Poukeepsie July 21st 1847

Mr Cornell

My Dear Sir — Mr Thatcher has just shown me a letter which ~~which~~ he has just recd from you. I do not know but I am taking a step that is out of place by writing to you at this time — But owing to the impression which I have recd from one item of your letter, I cannot refrain from so doing It is as follows — "The business Last failed, through bad management on the part of you, all" —

I cannot easily express my feelings as this sentence fell upon my Ear I did not feel inclined to dispute what you had asserted, yet still I was led to wonder how or in what way any mismanagement could have caused a failure of the business. I was simply used as a tool in the hands of the leaders of the Concern and as my directions were given me so I went) & if there was a time when I failed to carry out the plan it was in consequence of a previous violation by some one else

At all events I have tried to the utmost to follow your directions ever since the first time I held any Conversation with you on the subject

As was well understood Mr. M. L. Woods was placed at the head of the business & I of course could not do otherwise than follow his directions & orders as I rec'd them from him — I am well aware that there was a great amount of money expended by all of us & I can see now where a great deal was spent in a degree needlessly and it is needless for me to mention to you that I had no Charge of the financial matters whatever; you know that as well as I do — On this subject therefore I can only add that I am exceedingly sorry that the enterprise failed & still more so that I should have been instrumental in the cause of that failure & were it in my power at this present time or rather were it in my pocket, you should not loose a single cent of what I have expended either on board or travelling fees but as it is I can do no more than what was the first understanding & that was (if the enterprise failed, to Charge you nothing for anything

I find upon looking over my acct that up to this date I am $15.54 in your debt & owe for my weeks board here. I have not my dollar in pocket — Dunham does not know how soon he may have to start for Montreal, Consequently does not think it expedient to divide the funds you sent from St. C. or rather left at the dock in this place, yet still I think we shall get along in some way for the present. Although our Host is very anxious that we should pay up at the end of each week —

I mean to spare no pains in becoming well acquainted with the business of Telegraphing & hope that I may be so fortunate as to get employment in this kind of business by which means I trust I shall soon be able to refund in full all money which you are so kind as to advance to me in my present situation & Circumstances

My Circumstances are no doubt different from what you may have supposed & it is to you that I make mention of them as being ever Confidential

I have no friends or rather relatives

in this state except a Brother in Ithaca who, like myself has been obliged to come up in the world without having seed. a father Council or a Mothers Care, yet by perseverence & industry we have both been able to obtain a limited Education & this is all that either of us can boast of, by it with Mr. Pew as a teacher & is no doubt in permanent business. And I shall ever feel myself under the greatest obligations to you if through your means I can obtain a permanent location in the this business of Telegraphing; I will be satisfied with what might be considered a reasonable salary which in an Office on the Contemplated line between Troy & Montreal will no doubt vary from four to five hundred dollars a year but I leave that part of it for yourself to manage & direct I am "yours & at your disposal"

Shall I hear from you on your receipt of this? And if you have time to throw out some useful hints by way of instruction in this business they will be gladly received by me

Mr. C. McRea
21 Jefferson

Your Obt. Servant

W. C. McRea

E. Cornell Esq

P.S. I write this early so as to embrace the opportunity of sending by Mr. Gifford

New York 23 July 1847

Dear Sir

I have a letter from Smith today ~~a letter~~ which reads thus - "Mr Case has arrived and brings nothing satisfactory from O.B. nor do I hear any thing from him - Now this I want stand any longer - I want you and Cornell to advertise at once in the Pittsburg Cincinnati Columbus Springfield St Louis & Chicago papers, substantially as follows. That you have been appointed sole agents for the disposal of the right to Morses Patent on the following routes -

From St Louis to Chicago

St Louis to Springfield Ohio Via Indiana and thence to Columbus & Sandusky (or any such point you may prefer)

From Cincinnati to Springfield

and that any parties or Companies that wish to construct said lines can have the Patent right for so doing at $30 per Mile for a single line, and $20 per Mile for every additional line; payable in quarterly instalments from Augt 1st 1847, Or that you are content to

construct any or each of them, with our single nine 0s10 Equal to any line in the U States at $125 per mile including of the Patent right and two coins at $175 per mile".

Smith follows ah this with a long letter giving his reasons for wanting us to make the publication - the substance of all of which is, that it will block A & G, game - Now it strikes me very forcably that we would be doing a very foolish thing to beat out our own brains, for the sake of wounding him, and consequently I am not inclined to adopt Smiths notions - I think we can settle the OR matter in some other way and not say to the public that we have cheated you out of half the stock and not only make all our subscribers mad, but make them refuse to pay, & discourage us I getting up any more lines at any thing like a fair price

I go on to Boston tonight to see Smith

and I think I can satisfy him that it is best policy to let all Contractors that we can build them as good lines as any in the U. States for $125 pr mile — including Patent

I have worked hard at the Patent biz but have not got out the wood yet there are so many men out of Town that it is slow doing any thing

I believe I shall get the money but it will be from the Shareholders who want to realize their own benefit

I will have the thing settled in a few days, and I hope all right, it certainly looks favourable now.

