Alton augst 7, 1846

E. Carnell Esq

Sir

In your Last you Say the Line will be done this week. as I propose to go over the whole Line with you as Soon as you Say it is ready according to Contract, I will thank you to Give me as much Notice as you can in order that I may know Just what to depend on, I want to go to Buffalo, but if you are Going to be ready Quite the Most of the Week I cannot go it until after Going with you,

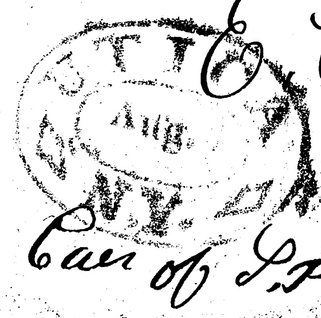
Respectfully Yours

L. L. Lawton

Alton
9 Aug 1846

Free
Jul. 26

To Conrad Esq
Albany.
Care of L.P. Carton



Ithaca Aug 8th 1846—

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir— Your favor of Aug 2d came to hand on the 4th, & on the 5th the Caps arrived— The men are again putting up wire, I returned from the line last evening. A gentleman called on me in relation to getting up a line to Elmira, as I was not there the proposal on the line & I came in with him.

I have agreed with him that if he would obtain bona fide subscriptions for the line to an amount equal to $50. per mile (31 or 32 miles) that we would go on & put up the line at $100. per mile taking the balance of our pay in stock of the line— and in consideration of his procuring the subscriptions I have agreed that we will give him $50. cash & $250. of stock in the Company.

Do you like the arrangement? Now as to our line. The wire will be all up in a very few days & if you will have the magnetts & batteries & extend wire sent next week as early as possible I hope we may get to working on Monday the 17th inst. If you could be there at that time I wish you would. I shall write to Tichenor to be here next week unless I hear from you that you cannot

$1.00.
15.50
3.00
12.50
6.11

have the articles here so soon.
Court sits here week after next &
Williams breach of promise case is to be
tried again, so just hasten on the things
and we will open mail, especially
if we can have the benefit of your
presence. Please write immediately
after receiving this.

Yours truly

James Eddy

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E. Connell Esq

Care of Livingston K Wells

10 Wall St

New York

Albany Aug 8th 46

Mr Cornell

Sir I left Troy on Wednesday last without seeing you and went to Scodack to assist in putting up the wire. I left under the direction of Mr Parks who said to me that he would see me paid. He said as I understood him that my pay was to be one dollar per day and my expenses paid to me what there was my surprise to day to be told by him that I should receive but one dollar a day and pay my own expenses. I have worked three days and a quarter at that. And have quit for this reason that it costs one shilling per meal to eat at Farm houses and one shilling for lodging And twice that at Taverns And I cannot do it. As I told you I have a sick wife to provide for I cannot do it with such wages, and I must try and find something else that will pay better until my trade work revives in N.Y. city where I generally work

Sir. I should much like to continue in your employ and think that I am capable with a little more experience to put them up as well as any person and should like if that you are willing to go to some other route below here and work for you. if you are in Troy on Monday I shall try and see you. if I should not otherwise and this meets your favor and you

Should like to see me. I reside at No 30 Franklin Street
Troy City by sending or leaving word I will call upon
you at any place you may designate.

My work that I have already done is as follows

July 31.	1/2	day's	work	
Aug 1	1	"	"	
" 3	1	"	"	
" 4	1	"	"	
" 5	1	"	"	

And for which I do not get any price being satisfied that you will allow me what you may reasonably think that is worth.

All which I Respectfully Submit

To Mr Conner

Lyman Cole

I have had from Mr Flagg as expenses 2/ P C

Rec'd
Oct 8, 1864

Mrs E. Cancell
Present

Copy of letter from Smith to Dr Doane

Boston Aug 10/46

Dr A. Sedney Doane

President of the New York & Boston Mag Tel association

Sir Having great confidence in the efficiency & worth, for purposes of both convenience and economy, of Mr E Cornells patented plan of using the Galvanic Battery so as to form an independent circuit for the Registers of Telegraphic lines, I have effected an arrangement with him for the use of it on our line for the period of three months from the first day of September — by way of trial

If in that time results from the utility of it, it is to be purchased of him for the use of our line, or abandoned and discarded thereafter, without charge to the association for the period of the experiment

No sum has been agreed on for it, different from his former proposal to you in case of its purchase, and no obligation on the association for its purchase is to be created by the use of it, The results thereof, I shall report to you at the end of the trial, and leave the action of the association upon it optional at that time with the guardians of the association's interest. I have deemed it proper to apprise you of this arrangement to guard against misunderstanding on the subject in case of my absence at any time, or from any cause when the subject may be brought up for consideration

With great respect
Yr obt Svt
O. J Smith

Copy of letter from
F. O. Smith to Dr
Dacon on Subject
of using my patent
on Boston line
Aug 10. 1886

Utica August 11th 1846

E. Pearsall Esq

Dear Sir Hearing from you on the Subject of the Line being Completed for Inspection this week. I Leave for Buffalo this afternoon & shall be Gone During the Week.

