Sudbury 9th Dec 1849

Mr E Cowell

Dear Sir

Yours in Oct Came Duly To Hand Saying you wanted the Posts on The Ground according To agreement Which I did by The Time They Have Since been Recved & Put up by your Agt Since Which I Have Herd Nothing from you — I Delivered (189) Posts @ — $94.50 Which amount you will Please Remit me Without Delay as I am in great want of It at this time

Rest Yours

B Ketcham

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B Bateman
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Mr. Thos
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Do E Cornell Sa

Your letter received and I will answer to day — I do not know what the Canton Colly Office Expenses — What Office Expenses they are on Ithaca Line I pay out of Ithaca funds and charge on the books — If the Colly the Colly what I send the Line for communication sent All I can say is that those are paid Tuesday and charged to cash account of the Office and do not need collecting again — Should write particulars

Yours Resp'ly
H C Gilbert Sec

Connect to

Branch

Re-Query

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(Confidential) New York 7th Dec. 1847

Dear Sir

I left Ithaca 2d Nov, and have been in the City upwards of a month seeking business.

For the last fortnight I have been engaged in trying to get discharged from my old liabilities that, through the aid of friends, I might procure ~~the~~ assistance to commence the world anew.

I feel much encouraged, as I have satisfied my friends here that I have given up every thing, and that they, as well as myself, would be better off to make me a free man than to hold me any longer in bondage. I have satisfied myself also that if I can get a fresh discharge I can get aid to commence again.

On Saturday I was informed by Mr Chas F Johnson of Owego that you were confined with Sickness at the Pacific Hotel. I immediately went there to offer my services, and ascertained that you left the 25th Ult°, and had reached home in safety.

There is between us an unsettled affair, and also a Flour speculation in which I gave some notes to Mr Justus Slater, both which it is necessary to arrange to make my work complete.

How can it be done? I have not a dollar to pay with, and cannot have till I make it in business. From the Flour concern I have received a dollar, although I made some small advances,

and from those notes I ought of right to be discharged. This will depend upon you altogether, and I trust, that under the circumstances, you will aid me to have it done without delay.

The other matter I hope and believe may be got along with without trouble or difficulty; and I cannot but feel confident that, under the circumstances in which we have lived - the doors Irish and troubles which surround me - our change of circumstances in life, and other considerations which I need not name, you will treat the subject liberally, and afford me the relief so much need without any unnecessary delay. I will name one card which should have, according to my judgment much weight with you. You will recollect that in 1836 I sold you a piece of 11 Acres with South side of Falls at $85 per Acre amounting to $900. I had a deed made out executed by you for it, by Blunt, Phillips & Murphy, which I have now in my house - but as you afterwards considered it hard to require you to make the payments, I did not insist on your fulfilment of the contract. You have now, if you afterwards purchased the same land at $25 per Acre making a difference to you of $660 per Acre or $660 besides the interest. I have no doubt that you will take a liberal view of the whole ground, and each

accordingly forward me. Please let me hear from you as early as possible to care "S.B. Munn Esq. 503 Broadway" and just both matters in the best shape to suit me free, that I may get fully through Canadian N. York.

I am low on Expense which I have to pay by borrowing, and you can appreciate how anxious I am to return to my family, which, however, I cannot consent to do till I get my affairs in a better shape, for I cannot afford the Expense of another visit to this city till business shall will pay. Call me.

All is Kind to me and may be of much service to me hereafter. With all my best wishes for your restoration to health & success in Business I remain

Yours Truly
L. S. Dake

M^r Ezra Cornell
Telegraph Office
Ithaca
N.Y.