When I have seen Smith I will write You again

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

D J Tillotson Marshall Ledy 24th 1847

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th is Last rec. I have been East Collecting and was in hopes I Should have met You here on my return but You Say You cannot be here until the first of August. I Collected at the three Villages East about Eight Hundred and Seventy. I think I Shall Start for the west next week. I wrote Mr Wood the Same day that I wrote You urging the Nessity of his going and Making his Contracts for Posts west and South as I had promised them he would in a week or two. I told him I dare not go again except he went on first. I have not heard from him Since and where he is I know not. but the time is geting Short the Month is out and I think I Shall go on Monday. if I can't do nothing You must pay the expences. I did understand Mr Wood when we was at his House that he would go to Niles and the Bend in one week after that time and I So told the People on the line if he is not gone on I fear I Shall fair but poorly. the People on the line wants to See Some other one then a Collector he is the last man they are anxious to See If I go on to the South Bend I Shall be in Kalamazoo this day week if I have good luck I think I must go to put the Advertisments in the papers or it will be to late and then again they must have a month between Collections. Mr Joa Tillotson has gone to Ithaca So I am left Alone at this time and I am to do all while he is gone Say 3 or 4 weeks. when he comes back I Suppose he will then take his turn.

I am glad to hear that the Col is doing well for the Company and he would be doing well for them and himself to if he was here on the lines when I go west I shall take the liberty of Showing your letter and letting the Editors make Some extracts I did so East but you told me in your letter of the 16 you would have all the Contracts completed last week on your Side and I Sa wrote Wood but by to days letter it is doubtfull if you the get them done this week I do not think of any thing more and it is to Black and I must go to the Office If you come the first of August Meet me at Kalamazoo Yours with respect

William H Collins

I have now Some Eleven Hundred on hand

when I carried this letter to the Office on Saturday I could not get it in and I kept it until to day Kingsbury told me last evening that he Saw Wood at the Depo Some day last week he thinks he went on west he came from the East on the cars he left no word for me nor did he Say where he was going but I Supose he has gone to See to the Line if So I hope I Shall do well I Shall go west this afternoon I Shall try to be back to Kalamazoo by friday Evening but at any rate I Shall be there until monday if you come on enquire for me there— tell Dr Grieves that his friends are all well here. I have Sent me the W H Collins
gazette I had Something put in the Ann Arbor
Argus. the Contractors for Seting post from Detroit to

told me last friday that he had commenced his Job

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Mr Jones
Monroe St
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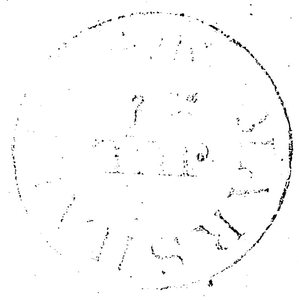

Upsalanta July 25, 1847

My Dear Aloizo

We left Ithaca Tuesday morning as we had calculated to. Monday I had an attack of that pain in my stomach all day and lay on my back with a bottle of hot water at my stomach, but as I said we started Tuesday, and how I had a pleasant time of it, and how boys are very well.

We arrived at Rochester Wednesday about 4 A.M. and found your uncle at the cars waiting for us. We remained in Rochester that day, and started for Buffalo Thursday 8 A.M., and arrived at Buffalo at 1 P.M. at 7 P.M. We went on board the Steamer St Louis, but she did not get in the Lake before 12 Midnight, as she waited till 10½ for the evening Cars, and the crowd of boats in the Harbour Left her an hour and a half before she could get out, so that we were a bed before we got out in the Lake, and when we got up in the morning found our selves 60 miles up the Lake, had a very pleasant night, got to Cleaveland at 8 P.M. and left at 7, Thursday time to look at the place at 7 A.M. Saturday morning arrived at Detroit after a pleasant night, after breakfast at the National took the Cars for this place arrived about noon and found Uncle Moses folks quite well except Uncle Robins, & he better than we expected to find him I may write you again and more fully when I get leisure. or I may write some further Chronicle when you can leave my rims

of Michigan &c &c. today we shall go to visit Cousin Moriah ~~Mowry~~ (that was) who lives some 3 miles distant and as they are about ready to start I will close this hasty scrall and bid you adieu.

Respectfully

E. Correll

Alonzo

N.B. correspondence
July 25th 1845
Spencerville
Ohio

Family letter

Mr. Correll

Kingston July 25. 1847

My Dear Brother and Sister

I suppose you are now in the "Prairie Land" and I trust you are enjoying a nice visit amongst our numerous friends. I should very much like to be with you for a few days, but I am rather deeply engaged in getting this line at work. I started the Kingston Office at 8 oclock last evening making 4 stations, and I still have 2 more between here and head quarters. I expect to be in Montreal before the first of May and have it all in operation from Montreal West. I rec'd a letter from Gisborne a day or 2 since in which he says he had recently written to you but does not mention upon what subject but I presume it is that he has the Petitions ready

When do you expect to commence operations upon that line? And is there not a reasonable chance for Merrit to get the Superintendence of that line?

