New York 27 June 1849

My dear Sir

Here I am yet, and from present appearances here I am likely to remain for some time - We expect to meet OR this friends at Albany in a few days, to settle this claim - as soon as that is done, you shall hear from us. Smith wanted me to remain here until we per OR matters out of the way - I may be successful in getting the difficulties between him & Kendall & Morse arranged, he thinks I can do some good in negociating with the other gentlemen - and in the mean time as I have nothing else to do he set me to work to get the Stock subscribed to build a RR from Portland to Halifax. 530 Miles @ 200 $ per Mile. which amt. we must take here and in Boston. I have addressed a communication to the Chamber of Commerce and to the board of brokers. I have some of the strongest men in the City enlisted on my side, and if you see a notice in the daily papers here saying that I will be on hand at No 10 Wall St. with our Sub. books, you may conclude that I am in for a hard fight here, and in Boston. The Livingston & Wells subscription will be attended to, just as soon as we can clear off the O.R.R. Jog, which I think will be in a few days. As soon as you can find out what we can rely on in the State of Ky we will contract for one mile, and Cornell

as I or both of us will go out and aid you whenever it becomes necessary to do so: but I have no doubt you can employ such help as you will require, and you can manage the whole business just as well as all three of us. only look in advance of your movements, and when you get balked we will go to your assistance.

I have given up the Clock trade entirely to Johnson, and sold myself to Hoy Smith for five years, not at any given price: but by agreeing to do what will take that time to accomplish. If I do not avail myself of my situation and influence now, I deserve to die poor. It may have been a mistake to say that we have abandoned our Act. in the Chicago business: but I wanted them to think so by way of inducing them to give us some more help — You have wit enough to make it all straight again. The arrangements we have made will add so much to the value of our stock on the line from Buffalo to Milwaukee that I do not care to part with the stock for cash then now, and it is not so important to get the whole subscription We will make that one of the best lines in the whole Country and it will pay 15 to 20 p.ct. We mean to secure a line on the New York and Erie R Road to Dunkirk and then connect with our Western line so as to write from this City directly to Chicago and Milwaukee without rewriting. We also mean

to secure a line from St Louis to Chicago, from St Louis to Toledo through Indiana and from Columbus to Cleveland, and make the whole business of the West pay over our N.Y. & Erie line Smith has bought all the stock of Morse & Train on the whole line from Buffalo to Milwaukee and all their interest in the Crop line which I have mentioned. We can also build just as many "side" lines running to our main line as we please, and buy the Patents a small price per mile for the patent.

Do not mention our N.Y & Erie line at present you may say what you choose about the Others. We will build them a line from Chicago to Galena any time they will subscribe the money. Also from Detroit to Pontiac or any other place in Ohio Indiana Illinois Michigan or Wisconsin. If I have not got the business nearly right this time I need never try again

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

P.S. I will probably go to Boston Wednesday but return here in a few days, write to me here Pacific Hotel and Commit at Albany—

J. F. Speed Esq

Inn 27. 47

N.Y.

Hon. O. H. Browning

Quincy

Ills.

East Machias June 27. 1847

Dear Cornell

This morning dull & close atmosphere thick with strong indication of a Storm soon, wind South Edst. it shifted last evening at 7 O.Clock

I had a magnificent view of Schoodic from a mountain near here last night. but could see nothing of "Mr Thatcher" I am strongly impressed with the belief they have all exhausted their ammunition, or I must undoubtedly have seen thier lights before this. I have made some tall lights such as could not fail to be seen if such a thing was possible, thus far none have been seen by me. my view of "Schoodic" last night was such had a man made his apperance on the highest part I could not help seeing him, much less a brilliant light, as to "Menan" I have given up all hopes of seeing it unless I find a place elevated enough to carry me above the fog or one that will bring me very near the Island, it seems to me a hopeless undertaking to carry out your plan with any certainty, and use "Menan" under the most faborable circumstances the Show is bad from "Digby" when in ordinary weather a light cannot be seen from "Cutler" not more than third the distance Mr Wood & Park, tell different stories about the head of the bay. I have no knowledge of either of their statements to you therefore will say nothing,

Yours Truly F. A. Brown

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E. Cornell Esqr

~~Albany~~

care
F & Wells New York,

S.F.B. Morse
27 June 1847

East Machias June 27, 1847

Dear Friend

This morning dull & close atmosphere thick with strong suspicion of a storm soon. Wind South East it shifted last Evening about 7 o'clock.

