Fredonia Oct 19 1847

Mr Holmes

Dear Sir

It is much pleasure that I have found time to addres a few lines to you, I can inform you that I am geting along as well as can be Expected Conciderring the bad weather we have had here, This place is 14 miles from Buffalo, Mr Burdick is behind me toword Bu and will by tomorrow have the Span filled which I have left in a Impracabilty, he will then go to setting up the poles, Brother John has not yet got here I have been looking for him Every day, the other Company have got there line up all thorough here Except the wire we put ours on the oposite side of the road, We have a fine Country through here for building Telegraph it is as [redacted] as I have Come as good as the best of the line your on & I wish you was here to help me for I am very lonesom you must make haste & git through and Come out and give me a lift on this line before it freezs up, I want to hear from you very much write how you get along &c

You will please direct your letters to Erie P.A. I shall be up there in a few days I spent the Sabbath in Buffalo last Sabbath with Buell from Troy and about a half dozen other Telegraph Boys that I was acquainted with met we had good times I recon

I stayed in Ithaca 2 days heard nothing in particular from your family have not spoken to Lucy she says she is going to write to you at Troy I told him to write to Rutland nothing new there as I could discover

We have to pay from 45 to 50 cts for poles here and nothing but Hemlock at that the other Company have got up a very good line along here the best I have seen there poles are 30 feet long and many of them 8 inches at the small end they set them 250 feet apart &c

You must make this do for the present

Yours Respectfully

E B Borrill

Geo D. A. Holmes Esq

E B Borrill Oct 11th 1847

Office of the British North
American Telegraph Association
Quebec Oct 19th 1847

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 17th instant which received the immediate consideration of the directors

In reply they desire me to state that with a desire to continue that liberality of feeling & which has characterized your mutual engagements from the outset they are willing to recognize your claim for $4.282.$ from which however must be deducted the 20 per cent upon the gross amount to be paid for the work as stipulated in the contract. The account will therefore stand thus

Balc Claimed by E Cornell — $4.282.
Deduct 20 per cent on gross Amt $3.612.
$ 670

The balc of $670, will be paid to your order so soon as the association shall receive possession of the batteries Magnets registers Cases &c. Permit me to remind you that you have not replied to my enquiry as to the period of the Spring when you will be prepared to recommence operations

As regards the sale of the wine, I shall be enabled to give you an answer after the arrival of the English Mail now daily expected; as it may be thought advisable to retain it in the possession of the Association to facilit-
-ate progress in the Spring —

I remain, dear Sir
Your very Obt Servt
W Linton

Wm Hamlin
Oct 19th 1847

Office of the British North American
Electric Telegraph Association
Dublin 19th Oct 1847.

Eyre Lowcell Esq
Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst, which received the immediate consideration of the Directors.

In reply they desire me to state that, with a desire to continue that liberality of dealing which has characterised your mutual engagements from the outset, they are willing to recognize your claim for £4.262; from which, however, must be deducted the 20 per cent upon the gross amount to be paid for the work, ~~for completion~~ as stipulated in the contract. The account will, therefore, stand thus:-

Balance claimed by E. Cowell —	£4.262
Deduct 20 p^r^ cent on Gross Amount —	3.672
	£ .610

This balance of £610 will be paid to your order so soon as the Association shall receive possession of the Maps, Batteries, Registers, Cups &c

Permit me to remind you that you have not replied to my enquiry as to the period of the spring when you will be prepared to recommence operations.

As regards the sale of the wire, I shall be enabled to give you an answer after the arrival of the English mail now daily expected; as it may be thought advisable to retain within the possession of the Association to facilitate ~~the~~ ~~wire~~ progress in the spring.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours Very Obt Servt
J. Smith
Secy

£2203.20 is 20 per ct—

Mr Kimball
Oct 19. 1847

Buffalo & Canada Junction
Telegraph Office Oct. 19. 1847

Mr Hubbell.

Dear Sir.

I wish to confer with you with regard to getting a situation on the Michigan Telegraph line.