Chicago 8th June 1897

Dear Sir

Last evening the doctor put a big blister plaster on my sore knee, and while I was laying on my back smarting under its effects. I was notified that one had 7 cases of glasses by Express, the charge, only $1.64.20 - I was so informally urged for a short time, that my knee stopped aching. I sent for the Express man to come and see me, as I could not go to see him, he has just been and all I can do, I cannot settle off but $25. The balance of $139.20 we will have to pay, which is a dear pair of glasses, or in other words, the cost of best fifty dollars an that item -

Tillotson writes that he is getting on well - Jackson is commuting in the glasses, and grinding the discs, so as to use them, It is not a great job to do it, but takes some time to grind so many - The glasses will now be but oh, and I hope that we may make this complete the line from Milwaukee to Ely, city expect the gate of 14 to 16 miles, on which we have no wires -

My living kicked up him for two months has been a sad calamity but what I can get out, which I hope will be in a few days, I will work the harder.

If I was sure that we have with Emmy at Detroit to finish this line. I would like well, nothwithstanding all our misfortunes. I have nothing from home lately and do not know what he is but I am certain that he is doing your power what.

I had enquiries to him from you. Hope that you have got all your friends, be careful. You do not write to get well, before you do yourself, and get sick again. I can go through fire & brimstone, without injury to my health but can't stand stuck pointed knives in my face. You cannot stand the hardship that you could one, and as least became blue you, when you have bricks bits indigestible don't eat them.

Yours truly

J. J. Church

Cin 9th 47

This letter should have gone yesterday but owing mistake, and I opening it to say, that your two letters from Ithaca have just come to hand. You say that you receive the following lots of wire have been sent on - Viz:

44302 22/32

Detroit	Sept.	15.	5000 ✓	10.000	10.000
do	"	27.	3000 ✓	8000 ✓	10000
Chicago	"	15.	3000 ✓		10000
do	"	18.	13524 ✓		2000
do	"	27.	2000 ✓		42000 6/32
do	Oct	1.	10000 ✓		42000
do	"	6.	15361	44085 ✓	2000
Milwaukee	Sept	15.	2000 ✓		2080.06
do	"	18.	13500 ✓		
do	"	27.	2000 ✓		
do	Oct	23.	10000 ✓	27300 - 79585 ✓	

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Sept 15: 6588
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say 244 miles

Distance from Detroit to Milwaukee 410 do

deficiency 166 miles

or about 2½ tons, which will have to be carted from Buffalo to Detroit - What it can be carted for, I do not know: but I should think it would be brought through Canada, if there should be good shipping, for $40 per ton, Junction up - but that will use up over $1000 - and as to carting the whole of the wire from Buffalo to Detroit, 410 miles I think that even you would debate the question some time before you undertake it - It can be done, but when one can get the money to do it?

It will require 66 tons coal an average distance of 200 miles, which with good shipping might be done for $30 a ton or about $2000 - If I can get this line in operation, I can get the money to buy it, and a good deal more, but it will diminish to that amount your receipts from this country towards the buy ment of wine - As I suppose Ely will com mand his line down from Cleveland to Detroit had Rice not bought the Hatchet until Spring &. If we could get the line down to Detroit I would like it: but even that looks equally- Write me fully your views about it, and will come out to work the line between me & Milwaukee; & I am determined to have that done, if we have to take the wire down between Lim & Michigan City, and but it up to bile the coffee between him and Milwaukee. Say 11 miles - As I wrote you, the whole quantity of wire needed here, now At Milwaukee, is only 44302#, and is so much less than the quantity I suppose we had, that I sent too much to M. City and will take from 3 tons between him and Milwaukee - that I will get from Rochester, If none comes on the Vessels expected here yet from Buffalo, and as I understand they are at Milwaukee, and will be here in a day or two - If any quantity of wire should come here by the Vessels expected, we would have to cart around the Lake. East of the City, except the three tons wanted here -

Speed & Sec

If no more cars is sent by the boats, I will immediately make arrangements for getting them from Detroit, and as soon as we get some operators. Repeaters, batteries, keys, &c we can increase a good deal by starting the office here and at Milwaukee also at Louisville and Racine. This runs at the line alone would pay expenses, and perhaps more

If you can put the balance of the cars for this end of the line, how you better not make arrangements to have it sent on from Buffalo by Lakes to Detroit and ship and raise the wind to buy the freight on it, as it comes -

Blisters, Leeches, & poultices, have reduced the swelling on my knee some, and I hope it is getting well: but it is so slow that my patience is nearly exhausted. The doctor wont let me leave my room yet -

Since I have been on my back, I have thought over every dollar we had, and found it out trying to make a raise to buy the abominable Charges on the cars, which we did not count here, and which will have to be cut off both Easterly & City.