I regret this Delay in getting the Line finished very much, as over anxious Waiting for the Election of Officers & Organization for Running the Last Section on the first Money in September at which time I was in hope to have the Line Completed & in Lake Ontario Operation ready to have over,

But upon Recent Appearing it does not Look Like it,

I must Acquiesce Relying upon the Instrument you have Lent me as Pilot & If the Line is Altered it will be not your fault

I do not Conceive Myself as doing Justice to the Co. to State Interests and hand over to them Limits to Inspection as much behind the age as you see

The one here is the very finest thing I have seen yet. Instead of being Brass as the Bow are with all the Machine improvements, it is not fit to work. I therefore cannot claim taking it, and it is subject to your order

Respectfully Yours

J. Sutton

Rec^d Albany Aug 15 1846 of E Cornell
Thirty five dollars on account of
Morkan Telegraph
A B Cornell

L S Paxton
Aug 11 /47

Albany Aug 11th 1846

My Dear Sir

I came in from the line this evening and found your letter of the 11th inst at the Telegraph office. In it you observe

"I must decline taking this instrument you have sent me at Utica & if the one in Albany is no better we do not want it. I do not consider myself as doing justice to the Co to take instruments so much below the age as yours are!!

This announcement is a source of very high gratification to me. I have long been sensible that "the age" was marked with extraordinary events, and this last evidence of its progress brings my mind more forcibly to an appreciation of its wonders.

I would suggest to you, that you might aid the Imagings of Science somewhat by retaining this instrument that is "so much behind the age" and having it deposited with the date of its era among the collection of some scientific institution,

The line is ready for you to commence your examination at the earliest moment, you can make it convenient,

I sent an order this evening to you through the Telegraph for one thousand dollars, to be forwarded to New York I also wish you to forward me one thousand dollars to Albany, so that I can get it by monday, as I am desirous of settling as many of my bills as the funds will cover that I am now entitled to draw for

I suppose the two thousand dollars I now send for with the balance of $5 for wire amount to nearly the $5 per act that the contract authorizes me to draw for before the completion of the line

Did you receive my bill for Magnetic Telegraph &c &c. if not I will forward you a copy of it

Yours Respectfully

E C

T. S Faxton Esq

Copy

Hudson July 20, 1846

My Dear Sir

I was in the city yesterday and hoped to see you, but did not. I am progressing carefully with my work and expect to close it up next week.

The time is therefore is not distant when the meeting of Stockholders will assemble to elect their officers and complete the organization of the Company.

The value of the Stock in this Company will depend very much on those who are to controll the affairs of the Company, Would it not be well then to canvass that subject a little before hand, I dont know who are ambitious for the honours of company but desire to see the right direction given to all those matters on the Start. You are better acquainted with the men and their business capassities, who will most likely desire to fill the Offices and if in your judgment it would be the interest of the Co oppose their election and elect others who would be more likely to

E. Cornell.

To. Paxton July 20/46

Aug 21/46

Dryden Aug 11th 1846

Dear C. C.

I need not tell you that this is a very busy season of the year nor scarcely that I am so crouded with busines that I can hardly spare time to write you a short letter but circumstances at this time seams to requeire it you will no doubt before this reaches you be informed by Mary Ann of the death of poor Emma on Thursday last about the seting of the Sun She bore the afflictions with patience and great fortitude being perfectly aware of the danger that awaited her and sensible to the last minute. She was one of the best of girls possest of a great and good mind and the loss of her is great to us all. Her Sister Margaret came here 2 weeks before She died and it is probable She will continue to stay with her connections here. She is a smart appearing girl and we hope She will do well where ever She may be I Suppose you are aboard through ~~south~~ your Job there by this time and we all hope you will be home soon we want to see you and have you nearer by when you see yourself. my health is poor at this time having been obliged to do to much labor and to much to see to has run me down again and I am not alone the whole family at home is nearly in the same condition worn down with fategue night & day but we hope

the time has as well soon come, when we shal not have it so
hard to get along having got nearly through our hay
ing & harvest. Some time last Spring I wrote
to Martin that I had got so nearly through with
Michigan that I wanted him to look a customer for
our duck lake land and a few days since I received
a letter from him dated July 26th informing me that he
had met with so good an opportunity to sell it that he
was induced to give an article for it and sent a copy
of the same to me in the letter which I will enclose
to you in this he did not write to me that he had written
to you or consulted you on the subject atall. he says
he gave an article as our agent and if we do not object
to the sale. to forward a deed it seems to me a
short way of doing business. and yet I am satisfied
with the sale provided a Quit claim deed will answer
I am not willing to give on that a warrantee fearing there
may be a drawback in some way about the taxes
though I cannot see how there can be for I am very
sure they have been paid every year you will pleas
write me what you think about what has been
done and what we had better do about it. I think
my self ~~it is all~~ that three hundred dollars will be
better for us than to keep the land loos the interest
pay taxes and have the timber stole as heretofore
you can send back the enclosed Copy if you pleas
I think I shal not write to Martin until I hear from
you which I hope will be Soon and let us know
how Soon you expect to be home. I think of nothing more
Special than our best regards yours in haste
E. Carnell Esq

Very Truly

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E. Cornell Esq
Newyork City

B Wood
Aug 11/45

Aug. 10th

Mr. E. Cornell

Dr. Blank Wishes
You to go over to Jersey as soon as
possible and make what discoveries
you can, respecting the inability of our
Shin to work at present. Mr. C left
In Philadelphia this morning

