Chicago 9 June 1848

Dear Sir

Your several letters of the 25 and 26 to the 29th all came to hand, and were read this evening after I had just sent off a letter to you of this date in the office, and as I have had an hour before the mail closes this night to answer your enquiries, once answer the balance when I have more time. The wire at Detroit will reach 15 miles this side of Kalamazoo, leaving 85 miles to be billed, (to Kalamazoo) and if the wire is the same size as that sent to Detroit it will take over 14 tons to complete the line, and if you have not sent the 200 lb. I mean not, but send on such as will remain up for it would be no small job to take down one wire and put up another. We do might do, and let it remain, and no one would object to it - In looking over your letter again I see this first order is for two thousand dollars!!! very likely to operate: but don't rely on it for certain. As I now

two or three hundred dollars and have not enough to buy my wood bill- Still as I have said in my letter of this date I'll try and do all that talking, begging, & scolding, and if need be swearing will do to get the stuff in small doses, all caution could not raise the thousand dollars and my subscribing in the months of June- As to getting the stock subscribers from here to Chicago, I have no objections to others furnishing the trade but as for my doing it, and promising to pay money on the strength of such a subscription, with the O R devils barking at my heels, I beg to decline the honor- When O R puts the money I am at a loss to know: but be that as it may. I have no such arrangement for funds, and as to his or my collecting it along the line, with the dispute unsettled it cant be done, and you can have satisfactory evidence that it cannot be done before you put the ten thousand obligations on me So I am not disposed to put myself into an

other such Communications as we have had on this line, the Woollen factory business was fine, when compared with it. I am perfectly willing, and would glory in the chance to go on the line, and present his collecting money; but dislike me from promising to buy on the strength of a subscription in this country, especially with a decent prospect for an increase for not buying- You talk of borrowing money here on attach.!! Do you know that Geo. Smith discounts 60 day drafts on N.Y. at 12½ pct and charges 1/pm. pt. to renew.? Such money is worth 25 pct, and even 33 is paid daily- That man can Can every day wanting to get money, to buy on the Lot they have on and will let the London have the title to the Land, and take a contract and agree to pay Annuals, with but in two years? talk of borrowing money under such circumstances, and of a Bank!! There is no Bank in the State- If the thing can be done at all, it must be done at the East..

If you and Smith conclude that it is best for me to move to Cairo I do not want the debt paid and if I do not I would like much to have it If I can by any possibility pay it - The price is $6000 and I have the refusal of it at that - Mr Johnson wants it and will pay part in Cash, but his offer was only $5500, and Mr Mann of N.Y. the Attorney in Wall St. has the control of it.

I have no time to say more now to remember to Mrs Smith

Yours truly

J. L. Thurston

P.S. Please write soon

Chicago 9 Jany 1848

Dear Sir

In addition to a pile of letters which Havilland brought me, some of which should have been sent a month ago, I send yours of the 25th ult. this day. If you have, more luckey in getting my numerous letters than I in getting yours, you will see that I think it decidedly for our interest to complete this line to Detroit, as quick as possible, as I am sure that it is the readiest way of getting money. I have written you so fully about our troubles and perplexities that I will not repeat them. My knee is so much better that I can now walk with a cane, and I begin tomorrow, to clean out Subscribers myself, and I expect you, that no efforts shall be spared to squeeze the money out of them if possible. I have felt like the deer since I have been confined here, and unable to do any thing but write, as I have known that you would require all the means you could command, and I fear more (to pay off your city bills. But

it was utterly out of my power to come
you, and is so still, I can now however
see people myself, and I hope to make
more headway in future.
Haviland came Friday night. Yesterday
we put up the Register line. We get finish
here for 8½ ft lin wire and will cast tomorrow as
many cups as we will need here, and
at Milwaukee. We expect one of Havilands
students from Detroit by Thursday night,
to operate the instrument, and let Haviland
go to Milwaukee. I think we will get
started from Milwaukee here by Saturday
or Monday. I will remain here this
week and perhaps next, and do my
very best to raise funds. Titlotson
will also make an effort at Milwaukee
South part and Racine; but after doing
the best that can be done; I fear that
we will not be able to collect more than
sufficient to pay for completing this line
including freight bills &c - When done we
will have annual thereafter dollars which
can be got. and I will hold on, and
then until I get it - quite a
number of our subscribers have refused
to pay at all, and rather than get nothing
I have taken 20 for ct, as a donation

