Office of the
Montreal Telegraph Co
Montreal 8 July 1847

Dear Brother The Messrs Dickinsons' have
Concluded not to sign the Contract as
it is and I shall be obliged to start
for C.W. at 11 this A.m. I will see
Backus if possible on my way up but
should he be out upon the line I
shall be obliged to write & leave a
line for him.

I shall probably be absent
some 3 weeks as I intend to have the
line in operation between Toronto &
Prescott before I return.

If you have
anything to say to me please send
it to Montreal Care Fredk St Gilborne
Telegraph Office & he will forward it.

I do not regret getting away from
here as there is a fearful Contagion
raging here among the Emigrants
and many of the Citizens now have
the Typhus Fever. It is very prevalent
also in Quebec but with Care I
think perhaps that you might go
through without much exposure to it.

Should you conclude to come here
keep upon the upper deck as much
as possible and not visit the emigrants
den of filth. I have been but once to
visit the sheds and shall not go again
Very soon. Between 30 & 40 now die daily
at the sheds between the river & canal.
Mr Gisborne will prepare a petition
for the Gov. General of Canada for the
right of way over the Common roads
and also one for the British Govern
ment (which must be a very formal doc
ument for the right of way upon St. Helens
Island) and if he succeeds you must
make him a present when he gets
through. It will go out by the next
steamer. Gisborne is a nephew of the
Gisborne ~~in~~ the leader in the British
House of Commons and I wish you
to see him if you come here while
I am absent. He is a fine fellow
and one of the Co. that helped to
row the boat to the Island when
you and Mr Wells were here.

If he can serve you in any way
he will do it with great pleasure.

I do not think it best to go
upon the Saguenay R. Road as it is
all filled in for at least 6 months
of the year. I think it much better
to keep in the highway.

The plank road is also entirely off the Course I believe.

I have just heard from home all are as well as usual, and you can tell them that I am going to a healthier climate. I am very well but have been threatened with another Billious attack, dizzy headed &c. but I shall escape it I think.

Excuse this hurried letter as I have to make some farther preparations before leaving. I have been waiting since Monday for Mr McKay but he does not arrive.

If you write to me within a week direct to Kingston.

The weather is and has been for the last 2 weeks exceedingly hot here. Farewell

From Your affect brother

O. Wood

E Cornell Esq

Troy N.Y.

The estimate for the Troy line is an admirable document

Rec'd Lachine
July 11th 1847

D S Wood
July 8th 1847

Edmonds Esqr
Assistant Commissary
Gen'l

MONTREAL
JY 8
1847
L.C.

July 10th /47. Montreal.

E. Ornell Esq.r,

Sir.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Wood, I made the requisite Enquiries at Government House Concerning the right of road, and passage across St Helens Island for your Company's Telegraph Line, and was instructed to draw out a petition for the same, which I did accordingly. — On presenting it, however, I received for answer that it was requisite to present <u>two</u> <u>distinct</u> Petitions, one addressed to the Governor General praying for the right of Road, and the other to the Military Authorities praying permission to Cross St Helens, that place being under the jurisdiction of the <u>Home</u> <u>Department</u>, consequently it will be at least two months before you Can get an answer. And I rather question whether it will prove

A satisfactory one. With regard to the right of passage on the St. Johns rail road you will do well to consider before you request permission from the Company, that they do not profess to keep the road open in winter, & in the event of your line breaking, you would have 5 or 6 ft of snow between each post to struggle through: however, if you wish it, there will be no difficulty in procuring permission.

As soon as I have a leisure hour or two I will draw out your petitions and present them to the proper authorities, & if you have any further Commands I will write me a line directed to the Montreal Telegraph Co'y & marked Private, I shall be happy to render you every assistance in my power. Since Mr. Wood left on Thursday last I have been very busy, & must now hastily conclude with my best wishes,

I Beg to remain,

Your Very Obed. Servt.

F. N. Gisborne.

P.S. Recollect that all letters addressed to Mr. W. as Secy. during his absence are opened by the Directors here. F.N.G.