I want to get the Station at Chicago. or some place where an office will command a good Salary. and in a healthy portion of the west.

I am at present engaged for the "Buffalo & Canada Junction line" as Superintendent & have the charge of the Buffalo Office. Previous to coming on this line I was in the employ of the "N.Y. & Buffalo line." I have been long in the business & have had an extensive practice.

References of Character or ability as an operator may be had of the following gentlemen.

O.S. Wood. Supt of Montreal line
S. Porter " " Toronto line
E. Cornell
M.B. Wood Michigan
L. Wells New York
James McKay Buffalo
J.S. Paxton Utica - or I might add many

other names, but I deem it unnecessary.

My time will expire here the first of November, and after that I am at liberty to go elsewhere if I choose.

If you can give me the Chicago office or one that will be equally a good, you will confer a favor ~~and~~ very much oblige me.

I have no desire to leave this office unless I can have the promise of a pretty good salary. In making this request of you I feel that I have the ability to fill any office you may have the kindness to give me.

If you can give me any encouragement I wish you would answer & inform me at your earliest convenience. Address. Buffalo Erie co N.Y.

Yours very Respectfully
In haste

W. D. Allen
Supt R C

Levi Hubbell Esq
Milwaukie

Mrs. Geo. Thurber
Mrs. Wm. Hall
Mrs. Thos. Hall
Mrs. Jno. Hall
Mrs. Jno. Hall
Mrs. Jno

W. D. Allen Esq
Buffalo
26 Oct. 1849

Ithaca 19 Oct 1847

O. T. Tillotson Esq
Secy E & M Telegraph Co
Dear Sir

I yesterday made a further shipment of 5 Boxes & 1 Cask containing 2412 Telegraph Caps. directed to Milwaukie — These together with those before shipped to Chicago make in all now sent 5413. — A duplicate of former shipments were sent but by mistake directed to you at Detroit — I will therefore recapitulate the different shipments made viz

Shipped Oct 4th 4 Boxes containing 815 Caps to Chicago
" " 11th 6 " " 2186 " " "
" " 18th 5 " } " 2412 " to Milwaukie
1 Cask }
5413 in all

The Balance will be forwarded at the rate of 2500 to 3000 per week —

Yours Respy

T. Conrad

N. Conrad

6 Aug. 47

5 Boxes
1 Cask } Milwaukee 2412

10 Boxes
2 " } Chicago 4009

4 Boxes } Detroit 1740

Detroit 19 Oct 1847

My dear Sir

We have seen you recently under way with our wine, on the Rock River. The Rock runs such, We use two bleachy Spoons, carrying one about before letting loose the attin; be as not to let the wine strip × over board: but two strokes better I think you had better go to Chicago as soon as you can, and have some one to go at the wine, and colour it together. Above there Rock Quick. You can but two miles an each Reel. It is considerable work to colour the wine well, and it requires to be well done, and some one to turn not to let it get twisted; but keep the handle all right, and the ends of the wire so that it will wind on the Reel easily. You have probably commenced colouring the wine at Milwaukee, if not, you had better have some hands at it at once. As soon as you get the casks, I suppose you will set Hutchinson to bottling off, and when you

felt him [redacted] away, you might go to Chicago, and let some hands to knitting at the wire then when I work comes back, and I get things under way I will go back to Chicago, but will write you every day or two.

Yours truly

D. J. Spencer

Spoon
Sept 19, 44

North Ville Pa. Oct 20 /69

Dear Brother

I have the poles Contracted from Silver Creek to this Place which is 40 miles from Silver Creek I Contracted 12 miles out of Buf before I Rundick as I wrote you before, I have not heard how he gets a long since I left him I presume the poles are all Contracted from here to Buf by this time the distance is 70 miles I have heard nothing from John yet. the two last Contracts I made I payed for 13 miles 45 ~~Cts~~ & for 26 miles 42 Cts the other Company payed 50 to the same men I agree that the poles shall be payed for in thirty days after delivery the last Contract are to be on by the 6 of Nov, the man that has 26 miles says he shall want some money by the time the poles are on the ground I think you had better send some so that I can let him have some, the poles that up along here are all on the East Side of the road and our chance is full as good as there. there poles are good but badly set, we can get nothing along here but Hemlock and that will not Peel, I have not seen any of Orlies troops yet I understand they are between here and Cleveland I understand the hands were hurried on by Mr Ely from Cleveland to Buf to put up that End first before we get there to work