and return them on the Arkansas -
If I had not done so, we would have
got nothing, for as to suing them, and
be at the expense and trouble of a long
tedious litigation, and perhaps lost in
the end, I did not think it advisable to
try it - If the Stock is good for any thing
we will have that at 80¢ on the dollar
and as it was the best I could do, I have
done so, when I could not avoid it.
We have collected at this city only $1500 -
out of $6000 - & think we can get about
2500 more, but suits not over $2000
and about $1500 of that is not payable
until the line is completed to Buffalo.
At Michigan City I am confident that
we can get $1000, and perhaps over:
but by agreement, which I explained
to you when made, I get nothing from
until the line is done to Detroit. Then
will be Eight or ten thousand dollars.
due in Michigan: but all the debts
this side of Buffalo cannot collect it before
we open this office - sooner than think
we do not mean to give them an office
and never that they will not pay until it
is certain that they have one -
I have a list of the debts when I wrote

your last, even was painful that exercise on my leg would cause it to swell again but I have no such apprehensions now. It has improved vastly in three or four days, and "Richard will be himself again".

I pray that we may make a good start with as many prominent operators. I want it to be such that you could send in two good men for this office & Milwaukee, at any rate, We will do the best we can.

What say you about my living at Detroit? I wrote you fully about that matter some time ago.

Smith has made an offer open to leave the O.K. controversy to arbitration. I will send you his letter soon.

The St. Louis people wanted the title O.K. back on account of the line to Louisville. They want to take his stock & go without the "Ks" in an indefinite period - He had the advantage - We had no line for them to connect with - What say you about my going there to see them as Smith requests me to do?

Yours in much better spirits but no richer than before

J. J. Speed Jr

St Louis Aug 4 82

Albion January 9th 1898

My Dear Brother

Sister Phebe has several times told me that you had writen for me to write you and asking of if it would be pleasant to have an opportunity of reading a letter from you once and a while I rose at my self about it, in hopse that in so doing I shall get an answer And if I should agane be disapointed in that respect as I was when I wrote before, I fear I shall not have courage to attempt it a gane I dont know as I shall succed in finding materials to make out a letter that would be interesting to you But feel ashured if I do the best I can towords it I shall be excusable if I should not

I can inform you of our good healths which we consider a blesing Phebes babe has ben very sick with inflamation on the lungs but has recovered as we heard from them yesterday they were well agane We are having very cold weather but very little snow not enough to make sleighing yet I have been wishing and trying all winter to get some birds for you but they do not show them selves as yet I am in hops they will get hungory enough to come around the stacks and barn and if they do will try and get some we could get you some quails if you want what have you

done with the prairie hen I will try and send you a note to that if there can be one got I must tell you I have got a nice little girl she beats any thing there is in there ports but I dont expect I could brag much if I was at Ithaca As I understand Mary Ann has one that cant be beat Jane writes she is the sweetest prettyest little girl she ever see bearing my name but I dont take it she is named for me I have not named mine yet Phebe calls hers Mary and if Mary Ann or Mother dont send a name for mine I shall call her Phebe I sent to them for a name before she named hers My health is first rate I make a coat now and then just for a variety so that I shant forget how, Matt is very healthy and is a good boy he can rock the cradle and pick up chips as good as any boy of his age I know of The farmers in this vicinity are very much discouraged about the coming wheat crop on account of the insects some orchards are quite destroyed with them we know some pieces have been plowed up and sowed again Clovers looks full as well as common The hops sold this fall for 15 cts and the rise till the first of May I am very sorry to here of your poor health and for your business is to much for your constitution do try to favour yourself more for the sake of your family for they would not know how to get along with out you