Yours

Chas. L. Bulkley

Oswego Aug 16th 1846

Friend Cornell

Dr Sir

Yours of the 5th Carpet bag & Boots, came duly to hand. for which you will please accept my warmest thanks I must also ask your forgiveness for not acknoledgeing it Soonir. but to be candid I wrote the next day after I heard from you, and forgot to mail the letter it got mislaid somehow, I am happy to hear you nearly through with your contract. I hope you will not be disappointed in getting the superindence of the line if you with it, however I think you could do better and be your own man. I regret to hear that our friend "Parks, is so unfortunate, I doubt not he will succeed in finding employment, when when you are through, he is to go ahead dog. as regards his discretion he likes myself and many more I am acquainted with. likes to speak his mind freely when occasion offers, much to our detriment, but what is a man without a mind, a mere cipher. unfit to be countenanced by any Society

you say, you are not aware of any misdeal-
-ing among the presidents to prescribe
any one. I may possibly be mistaken but
I cannot whether there is or no one thing
is certain to my mind they like to have
it so arranged or "Faxton" would never have
written to "Crocker" as he did. I have a
most contemptible opinion of "Faxton" —
you never say anything about
your health. I wish you would let me know
whether it is improving or not. I remain
about the same old thing, poor but hon-
-est, you wish me to call on you when ever
occasion requires. that way need of you
telling me, for I shall, must assured to it.
and if I can be of any service to you say so
and your will shall be done as far
in my power with the greatest pleasure
imaginable. If you are short any time. and
$100. or 200. will be of any use give me a call
our president and I came very near having
a spat yesterday about the instruments &
magnets, because I would not give him
statements over my Signature. Stating the defects
the register is in bad order. the spindle turns in
the cylinder so I cant wind up with the Key. I think
you had better send others to both stations. they
are under the impression these are not good
they got the idea from your Fax yesterday
"[illegible]" received a letter from the operator.

at Syracuse.

Stating if they dont get an new magnet soon for that station this line must stop for it is now almost impossible to work it. in this opinion. Mr Partridge concurs with me.

So you see how I am situated. I am the last one to find fault with anything coming from you. but I have been most Amazingly annoyed with this old magnet. it's the one Colt had I hope you will not think hard of me for giving my opinion on the subject so freely I like to be candid in all things and above board [redacted] dont find fault with the shortness of my interest letter. remember me to park gregory and all my old associates.

with sincere regard for your fut welfare I remain yours F. R. Farr

N.B. Bad writing and mistakes always excusable this is all the paper I have or I would copy it

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Ezra Cornell Esqr
No 10 Wall Street
New York City –

Ithaca Aug 17. 1846

Friend Conrad

The wire for the I & C.A. line is all on, we finished last week. Tichenor is here and if the batteries & magnets were received we could go into operation immediately.

As I was out on the line all last week I did not receive your letter of the 9th until this morning.

I have heard nothing of the 213th wire spoken of in your letter, but the former lot carried as to within 40 or 50 rods of the Auburn station and I got 10 or 12 lbs of the N.Y. & B. line to finish out. I had one glass cap left, but we shall want some more immediately for repairs, as I find several are broken already. The people here are very anxious now to have it started and if the necessary matters were here I believe we should start it tomorrow

The Williams & Conrad trial commences to-day; there are very many strangers here and we could do a business if the road were now that would give us a fine start and have a favorable influence in case it should be in contemplation to make a sale to the main line

If a good bargain could be made with them we will let them have it.

I wrote you on the 8th in relation to Elmira line; poles could be got very cheap on that line I think, and the line could probably be built with the amount the Elmira folks are to raise.

Richmond being here at the time organized by me he will probably expect to draw wages whether we have work or not therefore you must write me at once that I may know what to depend upon about the time that the batteries & magnets will arrive.

I think that unless you have possession of some facts that I have not it would be for our interest to start the line immediately and unless we are to gain something by holding back I am very anxious to have it finished & settled up.

If you should agree with me that it is best to start without delay, let us have the batteries, magnets & cord wire at once and we will set it in operation, it is best also to send some slop caps as soon as convenient.

You are very busy no doubt in closing up your contract but don't let that prevent our adopting the most profitable course with this.

I am so anxious to have the matter fixed that I send one copy of this letter to Albany & another to N.Y. if you are the

send I read you.

E. B. Caudle reached here yesterday and says you expect to finish this week

In haste

Yours truly

James Edg

L. Eddy
Aug 17. 1846

Rec'd Aug 19
Wm Mack Jr
Lowell Mass

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Ithaca August 17 1846

Dear Brother

I arived home Sunday morning about 8 o'clock found all well Except our youngest boy he has got the hooping Cough very bad I think he is a little better to day I was at Fall Creek this forenoon found your family all well fathers People are well business is very dull in Ithaca at present I dont know whether I shall find any thing to do or not the prospect appears dull at present, when I Came away from Albany I forgot my umbrella I gave it to the Landlord & he put it in the bar the Evening we arrived at Albany you will know it by the Staf being broken near the upper End with you would bring it up when you Come if it wont be to much trouble Mr Edy has got the Auburn & Ithaca line up and is very anxious to get it in opperation and the people are full as anxious as he is, you will know of Corse what is best about the matter, you will please send me some money as soon as Convenant the Williams & Conrad suit Commences again Monday yours respectfully

E B Connell

To E Connell Esq

E B. Cornell
Aug 17/46

E. Ponce Esqr

New York August 17. 1846

Dear Sir

This morning I was in hope of borrowing some little funds in order that I might prosecute Your works, but failing in doing so, I am compelled to defer it till I can procure some, when I will endeavour to go ahead as fast as possible

Yours Respectfully

David Griffen

P.S. I tried to borrow five dollars from Livingston & Nie but could not do so. I borrowed 5 Do from a friend last week or I could have. Get some from that source —