I had a fine view of Schoodic last night from a mountain near here. but could see nothing of "Mr Thatcher". I am led to suppose their fire is all gone. or I must have seen their lights before this. I have made some tall ones such as could not be mistaken or fail to be seen if such a thing was possible. Still none has been returned so I could see them. my view of "Schoodic" last night was such had "Mr Thatcher" made his apperance I could not help seeing him. much less a bright light as to "Illenan" I have given up all hopes of seeing it unless I find a spot that will carry me above the fog or one that brings me much nearer the Island. than any I have been on yet

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To E. Cornell Esq. Respectfully Yours F. A. Brown

F. A Brown
29. June 63

Miss Sarah Gray

Upper Seneca Bay

East Machias June 28. 1847

Dear Cornell

I this morning received a letter from Mr Wood. dated at Eastport last saturday. he says he is just in time for the admiral and leaves for Boston from thence to NewYork he reckons. desires me to make known to you his destination he wishes me also to advise Thatcher + Mc Rea of his movements, he says I hope you are flush + think so at least. in doing this he presumes what is not true I have at present in current funds $11.50 one Novascotia pound note in all say 15$ out of this I have to pay one week board + about 3$ for horse hire. after paying up what is left would not carry me far. I shall hold on untill I hear from you by letter or otherwise

If this thing is to be abandoned at once, the sooner funds are forthcoming to get us all home the better, Mr Wood informs me in his letter that at no time since he has been on "Illenan" could he have seen me or I him had the atmosphere been ever so clear if that be true our failure is easily told had I known it sooner it would have been a great relief + I should not have given myself quite so much uneasiness as I did. Please write me soon.

With Great Respect

To E Cornell Esqr. Yours &c, A. Brown

F. A. Brown
28. June 1867

Homer June 28th 1847

Dear Brother E—

I left Ithaca on the 5th of June the day after Elmira was intered and arrived home on the 10th having rather a slow but pleasant trip I proceded immediately to settle with Smith & Lewis concerning the farm and after making out a bond & Mortgague they somehow discovered that they were entitled to nearly two hundred dollars more than they claimed and also that I must give them a bonus of one hundred dollars for waiting two years, I saw at once that I was in a trap for I had signed of the Mortgague in Dryden and had got "Hopkins deed for the farm here and had no other alternative than to fix it up with them the best way I could, I told them they had led me into an error by representing their claim less than what it was and offered to take $1200 for my right in the farm which I made appear to them I had paid by signing off in Dryden. but in reality as I got my $300. note and $100. in cash I had paid only $850.

They offered me $1000 and I took them up at it and made the quit claim the same day and took a mortgague for the amount on the farm payable in two years. I also took a lease which runs a year from next march. It gives me all the crops this season except half of the fruit and 5 acres of grass and they pay ½ of the taxes. next year they find half the seed and pay ½ the tax and keep the farm in repair and have half the produce

You will perceive that by this arrangement by keeping a hand or two on the farm to pay themselves and make a living for the family which I should expect would be all they

would naturally do I should be able to go into the building and keeping in repair the line of Telegraph as far perhaps as you and the company may wish

Last Monday having arranged my business here and not hearing from any of you I started out to see what could be done I went to Detroit on the R.R, and gave notice on the way that I was ready to contract for poles

I went to see Mr Howard who had received a letter from Speed advising him to take the high way if the R.R. company would not grant what they (Howard & Tillotson) had previously demanded. We went to see Mr Brook the agent of the R.R. and found him in possession of the agreements of the Eastern routs which on examining did not appear to be binding on either party and only stipulated the right if they could grant it to build on the line of R.R. and the Telegraph to do the business of the R.R. free. Mr Brooks said he was very favourably disposed toward the Telegraph and would do what he could toward recommending us to the favourable notice of the directors He declined making any contract wholly but said we might build on the line and run a car on the road for distributing our poles and carrying our tools and hands while building and would pass the superintendent of building and future repairs free of charge

This assurance I have reason to believe is given in good faith and will be readily granted by the directors & it is all in my opinion that they will do. Mr Howard said he should depend much upon my judgment about the location although he wished to follow the advise of the ...