F. N. Gisborne
10 July 1847

New York July 11– 1847

My dear Sir

Yours of the 6th this morning– and appreciate all you say– I will go on as soon as I can do so and have it in my power to satisfy all that the line from Buffalo to Lockport is going on, as well as ours– When I came here, I determined to have the O. R. matter settled before I went West– The settlement between the Patentees, and the division of the Territory gives Smith the control of that matter. We have heard nothing from O. R. directly; but Smith met a letter from Seldon of Rochester, which looks right, O. R. is expected here in a few days, and Seldon is at Albany– Smith is here– so that in all probability we will be able to get the gentlemen together this week, and I hope put you in possession of a letter from O. R., relinquishing all claim to the Lake route, and an assurance from Livingston & Wells that the work shall go on as rapidly as possible– We have made an arrangement for our iron from England half is to be delivered in Sept, and the balance in October– If we have to

wait for any thing, it will be the worse as it is impossible to get it made here in season. I think we can save something on the price, by importing it— Smith would not agree for me to leave until we get the OR matter closed, and in the mean time you will see by the papers that I am making some noise about a Tel. to Calipaya— I have not put on action sub as yet, and have not asked a man to do so: I just for ready last night to begin, I should make a great effort this week: but have no great confidence in doing much— The principle object is, to offer it to the public, and if they do not take the stock, to sell to private speculators, which Smith can do, and probably will do, if I fail in getting stock in a public way— as I probably will— Cornell and Livingston have put all their stock taken on the Troy and Canada line, I believe at any rate a large share of it— It would be useless for me to go West, and leave the Buffalo and Detroit Just as the line is in its present shape— That must be attended, or our Sub will have cause to complain

So the best you can to make all quiet,
and I will go and see you as soon
as I can get things in the proper shape
here —

Yours truly

J. J. Spence Jr

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S. F. Spencer Jr
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Dr Brun — 1.200
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Albany July 11, 1824

My Dear Alonzo

Your excellent letter of 25th June was rec'd this morning it did not get along in time for me to get it before I went north, It was written the day I left Albany for Vermont,

I have this morning returned from Vermont having made a tour through the entire length of Vermont between the Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains, Soliciting subscriptions of stock for the Troy & Canada Junction Railway, and have met as much success as I could hope for, I have had a Publick meeting, and addressed the people on the subject in 9 different villages, and I feel assured that I have converted the unbelieving to the true Magnetic faith, I have no doubt that every dollar of the Stock will be taken the present week, it being left in the hands of Committees at each place were he had a meeting, Burlington has up to the last advices I rec'd from them taken $15,000 of the Stock, which is more than their proportion but they will go still higher,

I also get good accounts from Michigan the work is going on well there, and every things looks prosperous,

you enquire about the "Eastern Operations" for information on that Subject. I must turn you over to Uncle M. L.

I Shall go to N.Y this coming, and probably remain there but one day, then return and go to Ithaca. If nothing prevents this arrangement I shall try to be in Ithaca on Wednesday morning next, When I Shall be glad to See You and all the rest of Snyders.

I Shall not have time to write to Uncle M. L. If you See him tell him I shall want his Services Soon and to be ready to leave Ithaca with me, I shall be at I a couple of days

I rec'd a letter from from A. S. he is well, and has left Montreal for upper Canada and will be absent about 3 weeks. his letter was dated July 8.

Otis Says his is well, Johnathan I have not heard from this morning, in fact I forgot him and did not enquire for him, where at Troy and by the time I got down to this Offis they had shut up for P.M.

I have no time to write more at present,

With Affectionate Regard

E Cornell

A. B. C

J E Cornell
July 11 - 1851

Albany

Telegraph Line
Financing

Albany July 11. 1847

My Dear Sir

I have just returned from a tour through Western Vermont when I have been the last two weeks, getting the Stock for the Troy & Canada Junction line, I have had good success, and doubt not that every dollar will be subscribed $41.000, before this work is out, My plan was to call a meeting and give them a talk in explanation of the project, I have had meetings in 9 villages and talked to each from 2 to 2½ hours in which time I could convert them to the true Mosaitic faith, a Committee was appointed at each meeting to take the subject in hand, with Judges that the aid asked for should be taken, Burlington has already taken $13.000 which is 4 thousand more that we asked them to take,

I mention the above for the benefit of our tardy friends at the East,

Your favours of the 29th June and July 1st was rec'd this morning, and I am glad that you are progressing so well, I shall go to N.Y. to night and shall Contract for the work immediately, and will have the oysters &c &c coming before the work is East,

Your Estimates are at fault. The iron Flasks Cops. Risgisers & Rattery will Cost over $13,000 instead of $10,000. The poles & Setting I hope can be got at your estimate but I fear not,

The estimate for putting up wire may be nearer the mark,

Wire of a quality suitable for our use cannot be got for less than 7 and I fear not for that. The Common wire such as your Newton can be got at much less prices,

The forwarding Material. I will direct as you Suggest,

I shall go to NY this evening, and will see Col S then and talk with him about going out West,

