Detroit 12 June 1848.

Dear Sir

I came up from Cleveland Saturday night. Wood is still North mending up. We had a break this Jurisdiction between Kalamazoo & Niles, but have got under way again this P.M.

The two Young men at Chicago have cut stick and gone — they owned up and promised never to do so again — The Young man at Milwaukee, deserter, before we found him out, or before he knew that we had done so, and told Edwards and Leach Summers all about it — Had the Asst. Surgeon to him, and begs hastily to be true once more — I took his letter to Howard and Cather is over with him: but we conclude that honesty may like female virtue, when once lost, not to be regained, and that however hard it might be for Wells, our duty requires his discharge.. But by way of letting him down easy, I have sent word to Edwards

to Ct him remain in the Office a short time, before sending him home, as it would break his Fathers heart to know that he was discharged for dishonesty.

I go to Ohio again this Evening as I have succeeded in getting $150 and will go and see if to the best advantage I can. You ask what then we can pay for the Votes. I answer we cannot, except in promises: but I think we can use that kind of pay until we can get the wire up, at all events I will do my best, and when I get Stuck I will let you know it.

Mr Olney. O'Reilly agent was here last night and reported that the Patentees had compromise with O'Reilly and surrendered to him all this part of the Union. I simply denied the story and paid but little attention to it: but this afternoon I got a Tel dispatch from Wilson saying that the same story was reported at the West, and published in the Chicago papers— I answered Wilson by denying that there was the least foundation for so absurd a tale, and that the Suits

against the Rochester Speculators would be forgiven as fast as possible. I have written to Smith, giving him Wilsons version of the Story. That he and Mr Kendall had quarreled, and Kendall had compromised with the Pirates. I think this looks a little like trouble in their Camp. When they are forced to resort to such base fraud & lies to sustain themselves, they must be in a bad way—

If I had the cash, I would send a man on the line from Cleveland to Columbus, and from Cleveland to Warren: but the truth is I cannot get the money to pay their expenses until we get this Lake line done, and I will use every dollar we can spare and devote my own time to this line until we can connect with Cleveland—

The Trustees for N.Y. & Erie are all O.K. You will have to attend to the Stock business yourself. I fear that Humphrey will not be able to obtain the requisite amt. If the Binghamton people will not do the fair thing, run the line directly from Ams to

Montrose

I saw W. D. Seamans at Buffalo
he says that he has received
the papers from you, but has
not had time to do any thing but
would attend to it as soon as
he got home. He seemed pleased
with the prospect of having the
line built, and says that they
would not be behind at Tuscarora.
Henry Dwight of Newport City,
a Broker, owns a large amt of
the Stock of the Owego Bank, and
when in City. you might induce
him to take some of our Ist Stock

Yours truly

J. L. Stevens

Mr E. Cornell

E. G. Peck
12 Park Place

Marshall Jones Mayor

Transfer

Received in #25. the balance of my
due for 1 Share of Telegraph stock.
The
rent Opened & Mr Collins:
I have written
subpoena Edward re Mr Speed who pro-
pared to take my place.
Please forward me
my certificate Yours Truly
Henry Mayer

D. T. Fullerton Esq.

Amt enclosed as above per bal Speed Bks.

Z. W. Taylor

June 12. 48

Poughkeepsie June 13th 1848

My Esteemed Friend.

Your favor of the 11th inst was most cheerfully Rec'd yesterday and I hasten to respond. I am happy to see you are willing to do what you can for me. For I think you can perhaps do nearly what I wish. I have not forgotten as you supposed my situation upon one of the best Lines in the world. I know all of that. Still you know when I am situated at a small way Station of minor importance, and perhaps one of less permanency than others. Therefore I would much prefer if I could to get a situation of more importance even though the Salary were to be increased but a little. I thought that the first Office on your Line would of course be one of some importance, & if I could get it and could give Satisfaction (and I certainly think I can) it might afford me a permanent Situation for sometime when I would become more known, and thus stand a better chance in the world. This I think would be a great object for me although if it should be that my salary should be but a little more than hers. Do you not think so? I know that a way Office on this