contractors as far as consistant with the interests of the company
On looking over the rout I can discover facilities for building
on the R.R. which we could not find on the highway sufficient
to warrant our building on the R.R. with what assurances we
got from Mr Brooks and Mr Howard is satisfied we should be
safe in doing so. I then set about contracting for poles and
with the assistance of one man who I hired I got written
contracts for enough to stretch over 80 miles, being pretty well
satisfied with my weeks work I came home and found Tillotson
here waiting for me, He says the collecting goes slow in consequ
uence of the letters which Speed published at Chicago before
he left the people thought the project had fell through and he
had to take measures to remove the impression. He left four hundred
and fifty dollars with me and wished me to give notice for
the collection of the next per cent. Tillotson wants Speed to
come through and tell the people we are going ahead, You
may as soon as convenient send about 20 tons of wire and
2000 caps to Detroit, the remainder you had better send
round to Niles. Chicago & Milwaukie. I shall go to day at
Albion and get two thousand dollars in stock subscribed and
then procede with my contracts for poles. I intend to commence
setting about the middle of July. I have them delivered not
more than ten in a place and ½ mile apart unless a
mash or high bank and river prevents the approach of a
team. I shall fetch up the iron from Detroit this week
to make the tools which I shall have at Albion where I can
oversee the work I have 6000 pins under way at 4/- per hundred
I shall keep you advised of the progress of the work often
If I did not receive your letter until yesterday. If you have
any directions in particular please send them on. Yours Respectfully
M B Wood

E Cornell Esq
Boston
Mass.

East Machias June 28, 1847

Dear Friend

This day I received a letter from Mr Wood. dated at Eastport last Saturday he states he is just in time for the admiral and takes his departure for Boston from thence to New York. he acknowledges desires me to make known to you his destination. he wishes me also to advise Thatcher + McRea of his movements - he says to me I hope you are flush + think so at least. in doing so he presumes too much I have about $15 - + owe about $9 - what is remaining would not carry me far. I shall wait patiently your orders or untill I hear from you by letter or otherwise,

If this thing is to be abandoned the sooner funds are forthcoming to get us all home the better, Mr Wood. informs me in his letter that at no time while he was on "Menan. Could he have seen my light or I his. had the atmosphere been even so clear if that is so our failure is easily accounted for. had I Known it sooner it would have afforded me great relief + saved both Expense + Trouble. Please write me upon the receipt of this + much

Oblige Your humble Servant

To E. Connell Esq. F. A. Brown,

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Ezra Cornell Esq

New York City

Mr E. Cornell

Marshall June 28. 45.

My dear Sir

I rec'd yours from Montreal, it did us good — Enclosed I hand you Dft on N.B. for $250. and certificate for $59.54 — all $309.54 — to meet Col Speed Dft of $425. dated May 24th. and for other advances on your part. On Saturday I paid over to M.B. Wood $456. which will keep him easy 'till I can get in more — I also sent Col. Speed $100. last week for expenses.

I have not increased our Sub. at Chicago but shall get 1 or 2000 $ more there, I found our principal men gone and as it was generally supposed from the letter published there that we had abandoned our Enterprize it was important that I should keep on the go and get public sentiment righted up again in order to commence our collections, now all is going on and I hope we shall meet no more difficulty but in order that it go smoothly Col Speed must show himself very few have seen him and know no one but me and do not know why some one else is not engaged in so large an undertaking as they suppose it to be, they are afraid we want the money and do not intend to make the line. Consequently I have given notice in the papers that the work was in progress and would be prosecuted with all dispatch, yet I have been compelled to move slowly that our Engagements should not get ahead of our receipts, — We shall get $1000. Took at Milwaukee and other places in Wisconsin in addition to former Sub. and $2000. at Albion in this State, and shall dispose of some of our old Subs. say 10 pr St. ~~The~~ Wood will superintend from Detroit to Mich. City and I will attend to the balance, I have had much to contend with and got almost discouraged but my motto was we must go ahead and I feel now as if we could do so,

but if Col. S. does not meet me at Chicago the mark'd shall be disposed to think that he does not consider it any object to attend to making any thing out of the undertaking, he ought not to engage in to much till this work is done, I have heard from him but once since I left home and if I do not do right in all the premises it will be for the want of good judgement on my part.

Very Truly Yrs

D. D. Tillotson

Write me at Chicago

D T Tillotson
28 January

Mr E. Cornell Chicago Ill. June 29. 49

My dear Sir

I have just arrived from Mich. where I had an interview with Mr Wood, I wrote you yesterday from Marshall and sent you Sight for $309.69 directed to Ithaca — I leave for Milwaukee in the morning. Must write a line to Col Spaulding and the Mail is closing, will write you again particulars as soon as I can get right & make proper calculations about funds

Col Speed must come out at once if he does not stay over 3 days.

