E. Cornell Esq.

Ill Office Milwaukee Oct 23rd 1847

Dear Sir

Your two favors of 8th & 9th inst. with duplicates copies to Col Speed and Co. yesterday, I am sorry he has removed all engines and keeps you advised of all doing in this country, Every thing has work'd hard but I have done all I could to promote your and his interest since his removal, I have endeavored to work harder than before to keep him in good heart the portion of the line allotted to me has been completed as rapidly as I could have it done and I think with as much economy but all has cost quite too much, Every thing seemed to work wrong,

As soon as Staniland arrives here I shall leave for Michigan, if I can do any thing there to advantage will use my discretion to do it. I believe all is nearly complete from here to Michigan City, how it is beyond I know nothing -

Our collections have been barely enough to keep along with our work, since from $640. which I have paid P. Conrad for the castings, after the line is completed, we shall owe collect all we can (without ruining) very little has been got as yet at Chicago but they will not pay, I have sent Col Speed from collections this side of there $455. to keep him along, since his confinement -

All the arrangement I made with Jason Parker at Buffalo, was this I told him we should have shipped to his Card at different points some 70 tons of Rail &c. which I wanted him to ship as soon as it arrived by Steam Boats, and desired him to make as good terms for

the fight as he could and to be sure and have no delay, all of which he made a Memorandum of in his pocket book, I told him you would advise him of both when ship from the East which I requested you to do. that is all I advised it not I deemed it sufficient—

I suppose there is now a large lot of Mic in Detroit, but as I do not hear from Mr Wood and Col Spaf have not when I was at Chicago last mth I am misformed I hope in God there is enough there to finish the line thro of Detroit—

We know they fought our battle as well as I know how it has been done, and had I not had perfect health, my feet would have been in the back ground, but I believe I have beat the best of them, Lt of this Col Spaf will be postponed to judge—60 days before my 30 Mile Road down, my feet are in the woods and nothing under may— I can work enough upon mile day, very true— but it was all new to me and I had it all to learn, I have rather build 100 Miles now and could do it with a less cost by 30 pct than this has been done—

I feel very desirous of visiting my family but as you and the Col have been so unfortunate, I will not desert my flag, as long as I can lend a helping hand to defend it— The Col wrote me the other day I must go to Mich. he should give up the Captainship, to me, I wrote him I did not want a "Brevet Commission" I had rather be corporal, tho I do not know what is doing in Ohio or what they may think, and I suppose it is rather a great put there this winter at any rate—

Should you write me direct next to Detroit.

Very Truly &c

D. D. Tillotson

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E. Cornell Esq.
(Telegraph Office)
Troy
New York

D. J. Pillotson
Dec 23 1847

Chicago 23 Dec. 1847

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 12th from Clinton was read last evening - You say that you have shipped to this Culver & Mackinaw 52024 lbs. it has not all been received. My letter till you the actual quantity received but it may have been received at Detroit, for I cannot hear exactly how much has been received there, altho I have written several letters to Auriland, Wood to let me know. even if the whole 52000 lbs has been received, there & at Detroit, and the 15 tons last shipped, it will only make 41 tons, and reach 246 miles, leaving 154 miles to be provided for - You speak of trying to get wire from Buffalo to Cleveland - Had we better not finish this end? I have repeatedly written you that it is utterly impossible to collect our subscriptions, until we get the line done - We have collected some, of almost all our subscribers, since the line is done, and on opening once line, I can send you money, and I still think, as I have repeatedly said, that I can ultimately get enough to pay for this end of the line: but even if I was able to get out, and see the subscribers myself, I could not get much

until we open our store - You can know but little idea of the tremendous opposition which I have had to encounter from the OR interest. He has his friends in every place, and I doubt not fee some of the Editors, and hire men to see my subscribers, and warn, threaten, and coax them not to buy - I have done more talking, and exerted myself more to collect what has been received, than I ever did at any thing I ever undertook before, and more than I hope ever to be confined to do again - I have called on known to a subscriber to get a five dollar bill out of him and the next time have to talk first as long, to get an other five - Since I have been Redick'd - our collectors have not been able to do much, and all I could do, even by writing - Could I have been on my legs, I undoubtedly would have collected much more: but here I am yet, unable to bear my weight on one leg and it will, I fear, be two or three weeks longer before I can use it much - but I hope to get out of the house, and ride when it may be necessary for me to go.

