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Via Telegraph, from _____

Buffalo. December 1 1847.

o'clock, M.

To My Dear Brother

I wrote you yesterday informing you of my troubles I have since got a Coin from Mr Wells and got the matter in shape so that I shall get some funds so as to get away to morrow morning, Mr W. a loaned me to $1500 but I fear I shall not get the whole now as they have not got that amt on hand now at the Office I will now give you a brief history of my operations the Notes are all Contracted to Detroit Mr Allen went west as far as the line between Ohio & Mich he there met a Mr Wade who Mr Speed let the job too to furnish and sett the Notes from Detroit to Cleveland Mr Wade had been back to Detroit to raise funds but could

not get any here from Conneaut with a view of discharging his men, I will send you Allens letter that will give you an idea of that part of my history

The poles will be all set (if the hands do not quit before I get back) between Buffalo and Geneva this week with the Exception of of a few miles between Silver Creek and Fredonia we shall have some cost to pay I suppose them before we can set the the poles on account of Burdicks men attaching them to secure their pay I think we shall now get along without any more trouble if the pole men can have their pay, if it is now due and they are very uneasy as some of them are men that got poles for the other Co and have not got got their pay I wish you to write me in reference to the matter immediately Mr Orr is putting up the wire on his line they are now stringing the wire from Cleveland this way. and likewise west of Cleveland have you sent any wire on yet for this line if so when shall we find it and shall I let him to putting it up at $2.00 per mile or by the day and at what price, he is very anxious to know about it, I am fearfull that our poles are to far apart. so that the wire unless it is pretty good will be apt to break the poles however stand pretty steady and are not high I suppose that I had not better go beyond Cleveland as that part of the line is let to Mr Wade, I want you while you are at home to buy me some pork say a hog that will weigh about 250 and assist B.T. to cut and salt it as it will be to late to get any when I get home and likewise to assist her in getting some wood and other necessaries to make her comfortable in my absence, I want you to send an instrument to Erie as soon as you think best there is a young man there whose father says he will furnish an office free of Expense if the line we will bring the line in his building and let the son have a privelage to learn and then take charge of the Office Respectfully yours C.P. Conell

Ithaca, Dec. 1. '47.

Dear Cornell,

The Auburn office, you know, has been removed. In fitting up the new office, Mr. Gilbert says, was a Carpenter's bill of $16. There was also some extra expense in stringing wire from the old to the new office, hooks to drive in the poles for our wire, &c. Mr. G. thinks our line ought to pay half the Carpenters bill. I told him I would refer it to you.

There is now no balance on Main line on Coms. as I made a remittance yesterday. It takes all our Cash receipts, beyond actual expense for repairs, &c. to keep up there balance, and sometimes a little more.

I find you down a letter from Mr. Fenton, received some days ago. I have not returned any answer to it and there are no funds here to apply on it.

Yrs. &c.

D. D. Spencer

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca Falls

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Chicago November 31st 1847

I I Speed or P T Tillotson

Dear Sirs

A few days ago A Mr O'Keeley came to Chicago and he is making a great blow and says that he is a going right on to Construct a line of Telegraphs and that he will have it in operation in a short time and that you have no right to put one up he having the right of the patentee I have not Collected much and shall not be able to Collect much more untill the matter is more fully explained I send you the Chicago Journal that you may see what they have published please write and tell me what to do

Yours &C

William Jones

Rec'd

Chicago 31 Nov 1847

Dear Sir

Here I am. Cooped up in the Cabin of the Sherman House as flat on my back as a ducks foot in the mud - with no immediate prospect of getting out. The doctor says my knee is certainly getting better, for which I am much obliged to him, as I never would have found it out if he had not told me -

What the deuce I am ~~to~~ put out of my head, and on this paper, that will be worth 10¢ I know not. The Bishops are all out on the line, and I have not seen or heard from them since the day before yesterday - Old Mr Jones calls to see me every day, and says that he gets a little worry: but I fear he will not put it as fast as the men on the line spend it - Just before I put my knee back, I thought I could begin to see day light. I had collected about $800 here, and found an abscribers generally willing to pay, and if I could see them. I am confident that I could collect ten times as fast as friend Jones can - but they wont come

to see me, and I can't go to see them.
I got a letter from Hitchcock, saying that
the grub dies are too large to go in the
mortise in the side of the iron cups, &
that he had a man filing away the
cups, which was a slow job. I have
about a dozen of the dies, and one iron
cup, and the dies will go in without
filing. I have written him to select
such as will go in, and if he has not
enough, without filing away the iron
cups, to send in the wire without the dies,
and fasten with a wedge - the
grub will be sufficient without the dies,
altho a more perfect thing with them.
The iron cups and fittings, will cost us
over or quite $1000 more on the line from
Detroit to Milwaukee than the old kind
of cups, such as you sent to Detroit.
See you intend to use the iron cups
on the Buffalo End? or have you made
any provision for cups of any kind?
It will cost a big hunk of money to cart
the wire from Buffalo through the mud
to Detroit, and I fear that you will
not be able to get more at Detroit, before
the close of Navigation, than to complete
this line: but "sufficient for the day is the

evil thereof", and I are not anticipate
trouble, as it comes fast enough in the
natural way -

If you get my letters, as I do yours,
half a peck at a time. I have written
as much as you will have time to read.

