Dunbar Dec 28th 1847

Friend Wood

Your letter dated Sony the 20th inst I received last evening. I have long looked for a letter from you but had almost given it up - I wrote you on the 4th inst & enclosed one to Mr E Cornell which it appears you have not received - I directed it to Ithaca & think it very strange you did not receive it - I have been anything but in good humour since you left the contractors from below have been continually on my back - they will not take no for an answer - I should not actually be placed in the Lime Department again for 30 days yet I have no idea of it there is the Irish Pistole Contractor there now & determined to stay until he is paid. I wrote to Mr Cornell the 18th inst which letter you will probably see before you start for Ithaca. I am sure Mr Cornell will not longer delay sending me the amount due these people that I may be at rest & be discharged if he has nothing more for me to do - I cannot think he expects me to stay in the gap all this time without wages. Had they been paid as they should have been & been discharged myself I should had 10/- per day & found thro the winter my charge to him is 10/- per day since you left & I find myself - & I shall expect to be paid that until I am relieved from these debts below In my letter of the 4th I wrote you I should not -

consider myself discharged until these people are paid - As to Telegraphing I am as good an operator as Gisborne was - when he first came here. Your brother offered me the Cobourg Station at £75.00 Salary. He said he did not expect I would accept it but he could get a Clerk at that Salary who would be glad to have it - I applied for this Station should Gisborne leave. He said he had promised it to Torney but a few days before. I expected you had spoken to him to give me this Post on your way home but it appears you did not - I am very sorry you neglected it - I had an Interview to the President of the Montreal Co & a number of the Shareholders in my favour. Mr S. wished to write to his brother recommending me if I wished it. The Quebec shareholders preferring a native to fill the situation in preference to a Stranger. I said nothing further after receiving your brothers answer. S.G is so confident he shall be employed by the lower Company that he asked me if I would accept the same wages he gets for a month or so until Torney should come down - I told him you have not yet left wait till you are sure before you employ a substitute - You wish me to send my bills against Mr Cornell. I do not see how we can settle in full until he furnishes funds to pay us for Poles &c - I rec^d from you £480.0.0 I paid for Poles & Brace £395.8.0. My book a/c now amts to £79.11.4 - for any time it is easily rectified - I wish you would say to Mr C if he does not intend

paying these people until he gets funds
from the Assn I wish, to give me something
to do in the Telegraphic line for I am
tired answering the calls that continually
come from below. As for his getting money
from the Assn without doing it is out
of the question - I am in want of money
myself but I dare not ask him for
any knowing the times are hard - I have
some money due me by Friend Tibbits
but I know there is no use of asking for
it. He is hard up - Had I been at
liberty a fortnight ago he would have
sent me to New Brunswick for the
winter - I have nothing to write you
any news from here - I heard yesterday
you was permanently fixed in Savy
I asked Sisters to ask you brother
if you had your wife with you - He
said no. told me he had a wife
I must close hoping you will
write soon & excuse my writing &
&c Love from all to all -

Yrs Sincerely Friend

Isaac H. Cutler

M. L. Wood Esq

Shea —

P.S. I have told the directors
of the Car Works of your time
&c as nearly true as I could
they decided to accept your tender
Say about 1st of May the
Car Works will be ready
Write me & let me know what I
can do - I O G

I shall ask to forward this so that you could see Mr C's petition.

Of me we like in Mrs Mr Cutler
Mrs & do well in Montreal & Mrs
Mary & Mary he ought to be helped out
I trust he may be able to pay it back
Mrs him personally & recommend him
for all these employ demands

Mrs Mr Mrs

Mr Cutler
to Mr Moore
Dec 28, 1871

Newyork Dec 28th 1847

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th is received, we are disapointed in hearing of the defect in the iron you speak of and do not understand why it is — we shall refer your letter to Mr Robert Cooker with a request that he makes you an explination

In regard to the missing 66 Bdls we can only say that the iron was shiped according to direction & receipts taken for all we ship°. Said receipts was handed to whom last here by the writer of this