You did not say any thing about
sending my folks any money if you have
not I wish you would send some immediately
I want you to get a ½ bbl of good mackerel
and send to them, and a Box of groceries to if
you will, I am anxious to hear from you, how
do the boys get along with the Carlson line
I have not yet heard from Speed. now write
to him I shall go back to Buffalo the later part
of this week you will please write to Silver Creek

Yours Respectfully
E B Cornell

Wm E Cornell Esqr

As soon working the above I have made
another contract of 8 miles for 40 cents which
fetches me within 9 miles of Erie Pa. how
far had I better contract the poles this fall
do you intend to run through to Detroit
this fall I learn that the other Company
are putting up there wire west of Cleveland
I see no signs of them putting it up here
yet They set there poles 250 feet apart
I will give you a sketch of them cross heads and
caps the Glass Cap is about 2½ inches long

E B C



End view of the glass
End view of the cross head

Not having an opportunity to mail this
last Evening I will write a few more lines
J. Burdick & Mr Allan over took me this morning
one of them will start from this place and go
west the other go to Ashtabula & proceed to
Cleveland [redacted] I have all Contracts up to
this place I think I shall go back to Buffalo
and get Burdick to puting up at that End
I think we can build the line to Detroit
this fall let me hear from you as soon
as possible Yours &c E Bonnell
Erie Oct 21 49

E B Conrad
20. Oct 1871

E. B. Conrad Esq
Middletown
Conn

FORWARDED

OCT 23
N.Y.

OCT 23
P.M.

Montreal Oct 20. 1847

Dear M L

With this you will get a letter for the Association which I wish you to take a copy of and then hand to them,

Also pay particular attention in putting up the wire that it is fastened to the caps securely. The wire on the Montreal line is badly fastened so that it frequently broke down. Fill Rockers to use larger wire and to put it around two or three times so as to make it secure. and to fasten the ends well, dont let us have any trouble with the devils by neglecting to do the work well. I will try to be there in 20 days with the instruments to set the line at work. If I cannot get there I will have the instruments there in time,

Dont neglect to write me often and let me know how things progress.

Yours &c

E Corell

E Connell to M & M
Montreal oct 20
1847

Montreal Oct 26. 1849

To the President & Directors of the British North American Electric Telegraph Association

Gentlemen

A few moments before leaving Quebec last evening I rec'd the following letter from Mr Dunlop Esq. from you Sec'ty in answer to my letter of the 15 th inst. in which at your request by letter from your Secretary of the 16th inst, I gave you a Statement of what my present Claims against the Association would be in case the wire was not put upon the poles before Spring.

Herewith Comes a Copy of Mr Dunlops letter of the 19 Oct 1849

I think you will not be surprised on perusing of your letter of yesterday that I immediately on it's receipt directed my men to proceed at once to the putting up of the wire so as to close up the work according to Contract.

And I hereby notify you that my men be ready to Commence tomorrow morning at Point Levy with the work of putting up the wire, and that I want you to deliver 240 or 250 cwt of wire at that point, in time for them to Commence work. I also hereby notify you to deliver the ballance of the wire as follows, to Wit 3700 cwt cwt to St Michel, [redacted] cwt at Berthier 4370 cwt at St Thomas, 4370 cwt at L Islet,