You see we are in the first of the Eagle, that

stuck his claws into the big fish, he could not let go, and was in great distress to know one, sometimes raising the fish a little out of the water, and sometimes being drawn under himself—

If we have the money, I suppose we could get wine at Cincinnati, and persist over the Rail Road to Sandusky City. That route is now done, except 24 miles; but I cannot get the money, until we get the hire done to Detroit.

I do not mean to say of you as the Captain of a Steam boat said of the J.Q. Adams, "What a pity such a magnificant Engine could not be put into a new hull"; for your hull is not decayed by age—The timbers are sound, and altho it may want some repairs, with careful usage it may make many profitable voyages yet, but dont run it two hard on the bottom, or you may thrumph a hole in it, and sink it—

Ivry Dec 8th/47

Dear Sir

Mr. Buell received a communication
from Pro Benedict this afternoon from N.Y. he wants
to know if he is wanted here also Mr
Griffin We have nothing to do here now
in the way of fitting caps they are all
cemented cleaned and boxed up ready
to ship there is no way to get them
off only by trains I thought it best not
to send them till I heard from you
to know where to send them there is
some wire here but I dare not touch it
for fear I shall not do it right

We have not heard from you in
relation to my coming there I may
in a day or two Consult your own feelings
and business in the matter if there
is nothing to do for a week or ten days
I would like to come

I have taken some pains to find out
what the wedges will cost they appear
to have all about the same price viz
12½ cents per 100 one man says he may
do them a little less he will try and see
will not pay be best for them it will
give and fit to the cap better than hard
wood and will not be so likely to break

the gleefs Mr Garretson has been there
again for pay for his poles he wanted
me to give him a line to Harrington
-for him to pay the balance this I did
not see fit to do under existing circum-
tances he is in a great hurry and if
you can arrange it from Ithaca it
would probably be best— I spoke in
last about Mr peek with
from Manor bank and Rutland they
sent him drafts on Troy banks I
believe on Merchants and Farmers

Mr Bristol writes a few words
he is rather feeble his Physician thinks
he can break his fever before has a
long siege of it

Write Soon

Yours &c O A Holmes

Ed Holmes
Dec 6th 1881

Ithaca Dec 8. 1847

Dear Sir

I send you a copy of a letter to Mr Speed that you may have an understanding of the situation of our affairs, you will see that between Parker and the forwarding agents Stiles & Thorsten Totons of our coin has been kept at Buffalo. Some of it since the Ecclesiastical it was by accident that I found out about it,

I wish you would write me at Troy and let me know what the arrangement was that you made with Parker —

Yours &c

E. Corell

D. T. Tillotson Esq

New York Jan 9th 1847

My Friend Cornell

yours of the 3d
Came to hand this day & in reply
please find Enclosed Statement of
Liabilities already incurd by me for
you the Amt will be Considerable
over Ten Thousand Dollars & it Certainly
appears to me that a prudencous Man
would pause before he incurd
any more at this time I wish
to See you as soon as possible & talk
the Matter over with you but it
Strikes me that you Can not goon
with the Erie & Michigan Line
without some other Resource that
the Troy & Canada Junction Line & Plank
from Montreal that none of that Stock
is Subscribed & the 60 Miles that you
will have to build out of More Profits
& up you have no other Resource
that it appears to me to be Madness
to go on the with Erie Line when