Line is much better than one could be on any other line. as our business is so good. I think you do not understand just how I am fixed. I will tell you. Last year you know I was to have had Rec. $600. Well on the Spring Pres. Foster wrote me he thought he should have to reduce the expenses of this office and would have to reduce salary to $00 I replied to him and he said he would let it go at $00 which I am now receiving. So you see that there is no certainty how long I shall rec. that. This is one reason why I wish to change, another is the reason I first gave. that my time & expirience I think ought to secure me a more responsible Station with at least a little improved Salary. and it does appear to me that if I could get or if you would secure for me what I solicit of you, that then I should be better situated than I am now. Nonderstand me Mr Bonell I am well aware of the importance of this Line. and of its ability to pay good Salaries— I do not overlook this matter. but you will See I think why I wish to go to that place Promotion, and you would of course expect to pay a little more than what I am Receiving for the Office to which I allude. I hope you will not consider me unwise for feeling anxious as to this. I do not wish to be injudicious, or indiscreet, or too eager for promotion beyond my capabilities.—

I can assure you I appreciate your council and advise, and have, and do heed it as coming from a Friend, one who, I think, would not advise me to my disadvantage. It is from my attachment to you, and your Friends in "Tompkins" and from the most intensting acquaintance with the Woods family. that I am prompted thus so often to presume to address you and solicit Aid. I fear I shall exhaust your patience by my bumps in soliciting of you, but I shall not. Please write me Mr Connell when you intend to have that N.S., Erie Line ready to work. and about what you expect to pay at that Office, and if you think you could probably get it for me— And you will greatly oblige—

Most Respectfully
I Shall ever Remain
Yours Truly

A. T. Curtis

E. Connell Esq

Received from Isaac Hutchinson Two
Pounds twelve shillings in full for
twenty eight Telegraph Poles at 4/- each
in the Parish of St Thomas -

Witness
L. Fournier

his
Francois + Boulanger
mark

St Thomas June 13th 1848

Received from Isaac Hutchinson Two
dollars in full for balance due on
15 Telegraph poles at 4/- each for F.
Boulanger

L. Fournier

St Thomas June 13th 1848 -

For F. Boulanger St Thomas

9 0 0
3 + 18 = 0
3 - 15 = 6
5 - 0 = 0
15 - 1 = 0
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6 - 4
2 - 0
5 - 4
13 - 11 - 9

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34 - 10 - 10
205 . 10 10

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165 + 19 6
15 - 1 = 4
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Fredonia June 13th 1878

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th was duly received I saw my Editors yesterday & had a talk with them in respect to reports. I told them that you give me orders to charge them $1 each for single report previous to publication or $1 per week for a regular daily report. They finally concluded to get up a daily slip & take a daily report or at least they thought they should. They are going to try this week to get subscribers enough that will pay 6 a week for a daily slip such the regular daily report. If they get up a daily report it will help me along considerable I think. This town is not as enterprising as I thought it to be when I first came. They pinch a sixpence pretty close I tell you

As you requested I saw Mr Douglas & he said that he had rec'd your letter but had been so very busy that he had not done any thing about it as yet. & said that the stock was good when called for he presumed. He intends to collect I believe as soon as he can get time if you wish. He is at present very much engaged in the wool trade consequently is occupied his mind,

Martha I should say to you that the stock is perfectly good as far as he can judge & furthermore that there is a man here by the name of Mr Riley that has spoken to him about getting the job of building some of the line on this end. Mr Douglas says that he will be a first rate hand & that he would take a good deal of interest in the business if you wanted him to help you in that way, & that as he is an influential citizen there he could get the 10 per cent stock as well as any one,

Last Saturday we commenced our first talk by lightning to Cleveland. Monday Jane it said be so far. I see that Dunham has a good deal of business communications with Buffalo already & he has got the Editors away from the Riley office to his taking their reports. By Mr Cornell if you should answer this you will just tell me about the suit that is pending with Riley as I have something of a curiosity to know, if not too much trouble for you.

