E. Lonce Esqr Montreal Nov 20 1847.

I have just returned from Quebec after examining the posts condemned by Symes. I found as near as I could judge the posts well set and I should think according to contract I informed them to this effect that the line was ready for the mire and if not forthcoming in 3 hours I would be compelled to leave it did not come and on Thursday I left in a Midst of a Snow Storm

I hear from the Post Master here that he sent a letter from the office to Quebec last Thursday it must have come from you here I am what must I do let me hear from you if you please as I am anxious as regards Jus health.

Stevens goes to Labarie now and will Ben Backus who is now working between them & Lachine Rapids

He must have a permit to run down here I shall petition the Corporation today and have it finished Immediately either on the said road or the River road-

In Great haste & Bad pen

Yours truly. D.O.G.

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E. Cornell Esqr
Troy. New York

~~To the care of J. H. Peck Esq~~

~~Burlington~~

if E. Cornell is not in Burlington will
J. H. Peck Esq forward this to Troy N.Y.

D. A. Griffin
Nov 20. 1857

Chicago 20 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

I am driving ahead just as fast as possible, without flaps, I am burning the wire rollers, which by the by is no small job, and distribute along by the holes, and just ahead the holes, first one side of the pin & then the other, one just in ahead with a long hole, and as soon the flaps come we will have them on. I am getting on well with the work: but cannot get money faster than we want to use it, After the Stockholders have paid 25 or 30 per cent. they will be sure to pay the balance, and we can collect, in the end, quite as much as it have recently provided - I have not heard from you in long time I begin to learn that the wire manufacturers have taken you with a Attachment warrant, and put you in jail - If so, hold on and prove, for a short time, and we will help you out.

I ought to be in Ohio, as I learn to night, that A.R. Flo. had their men to Toledo and were getting some money I sent 200 circulars for distribution and Made it a Cabinet fellow to talk

and I think would trouble him as much as he has us. I would go there immediately; but I cannot leave here yet. I wrote Tillotson, when I was at Kenosha, that if he wanted me to the line, and keep things all right to Michigan City, I would meet him there, and see to the Buffalo end; but he said it was impossible for him to do so much, and if I expected to have this line done before Spring, I must come and see to it. I then wrote him that I would meet him at this City; but he said that was too much. I then agreed to meet him half way to Milwaukee; but he says in his letter received last evening that it will take him until Spring to get coin enough collected to reach half way. I have written him that I will meet him at Racine 25 miles from Milwaukee, and if that won't do, I will meet him at the bounds of the City of Milwaukee.

It has rained two more than half the time, and the mud is knee deep, the prairies under water, and our feet and legs soaked every day; but I never felt better in my life, and can do as much work in a day as any fellow you ever seen.

I will return to Detroit

and go on the line towards Buffalo just as soon as I get things in shape here so that I can leave, and have the work go on as it should.

Yours truly

J. J. Thomson

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Mr E. Cornell
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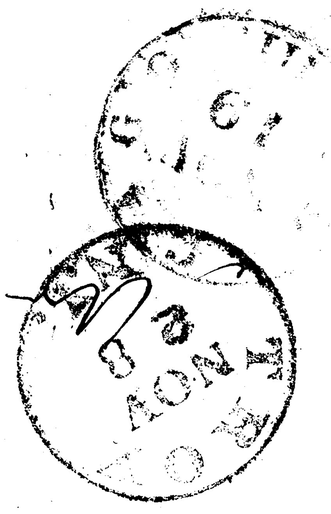

E. Cornell Esqur. Dear Sir Montreal Mar 21. 1847.

I have just returned from Quebec and after examining the line as far as St. Thomas a distance of 37 miles being the portion condemned by Mr Symes. I thinking it of not importance enough for what it might cost to go further I left for home, I find the pers generally well pleased and I should think agreable to Contract Backus. Shed. Stevens & Bristol are here. Backus wants to go home he has drawn the amount of £200. from Peirce and says he is paid nearly = and wishes to leave under these considerations Stevens receive from Mr Woods the Surplus on hands and he Reps that as his pay. Mr Bristoll paid Durand £57 and he is out of funds. The pers are all up except from Lachine on this side and 3. miles on the other and we are awaiting for the Caps. &c in order to put on the rails. I leave here by the first boat to Burlington to hunt up some of our Agent Mr Whitney has had some 60 Shares of Stock Subscribed for here, and Mr Glaps & A Shaw has been around informing them that they could build the line for 75 dollars per mile and they were fools to pay so much consequently they with their names withdrawn

If you can in anyway write me do so and let me know if you wish me any longer as I shall be without work and I have no instructions to give under present circumstances direct to Burlington if you please and I will await them for awhile

I will say that as you expected the company directors at Quebec did not do anything but merely stating that when you had the line finished agreable to Contract they would furnish the rails out of

of pure Charity towards you and send down Mr Symes to point out defects at your expense I forbid them putting any person to obtain except such as are appointed, without first getting permission from You, and the line being done on our part they must obtain the sine within three hours or I should leave no answer and I left., leaving them Your good wishes and a good blessing from me — they have no money and only ten tons of wire the last ten tons by the Lord Ashburton must be sold on act of the underwriters being badly damaged,, I saw it in store — So you can depend they are disposed to juggle You at some ones expence.

