Milwaukee June 13th 1849

Dear Sir,

I presume Dr Graves wrote you several days ago, suggesting the Propriety of a public announcement of the Contract with Col Speed, to construct the proposed line of Telegraph — before he should go on with collections. He found a little faltering & had to answer many inquiries, and both he & I thought it best that pub lic notice — thro' the Papers, should be given, that the work was about to be commenced in good Earnest.

As soon as you complete your arrangement in Chicago, I hope you will either write to me or come here at once, on this subject. I deem it vitally important that we should begin right, & with full public confidence.

All well — Yours truly

Sam Hubbell

D. T. Tillotson Esq
Chicago Ill

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D. T. Tillotson Esq
Chicago
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Po. keepsie Sund June 13th 1847

My Dear Brother Cornell

In compliance with your own request & the wishes of myself I hasten to write you this P M I have just finished a long letter to my Dear Wife Rec'd a letter from her yesterday all well as usual While I think of it Sylvester family bids fair to increase, Smith Robertson's also

I was not a little surprised upon the opening of your letter to learn that you & brother Ol had come to the conclusion you did relative to my progress in learning "how to Tel"

What led you to believe that it was possible for me, in for 6 weeks, to be able to accomplish that which it had almost invariably taken others some 3 months!

You know I am a green "slow boy" and have as yet when away from home, almost every thing to learn aside from "Tel" operations I put it down as being almost among the "impossibles". but you said you were sure you could make yourself competent in that time I therefore feel willing to say that "I'll try" as that has accomplished wonders when "I Cant" did nothing

In the outset I certainly can for that I feel most sanguine in the undertaking & am determined, to put forth my utmost efforts, that there shall be no lack in my own energy

And now before I proceed farther I cannot withhold from saying to you by way of compliment tho in the spirit of truth that I am exceedingly grateful unto you for

Your seeming regard & providing for my future welfare
when I shall be able to compensate in return is beyond
my sight - but at least I'll try to remember

What would you think of the propriety of my taking
Harriet with me to Montreal should I go? I suppose it
is a costly place at them to live. but I feel as if, since our
lives are but short, I am willing to save much less of my earnings
for the sake of her society Can we afford it? How big wages
will I probably get? Please answer this soon & give me
some information & advice, or come & see us if practicable

Your aff Brother J Dunham

J Dunham
June 15/74

New York 15 June 1854

Dear Sir

Allow to introduce to your favourable notice the bearer C Connell, who is equally interested with me in the extension of the Telegraph through your Country. You will find in Connell a good whig and a practical common sense man, who can give you any information respecting the Telegraph which you may desire.

With great respect
Your Obt. servt.

J J Speed Jr

Schuyler Colfax Esqr.
South. Bend

P. S. Please introduce Mr Connell to Mr Heaton

Newyork 14 June 1847

Dear Sir

I intended to have sent something to you about my Father, who is at Cortlands and wants to have something to do, as he is now out of all business, and unable to live without doing something. He would like to go to Michigan, or any where else, and be employed in collecting subscriptions, attending to lands, contracting for locks, or doing any thing which would give him a living. He is more industrious, can stand more hardships, more economical, and twice as good at a bargain, as I am. I think we might employ him to advantage in contracting for locks, as he can do that as well as any man living. If you want any assistance of that sort up in Vermont, send him there, or to Canada, or stick him into you to Michigan I have recd. a letter from him saying that he will go any where we want him. My boy Willy would like to go to Michigan and Talbot thinks he could employ him but I have some doubts about his being worth the expence of turning them once back, altho he thinks he could get

Jobs or Sis boys as well as any one—
If you think he will be worth the expense
of his travelling & keeping I have no objection
to his going: but I think he had better go
into some office and learn to write. I have
written to him to see you about it.

Your truly

J. D. Sprague

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Mr. E. Connett

Athens

My

Bangor June 14th 1847

Dear Bro Ezra

It has been a long while since I heard from you and I am really getting tired of this business (or rather this no business) The season of fogs has nearly arrived and we are here with our hands tied An 3 weeks these fogs while we are a shroud which will envelope this affair for a too large portion of the season Do for the sake of Pockets get us out of this and set us at work

McRea & Thatcher are here getting so fat they waddle and if I were not so much annoyed, with my situation I dont do as I should do too But it worries me As I said to Park & J. will not more than pay our bill and carry us to some decent place to say nothing of Brown & Backus

