Syracuse 11 Octr 1846

My Dear Friends

Yours of the 4th after going the rounds for 5 or 6 days came to hands. I am happy to learn you was successful in obtaining the watch. although the sum paid is more than I expected it would be Still I think you are safe enough for I value it at 100$ but as you observed they thought they were getting the full amount for her or they would have erased more. you are right in saying they manifested a desire for the spoils. they all belong to the Spoil party, & Dawson. is as bad as any of those Jews he has been associated with so long, he would rob his father if a good opportunity offered. I am confident the whole amount due Dawson by my brother in law did not exceed ten dols. for he settled with him to my knowledge about a fortnight before his death. After the settlement he got a Straw mat cost $2.50 and some other trifling things, however you have the watch & hold on to it until I redeem it. I am under a thousand obligations to you. for your extreme

Kindness in this instances. to say nothing about acts of the same nature heretofore, I fear you had more trouble than you anticipated. when you saw at Syracuse. + I assure you it was with reluctance. I imposed the task upon you, but you being the only one I knew could do it as it should be induced me to name it to you.

I congratulate you upon your new appointment I hope you will be enabled to do something for an old friend "Park" by the bye, what is he at now. if you see him remember me to him + likewise to my friend wood + in fact all my old chums + acquaintances.

Do you know whether the Phila Tel Co. have settled with Mr Abbott. for mine and other boards. + if not will you tell me how much the demands against me for board is. I wish Chas. J. Smith would return my carpet bag when he gets through with it.

I sent a dollar to young Arnett at Fort Lee he doubtless received it, but I have not heard from him. I am as stupid as an "ass" and will bring this scrawl to a close. Backus says he no suggestions to make about the office at present but will write you soon.

With deep regard for your future happiness I remain

Yours Eternally

F. A. Brown

Flatbush
11 Oct 26

Rec'd Aug 12th

Jr E. Cornell Esq
Telegraph office
Albany New York

Washington Oct. 12th 1846

E. Cornell Esq. Newyork

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 30th ult. reached here during my absence.

We are hesitating whether we will transfer the northern line at all. If we do, I will consider your proposition.

What will you build a Line for per mile on 120 miles, on the main route through Virginia &c. composed of 15 posts per mile, a single iron wire 240 lbs to the mile, an insulation costing not over 20 cents to the post; posts 5 inches at top 5 feet in the ground & 20 above, barked, and of Chestnut or white oak?

I proposed to Mr. Taylor and his board to submit the question of connection with side lines to the Stockholders, but the Board have refused! I have made another proposition, which, if acceded to, will probably settle the question. I feel under a moral obligation, (not a legal,) to furnish the existing side lines, if possible, with the connection on the faith of which they were built. If the Board persist in their course, I shall attempt to overrule them through the Stockholders, and failing in that, get up another Line through the State as a trunk for the side lines, extending it to Erie on the one side and Spring-

field on the other, or carry it down on the west side of the river perhaps upon the Erie Railroad, or give it both connections.

The Board are very shortsighted. They look upon it as if they had to build a line for the accommodation of each side line, when in fact they will not put up a single post to accommodate them all, and one wire will accommodate a dozen of them. Your line is to be about 75 miles long, costing say $80 a mile. The main line will probably not have to put up a yard of wire; certainly not a post, to do your business. But suppose they had to put up another wire costing $40 a mile, it would take 150 miles of that wire to cost as much as your line. Three such side lines as yours with a fourth 25 miles long, would cost as much as one wire from Buffalo to Newyork. But that one wire will accommodate six or eight such lines.

I would be glad, if able, to build a line through the State as a trunk for the side lines dividing the receipts with them equally. I trust it will never come to this, but from the mere possibility, I should like to obtain information. Two routes open to me, one the Erie Railroad and the

other intermediate between that and the canal,
from Albany to Buffalo, (or Rochester to Albany)
and such other towns as lay on or near the most
direct route. Concentrating all the side lines upon
this and giving it a connection with Erie to
the West, Springfield to the East and Newyork
to the south, it would be worth as much as
the present line.

You are well acquainted with that region
and I should be glad to have your opinion
as to the most eligible route

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Amos Kendall
Agent &c

Auburn 12th Oct 1846

Dear Sir

I expected to have been in the city before this time, but have been delayed for want of some Castings. I now think that Johnson and I can be in the City on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and would be glad to see you at that time. If you will not then be in the city, write to me at Albany, and let me know when you can be in Newyork or when we can find you, we will leave here next Tuesday morning and be at Syracuse at the Young mens State Convention. Johnson will be glad to have you join us in the Mag. Electric scheme, as we talked, and we have great confidence in being able to make a handsome business out of it. If you cannot be in the City next week we might go to Bristol Ct. and see about getting our small clocks, before going to Newyork but if you will be there, we will go to N.Y. before going to Connecticut.

