Nov. 1, 1847

Nov 1st

Dear Sir

I have just taken a Letter from the Post office from home which is the first I have herd from home since I left. It is a will be Impossible for me to stay Here more than two weeks Longer Hope you Can arrange your Business so as to not be discommoded My Business is in the greatest tumult at Home entirely I did Not Know how to Go below on the Quebec Line but to Oblige I went Hoping to have been through & Home before this Should Like to have a settlement with you as soon as possible as now it is all fresh on My mind & we can under stand things better than at some future time,

I Remain Your Humble Servant

A. Backus Jr

E. Cornell Esquire
Troy N.Y.

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~~PAID~~

Mr E. Cornell, Esquire
Troy, N.Y.

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A Borkens Jr
Nov 1 1847

Quebec Nov 1st 1847

Dear Brother E,

I am sorry to say that circumstances are of such a nature that I deem it important to visit my family and home immediately —

I have consulted with O.S. in regard to it and he advises this step — I am very sorry business is in no better shape to leave but think you will approve my movement

~~We~~ Adair entered a protest (or served a protest) on me Saturday noon last

I think it is best to serve a protest on them for non delivery of wire and also for non payment of money due

I think (but am not sure) that if we dont ~~not~~ protest we shall not be able to recover damages in case of lawsuit.

I think you had better instruct our friend Mr Cutter to serve it immediately

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In consulting further with O.S. he thinks I had better get Counsel and I will do so —

I think of leaving for home on Wednesday or Thursday evening —

In haste Your Bro M. L. Wood

E Cornell Esq

Whole amt of wire here, at this
date 20 tons (10 arrived yesterday)
The balance is in Ireland I spose

My finger is doing well — Stevens
is below with orders to make all
satisfactory to inspector & I think
they intend to insist on having the
poles 5 feet in — rock or earth

What will be the result of Stevens
expedition remains to be seen

No more time to write
Let me hear from you

Care Telegraph

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QUEBEC NO 1 1847 L.C

E. Corfell ~~Esq~~

Troy New York

M L Woods
Nov 1 1847

North Dorset Nov 1st /47

Dear Sir

I have just got to work at Dorset and a hard time we must have for I cannot get but few hands and the worst poles I ever saw you were right in saying that they were large and if you had not seen them I should condem them they are so crooked but they are good stiff poles when they are up except that ~~and it you~~

I redeemd my promise to you of staying at Clarendon Flats Saturday nigh and for the purpose of saving time came of here Sunday I do not know but your conscientious scruples would condemn it but I though it my duty it being late in the fall so to do

After I last wrote you I went back to Clarendon and saw Mr Hall and told him his poles would not do he said he should not get more if them would not do and I must get some one else to put them on I told him if I did so he must pay all damage he was very short about it and I went to work to get them on which I done by giving 60 cts pr pole and that was the least cent they would do it for If we have good weather this week I think we will get the poles set at this end and you had better send money to pay the hands of

Northrup wrote me that the Bank of Manchester would not pay your order on acct of their orders from Fisk were to pay his order not yours. Direct your letter to East Dorset

E Cornell Esqr

Yours &c S. A. Holmes

Ithaca 2 Novem 1847

D. S. Tillotson Esq
agt E & M T. Co

Dr Sir

I yesterday shipped 41 Boxes Telegraph Caps containing 2221. to the care of J. M. Howard Detroit — The next shipment which will be made on Monday next will complete the order

Yours Respectfully
V. Conrad

Detroit 2 Nov '47

Dear Sir

We now have up all the wire that we have recd here, and as I have made all the arrangements I can make, respecting the line East, and have hands enough on the ground to set all the poles to Cleveland, before the ground will freeze up, I go tomorrow to Marshall, and shall send Collins & Tillotson to make an effort for some money, and go myself, and stir them up, and get all I can. I shall probably go soon, in a day or two, to Chicago, and if the cups and wire are there, will have it going on. I will also try hard to get some money out of them. I have sent you a circular to ~~Albany~~ Ithaca, Troy, and New York, let ~~me~~ know what you think of it. I think we will soon have the gentlemen in a corner. Write me for two weeks at Chicago, & then here again.

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

other side

If you have not already done so,
write me how much wire you have
shipped to each place.

