Detroit 1 June 1848

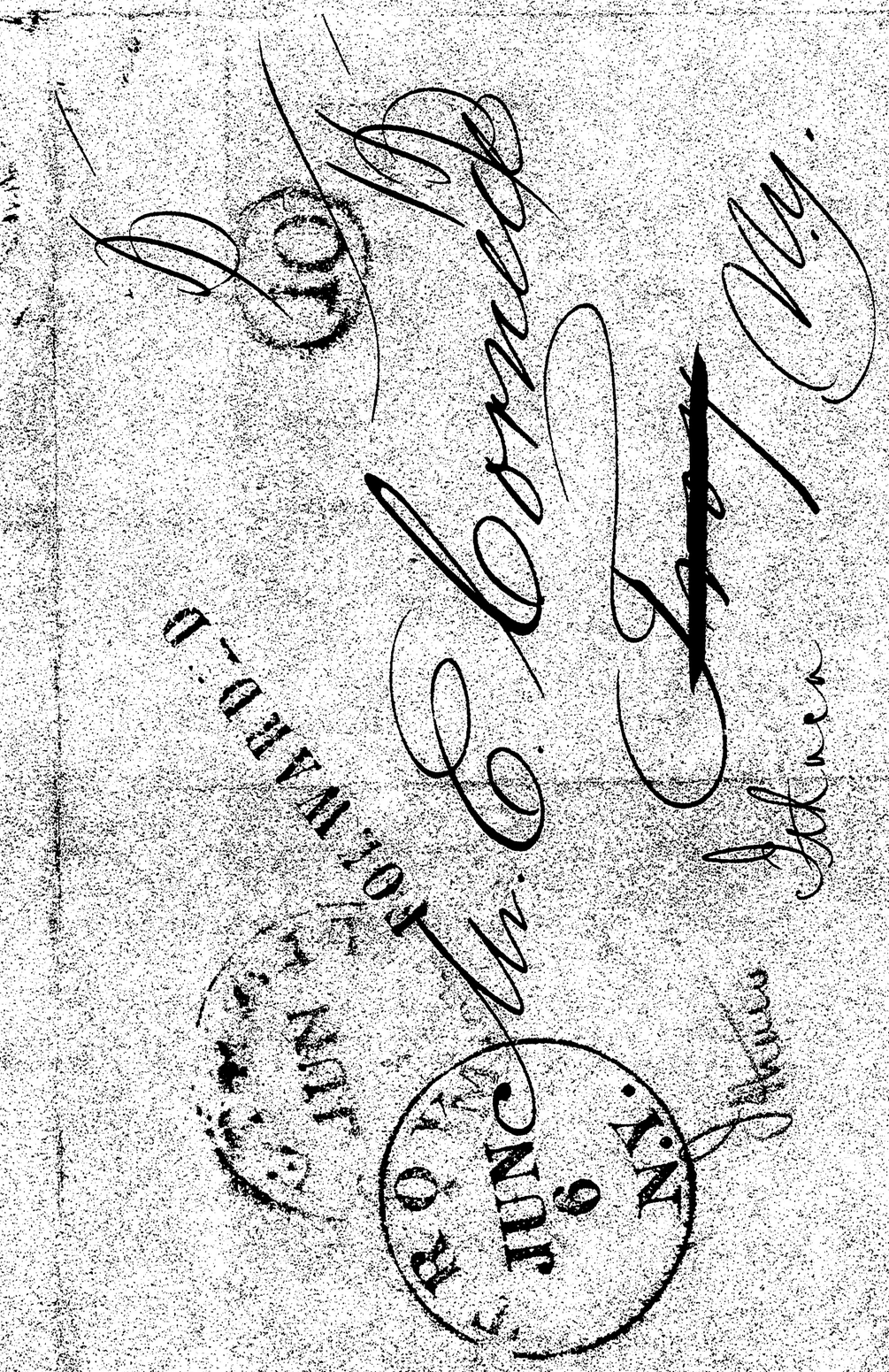
Dear Sir

I tried to get my wife and babies here with as little fatigue as possible, and count from the Bridge to Montezuma and took a line boat to Buffalo — We were two days and two nights in getting there, and the babies nearly eat us up with bed bugs. I took the R Road from Rochester to Buffalo, and got to B. Thursday afternoon no boat going up the Lake but the Superior, and all her state rooms & birth taken. I concluded to wait until Friday and take the Empire which was to leave on Friday at 7 P.M. Paid our fare, and went on board, but did not leave Buf. 'till Saturday evening. Stopped a long time at Erie & Cleveland and arrived here Monday about noon. We have got into our home and as soon as the women get through scrubbing washing I think we will be very comfortably fixed. So much for the baby fixings, now for business — I found Pittsburgh here, and I have great reason in announcing that he looks well, and I think has been perfectly free from all excess, I do not believe that he drinks at all — I found that our men at Chicago and Milwaukee had been robbing us

on a small scale, and if overlooked might, and probably would do so on a larger one. It seems that a Lottery was got up at Chicago, tickets Eight dollars. The proposition was made by both. Jones. or Wells, to buy a ticket, and pay Garrett, the Lottery man, in Telegraphing- They got the ticket, and Garrett required a part in money, which they did not want to lay out of their own pockets: but concluded to D. H. Conn. Enough that they received pay for to come to the balance due Garrett. Smith at South Port was looking on one Evening, when they thought he had stopped for night, and read the correspondence between Booth & Wells in relation to the ticket, and the way they would have to raise the money to pay it - Smith saved the paper, and showed to Sillsby Who directed Cook to come to this City as the Trustees wanted to have a talk with him - He came yesterday and on presenting him with a Copy of the correspondence between him and his friend Wells. He owned up, and admitted the dishonesty of the transaction. Howard and I gave him a good talk. Paid him the balance due him, and told him to leave - Sent Howard to day to Chicago with a letter to Jones, who participated in the transaction, and one to Wells at Milwaukee, saying to both the Gentlemen that we did not require their services any longer. We have sent Boyd to Chicago