Yours Respectfully

Shuman & Morris

Per A B Shuman

Sherman & Morris
28 Derby

Buffalo Dec 28th 1847

E. Cornell Esq

Yesterday Reed. 40 Bundles Telegraph Wire 13000 lb on which the charge was $197.81

This morning your favour of 25th Inst. came to hand Our Harbour is now closed and will most likely remain so during the winter. So that there is no chance for shipping by Lake. Myer Kirby is the Proper Person to apply too for permission to send Wire through Canada, his adress is "Waterloo Canada West." Respectfully

Jesse Ketchum

Jason Parker
Dec 28 1849

Boston Dec 28. 1847.

Mr Cornell

My Smith gave the Order for tel
egraphic Posters to me to be executed, and
I attended to it at once. I have been printing
Contractors Since and have succeeded in
getting it ready for delivery - I will have it
boxed and forwarded today or tomorrow —
in two parcels as directed —

Yours Respectfully

L. L. Sadler

E. Cornell. Esq
Troy

Mr L L Sadler
28 Decr 47

N.Y.

Gt Connecticut Way

Office No 10 Wall Street
New York Dec 28/47

Mr E Corner

Sir

I called on Thomas & Thomas & Sherman & Morris - Mackie Hoe & the Screw Co relative to No 11 Mill -

Sherman & Morris will sell at 7½ cts Cash on delivery and will be able to deliver within 30 days - Have not seen Emmons from the Atlas - will see him the first time I am down

Yours &c
W Lawton

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W. L. Jordan
E. P. Deerby —

Mr E Cornell
Troy
N.Y.

Mr E. Cornell

New York Dec 25 1847

Sir

Your favour under date of Dec 25. 1847 is at hand
In reply to the letter from Lake. W Welch think that suit had better
be commenced, The Screw C will ship to day a Barrow. 500 Tons
The last intelligence we recive from Buffalo the Wire had not been
sold & if you wish it you can communicat with McKay &
close the Matter, we shall inform you as soon as we get the
Wire to Ship, we have nothing Special to communicat would by
you the compliments of the season

Respectfully Yours

Wilkes &
Pomeroy

Wellsaco
28 Dec 47
See R.N.A. Tel. Ap

New York 28th. Dec. 1847

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

We have an application today from Messrs. Wells & Co enquiring how soon we could furnish 12 Tons No 11. Telegraph Wire and at what price -

We will write to the Works this evg and expect an answer the day after tomorrow should you require the best quality it may cost from 8 to 8½ cts Cash in New York - and as it might have to be sent by Rail Road from Pittsburg to New York. an additional charge of ½ ℔ per Ton - but we will endeavour to get the price as low as we can - and shall advise you as soon as we hear from them - We suppose it might take from two to three weeks after they get the order -

Yours Respectfully

Phelps & Co

John Fillockey & Co
28 Devey

Telegraph Office
Washington, Dec 28. 1847

Mr. Ezra Cornell,
City of New York,
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23d inst was recd. by me on Sunday, and would have been replied to yesterday but for the delay occasioned in procuring from the several stations, information to correct the gross error into which you have fallen in stating that the line has worked <u>but three days</u> this month between N.Y. & Washington. You have, according to your statement, been led into this error by false information; for, from the reports received from Jersey City, Phila. Baltimore & this office, it appears that the line has worked through, the entire day, for 16 days, & that it has worked a portion of every other day, with the exception of 3 days on which it did not work through at all.

You enquire why the stockholders do not get a dividend? You own 14 shares of the stock one of which - the one now enclosed - is dividend on 10 shares, & there remains an overplus to your credit of $82,58½, which you can sell at ~~any~~ moment here for between 40 and

fifty dollars in cash. The share enclosed you can sell here for 60 dollars. Here then is a dividend on 1000 dollars, equivalent in cash to between 110 & 120 dollars! And you enquire, "why we dont get a dividend?"