I had a letter from Brother Thomas a few weeks ago he wrote you had called on him on your way to Ky. he seems to be in good spirits but writes it is very expensive way of living to hire every thing done for so large a family but so far has been able to meet his expenses and seemed very thankful for it- Did you see all the children, I shall expect an answer to this soon Do write as often as you can find time and try to visit us next summer if Possable I have made them promise to write some and will conclude

Affectionately your Sister Mary

Dear Brother Sylva

As Mary has left a part of a page I will try to fill it up so as to have the letter look finished I would like to know what the prevailing opinion is concerning the price of wheat in the coming Spring as my interest looks forward to that time My Telegraphing was finished on the 29th of Oct. I made a pretty profitable job of it clearing about 60 dollars per month I like the business well If you have any more business that would be profitable and want assistance I would be happy to assist you Yours with respect W. D. Robertson

JAN 22 N.Y.

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E Cornell Esq

~~Troy~~

Burlington Vt

Albany
Jan 9. 1848

Chicago 9 Jany 1848

My dear Sir

I send you Smith's letter
for inspection; with my remarks on
other paper. If you can & think it better to leave off the last part
referring to O'Reilly's brother Irishmen, &c.
and strike out all after the word "Arbitrators",
I go with you tomorrow, to see
whether I can make a trade of some
sorts - I owe about $100. and have
none. besides it will cost $50 or more for
"material" for "cutting & fitting" up at the
office. Saying nothing about funds
for Father, and Mother who are
putting up wood, and must have
money; I also owe a bill from
J Burritt of $240 which I ought to
send him. You will say what the
deuce will you do? I answer my
head is so much better that I can
think about without hurting it, and
as Miller said "I'll try". Give me two
days again, and the clouds will soon
break away, and if we do not have
a bright sun shine, it will not be so
black and Ragnarok -

Speed
Lincoln

Yours of Jany 6th has just come - certainly I would employ a man to look the line in order if you think it advisable to do so. From here to Lockport I can learn say it is all right now, but be found two or three breaks, and therefore there. It will not be as likely to break again, until by the falling of Frs - I am inclined to think that you or I have better go to Buffalo, and see to having the cars custom through Canada. It will take about 12 days more then we have, & Council has decided to go to Buffalo before this time. But to make us to go, and buy the freight (say 30 to 40 dollars) we must get all the money we possibly can after we get the line started between here & Milwaukee - We can tell our debts but that we must have the money to enable us to complete the line to Detroit, and as they have paid so much, they had better buy the balance and let us finish it - I will make a strong effort here - We get Finch here by 8½ & and will get all the cars we will need here - Hamlin will go Wednesday - Yours truly D A Stevens

Mr. S. Alton
10 Jan 1848

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Rutland 10th January 1848.

Friend Cornell.

Your note of the 3d inst was receivd with the Battery, you stated that the wires would be up to this place by Saturday I should have been very happy to see friend Holmes for I have not seen him yet. and when I shall is more than I can say. for I cannot find out when they will be here.

I doubt not but that I shall make many very many mistakes at first, but I shall do the best I possibly can, and you may say to friend Wood that he must scold me sharply if I do not make it go passably for a green one. I should judge that the weather in Troy has been very much such weather as we have had here. we have had no snow untill night before last when it fell about 6 inches deep. Since I came home we have had to go in Mud scows for a week at a time, I am in hopes to be able to talk with you by Telegraph in a few days. I should like to drop in upon you some of these mornings, and have one of the times for an hour or so.