I am sorry that we undertook to build the line from Sedwick to Ruffalo — We wish I fear, be in the same situation as OR is, on some of his lines, unable to purchase, or even buy for hole & work that we have had — I know heretofore written upon so badly about the necessity of finishing this line, that it is useless to say more — Our quickest way to get money, will be to turn all our resources on this end of the line, and finish it to Sedgwick We can then collect money to buy connection else: but as long as this remains unfinished, and OR agents telling our subscribers it must & will be done, it is double hard work getting to get money, and it will take us shoemakers thrash them I am to do it, even with two legs —

If you can get the balance of the coin to Buffalo, we will pitch in: but it cannot be done now by 1st of July —

Rich has come my back — when I thought I was about getting a good drink, some unfortunate slick has sent the swag in some other direction

Yours ever J L Skinner

I confess that
your visit not remain
long at Athens &
I am this to Troy

New York 23d. Dec 1847

Sir

You must call and see Mr Alton before you leave the City — he is becoming exasperated beyond measure at your conduct which to say the least, looks singular — Do not fail to see him to morrow morning if not this afternoon — In haste

Yrs &c

L. N. Norton

Ithaca Dec 23d 1847

M E Connell Esq

Dr Sir

I hope you will not Consider me impertinent or intrusive in thus addressing you when I tell you that I am very desirous of finding something to do other than threading the lonesome streets of Ithaca

When I last saw you I drew the inference that something might grow out of that interview which might result to our mutual advantage. I was quite sorry that the Conversation ended so indefinitely although at the time I anticipated seeing you again before you left for the east

The Tel. Line of which you spoke of getting started this winter near or to Connect at some point with the one upon which you are now engaged I should like to be interested in either as Conductor Agent or otherwise

If you was somewhat better acquainted with me I would make you a proposition to build the Line throughout and give you a certain portion of the nett proceeds "as might be agreed upon" thereby relieveing you from all and every responsibility and trouble attending it. I am confident that I could do it as prudently and as expeditiously as any other person of no more experience.

I am fully determined to see something more of the Telegraphing business

Over

I have a plan of putting up poles wires &c which would be quite as reliable and far cheaper than any plan now being or which has been adopted—

This upon these short or side lines would take most admirable from its cheapness; and in many instances these might be lines established upon this plan when they could not upon the old and for the money making part I will guarantee that. I should like very much to have Mr make my investigate my plan and ideas upon this subject

If you should not conclude to go on with this line immediately can you not think or project sometime this or something in the way of business which would give employment from which you might derive profit and advantage

From some particular reasons I am extremely desirous of becoming more acquainted with you being confident that when I am so; You will not consider me such a course <u>hair</u>? fellow after all

I was thinking that when the wires go up from Buffalo to Cleveland that it would be an excellent time to present the Documents soliciting subscriptions to Stock upon that line and should you think me competent to the task and conclude to have the thing presented then I should like to try my abilities at that point. but at the same time had rather go east

There is not a question in my mind that you can give me a chance in some of your operations which would result to the profit of both of us mean time you would confer a favour upon [illegible] who can duly appreciate a favour

Your

You must necessarily be aware that my legitimate business (if I had sufficient means to conduct it) could not be profitable just now there being such a tremendous Competition; consequently I am compell'd to seek something out of the ordinary line of my business; however I have had a large experience in various branches of it which has given me a pretty general knowledge of men and things therefore I entertain no fears of starving in the land of plenty for the want of business.

Hope you have quite regained your health and strength by this time and will speedily, profitably and satisfactorily close your business upon the Sire which you are now engaged.

Meantime I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas Allen

E. Conwell Esqr
Troy N.Y.

P.S

Please let me hear from You immediately if convinient and Convenient

Chas

O E Allen
Dec 23,47

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Ezra Cornell Esqr
Troy
New York

Auburn Dec 25th 1849.

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir Yours of the 14th
have just received & in answer will
state I have arrived home & have
had a settlement with McKay it is
impossible for me to comply with
your request to return - as I have an
Engagement with a Lady which I have
long postponed to oblige You, but which
must now be attended to, further than
that I dislike to be engaged in a work
where we have to be waiting half of the
time for Materials for such being
the case I can make as much for
My own credit & Your Advantage
& You are aware that that is the way
I was employed for the last four or
five weeks. I presume You might
get Stevens to put in your sash & I
think he would do it as well & quick
as any other person I wrote You tuesday
from Buffalo. After two or three weeks I
shall be liberated from present engage-
-ments if You want Stevens. Write me & I will send
him word (he will come) Shall I settle

with Stevens or would you prefer to do
so I have all the accounts Made out
& there is a balance for wages Expenditures &c
of About $350. Coming * I wrote you in
Tuesday letter where you would find tools &c
I Shall remain Home till Nex tuesday. Shall
then be away for about 6 weeks, if I
should build telegraph the coming Summer
I had as lief be in your employ as any other
Company But before Engaging I would like
to See You personally as I have Many things
to Suggest which I think would be for your
advantage