If nothing befalls the line, that I cannot now foresee, there will be a handsome cash dividend declared in July next.

You know very well, that when the supervision of the line came into my hands in July last, it was just emerging from a series of misfortunes which no human power could control. The company was in debt, & the line much out of repair- some of the insulations were very imperfect, & I was almost discouraged in my first efforts to render the line what it ought to be. Since that time it has been very much injured by a freshet, between Washington & Philadelphia. The copper wires between this City & Baltimore had become so tender that they could hardly be depended upon for a single hour. The heavy expense of putting up and insulating an iron cord between this city and Baltimore, decreed, from necessity, on me, and I have caused it to be done, & I hope, before tomorrow night, to see it working well. The insulations used are the best I have ever seen, of the kind,

(inverted cups) they are strong & of excellent glass, & will, in my opinion, do good service.

The idea of working this line of one wire, through from this City to N. York, is ridiculous, and I am surpised that a person of your experience should suggest such an idea. It is not because it cannot be done that it is not. We have worked it through with as much perfection as it ever worked between this place and Baltimore - but suppose I should now say "connect the line through, & let it work in that manner" - what would be the result? Phila. sends, probably, ten messages to N. York, to this office one - and all the business at Phila. would lie there unsent, until Washington & Baltimore chose to give up the line!

I will illustrate by supposing that Washington sends to Baltimore 600 messages in a day, of which number 300 stop in Baltimore, 150 go to Philadelphia, & 150 to New York. Baltimore sends, for herself 150 to Phila. & 150 to N. York, besides those received from Washington, making 600 leaving Baltimore. Philadelphia sends, for herself 300 to New York, besides the 150 each from Washington and Baltimore, making 600.

Suppose the line to be working through, & one message to be sent each minute from one station on the line to some other

station, and in 10 hours 600 messages only could be transmitted.

When working in sections, as now, by the case just above supposed

Washington actually sends	600	of hours
Baltimore sends	300	"
Philadelphia "	300	"
	1200	

So that, while the line is working in sections (as now) 1200 messages could be sent in the same time that 600 could be sent were it working through!!

Supposing the average to be 30 cents for each message, we should receive $180,00 with line working through, and $360,00 with it working in sections, as now.

As soon as two wires are working well between this city and N.Y. one of them shall be worked through.

As for the "cloud" that you speak of, ~~[redacted]~~ it does not appear to me quite so dismal as it seems to others. If must become much more ominous before my consent can be obtained to lease our line, if at any rate whatever, at certainly not a less rate than 25 per cent. I will, however, submit your proposition to the Board of Directors when they meet. In my opinion the Stockholders alone can act upon it.

I enclose a certificate of stock.

Respectfully yours

C. A. French
Pres. Mag Tel Co

D. H. Smith Esq

Ypsilanti Dec 29th 1847

Dear Sir

We are in connection of a fix at present from want of Operators — in this manner —
We have 6 registers — 3 of them up — & 3 offices ready to go into operation & others coming on as fast as Registers arrive — The stations are filled thus — The one at Detroit by a student who will do very well for a short line & when it is extended I expect to return there. This office is in charge of a student who will do well though now & is improving — Mr Holman is at Ann Arbor & has no student & the Jackson office will be ready in 2 or 3 weeks & no one is prepared to enter it & soon others will be ready

Mr Speed has written me several times to come on as the line is all ready & bring instruments & an operator to take charge of one end of the line. I have been waiting for Root to come & bring one paper & go with me west but he has not come & will not be here under 2 weeks. The result is we need an old operator to be at the head of the line & one to start new offices & there are neither now in this line. One old one should also be at Mich. City. We have written Byron to come on & you telegraph him to start immediately & he

can learn at Detroit where to go. If you see fit to send any others Mr Gilbert of Auburn & Lynch of Little Falls would be glad to come & if they can each bring a register we could be ready for them in less than 4 weeks.