We start our line
to Ypsilanti Thursday - Had all the
material, but the Zinks, and have had
24 Cast here - Shall we buy Acids
here, or will you send some?
Have sent to Buffalo for a little paper
to begin with -

O'Rielly is coming on with
his wire, between Cleveland & Toledo. He
uses three small wires twisted into a cord,
I do not believe that they will try
to reach Chicago this winter, as I
cannot learn that they are setting any
poles in this State, except between here
and Monroe.

We will be much in
want of three or four more Registers
long before Burritt will get them done
if the wire comes - You will say
"Send me the money, and I will buy
them". I wish to Heaven I could do so,
but I cannot do any better than I
have done, thus far, which is to get
enough to keep our hands at work. I
hope to do better soon.

we can get *some* money here - when we get the line finished to Buffalo: but all the saints and devils, that can be mustered cannot get it out of them now - I will do my best out West, and hope to make a favourable report -

E.B. Cornell is paying a terrible price for poles. 40 to 50 ea. I do not know as they can be had for any less: but we have not paid over 2/ between here and Milwaukee, and but few as high as that

Montreal 2nd November 1857

Dear Sir

I am favored with your letter of this days date re-questing an answer to the offer made by you on the 22d October to "the Montreal Telegraph Company" for that part of the Montreal & Troy line running from this City to the Province Line

Immediately on receipt of your letter I called a meeting of the Directors, who had been empowered to act in the matter, & I am instructed to state in reply that they feel necessitated to decline your offer from the rate per Mile being too high

I am further to state that they all feel anxious for a connection with your line and will be glad if you should feel induced to make a lower offer.

I am with respect
Dear Sir
Your obt servant
Andrew Shaw
President Montl Telegraph Comy

E Cornell Esq
of Troy
Montreal

Dear Sir.

In consequence of the message from Mr Cornell you were kind enough to send me this afternoon, I have not called the proposed meeting, fixed for tomorrow.

Truly Yours

Wednesday
3 Nov 1847

J. L. Wordley

M. L. Wordly
Albin Hotel

Erie Nov 3 1847

Dear Brother

Yours of Oct 30th is at hand with the Enclosure of $100 I also received a Tel Com from Troy via Buffalo saying that I would find $100 at Livingstons & Wells there I suppose you meant at Erie as the Com was directed here from Troy, the Com bares ~~of~~ the same date of the letter in which I received the $100, I have not received any thing of L & W at this place, the $100 was received at Buffalo of them on the 28 as I wrote you, all the Money I have rec'd of you since I left Troy is $275 you said nothing in your letter of the 30 about the Com bearing the same date and stating that I would find $100 at L & Ws here, now am I to look to them for $100 or is the $100 you sent by letter the same you spoke of in the Communication, I have been to there agent here he sais he has not received any package for me yet &c

The poles are all contracted to Cleaveland from Buffalo and a good portion of them on the ground J Burdick will start at this place with his gang this afternoon we could not get hands at Ashtabula to start a gang there I shall start another gang from here working East as soon as I can get them togather the said gentleman is get-ing along prety well Concidering the wet wether and the wet ground he has to work through

Allen has gon on west from Cleveland Contracting for poles he makes a prety good hand for that Buisness I will send you one of his letters which will show the feeling of some who have become Stockholders in the other line I do not hear any thing of their puting up wire yet on the other line I find that O'Riley and his friends are doing all they can to Create an unfavourable influance against our line but they do not make much out of it for the current of publick Opinion is in our favour as far as I can learn I think as the feeling now is through here if some one should go through here and solicit Stock for our line they would have no difficulty in obtaining a prety good Subscription I think it would be better to do so now than to waite untill there is put in opperation, if we could get our line to work first it would be better to waite untill that time, but unless we can do so some one had better go through and take up Stock before they commence working their line (if they are permited to work it) which I presume they will with Houses patent, for I understand they are now working his instrument on the Cleveland and Cincinatia line

You did not say whether you receaved more than one of my letters or not I wrote you a number

In refferance to funds if the wether is good in 2 weeks from this time it will take $400 to pay off the hands we shall have imployed and that will be the time there mony is promised, It is hard Geting hands through here as there appears to be no more in the vilages along on the lake than Can get imployment on the docks and the wether is so bad that the farmers imploy all they Can find wen the wether is fair in geting in there Corn & potatos &c I dont know but I shall have to go to Buffalo to get some men to start my gang, How many gangs had I better set to work, and do you Expect to get the line to work this winter