and my own Chunky to Milwaukee. Smith
[who detectives and exposure the rascals] will be
with Hyde at Chicago, and a Student he has
had with him at South Bend will take that office. Edwards
and Chunky I think can manage the Milwaukee
office very well: but at any rate the Seamps who
have shown themselves to be dishonest must leave.
We have this day adjourned the meeting for our
election until the first Wednesday in July, the
time fixed for the Annual Meeting in our articles -
By that time I think there can be no doubt about the
other end to Buff. being done - but as the wire may
not be delivered in a week or ten days, we could
hardly have time to get it up by the 20 June.
Wood is here, and is going West tomorrow to put
on Cubs, as many of them are dead to our ax
and the line works badly in a wet day -
The wire will all be up to Monroe this week
and enough up to reach the State line
55 miles from here. If E.B. Connell has only
wire enough to reach Cleveland, including
the wire sent to Cleveland last fall, we are
require enough to reach from Cleveland to
the State line Buffalo one hundred & thirty miles
Jackson has put most of the poles set as he

units me, to Sandusky City, and is sitting on the way. I think we can get money Enough to get the wire up, and buy the Knights bids. I need your letter with Contract in it. as soon as



I will go to Cleveland next week Monday, and as soon as the wire comes, have it on in short meter. Wilson is fighting the Pirates in good Style, but I much doubt his ability, or any ones Else, to get the Stock taken for as from Chicago to St Louis. O.R. has a Stable of agents travelling all over the West, getting up meetings and talking to all who will listen to them in favour of their piratical Schemes. What is Seward at, I can't hear? Yours truly J. J Sloan

Milwaukee, June 1, 1848.

Col. J. Speed, Jr.

Dr. Sir:

This will probably reach you at Cleveland, yet I direct it to Detroit. Enclosed I send you a couple of articles which appeared in the Milwaukee papers. With this I hope my squibbing will be done — This far McClurg has made nothing out of the matter.

You are already advised that his meeting here was a failure, although it is now one week since he arrived here. Not one cent of stock has he procured to be taken, nor will he succeed in the Territory much better, unless, perhaps, at the Eastern Sale. He left this afternoon for Chicago, but promises to return in a few days after I leave, I presume.

I shall leave now on the route from Chicago to St. Louis, and open books for stock. I find that the people desire to learn the merits of the contest of O'Reilly with the Patentees, hence I am preparing a digest of Kendall's pamphlet, with such other matter as may be necessary, which I shall make into the form of an address, to be used at such public meetings as I might find necessary to call. Olney succeeds best in this way.

Address by you I shall communicate with Mr. Smith at Boston as often as I find any thing new to say. When you next write me, direct to Peru, Illinois.

In accordance with your suggestion, I shall strive to get along on a very small amount of means, but in the course of three or four weeks, if you can, I wish you would place something to my credit in Detroit or Milwaukee.

Yours truly, W. Duane Wilson

Cleveland O June '48

Dear Sir

I came here on Tuesday, expecting to find the Wire up to this place: but the hands did not put the wire to the office until last evening. I also supposed that the money you sent E.B.G. would set the line to this city. but it will take more than as much more to buy up. I have been to E.B. to Woods hands, and to Jackson, and on Freight bills all the money I have I go back to Detroit tonight and will be able to put a few dollars more: but not enough to do much good. Jackson. has the Poles up, (30 to the mile) for 40 miles, and the boys day for 40 miles more. He has went all his money, and his hands have quit. The Pirates tell them they will run it through, but it is like pulling a cable coming will be over two hundred & fifty dollars. and I may have to draw on you at 60 or 90 days for a few hundred, but I think we can run on our Face for the freight bills, until we get the line through.

I have not heard from You or Smith since I left Athens: You will see that Wilson is after them out West. write to him and Cheer him on

Yours truly

J J Speidel

CAUTION

To those disposed to aid HENRY O'RIELLY *in the construction of a Telegraph Line between Milwaukee and Galena :*

The undersigned returned to this city yesterday from the Mississippi, where he has been making arrangements for the erection of a line of Telegraph to connect Galena with St. Louis and Chicago. He found that at most of the places proposed to connect on said line, that Mr. O'Reilly, through his agent, had obtained subscriptions to stock, by giving the impression that the difficulties between the patentee and said O'Reilly, would be, or had been satisfactorily arranged, and so arranged as not to disturb the Stockholders. On his arrival here, he finds a fulsome proclamation issued by Mr. O'Reilly in the public press, in regard to his EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS in erecting Telegraph lines throughout the Union, and that in consequence of "inquiries from Chicago and Milwaukee," he was about to bless the citizens of Wisconsin with a line of Telegraph from Milwaukee to Galena, which, with other lines, "are to be erected with a celerity rarely equalled."

In regard to the "celerity" with which Mr. O'Reilly constructs Telegraph lines, we have but little to say at present; but as an evidence of the truth of his boast, we barely allude to his *attempt* to connect Detroit with Chicago and Milwaukee last summer. The undersigned was informed by one of Mr. O'Reilly's agents, and the same was generally proclaimed along that line by them and the newspaper press, that O'Reilly would outstrip the patentee's line, and put those points in connection months before the others. How was the boast, or rather *threat*, carried out? Why, by failing to put up *one inch* of wire even to this day, now fully nine months, if not longer—nor is there a prospect of its being done in as many more. But their idle boasts are of little importance in comparison with other points, to which the undersigned desires to call your attention.