Yours truly

J. J. Spencer

Dec 1 [?]

Chicago 31 Nov '47

Dear Sir-

If you have read my letter of the 28 or 29 you will see that I agree with you fully respecting the glass dis-
I would, should much time in fitting-
If the skin will not go in; put the wire
in its place, with a wedge to fasten it
now and then. If it is nudged one
in 6 or 8 hours it will answer every
purpose, and the wire not be likely to
get out of the iron cups - The inside
glass is a sufficient insulator -
The fastners are both out on the line,
and I see no body; but the man
who brings my breakfast - The
doctor, and Mr Jones occasionally,
so I have nothing to write about -
My knee does not pain me much now,
and the doctor says it is better. I do see
much improvement in the last 24 hours,
I think I can put on a crutch or
two, and walk from that I will have
to climb through the winter, if not longer,
boys does not get much money.

Yours truly

J D Chaney

Athens Falls Dec 2, 1847

Dear Alonzo

Capt Wilcox has a package of money for me which I want you to get. dont go for it until you are ready to come home, and when you get it come home direct so as not to run any risk of loosing it, there may be charges to pay on it, if so pay them if you have money if not tell the Capt you will hand him the money in the morning

Yours &c
E. Cornell

A.B.C

P.S. Enquire for that package of Medicine for poor Grand Father

Alonzo B Cornell
Ithaca

E Cornell
2 Dec 1848
Ithaca

Troy Dec 3rd 47

Dear Sir

I have just return from my trip north to pay Brayton's hands and a hard trip it has! been to you and me both to you on acct of the amount I had to pay on the lines the amount now paid is $60.50 and some $15 or $16 more claimed by others that Brayton did not give me any mintt of making $91.13/100 I have paid for him Bull $86 how much Pinkham has paid I do not know I did not get the money on Order on Manchester Mr Peck sent for all finds to be forward to him, none on hand

What to do with glasses I do not know we can not hit upon any plan to get them in Mr Benedict has been here he says it is useless for us to try to fit them he has now gone to Mr Buck to morrow we have got the cement almost on to all the cups Mr Bristol was taken sick while I was away and starts for Seneca falls to morrow morning he says he shall stay there till he gets better and then come home and if you write him direct to that place What shall I do if nothing at present I would like to come home for a short time if there is let me know what and I will get

along as well as I can I do not speak
of coming home if [redacted] wanted but
if I can be spared as well as not would
like to come. Gardener is running here every
few days for pay for his poles he is the only
man that says any thing about pay I hear
Harrington has paid $250 to him

There is one bill of $7,00 for board on the line
that Brayton says the hands are to pay the
man says Brayton is to pay it shall I pay
the bill or not

Please write me immediately and
give all the instructions you can
in relation to business if any if not I can
get it of you if I come home

C Cornell Esqr Yours &c J. A. Holmes

Sir A Holmes
S. Dennis

N. Y. Dec 3. 1847

E. Cornell Esq

I rec'd yesterday despatch dated & hope to hear your body. I have been on the run & find out positively the state of the axle business & have been up to the City mills - & find that all they have turned & shrunk & which has been forwarded is say 22000 lbs. So much for Cooley promise done in Oct. that he would begin the next day & deliver daily, from 1/2 to 2 Tons till the order of 34 Tons was filled.

He looked blue & dreamy - felt bad & sorry - but the truth must be told & those who pulled the hardest got their orders ahead but he would finish this order in full by the 24th inst - would begin on Monday & turn out daily all he could. This is the promise renewed - I made him put it in writing. Sherman & Morris say they have done all in their power to get the order supplied & believe this promise will be kept by him - as a dozen times ago they gave the owners an assurance that they would stop the mills & all work & supplies if they could not have their orders fulfilled according to agreement - that they would not have telegraph wire & strike up in their store house - all winter &c. All we can do is to hope for the best as to that job. They are drawing a big stuff here by your orders. I wrote to Pirie not long since but had already gone on to the borders of Lake Champlain. The Bells owned

not tell me about the Leyton line - the Cockerton being sick & Mr N. hastily is away from the office today: but I found at last Bywaters & Inquiry at James Corbett & Co 83 Shoe Street that the municipal Corporation of Leyton have taken for you upon trial the wire - They sent in casks 17 8 0 & 2 of a Mg. wire. Those casks are safely on the borders of Lake Champlain & I found out one way or another. There was also - as I understood 1300 lbs in the Store House at Burlington. There two lots will then just about suffice for the line from Whitehall to Canada line - For all that I can all the rest will have to be steamed from Troy & there will need to be full as much more as has gone forward. I fear most of it will have to go by Rensalaer Railroad to Greenbush I intend to stay here till next week to see this wire getting along - James Croker [illegible] told me that they had another 40 Mg this wire on the way - maybe here in a week - may not be in then should satisfy Livingston Wells of its arrival - At best we are to be vexed with a delay much longer than the Stockholders expected or either they or I will like. Could the cars be sent forward the northern end which is provided with wire might be laid first + proceeding the line at Troy - which however is the proper way to do, if the whole could be done as it should be. It would have this advantage - viz - observing the Stockholders that the work is actually making somehead way. The machinery fitting those glasses to the iron caps at Troy is an intricate one in any way which would not cost more than the glasses are worth. If chipped off with