Pleas write offen & in full nothing yet from Speed

Respectfuly Yours E. B. Cornell

To E. Cornell Esqr

E. Cornell
Troy N.Y.

E B Cornell
3. Nov 47

Owego Nov 3rd 1847

My Dear Sir

I have great satisfaction in informing you as you request, respecting the state to which I have brought my Telegraph. It is unnecessary to describe it as I hope to have an opportunity some time, of showing it to you. I will now merely state that in the first place it is clear *beyond a question*, of any interference with the Morse patent. I work with a single circuit, by the direct action of an electro magnet - without a local battery - and make permanent letter signs, and can make them with equal rapidity with the Morse register, at least such is my belief. I may require on very long lines more battery than Morse uses, but as I avoid the local battery I do not think in this respect, his plan has any advantage over mine, but rather the contrary. - I have a working instrument made, & as I have done for the present with making improvements I mean to get it patented as soon as I can.

As to the disposition I propose to make of my invention, I must be governed by circumstances I regard its value as depending very much on the success or failure of House's Telegraph. If that fails, I feel secure enough of finding a market for mine. I have always gone upon the idea, which you were mainly instrumental in giving me that House's invention could never be made to compete with Morse's. Can you tell me what is the prospect, in ~~that~~ respect at present? I see what is said in the papers but it is difficult to get at the truth from them. —

I have written O'Reilly merely informing him of the fact of my invention. I shall be in no hurry to give him any control over it, but can see that if he is beaten in his controversy with the Morse patentees & House's invention fails as an effective working instrument my invention will be of great importance to him

In conclusion I would say that I shall be glad to have an opportunity of enabling you to form your ~~own~~ opinion of my invention, and to have your suggestions respecting it. Meanwhile as you know I have had some schooling on this subject, be good enough to believe that I know what I am talking about & am not grossly deceiving myself   I expect to go to New York in about ten days, if I thought there was any chance of meeting you I would take Troy in my way address me at New York care of Johnson & Waters 29 Wall St

yours respectfully

Chas F Johnson

Mr E. Cornell Esq

P.S. I might add that I do not consider my Tel as beautiful a working instrument as Morse's, but that it will be as effective as a working machine & will cost no more to build or work, than his.

Burlington Novr 4/47

E Cornell Esqr

I have just recd A letter from V Backus and he informs me that there is trouble on Mandigos Section will you come through that way and Settle all difficulty and have the Posts delivered in Order that I may not be detained

Do not forget that my funds will not hold out in order to pay up by Saturday night would you direct to me in Care of J H Peck I am pushing things like the very devil and have a full gang and the money goes fast no pins yet probably some tomorrow

In haste your humble Servt

David O Giffen

Ithaca November 4th/47

Mr E. Cornell. Sir.

I have been a student in this office nearly five weeks, and now begin to think about looking out for a station. I saw Mr B Wood last sunday and had a talk with him on the subject; He advised me to write to you on as he had not received a letter from O. S. since he wrote to him in relation to me You are aware that I commensed the business with the view of going to Canada, and should have ~~wrote~~ written to O. S. on the present occasion, but Mr Wood said he was going to write in a short time, & he would do the business for me, but advised me at the same time to get your opinion as to where I could do best. Thinking that you would be able to know I feel quite desirous of obtaining as high wages to commence with, as possible, on account of fathers circumstances at present I would therefore, like your advice and counsel on the subject, as a friend. I have not heard from Harriet since Sunday. She was then considered to be gaining slowly The rest are all well I believe

Yours with respect
Philip A Hopkins

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Mr Ezra Cornell esq
on
Troy
N.Y.

Philip Hopkins
Nov 4. 1847)

St Johns 5th Nov 1847

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 4 Inst is recd. and we have but slightly investigated its contents, as our business at this season of the year fully occupies all our time, we do not discover in the Statement. the price per share of the Capital Stock. of the Company, but we have concluded to take Stock to the amount of 4 or 500 Dollars — and regret that our leisure will not permit of our calling upon our neighbours to solicit their taking Stock in the undertaking

We are very Truly
Yours
Jason C Peirce & Son

E Cornell. Esqr
Exchange Coffee House
Montreal

J. C. Pierce & Son
Nov 5. 1847

Albion Hotel Quebec
No 5th 1847

To the president and directors of the British North American Electric Telegraph Association

If it is still your desire to delay the putting up of the wire on your line of telegraph until spring as intimated to me this day by individual gentlemen of your board. I will remain in Montreal tomorrow to hear by telegraph what proposition you may have to make as an inducement to suspend the completion of the contract on my part.