In Mr. O'Reilly's proclamation he insinuates that the Patentees dare not meet him in the courts to test their rights. This he knows to be untrue, as does also every one at all conversant with his controversy with them; but on the other hand, it is as well known that he has studiously AVOIDED every attempt to settle the matter in dispute; and, to show how far his assertions are entitled to credit, Mr. Kendall says, in his published statement of the controversy between himself and his associates and Mr. O'Reilly, that in order to lay his case before a committee in Louisville, Ky., in the most favorable light, told them on the 9th day of Nov. 1847, no SUIT HAD BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST HIM, whereas the deputy marshal of the State of Ohio returned his writ as PERSONALLY SERVED on "Henry O'Reilly and James C. Hall, each" on the first day of November, 1847—eight days before.

This also is shown from the same statement "from the opinion of Mr. O'Reilly's own counsel, that he has violated his contract—that he has continued to violate it down to this day—that this violation was *wilful* after the first warning, &c. &c.—that his object is by throwing off the restraints of the contract to accomplish a stupendous speculation—to secure, by a gross imposition on *bona fide* subscribers, about half the stock of the company or companies to be created under false pretences of constructing Telegraph lines with it, put vast sums into his pockets and those of his original associates."

Also "that under a false cry against Professor Morse and his associates as grasping monopolists, O'Reilly and his confederates are attempting to establish a REAL monopoly over the entire western country, to be controlled by a "general association" of speculators, living at Rochester, New York, and that the only mode by which the West can escape their dominion is by the success of Mr. Smith in setting aside that contract and opening the way for competition between different systems of Telegraphing."

Also, "expose a series of dishonorable evasions, concealments, perversions, and mis-statements by the O'Reilly confederates, scarcely paralleled in the annals of duplicity, all designed to lull suspicion, and entrap a confiding friend into apparent acquiescence in schemes of imposition they knew he would never knowingly tolerate."

In short, we have sufficient evidence to satisfy unprejudiced minds that Mr. O'Reilly has no more right to construct lines of Telegraph as authorized by the patentees of Morse's invention, ESPECIALLY in the Wisconsin routes, than is invested in any other man ingenious enough to secure hearing and support from an intelligent community. Is it not due then to yourselves, to the patentees, and to common justice, to pause at least and examine the facts before you attempt to do any thing under the violated O'Reilly contract? The patentees have done and are doing all in their power to have the courts settle the difficulty between them and Mr. O'Reilly, and it is expected that in a few days the result of an injunction asked for before Judge Nelson in New York will be known, affecting the operation of his line at Buffalo.

Mr. O'Reilly also attempts to impose upon you and the public, by assuming that there are other inventions, equal or superior to Morse's, which can be used without a violation of his patent. The undersigned warns you against all such impositions, as no other inventions can be used without violating the most essential portions of Mr. Morse's patent, which will all be very evident when any serious attempt is made to use these boasted inventions, such as House's and others. Common prudence, at least, would suggest that you should satisfy yourselves fully before investing a dollar, that his boasts in this also can be sustained.

It is not a little singular that when Mr. O'Reilly has some half a dozen instruments, as he claims, all superior to Mr. Morse's, that he is constantly issuing his bulletins, proclamations, pamphlets, circulars, &c. &c., at great expense, abusive of Mr. Morse and his associates!! Why not permit such an humble individual as Mr. Morse, and his INSIGNIFICANT invention, to rest in peace, whilst Mr. O'Reilly is going on, "CONQUERING AND TO CONQUER." If his invention is worthless, his fair fame and unspotted character should not be assailed and vilified, especially by one who is fattening on his ingenuity, his toils and his sacrifices.

With these cautions the undersigned feels assured that no one will readily be induced to involve himself with Mr. O'Reilly, in defrauding the proprietors of the Morse patent, particularly when they offer an opportunity to aid the public in erecting a line on the same ground.

In accordance, therefore, with the invitation, also of gentlemen in Milwaukee, who are well satisfied with Morse's lines, as well as others along the proposed route, the undersigned, as announced, will wait upon the citizens of every important town in Wisconsin for subscriptions to stock, during the present and early in the next month; and should they come forward promptly and liberally, the season is so favorable that the whole line can readily be put in operation early in the fall.

Letters addressed to the undersigned at Milwaukee, post paid, desiring further information on any of the points mentioned in this communication, will be promptly answered.

WM. DUANE WILSON,
General Agent for Speed & Cornell in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Milwaukee, May 20, 1848.

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Col. J. J. Speed, Jr.

~~Detroit~~,

~~Michigan~~

Cleveland Ohio

To be forwarded if not in Detroit

Mr. D. Wilson 1 Pine
J J Speed Jr
10 June 1848

Gotham June 1st 1848

Dear Sir—

I got here last night— I have talked the matter up here and it seems to take pretty well— Court is now setting here— I have seen several of the leading men from Newburgh & they all think we can raise the $5000 then— I expect to be there next week—or perhaps back there Saturday night—

Yours &c
M R Humphrey

E. Cornell Esqr

E. Cornell Esqr

Troy

N. Y.

Thos A Humphrey
1 June 1848

All Communications strictly confidential.

TARIFF OF PRICES.

From MONTREAL to	NUMBER OF WORDS. 10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Three Rivers, Cornwall,	1 3	2 6	3 9	5 0	6 3	7 6	8 9	10 0	11 3	12 6
Quebec, Prescott, Brockville, Kingston, ...	1 10½	3 9	5 7½	7 6	9 4½	11 3	13 1½	15 0	16 10½	18 9
Belleville, Cobourg, Port Hope, Oshawa, Toronto, ...	2 6	5 0	7 6	10 0	12 6	15 0	17 6	20 0	22 6	25 0

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

Office, Odd Fellows' Hall, Great St. James Street,

Montreal, June 2 1848.

