Detroit 29 Oct. 1847

Dear Sir

Wood and I did not understand putting up wire quite as cute as you do, and made rather slow work of it at first, but we have got under way now, and if we had the wire, we would soon have it up. We will reach Ypsilanti Monday, if we have wire enough, which I think we have, but may lack a little.

You say you have shipped all the wire for Milwaukee, and Chicago, and will fill the other points in time. I therefore expect some wire here every day, and as soon as it comes, will have it going up, but we will have up all we have by Monday night, and if no more arrives by that time, I will take the hands I have to Chicago, and begin there, and have wood to run to the posts on East, and. procure the wire when it comes. Holman says Burritt promised to ship two Rigsters the day after he left; but none have yet been received. As soon they come, we will put up one here and the other at Ypsilanti, and at Ann Arbor and

and Holman work with them, there will be business enough to buy this board, if nothing more, and it will aid us making collections to have these offices started. I much fear that you are mad, by much, the funds, before we can end you much, as it will take all we can get to buy out Lum, and on the East and towards Buffalo. When we get the line started to Milwaukee, which can be done in six weeks, if we have the tools to do it with, we can collect a considerable amount: but it is useless to try at Chicago, and avoid other places, until we actually have the offices in operation. As soon as we can begin to hurt the wires, at the different villages on the Rail Roads I think most of the sub. are busy. Just as soon as we get the offices started here, and at Upritanti, I shall start Collins and Allotson again, and go into them wherever I can do any good, and get all we can. We will have difficulty in getting our instruments from Ithaca in time. Holman says he will not get more than two in six weeks, from Barritt, he says that Place is making some, and

will have them done soon, perhaps
You could get them of him.
I have really talked more, and worked
harder, to induce our subscribers to buy
their subscriptions, than I did to get them
to subscribe; and just as soon as I leave
them, they have some other Cock and
Bull story, and some say they refuse to
pay. I still feel confident that I can
collect enough to buy in building the line
in the end, and very soon after we get
a few offices started, and get to putting
up wire at the different Villages.
If you can send us the materials, we
can build this line complete, and build
the line to Cleveland, by the middle of
July or first of July at furthest.
I have not heard from Littleton in
more than ~~two~~ weeks. have written him
every two or three days. I suppose he
is putting up wire between Chicago
and Milwaukee. I expect Sherman
here every day to go to Cleveland &
work this way. Broad has a man who
is on the ground with a strong force
and will put up 100 miles both in from
Buffalo.
I took my circular to the printing

a cuth ago, and expected it in two or three days: but I have been with our boys putting up wire, and have not had time to write it, and consequently it is not done yet. I have the promise of it on Monday next, and will send You a copy—

I have heard nothing from You for a long time, and hope that You may have been rich,

Yours truly J J Spurr

29 Oct 27

Shared 2

You must send us a little rain to begin with — but you know all we wants better than I can tell you — I know you want some money: but cant help you at present, Wood, Wade, and Bird, with a large gang of hands each, are all pumped

Detroit 29 Oct. 1824

My dear Sir

Why don't you let us hear from you — We have reach Pittsburgh on Monday, and if we get more wine, which I expect daily, I will go to Kalamazoo the Day having the Mark. We have also, have one set from Pittsburgh. Mrs Tatten, came Yesterday, and has gone to work again tomorrow, will go with me to Kalamazoo, and take three days of pleasure.

Road has the Rob-built. when I came here was the Rain to the Rain, and the Rain to the Rain, to Rock the wise, and seen it off on the River Road. But we have abandoned the Rob, and let a man take a bundle of wine on his Shoulder, and go along by the side of the Road, and stretch it first when we must it, over in that way. one Rain cutting a Gruck away. broke, between the Rain Road tracks and the hole. If you can get a good road to Toledo, I will Toledo three miles a day, on the time: but if you

have the coins ordered when you
come out on the line, you can have
to use a Rule. Then there so many blues
when you command get mean the Jobs with
a certain, that I cannot calculate
there is any profit otherwise in having
more than two Rounders, rotation system.
You could double as we have done,
having by different cases, under 2 hundred
do it better than once a time.
I have not been able to get my circular
from the Printing Office yet, it has been
there a week. I wish I had it to
you to send Yesterday. or Milwaukee.
I have received a letter from you
since your of the 13th. but have written
you as often as twice a week. Yours truly

J. J. Gunckel

Spec
Col 2g.