D. O. Griffin
Aug 1, 46

Mr. Wm. Polk

Capt. C. C. Pinckney

Monday Morn August 17. 1846

W. C. Cornell

Dear Sir

On Saturday
Evening we sent by Schooner from
Bellevue for Albany Bags New York,
two Bags Rice
514. 20
441. 23
955 43
43
912 lbs to be sent
to Stuyvesant Landing to your —
address — the contents received 13501 —
Aug 15 to Stuyvesant. 912
14413. The
Balance will be ready to Ship on
Wednesday & if you do not hear to
the contrary will Ship the Lot to
Stuyvesant also — Yours Respy
Stafford & Thorn

Mr C. Cornell
10 Wall St.
New York

Albion August 17/46

E. Barnum Esq

Sir

Enclosed I Send you $1000. on Contract & $400. on your own Acct for Platter, Registers &c.

I Leave Tomorrow (Tuesday) for Albany & Shall be ready to Go with you on Wednesday Morning from Albany East, whom I hope Every thing will be in Good order as I Serum it will be, at Least if not it cannot be for want of Knowledge with you, as it has been with Some others,

Respectfully Yours

L. L. Lofton

Oswego august 25th 1846

My Dear and respected Friend

Yours of 20th has just came to hand I am happy to hear you are so near completeing your contract & that it suits "Mr Paxton" for I should think him rather difficult to please

It affords me still greater pleasure to learn that your health is good: as regards the sum I offered to loan I wish I had it in my power to do so, but I find you do not understand me half as well as I thought you did, had I been in funds I never could have taken the sum from you I did on leaving the city, and all I have made since I came here, I have managed to dispose of, I always effect to be as poor as Jobs turkey as long as I live but had I funds to loan no man could obtain them sooner than E. L; So you must take the will for the deed I hope you will not take charge of the main line it would be rather an unpleasant situation and then as you remarked you can do much better at something Else,

you say you have some big plans: dare you let me into the secret or are you afraid I will betray you, as you complain most bitterly about a continual buz about these magnets and rejisters, you ought to know very well I am the last one to find fault with them and another thing, you know the magnet that "Colt" had, which is the one I now have, was most rascally used before it was sent Here,

But still I have not found fault on the contra I have said they were much better than moons small magnets and have done all I could to make them think so whether I thought it or not, I told you sometime ago if you sent me a peice of Platinum wire in a letter I could make it as good as new again, and now you complain because they find fault, It is the nature of some men, and I am not responsible for their acts therefore I think it rather unkind in you to talk as you do, However I will bear it with christian fortitude and when you come this way, which I hope will be soon I am certain I can satisfy you that I am still one of the boys you can place confidence in although we are not as near each other as I wish we were, Still I shall never forget you if we are as far apart as the poles.

If you will send me two Rolls of paper by Express to the Syracuse station and the amount when you write I will pay, and be under the utmost obligations to you for so doing, and also a peice of Platinum wire it is entirely gone in my magnets which causes the difficulty I spoke of at times.

the whole secret is "Crocker" our President has an idea there are second hand instruments, and thinks "Mr Livingston" ought to furnish new for the prices he paid. I have done all I can to convince him they are O.K, now you must fight it out among yourself and let me alone. I am happy to inform you "Pious Amos" is no longer president of the Phil line. what a pity!

with Great Respect your Humble Serv't J. A. Brown

Answered & 1 Inch of Platina Wire Sent Aug 30, by letter

this is all the paper I have in the office or I would not send it

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E. Cornell Esqr
No 10 Wall Street
New York.

Utica Aug 27. 1866

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir—

On further reflection about the situation of your line, and to have any misunderstanding hereafter I beg leave to remark that there are some things about it which are not as they should be, and I suppose I mud hardly deem it worth my time to say to you what they are.

I did not have time to see the line from Albany to Troy on the west side of the River, but am told that is in a bad condition, Wire put very ~~loose~~, Posts badly set, & several Glass bats broken. You know too well how the line ought to be, for me to say to you that I do not want to begin to repair befor the line is first put in good order.

The Posts at Poughkepsie should be removed at once, before this line goes into operation. The Wire from Albany should be taken up at once.

There are a good many Posts between Peekskook & Poughkepsie & through Hyde Park

that ought to be changed befor the line goes into opration, as it will be very diffcult to do it afterwards.

The Trees & Bushes I have no doubt you will have removed out of the way.

I am very desirous of getting the line into operation, but shall not deem it my duty to accept it until you give me assurances that those difficulties will all be obviated.

Your time is exceeded about Thirty days, & I have no doubt the loss to the Co will be very considerable; but the only way to test that, will be by the first Thirty days Receipts after the line commences operations

How do you propose to remedy the deficiency of Posts. If you call 27 to the mile, through the line, I am fearful the number of miles will not be as many as you call them

These are deficiencies which I deem it proper to call your attention to, and should like to hear from you about them at your earliest convenience.

I am of the opinion you will have to put new Posts in the city of Albany or cause the Wires to be put up better than they now are.