Truly Yours W. G. L. Stoddard

Cornell Esq
Van Buren Duells Co
Troy

Troy Monday Morn 9 A M
Jany 16th 1848

Dear Father

It is rather cool here this morning but I thought that you would like to hear how things are going on at this end of the Line. The line between here and Bennington has been broken since you left. On friday morning we good no circuit with but supposed that Mr Herrington had by some coause or other forgotten and left his key open. but geting no circuit friday we came to the conclusion that the line must be broken and Saturday morning about 9 oclock Mr Brayton came up here and Uncle M.S. asked him if he would go out to repair the Line and he immediately began preparing and it took him only three hours to get ready, and when he did get ready it took him about an hour to get started. The truth is he is a perfect nuisance when you are not around. he is at the Troy House smoking most of the time. Will he finally got started and found a break about ten miles out of town. It was repaired about four oclock but we could not get Bennington Saturday night but this morning he is O K and Uncle M.S. will get his Battery up by noon I think, and then he will be ready for business

Varna January 10th 1848.

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir.

Having just arrived home after an absence of two Weeks, and finding no letter from you as yet, writte reference as to what I am to do, about returning to Buffalo, I am somewhat desirous to hear and now write accordingly.

I am ready at any moments notice to return and take hold of the work, as you shall deem best. I am also anxious to go back, I dont care how soon, as my time hangs heavily on my hands, when not employed.

I received a letter from Buffalo dated Dec 29th stating that Mr O'Reilly's Line from Buffalo to Cleveland would be ready to go into operation in about one week from that time. If this be true, they are now busy doing busines I suppose. Had we not better be hurrying up our line. I say our as I feel already interested in the line and wish much to see it in operation.

I have called several times at Mr. Burritts & he said the Registers would

be finished a week or more ago. I shall go down to Ithaca again in a day or two, and then I can know certain.

I wish you would write me by return mail how the work is progressing. when you wish me to leave, and how I am to manage re. re.

One thing I should like to suggest. though you may have already weighed the matter. I ask it only as an opinion, not only of mine but others who have seen the effects. results.

What I would suggest is a medium tariff. The Ironto Line have established the Ten word system. charging for additional Ten words instead of Five, and at a rate too, altogether too high. I know that most of the lines in the United States have taken the ground of making as little an amount of business as possible pay the disired profits, but I think the principle should be how much business can be done and arrive at the same result. I think 15 words as few as should be tolerated. Better satisfaction will arise from a moderately low tariff, than an exorbitant one. But enough of this now.

I am now only waiting your orders, and care not how soon you can be

prepared to give them. Please make some arrangement with Mr Burritt about his letting me take the Two Registers along with my Baggage, as he says you did not give him any such directions.

I should like to know what I am to expect from you. that is whether I am to depend on your wanting my services, for if not I must be on the lookout elsewhere. I prefer engaging with you and I much rather return to Buffalo than any where else, because I am better acquainted with the citizens & their manner of doing business there of others —

Yours &c

Yours Respectfully
W. D. Allen

E. Cornell Esq
Troy

Burlington 10 June 1848

C. Conway Esq
Key West

Your favour of the 3d
Inst. is before me. Have remitted to
Butler Bell & Co a small sum on acct

To day is the first of our
Shipping, and shall now look for from daily.

We are all pleased with the promising
appearance for fine of the crop on the Island.

Yours truly
J. H. Rich
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4936 57/100
2663 75/100
2272 83/100
1248 09/100
9835 74/100

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634 09/100
1289 09/100

878 75/100
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Chicago 10 June '48

Recd June 10. '48

My dear Sir

I have found an opportunity of writing to you by Mr. Telegraph, and dispatch the instrument, the like of which is the first ever constructed. Mr. Vail will explain to you the mode of using it, and bring it back to me when you come. I have assured him that "there is no danger" for all the deck this piece of toothed wood per mony sum to blot out his bill costs - I want to many with Jenny and celebrate 4th of July per train more than I must, but not enough to do Cornell any good, and besides, we will count all we can get to pay bright and breach Through Michigan - I have no doubt but that E.B. Cornell has sent the balance of our coin before this time through Canada -

If you write write me

the amt collected at Milwaukee, and the proceeds amt that can be collected I will answer correctly Enquiry in hunt- also the number of cabs you want.

I think you had better remain at Milwaukee long enough to collect all that can be got after we start, as we will need it all in Michigan. I will do all I can here & but cannot get much more than we will have to pay expenses between here and Michigan city.

