nothing about not getting it I expected you would send it.

If you have not sent the Galvanometers yet I want you to write me immediately & let me know whether you will send them as I suppose we might get them of Prof Morse when he sends the relay-magnets. He has written to Mr Taylor saying that he would send him a couple of relays in the course of a week or 2 that would weigh about a pound each, & no larger than a man can carry in his pocket. They are to be made of very fine wire wound with silk. Taylor wanted to know what you said about the relay-magnets in your letter to me. I told him you said he could not have them without recognizing you as inventor.

He said "you could not easily wipe

out the stairs of not letting him have the magnets after he had let you have the money to purchase the wire".

He also hints that you are getting yourself into a hobble by selling your Relay-magnets as Prof M. says he has had his Patents renewed & included all of the late improvements. You must not say anything to Mr F by which he will know that I have informed you of what he has said.

I dare not say anything more to him about Mr McSmitto coming up here as he has not been in very good humor for the last week or 2 on account of this delay. I told him before he went to N.Y. that I should want some one to help about the Battery & he said, "wait till we get started & see what we want."

If Smith has employment there I think he had better remain there for the present. But if not he might as well come up here.

They have sent on a young man from Syracuse who is to have that station & I have been training him for a week.

I have also had an application from a young man from Rochester who had been promised (by Mr Wells) that station.

I want you to send me a Copy of that Stenography as soon as you can get hold of it. also the remaining 3 Copies of Sardness lectures if you can send them by express "Fee" otherwise it will be cheaper to ~~send~~ buy them here. What comes before the first No. I wish you would ascertain at that Commences at Page 50. I will pay you for those you have sent & what you do send when I see them. Did Carter send you the amount I gave him. He said he had not when he was here but would direct Livingston to pay you

I do not hear what you are about on the N.Y. & Phil line. Let me know how much Battery it takes to work the whole line. & also what you are going about, & how you have that Co.

I dont much expect we shall get ready for a start short of 2 or 3 weeks. It is very dull business for me here. I suppose our wire is all up.

Let me hear from you soon

Yours Truly O. E. Wood

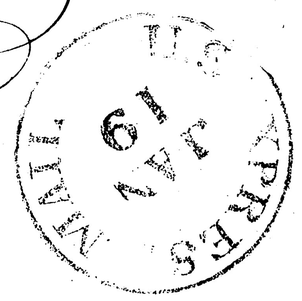
E Connell Esq

What was Mr Ts reason for
refusing to sign your papers?

O S Wood



Mr. Wm. Mc Ts
Coop. Sleepyside
Dunnellon
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Ithaca January 18, 1846

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I Take the Liberty to write to you for Samuel Young on the Subject of hiring your Tavern Stand for one year, or two or more, or five years I Spoke to your Father a Bout it But he Did not Make Much answer and Samuel wished Me to write to you on the Subject I will Say that I will Secure the Rent to you if you Se fite to Let him have it he Keeps a Small Candy or grocery Shop here now and he thinks he could Do Better there a Putting the Two to gether if you Se proper to Let him have it you will Please to write to him

I Shall Be down there some time this Spring I Have Talke of going in with Mr Slaton ote Jersey City I Shall Come down and Se how it will Do and I would Ask your your Opinion on the Subject as you are a Dommited in the City & I am glad to here you are a Doing well in the Telegraft Bisness for the Slow Bisness was a hard one Please to write on Recit of this Very Respectfully Yours Henry Moore

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Ezra Cornell Esq
of Morse Telegraph
New York City

N. Y.

NEW YORK JAN 20

Newyork Jan. 24th 1846

E. Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir, My functions as Agent for the Trustees of the Magnetic Telegraph Company ceased with the transfer of their powers to a Board of Directors, at which time the service in which Mr. Smith and myself employed you had been completed.

For any service after that time, past or future, you will look for compensation to the Board of Directors.

I presume you so understand it, but I deem it proper to address you this letter to prevent misapprehension.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Amos Kendall

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24 Jan 1916