Mr Cutler is in great trouble and God only knows how he will get along if you are compelled to await on the Companys motions

I have just received a letter from home and I have lost a dear Son and my Wife is sick without funds and in great distress of mind and requests me to come Home if I expect to find her alive - So you may know my feelings I pray you your life will be spared and write down get out and attend to your business which certainly needs a head at this state of proceedings let me hear from You down and let us go ahead and do as you may direct,, unless we do, there will be some confusion.

Believe me Yours truly Hoff

Chas A Griffin

Wayne Nov 21st 1847

Dear brother C—

I have delayed writing to you for some weeks thinking every day that I should be able to report the line in opperation from Detroit to Ypsilanti but the work drags hevily and I cannot tell when we shall be able to start it. Some three week since one hundred bundles of wire and four boxes of glass caps ~~which~~ arrived here which we put on immediately but they fell short of reaching to Ypsilanti about three miles. I supposed that there must be wire on the way some where and I sent Haviland to Buffalo to hunt it up and fetch it on. He found 22 bundles in all but Mr Parker had received a bill of one hundred bundles more to arrive which is all that I have track of now. There has a quantity of cast iron caps arrived but no glass insolations so we cannot use them and although there is wire enough here to reach Ypsilanti we lack the caps to put it up. There was enough shiped but there was over two hundred so badly broken on their arrival that we could not use them. The registers are put up and the offices are in readiness and all hands are anxious to see it at work. I discharged all the hand some two week ago and went home myself having no materials to continue the work I came on the line again just as the wire arrived and am now putting it up without the caps thinking perhaps we can work it while it holds dry wether and as soon as the glass arrives it will be but a short job to put them on. I am sorry we could not have received the materials sooner for it is getting cold and rough wether and we cannot get on near as fast

The collectors seemlath to start to collect another installment
untill we get some portion of it in operation, The most of
the subscribers will pay up as soon as the wire is up to the
place where they reside, I am asked the question more than
twenty times a day when we calculate to get the line in
operation and I have to tax my ingenuity to keep a fair side
to them in order to satisfy them, The rail road men ar anxious
to see it in operation for they are meting with accidents so
frequently they want to use it some and every time I get on to
the cars they have some sly joke ready, One of them the other
day observed that the R. R. and Tel, kept pace very well the
new rail being laid to Ypsilanti and wanted to know if I
thought we could get as far as Jackson by next August or Sept.
I fear some times that you have undertaken to do to much in
so short a time for it cannot be done to advantage by crowd
- ing ahead so fast, With regard to the line from Detroit to
Buffalo I have erected some fifty miles of post already but I
think it rather poor policy to lay out money putting up posts
without having any or making any farther use of them, I have
stoped putting them up at present but I shall keep one or two
men on the line to stake out the ground and contract for poles
to be delivered at the stakes, Speed is at Chicago and writes that
they have a quantity of wire. but no caps so that they cannot
be making much progress, O'Reilly has stopped operations west but
he has built from Cleveland to Detroit and has given a big
price for poles and it is costing us more to build that way
than it did through this state, I do not think it possible
to get a line from Buffalo to Detroit this winter but if

you think it is and will send on the wire and caps I will get it to Cleveland neck or no joint as the Yankee would say There has been an agent at Monroe to take stock for this company and succeeded in getting 14 or 15 hundred dollars and the subscribers say they are willing and ready to pay but they have not been called on and I think if Speed could come on to the line a month or so there could be raised several thousand dollars notwithstanding the opposition of O'Reilley and associates, There has been no collections made here since September and I have exausted all the means that I have been able to command, About four thousand dollars is all that has come into my hands from all the sources at my command There is some arrearages that ought to be paid up but nothing very pressing, I found Mr Wade to be a very valuable assistant in getting up the work and shall retain him as long as I can but Messrs Hurlbert & Hotchkiss are rather a bore. I think it best if possible to get this line in operation this winter but unless the wire arrives before the close of navigation it will go slow with us, I have paid the bills of freight promptly and shall continue to do so as long as I can command money and take the stuff on the line as fast as it arrives My affairs at home prospers some in one way at least for we have a daughter not many day old which is well formed with a head of fine black hair and weighs 8 2/16 lbs. Phebe was getting along well when I left home 5 days ago, I keep a hand with my team and when there is wire enough arrives to go west of Kalamazoo I shall send the team to distribute it on the line Francis works at coopering and does enough to keep him in clothes and pay his board. When I wrote you last I was sick and went home and doctored up two or three days and then came on to Detroit & have been well since

Yours with esteem M B Wood

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E. Cornell
Ithaca
Tompkins County
N.Y.