I can now hobble along the street pretty well, and feel sure as the cars would get on Sun- days before 1st Aug, or I think you can "Telly" I do not know but it will be advisable to put Hubbell to expense of the trip for the consideration; letter is in with us - to Lectureship and get word & Thompson to sign it - There is no necessity of them being together to do it, I think you have the contract, let Hubbell pay cash that he agrees to extract the ten day sixty days indorsed so is all arrangements.

Yours truly J H Thompson

New York January 11th 1848

Mr Connell

Sir at present I Am not employed for the want of wire should like to take a contract from you provided you have any line or part of a line to contract out Your line from Buffalo or the one from Troy if we can agree in price pr mile (or by day) I should like to engage in I can get a gang of first rate men on to either line as soon as you want them I will put up your western line for 3 dollars pr mile provided the wire is left in convinant places on the line I a suffecient quantity of wire to keep the men constantly employed Pleas answer immediately

Direct your answer
in Care Mr Makepeas
Telegraph office New York

Yours &c
G.L. Thompson

G S Tompson
11 Jan 1848

Burlington Jan. 11. 1860

E. Carrill Esq

Dear Sir

However much you may have been troubled by me, I think you will not be complaining of that article today. I hope the paper will not burden you as much as the mind has.

Strange that Faxton did not write to you. I shall wait a while yet. I am glad the rates were so good. I anticipated it from what Gurley said. I wish you had ordered 50 less; but it is no matter now. The two weights which Mr Holmes put on board the express for Middlebury came here - save that the small weights were mostly lost on the way. They seem to me quite heavy for the best action of the Register. At least I have geared one so as to hang on three only instead of two - & I think it works decidedly better.

If you have not sent materials for local bulletins to Rutland & Castleton, it may be well to do so, as soon as convenient.

I see work from Porter about the paper. As it will be some time before you get here with your traps, I wish you would

take out a few rolls & get Horace & Turner of White Hall to forward them to the Telegraph Office here by first express. Mr Dodge wants some.

I have no fears but what the way will get open for us to N. York before long. But at present the solicitude for getting our line at work through is very great. Its successful action for a time will be a first rate means for aiding other enterprises.

If I can help you any I will go & meet your work anywhere. The Trustees hesitate about calling a Stockholders meeting till the line is put beyond doubt as to the time of its completion.

It would be very vexatious to have a meeting occur till all things are ready.

If you do not expect to be here soon I shall go to N-Hall or wherever this side of there you may be to meet you.

By the bye very earnest complaint is made about the quality of the poles in & near Albany. (I believe Mr Shedd had charge of the setting) From what is written to us & what Mr Rice says of them (for I have not seen them) I judge it will be needful to change some few to avoid a quarrel with the Stockholders there. They want about five shifted in position at Middlebury - south of the bridge - & have written to me on the subject. Mr McDonald wrote.

In haste yours truly S. F. B. Morse

Please write further to



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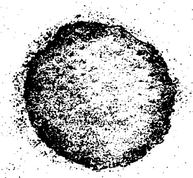
E. Cornell Esq
Whitehall N.Y.



E. Cornell Esqr Shipmans Landing July 11

1848

Dear Sir

I received your of Saturday
Low state that Mr Finch tells you that the
Wire is not Soldered I commenced on Monday
Morning at the wire and do intended to have
Soldered the wire but after getting what reels
was necessary I was intirely out of funds
not having one cent to buy Alcohol with save
one flint that was in the Lamp. which was
only enough for one or two bundles or I should
have done as I always have done Our have
first recomended to make the joints of bright
wire and then have them Soldered on the Road
which no doubt was a good idea as a man
Could easily have Soldered the joints as fast as
a man can put it up thereby saving the expence
of taking two men some two days after the time
the business of making joints out in the open
air this season of the year is rather an unpleasant
business and the Quicker method is very acceptable
providing it does not make trouble and take
extra time as well being subject of offence extra
As for Ample time there
is no doubt but I could have done all between
White Hall and Burlington but you will
please take notice that I was only three
days at work under the Shed and I
assure you if I had anticapated your delay
of wire at White Hall I should have rolled
the whole over again and tied it up with
Strings over if I could not have purchased more
wire but I effected you every moment to
You will perceive it never was my intention
to do work but what was more beneficial
to your interests as well as all those who has
employed me before this After all I expect
what little has been done you will find that
the joints can be Soldered (bright Wire) much