Let's hear from you Strait

Your affct. brother

M Sprout

M L Rood
14. June 1897

E Cornell Esq

Newyork 11 June 1847

My dear Sir

I returned from Portland to this City with Smith last night - Kendall is to be here today, and I think we will be able to get matters ready to negociate with O R & Co. Should Kendall do as Smith expects he will I will go at once to Rochester and meet O. R & Co. and make some settlement of the whole controversy or set O R at defiance and go on with a full guarantee against his claims, and the Patents fight it out with him in Court. O R has no money to throw away and I have no doubt will agree to such offers as will be make to him, I have been delayed longer than I anticipated and may be here some weeks longer: but I care not will finish for it all in the end -

I dined the last week at Smiths house near Portland He has a magnificent house and every thing right about him. his wife is a charming woman and I have been living on clover for a week. You may say that is all very nice but will it pay? I answer yes - Smith is disposed to be liberal. Disposed much as I must them and if Kendall does not block our game, we will get it all right, and make some rocks. Connell wrote you yesterday from Boston and I wrote to Howard about the right of way on the Rail road

If Brooks will do nothing more than give us the right of way we had better let our lots on the Stage road and change the Rice Road leg In doing this our outlay will not cost us any more to build on the Stage road than it will on the R.R., and if they charge us full price In carrying our men and freight we have better lines on the Stage road. I wrote Putty fully to Howard and requested him to advise with Rood and do as they thought best. The contract between our R.R. and the Buffalo Lee & Brooks, understood. They only gave the right of way by contract; but in practice they really do all that we asked Brooks to do. Should Smith be able to make the contemplated arrangement with Kendall, I will have the control of all the lines out West, and we will be likely to make some body pay us for doing the business. The Stock on our Main line from Buffalo to Milwaukee is the good Stock, and upon figures are not much out of the way after we get all the side lines built, which can be made to connect with it. Do not purchase any Stock, when you would not be willing to pay 3/4 in cash, as I am more and more satisfied that the Stocks will be good. The lines we are all doing a rousing business — The Boston line will pay $25 000 in your clear of all expenses — The last day I was in the Buffalo office here the receipts were

$216.45

Smith has extended the line from Boston to Portland, and will extend it to Halifax
If we succeed in effecting all our plans we want the control of the whole line from Buffalo to Milwaukee, and will arrange it so as to Telegraph directly through from this City without Re writing. all of which I will explain in due time
I shall Send all the money I have when I left home, and have none to get out West
Let me hear from you at Ithaca, and if you can get the funds to send Williams for the $150 left I could get an other Small grist ground in case of Mar fits— Dividends done worth ; but the Sky looks bright ahead— and if our Cost is not upset by some unexpected Casualty we will swim yet.

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Sent
June 16. 43

Chas. Lee

Stanton Penn

Mr. J. J. Astor

Stanton Penn

Boston June 15, 1847

My Dear Sir

I have just returned from Quebec at which place to make a contract to build 300 miles of Telegraph, which will be the first section of the Quebec and Halifax line, and I have some hopes and perhaps the best chance for the balance of the line when it is contracted for,

I found on my return to NY that my estimate was not high enough for the earnings of the Buffalo line in the month of May as it actually went up to $3,300 and June begins as though it would go up to $6,000 dollars, all that any of my letters from NY will be noticed

I found Speed here, and he is now writing to Howard on the subject of the right of Way on the Central R.R. The bargain made in NY was to give the business the RR wanted done for the right of Way, but the Roads all but the Utica & Schenectada allow all agents & hands in the employ of the TL to ride free over their roads, and it is found by accounts that have been kept, that the best side of the bargain is on the side of the R.R, as it if found that the Roads have more use for the telegraph than it was at first supposed they would,

I will not therefor consent to do better by the R.R than to, do the R.R business for the right of way and free travil over the road for all persons connected with the building operation and supervision of the Telegraph. Speed is writing to the same effect to Howard, It is of the importance to the Telegraph built as this will be, with heavy wire & 30 posts to the mile to be on the line of the R.R, I am not clear that they had not better keep off the road and charge them for the business done for them,

Write on the receipt of this to me at Albany and let me know how you progress with the Collecting, and if it will be prudent to contract for the wire Cops &c and how agree to pay,

I hope you will forward me some funds at the earliest moment you can, as the flow of the Stream has been Out, Out, Out!! and I should be sorry not to stay it before the balance found,

When you write Give me a bill of general particulars,

Yours Respectfully
E. Correll

D.D. Tibbetson Esq

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O. G. Gillaspie Esq
Chicago
Illinois