Money is worth 2½ to 3 Inch a Month
in Buffalo See Buffalo Commercial of
Dec 7th your Ill Health has Certainly
got you in a fog about your Money Matters
& if you will Come down Here We will
talk the Matter over & See what Can be
done from information that I got from
the Work you Must both Calculate on
one Dollar Stock Work of Buffalo
O'Reiley has the field & I Can Write
Keep it Me Boys & Publish one with
him This appears to me to be the
Case but Come down as Soon
as you are able & talk the Matter
up I have not heard from
you Last Chapter yet

Truly Yours

Mills & Co

A. Mellus Esqr
Rose Hill
Brighton

Buffalo 9th Dec 1847

Mr E Connett

Office

Your favor is at hand also your Telegraph dispatch. The Time is all Right for Detroit as requested 1011 Bundles on the 7th as counted and 14 Casks & 1 Bundle by St Boat Newton States this day. Said boat leaves this evening. This is to advise You thus You may insure if You choose so to do. Which is better as a necessary precaution at this Season of the Year

Very Respectfully Yours

Niles & Munson

Miles O Sherden
9 Dec 97

Sir

Yours

Mr E Comstock

OFFICE
DEC 10
N.Y.

Ithaca 9th & 10th Dec 1847

Dear Sir

I rec'd a dispatch from Buf after I sent my letter to the office last evening that changed the aspect of affairs somewhat and have written Spird on the subject and enclose you a copy of the letter.

I have ordered a new mold made at Boston for making the glop dies so that a smaller die can be made for the button glop- I mention this so that you can avail yourself of the information in your calculations for fitting the glop to the irons-

I believe I mentioned to you that a block of hard wood might be substituted for the lower glop-for the present if it cost too much to fit them-

Yours &c

E. Cornell

O T Tillotson Esq

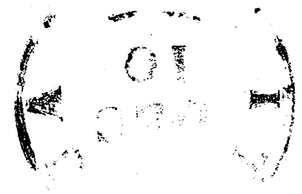
P. S. You must urge Scobs collections as fast as possible- E C

Six Registers & Magnets are done and will be shipped by express in a day or two all but the weights those I shall not send, you can use temporary weights until those can be sent by water — C C

Consul

Dec 9. 47

Mch Ltr 23d



D. S. Watson Esq
Monrovia
Liberia

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Ephs Office Auburn Dec 9th 47

A. S. Cornell Esq

Sir there is in this Office a Package for W. L. Allen Varna

To Your Care Ephs paid out in W York three Dollars

Yours &c

L. L. Doty

J. L. Doty
Express Agt Auburn
Dec 9th 1847

Chicago 9 June 1847

My dear Sir

I received two letters from Cozzens to day from Commodore, says that he knows that the following lots of wine were sent to Buffalo for Milwaukee Sept. 15th 2000 ℔

do " 18. 13500

do " 27. 2000

do Oct 23. 10000 27500 ℔.

Upon Commencing only 15560 11940

In Chicago Sept 15 — 3000

" " 18 — 13524

" " 27 — 2000

" Oct. 1. 10000

" " 6 — 15561 — 44085

Rest here only 28742 15343

what has become of the deficiency of 27283 ℔

I conclude that it must be at Detroit, and if so It is near or quite as safe as to have it here except between two and three tons which are wanted to fill the between here and Littleport. The wine here fell so much short of what I expected that I send two much to Mi City. there will be enough to reach Mi City: but on such 14 to 16 miles of reaching you. That I have ordered sent from Detroit to Kalamazoo, and

we must send for it as soon as we find out, certainly, that we may rely upon him on boats.

Yesterday my knee was smarting terribly from the effects of a big blister plaster but I soon notice that we had 7 cents, paper, by Express. Charges $14.20 it cured the knee for a few minutes: but did not effect a permanent cure - I sent for Bunty, & soon did all I could to talk it off, and succeeded in getting an abatement of $25. leaving $139.20 to be paid. Jackson has used all the money we have, and I have had to set Mr Jones to work to collect something to buy the bike - I also had to send Haviland, at Detroit. $50 - so that I am as poor as his again; but hope Jones will be able to make a raise and redeem us.