The Letter Containing the gift you name in yours of the 29 June has not been rec'd it may be at Ithaca or NY I will look it up,

The "Operation" you Speak of on the Buffalo line is all right when understood, the facts are that the Buffalo line has not facilities enough for the business offered, and will not be able to do the business of our Western line a fact that I have long foreseen, and have been preparing but as the time has not come yet to break ground I have kept Shady, at present you may Say to the Western folks that facilities will be increased

sufficiently to do all the business of their lines promptly, and such will be the case although the Buffalo Co may not be the parties furnishing it, but the arrangement will be a favorable one for the Erie & Michigan Co. You probably have seen the explanations of Mr Carter Operator in the N.Y. Office on the subject, it was published in the Journal of Commerce,

All will be right as far as our line is concerned, and a way of getting to N.Y. that has not been dreamed of by some of the powers that be,

I will write you again in a few days, after I have had time to pick up any letters from the different points,

Yours Truly

E. Corrill

D. F. Tillotson Esq

E. Cornell

Albany July 11. 47

Rec'd 20th

Office of the British North American
Electric Telegraph Association
Dunbar 12th July 1847.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 29th June, from Burlington, has duly reached.

In reply I beg to state that the Directors are willing to leave the proposal requested from you for the crossing of the St Lawrence open until your arrival here, or that of your representative, when the information you express yourself to be in need of can be more satisfactorily obtained. The early completion of this portion of the work is, however, much desired.

As regards the cars, the Directors have decided upon taking the old ones. They have also fixed upon five feet as the depth for the posts.

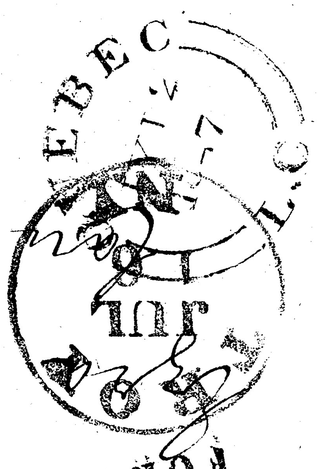
Mr Dickenson has not yet reached Dunbar. Your request to supply him with an extract from the contract shall be complied with.

The Directors are pleased with your arrangement to procure an improved description of iron-work.

I remain, Dear Sir
Your faithful Servt
J. F. Smith
Secretary

Ezra Cornell Esqr
Troy. N.Y.

Wm Kimber
12 July 47



Rochester July 13 1869

My Dear Brother

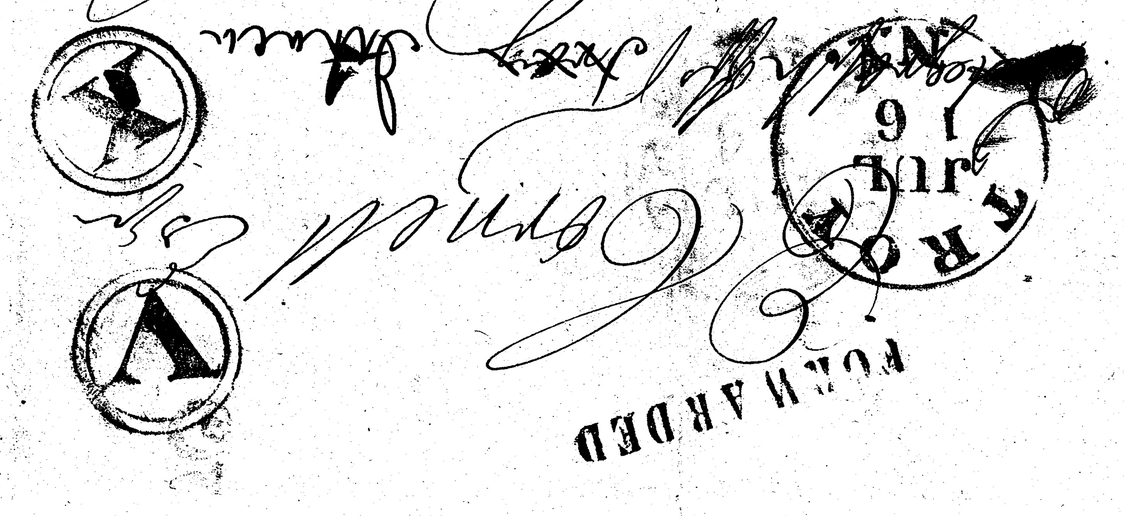
Your letter was received in due time glad to hear from you I have been down to Canandaigua to open an Office in that place C. C. Butler of Utica have Charge of the Station since he left here I have had a letter Chance at the instrument I write Considerable on the line Mr Easton has been up this week but I did not say any thing to him about leaving as I had not heard from you, I understand he got into hot water with the Bur. folks while there, there has been demands of many Hundred dollars from the Company for mistakes ~~Blunders~~ in the Bur. Office, we have not heard the particulars But it is thought that Barnum will have to leave