hammer or rasp, they will be lazy & lose & that are not to will be unreliable. Have I wrote to telegraph best to all means to have those caps for smaller chucks & remedy when you can get them & cast new caps full large enough for those chucks - which doubtless can be done for sooner than you can get new chucks made. Hasp Company are slow bodies to fill orders. Rogers says you ordered five more registers which with the preceding five would last one a long enough for one time - saying nothing of those for St Johns, Montreal & maybe Philadelphia. He says he will return three each after next & the other two (three if you say so) the week after - cannot sooner. Had you not better permit me to get plastrins here & get zincs at Utica or have them cast at Troy or Burlington. There is no knowing any thing about Feuchtwanger. His man said he was gone to Philadelphia - did not know when he would be back - knew nothing of zincs or caps. - could furnish plastrins as might be ordered. I wish to do all in my power to aid the business forward & forward it must go or fail as heretofore. Shall the receipts for the registers be cast at Troy or Bu?

The founders at Bu said they heard not a word of the Ithaca Medal founding affair & hope they had sent $25. in expts could not make them at less than eight cents a piece. I don't know as you can read this for the mail hour is near & I could not stop even to mend a pen or write plainer. Write forthwith how to No 70 Wall St.

Yours truly G. H. Benedict

Hope for a dispatch from you this P.M.

G. W. Beneme
3 Dec 47 —

Racine Dec 3 1849

Mr Fillmore

Dear Sir

I rec'd yours yesterday I am happy to learn you are getting along so well I can report every favorably known on my part I have on hand per the Co only one hundred forty dollars then is due from Co Whites $150 which I expect will be paid at any time. Richmond has been absent until a day or two since and has not paid any thing since I saw you I saw Col Spicer the other day. in the Patchin — you inquire if the old delinquent States refuse to pay they do and I think they will not pay until forced to

Yours &c &c L Decatur

S. F. Heath
Dec 3rd 47.

New York Dec 4, 1864

E. Connelly

I have looked up another Rifle making concern today, which a man called to mention while at the Hall said I was also layed in dreary. They promise some soon — maybe on Monday or Tuesday — probably I shall know a little more surely this evening & mention in this letter — as the man agreed to go to Mr Kelly's house first time (Mr K. being quite unwell with a severe cold) & tell Mr. Says he will then know what he can learn from him. Something towards 4 today or 5 nearly he talked with me about — but was not quite sure how nearly on it was.

I shall do all I can to avoid all who are considered to see how things go. If any can be bought & stones expected from abroad soon, Mr K. says he shall buy it.

I have made out a Tariff which the Hunter approves & which Mr Kelly thinks well of also. I have not time now to make out a copy to send to you, but will try to do it by Monday's mail. As the whole time evidently should have this Tariff made out as if it belonged to one company, it needs to be approved by those who have all the authority to act for the Northern end of it which exists. Is it not a pity that Mr Griffin is not in Canada (just now) making, or getting things ready to fix them, for crossing the St Lawrence. He is here. He says he was told by you that you should write him to do that business — & he will do it, only have the orders

of the money. That however is not special concern of mine any further than this, that our things business can be nothing till that connexion is made.

I am sorry for this delay about our caps &c — for the Stockholders will be disappointed at — as they confidently expected the line to be in action by this time: but we must do as well as we can now.

I shall expect to be in Liverpool next week & hope to meet you there. I have yet no reply to my despatch of yesterday — here for yet —

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y.

4 DEC 10

G W Benedict
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Burlington 4th December 1847

E. Cornell Esq
Troy

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 4th Inst reached me this morning. will remit the $1.00 to Burton. as you request. by Express on Friday next. also $1.50 to you at Troy. by Capt Rice Express of next week. I am pleased to learn. of the improvement of your health, and trust you will soon be on the line. everything is suffering for the want of your presence. and what is worse. the Stockholders are complaining.

Truly Yours
B M Richs

J. H. Peck
Dec. 2, 1847

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Strictly Confidential.

Magnetic Telegraph Office,

No. 43, Owego Street, Ithaca.

Dec. 4th, 1847.

Received by Telegraph from Buffalo, N.Y.

To Mr. E. Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.

Niles & Sweet will not
deliver me the wire — say they have
a contract.

John Parker.

J. Parker
4 Nov 47

Mr. E. Cornell,
Ithaca.

Binghamton Dec 4/47

Dear Sir

Yours is duly received and I was happy to hear from you. Allow me to inquire as to your health now days as I should like to hear. And I return my best thanks to you for that letter.