In great haste Yours

CHICAGO
JUN
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Ill.

Mr E. Cornell
Albany
N. York

D T Tillotson
29. June 47

St Cet June 30 th 1847

Mr D S Talbot

Sir

Yours of the 29th Came
to hand I am sorry you
over Sire one day as I am Leaving home
trouble in Collecting I have Collected all
but Mr Klein Mr Streight & J S Stewart
Mr Klein is willing to pay if you Can
assure him that the Stock is all taken and
that it will go through without doubt
Mr Streight will pay if he does and as
for Mr Stewart he as but only one Sheep
I dont think he will pay but it dont
amount to much, I wish you would
come here or write to me to one wheel stock
or write to Mr Klein before the Convention
I have deposited to your Credit in
the Bank $135,

Yours in Haste
E. St. Stryker

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MICHIGAN CITY
JUN
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W. D. Pillotson
Chicago
Ill

Yours 30 ult.

Boston Mass
Dec 4th

Mr. Editor,

It seems to have become quite fashionable with a certain class of "benevolent gentlemen," to get up a foot race every few days, much to the discomfiture of our good citizens; and indeed, the shortest route to popularity seems to be, to contribute something to the purse, or engage as a competitor for the prize. On account of the hardness of the times, and the difficulty of obtaining profitable employment, ~~of late~~ our "sporting gentlemen" are compelled (against their will, no doubt) to resort to foot-racing, and drafts on the benevolence of their neighbors to obtain a livelihood. Are such exhibitions, Mr. Editor, to the praise, or dishonor of our Village? If they are commendable, and for the good of community, would it not be well to set apart a special fund, from the public treasury, for their maintenance and support? But if they are opposed to the ~~be~~haviorary of society, and the best interests of our citizens demands their suppression, should they not be discountenanced by every worthy citizen? If these "~~G~~entlemen"! will play in ~~the~~ mud like swine, let a portion of the marshy land adjoining the Corporation be assigned to them exclusively, and not disgrace our most public streets.

While I am writing, I would suggest to the author of the "Race extraordinary" that he particular note of the feats yet to come, as they occur, (for I understand that several more races are to come off soon,) and give them to the public in some neat and cheap form, embellished with engravings of the scenes, and portraits of the "heroes," and appropriate the proceeds to their support.

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Milwaukee July 6th 1847.

Mr O. Cornell

My dear Sir

We shall want say 15 Registers for the following Stations, viz Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Albion, Marshall, Battle Crk, Kalamazoo, Niles, South Bend, Michigan City, Chicago, South port, Racine, & Milwaukee — The whole length of the line is say 410 Miles requiring 135.300 Wire, 12300 posts, 12300 glass caps — I suppose the Wire, caps, Registers & Batteries, will cost you about $10.000 — The Posts & setting say $6.000, including expt. getting right of way &c. Putting up Wire & Fixtures say $2000 — all about $18.000 —

Payments will be as follows Cash 1st Augt. $6000.
1 Sept 6000.
1 Octr 6000.
1 Nov 6000. — $24000. —

The posts, setting &c. to be expended on the line will be up to the 1st Sept. say $8.000 — consequently you cannot rely on much till 1st Oct. and ought to purchase the Wire at 4 mo. which there will be no difficulty in doing — Col. Speed said it would cost 7¢ per pound, that is to much for Boy. as I suppose it to be, McComas used to buy it for about 6 3/8 ¢. but of that you & Col. can best judge — We want it shipped about as follows, to Detroit say 65.000 lbs — to Chicago 45.000 lbs to Milwaukee 25.300 lbs that will make as good a division as we can well calculate upon — the glass caps should also be shipped in about same proportion, you can best tell when to send the Batteries & Registers —

We are collecting as fast as we can but in order to collect our future instalments it is necessary to show that we are making expenditures and at work on the whole line

and we must commence at diffrent points, must not I shall have contracts for jobs commenced in this section and start a man out to get release for right of way to line of Michigan and I have promised to have the whole line done this fall— As early as you can send on some hind to this point the better will our collations go on, they are all distrustful and we must show them is no sham about it and the sooner it is completed the better— We shall have all we can do— with a single mind if it is well managed, both if the N.Y. & B. office & Co. allow many more such transactions as the report by the last steamer it will damn all Telegraphs with honest men—

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E. Cornell
July 1. 45

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Mr P. Cornell

Milwaukee July 1. 1847.