I wish you to take notice that I am ready and desire to execute the work according to the stipulations of my contract with you.

My men are now idle and have been for some days past awaiting the delivery of the wire by you as provided in the contract —

Any suspension of the work therefore

that I may be induced to consent
to is for your benefit and not mine

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

Hon Geo W. Hill Stuart
President

Copy to B. M. Al. Assn
Nov 8th 1847

E. Cornell Esq. Milwaukee Nov 5. '47

My dear Sir

Yours of 24th ult. came to hand this morning, since writing you last, I have rec'd several from Col. Speed he is still at Detroit and that neighbourhood, says they are getting along well this and the other side of Detroit and that he will leave for Chicago during the week.

I believe our poles are all set, my men all got back to this place night before last, we set as far South as Little Fort 50 miles, I was with them most of the time, Jackson was here Monday night and said all were set from Little Fort to Michigan City with the exception of about 8 miles in the vicinity of Chicago which he promised should be done by Thursday and I presume they were,

Our men are now all ready to go to putting up the wire and the weather is so fine it grieves me to think the caps and glasses are not here so we can be at it, to day I have had our ladders made and a couple of reels for the wire, plaster boiled for cement and all is in readiness, Oh; for the want of the caps and glasses, it puts right aback, in all our calculations, and that among the other perplexities we have to contend with, retards our collections, thus far I have just been able to collect enough at Racine, Southport and this city to keep along and pay our men for work and the poles 150 miles that is from here to Mich. City, I suppose Col. Speed wrote you we had to pay Jackson's by the day and that all money, which makes a difference of about $1500. in our cash calculations on this end, When Col. Speed left he took an order from me on our collectors in Michigan and was to attend to Mr Woods wants, and he writes they are collecting some in Mich. the fact is I have had all to contend with that any poor d—l ever had, and done the best I could,

As regards sending money for Wire I cannot make any promises, We ought to collect yet here near $4000. and at Southport $1500. and Racine $1500.— but it will be impossible to do it before the line is completed and perhaps not then without suing, I have got up a circular for some of our delinquent Sub's but I fear it will not scare them as I could wish it might and it is doubtful whether I shall get any more than is needed to pay out here before the line is finished and then if necessary and thought advisable we must put the Screws to them— how much surplus Col. Speed will have East of Mich. City he can better advise you than I can. I think if he will go to work at Chicago he can get something there, we have $5000. good Sub. there and if O'Reilly has not raised h—l he can collect a good part of it.

You say our progress is slow, I know it, but what can a man do among the "Badgers" more than I have done? give us money and material and we will go ahead like "all nature"

I fear our Caps will not arrive before the close of Navigation, many of the Boats, are up on their last trip, if they do not come, they must be carted and this line finished up this month, or all our boasting will be at an end.

I had a letter from Col. S. today which I must answer to night— I send you a circular—

Very truly &c
D. T. Tillotson

P.S. W. D. Allen of Buffalo wants a situation at Chicago, I wrote him yesterday referring him to you—

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Ezra Cornell Esqr.
(Tel. office)
Troy
New York

D H Tillotson
5 Nov 47

ATLANTIC LAKE & MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH
1847
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E. Cornell Esq.

Dr. Sir: At the request of Mr. Barnes, I give you briefly, my opinion of House's Printing Telegraph.

I had excellent opportunities, while the Machines were on the line between this City, and Louisville of making myself acquainted with the principles, upon which it operates: and I have no hesitation in saying, that; I consider it decidedly the best Telegraph extant.

I sent despatches from Cincin. to Louisville with facility; although I had ~~had~~ practised very little at the time; at the rate of 75 letters per minute.

The machines are susceptible of very great improvements, notwithstanding the complete success with which they were operated here.

I believe there will not be the slightest difficulty, in working at the rate of, at least. 100 letters per minute, in the transaction of ordinary business, as the machines are at present.