There is a young man here in town that I wanted me to speak to you about the chance of getting business in this office when the N York & Erie makes in, providing he should take hold with me and learn. He is a fine young man a first rate book-

keeper as he has been engaged in a store directly under my office for about 6 years past & he thinks he would like a change of business. I requested one to say something to you about it. Business in this office continues about the same as yet. I have sent & received 11 cores this Am.

If you answer this just state about what time the new line of Telegraph will be completed & if

Respectfully yours

E Cornell

Emory Cobb

FREDONIA
N.Y.

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E Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N York

To E Cobb
13 June 1848

Aurora June 18. 1862

C. Cannon Esq

Dr Sir

I addressed you a note the day the day after you Passed Aurora. and to it, I have rec'd no answer — On Sunday last I visited Salt Lake and called on you and learned that you were in Provo — I have rec'd nothing from Col. Steed in regard to my going west, nor have I heard any thing from you — You must be aware that I feel some anxiety in regard to it. for the reason that my Employer wish to know the time, when I shall leave their Employ — I wish you would advise with me in regard to it. I shall write to the Col. to day in regard to his "non - intercourse" with me —

Respectfully Yrs

Grant Morgan

P.S. the nomination of Taylor falls like a wet blanket on us — the Morgans say they will not go it — but I guess they will "roar gently" before the canvass is over —

AURORA
JUN 13
N.Y.

PAID 5

E. Cornell Esq
Maj. Telegraph Office
Troy

Grant Moyen
13 June 1848

Washington. June 14. 1848.

Dr Sir.

Yours of the 13th Inst covering $500 to be applied to the payment and endorsed on the note of Mr. Vail is received, and the endorsement has been made as requested. The conveyance of the Troy & Canada Line has been made out and signed by me & forwarded to Mr Smith who will transmit it to you with his signature.

There is no general law that I am aware of in Pennsylvania granting the right of way for our Telegraphic lines. Those which have been erected have been put up with the approval of the Commissioners of Internal Improvement, subject to any Legislative action on the subject. It will be well for you to obtain the sanction of any Turnpike Companies and of the County Commissioners for the line you may build.

Very respectfully
Yours
Amos Kendall

Mr. E. Cornell
City of ~~New York~~ Ithaca
New York

New York June. 14 1848

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir —

If you will give me an order at once for all the Telegraph wire you have for sale I will give it to you at 6 1/4 Cents for No. 9 — 6 3/4 Cents for No 10 and 7 1/4 Cents for No. 11 — For Cash at 4 months or Bills at 6 and I will pay him his Commissions — I wish the Secretary at once, as I have Some good Iron offered me which I shall refuse unless I hear from you soon

Yours respectfully
Charles Ely

Chur, 14. Juni 1854.

As it had been

All Communications
Strictly Confidential.

Magnetic Telegraph Office,

No. 43, Owego St. (Up Stairs.)

Jan 15 1848.

Received by Telegraph from Burlington

To Alex E Lumell

As it had been intimated to the executive committee, that Mr Wood intended leaving the Troy office they have had the matter under advisement, and have an operator in view — When may we expect the patent —

C. P. Peck.

C P Peck
15 Jan 1899

1827
406
58.97

204
20
40.80

181
45.25

235
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110
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38.50

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Mr E Comell
Ithaca

Troy Thursday June 13th 1848

Dear Friend Always

I truly must beg you will excuse me for so long delaying writing to you & you will I think when I tell you that I have been most done to death especialy since the first of this month as on Mckes left on the first of the month & all has been sick ever since most & so I have had my hands more than full But Brous has been very good to assist me all he could he is now writing to you. Of course tell you how he is situated I have had high times since I last wrote. have rushed the matter with Mrs Parker she is as petty as ever she is now in new York, & Goodrich has been to call upon her & he is struck dum I came up here a few weeks ago & she sent him thro the tallest kind Introduced him to Fanny Mowbry a young lady dancer at the

Museum & one made them think
he was a Jumper Blood. She
was in the office today & may be
we did not have a time. Now
to speak of another subject that is
nearest my Heart You know me
what it is. Now all I have to say
is that it is all right & going on
all I expect a letter from her tonight
& may be so will not be one of
them as usual, I fondly know
what I have written as I have been
interrupted a dozen times since
I commenced & now must
close as I can not write for
want of time not, words or
inclination as I have lots
of things to tell you the when
I see Dear Lillie believe me
Your True Friend
Ben Butler

Wm. A. Buckingham
June 15th 48.
Govr

Mr E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

We will sell you what no 11 telegraph wire you may want at 6.60 per pound. Cash.