My dear Sir

We shall want say 15 Registers and Batteries to operate them as follows, Viz, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Albion, Marshall, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Niles, South Bend, Michigan City, Chicago, Southport, Racine & Milwaukee,

The whole length of the line is say 410 Miles, requiring 135.300 lbs Wire, 12.300 posts, 12.300 glass caps - & supposing the Wire, glass caps, Registers & Batteries will cost about $10.000. The posts & setting say $6000. including sapl. &c for getting right of way. Putting up Wire & fixtures say $2000. — all about $18.000.

Our resources can be safely relied upon as follows.

1st Augt.	$6000.	
1 " Sept	6000.	
1 " Oct	6000.	
1 " Nov	6000.	$24.000. —

The posts, setting &c on the line up to 1st Sept. will require an expenditure of say $8.000. consequently it will not be prudent to calculate on much before the 1st Oct. You ought to purchase the Wire at 4 Mo. which there will be no difficulty in doing. Col. Speed wrote me it would cost) & that is to much, McCormick used to buy No. 9. (which I suppose is the size) at about 6 3/8 ℔ We shall want it shipped as follows, to Detroit 15.000 lbs to Chicago (can of Seely, Lawrence & Co.) 45.000 lbs to Milwaukee, (can of Hanson Street) 25.300 lbs that will make as good a division of it as I can calculate upon. The glass caps, Batteries & Registers, should be distributed in about same proportion —

I am collecting as fast as I can but in order to maintain confidence and make our future collections it is necessary to show our Subscribers that we are making expenditures on the whole line and we must commence at different points, next week I shall have contracts commenced in the Station for poles and the setting and start a man through to Michigan to get releases for right of way &c.

As early as you can make a shipment of Wire to the different places the better as many of our Subs. are distrustful and will not be willing to pay unless they see us doing something — I have promised to have all completed and in successful operation this fall, which we can do if we drive it.

Another such operation as that of the N.Y.&B. Tel. Co. in regard to news by the last steamer ought and will damn any Tel. Co. in this section of country —

Please advise Col. Speed of the contents of this letter if you know where to address him,

Very Truly &c
D. T. Tilton

Rec'd & Ans July 11, 1874

MILWAUKEE
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Mr. Ezra Cornell
Albany
New York.

D. T. Molson
July 1. 47 Estimate
Of Resources

New York, July '47

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27th & 28th came this morning. Wood made his appearance here on Sunday - He gave me a journal which he kept, and had a copy for you: but did not when to send it. The result of the whole story is, that they could do nothing, the fog on Grand Manan made it Egyptian darkness all the time, & each one day, and then he says they could not see a light, with any certainty, for 15 miles - He says he wrote to the other boys to come West; but when to, I do not know - I need no longer letters from the other boys, all looking shabby enough: I took them to Norton, who begins to think his money is safe in the bag of Sunday - I cannot say that I was sorry to see Wood, for I have had great doubts of success, ever since Parks returned, and I do not want to put into the Senate and fail. I shall probably get a resolution through the Chamber of Commerce, disapproving my plans, and from present appearances the money which can be obtained to build the Lighting line. I sent a copy of my letter to the Chamber of Commerce to Sumter, and read his answer to day, he says all O.K.

If we can get the stock taken we might build the line from Leoburgville this way, for 100 or 150 miles first, and use those earnings the balance of the way, and get three or four steamers. That idea must not however get out any as we must play fair in this game, and do nothing that is not strictly fair, and honest.
I received a letter from Kalamazoo yesterday, the co. ct. or that place was promptly paid, Stillson has employed Jas Elliston, and Adkins Keeling, to do our collecting in Michigan at 2 per ct. which is low enough.
Smith says O'Reilly is at Cincinnati but he has not yet heard from him.
I feel as though I was not accomplishing much: but it is indispensable to success, in a big town like this, to make your advances in the right way, as man can be done in one day with a good start, than could otherwise be effected in a Month. On the whole, I think we have no cause for despondency, we can bring it all out right in the end.
I have dispatched Huntington with Johnson in the Cloak trade, and given it all up to him, I think the chances are that we will have as much on our hands

as we can attend to, and if my whole time, and untiring industry can make it go, we will succeed.

Yours truly

J. J. Hanch Jr

P. S.

Have sent home from here to see his Wife. Says you must telegraph him when you want him.