Steamer Columbia Hudson River

Oct 29th 1847

Dear Sir

Your favour of 17th inst acknowledging mine of the 8th inst came to hand two days since but I have delayed the answer until I went to Ny I have been in the city now two days and am glad to get out, as I have almost ran my legs off.

My former letters show you the amt of wire & shipd previous to their dates. I will now inform you that on the 25th inst there was 5 tons wire shipd to Milwaukee and Livingston & Wells will ship from Buffalo a remnant of galvanized wire thirty hoop of 1½ tons to Chicago which will make the compliment for the upper Lakes.

I have also rcd another arrival of imported wire of 7 to 9 tons which will be loaded & shipd tomorrow or monday - on the 5th of Nov 5 tons and on the 9th Nov 5 tons will be shipd from city mills & by the latter date I expect 7 tons from the "Ny Screw Co" which will make out the balance for Detroit for the western end - and for the section from Detroit to Buffalo I yet expect to get on to use to complete the line before the first of Jan'y - as much as possible I shall get to the upper end before navigation closes the balance must be taken from Buff -

I got Tel dispatch from P Conrad to day saying the Western order will be filled in our work from to day, and I forwarded to Chicago a day or two since 7½ gross of sets of glopes and they took well, and the cap is liked much here, I shall hurry the balance forward as rapidly as possible

I will also have some paper forwarded, and the Registers and Magnets. I have am ready ready for shipment. I have not been to Ithaca to see them but hope to be able to go there before they will be shipped, Battery shall be sent on.

I should have bought and forwarded a lot of Acid to day if I had had time but did not I suppose the company will have to get acid from here.

I am using all my wits — my industry and my friends, to get the material and get it forwoard to you, and I hope you will use corrisponding exertion to collect the subscriptions and forward the work there

I am expecting you will collect enough on the westerns end to pay for building it it will take $10,000 to pay for wire for that end for which I now owe in debt and some of the Paper will soon come due, and I hope you will forward the funds to meet it. The Gent you mention is said to be a clever fellow but knows nothing about the Telegraph. If we have to learn new we can get them them as well as to import them, Please write daily. I dont here from Speed. once a fortnight, why dont he write, my mothers line goes on finely.

Yours &c
E Cornell

D T Tillotson Esq

Boston 29 Oct 1847

Dear Friend

Yours of the 24th & also telegraph despatch of this morning have been received. in your letter you wish me to make a statement of my accounts and forward it to New York: it is impossible for me to render my bill at present. F. O. J Smith. borrowed the key of my trunk and carried it off to Portland. I must wait untill he comes & sends them back. to get at your account it being locked up in my trunk.

You say any time I get out of business to let you know & you will make some provision for me. for which I am greatly obliged. I have done as requested since I left "Machias" I have been employed on the line between Boston & New. in putting up Iron wire. with the dammest set about me that any Iron devil was ever blest with and "Mr Sadler" who is one of F. O. J. Smiths pensioners & by the by rather small potatoes. he being a brother in law must be provided for has found considerable fault with me but I borne it with christian fortitude on Mr Smiths account. He says he wants me to take charge of the Portland instrument Keep the office

open till 12 Oclock every night to receive news from N.M. attend to the desk when Mr Berry goes to his meals, assist Mr Grogan in copying get up every morning at six to test the line. go out on the line in case of a break down and in short make myself Generally useful. and winds up by saying I shant have much for you to do mor Brown. but thing we can afford to pay you one dollar per day or six dollars per week but expects me to be on hand every day. sundays + week days -

I told him I would think about it - but have been waiting to see you before I took up a line of march. his proposal is perfectly ridiculous. he expect me to perform more duty than any one in the office, and get the least pay. but it is in keeping with all his acts since he has been appointed. superintendent of the line. if he must be one of the pensioners the company would save money by paying him 1000 $ per year to retire + let some one take his place that is qualified to fill it.

I should like to know when + where I can see you as soon as convenient. I will give you full particulars for wanting to leave when I meet you. please answer this at promptly as possible.

my respects to M. L. Wood + all other woods also

your Brother - Yours Eternally

To Ezra Cornell Esq - H. A. Brown

Please excuse all mistakes + bad writing.