I Remain Dear Sir Your Humble Servant
et. Backus Jr

To E. Connell
Troy NY

A T Backus Jr
Dec 23rd 1847

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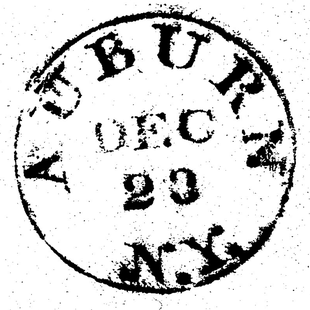

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Mr E. Cornell
Troy N.Y.

Erie Dec 24th 1847

Dear Brother

Yours of the 16 was rec'd on my arrival at this place, I can inform you that there is no probability of getting any more wire shipped to Detroit this winter as all the harbours are closed up tight along the lake, the sleighing is good now from Buffalo to this place and the wire might be carted cheap now if it was in Buffalo and some one there to attend to it. I suppose you are aware that it is as necessary to have glasses as it is to have wire and there is none on the line yet, the money spoken of in your letter is all rec'd & I acknowledged the receipt of by Telegraph I have settled up for the poles between here & Buffalo with the Exception of 1 Contract where the man was not at home and Contracted the balance with the Exception of the first 10 miles out from Buffalo for 30 M to be delivered by the first of May 1848 and to be payed for when put in

I regard to funds if you think best to take the course I mentioned in a previous letter you can send me 200 dollars to Cleveland by mail (as it will reach me soon as there by Express) which will be sufficient for me until I get back to Buffalo Send immediately as I shall get through there before it can possibly reach me. & I shall have to wait

If I have to settle up for all the poles contracted for I shall want as near as I can judge about $600 dollars - I don't know how I shall get at it to count them as they are all Covered with snow I suppose the snow is over a foot deep here and good sleighing let me hear from you at Cleveland as early as possible You said in your letter that you thought Mr O'Riley would not put up his wire East of Cleveland I can inform you that they have got it up 30 miles East of here and driving a head towards Bu as fast as 10 men under their management can do it, their wire is 3 strand iron wire and comes already wound on a reel about 2 or 3 miles on a reel I should judge by the size, the reels are well made with iron gudgions at a cost of some 10/ a piece I should think so you see they must have between Bu & Cleveland some 100 of those reels at 10/ Each would be $125,00 well They are just so Extravagant in all their operations 10 men in a gang putting up wire and a horse and Cart to boot that however is necessary, their glapes are attached to an iron crotch that goes in the side of the pole thus [19] with a roof over it and in probably 100 instances between here and Bu the Glapes have been shot out or get out some other way and they put the wire in the crotch resting on the iron that passes through the heart of the green Hemlock pole giving it a perfect insulation I guess, well may be it will work, I suppose lightning will do most any thing for Mr O.R.

They have not got there instrument up
in Erie yet but will have it in a few days I suppose
they are making great efforts to prejudice the
Publick against our line and in some places it
has a bad effect I hope however that these
prejudices will soon be removed and Subscribers
to the Stock obtained and Every thing go off
Smoothly but I still have fears that there is
Something rong Somewhere Still I Shall do
the best I Can to Keep the Ark a moveing
nothing more to night—

Respectfully yours

D. D. Cornell

To E Cornell Esqr

E. Cornell Esqr
Telegraph Office
Troy N.Y.

E. B. Cornell
24 Decemb

New England Glass Co
24th Dec 1847

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

Your favour of 20th inst (post marked 22d) is this morning at hand_ We hereto annex mem.d of the Glasses sent to you, by which it appears that 51 1/12 Gro. [illegible]nt to Albany.

It was reported to the winter by our folks that your order for 150 gro was completed & sent forward, & we stopped making them by the annexed memorandum It will be seen that 15 gro. more are wanting on that order, which we will go on with as fast as possible_ We cannot account for the miscarriage of any of the packages. but by having this mem.d you will undoubtedly be able to look them up, we have the Rail Road receipts for them. We cannot spare but one pot of Metal at a time & we have an order for another kind of Glass for Mr Smith, and if you will inform us how fast you want yours sent along, we will try to arrange with him, so as to accomodate you both

The $1000. from Mr Peck was received & acknowledged

Yours truly

Joseph N Flower Agent

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Mr. E. Cornell,

Troy, N.Y.