And I will do as you requested me to and the man in this office is a Daguerrean and a most splendid writer. And if possible I will get him to show me about writing. Slee is the one that the office was given to and he hired me. He talks of going away after about a month. And will be gone about that length of time. And if you should want me while he is gone what should I do or could you most likely wait till he returned

And Mr Eddy made me an offer what he thought he could do. He said he could probably give me the Newburyport office at $300 per year. But I rather have an office with you if possible. You must not get discouraged at my writing to you so often. Regards to all in Ithaca

Yours Truly
B B Hoyt
Binghamton

E Cornell
Ithaca

B. B. Hoyt
6 Dec 1867

Mr E Cornell Esq
Ithaca
Tomp Co

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Chicago 4 June 1947

Dear Lin

Morris Jackson came here today and been sitting in the dies in our caps - by holding the edge of the die on a grind stone that goes by water, they can be ground off so as to go in the cups in five minutes - Jackson says he can grind one in up there a minute - If you can find a suitable stone, and hold the die with a pair of pincers - you might try the experiment, and if they can be fast it without much labour or expense I would have them in: but it is of no great consequence any way - We will have ours as in as most of them go in without grinding - My knee is still sore, and the doctor says I must keep quiet - yesterday he put on some ointments or as he called them leeches; and they sucked out a great deal of blood - To day it is a little better -

You will see from the Detroit papers that the boys are at work from Dec. to 4 Sundays

Yours truly

A. J. Stumph

Quebec Dec 4th 1847

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 25th ult- I
rec'd yesterday. I heard last week from
Mr O.S. Wood that you were ill in New
York, I am happy to hear you are Suffic-
-iently recovered to undertake the journey
home. I hope ere this you will be able to
write me again. As to business here it is
pretty much in statu quo. The wine that
came out in the Lord Ashburton was
sold last week (96 Bundles) for the benefit
of the underwriters at Auction, for 12- to 14-
per Cent. Once a letter from Dr Nimlin the
22d ult- addressed to D.D. Griffin Esq which
I then copy- Office &c &c Quebec 20th Nov —

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your comm-
-unication of the 18th inst, and in reply am
directed to refer you to any letter to Mr Connell
of the 6th inst - Semain &c, Dr Nimlin Sec-
I called on the Dr for an answer the
day after he left but it was not ready.
I told him the Sooner the balance due you
was paid the better it would be for them
for I was yet under full pay waiting on
that money to settle up below, which expense
they would have to pay in the end and
the longer they delayed the greater the sum.

That I could not be discharged from your
employ until the people below were paid - I

and it was a serious damage to me for had I been discharged as I expected I should have had a situation for the winter at 12/6 per day & found but at this time it is too late. I was led to infer from what Mr. Wood told me before leaving and from what Griffin said the day he left here, you would send funds sufficient to pay the balance on Poles immediately after you found it impossible to get the money from this office and I was so harassed by the Contractors and upon the strength of what Griffin told me I gave some of them my note at thirty days for the amt due them, in fact I could not do otherwise they were not allowed to leave here unless they gave security

Mr Bradley had a Capias served on him as he was leaving before I consented to become answerable for the payment of balance £83.4.0

Those to whom I am owing small sums are continually writing & coming up. Some of them spoke to Dr Kimber, they had heard the Contractor was paid in full & they wished to know if that was the case, he assured them it was false. The Office think it very strange that the instruments are not forthcoming, the Doct is very uneasy about them. They want them for the intended operators to practice on this winter, under the tuition of F Gisborne the bosom friend of R. Symes F. G. had the impudence to say to Mr Gethings of the City Bank that Mr Cornell had cleared money enough on the Poles line to build the whole of

of the Toy Line. I was in the Office at the time Said nothing but noted it down quietly - He is not at all pleased with you and says you need not ask him to do any business for you since the day you told him not to perjure himself that stricks in his craw yet -

Dr H told me had there been no difficulties between you & the Adm & had they had funds he did not think they would be justified in paying to D.C. Griffin any money -

As to funds they are short. Mr Gethings the Treasurer told me the Shareholders were very backward in paying up, he feared they'd would be obliged to sue. He has been occasionally practicing in the Tel Office when F.G. has been in good humour. I asked Mr O.S. Wood last Saturday if he could give me something to do in an Office, he said if I would like the Brockville Station for the winter he expected it would soon be vacant I told him I would go but I do not see how I can leave until these people are settled with - Please write me as soon as possibly convenient - What news about the fifteen thousand posts for Shipment to England? Times are hard here the best of the Houses have up Mr Sibbits turned about at Halifax & came home. He is hard, hard, up -

Yours Obt Servt
Isaac H Cutler

J. H. Cutter
Decr 4. 1848

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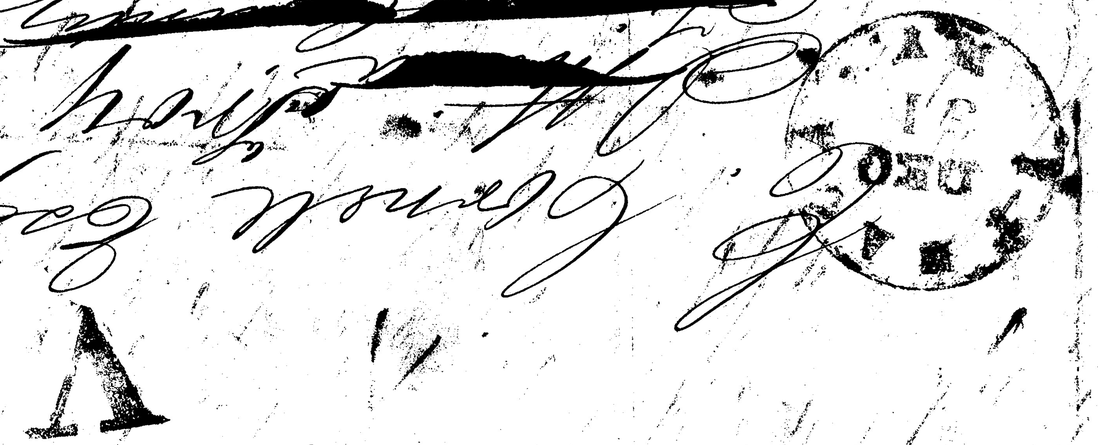