I must say that we have not come exempt at Detroit. From what Connell says I think we will both go a two days trip, which will have to be custom through Canada. I will be glad if we do not have even more. It will cost at least $30 for two; and probably more. If you can collect any more money than you have to me, you had better hold on to it, as I fear that we may have to buy $100 opt for Extra Customs. Connell says he will get all the wines for the Buffalo Exc: but to do it we must

Jay in cutting 11/2 tons an acreage of 200 rods, at $3.50 (1/2 ton or more) say 2000 to 2500 dollars - or 1200 to 1500 dollars extra. What a beautiful prospect. He closes his letter by saying

"I can assure you that I have done every thing in my power to satisfy you, and in season, and I believe I have done all that any body could have done, and you must make the best of it. Least get discouraged, and don't falter notwithstanding all your difficulties - Turn them to the best account you can - Tillotson will get discouraged enough for all hands - I have not strength to write more at this time".

As you have got two legs, and can enlist for Mexico, and I am flat on my back, & most of the time on my back, I am the one to be discouraged: but we will finish the time from Kalamazoo to St. City and as we have first Rate Registers here in a few days we will start all our offices, to St. City and then bob the Wolf in the face, and see what more can be done - Get all the money you, and keep it - go head and tail it, and finish this end as soon we can - don't say but what the other end will be done just as soon

I have written to Connell to push the business of the civic through by terms if need be through Canada - The boats are still running to Detroit - the may run day light yet -

Swelling, blisters and pouting has reduced the swelling on my knee a little - The doctor insists on it that it is better, very likely: but it seems so slow, if at all, that I can scarcely see, or feel, any improvement - I get so tired, sitting here with my leg on a pillow, or stretched out on my back, that I would run away if I could - Connell sticks, I coop ch here - wife not sick - glasses by Eythursfs Jennings $14 - got to be curious books, some of them to Silas, pictures beyond - outlay money - subscribers don't buy - is not this what a Unionalist would call "Hell"? But dark and gloomy as it looks now, the sun will shine again - Our civic may all be at Detroit - the civic get this line in operation, when our Detroiters will pay - The darkest time is said to be just before day -

Yours truly J Spence

Montreal 10 December 1847

Dear Sir

I have just received Jim Jones 4th 2nd visit — and notice its contents, and shall lose no time in communicating with those who have taken an interest in the Company here. It will remain no doubt — as at present. That is, the — formation of a Company till You are able to pay us a visit — which I hope will be before long. —

I have obtained permission from the City Authorities to put up the Posts. and am happy to inform You that they are all up — looking Daggers at the old Company. all they require now, is the Caps and Wire — which I trust will soon be placed upon them, This of course remains entirely with You — the sooner the Line is completed the better. —

Enquiries are making every day. —
when will it be completed. — have also
obtained permission to erect the Poles on
Mr Alsop's Islands. — The course is
all clear. — Four men finished
here two days since - and have gone
home. — they would not remain any
longer. - had the Caps been ready they
would have commenced putting on the
Wire — When do You think the
Caps will be obtained — and the
Men at work again, — and when
may I expect You here. —

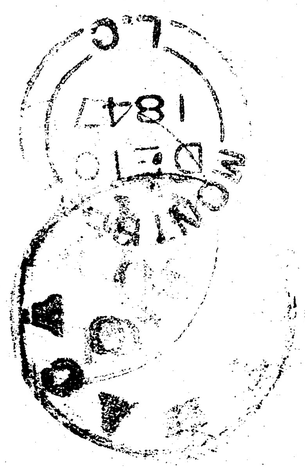
Shall be glad to hear from
You again at Your earliest convenience