Via Telegraph from Quebec

To Mr. Connell

In order for the money
One Hundred Sixty Eight
pounds five shillings will
be sent up in five minutes
the old cash to be used &
Commence operation as
soon as possible

F. N. Gisborne

F. N. Gisborn
June 2, 1848

I hereby appoint and constitute you my Proxy to vote upon my Stock in the New York & Erie Telegraph Company at the meeting of the 6th of June inst and at all future meetings of said Company, and to represent me at all said meetings as fully as if I were present at said meetings and acting for my self until further notice. Montreal. C.E. June 5th 1848

To Mr E. Cornell

D. L. Wood

O. S. Woods

Proxy — Jan 8. 1878

June 3, 1848

Troy and Whitehall Telegraph Company.

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M. CLARK,
LE ROY MOWRY,
J H. McFARLAND,
} Trustees

83 John St New York
June 3rd 1848

Mr. E. Connell
Montreal

Dr Sir

Below please find Cow prices quoted for Steel Wire, in answer to your request per Telegraph

We give you the prices for Wire as usually sold, taking both long & short pieces. The rejection of the short pieces will increase the price to us—

We could furnish if to you in lengths of 400 to 1000 feet, each piece

We have now in port about 2000 Cks of 17- four fifths of which we have no doubt would suit your purpose

On the 25th inst we shipped 1824 Cks of 9 Wire and are now shipping a further lot of 6/2 Tons of 9 Wire

The #10 Spoken of to you, we daily expect in port. We would be glad to have yr orders for Steel Wire and would give you a better article and at a lower price than any other house

Yrs &c Jas Cockin & Co

#6. 17 " 18 " 19 " 20 " 21 " 22 " 23 " 24 " 25

Cash

#6 45 45. 50. 50. 55. 60. 65. 70 of. 75 Cents Ptt

Telegraph Office
Montreal June 7th 1848

My Dear Father

Enclosed I forward you a letter just received from the post office in answer to your communication of Saturday last which it seems they did not understand about directing and have miped you.

I have at last prevailed on Mr Rouse to take the St Johns office and I go over with him this afternoon and shall remain with him until he is capable of taking charge of the office which I think will be in the course of two weeks at longest if not in ten days. I am very sure that he will make an excellent operator and I doubt not will be a very useful person in the business. The people of St Johns are all very much in favor of him as he has lived there a long time all is well acquainted with them all. and I shall make an arrangement to get a Lads room price for reports. I will give them two or three and then they can not get along very well without them. - and will have them. You see I am something of a "Yankee" Cattin and Brother went to Quebec on monday evening. I receive a letter from Cattin this morning in which he says they had mighty and all their Superintendents

wants is a sufficient quantity of "soft solder"
C & Gisborne go over the line from Point Levi
to Metis in a day or two to have G point out the
few poles which want straightening. he says
they are delivering the wire nicely. he is also
very anxious to hear from you and get the dft on
them for funds. Please write me fully and
often here.

Your Son Very Respectfully
A. B. Cornell

E Cornell

PAID

G. Cornell Esqr
Montreal
U. Canada.

MONTREAL
JUL 7
1848

Jas Cockburn & Co
June 2nd 1848

Galveston June 3/48

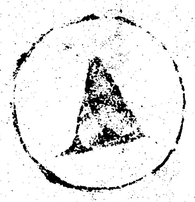
Mr Gillespie

Sir yours Telegraphic Report of May 29 Inst- is Received Thanks offered Pleasure & Emolument Inst- I have in keeping to Forward Mr Collins Receipt Inst- Contract- Enclosed you will find Sixteen Dollars which please Send Receipt-

Yours Respectfully J Gardner

D F Tillison
Detroit
Michigan

J. Hardin
Jun 3. 1848





1, Copy of Rule 1

June 3. 6 Cash Wire No 9

Weight 14.114 " c 6¼ 90.50

Cash Carty fd 15.00

$931.50

14 thus 6½

87 9 84

3 6 66

91 3 6.50 66

95 3.16

June 3 4 mo. 500.00

" " 4 mo 431.50

931.00.

Above you will finde a/c of Jno Adams Cockett & Co, which you will please send your Offt as p Statut Due Jan 500. June 3, & the Bal 4 mo. Jan 431.50 —

Your Money was rec'd & had it indorsed on a paper which the Gent Agt wished me to pay it to Mentioned it was correct. Your favour under date 1st. & 6 Inst duly attended to in reply think you will get enough of Canada when I hope you will get out of the woods. safe & found — We are much in want of funds & hope you will forward us, as we have made Calculation on receiving the amt due us from you, from the Canada Co for Collection, we shall give our attention to your Wire you speak of in your letter.

Yours Truly Respectfully

Willett & Day

Wells & Co
June 3. 1848

Monroe 4 June 1848

Dear Sir

I got my wife and babies frightened so that they can get along without my assistance and came home yesterday. The wire is up about four miles East of this place, and enough more wire to put up four or five miles more, as the hands say. I got home about three o'clock and met all the hands returning to district as they said that a man to whom Wade owed ten dollars had attached the wire for the ten dollars, and as they did not have the money to pay, and understood that there was more such trouble ahead, they concluded to quit, and report progress. I sent them all back, and will go with them tomorrow, and see whether we are to be stopped for ten dollars. I may pay the debt if the fellow is very civil, but as Shakespeare says, "I never prize a person on compulsion". I telegraphed Wade last night, and he owns up that he owes the $10, and as we still owe Wade, I may pay it, & perhaps will. Jackson is also out of funds, but I have sent him home