In all this busines, you will no doubt readily see that my position is such, that it becomes my duty to call your attention to these subjects, and in doing so I hope you will take such a course about the busines, as will enable me to get the line into operation as soon as practicable

Respectfully Yours

J. V. Layton

E. Cornell Esq
No. 10 Wall St
N. York City

Case of Livingston & Wells

Ithaca Aug 28. 1846

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir — Your favor of the 24th by express arrived together with the pieces and platinum on the 26th nothing further has been rec'd. Don't forget the powder cups for the batteries, & the cover for mine. Can we not arrange it with the N.Y & B. Co to have their clerk do our business at Auburn we paying them less than it will cost to keep a clerk there; Wheeler has set up the register I took him & appears to expect to tend it. —

The Articles of Association of the Elmira line have been drawn up and they have procured at Elmira $1300. in subscriptions & say there will be no mistake about their making up the $1.600. this week — But they want us to make our subscriptions before with them; it will be $1.600 to us or $800. to each you and I — and after the certificates are issued we shall have to give Mandeville $250. of the Stock and $50. cash as I wrote you to compensate him for getting the thing up. The "Articles" are at Elmira but I have a copy of them here which I would send you but it seems to me unnecessary to subject you to 5¢ postage and I will state wherein it differs from the Ithaca & Auburn Articles, and if it is satisfactory please

send me a Power of Attorney to sign the Articles of Association for Dow and to subscribe for $800. of the Stock in your name.

Please fix it so that there may be no delay in completing the organization.

The Capital Stock is $32000 (calling the distance 32 miles) we are to have this amount for building the line taking $1.600 of it in Stock, and we are to be exempt from paying any instalments upon the $1.600, it being considered that we shall have to advance in paying for iron &c.&c. — E. Cornell, J. Eddy, Samuel B. Strong, Wm. Maxwell and Simeon Benjamin are directors for the first year. E. A. Woodruff Sec'y. and J. Eddy Treas.

I do not think of any other important changes. The articles suit me better than those of the Ithaca & Auburn line.

I did not learn till last night that they were particular about having your name upon, or I should have sent the Articles (while I had them) to you. If you send the Power of Atty. I will have the Co. organized and will then write you. — I will not be five months in completing this line; if all is satisfactorily arranged & started we had better at once order the iron and everything that is necessary so that there shall be no waiting such as we have had on this line — and I would put a strong force on to put up the posts and get it fully in operation before frost pinches our fingers. When do you expect to be here? Let me hear from you imme-

diately after this is rec'd. I see it stated in the papers that the main line has changed its rate of charges & now sends 15 words for the prices fixed for 10.— I suppose we are to do the same. The charge from here to N.Y. is 30 cts, what should it be to Albany — Utica — Syracuse &c?

We ought I think to make arrangements in Auburn for the newspapers to pay & thus have the postage account wholly to this line— Give me your views— What are your views as to what we shall charge the papers here per week— The two papers are subscribers for $75. to take out in postage.

I shall look for an answer as soon as it can arrive—

Yours truly
James Eckley

30 posts 2/— 7.50
30 Pins & Caps 4c— 1.20
Dig & set— 2/— 7.50
Wire 75# 30c— 22.50
Putting up— 1.50
40.20
32
8040
12060
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37.50
80.00
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2250
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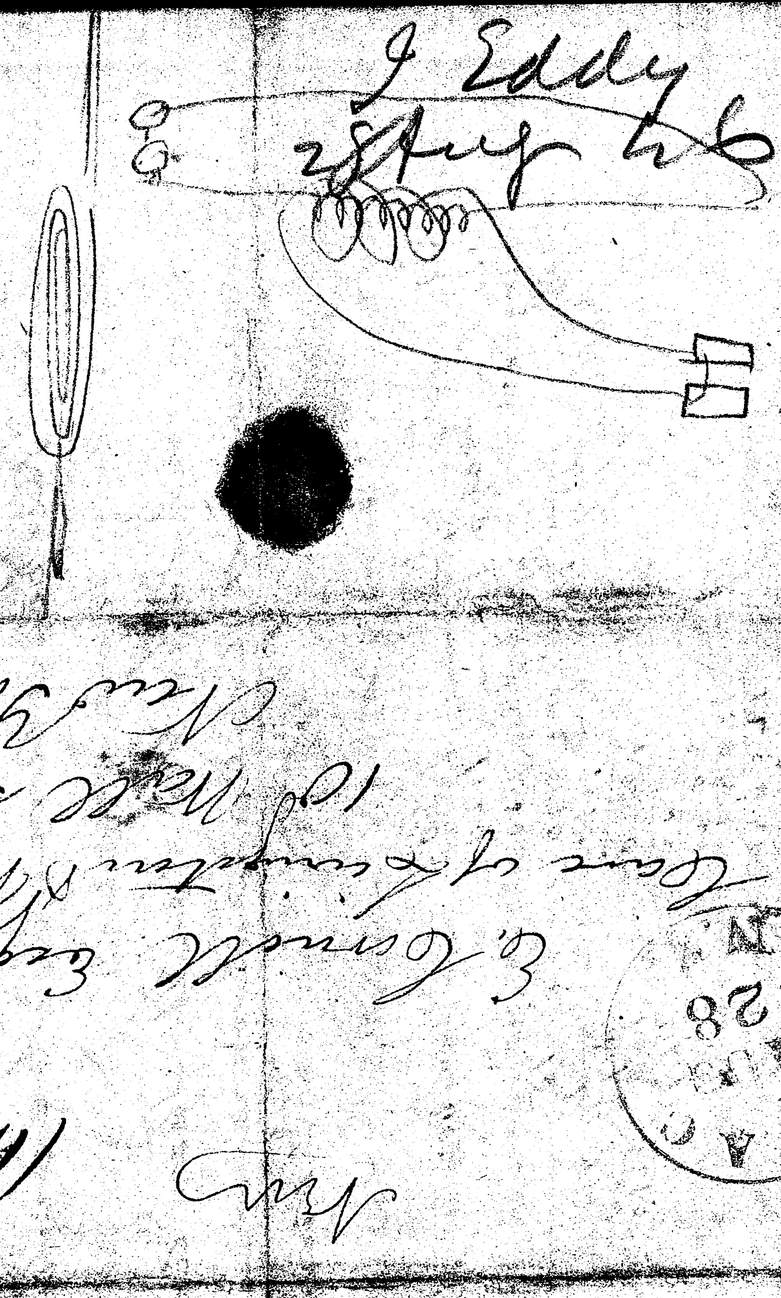
Battery 30 Cups— 1600.00
Magnets— 1453.90
Register 156.90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Good morning/ My Dear Brother Allion Aug 29 46

