Rain Nov 8 - 1847

Dear Sir

Col. Spink has arrived at Chicago & has been stationed there & I have been stationed I came up on the Cars & left Detroit at 11 Oclock & reached Chicago at 6 Oclock & I was at Newly Lawrence 16 miles before I left I shall want some more money this week I should think about three hundred dollars or three hundred & fifty & the men will all have to be paid off - & the freight on our Cars will want to be paid which will be about $170 or we shall want to distribute that this week or shall want that sum in addition to that sum above mentioned : I think you had better come up to Chicago & see Mr Speed & make an agreement or write by the first steamer & you can buy a draft in Chicago & send them on

me to come down for it as I should
be very much disappointed in going Ready
for the painting if the wind
Let me hear from you by first mail
if you do not come

Yours truly
Lewis Jackson

D. I. Littleton

NB. Shall leave for Chicago on
the 5th the 6th may — so you write
and your letter to there

Montreal Nov 8. 1847

To the President and Directors of the British North American Electric Telegraph Association.

Gentlemen

What alterations in the Rules that have been Set under any contract with you, do you deem necessary to render the Setting of the said Rules according to said Contract.

I am Respectfully
your Obt Svt
E Gavell

How Geo O'Kiel Stuart
President

Will Mr Wood transmit the above to Quebec, and tell M. L. to keep a copy and send a copy of it to the Assn

E C.

I shall go over to St Johns to day and be back in the Evening.

A. S. Wood Esq
Telegraph Office
Present

Copy of a letter to
the Ass. Mov. &
Sent from Mt. by Tel

Mr E Cornell
Dear Sir

New England Glass Co
8th Nov. 1847

Your favour of 2d inst came to hand yesterday. We have sent to Albany about 50 Grocc Telegraph Glasses (50 Gro sets) viz

21 Oct	7½ Gro
28 "	16½ "
31 "	5 "
3 Nov	11½ "
6 "	10½ "

we are making them as fast as possible & shall send them as fast as they are made, agreeable to your directer — the moulds are expensive & we have only one for each piece, consequently we cannot keep but two setts of hands at work upon them.

You may depend upon it, that these workmen shall be kept constantly at work for you until the whole quantity is completed — We shall probably require this & the next week to finish the 150 grocc

Yours truly

Joseph Stowe Agent

BOSTON
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Mr. E. Cornell,

Troy,

N.Y.

Josephine Howe
Chas S. Ly T



Mr F O J Smith To New England Glass Co Dr

1847 Oct	21	For 7½ Gross Setts Telegraph Sockets sent to Mr Corning Albany @				67.50
	28	" 18⅓ "	do	do	"	129
	31	" 5 "	do	do	"	45
Nov	3	" 12½ "	do	do	"	112.50
	11	" 12½ "	do	do	"	112.50
						$ 466.50

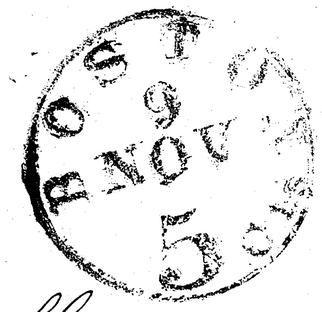
New England Glass Co
8 Nov. 1847

Mr E Cornell
Dr Sir

Since writing you this morning we have seen Mr Sadler he thought we should have sent you by Mail, a copy of each bill of Glass as it was sent forward, as well as to send one to Mr Smith

He suggested that we had better send you the account thus far, so that you might give Mr Smith directions about paying it — Yours truly

Joseph D Ellower agent



Mr. E. Cornell,

Troy,
N.Y.