Auburn Decr 24th 1849

Binghamton

"By Telegraph From [illegible] to Auburn

I have received your letter this day & accepted, I will leave for Ithaca Monday." I had letters from Haviland saying I was wanted & to bring Mr Hyde with me, shall I do so? he also said bring any instruments that were done." There are none finished, but will be in two or three days. Shall I wait for them? is this all O.K.

Please Telegraph immediately

S. B. Morse

Mr Gilbert is quite well. Rec^d to-day This came last evening at so late an hour that-ever could not mail it

A. G. L.

V B B Hoyt
Dec 24th 1847

Office of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Co.
Corner of Cass Street & Jefferson Avenue,
DETROIT, MICH.

Dec 24th 1847

Dear Sir

Your favour 21st came duly to hand & I have but a moment to say that as yet we have no. paper & without that we cannot start our office. I am expecting Kept here in a few days & during that time I will get lines cast so that we can be in readiness so much the sooner when I come on. I will come as soon as possible & be of any use & shall start by a week from Monday anyhow & sooner if I can get ready. We open Ann Arbor to-morrow

Yours Resp in haste
J. Kennicott

Chicago 29 June 1865

Dear Sir

Your will see from Hawkins letter that he is waiting for Lufkin - He might at the Ann Arbor mills and get Lufkin to turning Lathe; but I did not think to let him and he did not know how to do it so I have written him to come on here or no Lufkin, and by town at Sunderbrun at Sundown as it comes from the Machine and I will have it cut here - He will have Detroit as soon

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he gets my letter, if he does not before -
I suppose all the cops will be on to it tomorrow
M Jackson has the ~~glue~~ city ready and pound the Glue
Cementum in - We have enough here to work
Billy a long time - I cannot find out how
Wood is getting on or how much wire
has been used at Detroit - Neither do I know
any thing from Cornelia - My Knee is
much better, I have been over to the office
to day.

Yours truly J J Speed Jr

Chicago 24 Dec 1849

My dear Sir

Your favor enclosing $75 was duly rec'd last evening: but not in time to get an answer in the mail last night. I handed the 75 dollars to J Jackson to settle with Cis Saunders— He returned here last night, says the line is in good order from Kittleman's here— He has gone to day with some cabs and hands to help finish between here & Ill, City, which will be done by Monday or Tuesday night, except about 2 miles from which we have no wire.

I do not hear from Detroit, but Hawkins writes the instruments every day— He certainly will be here in a few days and as soon as he comes I will send him on to Milwaukie— I wish you could ascertain whether we can buy say 50 or 75 shs of Tinkham at Milwaukie, if we should need it, and the price, and let me know. I paid $4 per share cash Detroit, I suppose it is now 5½ or 6 in the City— Cornell promises to send Finks, and he may have come as, but as almost every thing has come late and Fremont, or not come at all, the Finks may not have been ready

I will settle Buckner's affair as well as I can. He has sent me a draft drawn by mommy, but I suppose he has some way of accounting with—

I wrote you that I did not think it advisable to take hands from Melbourne to Michigan— We have had a voyage hands
like this would be glad to go for 6/— per day and expenses; but as there is so much doubt about the quantity of work and it's uncertain, and it may be some weeks before one can get on more it did not be best to take hands from home until we know that we will want them.

If I could think he can make a athlete of a fife tune, and get more music out of them we have, let him try it— I agree with you that it is the hardest instrument to play on that ever I tried and to blow and strike on a blacksmith would be a "concord of sweet sounds" when compared with our music—

As things are good or bad by comparison, I hope that the picture will make up for the lunch and the present—

Yesterday and today I have been almost discouraged about my sermon, I do not know as it is any worse, but in general days it has not improved any, and I think the rambling has increased - Aside from the temptation of being confined to a single train, any business is such as not to add much to the pleasures of reflection: but this is a poor time who says die before his time comes, and I will not believe that the "Star of my destiny" has set yet.