dollars left, and with that I think I can run my
farm and put up the wire. How it will
be about buying for the locks, that Allen
Contracted for, I do not know: but I have
great faith in being able to fight it through,
and promise buy when we get it.
After getting the boys all right here, I will go
to Sandusky and on Jackson, and
then to Cleveland and see D Bloomfield.
If the wire comes, we will have it up, and
it will mean a quite double one next,
on the West end of the line.
Since that O&A agents have been here
offering to build a line to Hinsdale,
and perhaps extending it to Chicago;
but it is all smoke. they cannot get
one fourth money enough to buy both
wires. Still they torment one doing any
thing. As soon as I can get this Lake
line done, I will go at them, and
have a field fight. Wilson is after
them out West, and I think is doing
all that any man could do to embarrass
them, but fear that he will not be able
to do much for us. Leo urges Sumner and
Smith to drive ahead like mad at Buffalo—
I cannot learn a word from Cutting, and
suppose that nothing is done, or likely to be done

very soon. Tillotson will leave for home early this week - whether he intends to return I do not know, but suppose he does. We can use him to advantage in getting Stock on other lines, after he has done all we want done on this; but it will take him several months to work up the Stock books, fill up the Scrip, and settle up the affairs on this line - Have shown you the Statement as agreed to by the Trustees. Smith may say that some of the charges are too high, & that we should deduct something for not using all Galvanized Wire: but he must remember that we have had a confounded hard fight, and that we could have built the line for five thousand dollars less money, if it had not been for the controversy with the Pirates - When I was chasing them, for three months last Summer, I ought to have been at work, and could have put the money, and had the line done before winter, if the Pirates had been out of our way. We have been compelled to do every thing to the greatest disadvantage. Most of the wire has been put up in the winter, in Cold Short days, and the line may cost here fifty per cent more than it should have done. Smith must take all this into consideration, and not whine a Sickle about small matters

I have been examining some specimens of Gutta Percha, and I think it would be well for you to pay as much attention to this subject, as to satisfy yourself about its durability under ground. and its protection as an insulator in the water. If it can be obtained in large quantities, and afforded at a low, price I am inclined to believe it would be best to coat our wire with it. even if the wire is put into an hole, as it would add much to the strength of the wire; save all the cogs, being fastened directly to the pole with a small staples, prevent any difficulty from contact with trees, leaves &c, and entirely

Mr. E. Lormao
City

prevent the present difficulty from Atmospheric Electricity. I think a No 10 or 11 Wire. Coated with Gutta Percha would be stronger than No 9 without coating. The saving in weight of wire saving in cogs, in trimming trees, & in putting up, would pay for the coating. But how long would the coating last? That's the question which I cannot answer. If it will last until Gabriel's trumpet blows, then it is a capital article for our use. It is worthy of your attention when you do not go to church some rainy Sunday. Yours truly S. F. Spencer

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M. CLARK,
LE ROY MOWRY, } Trustees
J. H McFARLAND, }

Salem Washington County N.Y.
June 5. 1848

Dear Sir,

The call for the 3d & 4th instalments on the Stock of the Troy & White Hall Telegraph Company has been made by public notice in the "Washington County Post", a newspaper published in this Village & the Stockholders have been in addition thereto notified of such calls by mail. (a copy of the notice as published is attached to this sheet)

I have been at Cambridge. (I was there on Saturday) & collected the most of the 10 per cent there, the balance will be paid in a few days — the reason why it was not all paid was because of the absence from home of several of the subscribers

I enclose a Circular which I have sent to the towns indicated by it, and shall visit those towns in the course of the next week — Should I succeed in the Extension of the line, How & when do you want the money paid.?

I had thought of getting up a paper to be signed by each Stockholder specifying the amts & the times when payment would be required & also authorizing & empowering me as the Atty for each to sign their names to the Articles of Association of the Troy & White Hall Telg. Co. — Write me on this point immediately.

When & where shall I address a letter to you again?

Yours respectfully
John H McFarland

To Ezra Cornell Esq.

Quebec June 6th 1848

My dear Sir I arrived here this morning and found my self in the arms of Morpheus from which embrace she was soon unclasped - After preliminary arrangements - Local ci found strong - I have attempted four times this A M to speak to you by Lighting but was as many times foiled - When it was not caused by Apoplexy it was something else - I suggested a hr Spring instead of the register Spring he now uses but I found I was casting my pearl before a Swine & of course did not urge it - Mr Mc also opened his Mick & attempted to say the same but Checked it when he found he was trying to teach Suggesting an idea of the Rinck to a Professor of Arts & Sciences - I have found our Dept according to present appearances as pliable as Gutta Percha & have no doubt but he will improve my handling so as to become it as if not superior to Rubber - He cheerfully with a little coating of Soft Solder falls in with every proposal we make He J. N. G. thinks it advisable for his honor & myself to make a flying trip thro from P. Levy to Mobile that he may be able to point out to me the very few posts that require any alteration - His bro goes down tomorrow with the Schooner that delivers the wine, as Super Cargo I Spose - If he succeeds in this trip I intend applying at the next Session of our Home

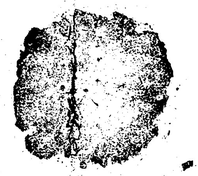
Parliament to get him a Clerk Ship in a Lime Kiln
Iron Mine near this H x Line, Salary not so much of
an object as constant employment - I intend writing
to H. Y. or Esq of Mtl to present the petition
when he next goes thome - Please inform me
(if difficult to make us understood by lighting)
by letter if you have heard anything from those men
Arch Cameron & Michael - Sorry due he used
working for Stevens & Ho called at an off last week -
I am having the wire left O.K. along line & will report
progress from some of the villages below - The H Y
Officer near is dazzling enuf to take the film
off a dead calfs eye - According to our rule of
three how should it be to remove it from the
eye of a C—R—S—! Please Solve & return me as
each of the figures or characters you make use
of. - This is written with any blood at boiling
heat - I hope you will overlook all mistakes -