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Franklin June 17th 1847

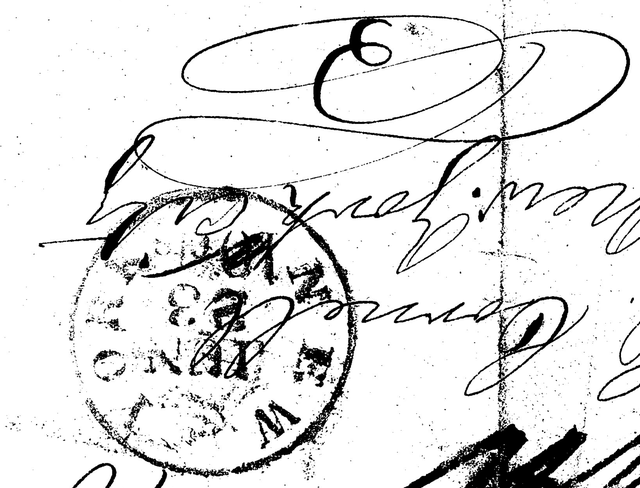
E. Connell

Sir we arrived here safely this morning at 9 Oclock the day was very warm and sultry, had frequent Thunder showers there was no fog to be seen during the day and towards night it cleared up, the atmosphere was extremely clear, you could see as far as you wished, it remained so all night, at least it was so when I went to bed & when I arose, I did not go on the mountain

18th warm and pleasent to day the atmosphere very clear, favorable towards taking observations, I do think there will be no difficulty here if they can cross the bay the inhabitants here tell me they are much molested with dog along the bay, they have but little here until dog days have received nothing from the boys east I shall write again monday by which time I expect to hear from the boys, nothing more at present only I have not seen any wolves since my return, they dare not show their wolfish pates again, for I am resolved to pull out the eye teeth, as trophies of the first one I see

Your Obedient Servant R. Thatcher

P. D. Thotel
17. June 47



Blue Hill Friday Eve. June 18th 97

Dear Sir.

I arrived here today about noon having scotched it from Bucksport the weather is fine and a very clear atmosphere I learn that it has been very foggy for the last fortnight. I was this afternoon introduced to the board of Education and I pretend to them that I want to get them to introduce Denmans paper (The Student & Young Tutor) as a reading book in their schools here, so they have the idea that that is my business. Here at present

Saturday Eve. 11th 97

The Atmosphere today is also very clear the wind blows quite stiff from the West & North-West and they tell me so long as it blows from that quarter we shall have clear weather

Sunday Eve the 20th

Today has been cloudy with a light breez from the South-East, but no fog, not the least. Weather quite cool I have not yet rec'd. those Lamps, but shall Expect them as soon as next Tuesday

O. Speed

Rec'd from 18. 1845.

My dear Sir

I have this day returned from Milwaukee where I have got things straightened up and got on collections started, left to Noon today upwards of $200. was paid on the 10 per cent and it will go along. Those Chicago fellows come near raising the d—l all through here, but I will have all right again, I start tomorrow with Mr Jackson in with Horse & Buggy for Niles, shall be in Chicago 20th and leave 21st— Shall write N B Boord to meet me at Niles, if you get to Chicago wait my return— he must go right ahead if our collections come in as they will at Milwaukee this way.

I have this day sent N. D. Phillips a Draft on N.Y. for $100. for your Expt and you can draw for it.

In haste Yrs &c

D. D. Wilson

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Col. J. J. Speed Jr.
Care National Hotel
Detroit
Mich

Milwaukee, June 19, 1847

Friend Tillotson:

I called yesterday on Mrs. Kilbourn, who paid his pr. cartage, to whom I showed my authority as collector, at his request. He informs me that your signature to the power of atty shoulds, in order to make it legal, be as follows, viz: "J. J. Speed, Contractor, & agent for the Trustees in said Company, by D. T. Tillotson, his attorney", instead of "D. T. Tillotson, attorney for &c &c." as it reads now, & he advised me to write, & request you to forward by mail another power to answer the above. He also suggested, that you should also forward a copy of Speeds power of atty to you, that I may show it if called for, as well also for my protection in the event of any future question that may arise.

I am making some progress find no one as yet who will not pay. Have 50 dollars on hand. Shall endeavor to close it all up next week as far as can be. Please write me at your earliest convenience in

Yours truly,

James O. Graves

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T. Tillotson, Esq
agt. Erie & mich. Telegraph Co.
Chicago.
Illinois.