Yours truly

J. J. Gurney

St Johns Dec 24th 1863

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I am sorry to be
this early more Teacher as
to learn that you have received some
health & trust you will retain it

We have had Represent Enquiry
Made for you by Taylor & Dunlop
& have assured them you would soon
be here to clear matters with them

On the 29th Novemb Mr Buckeridge
called upon us for the balance of
Money in our hands for you — We paid
him £90 — since then we have neither
seen him or heard from him —

We understood Buckeridge was
going to have called at the Falls
from there to 3 Mile Depot & from
Mr Jones has intimated, that unless
the Poles are soon erected over his Bridge
he will be compelled to pull up the Poles
made use of by the Detment or Buckeridge — Mr Jones
is so very particular in his Agreement that
we should advise you if possible to Carry
him thro over elsewhere than on his Bridge —

Our Kind Remembrances

James Pincock

J C Pierce Hon
Decemb. 1848

E. Cornell Esq
Ptn

Po'Keepsie Dec'r. 24.th 1845.

Dear Sir,

If Mr. Kendall were in Washington, I should request you to pay over the sum for me into his hands as my Agent, in conformity with my request in my letter to you sometime ago, but as he is absent, at the West, and his return uncertain at this time give me an order on Welles & Co. to whom I will receipt for it and account to Mr. Kendall for his portion. ~~Be pleased to give~~ me a little minute of the number of miles in the line, and the instalments paid, and sums due. I cannot tell as matters now stand what portion of instalments is mine and what belongs to Mr. Kendall and others. If you can conveniently, send me the minutes above mentioned by the beginning of the week, it will oblige me.

I am happy to learn your restoration to health. Take care and not overdo, at present.

Truly & Sincerely Yours

Sam.l F. B. Morse.

Ezra Cornell.

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Chicago 25 Dec. 1849

Dear Sir

Your last letter gave me a statement of the wine shipped to this house & delivered, with a list of liabilities &c, to which I replied the same day - I am still ignorant of the quantity of wine made at Detroit, but I will probably learn from Haviland, when he comes down with the Register - I conclude that my calculation, that we had our 100 bbls, is not far from correct, unless do not say in your letter whether you can send it to Buffalo or not - In a letter just from Baker, he says, he shipped 34 Barrels to Cleveland - The loss by Galvanism was very mentioned, I suppose - Would it not be advisable to have that brought on to this city by the line? I conclude that it will be impossible to get the wine, and finish the other end from Detroit to Buffalo this winter, But our collections depend on finishing this end, and as we have so much by the work done, it will pay us to let it remain unfinished until next summer I wish you would write me, and let me know what to do - Wood has

probably got the money or quite all the
mine he has: but I cannot hear from
him, and do not know how much he
has ahead. That mine will finish the line
through to Ruspas some time, I do not
doubt, and that O'Reilly will be out
of the way is equally certain. I read
a letter from Smith, a day or two ago, in
which he expresses the greatest confidence in
being able to wreck the whole O'Reilly tribe
soon. He wants me to go to St Louis and
Vincennes, and have suit commenced
against O'R and all his stockholders at
those places. I have written him that I
will do so, as soon as I can leave this
Lake City, but I could not go until we
get this done. Smith also says that I
must move my family to Detroit, and
take charge of this Lake line. If we can
get it done at once entirely against the
constant attention of some one, such
you or I had better have the manage-
ment of it, than any one else, to protect
our interest. What say you. Will you
take this end, or shall I? If I do, have
I not better bring my family out to Detroit?
If you can "maintain our calculations"

and build the N.Y. & Erie, and have
the control of the line from here to Buffalo,
Had you not better take the superintendency
charge of the N.Y. & Erie line, and I take
this Lake line? Or else you take this,
and let me have that? I would like
to know your views respecting that
matter, for if I am to come to this
Country to live, I do not want the
power on which my family now can
It would be exceedingly inconvenient
for me to be out from you, once
have my family at Ithaca, and altho
I could dislike to leave Tompkins County
I like do it, if you and Smith think
it for our interest, and advisable for
me to do so - Let me hear from you on
the subject -

I have written to Smith that
he must aid you about the line,
as I cannot put money here unless we
put Hunter - If you can make a whistle
of a pig tail, and put more music out
of it than we have - I can only say you
are a better player than I am - But if we
could only finish the line to Detroit I
know that I could give you Quintady

but I have reposted that so often that you must be tired of hearing it — I know that wounded man is almost starved, it is devilish cold comfort to promise him a glorious good dinner next week or next month but if you have not even "a last crust" to divide with him, what else can you do? —

I went over to our office yesterday & with the aide of crutch and cane, it is the first time I have been out of the house in a month — My knee is so much better that I hope to get about again shortly — It has been an awful pity to stay here, day after day, when I know that every moment of my time was needed to help on out of the murder —