M B Wood
21 Nov 1847

Milwaukee 22 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

I received a bundle of letters from you at Chicago Saturday night. They were forwarded from Detroit. I hope you will be able to make some satisfactory settlement with your Canada friends, so as to get the money, or otherwise you had better run away at once, and while you are at it you may as well run this way, as any as there is no imprisonment for debt here, and the usual punishment when one compromises is so here. I have really done all that I have had the power to do, and used all the faculties that God has given me, to collect on subscription but I have only succeeded in getting small instalments here, which in the aggregate has been barely enough to keep one man at work and buy us flour: but as most of our subscribers have now paid from 20 to 30 per ct. & I think we will get the balance, Easier, and as our expenses are soon over on this end of the line, I do verily believe that you will have power enough in a very few days to help you out of jail if you should happen to be in,

The last bills of wire have not been received, nor have we yet heard from the Gloppers: but there is one more boat on the way here from Buffalo and I hope she will relieve our anxieties by bringing the bal of the wire and the Gloppers -

We will soon have the wire all up. Tettelhorn will begin to put it up tomorrow - He did not understand the plan, and tried to solder the wire without annealing. He will soon get over

I think, very much, and must Jack
you something about Littleford. T. Jackson
is coming this way from Chicago and
M Jackson going from Chicago to
Michigan City. My Father is at M City
and will have a Horse & buggy going
Each way. Wood will have the Column
up through all Michigan any how after
he gets the wire, and if we get the pipes
and the instruments we will be in town
from him to Lectronic after the 1st Inst.

Last night I was sitting by the
fire at the Hotel at Chicago one being
talking to a fellow who had his pen
knife in his hand, and accidentally
stuck the point in my knee - I paid
no attention to it, and went the next day
on the train putting up wire, got my
foot wet as usual, and took cold in
the wounded knee - On Saturday it was
swollen very much and very painful, so
much so that I fainted away, and had
an unpleasant time - Sunday morning
it was better and as there was a boat
coming directly here, I concluded to come
and see how Littleton was getting on - I
am glad I did so. As we owe him Brown
to holden the wire, or but it together -
my knee is getting better: but it is Still
Stiff & Sore. I hope it will be well in a few
days when I shall go to Southport, and
see if I can induce our Sub. there to buy
they now refuse - I shall then go back
to Chicago and stay a day or two, and
go on the line back to Detroit, and if
things are all Straight go on to Cleveland
and if need be to Buffalo -

You complain that I do not write
often enough - I have written as often as

from much and something every day: but I have no letter from you later than 29 Oct. near a month ago. neither have I heard from Smith for a month but I shall keep doing all I know how and trust to Providence come and to you and Smith more than all will be well in the end.

Yours truly
J J Sheuch

P. S.

You will find C. F. Johnson in New York if he has not returned to Arequipa.

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Mr E. Cornell

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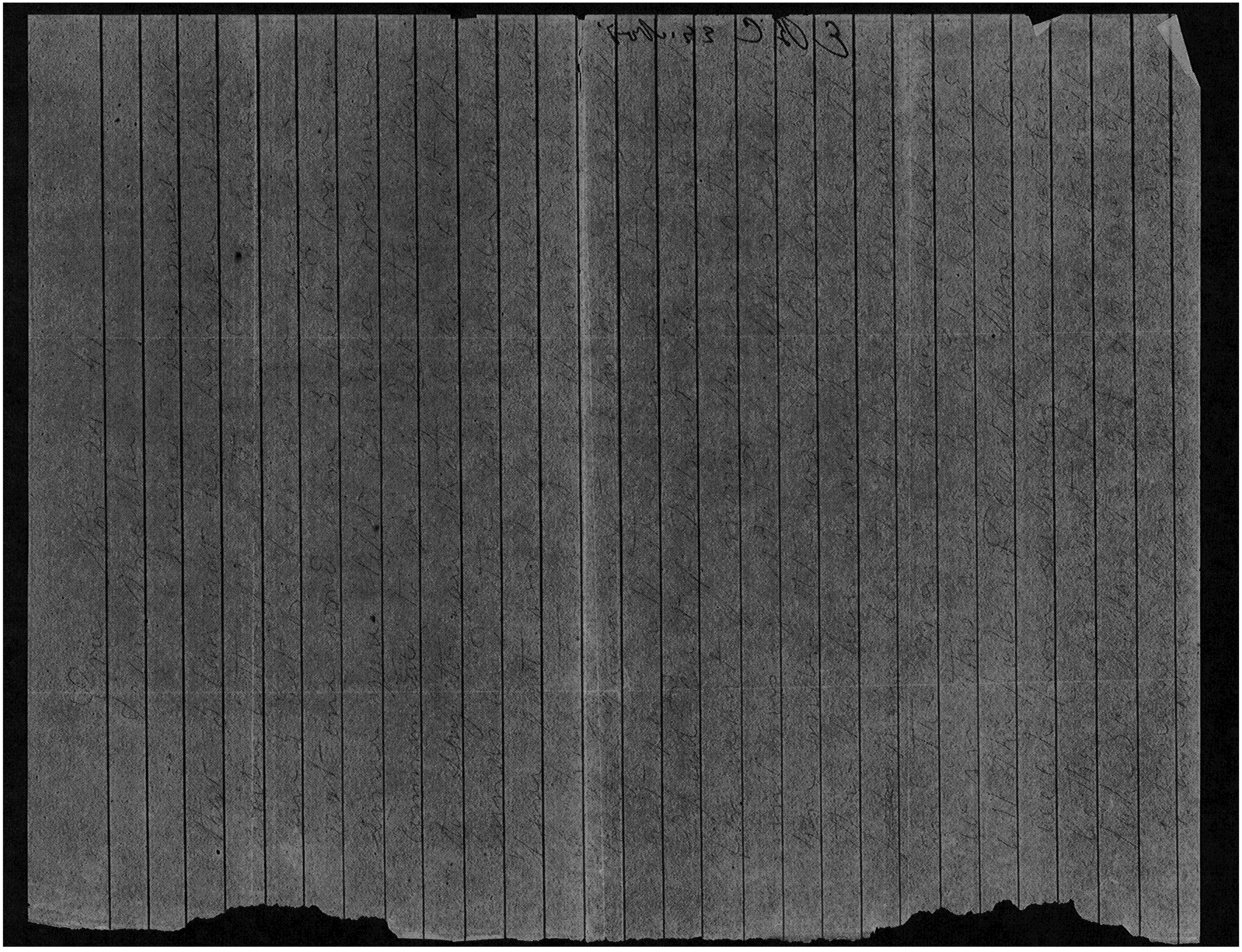