Yours truly

C. O. Whitney

to

A. A. Whitney
Dec 10. 1847



Dear Sir Chicago 10 June 1847

Yours of the 8th was received this morning - but with your wine to Littlefort and wants it with Jackson. Bring the balance this way to help fill the cask between here and Littlefort - use the small wine, and say nothing about it, what it lacks in size, is made up in toughness, or at any rate it is well enough - Jackson has been standing some time grinding the axe, and as a man will grind enough in any for him or his wife, I concluded to let him work at it: but I think your plan is best to let it ab settlement axe and put them in some other time, when the sun shines, and when things look less gloomy, as they assuredly will. As to the opinions of his Lead Lawyers I suppose they are no better than ours, and are Lead Lawyers, such as Tom Ewing, and J. M. Andrews - If they believe what they say, why so averse to meeting us in Court? Why keep putting it off? Why not submit it to the best Lawyers in N York? They know that they cannot sustain themselves - This title to our Mercy Register is no better than blank

Yours

and they know it. I give them credit for perseverance under difficulties, which is a good example for us. Let us profit by it.

The last pain on your medium which has made me so sick I can scarcely write my name. I hope this finds you happy & well.

Yours truly

J. J. Speer

I'll do something to say that I have just received a letter from Smith in which he says that he & Kendall will be at Cincinnati in a few days - they are there by this time - he adds "our object began may be accomplished soon, he did'nt - he will now try what is left of O'Reilly - The day of compromise is gone by - do or die, is the motto with us now".

I will write Smith tomorrow. I think they will get things in shape soon, and you need be under no apprehension that we will get the

hot end of the poker - The day will be ours - We will yet triumph brilliantly and advantageously -

Yours
Orpo. Ely

Chicago 10th June 1847

Dear Sir

As drops make up the ocean, so every ten cents adds to the cost of our line: but as I have nothing else to do, and am complying litterally with your instructions, by shoveling a shut of water every day, and tapping the column ten cents, I will answer myself, if I do not add to your information

I have made a raise and have the damnable charges on our flour*. As all my trucks are out, I cannot give you any information respecting their movements: but suppose they are getting on tolerably well, and that myself will finish all that is to be done here, until we get a little more rain to fill up the gap between here and Littleport -

I suppose you have made some arrangement for operations, and that they are on the way here: Have you thought of fixing a Tariff of charges? You had better fix on list of charges for this line & send us - How shall we charge newspapers? They cannot afford to pay the same price

* Barrels were taken down to Lowell, & brought to Chicago.

that individuals buy - Let me know your views on that subject

As soon as we start the line from Milwaukee to Michigan City, we can send the mail 12 to 20 hours at this time and 36 to 40 hours at Milwaukee - I think it will be well to let one section have the use of the line for a week or two - Junkins entire is done to Detroit - That is, each of them as will buy oth in full - It would stimulate others to buy -

I do not hear one word from Detroit - But to get a letter from Athens, is no small feat, When the stage Company have a load of passengers, they leave the mail until the next day, and it takes about a week to get from Kalamazoo here, after the close of Navigation - XX

I see from the papers that O'Reilly's men have opened an office at Sandusky City - I shall write to Swan & Andrews of Columbus to commence suit agt, them at Sandusky, if they have not already done so - I see also that they say that they will be at Buffalo in a few weeks - I want to try our

* His name will be mentioned in my next two or three letters -

application for an injunction, instanter, (at the preliminary hearing) at Buffalo. As I think they have claims which run from Erie to Buffalo. I will write to Smith on the subject to day — Have you made any arrangement for main bolting? when shall it be started? I think we could get Acids here, for this winter; but would have to buy an extra boiler. We can also get Mercury here, at 14/ to 16/— per lb. — perhaps we cannot get here, and as that is not like glass cups, weighing 1400 ℔, we might get it by Express, and not "haul" ex-