Mr P. Conrad

Burlington

Vermont

Office of the
Montreal Telegraph Co
Montreal July 1. 1847

My Dear Brother

Your letters together with the Contract with Messrs Dickinson were rec'd this morning. The Contract I think will not bear criticising very much, & I am not surprised that they will not sign it. If I mistake not there is no mention of the time in which they are to complete the work.

I think for the small sum of $200 it was not worth asking security of them as I think they are very honorable and I do not think that they care about looking us security although they would have no trouble probably in getting it.

I am quite undecided what course it best to take for the accomplishment of your business, as I go to Canada West early next week to be absent some 4 or 6 weeks probably.

I think I will leave your business
with Mr Gisborne who is to be my
book Keeper and a young man
of very excellent judgment and
luck. I will arrange it I think
so that he will become the right-
of way on this side.

I want to know what Territory
Smith has taken and how much
you and Reed will get.

If you write me written 2 weeks
direct to Kingston after that time
to Montreal. And if you wish to
communicate here upon the subject
of the right-of way address J Gisborne
Telegraph Office Montreal.

Say to Mr Livingston that Mr Batty
has returned and is going to push
his work as rapidly as possible, &
he informs me that Mr McKay is to
be in Montreal early next week
and go down the river

Yours Truly & in haste

E Wood

E Cornell Esqr

Egremont. Mt of Dorset
Mtn. all Marble -

Mrs Hall at Ashmeadow
$3700 about ~~till~~ 1905
about St -
Can see Lansingburg 50
& Lake Champlain 36
Mrs Hall - 2 to Pk Inn

Burr Library Mill
School - 60 Scholars -
all subscription vacations
Pop Village 600 - Methodist
Baptist - Epis Episcopal
Fibre from Dorset Mtn -
Cut here already to last 25
winter only saved 2 ft. Soft
all down here - Cannot
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gave at Hall Factory ft - white
old Colyer here -
Marble all found on Thos
Stoddard's farm, Grit Mtn
Soft -

Oct 1st 1912
Lenox Mass

Erie & Michigan Telegraph

This contract mitnesseth that I Joseph Walter of Milwaukee agree with D Dillaton the Agent of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company to make and deliver at the Road House of Mr Hanson South of Milwaukee six thousand round pins 8½ inches long and 1 inch diameter to be turned out of seasoned white Oak Timber and to be put up in barrels suitable for Shipment and to be delivered by the 20th day of July for which I am to be paid or delivery fifty cents per hundred.

Dated Milwaukee July 1. 1845. Joseph Walter & Co

Boosh Trading
Emile
Quisbaboo

I have this day agreed with Mr S. H. Heath of Ravenna to collect the different instalments due and to become due from the Subscribers to the Stock in the Erie Michigan Telegraph Comp.y in the Village of Ravenna for which I agree to pay him two per cent on the amount so collected by him.

Ravenna July 3. 1847

J. J. Speed by contractor by his Atty D. D. Tilotson and agent for the Directors in said Company.

I hereby agree to do the collecting agreable to above and to hold the money so collected subject to the order of said D. D. Tilotson Atty &c

Ravenna July 3d. 1847.

S. H. Heath

I hereby constitute and appoint Mr S. H. Heath of Ravenna my true and lawful Agent for me and in my name to collect and receive the different instalments as they become due and payable by the articles of Association and agreement of the Subscribers to the Stock in the Erie Michigan Telegraph Company in the Village of Ravenna.

Dated Ravenna July 3. 1847.

J. J. Speed by contractor by his Atty D. D. Tilotson and agent for the Directors in said Company

Mr S. H. Heath

In the

D. S. Dillotson

Agreement

Copy

Rochester July 4th 1847

My Dear Brother

Your letter of June 29 was received in due time but I have not until now brought my mind suffecently to bare on the subject to give you an answer, I find that with my present Salary I Can do no more than support my family under the present prices of provisions, it is necessary to to keep my Children in School which is all attended with Expence, I therefore have made up my mind to try and do something that will pay better if I Can arange the matter with Mr Hayton, he will be up soon as he intends opening an office at Canandagua immediately then I shall mention the matter to him and get released if possible provideing I Can do as well as your Letter Specifys, I Expect Mr Hayton will not like to let me go as Mr Britten who is now in the Shop will go to Canandagua & Mr Berneo will want me the more when he is gone, I do a considerable of the busness when B is out both in sending & receiveng ~~Comms~~ Communications, I want you should write me immediately and let me know what the prospect is & how soon it will be necessary for me to be there if I Can arange so as to Come