White Hall Nov 24. 1847

Dear Eyre I this Morning reed Mr Holmes letter from N York & was much Pleased to learn by it that you were improveing in health again I suppose you have reed My letters by this time and know how I hope get along with My Business I went down to Montreall Last Saturday to see O I and found him well I thought the opportunity So good A one that I could not well miss Seeing him when I returned home I got to White Hall Last evening Shall finish up this Matter here and Come on to Troy as you direct and if you Can Loan me as well as that Load I not better go home if you have per Ithaca before I get there will Leave Line A line at the Telegraph Office what you wishes are on the Subject

Mr Benedict Came up with us from Burlington yesterday and is now here Griffin will give Particulars I Shall Straiten Matters up with Finch to day I think I have nothing more at Present But yours most respectfully

E Corning Esqr

J. S. Bristed

P. S Dear Eyre be Carefull of your Health and Let me Hear from you Soon

J. S. B

E. Cornell Esqr
N. York City

Politics
of Mr Griffin

18 Bristol
Sudbury

Telegraph Office
Milwaukee 24 Nov '47

Dear Ira

Tillotson is now putting on my arm with his soldering, and expects to start up mine to-day. The Patchen came in last night, with a large quantity of freight, she will remain here all day, and leave this evening, or Tomorrow morning, for Chicago. I mean to return to Chicago in her. Whether she has brought any thing for us, I have not been able to learn. But will ascertain this before open, and on the way will will find out whether she has any mail or letters for us

The propeller "Phoenix" was burned on the Lake Sunday night near Cheboygan - Said to have had over 200 emigrants - lost, and all her cargo - If one life had been lost on Monday, it would have been in Constant use to Bagnalo, to know whose goods were on board - I fear that some of our material may have been on her -

Thursday on board the Patchen
We left Milwaukee last evening about sunset, were out into the Lake, a few miles, and were driven back by a Snow Storm - had to

We have lain in the mine all day and may have to lay a day longer, or until the mine hulls a little—

I have examined the clerks checking bills and regret to find that we have no shipper on board— The last shipment of mine has not been made, and probably will not be— We will have to send in to Kalamazoo, and rent in to Kent about 100 tons of Kalamazoo and Michigan city to reach a few miles East of Michigan City which we shall put up as soon as possible— ~~accidentally smashed~~ My hand is still swollen considerably and painful— I fear that it may be several weeks before it will be entirely well, & if I should be so fortunate as to escape having a stiff hand all my life, I will be thankful— I shall be as careful in future as possible, and remain as quick as I can until it gets well, or much better than it is now— Ed

Chicago 27 Nov 47

Ole came in the Rotation this morning
my knee is still painful, and I am
a little more than half deaf with it,
I shall take quite a few days, even
hope it will be better

I found out just as the Lake Michigan
that Gen Scott & Capt Meade were by the
Rotation, and that the Gen may have
more for Gen

All the corps up to the 4th, and as
soon as I can I will go East,

Yours truly

D J Sherman

Chicago Sunday 28th Nov

The Rotation has no prospect for Chicago, that
left at Milwaukee will come to about Little
Port. The weather is so cold that I fear we
will get nothing more by water, and will
have to hang a couple Fortune for Carriage
Roads that are shocking in Slushing, it will
be a terrible pit to cart the wire from
Buffalo; but we will back it somehow
the best we can.