I started this morning for Chicago but had to come back here as they were in some trouble & I hope they can now keep straight for a week or two. Mr Hol-man will remain at Ann Arbor as long as possible waiting for some one, while I am getting the offices at Chicago & Milwaukie ready, when he will come on although Mr Speed prefers he should remain on this section, but there is no other way to do if the offices must be opened the keys they must to give confidence to stockholders. Gee is still flat on his back & can-not get out for some time

I wrote you the other day about paper. Today I got some made at Ann Arbor for 18 cts per lb as good I think as you get down east. We can get more at the same rate & taking into consideration express charges is this not the cheapest? If you have not already forwarded some we may as well get it here.

I hope you will not consider me officious in taking so much interest in the business but Mrs Speeds confinement has led him to leave much for me to do & Mrs Woods urgent calls in different directions has induced me to act thus rather than see the interests of the line suffer & their limited acquaintance with the modus operandi of telegraphing has also left more for me to do

I wrote that the logs had been shipped as you ordered but were frozen in. There is now a theirs + perhaps the Constitution may go out.

I understood from Mr Speed that he was depending on you to furnish operatives + I supposed that is why we are so bothered for want of them. The line can do with 3 more if they come at once if they do not why we may as well go to work + get out a batch

Yours ery Respectfully
J. Haviland

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca Dec 29th 1847

Dear Sir

Yours come to hand this morning and I want to try and leave here about Tuesday morning Mr Slyde is going ~~and~~ so William Speed tells me and he is in Caroline now and I am going to wait for him this morning — And Sir this bill is owing me $11 and they have not got the amount therefor you must send me some funds as I am short and it would not be safe to start without about $2 $ on hand & you would oblige me if you could send ~~them~~ $12 or 14 And the instruments that you will be packed up good And if me & Mr dont go before the latter part I shall want for him as I am not use to traveling In Haste

Yours &c

B B Hoyt
Ithaca

E Cornell
Troy

E Cornell Esq

Care of A B Cornell

Troy N.Y.

Hoosac 30 Dec 1847

Dear Sir

You will find 20 Bundles wire here. Joseph Swann who lives 3/4 of a mile East of this place drawed this wire from Troy. He agreed to haul it to Hoosac corners for $3,00 which is the price that Isaac Winston got to haul a ton from Troy to Bennington. He has left it at 3/4 of the distance he agreed to haul it. You will therefore only pay him three fourths of the price. That is $2.63 It will then cost me more that the difference to get it hauled the balance of the Distance, Enquire for a letter at East Bennington, I will write you then.

Yours &c

E Corell

Mr John Sutton

E Corrill to
John Nutter

Mr John Nutter
Foreman Nutting up
Telegraph Wire

97 Orange
Brooklyn

Chicago 30 June 1847

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13th 15th & 18th were
communicated to me from Detroit & read. Last
Evening - I appreciate fully all you say about
funds, and the importance to us, in future
operations of sustaining your credit now.
But Stick a knife in a bellows Knee - have it
look as big as three Knees - Let him be un-
able to touch his foot to the floor for Six
weeks - Shut him up in a room - Have no
one call to see him, but some one who counts
the hay for Jobs, or Cabins - Let him write
a dozen letters a day, and do all that
it is possible for him to do, and Since
after all his efforts, that when Saturday
night comes, he can barely raise money
enough to buy the expenses of the week
that an extra Straight bite of $1.00, looks
like a mountain to him - Let every
body who does see him, ask when the Telegraph
will be done? - Whether O'Reilly has not
Stolen him &c. and you will have
some idea of the Embarrassments
I am in here - I have never been able
to find out yet how much coin has
been used at Detroit. I have written