Again I congratulate you on the restoration of your health and am happy to Report highly favourable in regard to ours although it is time for the "Sickly season" to commence we are in the engoyment of good health. with the exception of George Robertson who is sick with the congestive fever which you know is considered the worst of fevers. but does not prove so fatal here as in the more eastern States (We do not consider ourselves in the western States of course) I think Our Doctors are more skillfull in their treatment of fevers than the eastern Doctors. I heartily thank you for your intention to procure me shells. and will try to make some collections for you but fear I shall not succeed. I fear I shall make a poor disciple of Linnaeus and Humbolt and other naturalest but if you will forward me directions I will be much Obliged and do the best I can. We have a splendid little bird here which I do not recollect of seeing east it is bright scarlet with black wings. they are very scarce. And the little mouse catcher a little brown bird which are found in the vicinity of wheat stacks which will dart on a mouse ~~alarport~~ as big as himself and carry him off a short distance and alight and peck and thump him until he kills him and then flig away with him and eat him. Yesterday M.B. took us to see the Menagerie. and a grand time we had although rather uncomportable. The discription of course I need not give to you

it was like large carravans in gerneral but the Grandest part of the performance was amost terreffic thunder shower accompanied by a heavy gale: and the sene which we witnessed would be beyond my power to discribe. I escaped from my seat and stood near the centre of the tent and contemplated the scene with perfect calmness. I was not at all frightened you know that those ~~which~~ who know nothing fear nothing. and that was the case with me. it took nearly all the Gentlemen to hold the poles and ropes that secured the tent and they barely saved it from being swept from over us. the women and children screamed and cryed. (except one I believe neither of them made any fuss.) And the howling and growling among the beast- I think would give one an idea of their terrible habits in their own native woods. the elephants were very much enraged. and became almost unmanageable the keepers had to go at them with pitch forks to keep them from breaking from their fastenings and promenadeing over the Ladies. Mr J. H. Wade, came home with us and took tea Mrs Wades health is very poor. I saw Daniel Mann there at the caravan it the first that I have seen of him since our residence here I found that he lives only eight miles from us. we find occasionly an old friend and neighbour which we like very much to do for I could never give up old friends and neighbours for new: ones without a secret pang.

I am heartily glad to hear of your success and hope that you will reap a sufficient reward to pay you for your toil and anxiety and banishment from home and friends. which unless you are very much changed I know you will

When I spake of certain news I did not mean to complain because you did not send papers which I think would be an ungrateful acknowledgement for the pleasure the perusal of the letters we receive from you give us. but merely the non reception of letters from other friends, We have had letters of late from Ithaca which would not be new to you as undoubtedly you have later receipts.

You must consider that E.B. is very much attached to his family and of a different turn altogether from yourself. (not but that you are as much attached to your family) but being of a different composition altogether can reason from them better than he can. and therefore please exercise all due forbearence; E.B. family perhaps needs his presence perhaps more than yours does. We will bait with you the lightning comes on our own beautiful Pennsylvania and think we see it coming. We had an exhibition a few days ago. of Bonis Magnetic Telegraph and we look upon that as a forrunner. H.C. Robertson and wife think of starting the 1st of Sept if nothing happens and I think nothing but sickness will. If those stamps are desired to pay the postage of the letters you need not put them on unless they are mailed at N. York. as we had to pay for the last one. Mary is making great calculations to see you and will be much disappointed if she does not we are getting wet weather now but have had a very dry hot summer. I suppose you hear very alarming accounts of the sickness in Rich but we do not nor did not last season until I went east. Well here is the finis I'm good bye after accepting our best wishes

D Bliss

P Wood
Aug. 29 /36

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E. Cornell Esq
N. York

Ithaca Aug 29 1846

Dear Brother

Having been absent from home when your letter of the 23d reached here I improve the Earlyest opportunity to answer it, in reference to the money I payed Mr Brown it is as follows I first payed him $3.00 when he came up and met me on the line I next payed him $1,00 in change when I went down where he was dying to, see about some pins, I next payed him $5,00 for him self & $8.00 for his men down on the railroad when he was raising poles nothing at that time $13.00 I next payed him $3.00 when I went down to see him after finishing my work at Owensville after I had started to come away he called me and wanted some money I payed him as above Staley just read this statement over to him & he cant help but remember it-

I am Sorry I could not have stayed with you until you got throough, but Circumstances just forced me in coming home I found our babe verry sick with the Hooping Cough and his mother Completly worryed out taking Care of him, he is geting better the rest of the family are well your family are well &C

I have not had a days work since I left you there is no prospect of work here at my business I believe Mr Edy has about Closed the arangements for putting up a line of Telegraph to Elmira if that is done I should like to help put it up please write on the receipt of this and say how you get along and when you will be at home

Yours respectfully E B Cornell

C.C.