In reference to Money I shall want about 50 dollars as there are some small debts I must pay in Ithaca before I go East if I go at all, I have just rec'd a letter from Ithaca dunning me for money, I should like to know as soon as possible whether I go with you or not for I shall want some time to get ready &c

Yours respectfully J. C. Cornell

Dr C. Cornell Esq

E Bonnell
13 July 1827



East Machias July 13 1847

Dear Cornell

It is over a fortnight since I wrote you stating the amount of my available funds & how I was situated. not hearing from you or any of the rest I came to the conclusion my letter must have miscarried. or you was in canada. by writing me & directing my future course you will relieve me from a rather an awkward situation. Your will is my pleasure.

With Great Respect F. A. Brown

N. B. dont forget to enclose the needful.

To Ezra Cornell Esqr. Yours F. A. Brown,

F. A. Brown
13 July 1847

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Poughkeepsie July 15th 1847

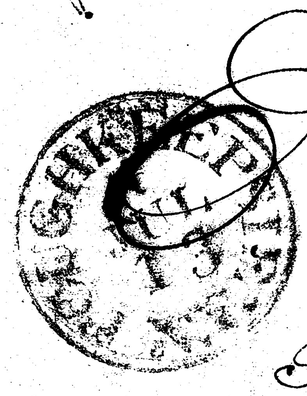
Mr Connell

Dear Sir, as I did not have an opportunity to speak with you, when here I embrace this opportunity to address you. I am here on expense, for somebody to pay, with but little money, I should like very much to know whether you have any thing for me to do whether you intend to employ me during the remainder of the summer or not, that I may know what to depend upon and how to shape my course. I am now in the telegraph office, think of remaining until I learn to operate. I am getting along very well can write the alphabet quite readily, at present I am pleasantly situated. very agreeable associates, will you please write me a line and much oblige your Obd't Serv't

John D Thatcher

P.S. The boys send their respects. If you see any of my folks tell them I am well

paid.



Ezra Cornell Esq.
Ithaca
Tompkins Co. N. York

Ezra Cornell
July 13. 1857

Albany, July 14. 1847

My Dear Sir

I have just arrived from N.Y. where I have spent the last two days and over. I found I had too much engagement & important enterprises to leave for the present, I have therefore decided to make you a visit in his stead and hope I shall be of service enough to pay the expense of the journey and the loss of time in my northern and eastern Operations.

I go on with the Cars this morning and stop a few days at Ithaca to get the Registers, Maynes & Co &c arrangements. I hope to leave Ithaca by Saturday or Tuesday next, 17th or 20th

We have given the wire the attention necessary, a portion of it will be manufactured here and a portion we shall have to import to get it in time, the order will go out by the Steamer of the 16th

Livingston & Wells are going ahead with their section of the line, having got matters fixed in relation to the

O'Reilly affair. A rumition of the
O'R affair however you will keep out
of the papers for the present, let that
come from this way.

Speed and myself has the entire
Agency of the patentee interest of Morse's
patent in the Eastern States as you will
See below.

"Telegraph Notice

All persons in the states of Ohio, Indiana
Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin, are hereby
notified that Ezra Cornell & John Jones
Speed Jr Esqrs, have been constituted the
Sole Agents of in the above States of the pro-
prietory interest of Morses letters Patent of
the Magnetic Telegraph, and all applica-
tions for rights within said States, under
Morses patent should be made to them, at
Such place as they shall designate, un-
till further notice;

Francis. O. J. Smith
for the Proprietors "

July 13. 1847.

Applications for rights in the above named
States or information relating to the Telegraph
made to either of the undersigned by
letter at Ithaca, Tompkins Co N.Y, will
~~Attempt to procure~~ attended to,

E. Cornell
J. J. Speed Jr

the above is a copy of a notice we
want inserted in one of the Chicago
papers, you will please get it done
on as good terms as you can, the
Detroit papers I will attend to as I
go through.

I want you to meet me at Chi
cago or East of there, I will look for
letters at Detroit and other places to
inform me where to find you.

Yours Respectfully

E. Correll

D. T. Tillotson Esq

East Machias July 14. 1847

Dear Cornell.