to Wood half a dozen Letters - To Davidson
Twice as many - To Parker one, & several
to Gan, to know how much wire has
been used, as Detroit & how much sent
from Buffalo, in all. But I am still
in the dark - your letter says how much
was ordered to be Shipped to Chicago &
Milwaukee - It has not been ready, and
I suppose it was sent to Detroit - I have
sent a man to Kalamazoo for a
load of wire to finish to St, City -
He took a load of caps Early St City,
when he returns I will learn something
about what is doing in Michigan -
From your letter of the 18th I conclude
that you have not yet bought wire
enough to complete this line, and
are waiting to have it imported.
I therefore conclude that you do
not expect to finish it this winter
This will be a terrible disappointment
to our ~~stockholders~~ customers, and if
they knew it, they would not buy an
other cut - I have promised them
that it would be done in a few weeks.
I supposed Colling would be able to
collect enough in Michigan to Rub
Wood in funds: but Davidson writes
me that Wood has no money & I must

and him come to enable him to get him, and open this office. If we just up the wire to Kalamazoo, and start the office at all the towns on the Rail Road, I think I could collect considerable in Michigan, if I could get them: but at present I cannot get to Michigan. Can barely get across the Strait to our office with a crutch & cane, and could not ride ten miles in the stage. My knee has however improved very much in the last week, and I hope to be able to get out soon.

There is no probability of being able to get wire from Buffalo to Cattaraugus by water, but I still think that we had better have it put on by towns, to bill up this line. It is the quickest way of getting money, and all the devils this side of Hell cannot get money out of our subscribers, if the work stops. We should not have attempted to build the Buffalo and the money you have, that and I have made, would have relieved you, and as it is, it has done no good, and the poles have cost twice as much as they would to have got them this winter and set them in the Spring. You talk of getting wire for the line from Buffalo to Cleveland

How is it to be finished for? How are we
to get hands to pay twenty or thirty dollars
for tow for carting & pay for hauling stuff?
Dont remain debt for wire for that end
get the wire to finish this end, if possible
and see how we come out, write
till the navigation opens to complete
the East end, it costs twice as much
to put up the wire in winter as in summer
This line has cost double what was
Estimated - It has been done in the most
Economical way - Mucking the wire, was
timers wire, in short prices, and it cost
a great deal too much to calculate - It was
then put up on the poles without caps,
The caps cost like fury - to counteract the
Glasses - Grind the disc, wedge them in, and
bind a cap on along the line to distribute
them - then end hands, along a second time
to put them on - Cold weather - Mittens on -
Slow work - Some days wind blows so on the
Prairie one could not go ask the Indians - One
fellow lost his hat, and in a minute it was out of
sight, going on towards the Mississippi - On the
whole if this is a fair specimen of Telegraph building
I will spent with economical discretion, the first time I
go to church, "Good Lord deliver us" - Hoping for better things
in future I am Yours &c J.L. Spangler

What shall we do for operators? If we had the instruments & town out to use them, we could open our offices at Milwaukee, Racine, Southport At this City and at Michigan City- It would create a good feeling and enable us to collect something- Can you not send on some one from the East? or shall we manufacture them here? Will you send me a Tariff of charges, or shall I play at Billy and manage the whole concern myself? If we should be so fortunate as to get the wire and finish this line, shall we organize by electing directors, or write untie the whole line is done to Buffalo?
When will the other instruments be sent on? I suppose we have wire enough to complete the line to Kalamazoo, we will then want 12 Registers, Receiving Sticks & Sounders Bend to be supplied, when we get more wire- I will make all the efforts that it is possible for me to make- I will beg, plead, scold, do any thing but steal to get money. as soon as I can hobble limp about, and stand riding in the Stage-
Smith must give us a lift- His credit is good, if he has no money, and he must aid you with the use of it- I will move to Detroit if you & Smith think it best- I will do any thing that can be done: but as to getting much money before we get this line done I can't- No one can- It is impossible-

We will loose some 300 or 400 dollars by not having the line down to Buffalo by 1st of Sept next. Hope O'Reilly will complete his, and I will claim that as a fulfilment of my promise - Had we not better get the town of Lancaster sent to Cleveland? If you are not in a devil of a hurry I am - Smith wants me to go St. Louis & see O'Reilly Sunday - If I go, I will have to draw on him for funds to pay expenses - write - let us know the worst - If we must all go to Hell together say so - I have the advantage - I am used to it -

PAID
CLEVELAND
AUG 31
1853
N.Y.

