Erie May 3 68

Dear Brother

One hundred dollars thankfully rec'd, have not been able to do much yet more than to get ready for operations as soon as I got means, I received a Communication a few days ago (Rec Com) I accordingly went down over the line and procured the possibility of the wires getting together

Mr Speed I understand has sent a Mr Jackson to Cleveland to work west from them and I suppose he has furnished him with funds and given him proper instructions to get through the City of Cleveland and how many poles to put up &c

There is one man who furnished poles on the first Contracts that has not had his pay yet, as he was not at home when I settled up with the others then is due him something near 60 dollars and I suppose he will have to have his pay when we get along to him he lives about halfway to Cleveland. In reference to putting a Station at Westfield I think you had better Come up as far as there and see Mr Camp about it for I think they will pay the $2000 and garrenter the Expense of the office rather than not to have one, I will send you his letter on the subject

I want you to let my folks have some money while you are at Ithaca and Encourage them some way if you can for they feel pretty much discouraged I believe by them writing Yours respectfully O B Cornell

Go E E

E B Cornell
3 May 1848

Thomas Thompson Esq
Liverpool

E Cornell Esqr

Pittsfield 5th May 1848

Mr E. Connell

Sir

I regret much that you did not meet with success at N York. or that I did not get home ere you left this place. I am told that if you are again to be at N York. Albany or Troy soon if you write me. write me. I will tell you I came from Adams to day with Mr Allen who has leave then to canvass for places. Sorry I have not yet had an opportunity to learn of our Citizens what their feelings are in relation to interesting themselves in the matter by a substantial subscription to the Stock. Yet thinking that I partly understand how they feel in the matter I am sure that we can show a figure of from 4 to 5. on Sat. & I shall advise Mr Allen either to stop & try or leave with me a Subscription. I will intend my self & circulate the Documents.

our Inhabitants in disposition. do not pos-
sess that same Gradual principle that
you find in many communities. they look
into & judge for more cautiously fully
demonstrating their New England character
and origin. & when made to see their way
clear & that money is to be made thereby
Enterprize they will readily contribute as
that is asked of them.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Yours
W. H. Woods

Wm H. Brown
3 May 1858

Washington May 4th 1848

E. Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir, I duly received your letter of the 1st instant with the notes, certificates of stock and assignment therein alluded to.

The assignment of stock being to me not as agent of Messrs Moore and Vail and the notes being payable to them and no power to sell being conferred on me, the certificates of stock would be of no avail as security in case of failure on your part.

Please execute in the presence of two witnesses the indorsed assignment and power of attorney, and on receipt thereof duly executed I will make out and execute the deed of conveyance as requested and reply further to your letter.

Please name the principal points embraced by the Troy and Canada Junction Line.

Very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Troy N.Y.

Auburn 4 May

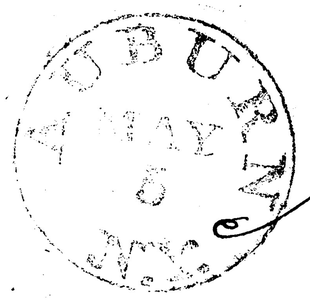
Dear Sir

I found our business in four Counties pretty much as we left it in February and as he is at home & promised if I would stay, that he would push it and conclude his bills and have it served at once, I concluded I had better do so. For much as I want to get home & see my wife & babies I can do more good by staying here a few days than I possibly could by going home - Seward has promised me his horses to go home with if I will stay until tomorrow night, and by that time he will have the papers all done - If I had not come here we would not have known any more the end of the fight two months hence than we are now. I will explain all to you and you will say I did right to stay - Tell my wife that I will be at home Sunday night

Yours truly

A J Church

J. J. Speed Jr
5 May 48



Mr. E. Lomax
Ithaca
N.Y.

Stubbs Co. Bank
May 5. 1848.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of April 12. was rec'd in due course of mail. A large number of our business men have been absent most of the time since the receipt of your letter. I did not understand when we met here with Mr McGowan that I was placed upon the committee. This however will make no difference. I leave for New York in the morning to be absent two weeks, and have handed over the papers to Messrs. Ira Davenport & S. C. Whiting, who have promised to give the subject attention, with whom please correspond. I think we can raise about $2.000, possibly more; but it will require much effort & a little time.