Your letter dated the 8th
at Montreal, was read last evening.

My knee was so painful yesterday, and so much swollen, that I sent for a Physician He ordered me on the bed, and says that if I do not commit an all written job of it, that I must stay there until further orders. How long I may have to lie here and grunt I cannot say - but my knee does not pain me near as much to day, and the doctor, who has just been in, says that if I am kept entirely quiet, he thinks it will be well in a week or ten days - A nice job this, to lie here on my back when I should be in bed & a dozen places if possible at the same time - I will give you a daily bulletin, as I have nothing else to do -

Received Apr 26 1864

I received a letter from Collins last night he says it is hard work to collect and wants me to go back and help him, which I could do as soon as I can -

Chicago Sunday 24 Nov 47

Dear Sir

I have not heard from you for a month: but doubt not you are doing your home duty.

Our Glasses have not yet arrived, we are anxiously waiting for them. I am having the wire collected together here, and at Michigan City, and will be ready to hurl it into Position, as soon as the Glasses come-

You are one amongst my best Christ O'Reilly men I have seen for a long time, making every possible effort to forward my collecting my subscriptions this poor city has in the city. Quite to the Sherman House, and Lexington, the Ogden, has been here for two months, until the last week, On Thursday I pounded over Holes on Clark St. to our Office Adjoute the Court House- The holes are very straight beautiful Sumach poles, bark shaved off, and whitewashed, in the City- as handsome a line for two miles as ever was set. On Friday I attempted to make some collections pot Six hundred dollars, and with pot near 4000. at this City in State

of all the devils Ave can invoke. The feeling is growing Stronger in our favour every day, and I think the hardest of the fight is over - We will come out better than I have anticipated, but I cannot force Collections, and must let them pay in small instalments = after 30 or 40 pounds is paid, then will be no difficulty in getting the balance. If you can stir along until we get our men on, and our affairs open we can give you a good lift

I enclose you a letter from Wade, who is a first rate fellow, and is doing all he can for us on the Buffalo end of the line - I have written him to trust the men who refuse to sit down hard, cautiously, and if he cannot get them consent to go by them, and I will do the fighting, if need be, as soon as I can come home, which I hope will be in a week or two days -

Send your or mine. From Allston requesting a line to Gatineau, & have written him that I do not believe the Natives will take Stock, but will see about it & let him know,

If he finds as many bears in the
woods as he has this fall, he
will soon get in done if he tries;
but with your consent, I am willing
for him to have some fun, on good
terms, and let him go on his own
hook - He is a poor hand before
the mast, with a good captain;
but whether he would make a good
commander, I cannot say - I am
willing to let him try - You write
to him as you think best
From the tone of his letters I have
been afraid that he would jump
in the Lake - They have been as blue
as an indigo bag.
I pay the bears not heed on this boys,
or their bills, of any kind, between
me & all Ill, and I send a letter a
hundred ago from a man who
supposes the bobs on his route
were ours, he threatens to cut them
down, unless his bill $52. soon
and says that the bobs will cut them
all down, unless their demands are
satisfied, I wrote him that I thought
he was entirely correct, except that
he was mistaken in his man-
that if he could find one of our boys not

house for he might cut it down
as woman in Illinois.
I do not know in what quarter
of the globe to direct to you: but
shall continue to write to my
uncle I hear from you—
You must have about three hours
of better time, if you have not yet
them

Yours truly

H Shurtleff

Shurtleff
27 Nov

City Clerk's Office
November 27. 1847

Wm Fullerton
Agent Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co

Dr Sir — Below I hand you copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council on the 26th inst

Respty Yours
Samuel Wells
Clerk

Resolved — That the Telegraph Company be requested to shave off the barks and paint all the poles now standing and belonging to said Company in the 5th Ward of the city of Milwaukie ——

Clerk of Council
Milwaukee Nov 27. '47
Ans^d 30th

Mr Tillotson
Agent for the Cinci &
Michigan Telegraph Co

Troy Nov 27 1847

Dear Eyre

I have been at work at those glasses to day & find it A hard business indeed from the fact that there is so much to put on that it will cost more to do it than the first cost of Caps & glasses all put together as A Specimen of what work it will take to get them all you can judge for your self when I tell you that I have marked this pareman as faithfully as I ever did and have not been able to get but 14 Pairs you will say this is not getting along much & so I think it is Spending time and money in that Value received I Love to see the Cases you ordered I got the Privilege of A good Steam that went by Steam and used sharp Sand but there is so much to put on that it is an endless Job now Dear Betts you must not blame your Love if there is any mistake

Mrs Carr alter the Pattern if you should think best but if not time to go ahead in this way that one are now on it will take all neutral and more to finish up ready to use Please let me hear from you soon on the Subject — I forgot to tell you when I last saw you that I letted those Beds at White Hall before I left per Dimmocks teams & the teams Brinch will take to Lio Lane and take care of — Please give my Love to all our friends