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Ezra Cornell Esq

Troy New York

F A Brown
29 Oct 47

E Cornell Esq

N York Oct 30, 1847

Sir

Enclosed are Duplicate bills of lading of the Canine Shipped yesterday.

Of the Western Canine, there has been sent

To Detroit —— 70 Bundles
To Chicago 130 "
To Milwaukie 120 "
Total 320 Bundles of 100 lbs each

Yours Truly

Thos H Harvey

Thos. W. Harvey
ads.
E. Cornell

Oct 30, 1847

On the thirtieth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
seven. at the request of Reynold Kirkpatrick.
Rene Edward Caron. Peter Langlois Mungo
Moore. Christian Muntelo. James Dibble
Henry John Boyd. and Edward Bowen all of
the City of Quebec Esquires. I the undersigned
Notary public duly commissioned and sworn
for that part of the Province of Canada heretofore
Constituting the Province of Lower Canada residing
at the City of Quebec had an interview at the
City of Quebec with Mr Merritt L Wood the
Agent and Attorney of Mr Ezra Cornell of
Ithaca in the State of New York. Merchant.
and then and there being and speaking to
the said Merritt L Wood in person. he did
signify declare and make known. unto

him

him as such Agent as aforesaid, that
he and by a certain Contract or instrument
in writing executed between the said Ezra
Cornell of the one part, and the said Enoch
Pratt, Reed Stuart, René Edward Caron, Peter Langston
the Younger, John Jones, Christian Wurtele, James
Tibbits, Henry John Mond and Edward Roper
of the other part, bearing date the fifth day of June
one thousand eight hundred and forty seven,
he the said Ezra Cornell did agree with the said
Enoch Pratt, Reed Stuart, René Edward Caron, Peter
Langston the Younger, John Jones, Christian Wurtele
James Tibbits, Henry John Mond, and Edward Roper
acting as the Directors of the British North American
Electric Telegraph Association, to build a line
of Magnetic Telegraph upon Morse's plan of
Registers, to connect this City with the province
of New Brunswick, such line to consist of
thirty posts to the mile each of which to be twenty

five

five feet long. five inches in diameter at the small end and to be of good durable timber, set five feet in the ground, or as firmly secured by braces or otherwise as the nature of the Case might require, with the priviledge of having the said posts set six feet in the ground should the same be desired by the said Directors. the whole of the work to be done in a good and substantial manner, all of which with the matters with at length appear in and by the said Contract or Agreement thereto And Whereas the posts which have been put up by the said Ezra Cornell in pursuance of the said Contract have not been put up in the manner therein mentioned. very few of any of the said posts, being set five feet in the ground. and many of them only two feet at the edge of a bank or ditch. without any support. so that the said posts shake with the

the wind, and are altogether unfit for the purpose
for which they were intended, and being exposed to
all the action of the post, are liable to fall
or be blown down in the spring, the whole
Contrary to the Contract entered into as aforesaid,
and to the great loss and damage of the said
George Okill Stuart, Lewis Edward Caron, Peter
Langlois the Younger, John Ives, Christian Bartlett
James Tibbits, Henry John Monk and Edward
Bowen who have in all things faithfully performed
their part of the said Contract -
Whereupon at the request aforesaid to the said
Artemis did and do by these presents summon
demand and require the said Ezra Cornell
speaking as aforesaid immediately to
the said post to suspend depth and cause
the same to be properly stayed & propped where
necessary, so that the said post may be in

a Condition to receive the Work and in every respect performed according to Contract, hereby Notifying and Warning Ezra Cornell that he did employ Kirk Stuart Reuel Leonard Lawson Peter Lanyon Nathan Morgan; John Innes, Christian Wentsler, James Tibbets, Henry Johnson and Richard Brown will hold him responsible for all delays detentions losses & damages which they may already have suffered or may hereafter suffer from the non fulfilment by the said Ezra Cornell of the aforesaid Contract. To all which the said Ezra L. Wood answered — That a person had been sent down with instructions to set everything right in respect to the setting of the posts, and that any irregularity would be remedied to the Satisfaction of the persons the Inspector appointed by the Directors