You have complained of my not writing — I think it is my turn now — I do not hear from you more than once in two or three weeks —

Yours "looking through a glass darkly"

J. J. Sherman

Etna Dec 26 /47

My Very Kind Brother

Your very affectionate letter I rec'd this P.M. quite unexpectedly, though I was indeed happy to learn that others there are, who seem to feel concerned for my welfare. I fear Dear Elyza that you with some other good friends are troubling yourselves far too much about this poor unworthy & worthless mortal. The time has been, when I felt that I could undauntedly & with bold courage take hold of any thing to which my Conscientiency might extend. Yea I was justified beyond the invasion of any ~~Human Power~~ intruder that would seemingly disturb And by. And my petitions to Heaven through this Pilgrimage on earth. But alas! that flower hath faded, her soul has fled with her angel plumage and soared to one it seems this world has indeed proved a snare. Could I be resigned to this dispensation as is probably my duty, I should be glad. but Oh! Dear Elyza!! how can I? that spot of earth which forms her home of mouldering dust. that mound overspreading her blessed body it far too dear for me to go far away and engage in the bustle of this busy world again.

When you advised me to go to Jeff again did you think of Father Woods condition if I should leave? Norman you know is going away to school monday next & then I alone constitute his help to do chores. Help he must have & from some one of the family. Some one that will be interested in knowing that things are done as they

should be. Father Wood is a man of too much
order and mental care to trust these things in the
hands of a common place boy
My health is really below what I wish it was
to be able to go on & do an extensive business for him
as I wish I could. but I hope to be able to take care
of the Chores considerably so as to relieve father as much
as possible — I find that difficulty in my breast which
you heard me complain of last Spring, has for some
season of late caused me to yield from business some, I
discontinue I can I shall not be rid of it very soon
Likewise my back seems to be almost a worthless
one. I feel sometimes almost discouraged about ever
being able to clear myself of debts which I owe amount-
ing to something like £300. by labor from this weak body
and to go away to seek other employ Oh! how can I? should
a time offer when I can be spared with consistency
I may perhaps be made to believe that it will be my
duty to do so Let us see. I believe you told me you
would be home again soon and then I hope you will
be able to come up again & see us once more at Father
Woods. But one there was, which you can see no more
But come if possible. & go over with me to the conse-
crated spot & help me shed a tear, not to wish her
back again but for the meanderings of this frail mor-
tal who is left behind, for what? Oh! that I knew
Mother Wood is quite unwell, others as usual
Glad, exceeding glad to learn the prospect of your own health
Remember me again when you find time & in your
wanderings Dear Brother send a thot for this lonely widower's
moan. Your affn & undg Brother
C Dunham

Bennington Dec 25th /47

Dear Sir

Come load of wire has just come I have got a place to solder it but can find no one that it will answer to leave here to do it

Will it not be best to send the man that is at work with Pinkham up here I was in there before I came here he makes a good joint and quick and get a raw hand and put with pinkham if you can do so you had better send him Monday by Stage for I can do nothing at putting wire till he comes you will find him at Halsteds Hotel Be sure and send cups as I want to be putting them on. There will be a Bennington team at Telegraph office there Tuesday morning that will bring a load for $4 per Ton and I think I can get teams to take loads to Manchester write me concerning that but you had better send one box cups by Stage morning with hand as baggage so we can go to work put in some extra steps under your Rodick man unload his wire at Potter Hill 5 miles from Rodick corners write me Monday

Yours &c. L. C. Holmes

S A Holmes
Dec 23rd 1841

E. Cornell Esqr
Troy House
Troy

Buffalo, Dec. 23, 1847.

C. Cambell, Esq.
Troy, N.Y.

Sir: Your favor of 21st. is before me, and its contents noted.

In regard to you inquiry as to the age of my sons, I reply that one is 22, one 20, and one 18 years. As to the amount of their wages, that is a matter for you to fix, and not me, and I must learn that from you, either now, or when you have fixed your prices.

They are all employed, now, in offices, in Canada, but I prefer to have them on this side, and shall change them, if I can, advantageously. They are all good operators; and one of them is not surpassed, in the scientific knowledge and practical skill of his business, by any operator within my acquaintance. As to change of place, all three wish to get permanent places; and they have given abundant evidence, to their employers, of zeal in their business; but as to taking stock in the line, none of them is in a condition to do so.