Monroe Nov 8. 1847

Mr Offord

Dear Sir

This morning finds me at this place where we intersect the C. Ridley &c. I find the agent Mr Mann with the appearance of a gentleman and trust he and I will get along side by side without any difficulty and leave our superiors to settle the difficulty in their own way

I learn from him that there are a number of individuals between here & Toledo who object strongly to either Company building a line in front of their premises and make all sorts of threats in case we build it there One man has prosecuted their diggers & subjected them to pay costs before a single Justice and has since filled up their holes

I have taken Council & Examined the law upon the subject and suppose we have a right to build upon the highway & the law will protect us I shall go and see them to day or tomorrow & Endeavor to talk them out of it if posible If not I shall do the best I can till I hear from you We have got over 20. miles of the posts up, and shall have finished to this place tomorrow or early next day if the weather holds good The $150. I started with is nearly exausted & although I have Endeavored to make it go as far as posible, the Posts and Expences has to be paid as

me go And I fear before I can get an answer
to this I shall be out entirely I hope you will write
me by return mail and advise me what course to take
where objections are raised to our paying and we
are not able to talk them out of it
And also forward me some money by the Early
Ent 24 prep
I should be in, if I should find myself in this Mate
gan Country without money or even acquaintan
ce, with so many men on my hands and so much
work ahead
I have got the work to going at this End of the line
so I am ready to put on an other gang of hands as
soon as I have money to do it with
I am frequently asked by persons who have subs
scribed for stock in this Co whether they will
be called on for the money & if so when, and whether
they are to have an office here
all I can tell them is that I have nothing to do with
that part of the business — mine is, to do the work
the finances will be attended to in due time and
by the proper persons
I have shown them your circular, and En
deavored to find out how they felt about pay
ing their stock in case you were intending to
collect it — So far as I have been able to learn
with propriety — They seem to be willing and rea
dy to pay — in order to secure to themselves an office
But if they can have one without they had rather not
pay

I should like to have you go through this line to answer these questions and make such arrangements as you think best

The O'Reilly Company seems to have stirred up a feeling of indignation & prejudice where they have gone that will have its influence upon us until we can over come it

write me at Toledo and confer a favor on

yours Respectfully

J. J. Speed Esq

Gen F. L. & T.

J. W. Wade

TARIFF OF PRICES.

From QUEBEC to	NUMBER OF WORDS. 10		20		30		40		50		60		70		80		90		100	
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Montreal, ...	1	10½	3	9	5	7½	7	6	9	4½	11	3	13	1½	15	0	16	10½	18	9
Prescott, Brockville, Kingston, ...	2	6	5	0	7	6	10	0	12	6	15	0	17	6	20	0	22	6	25	0
Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Toronto, ...	3	9	7	6	11	3	15	0	18	9	22	6	26	3	30	0	33	9	37	6
Hamilton, ...	4	6	9	0	13	6	18	0	22	6	27	0	31	6	36	0	40	6	45	0
Buffalo, ...	6	3	12	6	18	9	25	0	31	3	37	6	43	9	50	0	56	3	62	6

Communications to be pre-paid.
And the Company not responsible for the inaccuracies of the Operators.

Office at the Exchange,

QUEBEC, Nov 8th 1847.

Via Telegraph from Montreal

To Mr. The President & Directors

of the B.N.A.L.T. Co.

Gentlemen,

What alterations in the poles that has been set under my contract with you do you deem necessary to render the setting of the said poles according to said contract

Yours

~~Your~~ Respectfully

O.L. Servt

E. Connell

Chicago Sunday 8 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

I came here last evening, had a boisterous passage from St Joe, Conrad Updyke went ashore last night. I found one of the Jacksons here. he will finish the posts tomorrow. they will then be all up from Detroit to Milwaukee. the tents are there our wife is here, but no glass cars. I hope they may come in the Michigan which is expected here tonight. as soon as they arrive, I will have them going on, and the cars going up rapidly. My Father is here, and will go to Michigan City and take charge & set of hands. We will soon have the cars all on from Detroit to Milwaukee. If we get the cars, I guess enough to go through