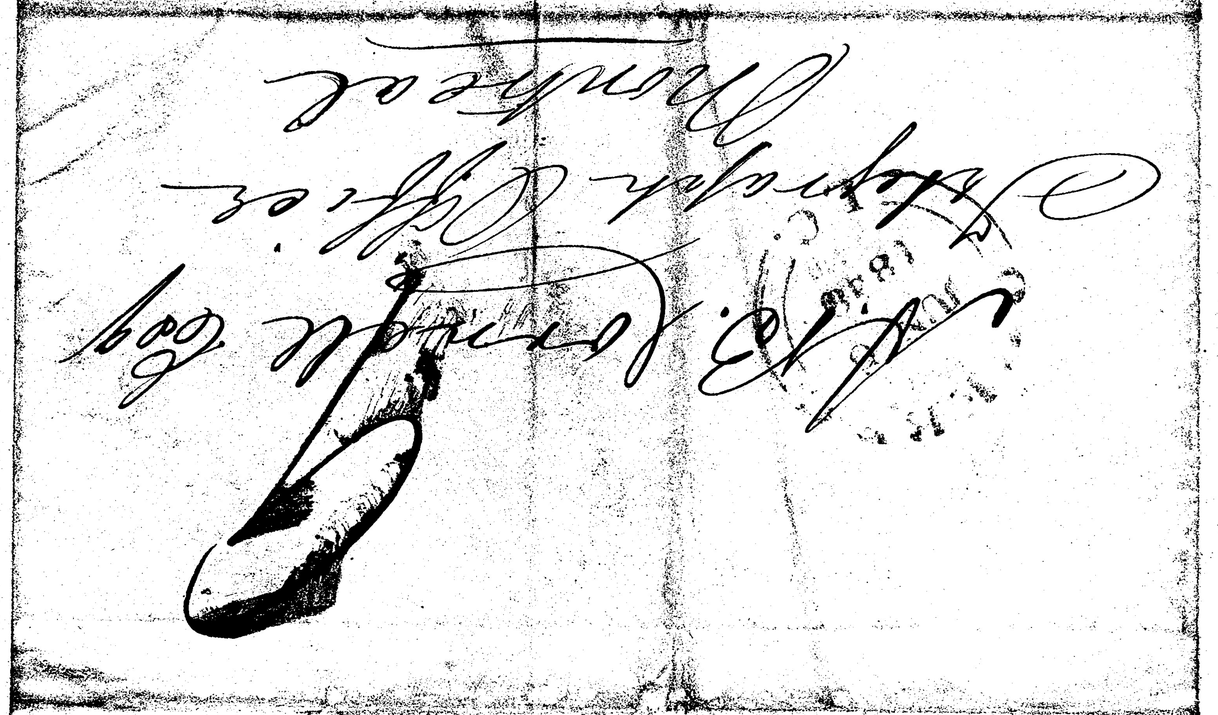
With Kind regards to all both male &
female - Remain Yours Very truly

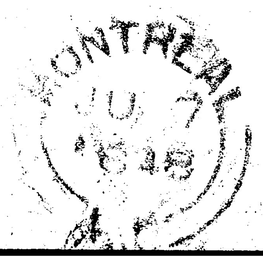
A. B. Cornell Esq
&c &c &c
Montreal

P.S. If you write me by
to morrow evening book
his address to Tel Office
as I will call than for it

J. H. Cutler
Jan 6, 1848
Quebec







Aurora June 06. 1848

C. Cannon Esqr

Dr Sir

I gave the Mssrs Morgans notice a few days since of my intention to leave their Employ, at soon as they could conveniently make an arrangement with some other Suitable person — I done so in the Expectation of soon having a call from you or the Col. — We expect a new "factotum" here in a few days — And in the mean time I hope to perfect the arrangements with Either you or J.J.S.Jr — I would be happy to hear from you at your Earliest convenience

Respectfully Yours

C. & J. Morgan

P.S. Our Mssrs Morgans will be happy to answer any Enquiries you may wish to ask in regard to your Jd E.G.W

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E. G. Morgan
6. Jun 1848

Magnetic Telegraph Office
Po. Keepsie June 7th 1848

E. Cornell Esq.

Sir,

I again present myself to you as a "Petitioner" for "Office." You are already aware that I am still at Po. Keepsie. Same as when you were here. I learn from our worthy friend O.S. Wood and others that you are going ahead rapidly with arrangements to put up a Line of Telegraph from N.Y. to Erie, on the New York and Erie Rail Road. Now Mr Cornell you know how I am situated here, what I am doing &c. and I do wish you would if possible secure for me the New York Office of that Line. I suppose of course that will be a very important Station, and I do Friend Cornell from the time I have spent and my experience in the Business. feel perfectly Satisfied that I could discharge the duties of that Office to your or any others entire Satisfaction. I know I can and I feel that this is not such an Office as I want. although I am most beautifully Situated, in one of the pleasantest

towns in the world. Still the responsibilities of this Office will not warrant the Salary that you know I ought to have, and that is what we Telegraph for is the Money— It is useless for me to think to state to you what I would do. I trust you have already from your acquaintance with me confidence in me without my saying anything. I suppose from my letter several Months ago you would of course consider me an applicant Still I thought it would be well to refresh your memory— Now Mr Connell do for Gods Sake try and Secure me that Station, at a good Salary and I shall be eternally obligated to you. If it should be (and I hope in mercy it will not) that at last some one else has the Influence, will there be a Second Office on that line that would be better than this, do you think, if so where? and please get that if you ever get the first, at N.O. I have been so long writing to you about a Situation that I hope you will consider my application as if an early Date, having been made a long time ago— I cant help flattering myself that you will this time Secure for me an Office & the one I speak of. I hope I shall not be disappointed If there would be any advantage by my seeing you if you will let me know by Telegraph a letter as what City and when I will be on hand. If it will make no differance about seeing you. then

I hope you do all you can for me, which will be much— I had a letter from D. S. Wood this morning. he thinks my chance would be fair on your new line. I hope you will not consider me bouncous by writing you so often on this matter. You know a little aid from you at this time may tell greatly in my prosperity in the world and my future success— I wish to God I was capable of doing Something for you by way of remuneration for those favors I am asking of you— I will endeavor to do it for Somebody— Please inform me at your earliest convenience what your opinion is at present. and also please continue to do for me With Sentiments of esteem and Gratitude for past favors. and most anxiously Soliciting more. I am happy to Remain

Yours Truly

N. I. Coates

E. Cornell Esq

Newburgh June 7th 1848

Dear Sir

I arrived here from Goshen on Saturday evening. I got nothing at Goshen but I left them for the present. The difficulty with them is they are afraied to go into it the most of them were original subscribers to N.Y. & Erie R.R. and the original stock you know is pretty much worthless. However I think something could be got there. I have left the matter in charge of B. F Denning for the present.