Chicago 4 June 1847

Dear Sir

I have just read a letter from Holman, announcing the glad news that we have got a little streak of lightning at work, from Detroit to Wyandotte: but he also says that they have no wire at Detroit, and consequently nothing doing. I have been expecting afraid that you would not be able to get the wire on before the close of navigation especially as we have not been able to send you any thing to buy for it - What shall we do? I cannot collect much more until we start the line - We cannot start the line without wire, and we cannot get the wire without money, nor even with it, until Spring - To cart wire from Buffalo to Michigan City, is too much a job - We wire have the wire up on this end that we have must insulate, and all the carts & Gipseys, on that we have: but these bring only 14 tons of wire here, instead of 19, as I supposed, we will lack two or more tons of having enough to reach Michigan City, and the difficulty is that the gaps will be between this City and Littleton, as I sent a part of the wire we had to M. City & commenced

putting up them bars before I found out that the quantity was short in—
I still hope that the cars may come to Detroit, as I subscribed the boats and stock running between Detroit & Buffalo.
If I cannot get this line started from Detroit to Milwaukee, I would make up for lost time by sending you more money than you would be likely to expect; but I cannot do so until it is started. While I could get about, and see our subscribers, I did my best, and fortunately got enough to pay all due over, and keep our men at work; but since I have been on my back, the collections go slow. I will probably be able to get out next week, at any rate by the week after, and if we had the wire & other materials, I would soon be in a situation to help you essentially—
I have heard nothing from you since your of the 8th ult.
Yours truly
J. L. Speed

Chicago 4 June 1847

Dear Sir

Upon Letter from New York of the 25 of Nov. was this day Rec'd from Lectrivit - It is very unfortunate for us, that both of us should be unable to attend to our business, at a time when so much is required to be done; but it is said that "the darkest time is just before day", and so I hope it may prove with us. My health has been as good as it could be, but my wounded arm has been very troublesome, and needs dressing, I fear that I may be confined to my room a week longer, and than I may have to use it with great care -

I received a letter to day from Auditors, enclosing one from Parker, by which I learn that there is no funds in Buffalo, in the hands of Hale & Wheeler, which they refuse to deliver to Parker, unless he will buy their shipping Charges on all he ships. Shipper & have written Parker to buy the charges rather than have the wire detained - A letter from Auditors

write me as I have not received it. I
letter from Parker, & by mail I received
letter from Auditors, & by mail I received
Hale & Co's draft -

says that there are 30 hundles of wire
rest at Detroit Lewis St. which will not
be enough to reach Ann Arbor, we
therefore back the distance from Ann
Arbor to 16 miles this side of the city
If the 30 hundles will reach Ann Arbor
we will have ab 175 miles, leaving
235 to be put up. This could be done
in two or three months, if we had the
wire - but I expect that the furnish
works of Troy enough. In getting
it done this winter - we must put
three tons of wire, and bind on the
link between Milwaukee & the city
and start our office here, at Port
Racine & Milwaukee. I think that
much that portion of the line would
pay expenses - But by not getting
the line done by 1st July, do we not
release the Patentees from all claim
which we will, or would have against
them, if O.R. sustains his contract?
Can we collect the large amt. still
due from our subscribers? will we
not be in a deal of a fix, the next
way we can manage it - I suppose
that boats will run from Buffalo, to Detroit
in unity yet, but I know no better of getting

win enough for 235 miles distance
before the boats stop running, and to
cut wire from Buf to Detroit, and
from Kalamazoo to Michigan City,
near 530 miles by land, & 152 R Road,
seems to me to be almost out of the question,
as it would cost half as much as the
line - If it was possible to put this
line in operation, from Detroit to
Milwaukee, by or before 1st July. I
am certain that I could collect
enough to buy at least the whole
cost of this line, and I think I could
get something more - but if we have
to delay the work until we can get
the wire by boats in the Spring, many
of the subscribers will avoid themselves
of the nonfulfilment of the agreement
on our part, and refuse to pay - because
they will believe that we cannot collect
it of them by law -

Hawkins writes me
for money to buy his board bill, and
from all I can learn, collins is not
getting much money, and cannot do,
until we get the line standing - If the subs. do
not pay up, ~~them~~ and we could get it down
before 1st July - I would see them & make them
buy: but I know that I could get

much the largest portion of our subscription if we have the time in addition, and I could even now collect them if I could get about to see them, which I hope to do in a short time-