Respectfully Yours,

D. W. Magee

West Rutland Vt May 5th 1848

Mr Connell

Dr Sir

I am indued to write you on account of the unfortunate affair of the loss of my horse last fall while engaged in getting out Telygraph Poles on the Mountain for D Morgan Jr. & Co. and on account of the circumstances which followed. I understood by your Superintendant Mr Holmes that on your learning that I had lost my only horse while engaged in that work, That you immediately made a Draft upon the Bank for twenty five dollars and passed to your Superintendant with instructions to hand to me if Messrs D Morgan Jr & Co did not furnish me with another horse. and as it never came into my hands I suppose that it was passed to D Morgan Jr & Co as they soon after furnished me a horse and I have used it through the winter. and they came and took it away last Monday and told me that they did not receive the Draft or any amount from you. on account of my loss. If it is not so I should like to have you inform me. as I have felt that you had done me a great favor. without bring under obligation to do so.

But I have thought that Messrs Morgan Jr & Co were under every moral ~~obligation~~ obligation under obligation to furnish me another Horse. and if I were ~~[illegible]~~ and disposed would be liable by legal measures. But as I am poor they no doubt feel that they are safe. and so they are.

Very respectfully Augustus Reed

Augustus Reed
West Buttland
5 May 1848

M.A.S.

Office

M. E. Bourne

Hollis, Buttland & Co

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Owego May 6th 1868

Mr E Cornell

Sir, Your Telegraph
Com— has been Read— & I would
Say in answer— for myself
That I should be very glad
to have an arrangement made
with Your Company— so as to
Connect the Two lines— if— it
Can be done— & be made Satisfac-
tory all round— Please write me
& let me know your views
in that Subject— As for the
Citizens here— & can hardly Say
what they will think about it,
Your Com has been handed to our
Daily & I Suppose will appear to
day— I presume they will like
the best arrangement— for obtain-
ing the News & Reports—

Yours very Respectfully
Thos R Chatfield

T. Chalfield
Quarry May 48

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Annadale May 6.

Dear Sir.

When you was last there you said you would purchase a few more shares of Telegraph stock at 84 per share. I have two shares which I wish to sell if you will take them?

Respectfully Yours

E. D. Baxter

E D Rorker
May Colleg

E. Vassoff

E. Gennadeyevich

PAID

Mr. E Cornell

New York May 6. 1848.

Sir

You will go on and finish the contract of the Line to Metis, and we will ship the Wire on Monday if possible, we have nothing special to Communicate, but hope you will remit us the Balance due as soon as practicable, As regards the Stock sold J. Davidson, W Smith Jun. Respectfully Claims the dividend that may accrue but Mr. Wilcox Sutton purchas the Stock subject to the dividend What shall we do in the Matter

pr Day

Wills &c
May 6. 1828

Athens 7 May 1848

Dear Sir

The balance of the wire for our line will be shipped this week: but it will not arrive in time to get it up by the first of June. You will please telegraph Mr Tillotson that Mr Bourne thinks the meeting had better be postponed for the election of directors until the 20th of June by which time the whole line will be nearly finished, and on that day Mr Bourne and Mr Smith can attend

The suits ag[ainst] OR have not been suspended or settled as I anticipated: but Gov Lawson is moving deftly, and surely, I think, and will soon accomplish all we wish —

My boys will be at Detroit some time this week, and I hope to be there in about two weeks

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

You had better enclose this to Mr Tillotson

Detroit May 11th

Dear Sir I enclose letters according to request.

Wood has not commenced putting up ~~west~~ but is getting things ready. Jackson has got tools made & thinks he will be up to Toledo in four weeks & commences work to day in earnest he says

Yours truly

J. Barnard

BUFFALO
MAY 9
N.Y.

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Mr. J. Haviland

Detroit

Michigan

Shaw
May 9 1842

Detroit May 7th 1848

Dear Sir

I intended to have sent by you for some articles to be sent here which are much needed - some of which you may have obtained.

We want here, one more register + relay - an extra relay magnet for this office, Chicago + Milwaukee - aft Places if thought proper to obtain them. I want here a new key. + I think that some if not all the offices should be refitted + connected with insulated wire - the expense is not great I suppose - also some more tumblers 50 or 100.

The line has worked well through to Au. with the exception of part of 3 days + that we couldnt help. two days violent thunder showers west interfered with our work + in the night of the second the line was broken 3 times between Southbend + Niles + also beyond Mich. City. Business is good from 30 to $60. + more on the whole line daily.

I had a report from Southport for April - cash receipts for the month $65. mostly local business

Jackson is doing but little yet - All his tools were thrown overboard from the Manhattan - We have 40 Bundles here ordered to go up this week I understand. The Buffalo + Detroit line only needs to be done to make a clean sweep - so great is the dis-satisfaction (growing too) against the other line.