We lay this offer before you as our best terms. but have to request that you will consider it as only between ourselves.

We shall be pleased to see you on the subject.

And Remain
Respectfully Yours

Wadsworth & Sheldon
agents Cockin Wire.
15 Exchange Place.

New York
June 18th 1868.

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E Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Care ~~Messrs Wells Hay~~
~~Wall St.~~

16 June 1848

Exchange Hotel
Montreal 17th June 1848

Dear Alonzo

Through the kindness of Mr Morehouse this afternoon I was notified of your situation and had I known how to send a message to you I should have done so without delay but I concluded better to wait and send by Mr Mc. whom I shall probably see in Montreal to-morrow I am very glad you are no worse as I have been troubled about you & poor Ols since I have heard of your illness -

I am overrun with business & trouble or I would have gone over to-day to see you Thanks from Mr Mc's statement I am very glad to see that you have friends there and are well attended — I hope you will soon be out again & if you were able & could, be in Montreal I should go to Rh. immediately to see Ols as he is dangerously sick with "brain fever" and I am much alarmed about him. Mr Porter of Toronto staid with him in Rh (as he was unable to get further) until D. S. Bristol arrived there on Tuesday or Wednesday & last night Father and mother reached there —

I hope to hear on Monday a favorable change but I have so much fear about it that I shall go to my office on Monday morning with much dread. Every message that I have rec'd. since I heard that he was very low states that he is no better. His physician says that he has great hopes that he will recover

I rec'd a message from M.L. N.Y. this morning he says Cora is very feeble but that he will return to Troy on Monday if she is no worse from what I learned from brief in I am hoping to see you father here in a few days although he may not come —

Try & send us word how you are every day until You get out again — I am sorry you are not here, but you may be better off where you are, I hope so. —

Dwight is in Oswego I believe — Hes was in Ith with Dis for a day or two — Hoping that you will speedily recover & that we will soon see you in Montreal

I remain

Yours with the most affect. regard

A. S. Bond

A Bloomell
St Johns

Sunday Morning

Morehouse has arrived and brings very favorable news from you — I do not hear with what success Griffin meets with crossing the River nor do I hear a word from Cutler or the new Lecture ——— If you should be in want of anything send me word ——

Yours U.S.N

O.S. Wood
Mtl 17. June 48

He says 1/- per meal 13 lacks Bread & Salt pork is high & hard chewing - Plenty mosquitoes

St Rocks June 18th 1848

Dear Cornell,

I am here, 67 miles from Point Levy & I have put up since Thursday morning 10½ miles of wire reset 3 poles & straitened & banked a goodly number, which considering the awkwardness of my crew I call very fair dispatch. I rec'd a letter from Nutter (late Aide camp to Colebrean Barry) Thursday morning, in his first 3 days of this week his men put up ten miles; according to that mode of progression he must be now over twenty miles down as his men are all verdant but one they would get the hang of the work & increase their distance daily. I think he must be at least 22 miles on. by last night. The wire does not hold out, the bunches are not of equal size. & my last I gave Osborne stated 3 lbs to the mile, he put 300 lbs which makes a difference of 36 lbs to the miles & some bunches run but 8½ poles whereas they should run 10 poles each. F.N. G is making sad havoc among the pidgeons below I suppose, I fear there will be a scarcity next year for he will exterminate all them that are able to breed. More anon. This crew are now able to go ahead without me Do please send me from Montreal a pair of cutting pliers & a hand bill - none in Quebec worth a d—n direct care J Jones - R du Loup to be sent by Courier from Quebec -