You sick- I flat on my back with a cane here- 235 miles of wire tacking- boots stopped- subscription hold on to their money- board bills due- O'Reilly coming on towards Detroit- contract runs out in 60 days- what a beautiful enumeration of pleasant things, to say nothing of the notes due for wire- bills for Registers- subpoenas If I had two pound legs, I might enlist in the cavalry- getting ate here for Mexico: but to sit here and groan over the present, with a dark cloud hanging over the future, is what a Universalist would call "Hell"- and when Tillotson learns our true position if he does not exchange it for the one which "burns with fire & brimstone" I will be glad- Now for the other side of the picture- The wire will get to Detroit before the boats stop- we will get the line done before the contract expires- you are getting well, my knee's better. (but double too) I can & will collect over two thousand dollars on this trip, including the ant which has been paid- our Registers, battery &c will arrive in a week or two- some one will come on to start the Office & work the Registers. I will send you big sums of money- you will buy those notes. O'Reilly will get beat & the birds will be ours. I Stand by

Amen

Office of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Co.
Corner of Cass Street & Jefferson Avenue,
DETROIT, MICH.

Dec 7th 1847

Dear Sir

On Monday last this city was put in communication with Ypsilanti & the line works well. It seems to be completely insulated & a battery of 10 cups is sufficient & perhaps will answer for ten miles further to Ann Arbor. The offices have done some business - about ten dollars the past week. The rates adopted by us, without consulting Mr Speed or Wood who are absent, are 25 cents for 15 words & 1 cent for every additional word & doing the business of the rail road & stockholders gratis.

With the delays that the line has been subject to by reason of not receiving wire caps I spose you have been doubtless informed. The materials come scattering along in a manner shocking indeed. Large quantities of wire & Iron caps have been received at Chicago & Milwaukie & no glass caps until lately Mr S. writes he has enough for some 30 miles - while here we have upwards of 80 boxes glass caps & some dozen boxes iron caps. I have advised Mr S. of the receipt of these that he may order some if he thinks proper & have sent some to Kalamazoo to await his directions (as the R. R. Co charge no freight). A few days since we had 20 bundles wire from Niles & Wheeler, part I suppose of 100, which Mr Parker was advised by L. & W. had been shipped to him here. There seems to be some misunderstanding between Mr Parker & Niles & Wheeler of Buffalo in relation to shipping charges, which has caused some delay in the receipt of materials. I received from him a few days since

a statement + copies of letters, which I immediately forwarded to Mr Speed at Chicago. Has he written you?

Mr Wood has got tired of waiting + gone home. We have written him + expect him down to-morrow + shall stretch the 20 bundles immediately hoping another instalment by that time so as to get Ann Arbor in circuit this month, before which time Milwaukie + Chicago can be luck in connection. Mr Burritt has written that he would ship six repeaters last Wednesday + they may be here next week. Have you operators engaged? Can you send young Hoyt to Ann Arbor? He is perfectly competent more so than some on the N.Y. + Buffalo lines.

Mr O'Reilly has his poles up to this city + I hear has his insulators on also. His agent here tells me they do not expect to be in operation to this point under six weeks. I should not be surprised if the Q. + Mo. Co. could connect Buffalo + Detroit first if they drove business. Mr Howard tells me they intend to apply for an injunction if he opens an office here + that will give you more time. (Mr H. is now in New York). I regret to hear your health is so poor. Does it improve.

Yours very Respectfully
J. Haviland

Cleveland Dec 5 1867

6.400.45

Dear Brother

I am now at this place Mr Allen is here and I hardly know what is best to do in reference to going on west of this place Letters notes Mr A this that he thinks Mr Wade has abandoned his job for the want of funds I dont know whether you are willing to furnish funds to build the whole line to Detroit or not if it could have been built and got in operation before the other Co got theirs in operation it would have done well and the stock could have been obtained without difficulty but I doubt now whether our Co will succeed very well in getting stock as the other Co have got their line to work from Sandusky City to this place and are putting up the wire between here and Buffalo I understand that they work Morses instrument are they going to be stopped to go on with or will they be stoped the poles will all be up on our line between here and Buffalo by the 12 of this month and I want to know whether I shall go on west or not, I think if the wire cannot be got to be put up this winter it is not worthwhile to put the poles up any further this winter as the ground is very wet and hard to work at that very in the winter, when I was at Buffalo I saw there was 100 bundles of wire marked for Milwaukie and 14 Casks not confined to any place it was at Niles & Wheelers and they were wanting for orders where to ship it I told them they had better ship that for Milwaukie

to that place immediately they send it word to late now as there was no boats going this fall any farther than Detroit I sent you a Tel Com to this effect that you write direct them in the matter &c I shall start in the morning for Erie when I shall expect to hear from you in reference to this matter and also in reference to paying for the poles which money is now due for the most of them and it will take about $1800 to pay for what I have bought

I cannot hear any thing from Mr Speed them for I must get all my directions from you probably you know what he is about I understand that the poles put up by Mr Wade are very bad poles and very badly put up I should think they had better be inspected I am told by men that have pased through where Wades poles are set that they dont look like the poles along here I ask them why they say that some of them are not longer than an Ox yard &c

I want you to write immediately and let me know what to do in reference to this whole matter Respectfully yours C B Cornell

Mr C Cornell

Mr Conner & Brown

yours just rec'd you can send me money to this place that is Erie as I have just arrived here I will write again tomorrow as I have not time now, Erie 6 Dec 47

C B C

E. Cornell. Esqr

Ithaca

Tompkins Co

NY

New York Dec. 6. 1847

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

You see on the other leaf a proposed Tariff &c for our line. I have headed it as if adopted by both companies & as indicating that they are but one line of wire without any re-writing. That heading may be adopted or changed without it making much or any difference perhaps.