What are your notions respecting N.Y. and Erie Line? When, and where, can we get enough subscribed to build it? The posts should be contracted for this winter, they can be got so much cheaper then in the summer. From present appearances I will have to remain in this Country all winter to collect our subscriptions and down at the business here especially if we go on with the line from Centreville to Buffalo. I am anxious to have this and done before 1st July. It may be important in more respects than one. We can from our sub. to buy, if we choose, if we comply with the contract — We can also hold all the Patentees responsible to us

for damages, in case we should find it necessary to do so. I look much rather pay $1000 extra freight by team through Canada, than not to complete this line, as we could, when done, get much more than the Thousand dollars, which we will sure get, if not done this winter. If the line is done to Buffalo by 6th of Apl next. I get $100 of Gov. Smith a Banker here - $50 - of Keyes, the Sub. Treasurer $50, of Newberry a rich man, and $25 of Brand, a broker, as a bonus. I also get $365 as a bonus in addition to $135 I have subscribed at Michigan City, if our line to Detroit is done by 1st July. or they will pay the balance due on their subs. Amg $1700. I think by finishing this line to Detroit by 1st July, and by getting this done from Buffalo to Detroit. We can collect as a bonus, near, or quite enough to pay the extra freight by team. I hope therefore that you can, if possible, have the wire sent on to Buffalo, and have Parkin or some one Else make arrangements for teams to bring it on to Detroit.

My knee is improving slowly: but the doctor wont let me use it, - Still confines to my room

Yours truly D. D. Spencer

Buffalo Dec 11 47

Dear Brother your Com ned shall go to Erie in the morning and I better Contract for the balance of the poles before I return I Can probably Contract with the same men that got the first if you think it best to do so when shall the contracts be made payable

I feer we shall have difficulty in working the line with but 15 poles to the mile as the Stretches are pretty long and unless the wire is pretty good it will be apt to break Mr OR is going on with his line and from what I Can learn I think he will Succeed in working it in spite of Mr Morse & his friends, I saw Mr Wheeler in Cleveland he says that Houses patent Register works better than House himself Ever Expected it would, I have got along with our line very well so for Considering the Circumstances it will not Cost more than half the amt that ORs line will if I Can judge from appearances and information rec'd from those that have dealt with them, I am afraid that this line will be a down hill business. I doubt whether the Stocks Can be obtained after ORs line is put in Operation there was a good feeling towards our line until they Came on with their wires and there was a hill back on our line for want of

funds since that the current of public opinion seems to be in their favour, I hope you will manage this thing so that your Ball will not get to rolling down hill, for it appears to me that this line is a going to be a bad speculation I fear that Speed is not managing very well west although I cannot learn much of his operations

I want you to write me to Erie and let me know how soon the balance of the money will be ready so that I need not wait for it and in reference to the notes &c

Respectfully Yours

D. D. Conneil

D & E Connell Esq

E. Cornell
11 Derby

Ezra Cornell Esq

Ithaca

Tompkins Co

N. Y.

Lebanon June 11. 1849

Dear Sir

I arrived here this afternoon with Glasses to fill the Contract you favoured us this Morn & shall commence Sawing Tuesday we have Shaved the Logs on Scantlings to the 400 Pc. of Pine Lumber to please suit you. Gone to the Plain — Mr Applebaucer Assistant arrived he thinks his wife will Reach within three miles his men are back about six miles will be here on Monday think you have seen more wine at Milwaukee if so I wish you would Forward it on Monday & the Examples keep that you spoke of in your Letter to Ed Speed — I have Sent up some Rock Plaster to Cement the Locks in to the Castings & will exact the cash Case to Cement them while here — If you have not any wine please write me by Return Mail & let me know about it. I have seen on the Road between this & Chicago & will get Enough to fill out your Lien to this Plain & let the Steam be between this & Chicago both Send it Soon

Yours Truly

Isaac Sutton

S. T. Elliott Esq

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Dec 11. 47

Wm. D. L. Slaughter
Milwaukee
Wis.