O'Reilly's man, Livingston, is still here— they have their hole all from Michigan City to this place: but they have no cars and I doubt whether they can get any, they are doing nothing between M. City & Detroit. and I got a letter from a man on their route today, saying that they had left all their hills unfinished, and

if the hole they had dug him, even not paid for wrong he would cut them down. he supposes they owe on my time, and the men employed by me. I have written him, saying, that I thought he would do perfectly right to cut them down, I think this bond is only and we are not charged with them much longer. I shall get money enough to pay as we go, and the payment of collecting is quite as pros as I have anticipation, we also get more of our subscriptions paid through deduction than I, at one time, expected. I dislike these hard times, and yet some, how much I cannot say - but the public feeling is growing stronger on our side every day and if we can get one line at work, we may set all and all his minions at defiance. I wish I could go to St Louis a few days - I see ok is still trying to raise money there. I have sent home of my last circulars, and like them more, and if I could only be there one week, I think I could use them up. but it is out of the question for me to think of leaving this Lake line until it is done I mean to call a meeting here in a few days and give them a talk -

I have no fears about getting funds to pay for all our bills, and our men in putting up the wire, as fast as we can need it; but I have been in pretty trouble about funds for you - Smith says he wire'd you: but I know you want funds from him, and I know equally well that I cannot get it to send you, before we get our wire up; but I will risk trying, and do the best I can - If it had not been for the current bill, I should have up by those Jacksonians, we would have had no difficulty: ~~I~~ we will see you through out down in the end

Yours truly

B J Sweeney

Buffalo Nov 6 1867

Dear Brother

As Mr Haws has disappointed me about tools I have got some made which I think are preferable to any boten ones I have got 1 dozen spoons made which cost me 5½ cts a piece and they are nite my men have worked with the spade and shovel so far by digging a long hole about 2 feet deep and stand in that to finish the battaree this plan was recommended to be the best by the Canada Telegraphist but I know it is not the best for american ground; I Came down here to settle with Burdicks gang who have put up about 16 miles they have got along slow on account of bad weather and wet ground they have now got where it is dryer and got better tools and will get along better the Fish offers to put up the wire on the line for $5.00 per mile and take it at the different Ports along the lake in reference to pay he says he will want about 50 percent during the progress of the work pleas write me in reference to it and how soon the wire will be on hand, I saw ~~Mr Hors~~ Mr Horseland from Mich he says Hart has got about 20 hands working on East of Detroit he Came on here to see about wire found some in Storehouse & he says the wire they put up has broken in 20 different places after it was up

I think it must be miserable poor wire I saw some in the store house here going west which I should call a very poor article and very badly saldered I think you had better see to it for if there breaks with 30 poles to the mile what will it do on this end of the line with 15 to the mile, I understand that Mr OR is putting up his wire on this line Commencing at Cleveland some of his poles are already fallen down

In reference to money matters &c. I have received is 275 dollers the last in your letter of Oct 30 as I wrote you in my last, I have wrote 2 or 3 letters to you at Troy which I did not direct to the care of the Post Office if you have not got them you will do so probably by calling for them

Had I better start more than 3 gangs of hands setting poles the poles are on at Cleveland by this time so that I can start another gang then if it will be best I can get Tracy Eddy to take charge of a gang or probably Mr Allen will get through contracting soon so that he will be able to take a gang, I shall want money as I stated in my other letter, dont forget to write often

Respectfully Yours
E. B. Cornell
To E. Cornell Esqr

Dr Speed has sent me a bundle of
Circulars and Extra news papers to circulate
along the line I think they will have a good
effect I saw a Mr Camp from Westfield
Saturday he says they are ready to take Stock
in our line when ever it is called for I gave
him one of the Circulars which appeared to satisfy
him in reference to the Controversy between the
two Companies, please direct to Erie
for the present

EJB

E B Cornell
Nov 8 47

E. Cornell Esqr

Telegraph Office

Troy

N Y

Athens Nov 8th 1847

Dear Sir

very unfortunately for us some two miles of wire is needed to close up the line from Ypsilanti to Detroit. At Buffalo I found 34 bundles subject to no order & at Mr Woods request directed sufficient to be shipped immediately. It will probably be there Wednesday. I also directed Mr Parker to retain the same quantity ~~to be obtained~~ at Buffalo out of any ordered to be sent to Detroit. If that is not correct please countermand the amt was 100 bundles. Mr Burritt has no instruments done neither can he finish any in less than 2 or 3 weeks before which time we shall need one more

I am sorry to be delayed so much but shall be ready for operations as soon as the wire is joined. My Registers work good & ale promises well.