Respectfully yours,

R. W. Harkins.

R W Haskins
Dec 23rd 47

Dryden Dec 26th D 1847

Dear E. C

your letters of the 21st inst to L. D. & Self was received yesterday we were all very glad to hear that you had regained your health again and we hope you will take good care to keep it. we very much fear the business you are at putting up wire and So much wintering will run you down again we think you ought to be very careful I have watched Dunham closely Since he red your letter. he is much affected by the many manifestations of your deep Simpathy and regard for his wellfare he ~~feels~~ Seems to duly appreciate your kind and good offers for business and I concearly wish he was able to go into it but his Sore affliction in body and mi will not admit of his undertaking any ~~business~~ of the his health is too poor I think he will Stay here this winter and do what chores he is able to do and I think Such busin will be as good for his health as any he could do and it would much relieve me if he Should Stay and be able to do chores I Shal do every thing I can to help him rise above his troubles. I hope and think they will gradually wear off but if we can get his mind up for business by Spring it will be as much as I expect. you wrote me you had been to the city. that Carter had resigned and that you had told Otis he had better Stay where he was and that his answer was that he was Sick of the City Can you find out what he could get to Stay there another year or rather find where he can do the best for another year and let us know Soon I have written him to come home when his time is up at N.Y. for a visit at least and in the mean time See what the next best Step will be and I have no other Source but you to depend on if he goes into the Tell busines again. plas find and advise us

I received a letter from John yesterday dated at Seneca
Falls the 17th he wrote me that ~~he~~ you wanted to come
but that you had written him that you wanted him
to come down and help up with the wore and get the whole
trade he wrote he wanted to go if he was able and did not
know as he should come home if he got well enough in time
to go if he is with you tell him I wrote him this afternoon
at Seneca Falls and that I wrote him immediately after
receiving his letter from Troy and have answered at once
every Line Rec'd from him Since he left home. I close in hast

with much love

C Cornell Esqr

Benj Wood

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Brattleboro 26th Nov. 1847

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you One hundred dollars ($100) in notes of par currency for which amount, dated 22nd Inst, cannot you also throw some, which they will obtain a little circulation,

I also pay you on account of said date to Mr H.K. Rice for $50. and remit to Brattleboro. per E.C.J. Smith $800. and will remit to Dunn Bellows & Dunn hereafter as may

Rich

Yours,

H.K. Rich

Virgil & Rice & Thrasher

Office of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Co.
Corner of Cass Street & Jefferson Avenue,
DETROIT, MICH.

Dec 26th 1847

Dear Sir

I received a letter from Hoyt yesterday on whom I had depended to bring paper - but he will not be here under two weeks. It will be useless to try to start an office without of the size of Chicago + in Winter even it goes hard enough with "home manufactured"

I send by express tomorrow to Buffalo + if they have a sheet roll there I know Mr Boughton will send it + it will be here Saturday or Monday.

I start Wednesday with 2 registers leaving a student here + at Ypsilanti stopping there one day to see if they can get along - Then to Jackson & put up one register + shall wait over Sunday + Monday Morning at Marshall for paper + then come on if - The main point is this Wood is out of Money. When he was down he could only get me have a little over what I lent him + I fear I shall not have enough left to take me to Chicago.

Will you therefore have a letter meet me at Marshall by Saturday if possible with enough at least to pay expense from there to Chicago.

Mr Wood says he will be at Jackson in about 2 weeks but it is now extremely cold + the wire being unannealed is worse to stretch so that it will probably take 3 at least

Yours Respectfully
H Copeland

Office of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Co.
Corner of Cass Street & Jefferson Avenue,
DETROIT, MICH.

Dec 26th 1847

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days since stating among other things that the glass cups had been shipped as per your directions - They were shipped but it was impossible for the Steamer to get out of the river & they are now here.

Yesterday we got a good circuit to Ann Arbor & the line works well with a battery of only 10 cups - We lack however paper. You stated that you had ordered some to be sent on but there has been none received here. I sent a long time since to Buffalo & got one roll which we have divided between Detroit & Ypsilanti & have made some for Ann Arbor. We do not wish to go to Chicago without some & I send by express tomorrow for some rolls to Buffalo as Hoyt on whom we were depending to bring ours not be here in 2 or more weeks.

Mr Speed has written me several times to come on as the line is ready from Chicago to Milwaukie & I start with 3 registers on Wednesday stopping at Jackson to put up one & the other two taking along to Chicago. Mr Speed will probably be there for some 2 weeks at least.

Mr Wood was down Friday & tells bad stories out of money - cold work & but he is driving the line ahead as fast as it is possible in this season.