What progress? When do you return?

Yours truly

G. Haviland

Detroit May 7th 1848

Dear Sir

There seems to be little prospect at present of our being able to report progress by telegraph + we are therefore still compelled to rely on the slow-sure system of communication.

We are doing a good business here all the time - a great business sometimes, + only waiting an opportunity to do a greater. We have a strong hold on the confidence of the public + even our worst faults are not noticed when contrasted with the glaring ones of our friends over the way. Their line works badly - but I think the defects could be remedied although they dont seem to observe the cause themselves.

The G. + M. Line works very well through to Milwaukee but not as well as it should + I would like to be able to go to all of the offices + see to the insulations + connections for I am convinced they are faulty somewhere - still we work through -

Since coming down here I have had the receipts reported but being so anxious to do business + not yet being accustomed to so doing some of the offices have not reported every day - while Chicago is so hard pressed for time he cant get them always ready in time

They run however like this May 1st $60

" 2d 39 + I think

they will average $40. Since the connection was made

from Detroit to Milwaukee. Some days our nets are upwards of $20. occasionally only do they reach that amount.

The line is going to be troubled by the business of some of the small offices but it will not amount to much. Some of them (but a few) will not do more than pay Delany - while others will help to swell the dividend (?). I have received a report of the business of Southport for the month of April from which it appears that the cash receipts for the month were $65.63. + the amt of business $120.14

The local business between Chicago Southport Racine & Milwaukee is good too, as he has Chicago charged with $28. I think from that fact there should be two registers at Chicago.

Is it intended to work through from Buffalo to Milwaukee direct with the Main Line passing through some 30. offices? I dont beleive it can be done.

The Lake Erie line does not + I guess cannot work one quarter of the time from Buf. to De. It is my impression still as it is of Allen & Dunham that short circuits facilitate business.

There is a quantity of wire here soldered which I understand Mr Wood will commence putting up this week. If wire is furnished + poles put up - nothing should hinder its rapid progression - there is money enough taken in to pay incidental expenses - by the offices.

What progress is being made on the N.Y. & Erie line? Will it be finished this season? Who has the N.Y. office Do you think I could fill? or can I do better?

I notice a new(?) system of Telegraphing — "And still they come". Is it not plainly speaking a humbug as far as regards its practical value? The theory of making the connections through paper is very pretty but the idea of making an alphabet entirely of dots does not appear to me to furnish as rapid means of communication as the one now in use.

Yours very truly

Edmonds

F. Maitland

W. Kinahan
Scotch, Mayo &c &c

Office of B. N. Assocn
Chas. St. Assocn
Dublin 8th Jany 1846

Dear Sir

Your delay in fulfilling your contract has become most embarrassing to the association, whose intentions are suffering thereon. The season is advancing and nothing is being done on your part.

The Directors therefore instruct me to intimate that you will lose no time in completing the engagement entered into with them

E. Connelly

by you.

I am not aware any acknowledgment of yours to you has been sent by telegraph.

Yours, Harris
Bey & Stokes

J. Stokes

Jcc

Charlands May 9 - 1848

Dr Sir

I hope you will Excuse me for writing you so much (about what may may think is none of my business) to get the wire on to this End of the Line, from Charlands to Monroe 15½ Miles, Mr E. B. Connell wrote me last week that he would be here in the Course of three weeks with the Wire from Erie as he had wire Enough to reach Charlands - Now if you will Send me the wire & Git your office Ready by the time I will be ready for that - I was at Charlands Yesterday & Mr Harris told me he had done taking Telegraph despatches & should not Patronize Mr O'Rileys Line any more he says the People are displeased with them Generally - We are now going a head & shall not stop until we Connect with the Detroit & Howe agent man to Bore the Poles & Morris will Set up the Poles & if I have the wire I would Complete the Line as we go a Long, Please attend to my Case Let me hear from You often as your Business will permit Yours Truly

Edwd S. Spence Jr

Jason Parkin

Town Jackson
May 9. 1848

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Town Jackson

Troy May 9th 1848

Mr E Connell

Dear Sir In hand you below a statement of our account the balance due us is $26.15 which we hope you will remit to us promptly as the amount will aid us at a time when we need the money very much We paid out over 25 dollars Cash for the Zinc used on the Job and certainly our profits were not very large and we cannot afford to wait as we can when we make a good profit — We feel assured you will remit us without delay — We remain very respectfully Yours Phelps & Hurley