2400" wet at St Jean — 4870" wet at St Rock — 4000" River Ouelle
2700" at St Denis — 2400" Kamouraska — 2000" Point Sec
4000" St Andre — 5750" Riviere Loup — 4000 Isle Verte — 4700 Trois
Pistoles — 6400" at Bic — 5000" St Germain in Rimouski — and
3700" Father Point, This Calculation is based upon the
weight of the wire being 336" per mile as stipulated in the
Contract, if the weight varies from that, the Calculation
of amount for each landing will require to be varied
to meet such excess or deficiency of wire, which I shall
expect you to regulate, so as to get the wire proportioned
properly for the distances between the landings.
I also hereby notify you that I shall be ready to
take possession of the offices for the purpose of
setting up and arranging the Registers Magnets
and Batteries, by the first of November, and wish
you to have them in readiness, so as to cause
no delay in them being arranged,
I also notify you to decide and notify my Agent
Mr Morgt L Wood who is now in Quebec, at
What Point you will attempt to Cross the river
So that the additional Poles may be erected for
Carrying the wire to the point of Crossing if more
are required for that purpose, Also inform
Mr Wood what Action you wish me to take for
Crossing Said River, If you take the ground that
my Contract for building the Telegraph is not finished
until the River is Crossed, I wish you to inform me of
such decision at the earliest opportunity, so that
I may proceed with the crossing, as stipulated in the
Contract at the expiration of the Association.

I also hereby further notify you that I wish you to pay over to Mr Wood the balance due me, at this time, that I may use it in paying for material and labour as provided in the contract,

The distance from Point Levi to Metis being 204 miles and the "Graf" sent to be paid for the work as stipulated in the contract" being 54 dollars per mile making the sum of $11.016— of which you have a right to withhold 20 p.c. as stipulated in the contract is $2,203,20 deducted from $11.016— leaves $ 8.812.80 from which deduct $6.250 which is the amt Rec'd from you up to this time leaves due me and subject to the call I now make on the Association the sum $2.588—80—

I also notify you that the piles are all ready for inspection from Point Levi to Metis and that Mr Wood will accompany any person that you may appoint to inspect at any time said person is ready to start on said Mission—

Very Respectfully

Copy of letter
to Mrs Oct 20. 47

Montreal Oct 20th 1847

To the President & directors of the
British North American Telegraphic Association

Gentlemen

A few moments before leaving Quebec last evening I recd the following letter from Mr Wisdlin Esq your Secretary in answer to my letter of the 17th inst in which at your request by letter from your Secretary of the 16th inst I gave you a statement of what my present claims against the Association would be in case the wire was not put upon the poles before Spring

Copy

"Office of the British North American Electric Telegraph Association
Quebec 19th Oct 1847

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst which received the immediate Consideration of the directors

In reply they desire me to state that liberality of dealing which has characterized your mutual engagements from the outset they are willing to recognize your claim for £4,282: from which however must be deducted the 20 per Cent upon the gross amount to be paid for the work as stipulated in the

contract. The account will therefore stand thus

Balance Claimed by E. Conell £4.282.0.0

Deduct 20 per Cent on gross Amt £ 3.672.

£ 610.

This balance of £610. will be paid to you or order so soon as the association shall receive possession of the Magnets Battery & Registers Cases &c

Permit me to remind you that you have not replied to my enquiry as to the period of the Spring when you will be prepared to recommence operations.

As regards the sale of the wire I shall be enabled to give you an answer after the arrival of the English Mail now daily expected as it may be thought advisable to retain it in the possession of the association to facilitate progress in the Spring

I remain dear Sir

Your very Obt Servt

W Conlin Secy

I think you will not be surprised on a review of your letter of yesterday that I immediately on its receipt directed my men to proceed at once to putting up the wire so as to close up the contract work according to Contract

