I hereby constitute and appoint Mr Edward H. Noyes of Michigan City Ind^{a} my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to collect and receive the different instalments as they become due and are made payable by the Articles of Agreement and Association of the Subscribers to the Stock in the Erie & Michigan Telegraph company in Michigan City Ind^{a}

D. T. Tillotson Atty. for
J. J. Speed Jr contractor and
Agent for the Trustees in said
Company.

Dated Michigan City June 22^{d} 1847

I have this day agreed with Mr Edward H. Noyes of Michigan City to collect the different instalments due and to become due from the Subscribers to the Stock in the Erie & Michigan Telegraph company in Michigan City, Ind^{a} for which I agree to pay him one per cent on the amount so collected by him.

D. T. Tillotson Atty. for
J. J. Speed Jr contractor and
Agent for the Trustees in said
Company. —

Dated Michigan City June 22^{d} 1847.

I hereby agree to do the collecting agreeable to above and deposit the amount so collected in the Branch Bank of Indiana at Michigan City subject to the order of D. T. Tillotson Agent.

Michigan City June 22^{d} 1847.

Edward H. Noyes

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Edwd. H. Noyes
with
D. T. Tillotson

Power of atty
Agreement &c

$5. on share in June
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Franklin June 22d 1847

Col- Cornell

Sir today has been a very unpleasant & unfavorable day this morning the fog was very thick but I felt in hopes it would clear off, it did lighten up some, towards noon but soon after commenced to rain not very hard however, a light drizzle sufficient to wet through a person's clothes in an hour or two continued so all the afternoon the fog continued also, so thick that Schodac could not be seen from my boarding place 3 miles distant and towards night it was so thick that a large house. could not be seen more than one mile I do not therefore go on the hill to night

Franklin June 23d 7 O'clock A.M.

Fog continued all night this morning it is very thick, if it clears off I shall go on the hill to night, rather dark at present it may possibly clear away

Yours the wolf-killer

J. D. Thatcher

J D Thatcher
22 June 47

Franklin Me
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E. Cornell
New York City

Machias June 22. 1847

Dear Friend

Mr Wood, left yesterday morning from Eastport for "Grand Menan, about 9 3/4. O'Clock at 10. I came on in the Stage to this place, yesterday from day light untill 10. O'Clock, was as delightful as any one could wish. at that time it began to cloud up & at 3. O'Clock commenced raining, the wind all the time from the southeast which has not varied neither has it ceased raining since it began, and I assure you it will take some one better skilled in such matters to predict with any certainty when it will.

You may expect to hear from me every day this week. I leave tomorrow if pleasant for "Cutler" 12 miles from here to find a place sufficiently Elevated to give me a view of "Menan & Schoodic". I anticipate no trouble. but have my doubts about Wood & Backus. being able to see each other. the distance being so great between the two, the nearest points being at the calculations 70 Miles

To Ezra Cornell Esq

Yours Truly F. A. Brown

Ezra Cornell Esq
New York City

F. A. Brower
22 June 47

Machias June 22. 1847

Dear Cornell.

Mr Wood left yesterday from Eastport for "Grand Menan Island, about 9 3/4 OClock & at 10 I came on in the Stage to this place. Yesterday morning was as beautiful as could be from 5. untill 10. when it began to cloud up & at 3. Commenced raining. the wind from the South East, which has not changed neither has it ceased raining since it began at 3 OClock yesterday. & it will take some person that understand it much better than I do to predict with any certainty when it will. You may expect to hear from every day this week. I leave here to morrow if pleasant for "Cutler" about 12. Miles distant. to find a place elevated sufficient to see Manan & Schoodic I apprehend no difficulty on my part but have my doubts about "Wood". being able to see "Backus or B. seeing Wood. the distance being so great from Menan to "Digby" the nearest point is at the least calculation 70 miles. Yours Truly F. A. Brown

Ezra Cornell Esq
N.Y. & Buffalo Telegraph
~~Attorney~~ Office
New York

F. A. Brown
22 June 47

Machias June 23, 1847

Dear Friend

The weather continues much the same as yesterday only not as pleasant. wind blowing from the Southeast rather heavy and cold, with any quantity of rain and from present apperances will continue for several days, an old gentleman who is Considered weather wise in these parts told me this morning I might look for clear weather next friday. this is rather incourageing dont you think it is, however we must submit to the will of an all wise providence if it does interfere with our private arrangements a person has to philosophize a little when he has no altenative as you will perceive.

at no time since I have been here could I see over 5 or 6 miles owing to the rain + haziness of the atmosphere. I have been told since I [illegible] here. in a clear day a person can see without the aid of a Glass from 40 to 70 miles. it depends a great deal upon the object you view. - With Great Respect Yours. F. A. Brown

To E. Cornell Esqr.