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Franklin June 19th ,, 47

Hon E Connell

Sir I mailed a letter
this morning for you to Mrs Gonk
describing the weather since I arrived
here, to day as usual is fair the atmosphere
very clear, favorable towards taking observations
I did not go on the Mountain thinking
it of no use received nothing from the
down-easters

20th To day also is clear and pleasant with the
exception of two small showers which were
of short duration no fog to be seen on
the hill or any where else, very promising
I have just received yours of the 18th Inst
stating that you would not send those lamps
there is a large lamp at the store near by
21st which I can borrow: I mail a letter
this morning for Blue hill as soon as
~~I can~~ Mr Rea has time to receive it we
will go on the mountains as you direct
and see what observations we can make
the evenings are very pleasant
I have heard nothing from the down-Easters
but see a letter from Mr Rea informing me
of his safe arrival

Yours Respectfully
A. D. Chatelain

Tomorrow (Tuesday) evening we go on the hills if it does not rain

Franklin Mo
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E. Cornell
New-York city

Ans. June 1827

New York 20 June 1827

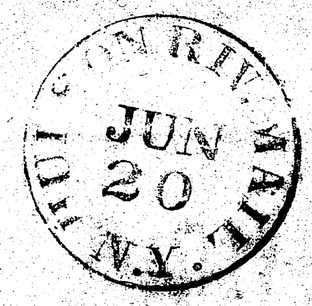
My dear Sir

I succeeded last night about 12 oclock in effecting an arrangement between Messrs Kendall Moore & Sorrito, satisfactory to all the parties. Smith takes the O'Reilly matter on his own hands, and will close it up in a few days if it is possible to do so. Livingston & Wells will go on with their line at once: but it is likely that I will have to take charge of the business and see to filling the stock on their end. We shall also get things in such shape as to give me all I ought to ask in the Western Country and consequently give you such a position as I am sure will be satisfactory. I have been delayed here longer than I expected but it will certainly be in the power of Genesee to have your collections as fast as your sum, and have this matter going up. You may assure your friends that the line will be built to Buffalo this fall, and every thing suspected put at rest as to the other.

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Cornell is here & says write to him frequently at Albany



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Mr D. T. Tillotson
Sherman House
Chicago
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Yours

Franklin June 21st 1847

Hon Wm Cornell

Sir I have just received
a letter from Wood but not in time
to inform you in my this morning's letter
in which he gives me the modus operandi
as stated we are to be on our stations
on the lookout Tuesday evening & every succeed-
ing evening during the week which shall be
faithfully performed on my part unless
torn to pieces by the wolves, to day is warm
& pleasant but rather more smoky than
heretofore yet not very bad, I have procured
a large coop as you directed & shall take
it on the hill with me to morrow night, I have
had some offer to help dig for mines
if I find any, if we are compelled to abandon
this which I hope not perhaps I may get
some of them at work who are so very
inquisitive. Wood found the boys alive
and after shaking off some of the dust
scales went to work in good earnest.
about two o'clock this afternoon it commenced
to cloud over and in a little while began to
rain, continued without cessation till
late at night the fog then began to thicken
was very foggy the latter part of the night

Franklin June 22nd 7 Oclock A M

This morning it is very fazy can see but a few rods the people here think it will clear off about 10 Oclock if so to night I will go on the hill, every thing in preparation

your friend the wolf-killer

L. D. Thatcher

W. D. Thatcher
31. June 47

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O. Connell
New-York city

Monday 10 o'clock A.M. June 21

Very Cloudy this morning but no fog; Strong appearances of rain; Wind Continues in South East, — — —

Yesterday there was a gentleman here from Belfast who I learned was making many inquiries of the people here relative to what I could be here for; Some of them told him that they guessed I was studying astronomy I had a few moments Conversation with him in which he remarked that he should think that any one Could Easily Telegraph from the Hills about Lubec to here and thence on to Belfast — — I could only reply that I did not know but such a thing might be done but I should think that any one Who wished to accomplish any thing of that kind would go farther north He is the first man that has said Telegraph to me since I have been here & I think that the people here are so ignorant as regards such a thing that there will be nothing thot of it — — I must close to be in time for Mail. I will Continue my observations of the weather, and note them for you and dispatch something by Every Mail