There appears to be a considerable trouble brewing on our line what it will amount to I dont know I think Barnes will leave soon as there has been some pretty harsh letters passing between him & Mr F in reference to some things on the line & his health appears to be affected by the Confinement of the office

I shall have to have some money from some source or other if I leave in order to provide things to make my family comfortable while I am absent & like wise to bear my Expences

I shall have to go to Ithaca to arrange some little affairs to do as to save trouble them.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible that I may have time to get matters arranged to leave home, Our family are well as usual as are all our friends at Ithaca as far as I know

Bekay & Join me in respects to you &c

E. B. Cornell

Do E. Cornell

as E B asked me if I did not wish to write a few words in his letter I thought as he has gone out and left it laying on the desk I would improve a few passing moments in adding a few lines I have received one letter from M & since we came here and am anxiously looking for an other it is very gratifying to me to

here from my friends in Ithaca since I can not see them I have been verry homesick since we came here but am becoming some acquainted and more reconciled to my lot I verry much regret that I did not take your advice and stay where we was it would have been money in our pockets I thought it would be better for where C & B could help manage the children but he is not here but little the worst of all is our children cannot go to school the publick schools have all closed here untill fall on account of not having money to support them there is a good select school next door to us but the terms are so high we can not afford to send them there if I was only back to Ithaca I should feel perfectly willing for C & B to come where you are for I think it would be for better for him he is obliged to be out nights a considerable it weares upon him he looks as poor as I ever saw him when he laboured hard at his trade I shall encourage his coming to assist you although I expect to be verry lonely here in a strange place, O how I wish I was at home again, I fear I have allready wered your patience and will close

Even your Sister

B A Cornell

E B Correll
(July 4-61)

PS I hardly know how to get clear from Mr Hayton I dont think he will be willing to let me go & I fear if you say any things to him he will be more obstinet than ever as he and you are not on good terms let me hear from you soon

E B Correll

Marshall July 5th 1847

D. J. Tillotson

Dear Sir

I arrived at Niles the next night after I left you just at dusk I did not make known myself to known until after breakfast the next morning Dana had just started for Detroit so I did not see him I then found Mr Paine he said the Subscription was not filled up but I told him if it was not filled I could do nothing and they must get it filled before I could collect. He was fearfull it could not be done, but I would not consent to pay them buy, he went to work and at 2 Oclock he had got all but 2 Shares, wether went to collecting and collected 135 that night which was all there was in. Jason I left blank receipts with him for the others all but Dana. In the morning got a buggy and went to the bend to breakfast. when I made my self known I found that they were all going to Mishawaka Mr Hendrick was gone Calfax went to the polick cat I found Mr Harper who went with me and collected 145 $ in all every man paid that could be found but Calfax. the Sunday before had made him some promises of some sort and I let him off until next time. at night I left blank receipts with Mr Harper for 10 Shares leaving out Calfax. which if collected will make all at that price I think you will loose one Share at Niles one man has failed I did not see him If you recollect you told me if I could get within two in the Shares to go on and collect and so I did there was no whining in either place about paying but after I had got through and before I came away Mrs Harper told me that if after they had paid Som of them

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though my power not Sufficient and that when I came again I must bring a well Authenticated paper Showing your Authenty to act and that must be acknowledged before Some proper Officer and a Certificate from the Clerk of the County that he is so Authorized to Take Acknowledgments and in fact it must be done as if it was To be recorded in the Clarks office according to the Penn. Rules I find them principally from that State he Says except to is done they will not pay any More Now these are our Duties and they have made up their Minds and they will not be Trunced So You see what must be done or we cannot Collect at South bend Mr Tillotson tell me that he has had five Certificates accompanying one paper for Deeds they wanted up to the Governor If you will here we could make it out I thing to Suit them we have a Commissioner for the State of New York here and then that can testify to Speeds hand writ and that Know your So I think we can make it go and I request to go with out it is of No Use I know the Duties to will to by it I expect Mr Wood here to day to go west I told them when I went he would be as Soon to hunt out the lines and Contract for Rests

I was Absent from home 11½ hours and was on fatigue Ninty odd hours So you See I had but little rest 2 Nights in the Week my expences was $12.90 So Your Sent was much les then we Estimated when will Speed be here when will you come again let me hear from you Soon and tell us what must be done