And I hereby notify you that my men are ready to commence tomorrow morning at Point Levi with the work of putting up the wire and that I want you to deliver twenty four hundred pounds net

of wire at that point in time for them to
Commence work. I also hereby notify you
To deliver the balance of the wire as follows
To wit: Thirty seven hundred pounds net
at St Michel
Thirty hundred pounds net at Berthier
Four thousand three hundred and seventy
pounds net at St Thomas
Four thousand three hundred and seventy pounds
net at L'Islet
Twenty four hundred pounds net at
St John P.Q.
Four thousand three hundred and seventy
pounds net at St Rochs
Four thousand pounds net at Rivière Ouelle
Twenty seven hundred pounds net at
St Denis
Twenty four hundred pounds net at
Kamouraska
Two thousand pounds net at Point Sec
Four thousand pounds net at St Andre
Five thousand seven hundred and fifty
pounds net at Rivière Du Loup
Four thousand pounds net at Isle Verte
Four thousand seven hundred pounds
net at Trois Pistoles
Six thousand four hundred pounds
net at Pic
Five thousand pounds net at St
Germain (in Rimouski)
Three thousand seven hundred pounds net
at Father Point

This calculation is based upon the weight of the wire being three hundred and thirty six pounds per mile as stipulated in the contract. If the weight varies from that the calculation of amount at each landing will require to be varied to meet such excess or deficiency of wire which I shall expect you to regulate so as to get the wire proportioned properly for the distance between the landings.

I also hereby notify you that I shall be ready to take possession of the offices for the purpose of setting up and arranging the registers magnets and batteries by the first of November and wish you to have them in readiness so as to cause no delay in their being arranged. I also notify you to decide and inform my agent Mr Thos L. Wood who is now in Quebec at what point you will attempt to cross the river so that the additional poles may be erected for carrying the wires to the point of crossing if more are required for that purpose — Also inform Mr Wood what action you wish me to take for crossing said river — If you take the ground that my contract for building the Telegraph is not finished until the river is crossed I wish you to inform me of such decision at the earliest possible moment so that I may proceed with the crossing as stipulated in the contract at the expense of the Association

I also hereby further notify you that I wish you to pay over to Mr Wood the balance due me at this time that he may use it in paying for material and labor as provided in the contract — The distance from Point Levi to Metis being two hundred and four miles and the "Gross amount to be paid for the work as stipulated in the contract" being fifty four dollars per mile making the sum of $ 11,016.— of which you have a right to withhold twenty per cent as stipulated in the contract is $ 2.203.20 — deducted from $ 11,016 leaves $ 8.812.80 from which deduct $ 5.224 which is the amount received from the association up to this time leaves due me and subject to the call I now make on the association the sum of $ 3.588.80

I also notify you that the poles are all set and ready for inspection from Point Levi to Metis and that Mr Wood will accompany any person that you may appoint to inspect them at any time said person is ready to start on said mission