Your Obt Servt,

W. C. McRea

C. Connelly Esq

Monday Evening
Blue Hill June 21st 1847

Mr Cornell

Sir— I mailed you a letter
for you about noon. It Commenced
raining shortly after and Continues to
rain still. The wind blows stone from
the South East increasing with Considerable
force
I have received the letter from Wood
dated at East port the 19th inst, in which
he informs me that Brown has threatened
him and that Backus would meet
Mr Digby that night, the Expected that we
should Commence Business Tomorrow
And Continue until Saturday Eve. unless
the Shoals of Backus light Prevent to
that, when the Boat will go up Lights
be as to distinguish them he is to proceed
Down to Rum Islands & Cruise if not he will
wait to get information, by what to do

Tuesday 9 o'clock A.M.
This morning is very foggy that it is difficult to
distinguish any thing, the Quarter of a mile in a direction
of the wind remained in the South East till night, at
about 8 this morning it changed to Northwest
and I was in hopes that it would have cleared up
but the wind only lasted in that Quarter for about

1/2 an hour and is now back in the South East as fine as ever

My Sunday Evening

The weather today has been as near as to what it usually is in the State N.S. about the 21st and from that to the 23d of September with the Exception that I never saw it so foggy in the State of New York while mine Continues to blow from the South East

Provisions are so dear here that I have found it impossible to board any where Except at the tavern and even here they live much poorer than when I was here before in Consequence of not being able to obtain provisions. The fall of bread stuff in N.S. does not seem to diminish the rise of them here

Your letter M/S the 18th inst. has just reached me. And rest assured that I will Comply with your requests in every particular. Had your letter reached me a little sooner I could have informed Thatcher with regard to the lamps by todays mail, but, as it is I will get the best lamp I Can find. And as I must make arrangements with him about the use of the lamp provided you dont blow the house.

I will try the same Experiment with the

lamp which I shall procure here & will report to you by next mail the result.

½ 6 Oclk Wednesday Morning June 25th

It has rained all night very hard and it Continues to rain yet; very foggy, and the Wind Continues in the South East or rather it Continues to blow from that quarter I must Close to be in time for mail

Your Obt. Servant,
W. C. McRee

E. Cornell Esqr.

Rec'd at Montreal 29th June 1847

Office of the British North American
Electric Telegraph Association,
London 21st Jan 1847.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst.

The Directors desire the expression of their thanks for your arrangements respecting the instruction of the individuals who may be selected for operators, and for the interest manifested by you in procuring an economical outlay on the part of the Association in regard to that department.

With reference to the traverse of the St. Lawrence, I have to request from you tenders for it; the particular point of crossing to be hereafter determined. Will you, therefore, be pleased to tender for crossing the river opposite the town, and at Lavoltre respectively; the necessary material, workmanship, superintendence &c to be provided by you:- you, likewise, to guarantee the durability and efficiency of the work during two years after delivery.

I request an immediate reply. I beg to state, at the same time, that it is the wish of the Directors that no time shall be lost in preparing the wire-cord necessary for this portion of the line, so that whether the contract be given to you, or the work be undertaken upon the responsibility of the Association this material is indispensable, and should be prepared forthwith.

I am, Dear Sir
Your ob. Servt
J. Griffiths
Secretary

L. Connelly
New York.

Mme Kinnahan
21 June 1847

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"Northern Head"

Dear Brothers — Grand Manan, June 22d evening

I have kept a journal of the weather and all circumstances worthy of note attending this expedition

Sabbath (the 20th) I spent in East port — The morning was cool and pleasant but atmosphere rather smoky — From 1 to 3 P.M. comfortably warm — Evening cloudy — Wind South to South East —

Monday 21st

From 5 to 8 A.M. the wind was southeasterly and the sun rays were only obscured by occasional cloud but the atmosphere hazy and thick — At 8½ A.M. "a mackerel sky" commenced and the sun rays were entirely shut out — At 10 A.M. I sailed for Grand Manan At 11 A.M. a fog bank was up the bay with a strong South wind and continued to become more and more dense till 4 P.M. when rain set in cold & drizzly — At 5 or 6 I landed in the rain & wind and found after some trouble a place to stop the night — Rain continued at intervals through the night with a thick fog —

Tuesday 22d

Dense fog all day and now 10 P.M. as impenetrable as ever — Occasionally so dense that it seemed through the day that it would fall down in a kind of fine Scotch mist so abundant as to wet any fine garments to the skin if exposed for an hour — Wind has been South South West all day

Have remained in doors all day except while walking from one house to another a couple of miles where I now am at the foot of a little hill said to be by the inhabitants of this section as high as any place on the island — I shall remain here till fair weather if it comes within the next week or 10 days

Wednesday (23d) At 5 A.M. fog continued dense and impenetrable — Every thing dripping with the abundant moisture — Not a ray from the Sun's ever glorious face has cheered this spot since Monday 10 A.M. At 10 when I went to bed the fog was still as thick as ever.