Chicago 11 June 1847

Dear Sir

I have just sent a letter from Latham saying that he is out of money. I see no other way than for you come on here and go with Jones and on all our business I do not believe that he will get enough down to buy our horse bills. I might draw on Collins, but it is doubtful whether he has any money. It wont cost much for you to come and see us any way - and I wish you would do so -

Yours truly

D J Lynch

If you can collect any more than you want to use bring some along.

Chicago Sunday 11 Dec 47

My dear Sir

When I can get about and must differ with this in the house, I think you will give credit for fighting tolerably well even in a dark day: but this being confined to a room with a fire by day & a candle by night a month, and not able to make even an effort to put things in proper shape, and besides having to take the nastiest medicine in the whole Materia Medica, which makes me sick two thirds of the time, is enough to make one see Spooks, hobgoblins, and blue devils - If my head gets better at all, it is so slow that I cannot perceive it - The doctor says it will get well, and is better than it was - but it must take it patiently - Dr. Brainard is my Physician, and I suppose he is the best here, at any rate he is a very gentlemanly man -

James has hard sledding to collect any thing - He has not got enough yet to buy the enormous bill of freight on our glasses, and until I can get about soon, we will be on the Town - I wish you was here to go with a dray - I think you could collect more in one day than he would in a week,

I cannot find out yet how much time we have at Detroit; but as the boats are still running on Lake Erie, I think we must get through at any rate to finish this end of the line.

I understand that our instruments are at Detroit, and are looking for any further direction to come on with them,

Smith closes his letter to me by saying "An object before me to annihilate Houses— & did it— He will now try what is left of O'Kelly down the Ohio— North and West I leave him to your tender mercies— But the day of compromise has gone by— do or die is the motto for us now".

I will hear from Smith again before long, and will keep you advised of all I learn— If you come to Cattletsburgh come on here, & stay a day or two.

Yours truly

H. L. Spurgin

Buffalo Dec 11th 1847

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir Your favour of 8th Inst is at hand. Mr Gillatson made an arrangement with me to Receive and Ship all your iron Castings &c. agreeable to which I Received Duplicate bills Lading and shipped a large amount of it. I took great pains that it should not be delayed in Buffalo. and when the casks came marked in my name Buffalo I immediately wrote Mess Sewing Stow & Wells to Know where I should ship it too. as you will see by copies of said letters which I enclose. but I have now Received any answer from them. The only communication I have ever Received from you is a short one dated N.Y. Oct 2d — Received a communication from Livingston and Wells dated Sept. 29th directing me to ship as follows which I promptly done. 1 To Cleaveland 1 to Detroit 1 To Chicago 1 To Milwaukee 1 on the Rock on hand. Which I did. a list of which however I have sent to Detroit by order of Mr Wood, It would seem that you was in N.Y. When Wells returned and assented to the directions he had given Miles & Wheeler and at the same time gave me no Notice of the alteration. I Received 30 Bbls Slops Marked James Parker Buffalo Which I supposed were to Remain here. but had no advices from you or any one Else in relation to them. While they were on hand I Received an Order from the Sand Slops on to Chicago

up to this time I had not been advised that any flap was to come from Boston. I accordingly shipped the 30 Bots to Detroit. and advised you folks this of the shipment - since which time I have Received and Promptly shipped a good deal from Boston. a hundreds since you Ordered Miles + Munds to ship all the wire to Detroit. now I have no doubt this was Wrong. I presume the wire in both Marked "Dunn Parker Buffalo" should have remained here - as you now have up stairs one Ton of wire this side of Detroit. had you been Rather more advised as you ought to have done and allowed me to carry out the arrangement I made you would have got your wire + Co. all to its proper place and Not at a Mad up Stairs. but in the course pursued you have shown a perfect unacquaintance with the usual customs of doing business. All the property of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co. which has come into my Possession has been Promptly forwarded, but the Idea that you should make a contract with others to ship through and then forward bills Sueing to me and direct me to ship is absurd.

Respectfully Yours

Dunn Parker

Jason Brothers
& Others