Nutter says the people ahead do tried to keep the wire down but could not succeed

being present, I leave after dinner for River
du Loup to start another gang there to work
up towards this which will be about a week
from Tuesday - I fear do not have too many poles
to spare - the frost has played the devil
with the poles in the low places - Nutter should
have his half done almost as soon as me. I began
at the 57½ mile post, exactly opposite St Johns
Church - (not St John above). My creditors
are all very happy to let me but two happier
to see my money - I wish you would write your
father that I shall want another draft
on our friends in Quebec on or about the
28th 30th inst, that is as soon as he can run
the lightning from R du Loup to P Levy -
Please say to him it is absolutely necessary
I should have it then for I have promised to
pay the people below there July 1st. They have
been hounding me for money & had I paid
them I should not had a copper left at this
moment to go on with the wire - Between R du L
& Point Levy I shall settle up as I go along I
have nearly come to the bottom of my $1000.
Gisborne wishes you to write to your father for some
porous cups, 5 doz & an extra barrell besides - Yours

Your Father sold to Tooney the cups
he brot Soon this H & Line. & the Platens
Please do not Forget — Attention.
When you come to Quebec do not fail
visiting Tooneys Battery. He takes down
his main Battery once every 4 days I'm
told. Heigho for Cold Water.
Give my love to all St Johns Miss
Woodman in Particular & all Inquiries
at Mrs Mr Wood & all who deign
to Inquire & Please inform me if Wise is yet
Across & how is Morehouse getting on
Do write & pray Excuse my writing
my hand is stiff as Tooneys String this
morning & Sull darker Colored —
Yours to Ever Loves Dear
~~I Dot~~ T. Jones Esq
& Believe me dear Fellow
Yours Exceedingly
If you are in want
of a quiet berth I Isaac H. Cutler
will allow you to Superintend
a Song for a Small remuneration.
Say about the Same as Barry gave me out of Concert receipts
or rather Lecture receipts. By the Bye what abt my Case agst.
the Trustees of Troy Line, have you heard anything? Please Inquire.

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A. B. Cornell Esq
Telegraph Office
Montreal

J. H. Cutter
15 Juin 1848

Ottawa, Illinois, June 18, 1848.

Col. J. J. Speed,

Dr Sir: I have now been on the Chicago and St. Louis route upwards of two weeks. I find that O'Reilly has his line in operation from St. Louis to Springfield and perhaps at this moment as far as Peoria — the posts are up as far as Pera, and contracts for, I learn, nearly as far as Chicago. I cannot learn that more than half the subscriptions are as yet paid, and where such is the case, I have every prospect of arresting the payment of the other half, and probably secure it for our line. This point is the key of importance on the line, and I have the pleasure to inform you that a letter I wrote to a gentleman in this place, a few weeks since was the means of preventing Mr Olney from obtaining any subscriptions here, and as far as I can learn, between this and Chicago he has not been any more successful.

I have a meeting at Pera to-morrow, which is 15 miles below this point, and if they pay over the subscriptions upon and then to us, we shall have about $1500. Should the Peruvians not do this, I have a prospect of getting a Sub at LaSalle one mile this side, and really a point of more commercial importance of 1500 or $2000 - all of which I shall know to-morrow.

I addressed a very respectable meeting here last

which left. I have every reason to believe, a very favorable impression in regard to the Wisconsin evening, and Mr Hotchkiss will wait upon the citizens to-morrow to secure their Subscriptions. — Whilst I proceed to the points below, to endeavor to secure a portion of the O'Reilly Subs he will go to the one or two points above, to secure Subs there. I hope by the close of the week, to be enabled to decide whether we can do any thing at all worth while on this line or present; and if not, I will enter upon the Wisconsin line, which is not marked as yet with the treacherous footsteps of Mr O'Reilly, and do all we can there, until further advised by you.

Should we find an insuperable difficulty in going beyond Peru or La Salle at present, and sufficient encouragement given to construct the line between that point and Chicago, I propose going on the work immediately.