By the way he is at my side writing a letter to Cara. He has seen Backus and he appears rather distant upon the subject of that contract but I will see him to-morrow and ascertain definitely what can be done.

and let you know. I presume he will do as I advise him. I rec'd a Communication from Livingston Buffalo last night wishing to know what is my views upon the Montreal line.

If you have not selected a Man for the Supt. of the Detroit & Chicago line I want You to give your influence to Mr Partridge of Hamilton who is both worthy and Competent and the oldest operator that sprung from the Buffalo line. He will go there at a very reasonable price and I want you to inform me what his chance will be in your next letter. Please bear in mind that he has always been upon "our side" in all matters relating to Telegraphing & I am sure that we can rely upon him. When shall I see you in Montreal?

I have concluded to send Dunham to Quebec at once and have written to him to come on as soon as he can get here. I do not think there is any danger of going to Montreal or Quebec as there is to go where you now are at this season of the year and I would recommend you not to stop a great length of time.

The Montreal line has not broken once since it was put up and it works admirably with 40 cups

from here to Toronto and you may calculate that it will be @ Sta. One.
I believe I will hold on to this letter until see Backus as there is nothing keeping about it. I rec'd. You Copies after we started last evening from Buffalo.

July 27. 10. P.M.

I shall start for Brockville in the morning. And try to get to Montreal this week. I have rec'd another letter from Osborne by which I see clearly that it will not answer for either himself or me to have anything to do in aiding you upon the Bay line.

But he has the papers all ready and only awaits your arrival in Montreal to hand them over to you so that you must not depend upon us for securing the rights of way as the Montreal Telegraph Co'l men. We have not made much headway since yesterday morning I have quited too many raw troops.

Write on the receipt of this if you do not come on immediately

Yours Affct Brother

O. Mads

Kingston July 27th 1847

Dear Brother Ezra I have been delayed here waiting for Backus until this date — He came last evening and today we have tattled up matters He has been rather unwell lately and is really homesick — He did not want the Contract at all and I could make no such arrangement as you directed — He was bent on going home at all events — I however made an arrangement with him which (in case I fail to let the Contract to McKinney or some other one) is the best I could do so far as I can see at present The opinion of my good brother A.S. is also favorable to the arrangement — It is as follows Backus has gone home to night and I am to go to Montreal tomorrow — If I can let the Contract to McK — I am to do so & inform him at Auburn by letter accordingly — If I cannot let it Backus is to come without further notice to Quebec where he is to be on the 9th Augt — He are to pay his travelling expenses both ways and give him $70. per month & find him (for 2 months) He is to bring his tools and be on hand for business when he comes and take charge of Construction — I am to see that all things are furnished to his hand in time to avoid delay and also have a general oversight of the whole matter — If this arrangement does not meet your views I think you can write to B and Countermand the order in time as he will not leave before the 6th — Give the best love of a brother to Mary and believe me Yours Sincerely M.S. Wood

All Aboard 28 July 47

New York Sunday 25 July '47

My dear Sir

I went to Boston to see Smith, as I wrote you, directed to Marshall, I found him so infernally buzzed at O'Reilly, & on not seeing answering his letter, and at Kendall, for having offered to settle with O.R. on his own terms, so far as related to ¾ of the right, which Jack Kendall did not mention in the recently, that he was disposed to sacrifice the whole of his interest next to block O'Reilly game — He wanted me to advertise in the Journal of Commerce offering all the lines West for $52, or to build the lines and deliver them, ready for use, including the Patent, at $125, He insisted that it was the only way to use up O.R, and his associates, by making their lines useless, or rather their Stock worthless — After several hours talk, Smith agreed for me to go and see O.R,, & associates at Rochester, and do as I thought advisable. If nothing could be done towards an amicable settlement, to go at once to Columbus Cincinnati & St Louis and

and make such offers, as will prevent
A.R getting any more stock.
I shall leave here for Albany tomorrow
night, and if Schuyler is still there, as I suppose
he is, have a talk with him, and go on
to Rochester and see Ely & Co. I will try
hard to bring about an arrangement, and
I think it can be done. Smith swears
that he will not go one rod to settle it,
but is ready to make any sacrifice in a
fight. I will go to Pittsburg if necessary,
to effect a settlement. And tells Smith
directly not to offer one cent more
than the stock proposed on the line
from Philadelphia to St Louis. I shall, if
it becomes necessary, offer (to some of
A.R. friends) the right to construct some
other line or lines out West, by buying $50
on the Patent. This you and I have a
right to do, and I consider it material
for us to have an amicable settlement with
A.R. rather than a hard fight, and
I have no idea of reducing the price

of Construction to $125, including the Pantent— Smith says on may have all we can make out West, if I will fight C.R., in the way he proposes: but I tell him that he has $100 000 at stake, out in that Country, and it is not best to throw it away unnecessarily— We can get $200 per mile, as cheap as $125 on some of those Western routes, and I had rather at C.R. have more than he is entitled to, than to burn our own fingers by putting down the price— What would our Sub. say to us at $250 per mile, when we were offering the same thing for half price? No, it wont do— The thing must be done again in some other way. When I have seen the Rochester people I will write you again and direct to Detroit where you will get my next letter on your return—

The Halifax line is not yet fixed and I cannot say certainly that it will be; but I have been negociating with parties that assured me on Friday that the money should be raised before the 5th Augest.