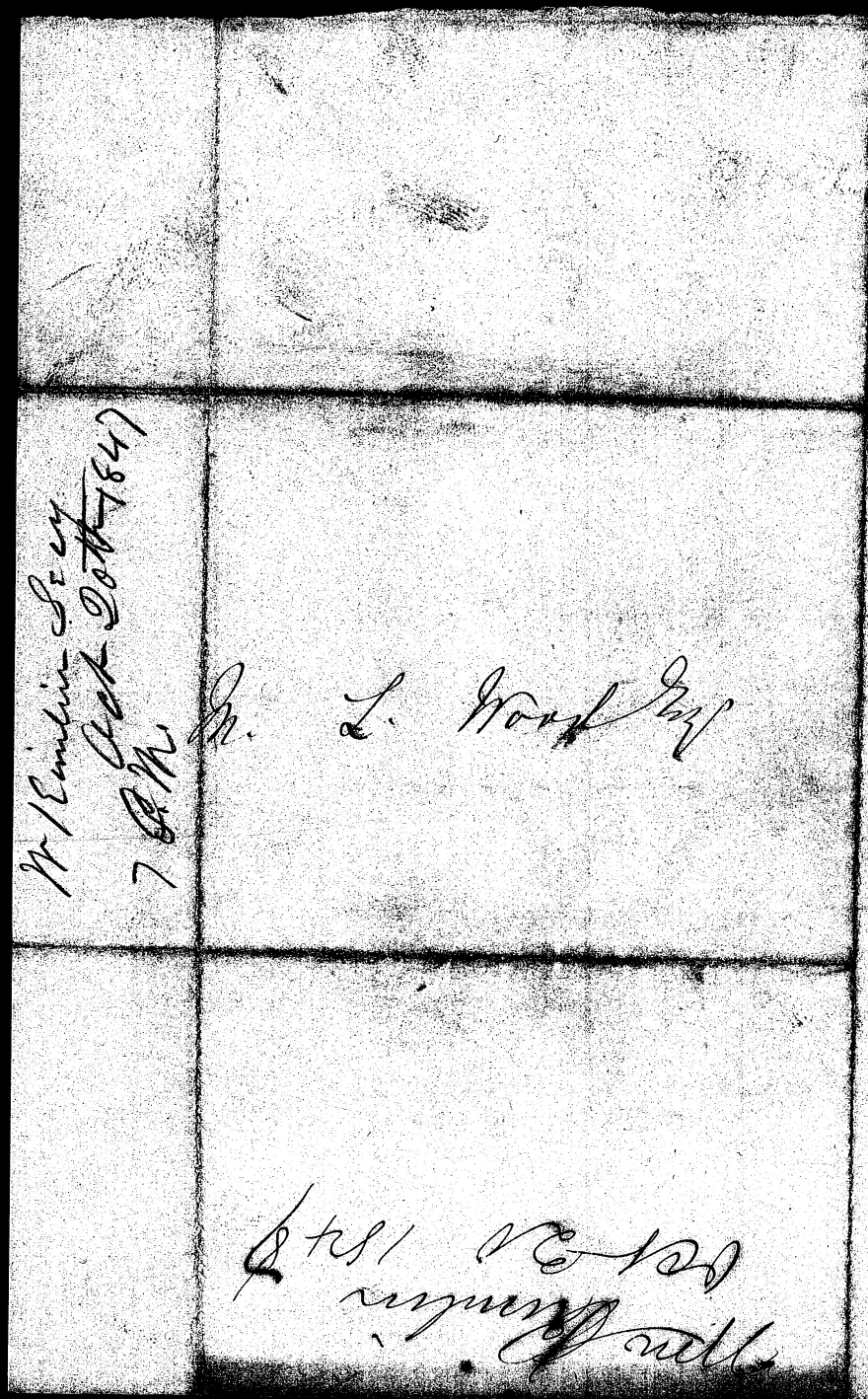
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Cornell

Hon Geo O'Neill Stewart
President

Copy to directors B.N.A.E.T.as

E. Council

Montreal Oct 20 47



Office of the B. & I. Steam
Electric Telegraph Company
Dublin 20th Oct 1847.

Dear Sir

I beg to be favored with a more definite and fuller reply to my note of this day, in reply to yours of yesterday.

As implied in that note, the quantity of wire required by you is ready for delivery whenever the adequate instructions from you shall be received.

Yours Obt Servt

J. Latimer

W. L. Wood Esq

W. L. Wood Esq
Emlin Sq
Cork
7 Oct 1847

Oct 20 1847
Dublin

All Communications strictly confidential.

TARIFF OF PRICES.

From QUEBEC to	NUMBER OF WORDS.																			
	10		20		30		40		50		60		70		80		90		100	
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Three Rivers,	1	3	2	6	3	9	5	0	6	3	7	6	8	9	10	0	11	3	12	6
Montreal, ...	1	10½	3	9	5	7½	7	6	9	4½	11	3	13	1½	15	0	16	10½	18	9
Prescott, Brockville, Kingston, ...	2	6	5	0	7	6	10	0	12	6	15	0	17	6	20	0	22	6	25	0
Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Toronto, ...	3	9	7	6	11	3	15	0	18	9	22	6	26	3	30	0	33	9	37	6
Hamilton, ...	4	6	9	0	13	6	18	0	22	6	27	0	31	6	36	0	40	6	45	0
Buffalo, ...	6	3	12	6	18	9	25	0	31	3	37	6	43	9	50	0	56	3	62	6

Communications to be pre-paid.

And the Company not responsible for the inaccuracies of the Operators.

Office at the Exchange,

QUEBEC, Oct 20th 1847.