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Ezra Cornell Esq
New York City

F. A. Brown
23 June 47

Wednesday June 23d 1 Oclk. P.M.

Mr Cornell

Dear sir — I mailed my letter to you this A.M at 1/4 before 8 I now have an opportunity of sending to Ellsworth I ~~that~~ think best to Mail one from there .. the one this morning will one day in advance of this I suppose

The weather has a more favorable appearance than it had when I wrote this A.M, still it has not Cleared up sufficient to do any thing yet but brobibly it will by night; the Sun has this minute shone out for the first time since last Saturday

I am in strong hopes that we shall be able to do something yet

Yours in haste

W. C. McRea

E. Cornell Esqr

ELLSWORTH
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C. Cornell Esq.
Albany
N. York

W. C. McRuer
23 June 47

Troy 23 June 1847

My dear Sir

I succeeded yesterday about 2 o'clk in getting the signatures of Smith & Kendall to the papers dividing the Territory and giving Smith (on whose side I fight) the New England States, New York Ohio Indiana Illinois and Wisconsin. Smith also buys all of the patentees interest in the line from Buffalo to Milwaukee and guarantees to settle the O.R. controversy. All parties were delighted with the trade and Morse & Kendall honored me with as much soft soap as I ever gave Morse. Smith appreciates my efforts and is willing to give me some tangible evidence of his approbation. Smith has written O.R. and sent a copy of his letter to Selden and Ely, making O.R. such offers as Smith thinks he will accept but if not all parties are to meet at Albany as soon as may be to arrange it. Smith wants me to remain here until after the matter is settled with O.R. which will be in ten days or two weeks at farthest. In the mean time I am to help Smith in his negociations with the Merchants in New York and Boston respecting the line from Boston to Halifax, to get the news by the foreign Steamers. I will probably open Sub. Books at Livingston & Wells office in a day or two, and stay there about a week, and then go to Boston and remain until the meeting with O.R. & Co. As soon as the O.R. matter is closed I will go West, and put the Livingston & Wells line under way and make you a visit at Detroit or Chicago. Cornell is here, and goes with Livingston to Vermont this afternoon. You see that you cannot rely on us to help you much on your line, and you must manage it as you think best, and employ such aid as you require. Write me at Ithaca, and I will get home about the time your letter gets there and write Cornell at Albany often.

Yours truly

J J Speed

Mr. D. J. Tillotson
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Speed
June 23d

Blue Hill Wednesday 5 1/2 P.M. June 23d

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir — I dispatched a letter About 2 this afternoon to Ellsworth stating that at the time it was written, the fog had the appearance of clearing up Now the Sky is perfectly Clear with the Exception of a dark bank in the North West it has the appearance of a Thunder-Cloud

I shall go onto the Mt. & if that Cloud does not interfere, Thatcher & I will have it

Wednesday Evening 11 o'clk.

I have just returned from Mt. dripping wet, yes wet to the skin, but, that is of no consequence. We had agreed, or rather it had been orderd by Wood that no lights be burned until 9 1/2 in the Eve; At About 9 that dark Cloud arose forming rather a closer Canopy than I had expected. Every thing was shut from view, save a few of the barren rocks on the summit of the Hill: Soon the rain fell in torrents and I sought a shelter from its fierce atacks under the spreading boughs of a cluster of spruce; the rain fell so furiously that my greenhouse Covering ~~longer re~~ refused longer to be of service & I was obliged to either undergo the pleasures of a continual dripping or seek a more protection retreat Accordingly I started from there & with my lamp in hand I decended that huge heep of rocks amid peals of thunder & streaks of lightning And have at last reached home safe; it con to rain yet, but, the Wind being in the North West I think it will soon Clear up