Your Telegraph wires were broken somewhere last night; but I suppose they will mend it soon

Yours truly

S B Smedley

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E. Cornell Esqr

Cater Mesrs. Livingston & Wells

New York

Delaware October 13. 1846

W. P. Lowe

Dear Sir

We have this day forwarded 1 Box 434

Jars 12

415 lbs Coffee

to Jas. E Day Ithaca

N. Y.

We have been compelled to C off for several day for Repairs to our Packing otherwise could have been able to have sent your order complete — Hope however to get going by next Monday — when we will run it off immediately & forward the Balance as soon as finished

Respy

Stephens & Day

Dr. E. Cornell

10 Wall St

New York

Hudson Oct 14th 1846

Dr Sir yours of 13th duly Recvd I will try to get the Poles. but first I must try to get the line Straitend up and have had a terrible hurricane here and along the line I have mended Eight wires to day between here & Valatie Some Caused by trees falling across them Some by Limbs & Some from other Causes & places were both broken I had a man on the lower rout but as Soon as anything got broke he could not fix it I hear Some of the poles are broken below and the wires off I Shall attend to them to morrow In Catskill he wanted both routs seen to every day I cannot find a man here who can do it if you think it Necessary you will have to get another man to see to one of them I will attend to them as I have done tell I see you or hear I had so many to mend to day I got out of Alcohol I got Some rum but it would not burn I have put them up So they will not break will it affect the communication if So they must be cut down & soldered if it does not I will warrant them not to break as I took particular pains to unite them good. I expect you down to make enangements for an office here I want a chance in to assist and if the line is broken

to go out and mend it, will you lend him your influence. Speaking of the hurricane it has Blown down buildings fences Trees and makes the country look like desolation made desolate it is beyound anything we have had here for years please write me in regard to them wires put up without Order immediately if you are not coming down & excuse this lengthy Scrall

Yours Respectfully
A P Bullock

Cornell Co

E. Cornell Esq
Supt Mang Telgph Co
Albany

Auburn Oct 15: 1846

Friend Cornell

Yours containing a desire to back out was duly rec^{d}

After a proposition was made and accepted I suppose I had something to say in that matter, I made my arrangements after having agreed to sell to you, and I now wish you to carry out the agreement.

I am not in the habit of making and unmaking bargains in the way you propose.

Even if I should now consent to release you I should not have the money in hand to meet half of the note due the 23 having paid out funds, & made other agreements upon the expectation of receiving from you. As to the refusal of the main line to connect on the same line to the Ithaca line, the patentees are liable for the amount of damage done the Ithaca line; and that should have no influence in causing you to back out.

I continued the suspension of the lines for your benefit, I came here yesterday to repair a break and to see Stevens & request of him a little more energy in repairing between here & Aurora

I wanted also to see Wheeler, Stevens says that cons^rs have in some instances laid here a day after W. rec^d them before Stevens knew anything about them, and that many cons^rs from Ithaca have laid 6 to 12 hours before W. would send them.

There is much dissatisfaction at Ithaca because of the delay of answers, & that together with increase of price is driving away monies to a very considerable extent. — The two cons^rs sent from La. for Mr Bamber to Phil^a when you was at La, he says were not rec^d. do you know whether they went from N.Y.

If you have the supervision of the main line perhaps it would be well to intimate to Wheeler that all cons^rs from or for Ithaca should be promptly attended to.

No glass cdps have been rec^d of 30 or 40 are broken, between here & La.

Is it not possible to procure a relay for the Spring Port station, during the fall that station I think would pay — & the people there give me a punch in the ribs every day or two because we have not done as agreed — such continued poking makes me begin to feel sore)

The poles for Elmira have been up nearly a week, no nine when I left Ithaca. I There would be nothing lost if relay battery & registers were pho[illegible] at once, for if the materials are all on hand the line can very soon be started & that will help the scheme of the line.

I let Tichenor go home last Saturday & I now have charge of the station, Mr Mann stays there in my absence at Auburn.

I have been obliged to use some of the funds from Elmira in paying Tichenor & in setting up lills of the line. The bill to erect patentees is all made out except the item of freight which I have not got been able to get.

I have written Mandeville urging the crowding on of efforts to get up the Binghamton line

Please let me hear from you as soon as may be

Yours truly

James F Eddy

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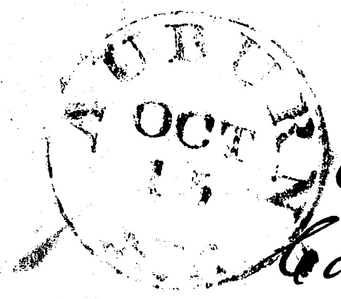


E. Cornell Esq
care Livingston & Wells
10 Wall St
New York

Edward Egan Esr

We will dispose of Five Thousand dollars of the Stocks in the Newyork & Harlem Telegraph Co at par (that is $50 pr Share) at any time before the 1st prox. at your option.