Via Telegraph from_____

To Mr. Wm Hamilton Secy

My Men are waiting
for the delivery of
one ton of wire at
Point Levi
Most Respt
Yours W S Wood

~~To~~ Wm Hamilton Secy
~~Harbour Master~~ R. St. Lawrence

Copy to Mr Ridout Esq
Oct 24th 1847

11 A.M.

Mod Serenade
Min Pit 20. Hor 8

1847 [?]

Detroit Thursday night
20 (October) Oct,

My dear sir

We have got the steam pipes
miles of mine, the birds have mis-
-ses troublesome getting along on the
new track when they are at work &
then in cutting the bushes by the side
of the R Road, I think on the whole now
to shall need much burton. I shall go
to Pittsburgh on Monday and have
the office letter etc and set some
other pump of handy to hoisting etc
mine. We must start the Office as
low as Ann Arbor in two weeks
and to Kalamazoo in four. by which
time I hope you will be at Michigan
City and on your road down the
Lake - Just as soon as Jackson gets his
hoisting apparatus and
boxes to go on the other and -
I think it is bad policy to mine so
much ore on the rich shore, and
when you have to go through the swamps
I would not have more than four
or five cords collected together until
it is stretched along by the side,
if you have room in mine, as we

did, it will be difficult, to work
all the time, without cutting; but
if you have only 20 or so words in one
thing you can pull it along, any
where - I think that our three
rules, one words, one, is just
as good as all of them, except
that we might mind up the
wire on them in bad weather,
and pain a little.

Word has not yet returned, I expect
him tonight by the cars.

I have had to work so hard, helping
to put up the wire, I have not had
time to get out my circular for
the W.R.; but will do so soon.

Let us know how you get along
as often as convenient.

Yours truly

P. A. Strutz

Bell Oct 20. 47

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Three Rivers,	1	3	2	6	3	9	5	0	6	3	7	6	8	9	10	0	11	3	12	6
Montreal,	1	10½	3	9	5	7½	7	6	9	4½	11	3	13	1½	15	0	16	10½	18	9
Prescott, Brockville, Kingston, ...	2	6	5	0	7	6	10	0	12	6	15	0	17	6	20	0	22	6	25	0
Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Toronto, ..	3	9	7	6	11	3	15	0	18	9	22	6	26	3	30	0	33	9	37	6
Hamilton, ...	4	6	9	0	13	6	18	0	22	6	27	0	31	6	36	0	40	6	45	0
Buffalo, ...	6	3	12	6	18	9	25	0	31	3	37	6	43	9	50	0	56	3	62	6

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Office at the Exchange,

QUEBEC, 20 Oct 1847.

Via Telegraph from

To Mr. W Kimber Esq

I will receive the prices at such place at Point Levis and at such time tomorrow morning as may be convenient for the associations

In haste

Yours

W L Pearce

Copy
Sidney Aug 20 1847
to Mrs Linnell

Albion Oct 20th 1847

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 6th on my return last evening from Detroit advising me of the shipment of the wire for the line of Telegraph and directions for soldering &c but it has arrived rather late for any valueable purpose at present in this way for we have been at work joining and putting up the wire about a week and we shall have the line in operation in a few days to Ypsilanti We have the poles all set ready for the wire over 200 miles west and I expect to hear every day that the jobs are all finished up to Mich, City and the way all cut out clear for stretching the wire, Speed is at Detroit with about a bushel of letter and extracts aand is preparing to give O'Reilly h— ll soon, The collections here is tolerable fair and if we can get the line in operation the most of the stock will be paid in, I have come up from Detroit to get a set of hands to go on toward Cleveland and put up the line that way for we cannot get a communication to the atlantic cities without that portion is built and Connell and Smith is urging us to commence that portion immediately, I did not get the money deposited at Mich. city as they did not know me and I could not find any one there that could say I was the man mentioned in the order and as I had money enough there I did not try very hard to get it