Geo. Worthington Esq
Cleveland
Ohio

Mitchell Clarke

A Shumway
Absent

Chicago 30 Dec. 1847

My dear Sir

It does seem as tho' the devil, or some other infernal power, was opposing us. You will see from Kennedy's letter, which enclose, that he expects to collect some of the wire by this time, and that he is relying on my funds to buy on the wire he has bought. I have written him over and over again that it is impossible to collect any more here than we have to use, before the line is done. You will see from Haviland's letter that Wood is out of funds also, and cannot let him have money enough to buy his expenses home, & have written him at Marshall, and requested Collins to borrow enough to buy his expenses & I would send it back to him, if necessary. Wood will not yet complete the line to Ann Arbor, but I suppose he has hands at work this way also.

Spear Dec 30. 47

I sent Mr Jackson, with our team, to Kalamazoo, to get a load of wire to finish to the City. He will find out what is doing in Michigan & be sent on Tuesday—

[illegible]

I send a letter from Chas G Gray enclosing a printed notice to Farming Capitalists Mechanics &c, setting the old scheme we had up for colonising. Capital $50.000. Shares $100 - $30 000 to be invested in land and $20 000 in stock to be put by us on joining the Association and 5 per ct 1st of April next. The notice or scheme is published in the newspapers and Signed Chas. G. Gray Secretary & J J Speed President - Gray says they want my name on the authority of St Mark who advises it - I have written to Mack blowing him up for consenting to have my name in connection with an impracticable scheme, and subjecting me to ridicule &c - I sent Mack a notice for publication declining the Chairmanship - It would be hard work to raise $500 000 for such a purpose, then to collect our subscriptions, and I have no idea of embarking in any new enterprise until we get through with our present undertakings.

Smith wants me to move to Detroit, says that they will give me a comfortable Salary. I have agreed to do so, and intend leaving Ithaca early in the Spring - I cannot stay in this Country and have my family at Ithaca. If you conclude to come to Milwaukee, we will say goodbye to Ithaca together

Haviland will cut Quite in Gray

Detroit if anyone is wanted we can make better

here or at Milwaukee -

Best. many words I could write many pages & say little - Yours truly

New York 21st. Dec 1847

Mr E. Cornell

Troy

We have just heard from the Works in regard to the 12 Tons of 80 lb Wire, they say with their other engagements it might take two months to complete the order, but a part could be sent sooner, & we think if we got the order immediatly, they might get it before that time, as we might let some other orders, which are not so pressing stand, until that was done - as it would have to be sent down on the Rail Road the price would be eight cents per pound Cash on delivery in New York.

Yours Respectfully

Jno. F. Mallie & Co.

J F Mackie & Co
31 Dec 47

E Cornell Esq
Troy N.Y.

Mills & C

Barbadoes 31st Dec 1849

Ezra Comstock Esq

Whitehall

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 2 of the Inst is before me, and contents noted,

I am gratified to learn for our prosperity this place, and hope soon to see the Machine, can for - not consistently save a gang of hands to this place, and allow the subscribers how to have a real demonstration of what is being done

We have no snow with us,

for the roads are quite good.

Truly Yours

A. L. Rich

J H Peck
31 Dyer

J Davilan
To Drew

Office of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Co.
JACKSON, MICH.

~~By Telegraph from~~ Dec 8 1862

10 o'clock, A. M.

To D. Lennell Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote you a day or two since & among other things stated our want of operators. The time necessary for them to get here would cause more delay than would be convenient if it could be remedied. I have just seen a young man here who is a little acquainted with the business & with some more practice will be able to take charge of any office to be intrusted to him another student will be ready as soon as needed & with

Heyt who is now daily expected & the registers are ahead be all right + clear along. If it is convenient can you telegraph Byron to come on if he has not already left & that Mr Burnite send 4 or 6 registers to Detroit as soon as finished

This office will be ready as soon as 20 miles of wire is up + as soon as it is open business will amount to something. This portion of the line will get along I think after a fashion for a few weeks & then I hope to return after getting Chicago + Milwaukee into operation.