Yours with respect

William H Collins

Wm R Collins

July 5. 45

Chicago Illinois

D J Wilkerson Esqr

Newport 6 July '47

Dear Sir

Mc, Rea, Thatcher and Buckner are all here, and Brown is expected daily. What shall they do? Thatcher and Mc Rea say that they have rather a dread of Mexico in Mexico, than do nothing here—

I put a resolution before the Convention of Commerce today, unanimously I shall now put my Dist. printing, and go on there, it looks like an up hill business to get 100.000 dist. but perseverance and industry will do much From Livingston's letter to Polk, I conclude that you will not be back before the middle or the last of next week, and I write in order of hearing from you respecting some disposition of the Troops from down East, as they seem to think that you stand good Father to the lot, and will provide Fodder for them.

Smith got a letter from Selma which looks right. A.R. will probably be here now, and I do not anticipate any trouble in getting them all right.

Yours &c

J J Speed Jr

Mc Rea has just called and A.R. come up from supper and is going to Polk's Mansion to sup

Mr Lawes
Office
10 Pearl St
10 A.M.
Thursday

Sec G.D. Harmyt
& Mr Trenton

Albany & Rensselaer
Albert - night Saturday

M. & O. Railroad

Transportation

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JUL 7
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Notice. There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Troy & Canada Junction Railroad Company at the American Hotel Rensington at 2 P.M. on Saturday 18th day of Sept to appoint a trustee and transact such other business as may be for the interest of the Association

E Corning

New Brunswick July 7th 1847

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I inclose you my bill for Lessons in the Month of May & June I Charge You with the money I Paid for Self and the boys — and as You have Credited your with what my board would have Cost me by the week — Except without Tuition I was Counting for You in New York and that to board myself and have not Charge You anything for Room I have Effected Some money Every day and Real Soon I Supposed when You got to Boston You would Exject me Some — Could much Easier Let me have it then I Could do without it — You will Know Every Cent I Made & have Out on that Expedition and that I have no means of Raising any Except as I Earn it — and will have to work a month yet before a Payment will Fall due and I have to earn a little for daily Expens which will leave that Small Sum Over forty or fifty for board and a little borrowed money I am Acquiring to pay and my board must be paid or I Shall have trouble — You will Know all this facts without my Spending time to Explain them —

I Cannot say more

to Convince you of my necessity for more
and shall expect you to forward me the
money by letter at this Place or Enclose
and leave with Gordon at Philad-
Office in New York at once upon the
receipt of this and Ames oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
L. D Park

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NEW-BRUNSWICK N.J.
JUL 8

New-Brunswick July 7th 1847

Wm E. Connell

To S. D. Pain Dr

May	19	To Expenses from New-York to Bunc		
		Peticodiack River.	$23.	84
"	20	" Stage Passage Wood & Self	2.	36
	21	" Passage 8/- Paid Indian 2/-	1.	23-
"	"	" Horse Hire 8/- Passage Wood & Self 8/-	2.	01
"	22	" Bill for Wood & Self at Dorchester	3.	37
"	"	" Horse & Wagon to Bunc	3.	01
"	"	" 2 Dinners 6/- Team 25 Miles - 37/-	4.	75-
"	23	" Bill 2 111/- Team to Sussex Vail 28/-	4.	75-
"	24	" Bill 2 - 1 day 16/- Team Sussex Vail Hampton 28/	5.	75-
"	25	" 2 Dinners 5/- Bill St Johns & Dinn 20/-	3.	13
"	26	" Passage to Rembichi 12/- Matchins 16/-	3.	37
"	"	" Chimpuck 12/- Dinner & Tea 6/-	2.	23-
"	27	" Passage to Bangor 24/- Bill over night & D. 1/	3.	88
"	28	" Bill at Bangor 6/- Passage to Boston 24/	3.	75-
"	"	" Breakfast & Dinn 8/-	1.	00
"	29	" Bill at Boston 12/- Pass N York 40/-	6.	50
"	"	" Dinner 4/- Postage 4d		99
Jun	11	" 45 Days Labour from May 5		
		Inclusive 3 Sundays 111	96.	00
			$168.	14

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May	19	By Cash at times to Date	39.	66
"	"	" " Wood $8. Buckus $7 Brown $3.	18.	00
"	28	" " Wood $2.	2.	00
Jun	14	" " Ins New York	5.	00
			$64.	66
"	"	" 3 Mult 25 Boul 24/-	9.	00
			$73.	66
		Ons	$94.	48