I have got him thus far $1500. & think I can raise the $500 this week. They have taken so much stock here in other projects it is hard work to get any thing out of them. They have $170.000 in a Cotton Factory a Concern worse than our woolen Factory and they also have taken here $130,000 in their branch R.R. But I know them all & can raise what we wish if my only Care whether is taken is taken on my personal assertions as to the value of the investment. Should it turn out bad you will never hear of my being here again you may be assured,

I have started the thing at West Point an old friend of mine & most influential man there John Orbitt has the matter in charge Mr Kimble of Cold Spring is also interested in the project. He is the

principal owner of the Foundry there
But my views thus far has not been
equal to my anticipations and I am
afraid I am not exactly fitted for this
business. I think you had better spend
a week or two yourself at some of the
places I have visited I dont think
I can spend more than a week
longer as I have some matters on
hand which I must attend, and
besides the situation of my future
family is such that I consider it
my duty to give this matter
some attention.

your Respectfully
W.K. Humphreys

E. Connell Esqr

E. Cornell Esq.

Ithaca.

N. Y.

Newburgh Thurs June 8. 1848

Dear Sir—

I have raised him $2900 this Sum, but it comes hard. Some determine'd to raise the amount sooner or later if it can be done and when I am done here I am inclined to think I shall wind up my Telegraph observations I have spent all the time I can spare from my Business the thing you must do much sooner than it ought and then I can be later.—

Yours respectfully
WFC Humphrey

E. Bonnell Esq

E. Cornell Esqr

I thaca

Tompk[illegible]

Wm H Humphrey
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C Connell

Bennington June 7th 1848

Sir I have a claim against the Telegraph Company for the Sense of my Horse & Waggon for Driving the Wire from Bennington to Middlebury or Vergens amounting to $21.00 & have been waiting for my pay expecting that you would be here & settle it as Mr J Hemingway told me you would be here on your return from Montreal the amount is small but every man wants his pay for Services rendered please attend to it

Yr Obdt Servt

James Hicks

Rec Bennington July 28th 1848 of C. C. Holmes Twenty one dollars for the above bill

$21.00

James Hicks
By D B Robinson

Jos Hicks
June 9 1848

Bills Receipted
Whitehall Line

118
90
11
98
96
88
39
109
186
80

Manchester, Vt., June 9th/48

Sir,

I have been informed that you are desirous of securing the services of a Telegraph Operator for your Station at St. Johns. If my information is correct, & your Station at that place is not yet Supplied, how would "H Hoe" answer your wishes? Could his services meet with your acceptance he would engage them for that office in consideration of a fair compensation

Will you please answer this, informing me if his services would be acceptable, &, in such case, of the amount of Sallary intended for an Operator at that Station.

Yours &c
L. Martindale.

Mr. Cornell, Esq.

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TARIFF OF PRICES.

	No. of Words.	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
From Auburn to	New York,....	$.52	.72	.92	1.12	1.32	1.52	1.72	1.92	2.12	2.32	2.52	2.72	2.92	3.12	3.32	3.52	3.72	3.92
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From the Office of the New-York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.
Genesee St., opposite the Bank of Auburn.

Auburn, ... day, June 9 18 8 9E ... M.....

By Telegraph from Montreal

For Council

I succeeded yesterday in crossing the last channel. I used small steel wire. Send ½ mile of best small steel cord for main channel.

D O. Griffen

Newburgh June 10th 1848

Dear Sir —

Our subscription have got up to $300 and I think beyond doubt the bal can be had as there are some who yet han got to sign & who can easily take the balance if they are only so inclined — but who cant be hurried —

Mr H. O'Reily is here — what he is doing I cant find out — he avoids me entirely — I hope he is not getting up a line and han assume many who have enquired into the matter that he did not pretence to have any rights in this state

Yours Respectfully
WC Humphrey

6 Cornell Engs

1.05 to pay
McKinnek

E. Cornell Esqr
Troy
N. Y.

Wm. A. Hunsberry
10 June 1848

Cleveland June 10 48

Dear Brother

Your favour of the 7th inst is at hand Was glad to hear from you & Confirm your that to have got the Office in Operation at this place and we work first rate as far as Painesville then seems to be some trouble East of Erie on the and I think I shall go over the line monday and put it rite as the wire is not here yet to go on west I have about 28 hundred left of the bald lot which Fish will put up while I am gon Iregard to funds Speed says he cannot collect another cent west and will have to depend on the receipts of the line to finish the ballance of it. He left here for Detroit this P.m and will be back next week I think if I can have the $150 I spoke of in a former letter with what Speed can raise at Detroit we can get the wire up to detroit

We have got a Capille Office here and in a good place and prospect fare for the majority of the business of this place

I think after I get the money spoken of and get things straitened up I Can be spared from here as the two Jacksons are here to work on west and Mr Fish will go on with them. I want to return to Ithaca and after doing some Chores at home go on the N Y & Erie line I wish you would reserve the section nearest Ithaca for me

You will please write me and send funds to Buffalo as I think I had better go over the entire line and see that it is all right for it would be a pity not to do business now the line is up especially as long as we have the other line to compete with Dunham is here and well but it makes him sore to think the line does not work any better the 15 pole business is a bad affair but when I go over the line I shall put in the other poles where it is necessary to keep the line up

Yours respectfully
D. C. Cornell

L. B. Cornell

Pl let me hear from you at Buffalo

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.