Mr Parker told me he had bill of 100 bundles to arrive at Buffalo to your order

Yours Respy

J. Haviland

Danby Borough Novgth 1847

Dear Sir

I received your letter to day and was somewhat surprised at the contents of it for this reason I have written you twice at Troy in both of which mentioned my progrs and of my putting on the second gang of hands I commenced at Dorset one week yesterday and went South 6 miles and 3 polls before I met Northrup and then he had 2 miles to set at Manchester that he had skipt I then returned and have set North to this place 4 miles and the north gang are within 1¾ mils of here so that you see the polls are nearly up at this end and I have not got near money enough to pay the wages of both gangs you may think me using rather very free but I am or at least think so myself but have got along with as little as possible The hands are very anxious for their pay and say that their wages go on till paid Northrup has gone to Troy I hear. He is very <u>really</u> at me and tells along the road at least I hear so, that you did not furnish money for him and that he came all the way from Bennington with 15 dollars and accuses me of keeping money from him that you sent him by me

This you know is false from the fact that you did not give me money till after I left him at Bennington As soon as you recivd this write me at South Wallingford and what you intend for me to do E. B. Cornell writes me, but little about business but says I must come out as soon as we get through here Mr Hall got the worst lot of poles you ever saw I did not set one of them and was obliged to pay 60 cts to get them put on Fish has done well except 30 poles he let out to another them we had to ship all to Small Curtis troubles us some Andrus has got 30 small ones in his contract but he says Mr Benedict saw them and told him to put them on I made him shift some. and he hindered us near 1/4 day But the situation the poles are in I can tell you better than to write Write soon for I am in a bad fix E Cornell Esqr Yours & C & Holmes

S A Holmes
9 Nov 47

your line received write
what to do at South
Wallingford

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Ezra Cornell Esqr
White Hall
N. Y.

E. Conrad Esq.

Milwaukee Nov 9. 47

My dear Sir

Your favor of 29th Ult, came to hand this morning. Mr. Speed is at Chicago, and I learn (verbally) that the glasses had arrived there, I hope so, and wish we had come here that we might be putting up the Mill. The "Detroit is Blocked" which you say Dutch me, I fear however they will not arrive by Lake Navigation, as the season is late and only 3 or 4 more Steamers on expected this fall - if they do not come we must cart them which will be a tedious job as well as Expensive - My men are all ready to go to Work the moment we can, Irelo, Ye all made, our Castings are here and at Chicago, I received yesterday two letters from Conrad, one of the balance for Detroit, would all be shipped two Shipments from the 25th Ult, say 2 Boxes from that, state, I sent him a Bill of Lot for $300. - which leaves me naked here and I cannot get payments made to keep along till our Bird is gone up or completed - I yet have to pay over $450. for cutting poles between here and Michigan City (150 Miles) - it has been an expensive job from Both parties, and will cost about $20. per Mile, which is more than I expected, and I think more than it should have been, but I could not help it, I did the best I could - I hope in 30 days to remit you some thing from North of Chicago, Mr. Speed will do there and East of there and in Michigan, I don't yet know if he will attend to it I believe they will generally pay up say 2/3 or 3/4 of on Bill but I hope he will not be obliged to be fighting the rights of the Patentee against O'Reilly and others, if so he cannot attend to helping to raise funds and

building the lines, — according to your advices of the different shipments of Wire at this place and Chicago I think there will be enough to reach say 200 Miles, which will carry it to Niles in Mich, I fear however it will not all reach Herdsley Lake —

We ought to have Glasses enough at this point and Chicago, to reach to Niles, or Michigan City, say 150 or 200 miles — Those sent to Chicago (1/2 gross) according to my calculations will reach about 300 miles, we should therefore want about 4 gross to go from here to Niles, and as many more to get to Detroit, (excepting what you formerly sent there)

It is so late that it is expected about our vessel out of 5 will go ashore or sink, on these Western Lakes after this time, and makes me feel fearful about all our Materials getting on — besides it is slow getting along after the weather gets cold and days short — I shall however do all I can to push along the work and collections, but do not expect too much from any of us out here — We are a different class of beings from your Easterners —

I have written C. & S. to-day advising him of receipt of yours — it is freezing hard, very tardy ya

C. J. Tillotson

P.S. The correspondence between Kimball & Smith, and Stone, also the answers of Burke I will have republished here if, through reasonable by our friends to do so — Push me all the like documents you get hold of they are help, C. Spent is money he never sends me any thing of the kind

C. J. T.

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Ezra Cornell Esq.
(at Tel. Office)
Troy,
New York.