More than a fortnight has past since I wrote you stating my situation & the amount of funds not hearing from you I came to conclusion that the letters either miscarried or you was out of the state, "Via" in Canada, by dropping me a line, at the same time enclosing the needful informing what course you wish me to persue you will releive me from anything but a pleasant situation, With high Regard

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

July 6th F. A. Brown
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Atlanta Ga
Mrs. Bonnie Gray

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Burlington Feb. 15. 1847

E. Fassett Esq

Dear Sir

Since I wrote you
last I have obtained additional subscrip-
tions as follows.

H. G. T. Sheldon	1 share
Capt. L. Follett	1
T. D. Chapman	1
L. M. Hagan	2
N. Lyon	5
F. Lovely	3
Thos. F. Peck	2
M. Platt	2
O. Pitkin	1
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So that our subscription here amounts to
$3700 & I confidently expect more remain to be
heard from; even of those who reside about the vil-
lage — Should this your encouragement there
no reason to doubt that the subscription may run
to $16000 or $17000 in this immediate vi-
cinity — at least, from a fortune elsewhere

Parliament here should prove needful to
future success. I learn from Mr Peck. 3
today that the business was already done
up to Hallows to about the amount taxed
for there; but how far his information
was exact I do not know. —

It has been said by several persons
that a line from Porter to Lowell has
been discontinued - as is inferred from
county business - from which also doubtless
finds grounds for fear about this cut. Whether
the fact be so or not about a [illegible] of some
time I do not know - even if [illegible]; &
me of so most, it would have no very weighty
bearing on their enterprise. etc, as tends
to remove all reasonable doubts of the
I can, I am happy to inform me
what you know of the circumstances to ...
The enterprise on which you are engaged
loses none of its importance in the opinion of
citizens: but is thought more & more of from

day to day. I shall be glad to hear from you & from as convenient, how matters get forward. I shall try & see Mr Rice tomorrow evening on board of the boat - I learn he went north Castlereagh. —

Yr respectfully yours

Geo. N. Baldwin

Rain July 10/69

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th was duly Rec'd & will be happy to comply to your request & Learn Lucius for this Line - I can get Keelan (Pilot) - or other Lucius - White Keelan will Learn more but will be more Lasting & be better in the Ends - I want to go on Monday next to Little Island & stake the stakes when am pattern to Stand & have them delivered on the Spot to Learn Lucius Starting I wish you to Learn & Go to Little Island with me & then go to Chicago & make up your mind, when the Line will Learn in to Chicago - I want up to Bridgeport & since it Lies Southern South then I Expected I think you will be disappointed on the Load that Bridgeport Lays from Chicago - I think you may alter your Minds as to the route this side of Chicago, the roads East of the Road that we traveled by the Brick House Before we took Brooks is two miles Shorter & I think as much Hauling as the Road we have I can go to Little Island with you any time you wish to Learn up if not convenient for you to with

until Mondays - I think if you
wish it - a postage the Tuesday and the
Grounds next week & in three weeks
from it all decided on the Race
& in four hours it all set Ready
for the win - a little cork
will be made when they commence
delivery Tickets - Let me know
how you come rules you can
coming down your help

S. V. Lillatan Esq. Town Secretary

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Rev. D. J. Lillotsain
Milwaukee
W. T.

East Machias July 15. 1847

Dear Cornell

Your Kind letter of the 8th came to hand last night, and right glad was I to hear from your honor I hope your tour to the North may prove both healthy & profitable. the Eastern one may be healthy enough but in my humble estimation it will prove anything but profitable at least so far it has. as regards funds $30 I think will just see through right.

I pay an extravagant price for the commonest Kind of board. say 75 cts per day. there is no help for me. I must bear it with as much grace as possible. to make a fuss would not better my case. they think it a great favor to keep a person at this price This is the only Public House in the Burgh I shall feel delighted when I leave here. being idle so long I am afraid I will get the gout if I dont go at some Kind of work in a short time. excuse this scrawl

To Ezra Cornell Esq. Yours Truly F. A. Brown

New York July 15 '47

Dear Sir

I have just learnt from Burritt that our Friend Munger is dead, which I much regret. He had many good qualities, and a strong heart. This will make it necessary to find some one else to build our Registers. Chubbuck probably has as much on hand as he can do. If he can make them I think he will make as good an instrument as any I have seen but of that you can best [illegible] to judge. Boyer, who built the Trinity Church Clock, is anxious to make some Registers: but he has never made any, and might not do as well at first, altho I think he is a good workman You must write me fully before you leave I have not heard from Smith respecting the wires. Have done nothing further in getting stocks. I am to have one

an answer from Stinson to any, what he will give me - He said he thought he would, and that we could get the Stock: but he had so much on hand that he would not consent to do so Yesterday: but would see me again to day - Livingston & Wells went down to abandon their bargain with Stinson & the Buffalo. I tell them I shall first satisfy myself that I cannot succeed, before I am willing to admit that nothing can be done. I talked to a number of Merchants yesterday, and they were all favourably disposed, and I think can be induced to take some Stock - When I see them and say that the Stock cannot be got here, I know to be tolerably certain that we can get their next try. Clark went to see him yesterday but he was out of Town.