Yours affectionately

E Carrie Esq

J. H. Bristol

P S Mr Pinkham has shipped 73 Bundles nine Lie on hat shall one do with it

J. B.

Care of the Old Burnside Hotel
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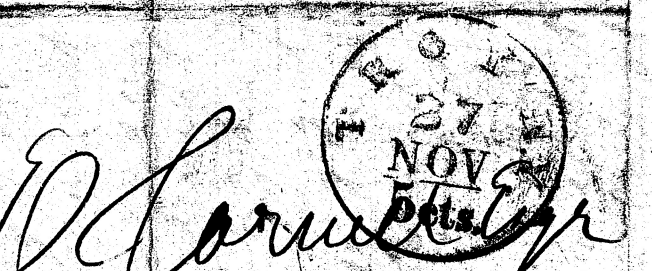

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Chicago Sunday morning

Dear Mother

Have letter this morning, was glad to hear you had not run the gauntlet yesterday & they won't go in - just the same in the future and drive on Goodbye write in to Hotel de Thompson each morning, and sufficient I assume not should any time in failing, to use the dies - If you find some that will go in, to use in Town it will be well: but it is of no great consequence any way -

I wish you would find out whether we have any thing in the Morning, If the case is there, it will probably be removed - you can write to some one at Shaboygan to ascertain, pausing. and be ps yourself and see to it -

If any win was on board we can probably get it out. I think most likely that is was on the Phoenix

I sent for a doctor yesterday and he has got me on the bed and says I must stay there entire

Further orders -

me

I intended seeing Genl Hubbard
again: but my game let must
be my apology for not doing so.
Please give my respects to him
& his good Lady

Morris Cuthbert and
Sutton will dine with us this evening
Coming early —

Yours truly
J. D. Thomas

Spud
Nov 28. '47

Conkeer
Humphrey & Pardee

Chicago 29 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

It does seem as tho the Water was against us every thing works ago ungood fashion. I am bound to take my room first when I am put to the air help an Oregon different plans at the same time, and to cut the chimney of back luck or bad management, we have not as much wind here as I expected and not such a scene of reaching to Michigan city instead of 15 miles I am 9 of it as I anticipated. The whole quantity of rain rock bar is only 28742 ft. being near six tons less than I had calculated on. If we had no rain on the Flooring, or if it cannot be got out, we must get it on from Detroit to Kalamazoo and cut it round the Lake.

I wish you would write immediately to some one at Chicago you to see the Contractors or Clerk of the Flooring and find out if possible who they have any rain on board as they would be likely to remember it, if there was any considerable quantity of it.

M. Jackson will get all the corn on he has, and Sattin will not have. I think they will lack a little of reaching M. City. Jackson will also lack some of reaching little Port, and as soon as we get what we have and find out what we must do, the Jackson will go to Detroit and get on the quantity which may be necessary. If we do not have from the last shipment before they get all what we have. I hope you will be able to come from Albany for us, as we could get from there by teams. If it could get at, My farm is about the same, no better, and I fear that I am to have a long tedious time with it before it gets well.

Jones is trying to collect, but does not make out much without my assistance and the doctor says I must keep quiet or I may have a bad job on hand so all you can to forward matters and trust in Providence, Jackson Cornell, Woods, Wadsworth for the balance

Yours truly

H Spencer

Binghamton Nov 29/47

Dear Sir

I am going to take the opportunity to write you a few lines. Mr Connell I am in this Office now and can stay untill the 1st of May or longer for 24 per week and board.

But if I can get you to give me an office or in an office as assistant. I should like it very much. And where I could do a little better than I now am doing. I would do the best I knew how. And I think that as for taking charge of an Instrument I can. If you ever want to write to me in course of the winter I will be in this place. If you should want me I wish you would give me 2 or 3 weeks notice. will you please answer this

Yours Truly
Byron B Hoyt

E Connell
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Chicago Monday 29 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

I have been, and continue to my room, I have been seeking for a fit of Tibbetson's blue devils. To have to be here with my books, when I ought to be at battery slopes. Always exactly if possible, is enough to give one the blues. The doctor has spirits being low, and says I am to take butter, but it must be fresh pretty, good, & I expect to see it upon this counter, it is dispensed to any, and I think the doctor has found a little out of this morning to purchase the stone, and if any can be got in town by Jones, could send one to me. The waters have been reduced by pickets, to 6 or 8 feet that they compounded to that one will drown them per day, but the 19 tons will which you see entered on the 4th of Oct. as shipped here, and which I suppose from the books of the sale was entirely here, turns out to be only 28742 lbs. or a little over 14 tons. The quantity at Milwaukee is 15560 lbs or 7¾ tons, in all 44302 lbs, which at 330 to the mile, will

much 134 miles, or 16 miles, this side of Michigan City. If we do not receive the 5 tons shipped, you day Oct 7, we will have to cut some from Kalamazoo. I think it more than probable that the 5 tons was on the Protector Phoenix, and I have written Tillotson to find out, and on the boat is near there, the wire may be put out, and perhaps not expense much.