We desire to say that the above all the Stocks within & We shall dispose of we are confident that by holding it until after January next shall Command a very handsome advance but, as mentioned before to you Lewis, Can invest this Mish in another way at this time equally to their advantage with ours — & if gives you an opportunity to hold the Stock permanently or until after January next when they will no doubt make a dividend after which this Stock will Command a handsome premium.

Respectfully Yours

Livingston & Wells

Newyork Oct 15. 1846.

P.S. We think if you hold this Stock until the first dividend is made you'll divide that dividend with us — We have lost the interest of 6 mos. now on the above

Hudson October 15th 1846

Dr Sir The wires were broken at John Sondays in consequence of one of those Poplass falling onto them the poles are very light there and they Spung and broke & a 5 wires there also bothe broke at John Potts by the pine grove there was no poles down but one was nearly our and twisted around I mended them my section is all right now unless something has broke down since yesterday. I Sam says he says he has put his all to rights I think they are right above as I felt shock from that way while at work

I have engaged 16 poles of Mr James VanDuesen to be delivered on Tuesday next Chestnut 30 ft Long not less than 4 In at top to be Strait handsome peeled poles I think it is over ½ Mile you will want wire as I have used up nearly all I had I think there will be slap enough if there should be any fail about the Poles I will write if I dont you may consider them delivered at that time excuse my troubling you so often

Yours Respectfully A P Bullock

E Barnett Esq

A O Bullock
Oct 15. 16

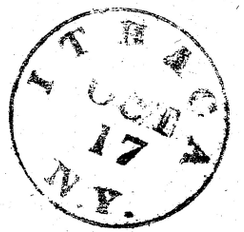
Cornell
Supt N.Y. alby & Buffalo
Mag Telegraph Co
Albany
NY

Ithaca Oct 11 1846

Dear Brother

Rec'd a Telegraphick Communication from you this afternoon asking if I wanted a job at $2.00 per day and Expenses for 90 days I should be glad of the Chance were I not Engaged building a dam for Williams & Co he has had 2 built on the same spot and neither answered the purpose I shall get it done in about 4 weeks please write me and let me know what the Chance is you spoke of and whether I can have it after getting the dam done I shall make something on this job if the weather is favourable your family are well I have just learned by the papers that you have invented a plan for Cropping ravens with the Electrick fluid please state if that is a fact write on the receipt of this

Yours with respect E B Tompkins



E Cornell Esq
New York City
Nov 10 Wall St

E. B. Comstock
Oct 16/46

P.K. Saturday morn

Dr Sir,

Yours of the 16th was just Rec'd and is before me. I have just seen Mr Chapin he says both wires are in good order on his section. he also said that during the late Storm there was a tree blown across the wires about 9 Miles east or south of P.K on his section, which took both wires and the top of a pole, he repaid it about 3 o'clock in the P.M of the same day.

Mr Myers has also just called. He says both wires are in good order on his section & that they are separate, and that during the late Storm he found one wire broken about 1/4 from P.K caused as he supposed by the wind blowing the tree near by so that the limbs caught the wire, and broke it. It was the west wire but he says it is O.K. now.

Mr Chapin informs me that there was a break a few miles beyond his section during the Storm, but that it was repaired.

I am ready to start this Office with the exception of stringing a part of the wire from

the Office & main street which as every thing is ready will not take but a short time.
I have not insulated wire enough, and shall have to wait till you come and bring some more or put up the naked wire.
I thought best not to erect any pole lines I shall stretch the wire from the pole now up to a brace, I have put on a building, & from then to the Office,
I shall not finish (that is interupt the main line to hitch on) until you come, as I might disturb the line & the less not know what the matter was, and thus cause much confusion, and I suppose you will fix a time when you can N.G. for that.
Please bring some insulated from N.G. if you can.

Yours Respectfully
N. T. Curtis

E. Cornell

N. T. Curtis
Oct 17th 46

Gunshot Wound
Fracture Femur
Oct 17th

Gunshot wound
Fracture Femur
Oct 19th

Capt. Wm. H. Bellows
Steamer Ohio
Louisville Ky

Colonel Gamble

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Capt. Wm. Bellows
Steamer Ohio
Louisville Ky
Oct 19th

Ithaca Oct 17. 1846

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

You will find annexed hereto a bill of the expenditures made by me for the Ithaca & Auburn telegraph & I have given credit for the amount of the subscriptions, a small amount is still unpaid on them but it will be soon handed in & I will consider it as cash. I have delayed the sending of this in order to obtain K. N. Sage & Co's bill freight & storage but they have delayed rendering it, I therefore have the amount blank in the bill. I know of no other bill unpaid except a balance to Munger of 23 or 25 dollars on registers, I have paid him $50. as entered in pencil mark.