If Livingston & Wells will join us one half the subscription on their Buffalo line, then we will better take it's I mean that they will not go ahead, so as to complete it this

fall

Could I only get the stock taken in a month a few weeks and make annual thousand dollars out of it. That is to say, if I find that I <u>cannot</u> succeed here, which I will find out in a few days—

Yours truly

J. H. Gresham

I have seen Clark, who says his mind Vose has returned. That he has taken with him, and that his wife takes board, and helps get up the stock. I am to meet Vose this afternoon at 4 Oclk. It is a mighty tedious business to get started, and I may fail altogether: but it shall not be for want of persistent efforts on my part.

I have been to help a Poor Woman in
to day to be about mine but cannot
Join any. Telegraphic Smith last night
about Missouris and Norris to be but
have not heard from him

Do not make much headway in the
Antifast matter Stitts also come
to town to day as he promised. Vote
it to see his Journal and let me know
what the are undertake to help me
tomorrow — Grinnell Minutes to appoint

to subscribe — I shall try them see before
I pay it ch but the chances bad
Yours —

Appleton
15 Jul 47

St Boat Superior July 16th 1873

D. S. Potter

Sir I have just left Chicago on my
way East I left My Collections with my Partner
Mr Bowes, I have Collected any on the
Second Instalment as soon as I receive a letter
disheartened I thought it best to leave a few
days, you have Letter Writ to Mr Bowes
a letter to show the Stockholders how far
the work has advanced & think then they
will all pay up willingly I shall this
to Chicago thinking you needed get it quicker
than at Milwaukee
Please Please this Receipt as this Boat
goes very much

Yours in Haste
E H Boyd

O. H. Noyes
Jan 16 1847

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Chicago
Ill

D J Tillotson

Marshall July 16th 1847

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6th was rec'd in due course of Mail the 2 last of the 10th was rec'd yesterday with the accompanying papers. You say you will compleat all the Contracts from Michigan City to Milwaukie in the course of this week. You do not say when you will be here when will Gal Speed be along he must shew himself along the line and then I think it will go off better. I have not seen Mr Wood since or was at his House I told the People west that he would be along in the course of this week but I do not learn that any thing has been done west of here. I fear that ~~nothing~~ nothing has been done nor will be until after harvest if so it will put a damper on going west. they are very fearfull at the Bend that they will be run by. I Suppose that Colfax told you Something about it. I rec'd a letter from Mr Wood of the 13th dated at Homer he Says I have compleated all the Contracts for posts from here to Detroit but Says nothing about going west. I think I will drop him a line by tomorrow Mail Mr Tillotson leaves for Ithaca on Monday morning he will be gone 4 or 5 weeks So I Shall have it all to do the next time you do not Say any thing about collecting but I Suppose you do or will want Money and I think I Shall start East next week to See what I can do. Mr T. has been collecting in this place they have not all paid up yet but I hope they will before he leaves If I go East Collecting I Shall be gone all the week and if you come you must not go until I See you

write often and let me know how you progress for I shall want to give all the information I can to all who may enquire when I return from Collecting I shall want to See or hear from You if you are not sure I must have a letter had You not better write to Mr Wood Your self I do want him to go west

Yours with Respect

William H Collins

CHICAGO Ill. JUN 19

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Danl. S. Tillotson Esq

~~Chicago~~

~~Ill~~

Milwaukee
W.T.