The line will be owned by a few, and used as they think best to promote their interest. I shall be down again tomorrow and as soon as the arrangements are perfected Smith will come here and make the contract. We are to receive $200 pr Mile — $15,000 down and fifteen thousand pr Month, the last when completed — The business would have been determined last week, but the Sioux Indians in our house, which you in Europe, is away, and those at home refuse to be bound, until he returns — The whole may be all blown up — I never feel sure of any thing here until it is done, but I have every to believe the bargain will be consummated —

There is a prospect of my selling the line from Chicago to St. Louis at $5 pr Mile, Cash on Half down, and the balance in instalments — Smith made this offer at that price or I would not have agreed to take less than $100.

Stilson says he is coming home about the 1st of August — must not come away until he gets matters fixed so as to go on right while he is away —

8 Sheets
July 25-1857

While you were here, I proposed to you to put the whole of our Telegraph business in, on a joint stock concern, as between ourselves — That is to say, to divide between us equally, the profits or losses, on all contracts now, or hereafter to be obtained — As well as I remember you did not make any reply to my proposal, or if you did, it was an indefinite one — I now repeat the offer, and if you choose, will extend it still further, by agreeing that if either of us should die within Six Years, (the time limited in Smith's contract) the survivor shall conduct the business for the benefit of the representatives of the other

If you accede to this arrangement, in whole or in part — I would be entitled to one half the profits on your part of the Canada line; and you entitled to one half which I may be able to secure on the Quebec, or any other, line — That Quebec line is in bad odor just now — I saw Brown in Boston — Said he did not have money

to get any position, and went to work for
Smith - Wanted me to let him have some
bonds; but I had none to spare -
The Baldwins can be all brought over
right yet. -
If I have to go to Columbus, and am com-
pelled to leave a bright write A.R. I want
to see you before I go, and will either
write or Stark you at Cleveland -
I will know more about it when I get
to Rochester and write you again
Yours truly
J J Shannon Jr

Poughkeepsie July 26th 1847

E. Cornell

Dear sir yours of the 17th inst was received in accordance with your request I embraced the first favorable opportunity to look over my book in doing so up to the time of my arrival here, I found you charged with $10,95 and credited with $8,00. Luther J. Dunham left her to give me $6,00 more so you perceive there is a balance in your favor of $3,05 but as you are well aware, I have not the money now to send you. I have been in hopes of getting into some business by which to extricate myself from the somewhat embarassing situation in which I am at present though I have enough to eat, and as long as I do, I shall not complain I am yet in the office like this business well. You said when I acquired a knowledge of the business you would assist me in getting a situation. I would be very thankful to you, for doing so. I shall remain here until I hear something farther from you. There was one article, permit me to say, in your letter, as severe and unexpected, as it was unjust, of course

I alluded to the claim when you say the business cant failed through bad management on the part of us all, this you may rest assured did not set very comfortable after having spent so much time, exposed myself night and day to wind & weather, wolf and bear, &c, and torn my clothes to pieces wandering through the woods & over rocks, and doing all for your own benefit. and then to be paid off in such terms it is to say the least, most tormentedly "annoying"

Yours Affectionately
R. D. Thatcher

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Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

OFFICE OVER No. 11 GARDEN ST. (POST OFFICE BUILDING.)

Poughkeepsie, July 19th 1847— / *o'clock,* 30 *min.* P *M.*

Via Telegraph *from* ~~New York~~.

To Mr. E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir—

I still remain in P.K. & think I am getting something of a knowledge of the business of telegraphing. I have been able thus far to avoid all mistakes— Samuel Dunham left us last Friday— before he went he left Thatcher & myself each $6,00— Had he gone direct— to Montreal, I for one should have taken the money least he should have fallen short, on the count; but as he was going home I could have no objections to being left— Flush

How long shall we have to remain here? & May I indulge hopes of getting into the Troy

Offs as operator—
I will stay in Paris
to become well qualified for
the station ——

In looking over my
acct. with you I find
a balance in your favor
of $21.54 —— I have now
$5.00 in pocket & owe for
two weeks board: hope
to receive further orders
on your return from the
west ——

Yours Respectfully
W. C. Miller

E. Connell Esq.

Montreal July 29th

Dear Brother

You have recd the letter
written partly by A.S. & partly by me
at Kingston informing you of the
arrangement with Parkins to be
in Quebec on the 9th ready to
Co operate with me in building
the line. As I could not get
him to take the contract over
$ 31 C that the arrangement a
good one and as the results
thus far indicate it was a good
hit Mr McKinney has gone to
Rochester again "big and baggage"
I to leave for Quebec at 6 this evening
and as the season is so far gone
shall use the most active means to
prosecute my plan thus laid

Yours in great haste

E Cornell Esq.