The employment of Mr Hotchkiss took place last week, whom I met at Chicago with a letter from Mr Wood, whom I have promised no more than his actual expenses whilst employed. He will, no doubt, be of great assistance to me, and prove himself worthy of more adequate pay.

The progress of O'Reilly in erecting the line is such that I am astonished myself. It appears but as yesterday since the line was proposed, and already has he got it nearly completed two thirds of the way. This "enterprise" and our inability to find even one dereliction in our favor as to his illegal

course, are the source of great difficulties in erecting another line. He may arrest ~~and hinder~~ the payment of his subscriptions and thus cripple him, but it is much more difficult to turn these into our favor. Sealle. A decision in our favor must be had very soon, or he may succeed the entire west. I have not lost confidence in our position in regard to the Patent, but until I am made fully acquainted with the causes of the delay, I cannot deny the general opinion of the public that the proprietors of the patent have been sadly neglectful of their own and the public's interests in not pushing their trials to a speedy hearing. I hope your answer to this will convey the agreeable intelligence of the success of the Buffalo injunction.

Blair at Chicago a few days & started abridged from McKendall's pamphlet, printed in the Tribune, and 300 extra copies for circulation, which have already done some good. His pole agents I find on my path occasionally, telling all sorts of lies - still sticking to the story of a compromise, &c. By the way, should such an event as a compromise with O'R. take place by any contingency, I hope you will see that there now in the employ of your lines are properly provided for. For instance, I should want nothing better than the construction and charge of the Western line, so that I might continue my residence on Milwaukee. If Mr. F. O. J. Smith is to be at Detroit

and cannot find it convenient to ~~to~~ come up here, I hope it may be so arranged as that I can have a personal interview with him - because if then his ~~his~~ views are pecuniary, I can give him and you some suggestions which will, I think, prove valuable to all concerned.

On next Saturday or Monday, or as soon as I return from the South I will write you further as to our prospects.

As ever respectfully & truly
Yours,
W.D. Wilson.

P.S. It is much to be regretted that I did not take the Chicago & St. Louis line on my first entrance upon this duty - as at that time O'Reilly could have been forestalled.

W.D. Wilson
15th June 1848

Detroit Sunday evening
June 18th 1848.

Dear Sir

I returned from Ohio this evening
in the stage. Have had a very hot dusty ride.
Jackson had the cholera ah to Milan Saturday
and the hands from this way were at Monroe
City of Sporte Pennsylvania last night. If the wire
arrives in a few days we will have the line
connected before the meeting in July: but you
know that it requires some financeering to
buy Irights, pay In Rots, pay hands & board
bills, and I will have to devote my time to
getting means to keep the ball rolling.
I found Yours of June 11th here, and have
only time to say that you wholly misconstrue
any remark I may have incidentally made
respecting your coming back. I certainly
did not mean to "turn a Cold Shoulder", on the
contrary I was desirous of having you do
something which would buy better than
any salary which we or any one else could
offer, and I only meant to ask you where
you thought a Strike could be made to the
best advantage When I asked you what you
was going to do. You understand how we
are situated as well as I do, and I thought you
understood also, that we were disposed to

do any and every thing in our power to favour any scheme which you might choose to engage in by any of our lines - If you remain in our employ in some office, or in aiding to keep this Erie & Kalamazoo line in proper shape - I do not suppose that Smith & Kearney would agree to buy our $100 bonds - I was anxious for you to do something which would buy better, and I supposed you to understood it -
From some remarks which you have made, I confess that I had some doubts about you consenting to move to this Country: but if she chooses to remain at Athens I know of no reason why you should not spend a considerable portion of the year in getting up new lines either here or somewhere else - There are many lines in the State of New-York, which could be got up, if you would pursue that destiny to this - I supposed you knew me well enough to believe that I was in Earnest when I have repeatedly said that I was disposed to do all in my power to promote your interest and wishes - If I get this in the mail to night I have no time to say more -
As to Money I will do the best I can, and if those I owe are disposed to complain, they will feel better when they get this Money