lep on the line thaw ettw ar the time of
jorning nithout jur mew Cas pur it up
as fass as it can be releds off from the wagon
So under thes Considerations plase
Keep in good Humour and I will joist
and felder like much faster than jee have
an Idea of and it shall not put jur
back by my meddling with it for it is
my dertimination to get rid of the job as
quick as Gods and good luck will admit
of and probbaly all mile be well jet
if I do not spend too much time here
again. Be meks I have set for the time
to day I have finished my rels and this
afternoon I commence painting
I have wrote jou as
White Hace ferrivs

Yours Davis & Griffen

Mr Petcham from Sudbury Contractor for
Rents wishes to see jou on Business he desires
the note from Jou

Geo G

I started in my Cart thaw thew was 2 Cask of
lime at Brick port and 2 dor at Bergenes
which mile heeds the 8 Rels - I am a
Carpenter at W Hall #1. for Rels — I shall
not have funds enough to finish and jet away with

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E. Cornell Esqr

White Hall

N. Y

M. Moore of the Phoenix will deliver

Jan - 11 - 1848

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Mr Chipman seems desirous that you should at once pay him for the freight on the wire as he was obliged to advance it and wants to use the money

I have learned that there is now two Hds of Wire at Bridgeport and 2 do do at ~~Manchester~~ Bergenes. had I not better stay here and finish what is here being 3 Hds. and then go to Bridgeport and Bergenes and so to Burlington with what Reels I have or otherwise you will be at expense for extra Reels

I now how I does and you know after I finish here and pay help &c. I will not have funds to get away with and consequently get stuck again

The bill of Freight is $20.81.

Made you better not send me funds to pay freight at Bridgeport & Bergens

Yours &c David Griffin

Write me at Chipmans Landing. Cornell Co

D.o.G

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E. Cornell Esqr
— Telegraph —
— White Hall N. Y. —

Will Mr Moore of the Phoenix see this delivered

D. O. Griffin
Jan 11. 1848

Buffalo Jan 11 18

Dear Brother

We have commenced soldering wire and find it in very small coils and a goodeal of a job to solder it it being so rusty I went down to see Mr Howses Horse and Wagon and apparatus to put up Wire he asks for the horse wagon harness reel and ladder $100 down or $105 in 60 days note made payable at the bank how with an endorser what had I better do he wants to know immediately you had better answer him either by Telegraph or letter directed to Niagara falls as I shall start for home this afternoon I think the Establishment would be a good one for us as we shall have to have something of the kind and it would be cheaper to buy them to hire I can hire a horse wagon and man for $1.50 per day and board them, I think that is to much

It appears to me that you had better Defer sending the wire west until Spring as it will cost from 60 to 70 dollars per ton to get it from Albany to Detroit but you know best about that I meant you to write me on the subject to Ithaca I dont yet know what we can get teems for I think 1½ I found I think we can get a permit to go through Canada without paying duty, if this thing must be done I want you should send funds do that I shall not be bothered I had to walk 5 days at Cleveland before I got funds

do you think it best to put the wire up as far as Cleveland this winter it seems to me that as there will be one line in operation that you had better defer putting the wire up west of Erie until you can get it shipped by Canall and take as it will cost more than double to get it by railroad and seems if there were no other line it ought do When do you intend to have the office in Buffalo I want to know so as to know when to start the wire from I have just sent on some paper to Detroit by Express as the large Box could not go without a greater of Expense

Yours in haste E B Cornell

E B Cornell
Jan 11. 1848

FORWARDED

TROY
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E Cornell Esq
Telegraph office
Whitehall ~~[illegible]~~

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Troy 11 Jan. 1848

Dear Father.