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S. K. Zook

ATLANTIC LAKE & MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH
CINCINNATI
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E. Cornell. Esq. Dear Sir:

Yours of the 30th ult is just at hand, & having immediate leisure I hasten to comply with your request. I do not at all wonder at your scepticism on the subject, for I was utterly faithleſs ~~as the~~ until I saw the "Elephant." I will, with all candor state — 1st I did *myself* see the instrument (Houses) work *perfectly* with leſs battery *& but one circuit* than Morses did with two, at the rate of 96 letters per minute with a comparatively inexperienced operator. 2d I *know* I could start them on the N.Y. & Bo line, or any other & work them succeſsfully, independent of Morses instrument & qualify operators in 1/4 the time to operate them that it takes to qualify for Morses — & here is the proof. Upon getting them in operation between Cincinnati & Louisville, the first meſsage sent, was one of 220 words ~~by~~ from Judge Wright of our City to overtake a grandson of his at Louisville, which was done with the most perfect succeſs, & an article in his paper (The Cincinnati Gazette) of the 24th (I think) of September acknowledges & speaks highly of it. At this time there was no Morse instrument connected with the line at these offices at all. I particularize this one as it was the longest & (I believe) the first one. Letters were received from Jeffersonville (opposite Louisville, where the instrument then was at that terminus, as the wires were not then acroſs the River) stating that the instrument then worked with the most perfect succeſs, & the Louisville Courier, in speaking of it says — "Houses Telegraph cannot be put down. It is incomparably superior to any other method of Telegraphing in use, & will always prove its superiority." The Louisville Journal also says — "We have seen it in operation & to us it seemed to work very satis=factorily." These are two of the first papers of Kentucky, so you see I am not alone in my opinion. Mr. E. L. Witman, an accomplished (Morse) Telegrapher was at Jeffersonville a short time on the 25th September & on the 26th wrote to Mr. O'Reilly as follows *** "We recd two meſsages on Houses instrument yesterday without any difficulty, & the previous correspondence was perfectly intelligible. Every thing appears all right here." ***. In regard to its being complicated, I am willing to stake my reputation as an operator that I will take one or more of them, with what little I have seen of it — not having practiced on it 15 minutes in all & work then with the most perfect success — although not with the rapidity that I could after practice, of course. It was not out of repair at any time while here 15 minutes at a time — & green hands to work it at that. I do wish you could see it operate. It is truly beautiful. Not only does it make the Roman characters, but also points out each letter on a dial. Dealing with all honor between you & myself I could not recommend to you a wiser plan, in my opinion, than, at least to see it & know for yourself. I know your scepticism would instantly vanish. ~~the~~ The two instruments that were here are now at New York preparatory to going into operation on the line that is going up between N.Y. & Phila, where I doubt not Prof. House would be happy to see you & extend to you every civility. Enclosed you have also the evidence of Mr. Zook, formerly Superintendent of the & Washington line of Telegraph, now associated in this office, being of the first operators of the day. & further Mr. C. T. Smith formerly of the Phila & New York line has left active & lucrative employment on this line & to bring his energies to bear in forwarding the enterprise, certainly showing unbounded confidence in its success. Please give my resp to Mr Buell & others & greet Mr. Faxton in my name & I remain

Most Respectfully Yours

E. F. Barnes

E Cornell. Esq.

Montreal Nov 6. 1847

Dear Sir Your favour of the 24th Oct reached me this morning on my return to this City from Quebec—

I had also a letter from Shead dated Detroit 26th Oct— in which he reports the wire up from Detroit to Ypsalanti and ready to start that section as soon as registers arrive which I learn was shiped some two weeks ago by Exprss—

I think you will reach him if you write to Detroit,

I have but a moment to write in which I will assure you I have done every thing that could be done to forward the Glasses &c but I see you will have to wate for them and to forward business you had better put the wire up without them that is fasten the wire to the poles by a piece of cord or wire in that way you can get it stretched and it will be a small job to put the caps up and the wire in them.

Yours &c
E Cornell

D J J

after writing this
on Saturday I found
it was too late for
the mail and
since that I have
been so much
unwell. that
I had neglected
to send it to the
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D. P. Tillotson Esq

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Pokeepsie Nov. 6th 1847.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 30th of October is received in which you give the reasons for not paying the second instalment of the Troy & Montreal Junction line, &c. —

In making your next payment you will please arrange the receipts &c. with Mr. Kendall as he is now in Washington again. In receipting for the first instalment, I was irregular so far as Mr. Kendall's and my own affairs ~~were~~ concerned, and to avoid embarrassment in our accounts I wish you to pay the instalments to him as my Agent. —

I think you can have no Serious difficulty on account of the threat of a House line; I would not trouble myself about that. Let them try it as soon as they will, Smith's Durham Bull will beat ~~them~~ any time. —

Truly Yr friend & Servt.
Sam. F. B. Morse.