Mr Isaac H Cutler

Burlington Nov 10 1847

If Mr Griffin can procure funds from the Association sufficient to enable you to settle for the ballance due on the post please oblige me by doing so, and if not sufficient for the whole settle as far as Rice Deloup. and if the latter amount cannot be obtained please accompany Mr Griffin down and name persons who I am indebted to that they shall receive their pay with interest as soon as the existing difficulty ~~are~~ with the Association are Remidied. Name the Contractor who I am indebted to that I regret much ~~that~~ that there should be any delay in prompt payment in their just demands and the blame rests wholly with the Association, If there is any funds belonging to me remaining in your hands after accomplishing the above Request please pay the same to David Griffin

Obliging You my respectfully

O E Lamson

Letter to J. H. Cutter
Nov 10 - 1847

Copy to J H Cutter
Ten: 10 Nov 47

Co Speed,

Milwaukee Nov 10. '43

If I can get a mant to join me (as I think I can) to build a line of Tel. from here to Galena (Laping through Prairieville, Kalestown, Aztelan, Madison, Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Platteville, say 180 miles) will you agree to call the capital Stock (including the Patents) $150. p mile and take the Patents $25. and say $25. for yourself & Comstock in Stock of the company? that would leave me $100 p mile, for building, to use 30 posts p mile, and the same Dye Wire, that Eddy, used on the Ithaca, and Oneo, line? I do not believed I could get much if any more Stock, taken and paid in, than would be necessary to build it, and unless you, Comstock and Smith, would take Stock, it would be useless for me to undertake it, I think it would pay 10 - 15 - and perhaps 20 p ct. — should I go into it I would want the refusal of putting up other lines, in this Territory, as soon as circumstances would warrant it. Did in view of all this would you make arrangements to move my family into this Country — I do not see much prospect for me at the present in building lines — I would like to be engaged on the N.Y. line, the Binghamton, or in Ohio, but see little prospect of it at present. I want to be looking ahead for something permanent, where I can be near my family — Please take some Evening or Monday after Church, and direct me answer, that I can confer with a friend here on the subject —

Yours truly &c

L. J. Gilbertson

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To Sheed[illegible] A[illegible]o
Asks for him

Col. J. J. Speed Jr
Chicago

Washington. Nov. 10. 1847

Dear Sir,

I rec'd. your insulator & your letter of the 3d. inst. My own impressions as to the insulator are very favorable, & I can see no reason why it should not meet all the wants required of an insulator. I am not, however, at liberty to adopt any, as a Committee has been appointed of which I am one, to fix on the best method. We are now collecting all the insulators we can, and shall, ere long, have a meeting to decide upon them.

I want to see how yours will stand the frosts of a northern winter, before the question is settled.

After you have tested it thoroughly I will thank you to write me again.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Serv.
O. S. Halsted Prest. &c

E. Cornell, Esq.

B B French
10 Nov 47

Boston November 11th 1847

Mr F. O. J. Smith

Bogt of New England Glass Company

866#	22 - 2½	Gross	Telegraph	Sockets	@ 90"	22.50
"	23 - 2½	"	"	"		22.50
"	24 - 2½	"	"	"		22.50
"	25 - 2½	"	"	"		22.50
						$90.00

Milwaukie

Rail Road Care Jason Parker Buffalo

New England Glass Co
11 Nov. 1847

Mr E Corning
Dear Sir

Annexed is Invoice of four packages glass ware forwarded by R Road to Milwaukie care of Jason Parker Buffalo — Yours truly

Joseph Hower agent

Rec' yours of 11 Inst day last at Troy
the other letters if any have been sent to meet me yesterday
so I now wish you to send me a full acct of what you
have shipped Impress and write how soon you will be able to
fill the remainder of my order

BOSTON
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Mr. E. Cornell,

Troy

N.Y.