You will see that I have put into the table, Phillipsburgh as having an office. Of course that would be stricken out, if you dont determine to put an office there.

In adjusting the Tariff, I have had in my mind that probably soon two instruments would be placed at Whitehall & that therefore places which do not send through Whitehall may properly have a lower rate than those which do. Still with regard to places near each other geographically - like Rutland Castleton, Orwell Middlebury Keyeser & Brandon & which have daily business with each other, I have thought best to give a low rate, even though they have to send through W. Hall.

Dec 7. I did not get off this yesterday. Wire is now going forward & the prospect is that by saturday, enough will get off, if the river keeps open, which is uncertain. I do not wish to leave the city till all things needful for our line are actually gone or going from this place. I hope very soon all things will be ready to put up all along the line. The delay will be a disappointment to our stockholders as well as a loss so far as loss of business is concerned. The register of course will be delayed as I wrote the other day. I have been looking in vain for a despatch from you for two days.

If Mr Wood goes to Troy before I get there, he must hold on. I do not go up now, because I think the wiring on the wire makes for delay or two will really help the most; for just so true as it is delayed so as to go by Hosatonic railroad, several days of extra delay may be calculated upon. Mr Wells is a good deal unwell from a sore throat, but is out some. I found

Dear Will

today that from 4 to 5 tons of No 9 wire can be bought by Mackie Geo at seven & ½ cents — print rate wire — Griffin & Thick it pretty effectually. Eric a lot of their fine wire for old Saxon but too late now that he will not take it. Mr Carter told me it. By the bye should not be obliged to go out to Utica to bargain with M & T for a new report from the Troy Office? Or can it be best done by letter? What is paid by the Ithaca line or any other, so far as you know? Answer this letter at Troy. I hope you are getting well fast.

Yours truly Geo. W. Benedict

Geo. W. Benedict
Troy
Troy Laundry
Troy

Troy & Canada function, & Montreal & Troy Telegraph Companies. Dec. 6. 1849

Tariff of Prices.

From to	Troy	Bennington	Manchester	Rutland	Castleton	Whitehall	Orwell	Middlebury	Vergennes	Burlington	St Albans	Phillipsburgh	St Johns	Montreal
Troy		25	25	25	25	25	30	30	30	30	30	35	50	50
Bennington	25		25	25	25	25	30	30	30	30	30	35	50	50
Manchester	25	25		25	25	25	30	30	30	30	30	35	50	50
Rutland	25	25	25		25	25	25	25	25	25	30	30	40	50
Castleton	25	25	25	25		25	25	25	25	25	30	30	40	50
Whitehall	25	25	25	25	25		25	25	25	25	25	30	30	40
Orwell	30	30	30	25	25	25		25	25	25	25	30	30	40
Middlebury	30	30	30	25	25	25	25		25	25	25	30	30	40
Vergennes	30	30	30	25	25	25	25	25		25	25	25	30	40
Burlington	30	30	30	25	25	25	25	25	25		25	25	30	35
St Albans	30	30	30	30	30	25	25	25	25	25		25	25	35
Phillipsburgh	35	35	35	30	30	30	30	30	25	25	25		25	25
St Johns	50	50	50	40	40	30	30	30	30	30	25	25		25
Montreal	50	50	50	50	50	40	40	40	40	35	35	25	25	

1. The price in cents for each communication of fifteen words or less, exclusive of signature & direction, is seen in the above table opposite the name of one & under that of the other of the places between which it is sent.
2. When the price for fifteen words is not over thirty five cents, for every word more than fifteen, two cents will be charged; & three cents, if the price for fifteen words exceeds thirty five cents. For all above one hundred words in a single communication, a reduction of one third from the rates named, will be made.
3. When communications are to be mailed or transferred to other telegraphic lines, no extra charge will be made for delivery. In other cases two cents will be charged for delivery to the proper address, when the distance does not exceed one mile. For greater distances a reasonable charge will be made according to the distance.
4. All communications which are to be mailed, or transferred to other

telegraphic lines, after leaving this line, will be faithfully & promptly written out & placed in the proper offices: but these companies will, in no manner be responsible for any inaccuracy or omissions which does not occur on their own line.

5. All communications must be prepaid.

Chicago 6th Jan 1847

Dear Sir

Jackson has been grinding the glasses to day, and says that it is a very small job to fit them in— If you could come at a grindstone handily, you might try some, and if it works well, look at it, and we go, the time wedges into do.