I am glad to hear that you are progressing so well on that end of the line and as I have not been able to see any of O'Reilly's workmen this season I have strong hopes that we shall go on without interruption the whole length of the line, Mr Connell says put up fifteen posts to the mile for the present except through villages and fill up after the line is in operation He has sent on his brother E.B. Connell and his father in law and brotherinlaw to Buffalo to come on with the work and says he will meet us half way with the posts and furnish all the wire and other apperatus to put the line in operation, The words "go ahead" is passed round in good faith

Yours with esteem

A.B. Wood

D. J. Tillotson

Mr E Barnes
Oct 30 - 45

E. Lowell Esqr St Johns Oct 20. 1847

Sir I have this day entered through Pierce and Sons the 28 Boxes of glass at $2.50 per box

I have shipped them to you, if you are on the wharf when they arive tomorow day 1/2 past 10 Oclock you can ship them to Quebec without Dickinsons commissions (You understand) I shall commence work tomorrow between here and fire mile, and work till I have further orders or see you I purchased one dozen of Spades or at least 9 Spades & 3 Shovels from Bryson & Ferris at $9 Charged to Livingston & Wells

If you should want any Canada funds my Order is good with Shaw for $500 or so and You might pay L & W. in State funds——— Yours

David C. Griffin

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Ezra Cornell Esqr

Exchange Hotel Montreal C.E

Care of Messrs Mayo & Flagg—

Albion Oct 20th 1847

Dear E—

I came up from Detroit yesterday at the suggestion of Speed who is there for the purpose of getting more help to put up the wire and to commence the work toward Cleveland as the R. R. is using up all the labour in that vicinity On arriving here I found several letters which demanded answers and one from you informing me of your intention to start the work at Buffalo and urging me to hasten on the work which I am tryingto do but it seems to go slow. While I am with a gang of hands and show them an example the work moves along but as soon as I leave to go to some other place, the work seems to languish It is difficult to get competant help without exorbitant wages and then there must be the surest guarantee of promp pay or it is no go. I have had very good luck in establishing confidence so far and I have got the jobs of setting the poles west all closed up and am trying to get the same men to go east and think I shall succeed in part. I could not find only 50 bundles of wire at Detroit which we shall have all up in a day or two, It will reach perhaps 12 miles and if we do not have wire I suppose we must set posts east untill more arrives, I shall have to close for I am getting most almighty sick Day before yesterday in putting up wire I worked pretty hard and left my coat behind and near night the wind shifted and blew chilly and began to rain the consequence was I took a heavy cold and I scarcely know whether I have a head on or not I think of going to Jackson yet tonight and am waiting for the cars but I feel more like going home to be nursed than being out half the night on the road

Excuse for the present

M. B. Wood

E Cornell Esq

Office of the B. N. American
Electric Telegraph Association
London 20th Oct 1847.

Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date (which reached me very late in the evening) I beg to be informed when the Coil of wire requested by you is to be landed, at what hour, and by whom it is to be received.

Be pleased, also, to inform me where and when you are of opinion the remainder of the wire should be delivered, and in what respective quantities.

Your Ob^t Serv^t

J. Walker

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R. L. Wood Esq^r

Recd at 3-10 P.M.

Kindlin to Mark
Oct 5 [illegible]
Asking Mrs to Schmi-
-tzin of P. Lsm

Oct 20 Telegraph line 2 miles N. of Shaftsbury

Dear Sir

I write this to inform You of our progress which I am sorry to say is slow on Consequence of not having sufficient help to dig and pase at the same time Rocks hard digging & small poles has been a great impediment since leaving Bennington I hands is the most I can muster, most of the time but 6, I have to dig a hole and then take the men go back and raise I have two good diggers & good poles I wish you could get 4 or 5 good Irishmen for digging and send them out immediatly I could then go over 2 Miles a day our funds are running low and the men I have says they must have their pay Saturday night for past the work please Come out Saturday or send some Money, do not fail of sending some help immediatly I should want at least (Irish) and more Upon

Yours With Respect

E. M. Pinkham

E Cornell Esq

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Oct 20 1857

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