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Whereupon at the request aforesaid by the said

Notaries

Notaries I am protested and do by these presents
most solemnly protest against the said Ezra
Cornell and all others whom it may concern
for all loss, damages, delays, detention, Costs,
expenses and interests suffered & to be suffered
by the said Drists & about & by reason of
the premises forgoing. —

Done protested and Signed as of record
with my day and seal hereto subscribed, having
first shewn and read the original hereof
to the said Ezra Cornell speaking as aforesaid
the authentic Copy of these presents & the
Clerk's Certificate annexed of the premises. —

Sign'd A. A. Young Notary Pub. Dyer Co.

Attest by the Original remaining for record
in my Office

Wm. Reynolds

N. P.

Co. Spies,

Smithfield Oct 31. 45 Sunday Eve.

My dear Sir

If ever a poor devil was perplexed and discouraged I am — I have been driving and getting all the mail to hasten on work along between Pleasant & Little Fork that I might get back to Alexander and go to work at our Mill but get along so slow and every thing goes so awry I can give no opinion — I have to confer in any body, I suppose one poke now all of the ground that I could cover out but found about 9 miles that between here and Little Fork, makes a bargain for them and then you cannot get them, I however now got all but about 1½ miles and hope to get them delivered by Tuesday noon altho' we may be disappointed, some of them I have bought this week today I sent out Dr. Eaton and told Mr. Stevenson to come on and attend to them and the roads and put them down about 3 miles and if we get them will have all at Eatons Alexander & Little Fork by Friday night or Saturday — Jackson Camp he will have them at Dr. Eatons & Little Fork clear the Mark but I fear not, he is very poor and I fear if money there he would if you had at Chicago, and only you come then and attend to it I will not work for the love being there for months, he was down after Money Wednesday Thursday I am here on his return at Little Fork without pay, Judge Stals promised me to collect and pay them $50. but did not attend to it, he could now be had not time to do it, but last night on my return upon me to work in the County and Dr. Eaton [illegible] and [illegible] home today

and do not know whether he did any thing or not—
I expect Jackson down again tomorrow, I shall go to
Milwaukee [illegible] all I can for him then, if we
get more than we have to pay for pole and ox
yoke which will take $150. it is almost impossible to keep
along, and I do not know but we shall get Overwhelmed with
your Milwaukee collections, at Chicago, and can help make a dance
for Jackson's Dance,—at Racine, which (the $500. man) and
a few others have paid promptly but the others have not
and I do not yet know what effect our Circular will have
those which is the only place I have not them put out—
I cannot attend to the finances, and building the Rail
Road, your and whatever you Mr Corbett may think of
it—I cannot spend my time thus to draw the notes as
you want for they cannot be done without Money and
I cannot make them, collect it fast enough—I am as
anxious to get it done as you get out of the Camp as you are
but can do no more than I am doing if it is done—
I start to a Town 15 miles from Little Fort to come
to Milwaukee next Tuesday and go to Work at the Mine of
for cents (at 12½ per day) it will be cheaper than a common hand
(at $1) I fear he will not, as there is no dependance upon
any one in this Country

Yours truly

L. J. Talcott

Dr. Wm. Arnold
Milwaukee
Wis.

Jackson has already had $100. and Mallory $50 on a/c
he says he can finish for pole Oxtongs, by Mrs hand 24 40 Poles
and I have paid for 30 Poles of Poles, which will amount much
less than his—he has left along having Job a few more
Bridges and a part Cutting Piers. Perhaps the Consequence
was he had to go through from Milwaukee to Little Fort 50
Miles and found no Oxen to get the Poles on—he must do better
if you pay him for it—I have taken about in a great hurry and

Detroit Oct 31st 1847

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th ult was received this morning. The result has proved my estimate of the time it would take to stretch the wire, to be correct although I presume that the ballance will be put up more than three times as fast.

We were all green at the business - were bothered about soldering the wire for a day or two + for a week did not tie up very fast, but since then we have got along very well + shall get through Tuesday night.

The instruments came on last night + I shall remain here in order to put them up with the battery + be in readiness. Coleman will take his + go on to Ypsilanti + do the same so that there may be no delay. The paper does not arrive yet. I shall make as much as I have time to cut + roll up before starting the instruments.