E.B. Cornell
June 10. 1848

Quebec June 11th 1848

Dear Cornell.

Your favor came duly to hand. Also I see on the 9th inst the draft from your Father. I will now give you an idea of what we have been doing since then. We finished last night the putting up 21 poles in a ledge branching from the main trunk Line into Point Levy Village & put up the wire. Mr F.N.G. intends opening an Office temporarily there until we get the line across the river.

The line left yesterday a.m. for distribution at the different points I requested. We have enough at P.L. for the first 7 miles - that will be on poles tomorrow night - I leave tomorrow to let the 2nd Gang to work R. 36 miles below it by a week from Wednesday I intend to have it complete to R. du Loup. F.N.G. left yesterday I went down 7 miles with him & he showed me two posts that require a little banking. He is aware they are sufficiently firm as they are but unless we make some trifling alterations he says the Board of Directors will say their report given last Fall by him & Symes is all humbug - Of Course I told him it should be done O.K. You would laughed to have seen his baggage

Yours

that he takes with him Viz: a Large Leather Portmanteau
weighing at least 60 lbs 2 Bags Shot 1 Coarse & 1 Fine
weighing 28 lbs each 6 lbs Powder 1 doz Boxes Lucifer
Matches & a Double barrelled Fowling Piece that
cost 30 Guineas - Sterling - He says he shall be
absent about four Weeks & will require nuts
to amuse himself with - Any Physog kept smooth
but my local connections did vibrate &
no mistake, did you ever hear of a Gander
Sept° that ever took a shooting iron with him
on a Tour? This certainly is the age of improvements -
Hartley has left at last, a succession of Easterly
Gales kept him here most all the week - & finally
left taking as Grub 6 lbs Coffee & 4 lbs Crackers -
& a Smoked Shad ahem!! Please words to
your Father that Mr F. N. G begs wishes
him to send without delay 52 Porous Cups
& a bbl of Extra Cups besides; & the Platinas
please ask him to send to me - Say also
Mr Joseph says there will be a move made
in the Opposition Line as soon as the line from
Metis to Point Levi is in operation - I will write
you when you can visit Coming down & on your
way call at the Bridge, for Bros Cubbon & he
will be your pilot - With Love Ball at Skelly
Excuse Love to M. L. & tell him abt
Orthography Etymology Remain Yours ever F. N. G shooting excursion
Syntax & Parody - James H. Cubbon

J. H. Cutler to
B. Cornell
June 11. 1868

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New York 12th June 1806

Dear Sir

I have this moment rec'd
your favor of the 8th inst. I am sorry
that you did not mean my letter sooner,
as any hints is important to me, my
interest. Please keep in mind that Mr
Adams is just 82, and for the Slaves sake
settled as reasonable that I may
show that it is due. Mr. Adams that if it is
due I assure you again that I can
do nothing with Mr Adams unless I
can show him that I am full, dis-
charged. As to the mortgage that to
Mr Holmes, I must be personally
clear in some way. If you will
send me a stipulation Executed by yourself
and father that you hold that mortgage
and that you look to the land alone
and to all personally for payment, and
send me the old note to Holmes
I will send you back a stipulation
that the mortgage shall be the same in your
hands as in Capt Holmes's hands for
the balance between us: that if I cannot
arrange the matter with you in two

Yours, you shall have the right to impeach
your title by ejectment, or any other way
that it can be done. And rather, if
I can, assist it to recover it to build me
office room to live in, if I should ever
be able. Any argument of this
matter must be of no use to me
unless I can obtain the States
Consent at the present time, and
both very soon. I hope that you
will give this your very early attention
that I may be a free man again
upon it is too late to be of any service
to me

Yours truly
D. D. Lee

J. J. Bush
12 June 1865

Cleveland June 12 48

Dear Brother

Your letter and money was rec'd this morneng and I intended to have started over the line this morning, as the nerve does not get here yet. the line works well from here to Erie and Girard over but we have not heard from Ben yet. I am afraid we shall be bothered intill the other poles are put in they are so few apart and the ground so uneaven that in many places the wire comes almost to the ground and it is all the time getny out of order

I said I intended to have started this morning to go over the line but I am so much unwell that I cannot start. I have had a severe attack of the sore throat tening twones the black tongue I have been so for 3 days that I could not swallow any. Course or eleuds at all it is not much better this morning I am trying the Cold water Cure. by puting on a bandge wet with Cold water and over that a dry towel My throat and stomach is very bad in need but am in hopes soon to be better. The Painesville Office promises to do well the receipts have been over $200 per day since we started. the busness men there

Clubed together and agred to take a daily
Report for 6 months at 50 ℔ each reg
I think the Offin there will pay well. we
have the offin at our own prise if we can afford
to pay any thing and it only Cost 6 [redacted]
to fit it up

I am in hopes to be able to Start out
on the line East tommorow morning and
put it in Shape to do business
plees write me at Buffalo & tell me
what you think about my Comming home
and going on the N.Y. & Erie line

Respectfully yours
D. & Cornell Ithaca

E.B. Cornell

P.S. Mr Jackson says the poles are
up 20 miles west of this place the first
Compliment to the rule I have got the
full Compliment in for 6 miles East of here
and put them 30 feet long through the
city and they look well and the line looks
so much better where they are 30 to the mile
than I long to see them all in C.B.6

E B Cornell
12 June 1848

Ezra Cornell Esq.
Thaca