W. E. Wood

M L Wood
29 July 47

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N. Y.

Rochester 29 July 1847

Dear Sir

I will not be able to accomplish any thing with the Gen. hun- They claim all the Country- are not agreed to any thing which I can offer- They propose leaving the whole matter to there Lawyers in Ky. which I doubt whether Smith will do- I will have to go and fight on the plan of selling claims, and I should like to see you before I go and will stay at home until you return, which will I expect be in a week or two,

Yours &c

J J Speed

BUFFALO
FEB 30

Mr. E. Cornell
Care of Hart. & Mr. Howard
Detroit
Michigan

Rochester 29 July '47

Dear Sir

I found I could do nothing towards a compromise with the gentlemen here and they appear to care the whole matter in dispute to their Lawyer in New York & Telegraphed him, and when I saw him last he says "yes" he shall then form make arrangements tomorrow for the settlement. In the mean time be sure to have the notice that our Authorized Agents published in the papers of tomorrow. If you leave Detroit before this reaches you you will find them at Buffalo.

Yours truly

J J Speed

Rahway 29 Aug 1917

Dear Sir

Finding that nothing could be done towards a settlement - the Gentlemen were prepared to leave the whole matter to their Lawyers in the City of New York - & Telegraphed Smith and Lowenfeld near Liq Lawyers in the City. Yes - We will attempt to make arrangements tomorrow for the reference - but in the mean time have the notice that we are the only agents for the Sale of the Patent publications at present. At Detroit Chicago, Cleveland Buffalo St Louis Cincinnati Baltimore - Lippincott Wells can forward it or you can send a copy of your Resolution to the Editor, and let them send the bill to Lewis Palace as you may Check, I write to you also at Detroit but as you may leave there & come this to Buffalo.

Yours truly D L Smith

Quebec Monday Aug 2d 1847

Dear Ezra

I have been detained here till this P.M. waiting for the result of a meeting of the "Associa tion at which the report of the inspector of poles is to be passed upon & that prosen to await the result of the meeting because if ~~were to~~ had gone on without knowing how many poles there were to the mile, ~~now accepted~~ I could not have made contracts because I could not tell how many were wanted. To morrow morning if I am well enough I shall cross the river and Mr Mc Lin advises me to take along an interpreter as he says not one in 10 of the people down the river can speak or understand a word of english It will be expensive but I know of no other way — Unless I get orders to the contrary I shall go ahead & if possible carry out the plan I explained to you in a former letter that is — Make Contracts myself and have Back work Construct it employing him at $70 per month — Let me hear from you immediately and see you as soon as possible

Chicago Ill. Aug 24 1864

Friend Lizzie

I have

U. S.

Just now I am afflicted with distress at the stomach and head ache. I am bilious and think a dose of bilious pills will do me good. Please keep this fact to yourself

Your aff brother

Wm Wood

Ithaca 3d Augt. 1847

My dear Sir

Mr. Lawson goes directly to Detroit, and I have only time to say that on the 24 of this month I owe the Bank of Ithaca $200 - I wish if possible you would take an draft and on or send it to Bangor to buy my note - If you do not come home before I will write you fully when come get back.

Your truly

J. J. Speed

Secretary

Speed
Aug 3rd

Mr. D. T. Tittotson
National Hotel

Mr. Lane Detroit

Mr. Nelson

In Account with

One Hundred and fifty four log One Cap
and Housetrees for Two Hundred and
Twenty five dollars

Chicago, Aug. 5, 1874

H. L. Swanton & Co

Wm. D. T. Tillotson
Prison

Wm. L. Scranton & Co.
Chicago Aug 3. 47
"Mast"

Chicago Aug 5, 1847

My Dear Sir

In The Commercial Advertiser of this morning
I read the following letter or Extract of a letter, which
was going to the Office Mess[rs] Iff from Rich.d E Dibble
101 Wall St NY

The above letter was written to
a Mr Wm R Thompson of this
city and by him handed to the
Editor to be published, I sup-
pose it to be an O'Reilly movement, and to
effectually block their Wheels on the Banks
I shall make a contract before I leave to
have the Piles Erected one hundred Miles
westward from this City on the route from
this to St Louis,
I Expect to go across the Lake to Mi-
-chigan city this Evening and to move East-
ward as fast as possible, Our work is all under
Contract and in good progress, If we get
over with it time We shall be in Operation
by the first of November next,
The Contract I shall make will cover the Lap
of the Ill & Michigan Canal about 104 miles
and reach to Rock about 1/3 the distance
from this to St Louis, We will have a

Company Organized for the whole route and get the Stock Subscribed this fall and winter, and during the winter get the poles on the ground, and have them up the first thing in the Spring, The 104 miles I may get strung this fall and early winter, and put up the wire as early as it can be got in the Spring, When it can be delivered in the Company where organized,

Yours Respectfully
E. Correll

Copy of Letter
E. Correll
Aug 5th 1869
Chicago

Chicago Aug 5th 1864

Wm Tillotson Jr

Dear Sir I can furnish you a pole 150 ft above ground, in two pieces one piece 85 ft and the other 80 ft, the lower piece 23 or 25 inches in diameter, Trustels cross trees + Cap for $200. Two Hundred Dollars

Respectfully Yours
J. Cann

References G. A. Robb
C. P. Williams

T. Cann
Chicago Aug 3. 49



Wm Tillotson
Shannon House

Secretary's Office
Montreal, 9th August 84.