Messrs Speed + Wood are pushing the line to Buffalo + I think are determined to meet you half way. Mr Wade commenced putting in stakes at Dearborn yesterday + is going ahead - that is the route they have settled on Mr O'Reilly goes down the river - By the way Mr O'R. sent me one of his circulars in a letter wishing me to go - or be in readiness to go - South. But I prefer remaining here if the same inducements offer themselves.

Of other matters - I presume that there is nothing about the line of which I could give you information

Yours Respectfully F. Harriman

Alonzo Coleman Esq
Mrs.

To T. Morson(?)

Detroit 31st Oct. 1844

My dear Sir

Sent Oct 31. 44

I rec'd your two letters of the 24th last evening. I have written to you at least three letters each week, since I came here: but your time to response going to Chicago, supposing they would reach you sooner, and they may have been here unclaimed. Hereafter I will put them in the office. We will open an office here & Westinsti this week, and if the wire comes, will have one set of hands at work from Westinsti West, one from Jackson East, one from Kalamazoo East and one from Niles East. I will go with Collins and see all our subscribers, and urge them to pay- You say I should be at Chicago. but I think not, what can I do there? As to collecting them it cannot be done at present, when I get all fixed right through this State, which will be in a short time, I will go to Chicago, and make an effort to collect: but I can

and will go and commence at Cleveland, and work this way, we can get the boys all the in Scranton, and all the coin on in December; I have not the least doubt but you are doing the very best, under the circumstances, and be done. Glad if you nine knock smutter all right. Most of Chicago. I will meet you at Chicago, and attend to all this side; and have the whole in working order early in December, if not by the 1st

I appreciate fully all you say about "Bird in hand &c", and will pursue such course as I think best calculated to catch him: but the whole flock do not wish that illiberal sport called Chicago, and in order to catch what few do think them, we must build the line, and do it soon too.

My circular will be out tomorrow and I will send you a bundle by Express. O'Reilly has issued a manifesto, to the Legislature of our State, complaining that the Boston & Buffalo Tel. Comp. refuse to take his communications, and asks the Legislature to investigate the matter, Ruh! I thought we would corner him after a while. E. Connell

days the O&E tribe have not made
for them both between Buff & Blanchard
and the people threaten to cut them
down - I do not believe that they
can get the wire, and if we produce
we will beat them yet.

You seem to be afraid of the House
instrument and take the newspaper
article, written by O'Reilly, and have
for by him, as gospel - I again assure
you that it is not worth on — cut
and if we have nothing else to make us
up, but the Canvas Rejoice, we are
Lafayette enough - Just as soon as ever
the line to Westfield at work, which
will be this week, I will spend my
time with Collins, (raising funds)
as we have now getting in train
towards Buffalo, and on this line
West, and it will not be necessary
for me to remain here any longer.
I will be at your favourite Cunkpound,
Chicago, just as soon as I can: but with the
that we do not suffer more this time, than
we do then, before I go.

Yours truly H Spencer

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Company,

UTICA, 184

The Ithaca & Auburn Tel. Co

To The New York, A. & B. Tel. Co. Dr.

1847
31 Oct. To amount Sundries for Rent to date 119.80

31 Oct. To Amount Sundries to date as follows

Newspaper Reports 1 Aug. to 31 Oct.	25.00	
¼ of Operators Salary " "	25.00	
¼ of Office Expenses " "	14.29	64.29
		184.09

Sir

Above you have amount Rental for balance of account as appears by our Books. This account is getting Larger & Larger every prompt Report is sent & we are in this way of Expending a Good deal of Money at this time in putting up Iron wire &c.

Please Remit.

Respectfully Yours

H. Sexton

Treas. &c.