Your favor of the 9th inst came to hand this morning and I hasten to answer. As to the mrs which you supposed went north on Thursday last did not for some reason or other go until yesterday morning. I suppose it was owing to Mr Brayton's prompt business habits. As to the cups I have not ascertained but will endeavor during the day and if any were ~~ordered~~ ordered for Castleton I will have them forwarded by first stage. I enquired of Mr Herring to about the money paid to Mr Gardner. And he said that you left $190. with him and he paid it all to him. but the day after paying him he received your letter from Troy saying that it was fourteen dollars too much and he said he should do nothing more about it until he heard from you. The coin for Wells & Co I sent at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr Allen is still here awaiting his books. he wished me to say to you that he thought that they should not have their full pay as they did not get the proof until Monday noon and now he cannot now get away before ~~Friday or~~

Thursday morning. He is very impatient and almost has the blues on account of his delay.

They Sing from here to Brunswick is in full blast through their own instruments and every thing goes off to a charm.

Your advice as to improvement I fully appreciate and fully abide by it as I have since I have been here. I think that I could take charge of an office which does considerable business. and as it is pretty nearly night now. at least I have considerable confidence in myself. as to the operating I pack I ask no odds of any body. I can send any reasonable writing by the- ear as fast it is written. You my think it rather fast still I think it not crowd the fast in the least.

No more time now. You must assist Mr Marsh in preparing his office or at least I think it necessary that you should look to his wires.

Truly Your son

H Bonnell

Bonnell

Etna Jan 11th 42

Very Kind Brother

Your interesting
letter of the 9th Inst duly recd I was not
calculating to burthen you with a reply ex
cept the two Father. but he thinks I had
better attend to it myself

I thank you Dear Brother most
sincerely for your friendly offer to assist me
in my pecuniary Embarrassment. but hard
ly think it advisable to accept at present
I fear you will think me unmanly &
blame me in the end. for my dreaming de-
licacy at your offered reprobated offered of
kindness. But Father's health is quite
miserable & John has not yet recovered
Entirely from his debility & under existing
circumstances it seems to me that I should
be deviating from my duty as long as I
am able to help them a little to leave
Can I hear from you again when at lei-
sure? When are you coming home?

Your truly & affectionate Brother

E Parrell Esq

P S Father wished me to ask you particularly when you will be home? Would like to have you quiet at it at least in your reply. Forgot it in his letter

Miss Dyer
11 Pearl

Dryden Jan 11th 1878

Dear C, C

Your letters of the 1st & 4th together with one to Dunham was Recd day before yesterday we were all very glad to hear from you again and that your health enables you to perform so much business of importance. we feel to tender you our united thanks for your care and devotion to our welfare your very interesting letter to Dunham is in accordance with all our opinions and feelings here and he himself has the utmost confidence in you as a brother trying to do him all the good in your power he speaks in the highest terms of your kind and generous offer but how he will make up his mind to do I am not able to say he will write you soon perhaps Send with this he is today attending an association meeting at Etna I think his health will not admit of his doing any hard lifting labor very soon John is here and will probably Say this winter his health is getting good again. I am granting with a very heavy cold the main drift appears to be at my lungs but our folks are following me up so close with their medicine I think I Shall be better soon the rest are all tolerable well as was your family yesterday Otis has written Mr Taylor accepting his proposition as you will no doubt hear before this reaches you he appears well and cheerful about

going on another year and I have no doubt means
to do the best he can for his employers he will
probably leave home Some time next week