Thursday Morning June 24

Cleared up about 2. this A.M. & never did I see the Sky Clearer Wind blows from N. W. & bids fair to give us a favorable time tonight & perhaps tomorrow Morning I shall have something of interest to write

Friday Morning 1 oclock

I have just returned from off the Mt. without having been able to accomplish the least thing. I think Thatcher Could not have been on his station. ~~but~~ At all Events I saw nothing of him
And if nothing Can be done between here & Schoodic such a night as the past one has been there never Can

Thatcher had his orders which we these, "if he did not see the Eastern light then he was to burn a number of Lights in succession, about 10 in the Evening,
I will go on again this Evening and

Watch for his lights —— He informs me by letter, that your orders were recd by him. his letter was dated the 21st inst. & was recd today he talked about being on hand every night this week &c

Friday Evening 11½ o'clk.

just returned from Mt. without having been able to accomplish anything satisfactory —— the air was considerably impregnated with smoke; at least it was not so clear as on the day previous. I placed my lamp where I think it cou ~~be seen~~ have been seen; and about 9½ o'clk there was a light sprung up, the rays of which fell on my glass, as it was then adjusted it burned very steady for ½ an hour and gave a good light; after that it burned rather dimly and at length went out I then removed my lamp & burnt some pyrotecnical lights but could not see as he answered them

Sat Jan 26th

Very clear this A.M.

Your Obt. Servant
W. C. McRea

E. Cornell Esq.

BLUEHILL
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E. Cornell Esq.
Albany
New York

W. C. McRea
26 June 47

Machias June. 23. 1847

Dear Cornell.

The weather has not changed much since yesterday, wind from the South East quite cool and hard with a beating rain, in other words it is what you may call a regular South East Storm, when it will subside is rather difficult for me to determine an old salt who is considered a pretty good judge of the weather told me this morning that about Friday next would bring fair weather, time alone will tell whether he is a true or false prophet. at any rate I have made up my mind to submit to my fate and bear it with christian fortitude let come what may. dont you think I am getting quite philosophic if you do not, I know one that *does*,

At no time [illegible] have I been able to see more than 5 or 6. miles since I came here, in a clear day I am told there is no trouble in seeing with the naked eye from 40 to 70 miles –

With Great respest

To. E. Cornell Esq   Yours Truly, F. A. Brown

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Ezra Cornell Esq
Albany
New York

F. A. Brown
23 June 1849

Franklin June 2[illegible],,47

Mr Connell

Sir to day was foggy but towards night it cleared away so that I ventured to go on the hill, my man being sick I went alone the wind blew a smart breeze the fog came driving along so that the hill some of the time was enveloped in a thick fog it would then pass over so frequent were these drifts that Blue hill was in sight but a few times and then only a minute or so, about 10 O'clock it came on thicker & faster thinking it of no use to remain any longer I started down went down into the road very well an almost out of the woods was walking along carelessly when I found myself off the track I went on expecting every minute to come out, but it was only to come out of one difficulty to go into another more horrible wandering about for some time and not meeting with very good success I thought best to camp for the night so I built up a fire & sat down by

a tree all night the wolves growled
considerable about it but I could not
do any better for them then, in the morning
I found myself alive but where I could
not tell so I struck tent and started
on travelling some time at last a
mountain appeared in sight I ascende
it to find if the abode of civilized m
could be seen when to my great joy
about 2 miles off one appeared in sight
I started for it but O horrible eye
hath not seen ear hath not heard neither
can tongue tell the awful fate that
awaited me some times through swamps
where the mud and water were nearly
knee deep then through bushes thickly
matted together where it required an
awful effort to go through but at last
I succeeded in reaching the house & found
myself further from home than when I
started however there was a good road
& with torne garments & tired face
I started for home where I arrived
about 9 O'clock A.M.

29th This is a fine warm day after taking
a nap I found myself about 3/4 dead
but after rubbing up my old spavins
I was able to navigate and started
for the hill hired a man to go with me

at night it was thick & hazy though no fog
we could see but a short distance stayed
on the hill till 11 O'clock seeing nothing
either way we started for home
I have heard nothing from the boys
lately, the prospects look rather dull
at present. thick & hazy this morning 25th
o clock A M.
Pardon me for making this draw on your
patience by detailing my journey.

Yours the night-walker

H D Thatcher

Franklin Me
June 25

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E Cornell
New York city

J D Holden
25 June 67