Jet House
11 Nov 47



Chicago 11 Nov '49

Dear Sir

We are shut on our apes
for want of some glasses,
but I hope to receive them every boat
that comes in - I am having the wire
soldered together, ladders built, and
all things done that can be done without
the glasses - Just as soon as they arrive,
we will put up the wire fast.
The locks are all up. Expect a bun
to our office here, which will be up
tomorrow -

To avoid the river here,
I run to the locks above, at Bridgeport,
and then across the Prairie, on a straight
line for 5 miles until we strike the Racine
road. The handsomest line of Telegraph in
America - Run around the city entirely -
The increased distance is not over
one mile. If that, in going by way
Bridgeport, and stopping at the canal
locks: but to get to our office in this
City we have to run a line of poles
three miles, and run back on the
same poles, making Six miles extra

river, over three miles extra haul.
but we found all the difficulty of
crossing the river. the plan of using
the bridge would be exceeding troublsom,
as I find it often nearly a quite half
the time. We might have location on
either on the West side of the river. but
it would not have been satisfactory to the
people here, and would have been
quite out of the way. Every body
here is satisfied with the present plan
and I think that most of our Sub. will
buy. Tomorrow I am to commence
with Mr Jones, and see what can be
done here by way of collections. We
can get some money Enough to help
our hands at work putting locks
between Detroit & Belleville, and
buy In putting up the wire. Even
if we get none here; and as I
have often said to you. I am confi
dent that I am not deceiving myself
or you, when I say we can collect
Enough, when the line is done, to buy
for the whole from Detroit to Belleville
but I cannot promise any more; but
hope to get something more than enough
to buy in this End—

I do not know as I understand the best and quickest way to order the wine: but it is a good deal of work the way we do it. I cannot get a man who will order more than four or five hundred pounds per day. The wine mentioned in your letter of the 8th Inst. that is 6 tons at Detroit & 4 tons at Mitchamakin & 19 tons here, is all that I have heard of. making only half enough for this line to Detroit. If you have to cart wine from Buffalo, I thought the most, it will be a hard pull to get it at. To cart wine from Buffalo to Cleveland only would cost near two cents per lb. If you cannot get the wine to Buffalo before the canal closes you may possibly get it taken on the R Road, and cart up the Lake after the close of the canal, as I am told that there are small boats that run on the Lakes quite late in winter

I have heard nothing from you for a month.

Yours truly

E J Spencer

Albion. Nov. 11th, 1847.

Mr. Cornell,

Sir, not being able to see you when I was at Ithaca I take this means. to learn what (lines) you are going to Erect next spring. and what kind of a chance you can give me to operate for you. I have informed myself as much as possible concerning the line from Chicago to, St, Louis. I have not however been over the ground. Mr, Asa, Mitchell proposes to operate with me if I find business. We should like to erect a considerable portion of the whole of that line. Whether you are going to put up the line from Dunkirk to, Buffalo, City. Please to write about what you will be able to pay per mile on the line from Chicago to, St, Louis, to have poles furnished and set, 30, to the, mile. length and size of those on the michigan and Erie line. I saw, Mr, B, Wood, this morning. Nothing is being done upon this end of the line for want of wire. it is not finished to Ypsilanti with in about three miles. Mrs Wood has a daughter about, 3, or, 4, days old. She is smart, Write to me at Homer, Cortland Co. N. Y. Yours Truly

E, Cornell

Chicago 11 Aug 1874

Dear Sir

It is a long business not knowing the ships + but you can know as you will understand Together, and stretches along by the lake, and when the ships come it can be best seen - We are sure must you will say from here to Milwaukee, and at the same time know the wine all on to Michigan City - I would write me that all the wine will be shipped in season but when I left Detroit none had arrived but the first Shipment of about Six tons - I send from here five tons to Michigan City, and My Father goes in the Morning to see to having it delivered - just as soon the ships come we ship but it as fast, and if we get them any time within a month, we can still reach Milwaukee by the first of December, or any even thereafter I have not made any effort to collect here yet, shall do so tomorrow - Agent has been away, is expected home every day - I think I will be able to collect the greater part of our note here,

Jackson says he can get some more at Smith Fork, and I think I can raise several hundred dollars here— I will try tomorrow—

I will have to cut the wire from Kalamazoo to Stone Michigan City— or ab to the end of ~~Lattin~~ wire from this way, which, I suppose, will be about as you estimate 15 or 16 miles East of the city.