Ezra Cornell, Esqr.

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Ezra Cornell, Esq.

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Prof Morse
Nov 6. 1847
Nov 6. 1847

Office of the B. N. American
Electric Telegraph Assocn
Quebec 6th Novr 1847.

Sir.

I am instructed by the Directors of the Association to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 5th inst., and to inform you that they have not any proposition to make as an inducement to suspend the completion of the contract, on your part; on the contrary, they are anxious to have it proceeded with according to its terms

According to the agreement between the Association and yourself the work is to be paid for as it progresses, it being, of course, to be understood that the work should be done according to contract before it can be paid for. At your request, Mr Symes, a confidential person was sent down at the expense of the Association, to ascertain whether the part of the work which you have perform

E. Cornell Esqr

has been done according to contract.

In order that a proper inspection might be made by Mr Symes, your agent, Mr Wood, was requested to name a person to witness his inspection, and accordingly Mr Gisborne was named on your behalf.

The Directors have received the Report of Mr Symes, from which it appears that the Posts have not been planted in the ground accordg to Contract, but on the contrary that the contract had been scarcely in any degree observed — so much so that the Directors entertain no doubt but that it would be highly improper to put up the wire in the present state of the Posts.

Under these circumstances the Directors think it fitting and proper that the work which has been imperfectly done on your part should be performed accordg to the contract, and when it is they will be prepared to act accordg to the terms of the Contract so far as they are concerned, by paying you as the work progresses

I may add that the Directors have now in ~~their possession~~ port three shipments of wire, which will be delivered to you as soon as your posts are in proper condition to have it placed upon them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obdt Servt
J. Smith
Secy

B. N. E. J. Allen
Nov 6th/47

Ezra Cornell Esq
Care M. L. Wood Esq
London.

Wm Kimlin
Nov 6th 1847

Chicago Sunday 7 Nov/47

My dear Sir

I arrived here last night. My Father came with me. Mr Jackson is here, says that all the poles will be finished tomorrow. I understand that the glass caps have not come, which I regret. I will set men to soldering the wire together immediately, and as soon as the glasses arrive, have the wire going on. Keep things as straight as you can on your end of the line, and settle up with Jackson, and we will soon distance all opposition, as O R says - Every thing works well on the East end, and I have no fears as to the result - We had a stormy time on the Lake last night: but like our prospects, the sun shines again to day.

I will remain here until we get all things in shape, and I have full confidence in getting money on our sub. to pay up - I will have a meeting before I leave. The O R tribe are on their last legs - the fight will soon be over -

Yours truly

J J Speed

E. Cornell Esqr Burlington Nov 7. 1847.

Dear Sir

Yours was Recd last night with the enclosed draft which I assure came very acceptable

George Durand will on Monday night finish his section would have done so yesterday if it had not stormed.

On friday night I left the line finished as far as Milton falls being 15 1/2 miles from here I suppose it is now done within 8 miles of St Allan And on tuesday night or Wednesday 12 o shall be at that place if no hindrances & I suppose Mr Shred will meet me ~~there~~ if so I shall have completed the setting of the ~~setting~~ posts in this section

I should like to see you before you go South in order to get instructions as you know I shall not have anything to do here You will see George Durands on tuesday here and settle with him I have given him $103.50

You will find me in St Albans
or near there No pins yet Edwards
had slit out stuff enough for 2000 but could
not turn them on Friday on act of not
being water Enough I shall see him
tomorrow again

I go today with
Mr Hands to get the number of posts on
his Section

Mr Davis has been here
to get some funds for posts delivered
You will be under the necessity of
handing him some in order to facilitate
him in procureing the necessary Quantity
or You will be hindered in the north
he will be in St Johns on tuesday or
Wednesday please not omit this portion
of the business

believe Me to be Yours truely

D O Griffin

E Cornell Esqur
American Hotel Burlington Vt

D O Griffin
Nov 7. 1847