Yours truly J. F. Gunn

Lockport 19 June 1848

Dear Sir

I returned from Ohio last evening - The boys are up from Cleveland to Milan and from time to Macon City, leaving about seventy miles to put up with two sets of hands as it - Then come up ready to Milan and ride on up to Milan this week if the balance arrive before the hands get ~~left~~ what they have - If all the wire arrives this week as I look it will, we can have it all on next week - I made a raise of several hundred dollars at Milan beyond in postage with the promise of enough more to make $1000, which will enable us to finish our way through - Milan ride on the back of the on the line between Buffalo and this city except Cleveland. They ship from Milan near one million Bushels wheat annually - Then are ten large ware Houses, and an enterprising population - My Agency Office there - He asked them $2000

and could take no less— We will have offices at Sandusky (Ely room), Erie, Painesville (Ely room), Cleveland, Akron (Ely room), Sandusky City & Toledo.— Ely also has an office at Ashtabula, Illinois, and Monroe, and eventually we will want an office at Dover Mines, and Rockaway at Westfield, and Altoona City but for the present we will take the most important places and let the others go until we are ready to attend to them.

I return to Ohio in a day or two. Wood is still West advancing ours.

Yours truly

J. J. Stanley Jr

P.S.

I send a letter from Tillotson, in which he says I asked him "what he was going to do" - which he considers as "leaving a cold shoulder to him", and goes on to enumerate what he has done for my benefit for many years, and complains that we are not doing for him what he expected of us - Now I like Daniel much - He has many excellent qualities, and could be of great service to us, but I think it questionable whether it will be possible for us to do for him what he will consider an adequate reward for his services - I never like to have a man in my employ who can never be satisfied with what you do for him, and much as I like Tillotson, If you can give him some line in Ky or employ him on the Ky. and Erie line to advantage, I like him as a man and would be glad to get him out here, without his aid - I think his wife is very much opposed to his coming here, and I am not inclined to urge it; but would be glad to do all I consistently could for his benefit

I wish you would see Saxton on your way out here, or before, and have him direct cons. for the Mst to be sent to our office at Bin. instead of the other line. Smith and Morse may have some influence with him if you have not. We can insure all the cuming from Smith's line, by having his office in N York join our line Credit from that, and not pay over to Saxton's line, the portion of the charge which belongs to us. The same thing could be done on your Troy & Montreal line, and on the Albany line. You had better make some arrangement with Saxton when you see him, to let us take a copy of the news report as it comes in at Buffalo, or will come time put it to Cleveland and have it time in the evening papers. Buffalo papers, you delivered at Cleveland the morning after they are printed, and if you have time to write at Buffalo enter the [illegible] as each, you can put it to Cleveland entire late in the morning, and it is of no use to the papers. The Press at Cleveland will give us the Jeffersonian if we stand as well by them as Ely can.

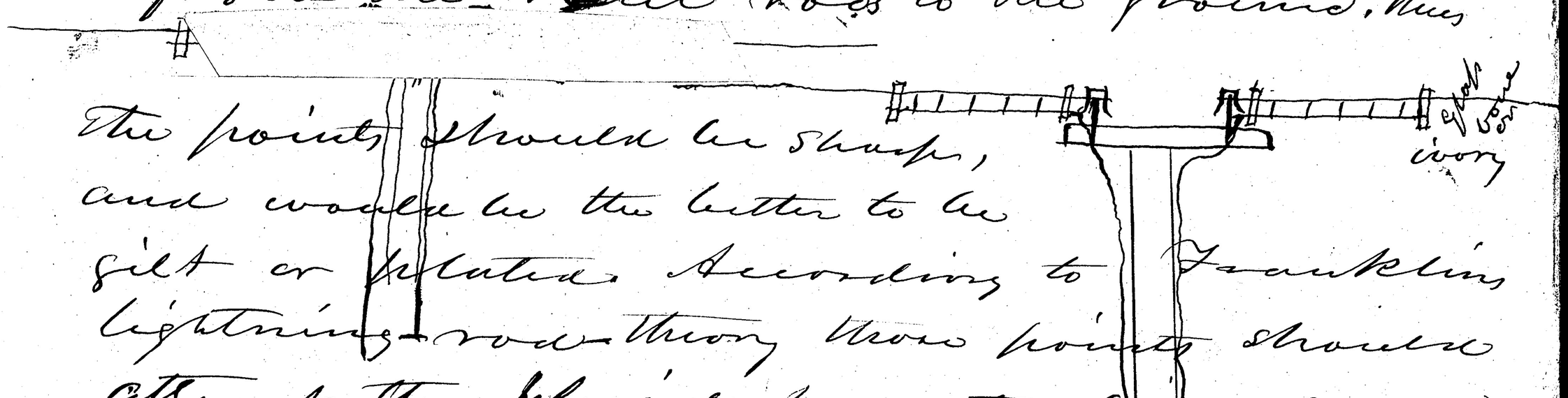
I have just accepted a draft drawn by Wilson for $30 days, 15 July, at Mich. State Bank