Wm B. Ogden
July 16 '47
Ansd 30th

Ithaca July 15th 1847

My Dear Sir

Your very kind favor of 10th inst reached me here yesterday

I feel myself under great obligations to you for the interest you have taken in presenting the subject of right of road &C to your government and hope your petitions will be favorably received and answered

Your views in reference to the St Johns R R are correct. It will not answer to build on the line of that road if it is not worked during the suspension of navigation The Plank road or other high way must be followed

I wish you would follow the subject up and give it what attention is necessary either individually or in connexion with Mr Wood as Circumstances may render proper and I will compensate you for your trouble and be very much obliged

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. Cornell

F. A. Gisborne Esqr

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Messrs J. Burritt & Son Utica Aug 18. 1845

Gentn

I wish you to manufacture for me thirty Registers and thirty Magnetts, for Morse's Telegraph, to be completed by the 1st Nov. next, to be equal in Style and quality to those manufactured by Mr Chamberlain of Utica, at this time, and for which I will pay you thirty dolls each for the Registers and ten dolls each for the Magnetts, all complete, paint or bronzing. The Registers complete includes the Weights, the Key and Paper Roll & Stand. If you think you cannot get them all completed by the 1st Nov. you will please give me Notice by the 15th Sept. what number you can do, that I can order the balance from other sources

Yrs E. Cornell

Homer July 18th 1847

Dear Sir.

I have not seen or heard from any one upon the subject of Telegraph since you were here untill last evening I received a letter from Capt. Collins He informed me that he had been west and had told the people that I would be amongst them shortly and says I must go before he attemps to collect any more money that way. I have been labouring diligently on the East end of the line to get it started and make some demonstrations of progress. I have got the contracts for poles all filled and several of them completed so that I have paid them and taken their receipts and given up their contracts. I have let the job for setting the poles from Detroit to Jackson to Messrs Wade & Baily of Jackson. I have been with them at the prison getting up tools for setting the poles and have forwarded a lot of pins so they will commence rearing them tomorrow. They will set about five mile near Jackson and find out what they must have in the line of tools and then they will go near Detroit and work this way I have also let the job from Jackson to Marshall to H. D. Robertson of Albion. I brought a lot of tools to him from the prison as I could get them there much cheaper than any other place I sent Mr Hotchkiss on west to complete the contracts as far as Niles. He went over the ground but did not get any ~~any~~ contracts west of Kalamazoo. We shall have to leave the line of R. R. there and go over the high way

for the present. I am told there is considerable timber along the line which will bi necessary to remove and I intend to look to this part of the rout and get something doing there soom, The people east of here feel in good spirits and are making some noise in refference to the progress of the work. At all the places whiare I stop they declare themselves ready to pray in the stock as fast as we want to use it for materials and labour. I called on Mr Howard to get the subscription book but he says it is not there. and thinks it never was left there When I called at the office of Mr Brooks to get a pass for Collins he was gone west and I refered the subject to Mr Howard and he very promptly declined making any such request on the ground that the R. R. Co. could have no connection with individuals in the employ of the Telegraph Company at a stipulated sum aside from the building and repairing agent Mr Collins says he received a letter from you dated the 6th inst in which you expressed your opinion that Col. Spieed would be here in two or three weeks and that you would have the contracts finished up for poles in a week or two from Michigan City to the terminus This sounds like going ahead and I shall see to the contracts this way. I begin to scatter the money prety freely and as the poles are delivered and set up I shall have to continue to do so as the work progreses. I think there will be no difficulty in collecting the stock this way the papers in the different villages along

the line I see takes favourable notice of our opperations which serves to keep the stock holders advised that they are not paying out their money for nought. Capt. C, thinks he will commence collecting east of here this week and if he has good success we shall go forward with the work on this end of the line as fast as we can urge it on I wrote a letter to Connell some three weeks since and directed to Boston but have received no answer. I understand from the notices in the papers which I receive occasionally that he is opperating in Vermont and was at Burlington about the first July. There has been no stock subscribed at Albion yet though there appears to be an anxiety to have an office there. I must see Capt. Collins and get the names of the stockholder at Niles & South Bend and give them a chance to get poles if they had rather get them than pay the money I wish you could manage to meet me at Michigan City when I get out there If nothing happens more than I can see now I shall be there on the 3. day of August. I want to see you much and If Col. Speed comes try to have him come there too. I shall need the counsell and advice of all who are immediately interested in the progress of the work. I fear that some of the contracts may fail down west where Hotchkiss has been. He received a letter from one man last night stating that he could not fulfill unless he could have $5. per hundred more. I shall endeavour to look after them close, Please write me on the receipt of this and direct to Albion as I shall be there often Respectfully Yours M. B. Wood

N B Wood

Early 15. 45

Mr. Mr. Gibbon

Chicago

Ill.