P. S. I received the $100 you sent me by the hand of Mr W. Speed who ~~Came~~ happened to see it in the Express office at Auburn

E B C

Brown Says the first money he got of you was when you come down after him, you Sat on a hoss and he got three dollars, next when Brown went up to whare you was putting up holes in the swamp and you worked to. Pat comes with him three times your time was when he come up on the line when Brown was cutting your h. the $13. ~~that~~ that was the last time you paid him money.

E B Cornell
Aug 29th 46

Hudson Aug 29th 46

Sir I have put in 25 days between Hudson & Blue Stone and left 4 unaccounted for the event of extra days which I will put in on Monday then we 25. out from here to Galatia then was a wire Broken 2 Miles this side Galatia I Mended it to day about Eleven o'clock and dep this thinking it would be a Satisfaction to you to know why the line would not work if you find it before that time I saw a man at Galatia who had been over the line, above yesterday and did not notice any broken on the Post Road, is there any danger in handling the wires when in Operation and if so is there any precautions I did not finish the days above will do it the first part of next week if you think of anything I need instruction about mention it when you answer my enquiry about which I shall look for with great anxiety until I hear

yours Respectfully

A P Bullock

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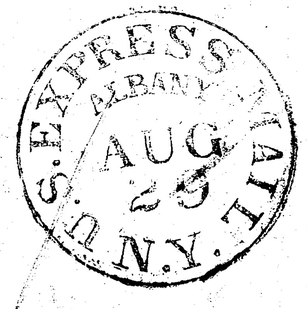
E. Cornell Esq.

Wall St

New York



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New York Aug 30. 1846

My Dear Alonzo

I have rec'd your kind favour of the 25th inst informing me of the absence of Uncle E.B. The letter in question makes enquiries of him about some of his accounts and I hope he will answer it as soon as he returns home. Will you remind him of it. I suppose that he would rec the money I sent him, as the express is a perfectly safe conveyance for money. Except now & then when they are robbed as they have been on one or two former occasions.

I forwarded the Bottles to Mr Eddy some days ago and presume he has it by this or before; but have not yet sent the magnets, I shall do so as soon as I can get them ready.

I am glad to hear that our friends are all well.

I will send you the missing
Nos of Gardners Lecture in the Course
of the work and hope you have
read them attentively and will
as you may derive much
from them, as they are a store
house of knowledge

I find by enquiring that the
"American Flora" is like to stop
but that the "Monthly Flora" is
more like to outlive the rude
blast that nips in the bud so
many a beautifull flower. And
you may say to the young
Ladies interested that I will forward
them the back Nos of the Monthly
Flora, which I trust will reach
them with the freshness of a full
blown rose, and perfumed with
the fragrance of best Lemon
flowers.

You have not yet informed me
whether you consider yourself

entitled to the five dollars under the terms upon which it was proffered. I should like to know what the facts in the case are so as make calculations accordingly.

I don't hear any thing lately on the subject of your School, how is it, have you any School? and if yes. how are you getting on?

I wish you had a few baskets of the thousands of fine peaches that are being exported into this market daily. How is it with your fruit this year can you treat me to any nice fruit if I should come home in a few days?

Yours Affectionately
E. Corell

A.B.C.

A. B Cornell
Attorney

Boston Sept 31. 40

Dear -

The Glass Co - are calling on me for bail. I think will be glad to have you give it your attention -

Mr Fay to her mother here

In a hurry & my stock to send out to meeting notices on the 7th - I have not replied - but if you want it I leave at me home - & as you attend first, I shall send it to you, & notify him accordingly - If not, I shall send it to him -

I am sorry to learn from various sources, of your having frequently made me the subject of much unfavourable conjecture & remark with men in my employ, as well as with others, in connexion with a female with whom you boarded in New York. How I ask no man to become the keeper of my morals, or character, against aught criminal or improper that they have any formal knowledge of - nor to be the keeper of any secret of mine - certainly not, unless specially

~~expected~~ ~~so to do.~~ & when I do that
~~expected~~ ~~so to do~~ and when I do that
~~they will~~ they will know I plan great confidence
they will know I have great confidence
dawn in them. But I have reason
in them,
to complain when they prosper, & I
to complain when they prosper, and I
always supposed to be acting in sincerity
always supposed to be acting in sincerity
as any friends, are busy in starting conjec-
tures, & combining facts under stated
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constructions to my prejudice, such as are
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equally susceptible of exactly the oppo-
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site construction by a mind disposed
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to think favorably of one's motives concern-
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ing whom they have no knowledge of
which they have no knowledge
a single act of positive information to his
prejudice. It may happen on a cloudy
hostile, & distant circumstances, and think-
ill of one's motives and acts where good might
not as well be thought. I have my own
candid dealings with men & with
women - for what I do for a while sitting, I
prefer doing in the face of the world, with
the full knowledge that those immediate
will put the worst construction upon them, but
with no expectation that prospering finds
will go out of their way, & volunteer to
circulate suspicions & censures which
they cannot know to be merited. If a
friend has any suspicions or admonitions to offer
me, he ought to consider that it is the

least prudy & all ways to undertake it through third persons who may, or may not execute their commission in a spirit of friendship. I always have included myself amenable to find, who have any advice to offer, whether in religion, morals, or politics but never to an enemy. And he who approaches others, instead of inquiry, with any opinions or queries about either of these virtues, or the want of either, in myself, I cannot but regard as either regardless of my feelings in fact, or designedly aiming to inflict an injury — I say this much in perfect frankness - for I have always felt that I would have —

> "In any case, an open, manly foe
> Bold I may meet him, perhaps lay him low —
> But of all curses that friend heaven can send —
> Save, save, oh save me from the candid friend."