Sir,

Having had the honor to bring under the consideration of the Governor General the Memorial of the Stockholders & other parties interested in the Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company, praying for permission to erect on the Queen's Highway a sufficient number of Posts to sustain the above Telegraph, I am commanded by His Excellency to inform you in reply, that he is pleased, so far as the power of the Crown extends, to grant the Company the permission sought for, to erect at their own risk such Posts on the Queen's Highway in this Province as may be required to sustain their proposed line of Telegraph.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servt.,

L. Carrier
Assistant Secretary

L. Cornell, Esqr.,

Permission
for Right of Way
in Canada

E. Campbell Esq.
Montreal

Detroit 11 Sept 1824

Dear Sir

I arrived here this morning and find that Ely and Rielly have been making great efforts to induce our stockholders not to pay their subscriptions, they have sent their circulars all along our line— they may succeed in frightening some, but Howard will serve a notice tomorrow, as a Lawyer, giving it as his opinion that we have nothing to fear from O.R. and we can pay their sub. with safety. I will also give to each sub. a written guarantee in shares, against defending them against all suits which may arise under the O.R. Law. I am glad that I came this way as it will require some efforts to settle things all right on our line, and you must not be surprised if I fail to satisfy all and induce them to pay: but I will do my best, and have no fears as to result.

Col Smith gives other directions, I will have Howard file a bill against Ely the moment he opens an office in this State, not asking for an injunction on the spot, for in that I think we would get beat; but asking for an injunction at the final decision of the Court. Howard thinks with Smith, that there no question about the forfeiture of their contract, unless they can show clearly the consent of all the proprietors to its removal, after the six months expired

I wish you will let me know when the line to Philad was bid for, when was it extended to Baltimore, when did O&R complete his line to Harrisburg, when to Pittsburg; direct to me here, as I will remain here some time, or on our line some where, and can get letters from here. I am told that Ely is coming on rapidly from Cincinnati to this City, and I know nothing of L & Wells. Is the line to be surrendered to P.R.R. and are we to set on our apes and do nothing until he gets it done to this City.

I will send your Honours notice to the Sub. as soon as Published.
O'Reilly's favourite Court is "the Public" and I have a Licence to practice in that court I will attend to him faithfully

Yours truly,

J J Gleeson Jr

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Office of Ordnance
Montreal, 12th August 1847

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose the letter from the Provincial Secretary dated the 3rd, transmitted to us by the Commander of the Forces by Minute of the 5th Instant, relative to the passage of the Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company's line across the Island of St. Helens.—

and in reply beg to inform you for the information of His Excellency that having referred the subject to the Commanding Royal Engineer in Canada, that Officer has represented that the point selected by the Company would be in the centre of the redoubt proposed to be erected, among other defensive works, upon the Island, and therefore highly objectionable,— As moreover the success of stretching a wire across so great a distance, vizt from Dalhousie Square, the highest point on this Bank, to the highest on the Island, about 1,600 yards, appears to be doubtful, We consider it would not be judicious to incur the great inconvenience which would arise from the erections of substantial constructions of masonry on the Island for mere experiments and afterward to be removed.—

We

The Military Secretary,
&c &c &c
Head Quarters.

We would, however, beg to suggest, and this also was the opinion of the late Commander of the Forces, that a Sub Marine communication, similar to that at present used in Portsmouth Harbour would seem far preferable, and to an ar=rangement of this description there would not be any objection in a Military point of view.

We have &c

signed, W.C.E. Holloway

Colonel Comg. R. Engrs.

O. Storekeeper,

absent on duty,

signed,

J. Campbell, Col. A.

Com. R. Arty.

W. H. Blenkarne

Dy. O. S.

Ans Aug 13/47

Troy August 12th 1847

Sir.

Your communication on the subject of placing Telegraphic poles along the Mc Adam Turnpike roads between Troy & Bennington, has been presented to a Majority of the Directors of said road for their Consid-eration in their individual Capacity, (or not at a meeting convened for the transaction of business,) They are of opinion that there is no objection to the Telegraphic Company placing their poles as above stated under the Supervision of the Superintendant of the road, Subject to such restrictions as will be sufficient to protect the rights of the proprietors of said road from being in any manner impaired or taken from them or the road itself from being injured, a Special meeting Of the Directors of said road will be called, as soon as it may suit the Telegraphic Co to Enter into these stipulations, I am with due Respect your

Obedient Servant

William Roberts Junior

President of the Troy Sum-mit R & R Road Co

Wm Roberts Jr
12 Aug 27

Livingston & Wells esq
Office No 10 Wall street
New york

Office No 10 Wall Street

Newyork August 13th 1847.