Enclosed I hand you bill of cost of the I & A. line to render to Patentees, the weight & cost of wire I have in pencil mark; also the freight, you paid, you say, on caps 2,50, I p[illegible] Morgan of Auburn on wire 4.67 & I have calle[illegible] Sage & Co's bill 16.30 carried out in pencil mar[illegible] $23.47 I have also left in pencil the cost of magnets, one copper plate not yet got, for the Springport office, postage (I have paid 2.99) and your services. The expenses charged in my bill against Cornell & Eddy are in the bill to patentees included in the items of cost of poles, Labor & putting up wire.

In my a/c with Cornell & Eddy I have made no charge of my services because I consider the line as sold my interest as purchased by you, and it is understood in our bargain that my services are not to be charged in addition to the $1.000.

If you think it advisable to make any alteration in the bill of cost to be rendered to Patentees, please inform me before you hand the account over to them

Yours truly

James Eddy

P.S. The item of permanent fixtures for Offices & furniture for the same is intended to cover the fitting up of the Springport office & some furniture that has not yet been bought &c — It will be at the expense of the Association & not of Cornell & Eddy, still it is a fair charge of cost of line against the Patentees

J. E.

E. Cornell Esq
Care Livingston & Wells
No 1 Wall St
New York

Cornell & Eddy

in a/c with James Eddy Dr

1845					
Nov. 19. 20. 21	To	Expenses to Washington p'd by J. E.	16.75	paid	
Dec 1. 2. 3	"	do from N. Y. to Ithaca	32.74	10.	50
1846 Mar 4th 13th 26th	"	do 3 times to Aurora & Springport	6.66	6	66
Apl. 8. 9. 10	"	do on line engaging poles	5.26	5	26
Ap. 20 to May 5th	"	do on line with men setting poles inclusive of cartage on tools	4.61	4	61
May 13. 14. 15	"	do on line getting commissioners permits & engaging poles	4.62	4	62
May 21 to June 17	"	do on line with men setting poles & getting permits for route; including cartage of pins & tools	~~20.12~~	~~9~~	~~06~~
Apl 23th to June 25th	"	Paid for labor of men setting poles, including peeling of poles in the villages	✓	235	02
Aug 15	"	Paid for setting over 3 poles taken up by R. R. Co.	✓		58
Apl 13th to June 27th	"	Paid for 4 augurs, 7 crobars, 8 spoons, 3 spades augurs & hand axe to put in pins with & smith work & sep. tools	✓	36	29
	"	Paid for 1278 poles (6 trees were used & 6 poles given as making in all 1290	✓	322	08
Apl 8	"	Paid for advertising in papers & handbills for poles	✓	2	00
July 23	"	Paid for painting 12 poles 2d	✓	3	00
Aug 11	"	" H & G. P. Morgan bill for wire	✓	4	67
"	"	" H. W. Sage & Co do do do & caps	not yet rendered		
Apl 23	"	" Bliss for 1300 pins	✓	4	73
June 27 to Sept 15	"	Labor putting on wire, including inspecting & soldering of wire, cost of ladders, reel, fire pot, lamp, solder, acid coal, and all cartage of wire & caps also repairs before starting	✓	~~134~~	~~58~~
	"	Paid Conrad for 3 weight for registers 47lbs 6d	✓	1	88
	"	Paid Munger for 3 registers $15. only $30 paid yet	✓	~~28~~ 15	00
	"	P for box for Registers 10, pulley for weight 25 cat gut 25 =	✓		44
	"	" Express freight on 3 Locs 3.25 tumblers 2.50 cups 1. =	✓	6	75
	"	" Postage 2.99 — 2 ground plates 1.56 =	✓	4	55
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Cornell & Eddy

In a/c with J. Eddy &c

By Amount of Springport subscriptions for Stock		400.00
" Amt. of Ithaca subscriptions for Stock		25.00
" Amt. of Ithaca subscriptions for Postage		472.50
		$897.50

Eddies bill first page — 897.65

Due Munger on Register — 25.00

Due Sage &Co on freight — 16.50 Estimated

Wire — 915.00

Glass Caps 9½ G- 4.33 — 41.33

Magnets & Map — 80.00

Battery. — 50.00

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To pay in Postage — 472.50

I have paid — 628.85

to pay for wire — 457.50

Munger & Sage &Co — 41.50

to pay Eddy — 500.00

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