Thursday (24th) "Thus passeth the" "God of day" (Thanks to ~~the Lord Jehovah~~) ~~smiles~~ upon us ~~from his throne~~ ~~in the eastern sky~~". The atmosphere upon the island seems to be pure and very fine. All around where the view falls across the water a thick kind of smoky haze hides every object 12 or 20 miles — Water and air are so blended that no horizon is distinguishable This morning I climbed the little hill ~~near~~ as nearly as I can judge it does not vary much from the height of all the northern & western portion of the island. The inhabitants say the island is 2½ miles long & from ½ to ¾ in breadth — The western shore is a bluff of ~~about~~ 300 feet — the northern end and sloping very gently away to the south end where it is said to be about half that height — Upon the western border the land appears to be quite level the whole length of the island and is said to be heavily timbered. Except near the northern head where there are 2 or 3 hooks there are but 2 on the west side from all I could learn by inquiry and observation I shall prefer to remain at this place where I now am and look out for Backus' light and if I see it I shall answer it and then go immediately through the woods and communicate with Brown at Cutler — I this morning wrote to Brown by a fish boat to Eastport a letter informing him of all facts in my possession & desiring him to communicate the same to you &

Thinking it might be difficult for him to find a place in Cutler where he could see Schoodic & Grand Manan and judging it to be difficult if not impossible to find a place upon this island where one could see Digby and Cutler at the same time — (without cutting out a road through the timber for 2 or 3 miles in building

a town. I have decided (and have written Brown accordingly) to make use of "Northern Head" from which Digby can be seen in clear weather and also the place you described 12 miles west of that. Lubec which I decided Brown to & I must say that place can be seen from Northern Head but must go to the use of the old Church Steeple in Lubec and then use the place near Whiting. If the smoke or haze became thicker toward evening and the sun set red as blood behind a cloud, the moon rose and shone down through the evening but I could distinguish no light at Digby and the haze is so thick that I doubt whether a light could be seen across the water 25 miles.

No lighthouse so far as my color chart was ever used by the inhabitants of this island across on Digby neck. Have not attempted upon it.

Sunday (25th) Beautiful warm day & Atmosphere similar to that of Indian summer in New York, mild light and from South or South West. Very hazy across the water and rather thick overland. Warmest day this year by considerable odds atmosphere very smoky & so much so that the sun light is scarcely strong enough to cause shadows to fall even at midday. Kept a bright look out for light last night but could not see the faintest. The moonshine and smoke together are too much for the strongest light at this distance.

Saturday (26th) Left Grand Manan in season to take the ebb tide to carry us down to Quaddy on ebb. Reached Eastport ahead of Admiral Hunt but he got to Boston in time. Will write Mr Ritchie & Brown to do so & have letter in office here for Hackens. I am satisfied that no light can be seen across from Grand Manan to Digby with certainty unless atmosphere is better than I have seen it any time & I have been there on when there is no fog - there is a density of atmosphere

common to this region which must render any light (admitting it could be seen) very uncertain. Looking off the land across from Grand Manan to Campobello, assumes countless shapes and varies as rapidly and strangely as the Aurora Borealis sometimes even at so short a distance you can see a point of land perfectly distinct - and in 3 minutes it cannot be seen at all - and all this when there is not a cloud to be seen - and nothing but this dense smoky atmosphere I suppose it is owing to the refraction of the rays - and the change is so rapid and complete that you may look at any particular section of land and then for a moment turn the eye away and again look toward it and it is impossible from its appearance to recognise it - I must close in order to write to the boys - I am now ready for anything but if convenient would like to go home for a day or two to see how Cara gets along with her afflictions - If however I am wanted forthwith and her health is no worse I am on hand at a moments notice - Will send to St. J. Let me hear from you immediately In great haste Your aff! Brother M. L. Wood

M L Wood
25 Yamaska

June 3rd

P.S. I did not write to Annie because I thot - you would get it sooner - and as I could go home and spend a day or two before your return concluded to do so - especially as I could do it cheaper than to stay in St. J. - Get Addie "Confessing" Let me hear from you immediately on the receipt of this - I am on hand at 24 hours notice - Speed is doing it up "Brown"

Your Brother M. L. Wood