Detroit 20 June 1848

Dear Sir

We have plenty of hands in Ohio, with E.B. Bronell two Jacksons and Rowly & Fish, so that I concluded to wait here a day or two until some more arrive comes, as I can do more good here while Haviland is away than I could sitting poles - We have been stopped all day to day with atmospheric electricity. I think there is no other part of the Union where there is as much wild lightning as there is out here, there has not been a day scarcely for weeks that we have not been interrupted more or less from that cause. At the Jackson office a short time since, Wade took out his wires out of the relay when he went to tea, putting both wires in one standard, and leaving his ground wire out. The ~~end~~ end of the ground wire being distant from the Standard in which the main wires were fastened about two inches - While Wade was out, a local report was heard in the office, and directly it was found to be on fire, the lightning having

set fire to some papers, which were hanging against the casing of the window - Those who discovered the fire broke into the office and put it out. The Standard in which the wires were combined was partly burned, and the end of the ground wire melted for some length - The excitement in the block where the Tel office is situated, is very considerable - They are mighty fraid of it, and think it endangers their buildings. I have directed Wade to put up a contrivance, which he will have no difficulty in making them believe will cure the difficulty whether it does any good or not, It is this - Two small bars of iron, say a nail rod, four feet long, to be placed under the wires, at the pole in front of the office, with sharp points running up from the nail rods to the wires, and two large wires from the nail rods to the ground. Thus



the points should be sharp, and would be the better to be gilt or plated. According to Franklins lightning rod theory these points should attract the fluid from the wires and

take it safely to the ground. If it will jump two inches, as it did in the Jackson office, why should it not jump the sixteenth of an inch, on to the projecting points - I think it will relieve the bearings of the Jackson wheels, if it does no other good.

White on the subject of Mrs lightning I again urge you to make yourself acquainted with the properties of the Gutta Percha - I do believe the time will come when the wire will be coated with it, even if but up on poles -

If it really is indestructable, it is a very valuable material to own me, I really hope you will be able to attend our meeting on the first Wednesday in July - It will not take more than four or five days - If you think Silliston can get subscriptions on the N.Y. and Erie I can get along without him for awhile. I think he had better do that than to return out here -

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

Mr Cloonicp

New Bati June 21 1848

E Conrad Esq

Dear Sir —

Yours favor of the instant
was duly rec'd — Your prospects for a large circulation from the
New York & Erie Telegraph Co, are certainly very flattering
and were I in a situation to invest even the whole amount
of the wire you want, I should feel that I was making
as good an investment as any stock that I know of —
But that I can not do — I am willing however to say, this
that I will sell you the wire for the price named in our
former letter to you for cash upon delivery or four months
with I will accept the note for 10 per Ct off, the discount in the
Stock of your Company — I could not furnish the wire
under three Dollars per lb of the quality you purchase of
for Sparrows with another number one Cast for general use —
I do not think however that it would be advisable to
purchase this Iron — It cycles the better, in its elasticity
and for this reason it is better for Sparrows — I believe however
that for your purpose it would not be quite so good, better Iron
is however a cheaper article of Galvanized Iron, and would be preferable
as I think been ascertained the purchaser, but where wire
would be used for your purpose than either —

Very respectfully Yours
Charles Ely