I sent a letter from Coonsville to day, dated at Ypsilanti the 25th, He has been sick, since the first of Nov. confined to his bed for two weeks: but was better, and going home that day— I learn from my wife, that Coonsville's wife have a baby about those days, and he must have been anxious to get home— I learn from Admiral Collins, that a large quantity of wine is at Detroit: but he does not know how much, I fear not enough: but may be mistaken— There are 34 Boxes glass cups at Detroit which is probably enough— I have written Wood, Collins, Haviland, and Holman to send on the wine & the cups to Kalamazoo, and as soon as we get through here, we will have the time

Sinclair through Mitchell's in a hurry - Have only 5 Registers sent from Athens by Express on the 1st, and the balance will be sent the 15th which will be as soon as we will want them. I expect some one here, and soon over to go to Milwaukee, to operate the Registers, every day - I have written Buchanan at Detroit to send on the instruments to Smith's this week as soon as they reach Detroit, and I doubt not all the Club tools will be here before we are ready for them -

In a letter from Smith he says, that Swan & Andrews and Thomas Ewing unite him, that the responsible men connected with O'Reilly, in the Pittsburg line, and against whom they have commenced suits, are anxious to have the matter left to ourselves. just as I opened O'Reilly, and Smith thinks the controversy will soon be closed in that way - only that we will not suppose our Operators as I opened to do them - Smith seems to be in fine Spirits & certain of having it all in his own way in the end

My gets better very slow, if at all, the
doctor is intending to put on some
more serpents this evening - It is hard
work to stay here all day, and do nothing
I must say confined to my room before.
but as there is no help for it I must
grunt it out - If I am able to walk
about in two weeks more I will be glad.

Yours truly

J. J. Spurgeon

New York 7th Dec 1847

Dear Sir

Your interesting & long looked for letter has come to hand, I regret to hear you do not gain strength or improve in health faster than you do still you must have patience & all will be right in time.

I must confess I am very much astonished at the tone of your letter & the language you use I consider my self and my bill O. K. If you think otherwise it cannot be helped.

The fare is 23$ from Washington to Portland that I am sure is correct & 15$ from Boston to Washington that I believe I consider all right I expect you to come on when you found me. I left with intimation upon your doing it you pay your own passage from Boston to Portland & your board while a great inducement. I can assure that I must only pay my own passage but paid either 4 or 5 $ a week beyond which when my term was only 3$ when you accused me of paying $2.50 per day & that is only once upon forget I include any passage from St Johns to Calais which amounts to that sum, the next item that I pass to charge upon credit is $3. from 22nd until 25th that I am very readily will come to Boston on the 22nd and remained there 3 days at the Mercantile House at $1.00 per day previous to leaving for "Smith House" now charge me remaining at there longer than I ought if you will take your memory you will find that I left my defalcation for Boston

The day after receiving your letter enclosing me
$20 + nothing but little I then had no thanks to you or
any of you was enabled to pay off and take my departure
your last charge in the indictment + supposed you think
it the most outrageous one, my charging for 3 months service,
when Pook only makes out 1½ days, I charge it to the
time I obtained employment. This no reasonable man
would for a moment object to, and shall make
no deduction - I have been humbugged Enough and
shall stand no more nonsence from you or
any man that you may rely upon -
Your flimsy excuse about not being on our
Ports does not apply to one, your Brothers inabi
ity to blame if any one, + if he Mr Rea + Thatcher
thought proper to pay you instead of your paying
them I cannot see what bearing that has on my case
Your day you under great obligations for
my kindness, I done no more than my duty
so we are Even on that score,
But I do find fault with you for leaving
me as you did when I arrived in Boston
you took good care of those about you
+ appeared quite indifferent in regard to me,
had you been differently situated I should be
the last one to revert to it but knowing you had
so many chances to have placed me in a good situation
+ neglected to do. I cannot for my life know your
reason for acting as you did, however if you think
+ your conscience approves of your course towards me

I am satisfied - my expenses are about $1.00
per day waiting your motion. Therefore you will
please reply promptly by letter or telegraph and
if you think ten dollars is all I am entitled to
let me know that I may shape my conduct accor-
dingly. You have my bill receipted for the full
amount if you think proper [redacted] go on for the
advantages.

Yours with Great Respect
H. A. Brown -

To E. Cornell Esq.

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Ezra Cornell Esq

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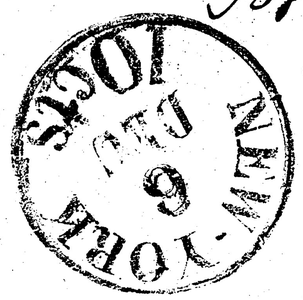
Ft. Atkinson
6. Dec 1847



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

UTICA, December 11 1847

Ebenezer Esq

Dr Sir Mr Easton was here on Saturday & I remarked to him that I was not going to print upon any more Wire than I had & that I had Contracted on credit Five Long Lines for 25.000 lbs to 2 F. Markets & New York—

I thought it was best you should be very glad to get it & with that view of Sir you the information pertaining Gen Get it by Giving an immediate order—

It would be very convenient for us to have the amount which I print Jenie Learned a few Days Since below, as once calls for Cash about Ten Days are Numerous & Large

Respectfully yours

L. S. Sutton

E. Cornell Esq
Prst. Auburn & Whitney
Telegraph Co. — Ithaca - N.Y.

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