Dear Sir:—

Mr Wells has just returned from Montreal and has obtained the right of way over the Queens highway from the Gov: General of Canada for the Troy & Canada line. He also informs me the Montreal people are ready to take the stock from Montreal to Vermont line, and Mr Wells thinks they would take the stock in two hours after Books are opened there at $200 per mile. The mutual Tel. Co are in full operation from Montreal to Toronto, the earnings at the Montreal office on Saturday last was $60—

I have obtained the right of way from the Troy Bennington Mt. Adam Turnpike Co. and the Co meet to have a meeting of their Directors to arrange preliminaries— Please Telegraph to William Roberts Jun: Pres: Troy & Bennington, Mt. Adam Turnpike Co. Troy, informing him when you will be at Troy so as to meet the board of Directors at a special meeting for this purpose only. You should inform Mr Roberts in advance of your arrival at Troy, that he may notify his Directors in time. We want to meet you home where on your return in reference to the Troy & Canada Junction line thro Canada— You did not learn the Journey atty I desired you to

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for Mr Rice. If he had it, he would have gone over the route this week and secured the right of way and collected the subscript. Now you having ordered your letters West I am uninformed of the amount of stock subscribed and have not ordered the wire— Mr Rice is now waiting your personal atty to proceed at once on the line, and you had better come here direct or else the wire or will then go with you to Troy & see Mr Roberts & the Lansingburgh folks.

We have nothing new, And anxiously waiting your early arrival & as the Troy & Canada Junction line requires immediate action & pounding &

Dearest

Ever Your Own

Cornelia

Somewhere

Westward.

Lexington

Sprodsville August 14th 1847

Dear Sir,

After more mature consideration in relation to making your registers I have concluded that if you will contract with me for 100 of them & as many more as you please I will undertake to furnish them & that too as fast as you may probably want them after a short time for me to start which will not take me long, You may furnish me with a sample made at Boston or any other place & if I dont furnish you as neat & perfect a article as the sample no sale, I know that I can get them rep. to better advantage than they are doing it at Ithaca for you see that they are not good workmen, but they are not fixed for it, I would prefer making a contract to furnish the machine for nothing by the day, & month & you give me a good job & you shall not want for registers long. Please let me hear from you in relation to the matter if favorable I will come & see you

Yours in haste A. Akins

Recd & Answered Aug 17, 1847 proposed to contract
for 10 Registers & 10 Magnets at $40. per par
Invited Akin to come down to see me o
the recd of My letter, informed him that I
was sick and should leave home as soon a
able.

H. Aikins
Aug 14/47

Detroit Sept 14/47

Mr Dr

Your Letter of Detroit
was duly Rec'd - We will try & give
our Line in as good order
as we can - I under stand Mr
Woods is paying more in money than
the Line is worth which will not cost
me over $60.00 than I get when I
have to Haul my Line 10 miles
It rather interfears at the South
End of my Line but I went to Muskegon
City & Bought Hauled the Poles My self
untile I got in to the woods where
they are more plenty - My Number of
the Stockholders have Spoken of ex-
-chng the wires to the Green Lines
when they came in contact or near
the plains when the post shanels
stands there would be an ad-
-vantage we could carry the
wires farther from the shanels &
a Green Line would not Rot
it would be permanent - I wish
you would give me your views on
the subject in regard to this - How
going on with our Line & will have
it ready time for the wiring people on the
Line down here. Having a Hard winter & it
has been difficult getting help but must
week we shall have help a plenty Report
me on act of this Year

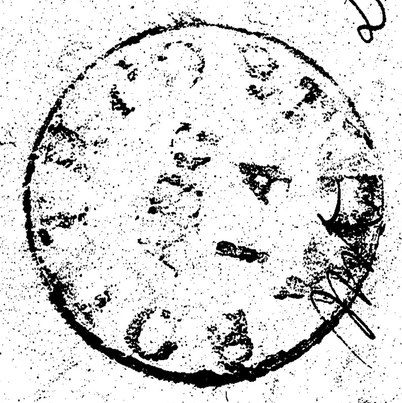
Yours Sincerely

T. Jackson
Aug 14 '47
Rec'd & Answ'd 21st

Trust ~~[illegible]~~ not answer
Wrote till 10th Sept
will be there by 15th Sept

Dr. J. Jackson
Ithaca
N.

ROCHESTER
AUG 14



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To the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co.

We the undersigned, Stockholders residing in South Bend Indiana, would recommend Charles M. Heaton Esq. as a suitable person to be appointed Superintendent of the Station at this place.

Aug. 7th 1847.

John Gilmore
Schuyler Colfax
J. A. Henricks
Geo. W. Matthews
J. G. Bartlett
J. T. Lindsey
L. G. Harris & Co.
Alexis Foot
Jas. H. Harris
C. W. Emerick
Elisha Egbert
A. B. Mefritt
Richeson Burroughs

B. F. Price
Jno. H. Harper
H. Chapin
J. A. Liston
F. R. Tutt
John Brownfield
Koehler & Duey
Israel D Bashor
Abm. R. Harper
E. B. Crocker
Samuel Byerly
Eliakim Briggs.
L. M. Taylor

South Bend, Ind. Augt. 14. 1847. I hereby certify that above is a true copy of the letter of Recommendation signed by the stockholders here in favor of the appointment of C. M. Heaton as superintendent of the station here - that there is an entire unanimity of feeling in favor of his appointment, not a single stockholder that I have heard of, objecting - and that of those whose names are not signed above, several reside in the country some distance from town & have not been seen, and four or five others are absent from home.