T. S. Paxton
Bill of Lading
31. Oct 47

Detroit 31 Oct. 49

My dear Sir

We will have the line to Ypsilanti at work by Wednesday, or Thursday of this week- We have now twenty hands on the Buffalo end, and will have the poles up to Chatham in a hurry- I see the poles are down up on the Road to Lambertown, 10 miles, for the Buffalo wire, as it is as near to Monroe, by way of Lambertown, as on the river road, and we think save 10 miles of poles. I send, a bundle of letters from Tillotson last night, and he says he has heard nothing from me, altho I have written him two or three times a week- If we cannot reach Milwaukie, with more certainty by Telegraph, than by Mail, it will be worthless- By Tuesday night we will have all the wire we have, but both ends will come by that time, just as soon as we start the office there, I will go with Codding, and give one side, as hard push for

Ypsilanti
Oct 31 1849

funds - I know you want money, and we need a Company to buy on both ends for the work now doing. I have things in train now, towards Cleveland, and through this State, so that I can go and attend to collections, which I will do with all the energy that God has given me, but it is informal how much worth to induce them to buy - They talk about O'Reilly, and his lines, and his circulars, and the Dance printing, and the divil knows what all, as an excuse for not buying, still I think I can bring them up to the scratch in the end - The difficulty is, we may be as bad off as Pittston, and O'Bleenus, both say. O'Ri man are, "out of funds!" and unable to go ahead; but we have paid promptly so far, and our credit is good. I will make desperate efforts to keep it so - I fear that you know more than you can do to get the materials for us without money, but, I do not think I am discouraging you, or myself, when I say we can get enough, in the end, to pay

for the line from here to Milwaukee. I have reluctantly told you that we could not rely on much, if any, more.

You will see that O'Reilly has petitioned our Legislature to extortion, and compel the Rock Isl to take his mileages = Bah! What the devil have the Legislature to do with the matter? We are getting them in a corner, and if we do not get there quarters, the fight will soon be over. Their hand is nearly out, and they cannot raise one dollar on Subscriptions. Littleton says their left at Chicago is out of funds, and cannot buy his hands. W B. Cornell says, They have not paid for their help between Burl & Cleveland, and the people threaten to cut them down. The Senator has [illegible] appointment me in not putting out my circular: but days I may have it Tomorrow. I will send it all along shore, and I think it will do Mefi Ely & O'Reilly no good. To ask you to forward on the wire = instruments + Batteries, Cabs, + some paper + forms for blank books, to be used in the offices. Coffin wires for use in the offices, & I will without sending you one dollar in money to help buy for it all,

is like compelling the Israelites to make brick without straw, which, judging from the story, was an indispensable article in those days.

My efforts may not at all times have direction in the best way to accomplish our ends: but I have talked, and wrote, and worked, with out and out on and off, and will continue to do so unto the end, and although I sometimes look dark, and much as though we might put a devil of a knock on ourselves, I have full confidence in our ultimate triumph, as Smith says "brilliantly and advantageously".

Yours ever

J. J. Upsher

I have just received an other letter from Johnson he says he has got the thing, and will come down long time of Monroe. If you see or hear from him and see him by all means, as he is a noble hearted fellow as ever lived, and deserves more than I have for him, or ever will get.

Detroit Sunday Oct. '47

Dear Sir

Wood went on Tuesday to make arrangements for locks on the route to Akron, and intended to be back Friday, he has not yet returned. The man who set the locks from West, we expect to have on the route East this week, and I have written to Tillotson, to have Jackson come on with his hands, as soon as the locks are all up to Millersburg, which ~~[illegible]~~ they will have done in a fortnight. I think the locks can be all but up from here to Buffalo early in December, and if you can manage to get the wine, and other matters in season, I will take back what I said about O'Riley reaching here first, altho I am told that they have their locks up to Toledo, and considerable wine on this side of Cleveland. A.R. gets his wine at Cincinnati at 8 cents per bbl. to be taken when I was there. I presume he gets it on a long credit, but do not know how that is. I think he cannot help selling much Chicago as soon as we can.

I have been at work this week helping to put up wire. Next time we must put up five miles per day. He helped to put up a few rods on Monday last. I have been there, hands all the time - and one day four, and we have only got up seven miles in the five days. We had to learn how, and for two miles from the City, where they are at work on the new Rail Road track, we could not get along with a team, and had to carry the wire by hand. We have also had to cut a good way brush by the side of the Rail Roads. We also have to learn how to put the wire together, and splice it, and on the whole have made a slow job of it: but we have worked as hard as we could, and both to get along faster in future. We have ready, 100 Bundles of wire here, which I estimate will reach to Ypsilanti. Both to receive more in a few days - We will reach Ypsilanti this week, if the weather is not any bad - but if it continues to rain as it does now, we cannot do much - I have made arrangements to have an other set of hands begin Tuesday on Ypsilanti - and as soon as Wood returns, I will go to Chicago, and have the