How you send us some paper immediately by express to this city?

Yours Respectfully S. Haviland

Telemell & Jay

P.S. I hope you will not think me very serious in a remark in a former P.S.

Homer Dec 26th 1847

Dear Brother E—

On my return home last evening I received your favours of the 9th and 10th inst, and one from S. Speed dated 19th. In my letter from Detroit I gave you information of the arrival of the wire which I got up to the R.R. the same day and distributed it along the line at distances of 6 to 10 miles going with the train myself and stoping the engine at every convenient place to get shelter for the wire until I got to Kalamazoo. I then set four hands to soldering together at different places and commenced putting up and have got this side of Ann Arbour some miles. Yesterday we tried the line having put up the instrument at A.A. and it went off the first time. Holman is at A.A. and will stay a few days and then leaves for Chicago. I am sorry to say he is very unsteady. He keeps late hours uses to much brandy and is very boistrous, Speed writes that he does not want him to come if there is anybody els we can send that can work the instruments I do not know hardly how to act in the case

He has made up his mind fully to go and as we have no other except Haviland that can put up and adjust the instruments I think he will have to go, Haviland will put up the Register at Lackson before he goes to Milwaukie and if we cannot keep the offices going for want of operators we can close them for a short time but I think if Hoyt comes (for we have written and expect him) we shall have no difficulty in going ahead, There ought to be three Registers to send west but we have got so near Lackson and as we want to give the express news from the new Capitol I shall not send ~~it~~ west but two at present. I brought out the glass caps instead of the cast iron as there was a large quantity in store and as the hands were used to putting them on and as the line works well with them I still continue to use them I am afraid to tackle the others for the plaster cement may freeze this cold weather and bother us. You said six instruments were done and would be shiped soon all but the weights. There has but four arrived, I hope to be able to send a draft to meet the bill sent with them, Speed is confined to his room in Chicago, I had a

conversation with Livingston who came from there last week and he thinks if he can save his leg he will have a stiff knee, Speed says in his letter that his knee is much better but I fear much for the result, With regard to the work which Wade had charge of East of Detroit I can assure you its is well done. There is not a past set less than five inches at the top end and 25 feet long and are set firm in the ground nothing less than five feet, The story of the ox gads is probably the fulminations of the O'Reilley crew, They were a miserable drum set and their posts all lean badly and some have tumbled down being set not four feet in the ground, Our poles on this line stand firm and upright and sustain the wire with perfect ease, Our subscriptions to stock are paid in very slow and it is with only with unyealding persiverance that - I get money enough to pay the freight and keep the work going ahead, There is some choice spirits here if it were not for the support they give I should be disheartened but as yet we keep the ball in motion

Yours with esteem

E Cornell Esq. M. B. Wood

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TELEGRAPH OFFICE, CITY OF WASHINGTON,
December 27, 1847.

SIR:

At a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Magnetic Telegraph Company, held in this City on the 8th instant, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the President of this Company, together with such committee, to consist of two members, as may be appointed, be authorized to enter into a contract with such persons as they may think proper, to cross the North River with such number of wires as they may deem expedient, and to connect the wires to the City of New York; and that they be authorized to borrow a sum not over twenty thousand dollars, to carry this resolution into effect: *Provided*, That if two-thirds of the holders of the stock will agree that whatever money may be wanted shall be raised by loan, *pro rata*, on their shares, the committee shall raise it in that manner; the said money to be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the line, with legal interest."

The committee consists of B. B. FRENCH, T. M. CLARK, and J. SIDNEY DOANE.

I would respectfully call your attention to the vast importance to this Company of crossing the North River with our wires. We are now paying, annually, the interest of at least three times the sum it will cost to carry a sufficient number of wires across for all our purposes—and the moment our line commences working into the very heart of the City of New York, the receipts will be much greater than they now are.

With the present pressure in the money market, the committee can hardly hope to raise a sum sufficient for the purpose required, at legal interest, and if the Stockholders do not lend their aid, this great project, so vitally important to every owner of stock in the line, must, for the present at least, be abandoned.

There are about sixteen hundred shares of stock, and ten dollars on each share will be amply sufficient to carry out the object of the resolution. The money will, without any doubt in my mind, be refunded within one year, and probably within six months.

Do me the favor to reply at your earliest convenience, directed to me here.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. B. FRENCH,

President Magnetic Telegraph Company.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.
Troy
N. York

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B. B. Frank
Circular Dec 28 '47