Schuyler Colfax

Quebec Aug 14th 1847

Dear Brother E—

Your via Telegraph from Buffs came to hand last eve— Happy to hear of your safe arrival— I reached Q. on 31st ult— and immediately reported myself to Dinelin as ready to operate— The association had not yet determined how many (if any) poles they should take of those delivered on the line and it was not until they had held some two meetings and forced away 10 days time that I could get any thing out of them— On the 10th Aug I applied to Mr Hibbits (one of the directors) and he and another director signed the following:—

Viz:

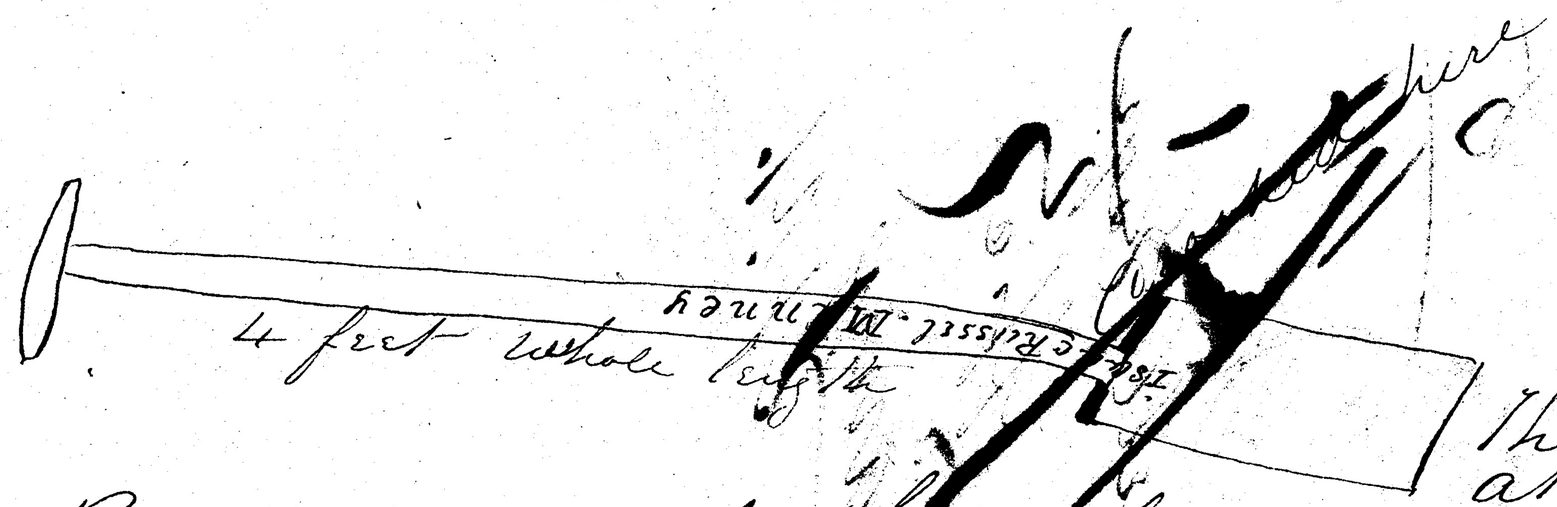
Mr Wood is authorized in behalf of the "P. M. A. Telegraph Association" to take such poles now on the south ~~distance~~ between Point Levy & River Du Loup as may be found suitable for the construction of the line of telegraph—

In the mean time I had learned that it was of no use for me to go down the line with a view to contract for poles as the "habitan" are all French —

At the recommendation of Mr Pitts I engaged a man who had been in his employ some years & could talk both Eng & French fluently & also knew & had dealt with many of the people on the route & as Pitts said "Can drive a better bargain with them than any other man in Canada"

The Adm furnished him $50 Pounds at my earnest request and he left here on the morning of the 11th and will make his contracts so as to meet our wants I think we have hauled down poles from above Point Levi sufficient to fill 30 to the mile for 42 miles and there Backus says Cutter has them on hand — Backus came on the 8th and had not yet a full complement of men but they have put up 42 miles with the exception of 8 poles which will require races & they will be through the rock section to night I guess and ready to go ahead on Monday

It is near time for mail to Clade —
We want you to get and bring W from Canning's
at Albany 6 or 8 spades of the right-
kind Here is the description



The blade is an arc
at the end

Be sure & get them for us
We can't get the right kind of Solder here
Perhaps you had better send it there for us

Want to see you here from as possible
In great haste
Your affect brother
W Lockwood

F. S.

I have been quite sick for several days
but am better now — Have just come up
from where the boys are at work

W L.

M L Wood
Aug 14, 1847