win going up there, and and at Michigan City. The last I heard from Tillotson, he was waiting for coal, & due to hitting ahead, and Hutchinson still ~~was~~ were ~~at~~ from Milwaukee to Chicago. I have a contract hitting after office hours, and as soon as we reach Westville, we will start the Office here, and there if the Rigsters do arrive in season. We will also have to import some operators. We must own part mine here, one at Chicago, and one at Milwaukee. The small office. We must manage them, at first, something as you manage the office at Athens. Just as soon as we have an office at a place, I think we can collect our debt, or at any rate a considerable portion of it.
I have an other circular printed for O'Reilly, which I left with the printer last night, it will be out in a few days. I think O'R. will find it difficult to collect any more money by subscriptions, on any of his routes, which I judge, from articles in the Indianapolis & Lafayette papers he is still trying to do. If we can complete this Lake line, and the N York and Erie RR line, we can soon see him up, as his friends will petition of furnishing funds to be used

as extravigantly, and as foolishly as he uses his money -

I wrote you that C.F. Johnson says he has bought the Telegraph, and wanted to know whether it would suit my interest to have him open it to O'Reilly & Co. I answered him by saying, that I had no doubt that he might disclose of it to P.R. & Co. to better advantage than to any other hunter, and I certainly would not ask him to sacrifice his interest, because I am engaged with Smith. I do not know what it is he has added to the old base dropping: but I have written so much, in defence of Morse's contrivance, and made so many people believe that there never could be an opposition Telegraph started, to contend with Morse, that I am in the position of the man who told the lie so often that he believed it himself - & therefore I should like to have you see Johnson, and try & think that his Telegraph, in the hands of P.R., would do as any harm, you may make, or induce him to make some other disposition of it.

Yours truly

J.J. Speed Jr

Oct 27

We are much obliged - Shall be glad to see you next time you come down

From the East. I forgot to tell him, you had better send us a copy to furnish the printer here.

West Rutland Oct 47

Dear Sir Since I last wrote you I have receive a line from the teller of the Leland bank enclosing $50 I have paid for the tools and the money that I borrowed to go on with your work and have done a bad business but not enough to carry me a great way I find that all my hands are very prieb of their pay if you can conveniently keep funds like my hands enough to pay as I go it will please me but if not convenient I can get along some way

I have been setting poles to day & for about ½ a mile found water to the top of the ground and had to pile the holes with stone & am so wet and stiff that it is impossible for me to write legible but we cannot have such bad digging always I think by meeting that we shall get where we can see, at night what we have done during the day

E. Correll Esqr Yours Truly S. C. Johnes

S A Holmes
Oct 10
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My Dear Brother

I am happy to see you enjoying such extent health and fine spirits it seems to me that you have can, canot perplexity enough to crush any other man but you seem to possess the required grit. All accounty seem to represent Warren as being in a very critick situation which we very much regret. I fear her days are numbred. Matrm I hope to hear is better Edward thinks of going soon. I hope he will do better when with his friends east than here. Our man shot a Crane which I have skined and stuffed for you but fear it will not be good for any thing as it is such an awkward looking thing. the wild game is very thick around here this fall there has been a number of bears seen around here this fall. one has been killed between her and Albion. and will turkeys without number Caleb killed three one day last week.

I do not seem to be in the Spirit of writing at present. the pen ink or myself is at fault I cannot find out which Mast days you have the advantage of him if you can read this so I will stop writing after thanking you for yours which is always gratefully rec.

If E.B. comes west I must write to him for I shall feel quite uneasy about him. there is a disease rages here which the doctors call the Bilious - diarrea which seems almost like the Cholera which if a person is attacted with and does not know how to doctor will run down and die in twenty four hours - and strangers west are quite liable to be attacted. a great number have died around here who depended upon a doctor but all cases that I have known that have stimulated highly have recovered. M.B. has had two attacts away from home one while went and one at Detroit. otherwise he has not been better since we have lived in the country

Yours affectionately [illegible]

Charles Whitney
Oct 1st 1854