New York 20 July 1847

Dear Sir

I received your of the 19th this morning. I like the idea of having a stock at Ithaca that we can control, and when we can have as many depôts made as we may want, but I am fearful that Hanchett has not stability enough to manage it. I hope I may be mistaken as I like Bill, and would be glad to see him doing well

I received Newark Ad dispatches from Smith but did not get his consent to your putting in Wisconsin until this morning, he evidently overlooked it— He says he will write to me fully about Western Operations today, Smith May had an offer for the route from St Louis to Chicago of $62 per mile— Ames offered it at $75 per mile Cash— referred the man to me, but I have not seen him— I do not like the idea of selling those lines for cash, as in that case I do not see how it is to bring a large profit to our Mill— When I get Smiths letter I will write you again on that subject— I have been to many very Handsome Stores in this City, and I cannot make any Satisfactory arrangement about mine— Phelps Dodge & Co have

the wire out, that Lodge spoke to us about, and it is good wire, but in short lengths, some of the bundles having three kinds and weighing only 10½ lbs. Lodge is gone out of town, and Phillips says that they can get it such time as I can for 6½ ₵ Ramp in Broad Street where by we can carry offers to import any quantity of Telegraph wire 1/3 of mile, long. Each piece, but asks 7½ ₵ prt. Smith has made the enquiry at Brooks, and say that they will have Bulk wire out in two months, and can then make for us; but they refuse to name the price. Smith thinks I had better wait, and run our chance for getting it when we want it. Wally says that this manufactory will be able to get out all they like want, and be thirty down for us. On the whole I should not order any from abroad, unless I can get a good article for about 6 ₵, I like make some further enquiry before I have done in relation to Halifax. I conclude that I would not attempt to dictate to the owners. Now they shall use the line when built; but leave that matter to them, to manage as they choose. I have seen two Gentlemen, who are making an effort to get the required amount

and will find out in a day or two
what can be done. They came to have
a meeting with their associates last evening,
and I am to see them again this afternoon,
and if I have time will add a P.S. before
the boat leaves

Yours truly

J. J. Thrasher

The principal man in the Halifax Mission had to go to Poughkeepsie Yesterday and has not returned. It takes a long time to do nothing here and is so unusual here that I am inclined to go to Norwich and see Palmer a day or two while the Halifax truth arrange matters among themselves. I am sick of spinning about I can make it work, and get the money to build the line; but may spend several weeks more here and do nothing in the end.

Wells left unfortunately to me, and I made no arrangement with him — He wanted me to go to Buffalo next week and aid him in getting that stock. I told him I would let him know whether I could do so some time this week: but I am not disposed to go and work for him by the day as I think I can get better employment Elsewhere.

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J Klumham
July 20th 1849

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Poughkeepsie, July 30th 1847— 5 *o'clock,* 9 *min.* P *M.*

Via Telegraph *from* Poughkeepsie

To Mr. Alonzo B Cornell

My Dear Nephew It was with no small degree of pleasure that I rec'd a letter from you a few weeks ago & which I have been so negligent in answering. for which I have no other apology than strong presure of business in preparing myself for a lightning Office Your very kind father has been looking out for me and a pretty good chance is now ahead When I shall be able to compensate him for such friendly regard is unknown to me, but hope I shall remember it long in futurity. You & I should take lessons from such measures & motives that we may be profited ourselves by & by. by the inculcated principle of "doing good unto others" in time of need When are you living now, at your grandfathers

and hard at work in the hay-field? if so I am glad of it & hope you will learn to mak a good mower. yes mak a first-rate farmer & then you will be a man any how afterwhich you can mak anything of yourself you please A good liberal education however is necessary. yes very highly necessary to mak up the acquirement. ~~an accomplishment~~ & all the time in your forming operations you should not fail to select some good book & make it your study until it is completed Thus you will, when you have spun your thread, have spend yourself for an endless eternity. I am exceeding glad to see you making yourself a correspondent with a portion of the literary world & in so doing will by close scrutinizing & observation, soon learn to compose in an easy & affable style, and make ready & precise expressions of thought, with few words. I am very glad you opened a correspondence with me. tho I am not the one to teach, but be taught I have not been very prompt this time but you will try to excuse me for the reasons which I have given Tonight we expect Otis home on his way home & today I D Thatcher rec'd a letter from your father in which he stated that he expected to start for Michigan today & my Dear Wife I hope has gone with him as far as Avon Spa. that her health may in some measure be improved Wednesday morn. Otis is here. Is well, feels cheerful. with the anticipation of good visits among his friends Hope he will. Give my love to your mother. Elizabeth. Frank & Perry too. ask him if he would like to see his Jonathan? I hope your mother has gone to Niel with your father. that she may enjoy the society of him a little while Good bye. write me again I Dunham

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