When Poz. took occasion from the thing a private letter of mine, knowing it to be stolen, & made use of it to my prejudice, as he supposed, I regarded it as in character with the narrowness of his mind, & the want of his religion: and I pitied the man, which I despised the act, as any honorable mind could — But had you done such a thing, it would have disappointed & surprised me - As Watts, however, did I anticipate that you would find yourself participant in speculating with others upon circum-

stamp which could at best have been seen & known only imperfectly, with others who could not but feel as equal if not greater liberty in repeating the same with all the variations & additions which slanders always gather in their progress. Even had all been true, as conjectured - that I was keeping a mistress (who never yet was the mistress of any man & whom he dare can say aught against except in their conjectures respecting myself,) I should have expected you of all men regarding it as a matter about which you could neither be responsible, nor make it your business, as of treating with deep concern in your intercourse with others, one saying aught to me of it - to be either set right if wrong, or from any other motive.

However, I write nothing in anger - & do not wish you to misunderstand me - but, simply to ask, that which you affect to be an interest & confidential friendship & intercourse with me, to undergo others' curiosity with no conjectures concerning myself - What you know of home concerning me, I am willing should be proclaimed, if it bear a capable of no other meaning but sincerity, or con-

In haste, or con-
yours F. J. Smith

Jno E. Crouch
Newport City.

New York Aug 31. 1846

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst was rec'd to day in which "on further reflection about the situation of your (my) line" you seem to find a good deal of fault, and seem to pronounce the lawyers on that part of it which you acknowledge you have not seen. "but am told is in a bad condition". I am rather surprised that you should not have visited the line from Albany to Troy after learning that it was in such "bad condition" it is certainly not very dificult of acces.

That portion of the line however I understood to have been accepted from the time it was put in use. and I know that it was then in good order and well built, at least as well as the Contract called for, if a portion of the caps are off. it is not a very strange circumstance, as I have frequently found the Boys amusing themselves by throwing stones at them The caps were sound when the line was put in use The wire I believe was as well put up there as on any portion of the Lines. and you frequently expressed yourself satisfied with the hang of the wire on that part of the line that you passed over. I object in toto to your condemning the line upon other peoples reports, go and see

and if is not according to contract point out the defects. You say next "the posts at Poughkepsie should be removed at once, before the line goes into operation" If by this you mean the changing of the location of the line in Poughkepsie, I will remind you that there is nothing in my contract that makes it my duty to make that alteration, although if I find yourself and associates manifesting a disposition to settle with me on fair and honorable terms, I should not object to make the alteration for you, but the line need not be delayed in its business for that as it can be done without impeding the operation of the line.

In regard to the posts between Poughkepsie & Red Hook that are under contract Size, I will do as you may direct, either make a suitable deduction, (which is the first plan for the interest of the Association) or I will replace the small ones by such as have contract dimentions, This alteration can also be made without interrupting the business of the line.

The trees and bushes will never trouble unless it may be in your drawns, they will be removed to contract distance from the wires.

You next say "I am very desirous of getting the line into operation, but shall not deem it my duty to accept it until you give me assurance that these dificulties will all be obviated"

I supposed I had already given you [redacted] assurance that the line should be in every particular as good as the contract required, and unless you have detected in me a disposition to cheat you in the construction of this line (which I certainly not conscious of possessing) I cannot see the necessity for the above remarks.

You further remark "Your time is expended about thirty days & I have no doubt that the loss to the Co will be very considerable but the only way to test that will be by the first thirty days after the line commences operation" If by this you wish to convey to my mind the idea that the first 30 days rate on the amount of them is to be deducted from the amount due me as damage for the excess of time, We may as well proceed at once to the choice of Referees as provided for in the contract, Who I will endeavour to satisfy that you and your associates are mainly responsible for the excess of time, required to complete the job.

You next ask "How do you propose to remedy the [redacted]

deficiency of Posts &c" I dont admit that there is a deficiency, but if on investigation there so should be less than the contract calls for. I will explain to you how I propose to remidy it, when you answer a similar question I put to you some weeks since in relation to a deficiency or excess of heft in the wire,

In the city of Albany. I put the wires on some of your posts for the reason that you directed it to be put there. I should have refused to put up separate posts, and will yet do so if you direct it to be done,

You close your letter by saying "In all this busines you will no doubt readily see that my position is such that it becomes my duety to call to call your attention to these Subjects, and in doing so. I hope you will take such a course about the busines as will enable me to get the line in to operation as soon as practicable".

I think I understand your position, and have already taken "such a course about the busines" as I supposed would enable the line to be put in operation tomorrow, but since the rec^t of your letter of the 27th inst I have decided that the putting in operation of the line must be understood as an acceptance of it in fulfillment of the contract, Which I hereby notify you will be my understanding of the matter, unless we may mutually agree to some other arrangement, for which purpose I am ready to meet you and your associates at any convenient place at the earliest moment you may name that is practicable.

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

T. S. Faxton Esq