Mr E Connell

Jo Phelps & Hurley Dr

1847 Dec 29	To 9 Zinc Pieces	22cts ea	1,98
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Feby 28	" 40 Zinc Pieces & Packing Box 25		9.05
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Or

Jany 5th By 1⅛ oz Platina sold $8 — 9,00

Balance 25.56

Add for Interest 4 months 59

Due $26.15

Phelps & Gurley
Troy —

Telegraph Office Montreal May 9th 68

My Dear Father,

Enclosed you will please find a note from Dr Hinkin Sec'y Lake, which I took from the mail this morning. It seems that the Association are quite anxious to have the Line completed to Metis and I presume the would be anxious to have it completed to Halifax if such a thing were possible but my opinion is that it is on the other hand quite impossible. The noted "Superintendant" of that Line was up here this week before last in all his glory. He said (as Mr Hoare very properly says about the prospect of the successful operation of his instruments) that they were not yet decidedly sure of success but he thought the Line would ultimately be built a very safe remark for him to make I think. The directors are so sure of success that they have secured the services of Gisborne for a series of years at the salary of two thousand dollars per year. If this is the case I cannot think they are very anxious to succeed. as I think he was not made to fill such an office. Our business is steadily increasing and is getting to be of considerable size. One day last week I took in $13.63 but our receipts are mostly for the N.Y. & Buffalo Line. We now get reports invariably in advance of the other Line and all the stops but one who were taking reports from them have left them and are taking them of us at La pairie, and I think they will all take them from us in a few days. as we got the Steamer news yester

day and they did not get it at all, so you see we are popular with the public if not with the pockets of the stockholders. we want considerable of paying expenses, and on that account it is disagreable to me to hold the office I do. and I do not care about staying there any longer than till there is a place for me some where in America, or at least out of Canada. I do not like it and the sooner the time comes when it will be best for me to go some where else or rather to a place some where nearer home and the Land of my nativity. You may think that I am getting homesick but that is not the case as I am never homesick when blessed with health. I am satisfied always content wherever I am but should be more so some where else. The West is what I think I should choose.

Please write me soon and often. Have not heard from you today since you left except by your circular concerning Bains Telegraph. When will you be this way again?

I remain Your affectionate Son
A. B. Bonnell

A B Cornell
May 10, 1848

E. Cornell Esq

Lee. Mass May 11th 1848

Dear Sir I regret being compelled to inform you that I am not further ahead than this point. but I have been unavoidably detained here and during the time we had two meetings at the last of which there was a committee appointed to investigate &c. They in connection with myself have finally succeeded in raising $2150; but it has been done by the hardest When I came here I came fully determined to succeed or return home. & have finally accomplished my object Since there are many things existing now which operates against our business; the business season; the tightness of the money market &c &c. All this you fully understand I hope you may notice various persons who will probably write you in relation to business as there has been several inquiries made in reference to this business and your place of residence &c. Last evening a Mr Brown of this place made an inquiry which led me to believe that he would go to Ithaca to see you in order to

get a situation of some kind; and allow me
here to state that I am informed that he is
a drinking man and aside from this is not
altogether a reliable man although appearances
might indicate otherwise

By the way I think
Pittsfield will come in and take her portion
in due time Hay am in quite a fair to
think I understand them and have treated
them accordingly

Have not heard from Hartford as
from there yesterday; they say this fol-
owed foolishly which corresponded with my
opinion exactly Please write me at
New Millford Connecticut

Mean time I am
Your Obedient
Olive E. Allen

LEE
MAY
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Edward Eggr
Ithaca
Tompkins
N.Y.

O. E. Allen
11 May 1828

Burlington May 11. 1848

E. Connell Esq

Dear Sir

I see your letter from on board the N. River Steamer - & this morning your newspaper from Ithaca, containing account by Bains Telegraph. for which I thank you. I think all those contrivances will meet with one result - They will not be absolutely successful schemes but they will be so far so that parties will be found to go into them & being once in them, they will keep along with them after a sort. They will (the schemes) have the effect perhaps to make those who are more patient a little afraid of competition; & I am disposed to think that good will come of them in that way. If the operation is such as to make them be more attentive & trustworthy, so much the better.