I shall, ~~can~~ take the wire back with me this and the cups, buttons, and if we get no more by boats, I will send a man from to Kalamazoo after the remaining quantity for this end. I have heard nothing from the Rejesta a letter. You have better communicate from Spinston one, as soon the Rejesta come. I should like to start from here to Milwaukee by noon day, we can, even if the Columbus is not down I shall in a week to be able to get out, and go on towards Detroit. I have not heard from you since upon from Albuquerque of the State

Yours truly,

J. J. Spencer

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To

His Honor the Mayor, and Common Council, of the City of Milwaukie

Gentlemen,

A copy of a Resolution passed by your Honorable body on the 26th inst. was served on me through the clerk of your board. In compliance with the resolution be assured it shall rec[illegible] attention from our company, but the ~~their~~ ~~brethren~~ ~~ship~~ I would beg a little indulgence as to time, in as much as the company, are very desirous of performing what they deem of more importance to themselves, and the good citizens of your City, to whom they feel under many obligations, not only as a corporate body, but to its citizens generally, for the cordial and goodly feeling, manifested towards our great enterprize of extending our line of instantaneous communication from the Atlantic cities, to your fair City of the North West,

Or as early a date as I can without prejudice to the prosecution of getting our line in Working order, I will see that the posts in the 5th Ward, are put in such condition, as to compare favorably with any of the Eastern cities, in appearance.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
D. D. Tillotson, Capt.
Eri. Mich. Tel. Co.

Telegraph Office
Milwaukie Nov 30. '45.

Com.ⁿ from and to
City of Milwaukee

Chicago 30 Nov 1847

My dear Sir

It is unfortunate how much work to be
done on my book, when the time things to be [illegible]
and we have so much to do; but the doctor
says the quickest way to get out, is to keep
quiet, and have as little [illegible] as possible. I mean to
do just as he says [illegible] I have no fear of getting
in the grasp in the [illegible] but as I cannot
see to it, I shall [illegible] have any
fuss ab, until [illegible] I get back to
the Pat[illegible] office, and if Jackson
is on the [illegible] Michigan City.
I shall [illegible] than east next week
for sure, if we do not receive the Lost Stone,
or hear from it -

I have heard nothing from
the East since I got back here, expected
from Admiral Collins - the days is gone
slow - I think you will be able to get
something at Milwaukee now, and
hope the doctor will impress upon our
friends the necessity of driving on all they
can Yours in affliction but Strong
in Lord J L Spencer

Telegraph Office
Milwaukie Nov 30. 47

E. Cornell Esq.

My dear Sir

Yours of 6th was rec'd the 28th

I should have answered it before & Speed was here and
wrote you at that date, since he left I have rec'd 4 Bbls.
containing 9/2 Gro. Nut glasses, which will reach about
45 Miles, and I expect that the dies are no longer they
will not go with the Castings and I have them at work
fixing them Castings, 1/16 to 1/8 of an inch Each, it is a
very slow and expensive operation as it requires about
a day to fit one. if you are getting more made have them
smaller, if they do not fall out they cannot get out
as the Circle is more than 1/8 inch which will prevent
their getting out. I have written Speed to know if he
will not assume to put up the glass Cap and Cast
Shield, without the dies tell we can get more in the
Spring, in that case we should depend solely on the
Glass Cap (without the dies) for the mountain, will it
do for the winter?

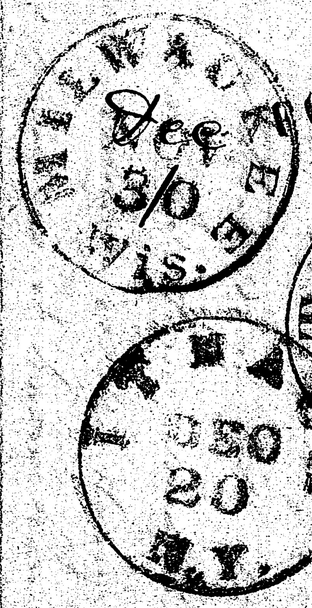
Since writing the above I have heard
from Col. Speed, at Chicago, he is putting up the glass cap
& Cast Shield, as I propose above, without the dies, he
has rec'd yesterday 5 Bbl. glasses, at Chicago, probably
about 12 Gro. enough to reach about 58 Miles, working
in all at this point & Chicago enough for about 103 Miles -
The first lot of 9/2 Gro. you advised me as having been Ship.
previous to 29th Oct. for Chicago, have never come them or
any intelligence of them, leaving that many short from you

and our Calculations.

The lot of 5 tons Rice mentioned in yours of the 29th Oct. as having been shipped the 25th to this place, has not come to hand and no intelligence of it— all that I have rec'd. here is about 15.bor's enough to reach about 50 Miles, We are putting it together which is a slow job & as we also putting it up, shall be as far South as Racine 25 Miles day after tomorrow, and intend to have all Hands up day 50 Miles next Mark, & have to leave for Racine & Chicago to morrow and see what the prospect of collecting is, on my return Saturday shall commence putting up the Caps, We are driving as fast as possible and will get through as soon as we can, I learn this morning that Col Spear is confined to his room by his Lame Knee and Mr Jackson thinks it is going to detain him most days from getting about.