The line works well + do do the registers when an old hand has hold of them — Yours Respectfully

J. Harriland

Shaftsbury Dec 31rst 1847

Dear Sir

We have got to this place or within 8 poles 4/4 miles from where we saw you and have laid still 1/2 day for want of caps Pinkham had a few we took them and will get them used up by 9 o'clock to morrow then we will have nothing to do again I sent to Bennington none there 16 bundles are sent to day

Two Albany teams passed to day with their loads they started with the other 9 is at Shaws between Hoosick & Troy going to Manchester they will come home before they get it all through look out for them

Will you be able to furnish caps as fast as we all will use them if not why not let Potter come on here when he gets to Bennington and I settle for the poles above then go home you know best do as you think best but if you keep me here give me tools to work with and I will try and get along but it is lonesome work to be at an expense to you of 7 or 8 dolls a day and then lay still 1/2 of the time write me at Arlington Monday I shall not go up the line till I hear from you the going is so very bad mud here nee deep, My fingers are very sore can hardly hold my pen

Where there is no turning to do we shall want about 150 caps per day I have just received a line from Baxter and a line from your son you need not fear the critters so I do not forward Yours &c S. A. Holmes

O Over

Shaftsbury Vt
Aug 1

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E. Cornell Esqr
Telegraph Office
N.Y.

Dear Sir Enclosed is found draft
Sixteen dollars for which please
forward me a number
of Photographic Views as ordered
per Mr. Bierstadt

Yours Truly

Office No 10 Wall Street
New York Dec 31/47

Mr E. Connell

Sir

Geo Nancy of the New York Screw Co
agrees to furnish, within twenty days, Inclosed Nos 11 Telegraph wire at seven
and a half Cents (7½ cts) at Sixty days — These are his best terms — Do they
suit You?

Yours &c &c
Wells & Co

P.S. To be ready within twenty days
after the order is given

Wells & Co
31 Dec 97
Contract for Nassau
Wire for Edell Tel Co

Lit Chro
Mr. C. Conner

Rufus Austin
bill 16 Spruce
Poles

1847 [?]

Rufus Austin Jr.
16 Spruce poles
his bill is at the U. S. Hotel

This Agreement witnesseth that Charles Clark has agreed to deliver 180 Rock & White Oak Telegraph poles which are to be 25 feet long and five inches in diameter clear of the bark at the small end straight and well trimed said poles to be delivered at the rate of thirty to the mile and 176 feet apart along the McAdamized road leading from Troy to Bennington Commencing at the N. mile [redacted] and running to [redacted] Bennington with the delivery they are to be delivered by the first day of October next for which Ezra Cornell agrees to pay when so delivered according to the above provisions 40 cents each to the above named Charles Clark

Charles Clark
Ezra Cornell
By S. A. Holmes

1847 2

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Charles Clarke
Contract

Dec. 1847(?)

Hoosick Corners 30th Dec

Dear Sir

You will find one pole without a pin in it and two pins that are not set only stuck in the holes— and four or five that have been pulled out, If you can straighten them up do so if not fix them the best you can to get the wire on, you may be able to borrow an Auger and put a pin in the pole without one, When you get to Hoosick Corners Bridge you may bore a hole in the ends of the bridge close up in the peak. /\ and let the wire drop through and lay on the upper beer of beams /\ under the roof of the Bridge, if the superintendent of the road makes no objection, he lives at the gate near the 18. mile Stone, you can see him and ask the question when you come along, Joseph Swan, agreed to let him bring up the balance of the wire today to the Harlem Line near the State line for $4.25 per ton or at that rate for less than ton, you will

Send by Swan

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