I thak you for the compliment
I read in the Receipt of the American Agriculturist
and have passed the Same to your Sr

you enquire whether I Should
like the Speed farm at $6000 I can readily answer
that I Should like the Farm. but the question is
would it be policy to put this farm into that and if so
how could I do it. if the farm could be had and you
have any plan for it let me know. I have lately
had talk with Hiram Snyder about tradeing
this farm for his he has 83 acres and 9/56 and both
value at $40 pr acre his land is good and a great
share of good Stump fence buildings nearly new
that would sell well rent well or do well to live
on and nearly joins my land over the Creek I do
not know as I can trade with him but if I can I
Should be on the road towards being able to buy
Some at the Farm it is not Generally known here
that I have Such a thing in view. it
greave Dunham verry hard if he knew I had any
Such intention an account of his great attachment to
this farm and the Spot Selected for the Sleep of his
dear companion. he Still presist on haveing a family
graund on that Spot and I ask what do you think of
the propriety of it if we Should conclude to remain
here or give up the idear of leaveing here Jonathon is
in deep trouble because I do not Strongly aprobate
the policy I Should be verry glad to know what would
be for the best and do it I fear I Shal weary
your patience in reading this long letter and ask

more questions than you can Spare time to answer and if So I will be content with what ever you see fit to write

I Suppose M.L. Cara & Alonza is with you we Send much love to you all and remain as ever Respectfully yours

Benj Wood

E. Cornell Esqr

B Wood
Jan 11. 1848

E Cornell
Troy Tel Op

Rutland Jan 12th 1878

Dear Sir

We are here all my gang waiting for you to come and tell us what to do for my part I am discouraged Nutter is 3 miles from here his wire about gone Cups at Manchester and Small glass about all gone when the Cups Come to me no wedges come I have written for some and keep making but none come yet, I received a line from you Stating you would be in Rutland to night I write this for fear you would delay if you did not know our situation I must [redacted] you soon for if you do not see fit to let me go home I must employ some one to go and attend to my dustings

Come up as soon as possible

Yours &c S. A. Holmes

There is a letter here for you from White Hall I do not send it as you will soon be [redacted]

S. A. H.

S. Atholmes
12 Jan 48



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E. Cornell Esqr
White Hall
N.B.

Chicago 12 June 1848

My dear Sir

Allow me to introduce to you Mr Hutchinson, I presume you have seen him a hundred times, the effect of mine from Detroit tomorrow he has come, as the young man here, that I mentioned to you yesterday cannot smoke it, so very well, he is like me, bitterly Theory, then in practice - Hayt and Hyde will no doubt be known as here many and I think you will be able to assure the Office at Receiver, Southport and all, Coty. and I think it would be well for you to have those offices stated, as soon as you can, Allen Mackinaw, or at any rate the section, if it is not fixed, and if we should begin to fix the Town Office, probably they would like many some - You will have to furnish Hutchinson with a little money - I have given him but ten dollars and he may want ten more, besides the materials for the office -

After we get under way to Milwaukee

and I collect all I can here. I will
go to Michigan or stay here and
go Milwaukee as circumstances direct
can now inclines to think that you
had better stay at Milwaukee as long
as may be necessary to collect all that
can be collected, and stock on Racine
& South first and as the lower, and then
go to Michigan. Think I may as well
go to Michigan also, after doing
all I can here, which I expect to do in
two days after you leave. I am certain
that I can go better & collect more
than he can alone, and we will must
assuredly need every dollar we can
get to pay the Sheriff on 12 or 14 Dec
of mine by then and pay Dr Keeting
& also you as I had better go to Buffalo
if the firm does not form, and if you
go there you must come back without
going home and I cannot do I guess
I will write you: but I hope and believe
that Eb Lovell will send them on, and
that we will find enough at Detroit or
Kalamazoo to finish the line —
As we will soon have our own mail
we can hear from each other, a little
quicker

Lovett Speed is dead - He died at
Baltimore. I saw in the Chronicle
with Farris obituary - (The poetry you would
not mean, since I cut that out)
I think 2/- for 15 words is about the right
price from here to Milwaukee
I have twice to get Frederson to go over
the article he could do about getting
Stark taken for a time from Monroe
to Miscoula, but he wishes my finding
something to do, or to settle. I think he
will be off in day or two
Cornell says I may make any
bargain for the Galena line I choose
but thinks the Patentee would require
cash in the Patent at 25 to mile - The
O & K trouble will be ended before long
and we will get down as fine
Chance, and I hope make cash on
some of the Michaels racer

Yours truly

J J Speed