I have advices from Conrad that all the caps for the two West of Detroit have been shipt. Those for the Island & Chicago have been rec'd. I sent him $400. some time ago Will send him balance down as soon as can collect, but it was impossible to do any thing in that way this Day or we Have gone up, that will soon be done, and I repeat we will drive as fast as you intend in so doing will warrant. I have worked as hard as I know how for last 6 Mths.

Very truly
D. B. Dillaston



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E. Cornell Esq.
(Telegraph Office)
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New York

D. T. Tillotson
30 Nov 47

Chicago 30 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

Upon orders am to write "every day", such as long as I am confined to be confined up in the top of the Sherman House, and have nothing else to do, I will comply with them, tho' I much doubt the letters being worth the postage. My knee is much up hearted, and the doctor says it is better: but I cannot bear my weight on it yet.

One of the Indians is putting up iron towards Michigan City, and the other towards Littlefield. I hope they will get through this week, with all the iron we have, it requires about one ton more to reach Mc City. when Hatty is at work I have a man putting the gluepots in the iron cars. I cannot see to him: but think he will do it well. It is a beautiful arrangement, and by far the most handsome mode of insulation yet adopted: but as you know, somewhat expensive. This whole line will cost more than our estimate, but will be the best line in America, and will be in constant use, with our cars. Night & day. We will have to do our through business in the night, from Milwaukie and from this city, and let the other offices

have the use of the Cars in the day time. Mr Cole wrote about some alterations, are you sure Thurs or Fri or shall we defer operations some time? Robinson & Hayes of Lewiston, a relation of mine, have been at Auburn for several months, learning to write, and I must hire an Assistant in the office on the Cars. I know of no one else, and you must select the Assistant & write them as fast as you think necessary. I have heard nothing from the Instruments, but suppose they will be on sometime before Spring -

I suppose Collins is collecting all he can. I have urged him to do so; but he writes me that it goes slow. I told Tillotson to have his men do all that was possible to get money, and Cook Brown, the Collector at Milwaukee, said he would go at it, and thought he could collect considerable at that place - Tillotson will now have nothing to buy; but the little expense of putting on the cars with one set of hands, and will send you as fast as collected - I have paid Jackson, out of money collected here over $800, and he has paid for all the bolts & letting, so that his expenditures will be light in future

Iowa is trying to collect hers; but does not get much - I can collect more in one day, than he can in month, and as soon as I can walk, I will go at it. My two of the Librarians tell me that they want Iowa; but they tell Iowa so, and when I see them, say they were only joking. It is very unfortunate for me to be stretched out here on my back; but there is no help for it, and the quickest way to get out, the doctor says, is to Rest quiet.

As soon as we can get the line in operation from Detroit to Allentown, I know that I can get money, and I am fully satisfied that I can get as much, or more, than we have been anticipating. It works confounded hard now; but the storm may subside out doors, and the sun shine brightly, and I have full faith in believing that our financial clouds will yet break away, and the sunshine of prosperity dawn on us.

Yours in affliction: but
Strong in Hope

J J Speed

N York Nov 30th/47

Dear Brother

I have recd a letter from home in reply to the one written Father about my leaving Telegraphing to attend to my education but it is of such import that I hardly know what to conclude upon - It is not exactly refusing me the privilege but advises me to continue Tel'g which I do not want to do if I can get hold of my books again - I have consulted with Mr Carter respecting my continuing in the business but he of course thinks it for my interest to go to school - He has seen my letters from O. S. & W.L. & has heard what you have said about it & has been so very confident that I would leave that he has talked it to the public generally that I leave on the first January & has engaged a young man to fill my place who will be here this week I think - He has left his situation ~~upon~~ in, The Troy Post Office to come here consequently my further ser-

vices upon this line are not wanted after 1st of any - All this is not my fault. Unless you can let me have the M Office of the T. Line I do not know what I shall do in the way of Tel'g - If you have not let Mr Allen have that office I wish you would reserve it for me until I ascertain what I am to do - If you have let it to Mr A perhaps you can give me a chance next somewhere - Please consult with M.L. & Father respecting this - Griffin informs me he saw Prof. Benedict on his way down & Mr B told him he wanted to see M.L. at Troy immediately to make arrangements with him about the Troy Office and would meet him there (at Troy), any day he might name to him at Burlington -

Holmes & Bristol are getting on very slowly at Troy & Griffin & Pinkham are here doing nothing - Please let me know what you conclude about my Tel'g longer, & what I can have done with M Office - If nothing what can you do for me there -

Very resp'y Yours
O E Wood

Excuse haste

Rec'd Mary 4, & the children & Sanguinetti well
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In Haste

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