You told me that you would send some dies for repairs on to the line. I have heard nothing more of them - yet they are much wanted. There are in fact none, save a half dozen or two too large to be used at all. I want a lot - all of small size - also some glass sockets, for they break oftener than you thought they would, & I wish you would inform me by letter directed here & also to Troy when I may look for them at Troy or here. It may be well to notify Mr Wood at Troy also, so that he can Telegraph me. The line needs receiving very much. To do this with economy makes it necessary

that the means for repairs should all be at hand. The line however works pretty well from day to day. But unless it is received soon & the branches trimmed which the leaves are to soon bring down - loose caps & re made right, it will soon show much greater injury to its insulation than it does now.

I suppose you are aware that the wire is not yet across the St Laurence - & of course our through business is small compared with what it should be. The way business is doing very well as I think for the time - better than I should have anticipated, under the circumstances, though not as well as may looked for.

In haste yours - G. N. Bourdett

STEAMBOAT

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E. Cornell Esq

Troy N.Y

Care of M. L. Wood Telegraph Office

(Mr Wood will please forward it)

Chas. Gleason

Albany 11. 1845

Troy 12½ oclock May 11 /48

E. Connell

Dear Sir

Mr Cadmus this moment came in the office with a letter from you requesting me to write you at Ithaca also to him to go to Salem to attend the meeting to day he will start immediately. The meeting is to day at 2 oclock.

In relation to the pole contracts I have got along very slow. I have contracted from Salem to Greenville Corners at 37½ cts per pole from there to Poltney at 33½ cts about thirty miles in all then from Poltney ~~there~~ to Whitehall 7 miles I have made no contract I spent two days there and found but few men that had the poles those combined together once asked more for them than they were worth and more than they would if they could have longer than first of June to get them as I did not get any instructions from you in relation to time & had not got your letter I thought it best to let it remain a short time and find out then go up again, or let Finch there close contract which might be cheaper than to go back if I have any thing to do. From Salem here there will be no difficulty in getting them except it any place from Troy to Lansingburgh or just beyond

J. Cadmus Esq
11 May 1848

I have been over the route from Salem & made inquiries but dare not contract till I heare from you as there if doubt in my mind about stock being taken at Schaghticoke but you may have other arrangement

I Should have written you monday had it not been for Adams Communication which I supposed would bring you here to day without fail But this appears was not the case and I Shall be obliged to remain doing nothing as usual until I can hear from you

When you write let me know what you intend for me to do as I am getting rather rugged and unless I am going to get arround home soon I shall have to run E, Cornell or S A, Ho for debt for a suit of Clothes & I think it would be rather hard to put it on him for there will be enough for him to pay in expences for doing nothing But if I am to go on N. Y. Erie line when these poles are contracted for I can get along till I can get arround home I did not expect by what you said to be out here so long and made no calculation for it Another thing is rather at low ebb that is funds I am about a shore on that article Give me all necessary information & I will act accordingly. Nothing from Allen, Professor has sent an order to Wood to rewrite reports instead of connecting with other line (How whimsical) (take so much time) S, A, H,

All Communications strictly Confidential.

Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

Telegraph Buildings, No, 5 Hanover-st. cor. Beaver, New-York.

New-York, May 12 1858

By Telegraph from Buffalo

To E Cornell

New York

Mc Kay cannot give four
fifths of the stock as
he agreed - Shall I take
his interest the Line he
paying all the debts except
$350 - Shall I agree to give
up the Contract & take
the Canada business until
Wells wants it for Govt
or shall go home & leave
it unsettled - I have an
instrument in Canada
office & Rochester wide

will take western business
for us — Jane by inquiring
by the contract which
Jane know Mr. Kay can
not do. Assure to day
as I want to finish
this business to day if
possible. Do write Jane
come yourself and attend
to it — If you will come
immediately that will be
the better way to get it
right — I do not like
to relinquish the line

L. L. Greer Jr

Girard 12 May /48

Dear Brother

I wrote you yesterday at Bath and fear you will not get that letter I will drop another to Ithaca we have got the run up to this place 16 miles from Erie

I find there over $200 charges on the wire that Parker sent to the different Ports between Erie & Cleveland he has sent all his charges and all that was due him the Agency and he left me here with the rest to be collected here on the line, I told him if there was any thing due him that he must send them the bills and you would settle them but I found he was pretty well Cramped for funds and he took this course to raise the wind I must have at least $250 more to get through to Cleveland

I can only get the first lot of 60 bundles of Contract with the funds I have and unless I can get some money within a week I shall have to hold on. you will please send funds to Conant as soon as possible I have had no letter from you since the one with the $100

Yours &c

C. B. Cornell

E B Cornell
May 12 1862