The route you mention can be arranged as you want them, and A.R. will be quick enough before you get at those routes— His men will soon be here. I have received several notices threatening to cut down his Telegraph poles, supposing them to be mine, as the men say those they have not been paid for; and as that many bills remain unpaid I must attend to it soon, or they will cut the poles down. I have answered one man by saying that I thought he would be perfectly justifiable in cutting down, all poles not paid for according to contract

I have been so busy getting the Soldiers
under way, that I have not had
time to do any thing else, but write
both your advocates of our troops
daily.

Yours truly

J. J. Spurgin

Chicago Nov 12' 47

My dear Sir

I take back all I have ever said against the illiberality of the business men of Chicago. I got up a beautiful line of posts on Clark St. to our office opposite the Court House yesterday— This morning I went with Mr Jones to see what we could do in collecting— We have got near $600— and but <u>one man</u> refused to pay Ogden & Jones paid some time ago $50— Ogden is gone, and we did not call on Jones, but when Ogden comes home they will pay— Gale. Deammon, & Garrett. have not paid: but all will pay in full or pay 20 pct. (same as Geo Smith & Bryan) as a bonus— I have full confidence in collecting something like $4,000— here besides 300 or 400 as above= I am satisfied that I have managed here as well as I could, and had I tried to make collections before, I would have failed. We are now in funds to the amt. of $800— and can collect several hundred more in a few days: I must send $150 to Ottawa, which I think I can now do and not suffer

On sunday Sunday Sun. I will keep the fires at work, and get all the Coin, and as soon as we get a few hundred more than we owe home to use him, I will send him to Cornell - Just absent with your soldering, and get all your wire soldered in bundles of 100 ea. the Glass must be broken.

Yours truly,

The title to A. R. Ellis has gone, Mr Livingston has disinherited & think the Signs is about over.

Mark
Aug 4th

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Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th. was rec'd this morning. Must have come this morning but I did not get it until 10 oclk. P.M. You are mistaken in supposing that it is best to wait for the cabs before you commence soldering your wire. You can work for two weeks to good advantage in soldering wire, with two hands. I mean to stretch several mile, and have it on the ground, all ready to put up the moment the cabs arrive When there are eight hands to the 600 ft. it will take a man a day to solder 600 ft. — 4 days to the ton, unless they work faster than any hands I can get. The bundles can all be soldered and a wire, or string, put around them, or if you use a Reel, you can put 600 or 700 ft. on the reel, — I have two reels and will get 1400 ft. on the two. Let your men to soldering, or we will have you all to Prices when the shapes come

Yours truly

J. J. Speed

If you have not drawn the
$135 out of the Bank &c. City
send me a check. Payable
to Mr Blair. I have a set
of hands collecting mine there,
Father is attending to theirs.

Last check dated
April 15. Payable
to Mr. Blair.

Mar 12. '43

Burlington 12th 1847. Nov.

E. Comstock Esq
Ivy Creek

I have just arrived and rejoice to learn of your serious indisposition and am sorry to find you grow for I am sure if you are sick you should remain title you are well as there is no place Home excepted that you can better take them here and I been here you should not have left title better. Keep Dodge title you are in good hands.

Herewith I send you a number of letters handed me at Camp.

I hope you have so arranged as to have your make go forward if not and there is any thing I can do I invite be most sincerely through my own business requires much attention just the present time as Winter is so near at hand.

I recommend to you to return here and stay title Spr comes.

I shall leave here I think on Monday evening for Camp and be the Steady Myster.

Very Truly Yours
O. H. P. Rice

H. F. Rice
Nov 12 1847

C. Comele Esq